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Aycliffe Polo Players Win National Title

Sedgefield Water Polo club traveled to Manchester for the National Boys under 15 Championships.

The top 12 teams in Great Britain entered including big city clubs. Sedgefield played London Invicta in their first game who had defeated Sedgefield in the semi final last year. Sedgefield got their revenge in a 11-3 win, completely dominating from the start. Sedgefield then played Caledonia who included all the best players in Scotland.



The Scots started very strongly and led 3-1 at half time. After some changes and a pep talk from coach Richard Cousins Sedgefield dominated the second half winning the game 8-4. Sedgefield beat the South West

Champions Cheltenham 14-1 and their final group game was against South London Champions Sutton and Cheam who have won many National titles at all levels and who were one of the favourites. Sedgefield team's tremendous fitness and will to win showed winning the game 8-2. Sedgefield topped their group and were up against the runners up in the other group Watford in the semi final. Watford scored first but Sedgefield came back well and the score was 3-3 at half. Sedgefield scored two quick goals in the second half and with strong defence kept the two goal advantage to win the game 6-4

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SILENCE

TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2014

Please note that a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Tuesday, 11th November 2014 at 11.00 a.m. in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble outside of Boyes / Wilkinson's in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45 a.m. on the 11th.

A short service will be led by Revd. Christopher Pearson.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2014

PLEASE NOTE:

In order that the **Annual Remembrance Day Parade** can take place the following roads will be closed for short periods when the parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00 a.m. until approximately 12.30 p.m. for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

Sunday, 9th November 2014

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Commander Ed. McNaught, RD, RNR. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

Aycliffe Village Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 9th November 2014 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

School Donate to Food Bank Acorn Players Panto



After hearing about the vital work the Food Bank does in our local area, Sugar Hill Primary School decided it wanted to help. They pledged their support for the

month of October and each week the collection point bins grew fuller and fuller, with plenty of tins/packages and jars that the children and staff had donated.

Ernie Temple, the Food Bank Coordinator based at St. Clare's Church came along on the last day of term to say a big well done and thank you to everyone. He spoke to the children about where their food would be going and why. After several trips back to the centre, the food was weighed and Ernie was delighted to tell the school that a wonderful 158.39 kilos of food had been donated. Sugar Hill Primary prides itself on being active in the community and they deserve a big well done!

Aycliffe Business Owner Shortlisted for an Award

Laura Claughan owner and founder of Whurk Recruitment Newton Aycliffe has been shortlisted as a finalist in this year's North East Business Executive of the year awards. Claughan has 10 years' experience in the recruitment industry and now has a business that is 16 months old that she expects to see turning over £1m by the end of its second year.

Whurk is a noted organisation employing a team of seven staff who have already helped more than 200 people secure temporary and permanent work.

At 17 Laura joined a local recruitment business as an administrator in Newton Aycliffe, her talent was soon recognised and in 2013 she decided to create a business, with its home in the heart of the Business Park.

Laura comments "I'm delighted to have made the



shortlist of finalists, its very exciting. Getting WHURK to where it is today has been hard work but enjoyable all the same, I'm very proud of the business and my team who support me"

The winners will be announced at a glitzy awards ceremony on November 13 and we wish Laura well.

Aycliffe Swimmers Win National Title

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Sedgefield in their first National Final since 2006 were up against the favourites Sheffield who had the best players in Yorkshire. Sedgefield started very well and led 2-0 but Sheffield came back to draw level, however Sedgefield scored two quick goals to lead 4-2 at halftime. In the second half Sedgefield raced into a 6-2 lead but Sheffield reduced the score by two goals. Sedgefield pressed the Yorkshire team really hard and did not allow them near their goal to win the game 6-4. This was a wonderful triumph for the small club from County Durham who are the only team who play in a shallow pool at their home base of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre where the staff have always supported them in any way they can.

