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Residents' Association's MUGA Dream Comes True

Thursday 2nd October saw two years of work by a lot of people come to fruition with the opening of Horndale Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A) in Newton Aycliffe.

The Residents' Association was set up in October 2012 with their sole purpose being to build a M.U.G.A to give the young people a facility which they were asking for, at a cost of £40,000.



The new facility was opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Wendy Hillary. Councillor Brian Hall, Chairman of Great Aycliffe Town Council's Recreation

Committee was also present. Durham Wildcats and Newton Aycliffe Football Team attended the opening and worked with local school pupils training and giving them tips. The students all enjoyed the afternoon and learnt a lot from the coaches. Thanks go to Great Aycliffe Town Council and its staff without whose dedication and belief from the beginning and future commitment to the upkeep of the facility, the project would probably never have been completed. The Council donated the land and did some ground works to make the area big

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Amongst the cast are many familiar faces like Sophie Tilley - Alexander as Troy Bolton, and her sister Bobbie-Jay as Miss Darbus. Elizabeth Timmiss is the Principal, Georgia Brown Coach Bolton, Hannah Goddard, Kelsi Nielsen. Madalyn Patrick is Chad Danforth and her sister Grace portrays Zeke Baylor, and Kodie Wilson is Midge Watson.

Other local faces you will see in the two hour production are, Bethany and Lucy Elgey, Poppy Burton, Charlie Grayson, Codey Evans - Van

Dijk, and Cain Harrison. Cains sister Chloe has produced all the choreography for the show, whilst cousin Jade Carney has concentrated on the songs, singers and harmonies, that make this toe tapping, hand clapping production a real family show. Performances are on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm, with a final performance Sunday 19th October at 2pm. Tickets priced £5 Adults, £3 Children and Concessions, can be prebooked on 01325 313363 or 01388 774838.

CATS next production in March 2015 is "Grease". If any young people would like to be in the show, singing, dancing or acting, (you choose), just ring one of the above numbers.

St. John's School Tea Party for Aycliffe Angels

On the 18th of September 20 Aycliffe Angels, accompanied by members of their families and companions, attended a special Tea Party at St John's School and Sixth Form College in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Second World War working at Royal Ordnance Factory Aycliffe. The Lord Lieutenant of Co Durham Mrs Sue Snowdon presented the Angels with Certificates of Appreciation. Guests were also given a copy of the book produced during a project at St John's a few years ago and had the opportunity to view the fine piece of stained glass crafted in their honour. The entertainment included the showing of a DVD created of the project, an animation, and live music performed by students. Our visitors were looked after by attentive students who greatly enjoyed hearing their stories. One of the highlights of the occasion was the presence of a TV crew from BBC Look North and the resulting broadcast that evening.



Opening of MUGA

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enough to fit the M.U.G.A. Thanks also to Livin, Newton Aycliffe Evangelical Church, Tyne Tees Crushing and Screening, Durham Constabulary, Neville Parade Community Centre, Aycliffe Youth Council, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership, Roc Solid, J&C Coaches, Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, Christ's Hospital Sherburn, John's Aycliffe Community Kitty, Dorothy Bowman, Joan Gray, John Clare, Mike Dixon past and present

County Councillor's, PC Mike Welch and Nicola Duffy. Livin also helped complete funding bids and gave the Association guidance and support. The facility is already proving to be a great success and an asset for our young people with reports of up to 20 youngsters using it at times. On behalf of the young people thanks again to everyone involved in bringing the project to a successful conclusion. Philip Clark Chair: Hornedale Residents Association

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Could I ask the event organisers to keep the music and PA system volume down to a level which does not make the ears ring or the chest cavity vibrate as mine did on the occasion of the last firework display.

Also could the music be turned off during the actual firework display as it detracts from the noise of the firework explosions which are part and parcel of the event.

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Saturday 11th October - "Feed the Bear"

GIG PIT REVIEW: From a previous gig at The TURBINIA well, what can I say? Awesome! What a brilliant band this lot are! Very friendly and full of banter to a rather small audience. Steve was, as Marky had predicted, all over the place, outside within 30 seconds of the first track kickin in! On the tables, on the floor, snogging the dog, the works! Mansell was extremely accommodating with Steve singing to him on the floor, Animal on drums was great to watch, bare chested and hair all over the place! The tattoo on his back is MEGGGGAAA! Love it! Some fab renditions of some of my favourite tracks, including Alice Cooper, Faces, Bowie, Nazareth and a couple of AC/DC tracks in the first set.

Have to say I thought "Highway to Hell" and "Whole Lotta Rosie" was fabulous. Proper loud and ear-splitting, just how we like it. Second set gave us "California Man" (Mott the Hoople?), "Bad Bad Boy", "Sin City", "Don't Believe a Word", and a track I've not heard in ages - "Black Knight". A couple of Zeppelin tracks and "Cat Scratch Fever" for an encore rounded off an absolutely brilliant gig at The Tub, I for one thoroughly enjoyed FEED THE BEAR, and look forward to their (guaranteed) return soon!!

Nice one lads, some happy punters here!

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Newtonian Wins Regional "Apprentice of the Year"

At a glittering ceremony at Durham's Raddisson Blu Hotel held on 18 September, Livin Sedgefield and Mears apprentice Sam Scott won the North East Regional Apprentice of the Year at the National Apprenticeship Awards 2014.

Mears repairs and maintains over 8,500 homes on behalf of Livin Sedgefield. A third year Multi-Trade Operative apprentice for Livin and Mears Sedgefield, 21-year-old Sam undertakes preventative repairs and maintenance works as well as responsive repairs. He has carried out over 1,300 jobs, and has achieved a 100% customer service satisfaction.

Sam is studying Multi-skilled Apprenticeship course NVQ level 2 at Bishop Auckland College. He takes great pride in his work and is a business ambassador for Mears, talking to young people about careers in construction industry.



With Sam is Tracey Wilson, Customer Care Manager, Mears, and Jason Howe, Construction Learning Area Manager, Bishop Auckland College.

After completing his apprenticeship in October 2014, Sam was offered and accepted a permanent position at Mears as a multi-trade technician. He plans to do further training to become a specialist joiner.

Winner Sam Scott said: "The construction and life skills I have developed are

invaluable. Becoming an apprentice is the best decision I've ever made."

Alan Small, Mears Group Partnership Manager said: "I am delighted that Sam has won this award, this is a huge success for the Sedgefield branch and the Mears/livin 'lavin futures' partnership, also I would like to thank Bishop Auckland College for tailoring the Multi Skill Apprenticeship course to suit the needs of the business."

Colin Steel, Chief Executive, Livin, said: "Congratulations to Sam on his Regional Apprentice of the year success. It is a fantastic achievement and a positive reflection on our 'lavin futures' partnership."

1960's Carnival Footage on Newton News Website

This week Newton News found a piece of interesting "cine camera" footage from the 1960's. The footage has been converted to modern format and placed on the Newton News website for all to view.

The two old and poor quality videos show the Newton Aycliffe Carnival procession through the town and the myriad of floats as the whole community got involved in the annual event.

To view the footage simply go to www.newtonnews.co.uk and click on the "Video Archive" section near the bottom of the home page and browse under Events.

Also found was a piece of Newton Press history from the 1960's, showing our founder's first premises in a unit at the back of the Neville Parade shopping area. This has also been added to the site and can be viewed under the Video/Business tab.

Also recently added was a potted history of the Northern Soul movement in Newton Aycliffe during the 1970's and early 80's. This information and photos can be found under the "Events" tab at the top of the home page.

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Local Navy Man in U.S.A.

A SAILOR from Newton Aycliffe is in Baltimore to join Americans in a week-long commemorative event celebrating the 200th anniversary of the US National Anthem.

Engineering Technician Owain Jones, 18, a sailor on board HMS Argyll, a Plymouth-based Royal Navy Type 23 frigate, is delighted to be part of the razzamatazz associated with this significant US event. During their time in Baltimore, Owain has played an integral part in several commemorative events including ceremonies at Fort McHenry and a service to honour the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack in 2001.