Richard Cousins coach and team manager John Stephenson refused to single out particular players on the day because it was a great team effort. Sedgefield were the fittest team in the competition and had a very tight defence. Richard Murray 14 the

goalkeeper made it very difficult for the opposition to score. Michael Cousins and Mathew Bottomley 14 marshalled the defence superbly. Most of the Sedgefield goals came from Kris Egginton 14, Ben Stephenson 13 and the leading scorer in the whole competition Connor Keeble 14 with 19 goals. Connor was invited into the GB under 15 squad after this performance, joining team mates Egginton, Bottomley and Cousins.

Sedgefield's younger players Michael Hampshire 12, Niall Coulthard 11, Elliot Edworthy 13, James Addison and James Moore 13 all contributed a great deal to this Sedgefield triumph.

The Sedgefield families, committee members and friends gave wonderful and very loud support on the day. Anyone who wants to play this fun, exciting and very tough sport and who like swimming a lot or are club swimmers aged from 6 years upwards can get more details from 07818554449.

The cast are busy rehearsing for their coming show "CINDERELLA." As most of you know from past productions this will be a great night out for young and old, with fantastic raffle prizes and this year is no exception with a great cast and dance troupe.

Dates of the show at Woodham Academy starting at 7.30pm: 20th, 21st, 22nd November. For Tickets please contact Brenda Laight on 311816. Prices £3.50 Adults £2.50 Child & Concessions. £10.00 Family Ticket.

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Announcement of UK Design Office for Aycliffe

Last Thursday Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd. celebrated the completion of the building envelope of its Vehicle Manufacturing Facility in Newton Aycliffe. This was a significant milestone in the £82 million development, which started in November 2013 and is expected to be completed by mid-2015. Work can now concentrate on the interior fit-out.

The ceremony was hosted by Keith Jordan, Managing Director of Hitachi Rail Europe, Michael Chicken CEO of Merchant Place Developments, and Mark Perkins, CEO of Shepherd.

During the event, Keith Jordan announced that Hitachi had also decided to establish its UK Design Office at Aycliffe. The Office will initially comprise of 12 staff with four Design Engineers and other of roles now being advertised on the Hitachi website.

The team will be tasked with interior design work for the AT200 trains, including those destined for the ScotRail franchise. Currently, the Design Engineers work from an office facility in Newton Aycliffe.

Rail Minister Claire Perry MP said: "We are investing record amounts in our railways over the next five years as part of a long-term economic plan, including the delivery of 122 Intercity Express trains to run on the Great Western and East Coast main line routes.

The new trains will be assembled



Mayor Wendy Hillary and Consort Jed with MP Phil Wilson (Centre)



at the state-of-the-art factory in Newton Aycliffe and will play a key part in transforming travel for thousands of passengers on some of our busiest rail lines. The new factory will benefit the North East's economy for years to come, creating hundreds of jobs and apprenticeships and showcasing the fusion of British and Japanese engineering

excellence. It is great to see railway industry jobs returning to the North East, home of the Stockton-Darlington line where Britain's railway journey began."

Keith Jordan, Managing Director of Hitachi Rail Europe, said: "Today's topping out ceremony signifies a milestone in the construction of our Vehicle Manufacturing Facility in Newton Aycliffe. This is no longer just a concept - everybody can see for themselves the sheer scale of the site that will act as the hub for our rail manufacturing work in the UK and across Europe. With the establishment of our Design Division, we further enhance professional opportunities and our commitment here in Newton Aycliffe and the North East of England. This will be our UK and European rail centre, where we design and build trains for Great Britain and the rest of Europe.

"I would like to thank Merchant Place Developments, Shepherd Construction, Network Rail and the many suppliers for all the hard work they've put in over the last year to reach this stage, and am now looking forward to the final completion in 2015."

Guests were invited inside the facility and given an overview of the magnificent progress made so far in the construction process. Each of the hosts of the event was then presented with a ceremonial trowel to mark the occasion.

Once completed, the facility will serve as Hitachi Rail's facility for train manufacturing and

County Council and the people of Newton Aycliffe for their continuing support throughout.

"We must also take this opportunity to thank our investors in our sister company Merchant Place Corporate Finance, who have stuck with us on the Merchant Park Development and the Hitachi project since 2007.

"Looking to the future, Merchant Park is benefitting from the upturn in the economy and what is becoming known as 'the Hitachi effect' for both Newton Aycliffe and Merchant Park for which we thank Hitachi Rail Europe. We have already received a number of new significant manufacturing requirements and we are pleased that we have been able to secure Aycliffe's place on a number of shortlists. We now need to make this happen and secure more jobs for the Region.

"We intend to continue to invest in Newton Aycliffe as we are confident that this is a new era for County Durham. To this end we are expecting to make some exciting announcements in the next few weeks, regarding further development in the area, which we envisage will create up to a further 4,500 job opportunities in addition to those within Merchant Park, where you are today. "I would like to wish Hitachi well for the future and thank them for their confidence in investing in Merchant Park and Newton Aycliffe and for providing this catalyst to the future manufacturing in County Durham."

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Here at Greenfield Arts we were one of a range of venues across County Durham, hosting two performances for our local young people "Alice" and "Angel." Pupils from local primary schools, as well as students in Year 7 and

8 at Greenfield Community College, had the opportunity to see these two fantastic and thought provoking shows. These two shows are just part of a programme of live performances we have programmed here at Greenfield Arts over the next year, following the recent successes of "The Worst Princess" and "Hewin' Goals." We look forward to the great shows we have coming up soon! For more information please visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Lord Digby Returns to Ebac School with a Heart



Lord Digby Jones with Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac

The Ebac Group will mark the official opening of its new factory and the launch of its Norfrost chest freezer range with a special event, featuring former CBI Director General Lord Digby Jones and a debate on the future of manufacturing.

As well as taking part in a ceremony to launch the factory and the Norfrost by Ebac range, Lord Jones will take part in the special debate, in front of an audience of business figures. Alongside Lord Jones and Ebac Managing Director Pamela Petty, the debate will feature the new North East regional director for the EEF – The Manufacturers' Organisation, Liz Mayes, and Dr Jon Helliwell, director of the Centre for Process Innovation, and will be chaired by Graham Robb, North East Chairman of the Institute of Directors.

Ebac bought the Norfrost brand and equipment in 2013, and has set up the new factory, on Heighington Lane, Aycliffe Business Park, to breathe new life into the popular brand. The freezers are already available to buy through Argos and Amazon.

Lord Jones will be returning to Ebac for the first time since filming BBC2's The New Troubleshooter, when he worked with Ebac to establish the new line.

The team's firm belief that the brand's popularity made it a strong product to re-launch was backed up by the high volumes of positive online reviews of the products and other research it had conducted. Additionally, hand-written letters of support from members of the public have been sent to the County Durham firm since the TV appearance, while business people from across

the country have also flooded the company with messages backing the project.

Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac, said: "The event will mark a major milestone in the Ebac Group, as well as in UK manufacturing, with the return to production of a very popular brand of appliance. These are very exciting times for Ebac and it is fantastic that Digby has chosen to come back and help us to celebrate."

"With the return of domestically manufactured chest freezers to the UK and our washing machine

production facility set to be up and running soon, we feel it is a very interesting time to have the debate on the future of manufacturing. Here in the UK, we need to be making more things, whether that is high tech or low tech, high volume goods, but it will be interesting to hear what the rest of the panel think."

By combining all of the features which continue to make Norfrost a much-loved brand with Ebac's eye for quality products which last, the company is confident of a successful future, but continues to listen to the public.

Children at Stephenson Way Community Primary School have recently taken part in the national charity event 'BAG IT. BEAT IT' for the British Heart Foundation. Families were invited to fill sacks with any unwanted items from home and bring them into school to be collected by the charity.

Their 100+ sacks contained CDs, Toys, Books, DVDs, Stationery and a host of other unwanted items. Since their collection, the British Heart Foundation have sent through a number of red

satin heart badges as way of thanking the efforts of all those who took part at the school.