Owain also welcomed VIPs and members of the general public onboard Argyll and explained the daily work and showed what the Royal Navy is capable of doing worldwide. As HMS Argyll entered the harbour with Owain standing to attention on the upper deck, there was an impressive 21-gun salute between the frigate and Fort McHenry – whose bombardment by the guns of the Royal Navy two centuries ago inspired the words of the United States' national song. Those events in 1814 have prompted the seven-day Star Spangled Spectacular – firework displays, concerts, air shows, tall ships and three dozen warships from the host nation plus its many friends and allies around the world, including Canada, Norway, Turkey, Germany and HMS Argyll representing the UK all

gathered in the port city. Owain, who is a Marine Engineer on Argyll, looks after all the diesel generators. He said: "I only joined the Royal Navy over a year ago and already I have travelled to 11 different countries. Coming to Baltimore and experiencing such an event has been the highlight of my career to date." As for Argyll, she has spent much of the summer working hand-in-hand with US forces on counter-drugs patrols in the Caribbean, notably seizing £25m (\$41m US) of drugs

and arrested five suspected smugglers. The ship will remain in the Caribbean until December 2014, resuming her counter-narcotic operations as well as responding to calls for assistance in the wake of any natural disasters as the hurricane season is now upon the region.

Owain, who attended Greenfield School, Newton Aycliffe, joined the Royal Navy in 2013. He added said: "It has been a real honour to represent the Royal Navy at such a prestigious event."



£12,000 RAISED FOR HOSPICE

One of the region's favourite annual events has again proved to be a perfectly marvellous night. The St Teresa's Hospice Annual Ball was held on Saturday 4th October at Sherwoods on Chesnut Street, which had become the Kit Kat Club for the evening in accordance with the theme of the night: Cabaret! And it truly was an evening of divine decadence, darling!

Over 260 guests came to hear the music play, and were treated to a Cabaret-themed menu, enjoyed the performance of the spectacular Royal Northern College of Music Session Orchestra, and danced the night away to the music of the Dean Solomon band.

An auction, casino, table game and a 'guaranteed win' raffle were also held to raise money for the regional charity. Hospice



Director Jane Bradshaw said: "Cabaret has been a smashing success. Our annual Ball is one of the region's favourite events, and I'm delighted that so many people continue to support it. I'd like to thank our principal sponsors Sherwoods Group and Charles Clinkard, as well as all our other event sponsors,

everyone who donated a prize for our raffle, and all our fabulous guests. A massive 'thank you' to our dedicated volunteer committee who give up their free time to organise this marvellous event." The Cabaret Ball is expected to raise over £12,000 for St Teresa's Hospice.

"Come Dine With Me" Final for Care Home Chefs

Knives and forks were at the ready at Rose Lodge Care Home, Carers Way, which hosted the grand finale of their 'Come Dine With Me' lunch competition. Anticipation was high for the popular event which saw the two overall winning chefs go head to head to be named champion.

As in previous rounds, the two chefs were given a budget and asked to design a three course menu for residents and guests to sample and vote on.

Chef Chris Watson prepared a smoked salmon starter with Marie Rose sauce and brown bread followed by a main course of chicken wrapped in bacon served with a mushroom and whiskey cream sauce with mustard mashed potatoes, creamed leeks and mashed swede and a strawberry and cream file pastry stack with raspberry sauce for dessert.

Head Chef David Nevison chose a Parma ham, rocket and parmesan salad served with basil oil for his starter, Cumberland sausage ring served with mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peas and fried onion nest for the main course and a blueberry and raspberry meringue nest served with fresh cream and chocolate dessert.

With such a delicious menu choice it wasn't surprising that places for the finale sold



out very quickly after being advertised in the Newton News. Guests joined residents at Rose Lodge to enjoy lunch before scoring the meals out of 10. After the votes were tallied it was found that both chefs had

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The bride was driven to the wedding venue by her Pharmacist boss Alisdair McConnell in his Jaguar, suitably decked with white ribbons and flowers.

She was walked down the aisle by her 12 year old son Louis and her bridesmaids were Lindsey Bell, Phoebe Hodgeson and Freya Robertson.



Editorial Time for the County Council to Listen

For years the powers that be have refused to listen to pleas from Newtonians to allow a Retail area on Aycliffe Business Park.

It has always been reserved for manufacturing although there has been some movement in recent years where factory shops, and service units have been allowed to open. But the establishment of a full retail park has been resisted while in other areas, much smaller than Aycliffe, retail parks are flourishing. One of the other reasons for not allowing a big retail area for large electrical, furniture, diy, garden centres etc is to protect existing town centres. But this policy is flawed considering the development at West Auckland and Sedgfield.

Both these small towns have Retail Parks and Newtonians are having to travelling miles out of their own area to these parks to help them succeed. Sedgfield have a small industrial estate yet they can squeeze in a large Sainsbury Supermarket with 350 car parking spaces.

The County Council in considering the application, concluded there was a weakness in applying rigid policies on industry only and recommended Sedgfield Industrial Estate be "de-allocated"

The County Council policies must be challenged and changed for Aycliffe too, when a town of 5000 population gets a retail park and Aycliffe with 30,000 people and growing, is denied.

Aycliffe Business Park is also expanding and will become the largest in the north, bigger than Team Valley which has a Retail Park.

Our town centre is not big enough to accommodate large stores so what is the problem? Residents are taking the opportunity to express their views on the inadequacy of our town centre in the Neighbourhood Plan. The analysis will make good reading!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 12th October there will be a Harvest Festival Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe, beginning at 10am.

This is a family Service and a collection will be taken for the work of the Foodbank. Brownies and Guides who meet at St. Clare's are asked to attend in full uniform, in order to be part of the service. They may bring with them a tin/packet/jar of food to be brought forward during the service as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving. SHINE Choir children will be singing and there will be refreshments after the service. So please come along, and support your busy town centre Church, as it supports those people who are needing a little bit of help as we all do at some time in our lives.

Married at St. Clare's

Joanne Hudson was married to Liam Land on Saturday 27th September 2014 at St Clare's Church followed by a reception and evening celebration at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club. Liam is warehouse operative for Lidl on Aycliffe Business Park. The Bridesmaids were Zoe Wheeler and Kelly Hudson, Ushers Stephen Hudson and Owen Kempell, Page Boys: Alfie Land and Olly Hudson. The Best Man was David Land. The couple were both brought up in Newton Aycliffe and have been together for 11 years, living in Skirlaw Road with their two children Zoe and Alfie.



Married in Wales



Newtonian Glenn Robinson married Ceri Ann Lewis in Halkyn, Wales on 27th September.

Glenn went to Vane Road and Woodham Comprehensive and the couple first met at Newcastle University on their architecture degree course. After graduating, they couldn't find jobs here, so went to Australia for a year. Within a week, they both got great jobs and stayed for three fabulous years before taking seven months off to tour round Australia and New Zealand, finally spending two months in Asia, before returning to the UK last December.

They had such great work experience in Oz that they both got the first jobs they applied for in Manchester.

The Reception was held in Ruthin Castle, North Wales with a camper van as their wedding car. The wedding cake was in the shape of two suitcases, topped with a camper van, with bride and groom on the sunroof.

Having just bought their first home, they spent their honeymoon week decorating and buying furniture!

It was an amazing day and their families wish them every happiness in their new home in Manchester.



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ST. OSWALD'S PRE-SCHOOL is located in St. Oswald's Park, Wren Close, and is open from 8.45am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday, during school term time.

A full day at St. Oswald's costs £15.00 with funding and £18.50 without.

WOODHAM BURN PRE-SCHOOL is located in Woodham Burn Community Primary School, Humphrey Close, and is open from 8.45am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday during school term time. At Woodham Burn we work closely with the Out of School Club, (under separate management), to enable children to access care and education from 7.45am to 6.00pm.

A full day at Woodham Burn cost £14.00 with funding and £17.50 without.

The Out of School Club charge £3.50 for before school (7.45 to 8.55) and £6.50 for after school (3.15 to 6.00pm). Additional hours (in excess of the first 15) are available in both Pre-Schools at a cost of £4.00 per hour.



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Students Learn the Horrors of War



Two youngsters at Aycliffe Village History Society WW1 Exhibition with Chairman Harry Moses.

Students from Greenfield College worked hard last term to create artworks and poetry to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War 1. They made artist's boxes filled with ideas and memories and wrote poetry based on their research. The work they created featured in an exhibition organised by Aycliffe Village Local History Society at the Village Hall recently inspired by information and artefacts shared by the Society. Poems and images of their work are included in the book published to accompany the exhibition (funded by the National Lottery) "The Great War; Great Aycliffe, Brafferton and Coatham Mundeville Remember."

The book is available from the Aycliffe History

Society website www.aycliffehistory.org.uk - The exhibition has already reached over 400 people and reached more whilst on tour for a week from 29th September in an empty shop in Aycliffe Town Centre. The students really enjoyed seeing their work in situ alongside other memorabilia and items remembering the First World War. Resident Ken Fox said: "the work the young people created is wonderful. The poetry is very powerful and mature. The art work boxes are very emotive and the young people have really employed a lot of empathy. Well done to Greenfield Arts for developing this work with the Aycliffe Local History Society, but well done to the students at Greenfield for the very impressive work which was a great addition to the exhibition and publication."

Aycliffe Village News

BABY SENSORY CLASSES: For parents and carers with babies up to 13 months, there is a sensory class at the village hall on Tuesdays at 10am. For details, call Carly on 07881 922076.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Come along with your friends to the next breakfast club on Saturday, October 11th, at Aycliffe Village Hall, from 9am-noon. There will be bacon, egg or sausage buns on offer, as well as cups of tea or coffee. Plus, there will be activities for children and a book stall. All proceeds go to the village hall. And this will also be a chance to buy a ticket for Santa's Grotto which will be in place at the December breakfast club. Tickets cost just £5 per child for the chance to meet Santa and receive a present.

COMMITTEE MEETING: There is committee meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association on Monday, October 13th, at the village hall at 8pm. New members are welcome.

FOOTBALL DRAMA: Backscratch Theatre presents its new production Hewin' Goals, featuring drama, comedy and songs, in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Northern League on Friday, October

17th, at Aycliffe Village Hall. Admission is free and is open to everyone. The performance starts at 7pm.

BINGO: Eyes down for bingo at Aycliffe Village Hall on Wednesday, October 15th, and on Wednesday, October 29th, at 7.30pm; all are welcome.

NEEDLE AND THREAD: A new group is starting on Tuesday, October 21st, for anyone interested in doing sewing, knitting, crochet or rag rugging. Work on your project while enjoying a coffee and a chat. The sessions are held at Aycliffe Village Hall from 7-9pm.

WI MEETING: The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, October 22nd, at Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm, and is a members' evening. The challenge is to make a Hallowe'en decoration. For more details, call Sue Hindle on 07775-680804.

PINK FRIDAY: Enjoy a glass of fizz, some music and entertainment while indulging yourself in all things pink to help raise money for Breast Cancer Care. The event takes place at Aycliffe Village Hall from 8pm until late on Friday, October 24th. For tickets, which cost £5, contact Sue on 07775 680804.

ACORN Halloween Party

ACORN Residents Group annual Halloween Party is on Friday October 31st at 7pm in the Sycamore Suite at the Leisure Centre. Tickets are £2 and are on sale from the Leisure Centre reception. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Entertainment by Professor Nincompoo - Be there if you dare. Can we also remind residents

that this month's meeting has moved to Monday 20th October in the Royal British Legion. Time is 5:25 for Little ACORNS and 6pm for the main meeting. Please feel free to come along to voice your concerns or just a chin wag, and bring a friend - the more the merrier. Keith Lovejoy Vice Chairman, ACORN

F.O.W.P. MEETING

The Friends of West Park next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October, 2014 at 7.00pm in the Upstairs Lounge of the Royal British Legion. All residents welcome Arun Chandran, Secretary

ROTHMAN'S REUNION

The dates for the forthcoming reunions for ex Rothmans Pensioners from Darlington, Spennymoor and Peterlee factories are: Darlington - Wednesday 26th November 2014 1pm-6pm at the Dolphin Centre Darlington. Spennymoor/Peterlee- Thursday 27th November 2014 1pm-6pm at Spennymoor Town Hall Spennymoor. To confirm attendance please contact the following organisers for each venue. Darlington Venue, Giulio Pontone: Tel 01325 300942; Liz Ohern: Tel 01325 486566; Ken Storey: Tel 01325 269128. Spennymoor/Peterlee Venue Giulio Pontone: Tel 01325 300942; Shelia Foster: Tel 01388 810657; Andrew Smith: Tel 01388 811810

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Youth Group Request Items for Art Sessions

The young people of Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre's Youth Development Group are requesting the support of the local community. We are planning various art sessions and are looking for donations of materials to use in our projects. We would like:

Glass jars, Old clothes, Fabric/Denim, Wool, Haberdashery items such as ribbon, buttons, nets etc, Lego, Arts and Crafts material, Felt, Paint, Wallpaper, Paper and Card Glitter, Beads, and Sequins. If anyone would like to help please bring in your donations for the attention of NAASA into the Centre. For further information on these sessions and any other Youth Sessions being ran in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding area, please look us up on Facebook: NAASA.

Dictionaries from Rotary Club



Year 6 students at Byerley Park (top) and Woodham Burn received the gift of illustrated dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe as part of an International campaign to improve literacy among young people. The dictionaries are for all Year 6 children in the area to help them prepare for the move to Secondary School next year.



Year 6 students at St. Mary's RC Primary School on Wednesday 1st October with Rotarian Angela Stevenson, left, and teacher Mrs. Hargreaves, right.

BIKE DRAW WINNER

The Town Council Summer Super Sports Skills Bike Draw winner was Maia, aged 10 from Newton Aycliffe. The Mayor Cllr Wendy Hillary presented Maia with her new bike on Tuesday 7th October 2014. For your chance to win a new bike get involved in The Sports Complex Autumn Half Term Super Sports Skills programme. For further information visit our website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/oakleafsportcomplex/activities-for-all/juniors/autumn-2014.html - to book your place please contact our Reception on 01325 300600.



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Council Leader Wants More for the North



Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council and Chair of the North East Combined Authority has commented on the Scottish Referendum: "We welcome the outcome of the referendum in Scotland as we believe there are close links between Scotland and the north of England and we are stronger together. "It is now time to have a full debate about the devolution of power throughout the UK. If additional funding is guaranteed to meet the needs of Scotland it is reasonable to ask that funding is also guaranteed to meet the needs of northern England in areas such as transport and the economy."

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TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER

Dear Sir,
After over 45 years of having copy published in Newton News supporting my sport & community work, please accept this my first personal letter. I was saddened to discover Joan Clark had relinquished her role as an Officer at the Youth & Community Centre. I have only known Joan for 18 months but found her to be an outstanding voluntary worker and saw at first hand the work she put in and more importantly the changes into making the Centre thriving and professionally run.

As ex-Secretary of said Centre and now Secretary of Agnew, I can only say her work ethic, ability, honesty and loyalty to the Youth & Community Centre along with Vince Crosby, has profoundly impressed me to say the least. An organisation does not survive with any one person being on board, but some are more capable than others and Joan is one of those people. Her work in finding funding, marketing, people skills and helping people into work is just some of her skills. Joan is also Secretary of

the new GACAP organisation and a board member of GAMP. She works with the M.A.D. group for young people and visits Care Homes to bring the church to those unable to attend. I know that Joan would take work home and go into the Centre at weekends to work and we can ill afford to lose her from our town's voluntary sector. I wish both Joan and the Centre all the best for the future and we will really miss Joan in that role, but will keep in touch with her via GAMP and GACAP. Ron Mitchie, Morrison Close

Great Aycliffe Town Council Garden Competition Winner



The winner of this year's Community Enhancement Award was Mr. & Mrs. K. Vincent of 7 Heatherburn Court. The Mayor Wendy Hillary, visited the couple to present them with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl' following them being chosen as the winner of the Community Enhancement Award for 2014. The Mayor said was delighted to make the presentation and congratulated the couple on their outstanding entry.

Walworth School Students Visit Tesco



A small group of young, Walworth children recently visited Tesco on an educational visit. Their visit was linked to a story they were covering and combined both Literacy and Numeracy skills development. The children experienced weighing and measuring and how the check - out system operated. For many of the children this was their first expedition to collect items from a story using a shopping list. Staff

accompanying the children strongly believe that this practical element supports children's learning in a real life situation extension from the classroom. The children would like to say a very big thank you to staff for looking after them so nicely. Staff from Walworth would like to thank Tesco and their staff for making them very welcome on their visit and supporting the children's development into life in the community.

Skydive in Aid of Butterwick Hospice



On Sunday the 13th of September Maria Crawford of Perry Process Equipment, on the Aycliffe Business Park, jumped out of plane at 10,000 feet in a tandem skydive to raise money for the Butterwick Hospice!

The day proved perfect conditions for the jump. Clear blue skies meant Maria had a good view coming down! This was her first ever skydive, but we don't think it will be her last. Maria said: "It was absolutely awesome. Highly recommend it to anyone and I really fancy doing another one sometime". Maria raised £505 for the Butterwick Hospice.

Perry Process Equipment Ltd is a Corporate Supporter of Butterwick Hospice and individual members of staff are continuously raising funds throughout 2014 by taking part in many of the Butterwick events. They chose the Butterwick Hospice as they are a local charity that help people

living with a life limiting illness, relieving symptoms, enriching patient's lives and supporting them and their loved ones.

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Leading UK shower designer and manufacturer Roman have been collecting old towels at their base in Aycliffe Business Park, delivering them to look after rescued baby seals at the Scarborough Sealife and Marine Sanctuary.