All donations will go towards funding life-saving heart research and the pupils at Stephenson Way are very proud of the contribution they have made. A Year 5 pupil at the school commented 'It's nice to think that the toys I don't want any more can help some poorly children to feel better'. Currently the grand total nationally for sacks collected stands at 1,168,474.



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Christmas Day Lunch for the Lonely and People in Need

Last Christmas, Aycliffe charity "Helping Hands" held their first Christmas Day Lunch, for people who found themselves alone or in need at Christmas time, and it was a brilliant day to remember! Guests received a four-course meal, a personalised card and present, and a fun afternoon of Christmas Carols, quizzes and games following their meal. It was such a success the team were determined to repeat the event this year, but they were in need of a venue - enter Woodham Golf and Country Club, and their food & beverage Managers John & Mandy. Hearing of the need for a venue, they offered to host the lunch in the lounge overlooking the scenic golf course. Mandy said "Christmas can be a lonely time, so we thought this was a brilliant way to help people in our own community. We are often too busy to recognise there are people in need". John added "Although we had people approach us about doing various events on Christmas Day, when we heard Helping Hands were looking for a venue to host their dinner, we decided to set aside the dining room for them." Helping Hands are so grateful and said "We always want to give the best and this is the best venue we could have dreamed or hoped for. We could have cried tears of joy because we know the huge

impact its going to have on our special guests on Christmas Day". The planning and preparation for this year's Christmas Day Lunch is well underway and promises to be a fantastic event with entertainment, Christmas Carols, great food and amazing company. If you would benefit from a place at the table, or know someone who would, please contact: lifeline.action@googlemail.com / Telephone or text 07936 431262. How can you help us make this Christmas Day even better than last year? Events like this don't happen without lots of work behind the scenes, and Helping Hands want to invite you play your part in making this event a success, and giving our special guests a Christmas Day like no other. **MAKE A PLEDGE:** Could you make a pledge, however small or large, to help make this event the best it can be? Every penny will be spent on the day. We are looking for individuals and companies who could give food, a Chef, decorations, transport, and money. If you can help with any of these things, or think you have something else to offer towards the day, please get in touch. **GIVE YOUR TIME:** We need volunteers to add to our dedicated team to help with a wide range of things on the day of the dinner. Tasks



Mandy, Woodham Golf Club

include: Greeting guests at the door, Preparing the tasty dinner!, Washing up, Waiters and Waitresses, Entertainer, Cleaning duties, Picking up and dropping off our guests. You don't need experience for the general volunteer role, just the willingness and ability to 'muck in' and assist where necessary. The minimum age for volunteers is 16, but 16 and 17 year-olds must be accompanied by an adult. There is no upper age limit. **GET IN TOUCH -** For all enquiries or to find out more, contact: lifeline.action@googlemail.com / Telephone or text 07936 visit our web page <http://lifelinecommunityaction.co.uk>

JUNIOR CLUB AT AGNEW

PK Allstars returns to the Agnew Community Centre this Saturday 8th November. PK Allstars provides a safe environment where children can enjoy a fantastic programme that runs from 10.30-12 noon and includes games, craft, tuck shop and much much more! Entry is only £1 and your first visit is free. Children who are junior school age (year 3-6) are very welcome!

POD SHOULD BE INDOORS

Dear Editor, I totally agree with the letters in the Newton News week ending 31st October about the Timpson's pod. What a silly place to put it. The last thing they need to do is use up much needed parking spaces. I disagree that disabled spaces should be used, for if you have a health or disablement problem you really need to park as close to the shop as possible. I personally believe the pod would have been better placed inside the shop, that way it would have brought more people into the shop to get their keys cut etc. I am sure they could find a space some where, as I think they have wasted a lot of space both upstairs and down with all the household goods Tesco have put in. Helen Cox.