Roman first spotted the appeal about the seals at the Scarborough Sealife Sanctuary in the Northern Echo newspaper and saw this as a great cause and something they could help with. The Sanctuary is calling out for old towels as they are necessary to help grip and clean the orphaned seals for transportation to the centre. Roman and its sister company, Roman at Home (www.romanathome.com), an online homewares retailer asked their staff if they had any old towels lying around and if so to bring them in to work to start a collection for the seals. Roman at Home encouraged their staff to bring in their old towels and in exchange offered them a generous discount to replace

them with new towels from the online store – there was a great response from all staff.

A Roman staff member's husband works at Darlington College and he spread the word to his colleagues. We kindly received a large box full of towels from the hairdressing department to add to our growing collection.

Rob Green, Roman's North East Retail Development Manager, delivered the towels to the seal Sanctuary in Scarborough, whilst visiting his retail accounts in the area. Rob Green commented: "I usually deal with shower and bath seals rather than the real life variety, so when delivering these towels it was far from my typical day. The staff at the Sealife Sanctuary were thrilled with the amount of towels we brought in and it was great to see that all the towels we had collected here at Roman will be going to such a good course to help all those orphaned baby seals."

Greenfield Rehearse for Annual Show

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Greenfield College production to be performed in December. Without giving too many secrets away, the storyline, which includes dancing and music, takes place at a circus, where the custard pies aren't being thrown so well, and the owners find themselves trapped in a world where a 'Blackberry' is not part of a young person's 5 a-day.

Something needs to happen before their business is lost forever, could a group of unruly youths be the solution? Greenfield College prides itself in offering high quality performing Arts teaching and learning, and this year's results were even better than last with 100% of GCSE drama and 92% GCSE Dance students gaining A*-C.

An incredible 47% of these students gained A and A*s. These results are 27% above the National Average and contribute greatly to Greenfield's fantastic overall statistics as one of the highest performing and most improved schools in the county.

Young people who come to Greenfield can access a host of opportunities including a dedicated Youth Dance Group 'Grounded' which has performed at Youth Dance England's National performance programme at the Hippodrome, home of The Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Our Youth Theatre group received incredible praise for their performance of 'We lost Elijah' at Northern Stage earlier in the year. The National Theatre Connections



programme has a strict application process and our consistent high results and reputation for quality have enabled the department to participate a number of times. Our music team offer an incredible range of opportunities to all learners including Rock School, Guitar club, Singing for Success. Our choir, recently came third in a Darlington competition. We have a Drum club provided by American drum expert Mr Gomez, host Durham Music Service's orchestra and also offer peripatetic tuition in Singing, Guitar, Drums, Brass and Woodwind.

Our school band are currently working really hard on learning the music for this year's show and we thank them and all our learners for their hard work and dedication.

For more info check out the school's website and follow us on twitter: @greenfieldPARTS

Bringing Acupuncture to the Community

Weekly Community Group Ear (auricular) Acupuncture at the Pioneering Care Centre starts Tuesday 14th October, 7 - 8pm. £5 per person (one hour session)

PCP is launching this new acupuncture clinic, one of the first to be set up in the North East. It has been developed following feedback from current acupuncture users of the PCPs Natural Therapy Suite who identified cost as a barrier to attending regular sessions.

Ear (Auricular) acupuncture is similar to body acupuncture but with stimulation only to the external ear. (No need to remove any clothing)

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Regular treatments may help physical, mental and emotional health. Feedback from individuals receiving this treatment stated feelings of peace, calm and relaxation. Also the reduction in anxiety and has improved their sleep.

This new clinic will be delivered in partnership with Amanda Christer MSc. - Amanda is a successful and experienced practitioner within the field of holistic therapies and substance misuse with a passion for development and research.



Amanda is fully accredited through the Federation of Holistic Therapists and began working within the field of ear acupuncture back in 2003.

The Pioneering Care Centre offers a range of complementary therapies and treatments. Complimentary therapies are well known to offer an alternative way to alleviate the effects of stress, increase energy levels, reduce aches and pains, improve mobility, help to relax and above all to increase feelings of wellbeing. Please call 01325 321234 to book or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net www.pcp.uk.net or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Help Stop Human Trafficking

Xcel Church's Abolitionist Group who raise funds every year for the charity Hope for Justice International invite you to hear how you can help fight Human Trafficking.

On Saturday 18th of October which is Anti Slavery Day, the group will be hosting a Coffee and Cake morning at Jackson's Coffee House at the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park, Long Tens Way between 10 and 12 noon.

All money raised will help to rescue victims of Human Trafficking, which rescued 104 people last year.

FOOD FAIR

Heighington Food Fair in aid of Heighington Scout Group. To be held on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 4pm at Heighington Village Hall. All welcome. 50p entry includes cup of tea/coffee

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Woodham's Significant Investment in ICT

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In addition to their curriculum experiences, investment in ICT at Woodham Academy will benefit students in their home. The ongoing development of our bespoke Cloud platform will allow all students on roll at Woodham to download the most recent version of Microsoft Office onto their home computer for the time that they are at Woodham free of charge.

This will allow students to benefit from working on the most up to date software packages at home and addressing any compatibility issues that may have previously arisen.



RECENT DONATIONS

Dear Sir
Honest John's Aycliffe Community Kitty has raised £1000 for Athena Sports Academy. This will sponsor five Newton Aycliffe children. £600 has also been raised for Newton Aycliffe Artistic Roller Skating Club and £400 for The Cubby. Fundraising is now taking place for Newton Aycliffe Waterpolo Club, then Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade. I am forever grateful to the folks of Newton Aycliffe for helping me to help others.
Honest John

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Wednesday 22nd October 2014

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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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HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO and KARAOKE

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association is having a Halloween family disco and karaoke on Saturday 1st November at The Scout Centre, Bluebell Way. Tickets are only £3 per person – under 3's free. The entertainment will be provided by CupCakes Karaoke and Disco.

So come along and join in and party. It would be good to see you in fancy dress - Ghouls, Ghosts, Witches and Goblins are all welcome.

Non-alcoholic mocktails - and alcoholic drinks are available at our competitively priced bar. Tickets available at the bar which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings and Saturday and Sunday from approx. 12.30pm. Or you can phone 01325 318901 and reserve your tickets for collection. The tickets are selling fast so book yours as soon as possible.

COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

- SAG have approved this year's GATC fireworks display – Aycliffe households only – free wristbands available from 26th October: <http://bit.ly/GATCFireworks2014>.
- October is 'Taste Durham Month' (including 30 unique Durham-inspired dishes): <http://bit.ly/TasteDurhamMonth>
- 6-20 October is the Durham Book Festival: <http://durhambookfestival.com/>
- Fancy singing the Messiah in Durham Cathedral on 31st Jan 2015 with the Durham Choral Society? <http://bit.ly/DCSMessiah>
- DCC consultation on a voluntary smoke-free policy on children's play areas ends this week – have your say: <http://bit.ly/DCCSmokefree>
- The new DCC website went live this week. Easier and more convenient to use, it includes a brand new news section: <http://ow.ly/CeGWE>
- Norman Cornish's studio has been donated to Beamish Museum in County Durham: <http://bit.ly/CornishStudio>
- 'This is Durham' – 2014 free guides now available: <http://bit.ly/1vIINdE>
- Livin has signed up to a 'Smarterbuys' scheme which helps its tenants to buy furniture, white goods etc. at a much lower rate of interest: <http://livin.sbstore.org/home>
- On Wednesday morning, 15th October DCC Cabinet will hear updates on welfare reform, NHS/Social Care reforms and Waste Management, and will consider a £13m expansion at NETPark and proposals to protect bus services and to develop the cinema & film offer across the county: <http://bit.ly/DCC CabinetOct14>
- On Wednesday evening, 7:15pm, 15th October, Great Aycliffe Town Council will discuss School Aycliffe pond, Aycliffe Festival, West Park, the Fireworks display, the senior citizens excursions, a proposal for a MUGA at Moore Lane, and the draft Environment and Recreation budgets.

Cubby A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of 'The Cubby' is on on Sunday 18th October at 10.30am. All welcome.

Woodham Academy Launch 3rd Apprentice Awareness Challenge



Woodham Academy has launched its third Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge on Thursday 18th September. The event will saw 150 Year 9 students take part in a speed networking event in conjunction with six local companies from Aycliffe Business Park. Each student will be matched to one of the six companies and will spend the next nine weeks leading a research trail into the career opportunities available within the company, with a specific focus apprenticeships. This year the school is supported by Finley Structures, Livin, Ebac, The Thorn Academy of Light, Shepherd Construction and Gestamp Tallent as the students battle it out to become the Apprentice Awareness Challenge winner for 2014. Sarah McGinnety, lead for Careers Education at Woodham Academy, said "This event has had a significant impact on students' learning about local job opportunities. Last year, all Woodham Academy students successfully moved into further education,

employment or training. Over 9% took up apprenticeships, double the County Durham average. We look forward to working over the next two months with the chosen six companies to allow our students to find out about the opportunities available locally."

Job Taster Sessions for Students



As part of the Apprenticeship Awareness programme at Woodham Academy, students and staff spent half a day in one of the six Aycliffe based companies participating in the scheme. The students gained insights into how some of the region's biggest, and best employers are facing up to the challenges of a tough economic climate. They have also seen what opportunities are available for school leavers in an area traditionally renowned for its manufacturing skills and innovation. Company representatives, including current apprentices, very much impressed the school group with their knowledge, enthusiasm and confidence. The pride the young apprentices felt in their own achievements and in those of their chosen industry were

obvious to all. The visits form part of that which Head of Year, Russell Potter, calls the school's continuing commitment to a 'wider school experience.' "In order to provide a valuable alternative to college and university," says Mr Potter, "we need to be taking learning out of the classroom and into the real world." It was time, he added, that students began looking at what options were available, and thinking about where the necessities of life, on which they rely, really come from. The school students will now spend the next weeks and months preparing for a presentation which will be given to invited guests from their school, the council and the local business community. For some it could mark the beginning of a long and rewarding career.

Detox Programme Launched in Aycliffe

LIFE Church in Newton Aycliffe would like to invite you to their KEYS Community Detox Launch which takes place on Thursday 16th October at 6.15pm at Greenfield School.

This programme runs under 'The KEYS Project' which is a UK registered charity established in 2013. Dr Stephen Smith, a GP specialist in substance misuse, set up the project, to coordinate a programme of church based community detox. Volunteers on the project, Sheena and Alwyn from LIFE Church told Newton News it is a privilege to work with Dr. Smith. His aim through compassion is to see people brought into freedom helped by his medical and professional expertise. He provides the solid foundation on which KEYS is becoming a vital movement in local churches who are bringing hope to the hopeless.

An experienced board of trustees supports the KEYS Project and Dr Smith has received high-level support from distinguished consultants in developing robust protocols for the programme.

Sheena and Alwyn invite people to come and join them at the launch. If you want information beforehand please phone 07783 407961



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N.A.F.C. FAIL TO DERAIL SHILDON

With new boss Peter Dixon watching from the stands, his inherited Newton Aycliffe side failed to impress as Shildon produced a controlled performance to win 2-1 at the Moore Lane. Caretaker manager Allan Oliver said after the game, "We showed plenty of endeavour, but lack that real quality to compete with the top sides. Peter coming in will give us that opportunity to freshen things up, bring in a few new faces and help kick the club on, as we seem to have stagnated in recent times." Keeper Will Jones was a busy man in the opening 25 minutes, and despite being beaten twice by two Billy Gruelich-Smith headers, produced fine saves from Micky Rae, Ben Wood and Gruelich-Smith to keep the scoreline respectable. Just three minutes were on the clock when the former

Hartlepool United forward headed home a left wing centre and things could have been worse minutes later when the same player missed an identical opportunity, heading embarrassingly wide. He wasn't to be thwarted on 24 minutes however, and after Jones parried away an effort from Daniel Moore, the resultant cross was directed perfectly into the top corner by the 25-year-old. Aycliffe's one moment of quality came as half time approached when another former 'Pools man, Zak Boagey, picked the ball up 25-yards from goal and sent a first time swerving shot low into the corner with Kyle Hayes well beaten. Aycliffe could have been level in first half injury time but Hayes made a fantastic save at his near post to beat away a header from his

former Spennymoor Town team mate Richie Archer, who is on loan from the Moors. The second half was all one way traffic as Shildon looked to restore their lead but despite their dominance, chances remained at a premium. In fact it was Aycliffe who almost had the final say in the game as Martin Young again tested Hayes with a free-kick which the stopper tipped over. Oliver reverts back to chairman after his search for a new manager brought former West Auckland steward Dixon, who will start his tenure off with a home game against Penrith on Wednesday evening.

Aycliffe Tri Club End of Season Report

September was an incredibly busy time for Aycliffe Tri Club with members racing at iconic venues taking in some of the most beautiful scenery. Sunday 7th September saw Michelle Scott and Andy Sedgwick in the legendary Helvellyn Triathlon. Michelle took on the one mile open water swim in the cold waters of Ullswater then as part of a relay team Andy battled the 38 mile bike section (including the dreaded Kirkston Pass) and the 9 mile 3118ft run up Helvellyn. This was a challenging event for both athletes who plan to return

and tackle this challenging course again. On Sunday 21st September Tri Club members were at three different events across the North of England, each with its own difficulties (These Triathletes never take the easy option!). Teesdale Triathlon saw three members taking on the sprint with a 400m swim, 18 mile bike and 3 mile run. First home for the club coming 4th in her group Melanie Rowland in 1hr 39. Next home Alan Kellet 10th in his group in 1hr 43 followed by Mick Casey in 1hr 51. Wendy Bake travelled

across the country to race at Penrith Sprint Triathlon a very hilly course with Wendy knocking 3 mins off her previous time and finishing in 1hr 36mins. Over at Hartlepool Michelle Scott and Dan Halladay entered the marina to race in Hartlepool Big Lime Sprint Triathlon. Dan Halladay was first man out of the water and finished the event in 1hr 12mins with Michelle Scott who was first lady out of the water, finished 6th lady over all in 1hr 18mins. This has been a fantastic year for Aycliffe Tri Club

who would like to thank all members for their continued support and dedication. The club's coaches are looking forward to next season and helping club members achieve their goals. If you are interested in Triathlon and would like further details please visit www.aycliffetriclub.onsport.com email aycliffetriclub@gmail.com Or come and talk to the coaches at Woodham Community College Pool on a Wednesday night at 7pm (term time only) Wendy Bake, Club Coach

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AT WEST PARK



Assisting the Town Council with litter picking, Friends of West Park volunteers, Chloe and Luke Ashcroft age 5 and 7 with Arun Chandran, Martin Ashcroft their Dad and Ken Robson. The Ashcrofts live opposite the top lake and thought they would lend a hand keeping their back garden tidy. Friends of West Group next meeting is Tuesday 14th October at the British Legion, upstairs lounge, when they will be looking at the provision of extra seats and litter bins in the park, all welcome to attend.

St. John's Sports Awards



On Wednesday 24th September, St John's School and Sixth Form College celebrated the 10th Annual Sports Awards Evening. Over 150 students were awarded with their half and full colours for their dedication, commitment and performance when representing the school. Colours were awarded for performances in over 12 sports. In addition 18 students were awarded with a Gold Eagle for achieving County honours.

The guest speaker for the evening was Tamara Taylor who was part of the Women's World Cup winning Rugby Team. She gave an amazing insight into her journey to the World Cup.

The second half of the awards evening was the individual awards. There was a new award in this section which was the team of the year award which was won by the Under 14 boy's football team who over the last two years have won 6 trophies and had an excellent English School Cup run. The winner of the prestigious Eagle Award was Ashlyn Bland. The evening was capped off with a gratitude for Mr Rhodes who was responsible for starting the Sports Awards evening when he started at St Johns.



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Eight Aycliffe CrossFitters have qualified for the North East's Thorium Throwdown event to be held on Sunday 5th October at the Pavillion in Peterlee. The competition was open to all CrossFit boxers nationally, of which there are over 500. All CrossFit 'All Out' coaches Tez Anderson, Joe Allinson, Tim Briggs, Ash McFee and Kelly Jones, plus members Nicola Jacques, Yasmine Meite and Natalie Stapleton have trained hard since the gym opened in January and have done extremely well to have qualified for this event. We are so proud of all our members that went 'All Out' and gave it a go, as well as all those coming along supporting the qualifiers at the event. It's going to be a fantastic competition with true CrossFit Community spirit and we would appreciate any additional support from the local community who are interested in coming along to cheer on our All Out competitors! More details available and spectator tickets can be purchased online at www.thoriumthrowdown.co.uk Find out more about CrossFit All Out via our website www.crossfitallout.co.uk or contacting us on 07788 123321.

Badminton on Sky TV

This week was the launch of the first UK National Badminton League with teams from Surrey, Birmingham, Milton Keynes, Derby, Nottingham and Loughborough pitting top stars alongside rising talent, competing monthly with one match per round shown live on Sky Sports. The league features innovations such as a new scoring system, powerplays and sudden death tie breaks to demonstrate the speed and excitement of the sport. The first round of games saw Surrey beat Milton Keynes 4-1 and Birmingham coming back from 2-0 down to defeat Derby 3-2. It is hoped that this new exposure of the sport will encourage more people to take up what is already a popular game. Anyone interested in trying the sport Aycliffe Badminton Club play at the Leisure Centre every Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. New players and members are always welcome. For more information visit <http://aycliffebadminton.webs.com/> or Facebook (Aycliffe Badminton Club) or Twitter @AycliffeBC



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Gold & Bronze Medals for Water Polo Club



Sedgefield Water Polo Club who play at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre travelled to Maltby for the Rotherham under 13 tournament.

Sedgefield split their squad into two teams to give everyone a lot of water time. The Orange team started off with a disappointing loss to Yorkshire Champions Rotherham 10-4. They then defeated Castleford comfortably 10-3 and were too strong for Sheffield winning 12-1. In their final group game they dominated their Green team mates winning 10-3.

Orange having finished second in the group games faced Rotherham which saw a big transformation in Sedgefield's play and performance turning the tables on the home team and winning 8-6. The Sedgefield Green team finished 3rd in the group and played off against Castleford for the

bronze medal and in a tight game won 7-6.

This was another excellent performance by the North East's Junior Team, Sedgefield against Yorkshire's best teams.

Michael Hampshire 12 was 'Player of the Tournament' as top scorer in the whole competition. The outstanding players for the Green team were Hollie Turnbull and Kate Harrison both 12.

The other members of the squad were Jessica Webb 11, Bartosz Cieski 11, Niall Coulthard 11, Haydn Craggs 12, Poppy Stephenson 11, Jake Mendelson 12, Ben Alderson 9, Kes McEwan 9, Joseph Boys 11, Isaac Boys 8, Daniel Millington 12, Mathew Taylor 12.

If anyone who is interested in playing this fun and exciting sport and likes swimming, you can get more details on 07818 554449. If you are a club swimmer you will find it easy to adapt to water polo.

AYCLIFFE FELL WALKERS VISIT HOLY ISLAND



Many on board the club's luxury coach felt a strange excitement as the causeway that connects the island of Lindisfarne to the Northumberland mainland came into view, perhaps this was because of the countless reports of vehicles being stranded on the causeway, their drivers not having recognised the dangers of crossing at "the last minute".

Vehicles were venturing across the causeway, the first crossings of the day, as the seawater slowly receded to expose the tarmac road. Holy Island seemed to lay dormant in the misty haze with little sign of civilisation, just a pale green outline standing out in the distance above the disappearing seawaters and waterlogged sands. The island seemed deep in slumber! Once our coach driver had

parked, club members were free to explore the island, most electing to visit the famous priory and impressive castle, others setting out on the waymarked Pilgrims Way, which links the island with the mainland – but only when the tide is low enough! Those setting off so soon after the tide had turned had to proceed with care, watery mud threatening to engulf boots.

Once back to the mainland, there was time to wring out socks and clean messy boots before heading off along drier paths towards the day's final objective some 15 miles away along St Cuthbert's Way, the popular market town of Wooler.

Those that had elected to explore Holy Island before heading for Wooler spent almost three hours visiting the

many interesting features of the island, including a stop for the now customary bacon and egg sandwiches, washed down with plenty of tea & coffee. As well as the castle and priory, they visited impressive lime kilns, once a vital source of income for the early islanders but long since disused. The group sauntered on to wonder at the hundreds of small cairns that littered the eastern shoreline – built by island visitors over several years.

Meanwhile, those reaching the end of the Pilgrim's Way crossed the main Newcastle to Edinburgh railway line, following the route of St Cuthbert's Way, which brushes the tiny village of Fenwick before heading through extensive woodland to climb up the side of Greenshean Hill with its extensive views all round. A brief lunch-stop was enjoyed before descending to admire St Cuthbert's Cave, with its impressive boulders and well-carved dedications to the lives of local people.

Many explored the heights of Doddington Moor and Dod Law, looking for the many "Cup & Ring marked Rocks" that were depicted on the OS map – but without success. The bridge over the River Till south of Weetwood Hall was crossed and, since Wooler was then in sight along the road, the decision to follow St Cuthbert's Way up a steep hill onto Weetwood Moor brought moans from those with tiring legs. Once onto the moor however, many were quietly thankful that we had made the climb, for the Cheviot hill provided a nice backdrop as walkers made their way down into Wooler for some well-earned liquid refreshment.

If you would like to get involved in fell walking by joining one of our many walks, simply contact Alan on 01325 488225. We're not especially holy, but we're wholly into fell walking

Encouraging Schools to Take up Rugby



Tamara Taylor (left), Bob Malvern the club's County representative and England Ladies captain Katie McLean

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club have a break in their Northumberland Division 3 League schedule this weekend. However the club have helped launch a recruitment drive into the two main schools this Friday.

Headed by Durham County RFU and represented by ladies rugby world cup winner Tamara Taylor, the partnership will be speaking and demonstrating the skills of rugby union to Year 10 and 11 students of Greenfield Community College and Woodham Academy.

It is hoped that both male and female students from both schools can be inspired to take up the sport. Hopefully they will eventually develop competitive teams to rival each other and surrounding schools or clubs in the Durham area.

With the Rugby World Cup held in England in 2015 there is a lot of incentive to give students a chance to learn the

sport and play at various levels over time, from school team to college and university, local club, County and who knows eventually, International level like Tamara Taylor.

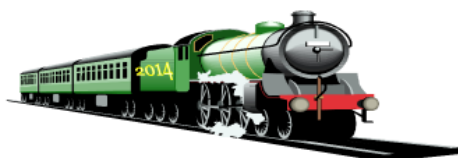
Aycliffe Rugby have been excited about this project for some time, and are hopeful many students will take up the challenge of the sport that can lead to good fitness, making new friends, and enjoying the game at the various levels it offers.

The club is having an Open Day for development students, although those who already have rugby experience will be made most welcome on Saturday 18th October 11am meet. Please contact Head Coach Peter Ryans 07796172599.

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Wildcats go Down Fighting Neighbours Newcastle

Durham's speed was not enough to counter Esh Group Eagles Newcastle's size and experience as the Wildcats were defeated 73-99 for Match 3 on 5th October. The Wildcats were up by five points midway through the third quarter before Newcastle ended that term with a 26-5 run. In the end it was Newcastle's offensive production from the paint that separated these North East rivals.

The Wildcats are now 1-2 in league play whilst Newcastle levels at 1-1.

Durham showed resolve and toughness by storming back from a 12-point deficit midway through the second quarter. Down 35-23 with just over five minutes until halftime, the Wildcats forced turnovers and scored on numerous fast break chances to outscore Newcastle 16-8 going into the break. The momentum continued in Durham's favour after halftime when a John Puk dunk and a Panos Mayindombe three-pointer gave the Wildcats a 55-50 lead, their largest of the match.

Newcastle would regain their rhythm shortly after and commenced on that 26-5 run to give themselves a comfortable lead that lasted for the rest of the match.

"For about 25 minutes of this game we were right there with them," Head Coach Lee Davie said. "Considering that we are still recovering from



injuries and have limited numbers we showed that we can compete with the best team in the league."

The story for the Wildcats so far this season has been the lack of personnel. Short on players, Puk was left as the lone true big man for the Wildcats. The 6'10 American accepted the challenge of battling the Eagles strong front court presence by leading the Wildcats in scoring with 18 points from his efficient 8 for 12 shooting from the field.

"John is going to be a solid, reliable guy for us," Davie said. "He had to step up in a role that is not his true position and did a great job defensively. On offence he managed to find the holes in Newcastle's defence and knock down the open shot."

Four other Wildcats followed Puk in scoring in double-digits. Chris Jones and Odiba Attah each had 12 and Joel Madourie and Mayindombe both had 10. Madourie started the game strong by scoring his 10 points in the first half before suffering a minor leg injury.

Jones and Mayindombe together stole the ball from Newcastle nine times – five and four times, respectively – and were key in forcing 20 Eagles turnovers. As a team, the Wildcats turned the ball over 16 times which were converted to 24 points for Newcastle.

The Wildcats did not have answer for Newcastle's front court action. Behind Darius Defoe's Eagles-leading 27 points and 7 rebounds, Newcastle out-scored Durham 54-40 in the paint and also out-rebounded the Wildcats 39-27. Ralph Bucci and Sam Martin led the Wildcats in rebounds with five each.

Durham will now embark on three road games before returning home on 26th October to face the Manchester Giants.

The Wildcats will travel to Cheshire Phoenix on 12th October for the first BBL Cup match of the season. They will return to BBL Championship action with consecutive road games at Bristol Flyers (18th October) and Plymouth University Raiders (19th October).

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LOCAL SPORT

Top Northern Manager Joins Aycliffe F.C.



Newton Aycliffe FC pulled off a shock coup by appointing former West Auckland boss Peter Dixon as their new manager. The 46-year-old took over the reins at the Aux Audio Stadium after last weekend's derby defeat at home to Shildon.

Dixon twice guided West to Wembley in the FA Vase, but left the club in August.

Following Dixon to Aycliffe is his assistant manager Paul Foster, first team coach Gus Di Lella and coach Craig McRobie and at least four new signings are expected as Dixon begins his rebuilding work.

"We're hopeful we can get some decent results and start to get the fans back," said Dixon. Allan Oliver told me of the large crowds they've had before and it's faded away with poor results. The league position speaks volumes and Allan has asked me to come in and improve fortunes on the pitch. If we do improve things on the pitch it will attract more interest from supporters."

It was chairman Oliver who persuaded Peter to join the club, while Aycliffe's commercial and PR work off the field has put them in a sound position to meet Dixon's requirements.

"The whole set-up at Aycliffe is second-to-none. Everything is in place apart from the team on the pitch, so hopefully we can change that."

Dixon was a much sought-after manager after leaving West Auckland in August and apparently turned down offers from four other clubs before opting to head for Moore Lane Park.

Oliver said: "To say we're delighted would be an understatement. He'll leave no stone unturned to get results. It wasn't that long ago that West Auckland were saying he's the best manager they've ever had, and if he has half as much success with us as he did with West, we'd be over the moon". Oliver added: "We felt like the club has stagnated after a meteoric rise through the leagues, then we've hit a plateau, and for a season-and-a-half now we've gone very quiet."

"Given time, Peter will get a quality team together. It's about stabilising the club this season, consolidating and start winning games - and putting smiles back on faces again."

Woodham Academy in North East Trials



Competitive club swimmers from Woodham Sports Academy took part in the English Schools Swimming Association North East Trials recently. The event was held at Durham and hosted schools from the North East of England to compete in medley and freestyle relays. The squad included year 7 & 8 girls, and year 9 & 10 boys. Woodham always had a strong swimming tradition with excellent links to Sedgfield 75.

Working with the academy is Heather Brewster from 75. The event was a huge success for Woodham students Callum Cook, Ben Stephenson, Lyndon Hall and Flynn Leybourne who swam the 3rd fast time in the junior boys medley relay. The time posted will hopefully be enough to take them to National Finals in Crystal Palace London once all ESSA regional trials have been completed, as the best 16 times in the country compete.

This is another indication of the success of the Sports Academy, where there is now over 40 swimmers. Mr Clough Director of Woodham

Sport Academy said "the recent ESSA swimming gala indicated the strength of talent at Woodham Since the launch of the Academy school sport has grown immensely with 268 students involved. We have students who regularly compete at district, regional, national and international level; it is fantastic to work with extremely talented students".

This is just one of the exciting opportunities available to Woodham students. We feel very lucky to have a school pool in such good condition and utilise the facility to the full. All students in Key Stage 3 in Woodham have at least 1 unit of swimming throughout the year where they will focus on competitive swimming strokes, water confidence activities, lifesaving, personal survival and water polo.

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Great response to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire! Angela Corner said "I would like to thank everyone who has returned their questionnaire before 10th October 2014, those who provided their name and addresses will be entered into the prize draw and winners will be notified by 20th October". "Although the deadline for the prize draw has gone we still want to hear your views

so there is plenty of time to return your questionnaires. We can accept questionnaires returned by pre-paid envelope up until 3rd November; residents MUST use the drop off points listed below after this date". "We would welcome more responses from the younger age group as it will be those who will truly benefit from the plan, we are analysing responses from the age of 11 upwards so if you have a son/daughter/grandchild it would be great if you could encourage them to have their say". We have a number of

Questionnaire collection points to make it easier for people to get extra copies and also drop off completed questionnaires: Agnew Community Centre, Woodham Community Centre, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, The Library, The Pitstop Cafe Crossfit Gym, Oak Leaf Sports Complex, Oak Leaf Golf Club, Pioneering Care Centre, Council Offices and Newton Press. If you require any assistance with the form or have any other query contact Angela Corner on 300700 or email angela.corner@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Dear Newton News,
 In response to Darryl Pettit's letter, "Return of that Smell?", I wanted to make him aware that his views are not felt by everyone. Whilst the smell from the fields is certainly noticeable in many areas around Aycliffe, not everyone finds it "obscene" or "horrendous". Many of the townsfolk, including myself, particularly enjoy inhaling this odour. Please remember that smell, much like sight, sound, touch or taste is subjective, so whilst some people may describe it as foul or offensive, I actually very much enjoy this smell. This is why I think getting DCC involved is not in the interest of everyone. S. Jordinson Woodham

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WASPS Simpasture Residents' Meeting

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St Clare's Church **FEEL GOOD FILM SHOWS** will feature **"SAVING MR BANKS"** on Tuesday 14th October. The story of Disney's (Tom Hanks) fight to bring "Mary Poppins" to the screen, the long journey to overcome author P. L. Travers' (Emma Thompson) resistance and finally set Mary Poppins free. 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

Smiling Sky



Spotted this in the sky around 5.10pm Saturday, a very rare phenomenon, nicknamed a smile in the sky. Thought you might like it. Abbi Kelly

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Good Partnership with Parents at Greenfield

Parents of children at Greenfield are regularly asked to tell the school what we are doing well and how we can do better.

Last week it was the turn of year 7 students who gave their reasons for choosing Greenfield. The most popular reason was the reputation of the school in the community, followed by academic results. Another key factor was the past experiences enjoyed by their children at Greenfield including sports, arts, taster days etc.

Parents, who came along to talk to tutors at the Year 7 evening, were keen to share their comments about how well their children had settled in over the first four weeks. Strong communication between school and home was seen as a great strength; parents particularly like our system of live reporting.

Greenfield was also praised by parents for quality teaching to engage and stretch, "excellent exam results", building confidence and for being a "safe and caring school".

One parent, Mrs Simpson, said: "My child has blossomed already and feels safe, confident and comfortable in school which is all a parent can ask in the first few weeks of transition. The school staff

are fantastic, the support is amazing but the best thing so far is online reporting – I love it. The after school clubs are great too."

An excellent turn-out of parents for the evening enjoyed time with tutors, advice on 'live reporting', support for helping children at home and a fabulous display of year 7 work.

There are plenty of other ways for Greenfield parents to have their voice heard. Surveys are carried out at every parent evening and any suggestions are followed up. The Greenfield Parent Focus Group will hold their first meeting of the academic year on Monday October 13th at 6.00pm in Room 13 [Arts Centre]. The group meet once every half term to discuss new initiatives, proposed changes or just air views about school life and would love to see new members join the session.

Parents can also drop-in any Wednesday from 3.30 -6.00 to discuss any issues or concerns. No appointment necessary.

Mrs Stonehouse, Deputy Head Teacher, said "We are delighted that parents of year 7 feel that their children have got off to a flying start at Greenfield. They are a wonderful year group to work with, keen to ask questions and extend their learning. However we are

always seeking ways to improve and welcome comments from parents. We know that working

in partnership is crucial for a child to be happy, enjoy school and make progress."

Birthday Remembrance

Eddie Forster



10th October 1934

As I whisper happy birthday, the tears begin to flow. And just how much I miss you, no one will ever know. For life is not the same, and since the day we had to part, I've thought about you constantly and wished with all my heart that I could have you back again, if only for a day. To let you know you always meant far more than words can ever say. A million tears won't bring you back, I know that because I've cried, and neither will a million prayers, I know because I've tried. Will always miss you, lots of love from your loving Wife Dot and family

EDDIE FORSTER Snr. 10th October 1934. Dad and Grandad. It's the first birthday without you. It would have been your 80th today. You will always be in our thoughts and a day does not go by when we don't think of you and talk about you. All our love, Matthew and Maxine and your Granddaughter Abbie

COLIN WOODWARD 3rd October 1954. Our hearts still ache in sadness, our silent tears still flow. For what it means to love you, no one will ever know. Although you can't be here with us, we're truly not apart. Until the final breath we take, you'll be living in our heart. Dearest Dad, to hear your voice and see your smile, and just to sit and talk to you, would be our dearest wish today on this your birthday. Forever in our hearts Papa. Love, Tara, Rod, Lee, Rosie, Rebecca, Ashley, Leo, Ryan and Daisy xxxx

Lisa Jane Maddison (nee Gibson)



12th October 1973 to 23rd April 2014
Forever my soul mate. I know we will meet again. Happy birthday my beautiful. Love, Alan xxx

Mam (Lisa Maddison)



12th October 1973 to 23rd April 2014
So many memories Mam, come flooding back today. Of birthday celebrations before you went away. You may not be here with us, but the day means just as much. And I can feel your presence and the comfort of your touch. Miss you every day. Love, Ashleigh, Paddy, Bethany and Charlie xxxxx

Nana (Lisa Maddison)

Happy Birthday Nana
We wish you were here to kiss and cuddle. Miss you. Lots of love, from your Princess Paige xxxx

Thank You

MILLING - Marjorie, Julie and family of the late Bill Milling, wish to express their sincere thanks to Ward 44 of Darlington Memorial Hospital, also to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts, cards and flowers. A big thank you to James of Seaton Leng & Son Ltd for his kindness and understanding, also a big thank you to Reverend Chris Pearson, following our recent sudden bereavement.

BROWN Walter and Ann thank all family and friends who attended their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Navy Club on Saturday 4th October. Donations in lieu of presents amounted to £335 which will go to Breast Cancer UK

Lisa Jane Maddison 12th October 1973



Our beautiful Lisa, her first birthday away from home. Partying with the angels. Always loved, never forgotten. From Mam, Dad, all your Brothers and everyone who loved you xxxxx

Congratulations

Addison



Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad
Hope your day is as special as both of you are to us. Lots of love, Rachael, Gary, Neil, Jill. Big hugs from Granddaughter Ava xxxx PS: Happy Birthday Mam. Love from all of us xxx

In Memoriam

Avril Alderson

3rd October

Loving memories of a dear Sister, Sister-in-Law and Aunt.

Love from Neil, Ann and family

VALERIE DENHAM 8th October 1999. A wonderful Mum, who we all love and miss every day. Keith, Paul, Shirley, Connie and all the family xxx

LILY PEART 11th October. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Missed every day. From your loving family

PAULINE ANNE WATSON 14th October 2001. Another year passes by, since the day we said goodbye. A loving Wife, Mam and Nana. Joe and family xxx

PAUL GIBSON 9th October 2009. Still heavy in our hearts. Miss you every day. Love, Dad and your little Sis, Mandy xxx

Obituary

LAURENCE COLES On 1st October. Lawrence (Louie), aged 62 years. Much loved Partner of Dolly; loving Dad of Shawn, Gareth, Kimberley and Mark; Stepdad of Michelle, Darren, Angela, Leanne and David also a loving Grandad, Brother and Uncle. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St Marys R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 14th October at 12.00 noon. To be followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be made for Macmillan Nurses, plate provided in church.

Laurence Coles "Louie"

Loving Dad and Grandad. Forever in our hearts, always in our thoughts. Can't believe you have gone Dad, my life will never be the same without you here, I love and miss you so much. Rest in peace. Love from Gareth, Jo and Oliver. Xxxx

Remember to tell the advertiser you saw them in the Newton News

Dave Waddingham



Happy 80th Birthday to my wonderful Husband. Love you. From your darling Wife Dorothy (Mollie) and all the family

Peter & Ann Cook (nee Atherton)



Celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th October. Congratulations and love from family and friends

Marshall Thompson



Happy 21st Birthday Enjoy and have a good time in York. LUL, Nanna and Grandad xxxx

Joan Mortimer



Happy 70th Birthday Joan
Lots of love, Robert xxx
Happy Birthday Mam
Lots of love from Lisa, Martin, Ashley, Kyle, Karen, Kevin, Kayleigh and Jamie xxxx

Helen Mcsporrn



Look who is 40! Happy 40th Birthday 10th October 2014
Love from Sandy, Ben and Sam xxxxx

John Maull



Happy 70th Birthday You are the best. Love from Ruby, Nick, Steve and your special Niall xxxxx

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Mayor's Coffee Morning at Heighington

Dear Sir,
Readers of Newton News will have read my letter in last weekend's edition notifying everyone about the Murder Mystery evening complete with a scrumptious meal organised on my behalf to raise money for my two charities, Butterwick Hospice and The Phoenix

Recovery Centre, Catterick. It is very heartwarming to think that people in the village are continuing to support me as Mayor of Darlington and I extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone. I am also delighted to inform everyone that Heighington Village Hall Association are also giving their time and energies to support me as organising a Coffee Morning in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday 18th October at 10am to 12noon. Please come along to support this event. You will receive our normal village hospitality and be able to enjoy a morning of delicious tea/coffee and eating home made scones in our beautiful village hall which is set in the centre of our ancient village greens. As many people I meet ask questions about the Mayoral chains, I will be delighted to talk to anyone who is interested in them including children who are always fascinated. So please come along and bring your children to meet the Mayor. You are guaranteed an enjoyable and relaxing morning.

Cllr Gerald G. Lee
Mayor of Darlington

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P.A.C.T. Meeting Police And Community Together



A PACT Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 6pm at Woodham Community Centre, St Elizabeth's Close. Durham Constabulary are dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and what to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team then get involved in your local PACT meeting. Everyone is welcome. PCSO Amy Jorgeson 6849

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TEENAGER IN TEAM ENGLAND SQUAD

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Left to right: Jamie-Lee Hayman, Sophie Ward, Neil Hallimond, Stephen Johnson, Ben Shaw, Joshua Long, Kai Tompkin, Jack Howarth, Andrew Perez, Katie Bone.

over hundreds of applicants to be part of the Team England Squad of 175 players. It was a very proud moment for Jack and 10 of his team members from Chi Taekwondo, who were also successful.

After Jack became a black belt at the Woodham Club he started competitive fighting and trains six times a week, three of these sessions at Spennymoor. His

hard work and dedication to the sport has paid off.

The Taekwondo Commonwealth Games will be held in Edinburgh on 15th and 16th November 2014.

It is a world ranking competition, with players coming from 53 commonwealth countries. This will be a great experience for the 15 year old and hopefully the start of bigger things.

TENPIN BOWLERS WANTED FOR LEAGUE

The new Tenpin Bowling League season starts 14th October at PLANET LEISURE and requires four new bowlers as its a pairs league. This is to make ten teams as last season.

Anyone wanting to join the league should contact PLANET LEISURE asking for JOE or KEITH on 01325 310989 and leave your details.

williamtilley1946@btinternet.com



Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant at Woodham decided to raise money for charity with a skydive. From a customer's recommendation, the charity chosen was the Toma Fund Children's Cancer in the north-east of England. Bengal Lounge would like to thank all customers for their donations, the video of the skydive can be viewed on their website www.bengal-lounge.co.uk

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY Wednesday 5th November 2014

5.30pm - Kiddies Fairground
7.00pm - Beacon will be lit
7.15pm - Fireworks Display

This event is FREE, however those wishing to attend must apply for a wristband.

To be eligible for a wristband you must:

- Reside in Newton Aycliffe
- Supply proof of your address with a utility bill or driving licence

One person may apply for their families wristbands, please note limited number of wristbands are available.

You will be able to apply for your or your families wristbands by bringing the above documents to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on:

- Sunday 26th October, from 11.00am until 4.00pm
- Monday 27th October, from 3.00pm until 6.00pm
- Tuesday 28th October, from 10.00am until 1.00 pm
- Wednesday 29th October, from 6.00pm until 9.00pm
- Thursday 30th October, from 1.00pm until 4.00pm

Further information is available from Rachel Goddard, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. tel no. 01325 300600.

TOWN COUNCIL

FIREWORKS SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

Children of Great Aycliffe are invited to enter the Annual Fireworks Safety Poster Competition organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council. The Competition will be divided into the following age categories:

Pre-school/Nursery
Reception - Year 2 (ages 4 - 7)
Years 3 and 4 (ages 7 - 9)
Years 5 and 6 (ages 9 - 11)
Years 7 and above (ages 11+)

Any medium may be used in the creation of the poster, i.e. crayon, paint, felt tip, collage etc., and to a maximum size of A3. The theme of the poster should be fire and firework safety.

Please note that all entries must be received at the **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, no later than **5.00 pm on Monday 3rd November 2014** and should have written **clearly on the reverse** of the poster, the child's **name and home address if made at home, or, school name plus age and school year/class of the artist if made at school.**

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe will present gift vouchers to the value of £20.00, £15.00 and £10.00 (1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively) in each of the age categories at a presentation in the Function Room of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Saturday 22/11/14. Winners will be notified by post by Monday 10/11/14.