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Flower Demo

At the Open Meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club at 7.30pm on Monday 24th November at Shildon Civic Hall, National Demonstrator, Tom Hodge from Southport, will present an evening of entertaining Flower Arranging under the fascinating title 'Boom Boom Bos'. Members £5, Visitors £8 Contact Terry Hall (01388) 763430 for tickets

Film Show

St Clare's Church FEEL GOOD FILM SHOWS will feature Rogers and Hammerstein's 1955 musical masterpiece "OKLAHOMA" on Tuesday 11th November. Starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones, Rod Steiger and Gloria Grahame, the film is set in the Oklahoma Territory in the 1900's. It combines tender romance, violent passion, comedy and a timeless score with unforgettable songs like "Oh, what a beautiful morning", "Surrey with the fringe on top", "People will say we're in love", "Oklahoma" and many more. You really have to feel better when you've experienced this film. 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

Hallowe'en Colouring Competition Winners



Staff at the Wilko Store, Newton Aycliffe, organised a Halloween colouring competition for the half term holidays. The hair-raising Halloween event was very popular with our young customers and there was a great response and a hint of competitiveness between the children who entered. Selima Lee, store manager said: "It was great to see the kids coming in to the store very proud of their

masterpieces, the colouring competition was such a success. The team enjoy putting on events to involve our local community". Well done to the winners of the three categories: 2-4 years age group - Riley; 5-7 years - Evie; 8-10 years - Ellie (for the second year running). The winners visited the store on Monday 3/11/14 to collect their prizes of a £10.00 Wilko voucher and Halloween goodies. All participants can come down to the store to collect their consolation prizes for entering the competition. Good luck for next time. Team members at the Wilko store, Newton Aycliffe, are supporting their regional charity of the year, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Help Plant Bulbs in West Park

The local community is being encouraged to come along to West Park (Boating Lakes) on Saturday 8th November between 10am and 12 noon to help plant crocus bulbs which will provide a much needed colourful boost to the park in spring next year. Participants should meet in the car park near McColls shop and dress in old clothing and suitable footwear. For more information please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700. Steve Cooper Environment Officer

Rotary Club Dictionary Gift



The final dictionary presentation to Year 6 students in Aycliffe and Heighington took place at Stephenson Way Community Primary School on Tuesday 4th November. Photographed with the children is Head Teacher Mr. T. Cassap, left and Rotarian Angela Stevenson, right.

BRING COLOUR TO YOUR LIFE - FREE

Colour Your Life free creative and learning courses are now underway at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

PCP use professional, experienced tutors who deliver artistic and informal learning activities whilst providing opportunities for friendship in a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment. Beat the Winter Blues starts Wednesday 12th November 10am-12noon. The course includes 5 weeks planning and preparing for a stress free Christmas, covering money management, avoiding family arguments and sharing the workload. The course continues from 7th January and will include motivational and mood boosting tips and advice on how you can make real and meaningful changes to your life in the New Year. Christmas Crafty Creations

starts Monday 17th November 1-4pm for 4 weeks. Learn how to make a variety of Christmas crafts including decorations, cards, gift boxes, tags and personal gifts. Art Journals starts Tuesday 18th November 10am-12noon for 10 weeks. Combine art with words to express yourself. You don't need to have any art skills; you will learn step by step how to create beautiful journals.

Coming soon in January 2015: Gemstone & Colour Therapy, Intro to Holistic Therapies and Pottery Making. Check online for updates colouryourlife.org.uk Colour your Life is a social prescribing service funded by Durham County Council Public Health. 'Social prescribing' is a health service term for the linking of people with non-medical sources of support from within the community.

The service is open to referrals from GP's, mental health services, health and care professions, third sector/ community organisations, statutory agencies and self-referrals. Please get in touch to

find out more. To register an interest in any of the Colour Your Life courses, please get in touch with the Colour Your Life team at PCP on 01325 321234 email: colouryourlife@pcp.uk.net

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Please contact Mrs Susan Mouyiassi on 01325 300378 or email susan.mouyiassi@greenfieldschool.net for further information and an application pack.

Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

Greenfield Community College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of sex, race, marital status or disability

The school is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and require all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to satisfactory DBS clearance.

Closing Date: 12 noon Friday 14th November 2014
All appointments are subject to medical clearance

Your place of work will be Greenfield Community College. The school is part of the Aycliffe and Shildon Schools Education Trust (ASSET) and you may be required to work in any of the school sites within the Trust.

Disney Event at St. Clare's

St Clare's Church Hall will be the venue for a BIT OF A DISNEY DO on Saturday 22nd November at 6pm. A FUN event for ALL AGES who love the MAGIC OF DISNEY. We'll start off by watching the timeless Disney animated classic BAMBI. When we've finished laughing and crying through that, and everyone laughs and cries with Bambi, there'll be a Pie-n-Peas meal (or vegetarian alternative) with home-made pie. Then the DISNEY FUN QUIZ with PRIZES for the WINNERS. All this is just £3 for adults, £2 for children. No matter what your age, if you're young at heart you'll enjoy this event; and if you aren't young at heart? Well come anyway and we'll take years off you. The important thing is that we need to know numbers in plenty of time and numbers are limited, so please ring Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755 to book tickets. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US, and it might just be the best value entertainment you've had in a while.

Recruits for Town's Air Cadet Corps

1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets officially enrolled six new cadets in to the squadron. Our Junior Cadets looked very smart during the short ceremony, watched by their proud parents. They can now look forward to a huge range of adventurous activities.

Some of our new recruits were among a group of cadets who recently completed a HeartStart course. This BHF emergency first aid course teaches them how to deal with an unconscious casualty and perform CPR; skills which might one day prove very worthwhile.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND FAMILY DAY

PCP's annual Christmas Craft Fair is taking place on Saturday 29 November 10am-2pm in the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

This craft fair has something for everyone; enjoy a relaxed Christmas shopping experience and take part in family activities such as decorating your own Christmas biscuits. Explore the stalls selling jewellery, decorations, handmade toys, delicious homemade foods and find unique Christmas gifts for family, friends and loved ones.

Father Christmas will be visiting on his sleigh and popping in for free health check and a welcome hot drink in the Mall Coffee Shop.

PCP are looking for a group of adults or school children to sing carols at the event. If anyone would like to take this opportunity to perform at the Christmas Fair please get in touch as soon as possible.

For further information tel: 321234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Aycliffe Village News

BREAKFAST CLUB: Come along with your friends to the next breakfast club on Saturday, November 8th, 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: The next committee meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association is on Monday, November 10th, at 8pm in the village hall. All are welcome.

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.

BINGO: There is bingo at the village hall on Wednesday, November 12th, and Wednesday, November 26th, at 7.30pm; all are welcome.

NEEDLE AND THREAD GROUP: A needle and thread group takes place at the village hall on Tuesday, November 18th, from 7-9pm. Anyone with a sewing project, such as patchwork, Christmas decorations, knitting, crochet or rag rugging is welcome to go along. This new group will be taking place every fortnight. For more details, call Tricia Johnson on 01325 314735.

WI MEETING: The next meeting of Aycliffe Village

WI is on Wednesday, November 19th, at the village hall at 7.30pm when Jill Swift will give a talk on Jewellicious. The challenge is for a Decorated Jewelled Biscuit. For more details, call Sue Hindle on 07775 680804.

CRAFT FAIR: Handcrafted gifts will be on sale at the Christmas craft fair to be held at the village hall on Saturday, November 22nd, from 10am to 2pm. Refreshments will be available. For a table or more information, call Sue Hindle on 07775 680804.

FILM NIGHT: There is a fun film night for families at the village hall on Saturday, November 22nd, starting at 6pm when Frozen (PG) will be shown. Fancy dress is encouraged and there will be a catwalk opportunity for participants, as well as a some party games for everyone. To be extra comfy, it is suggested that you take a cushion or a bean bag. There will be a tuck shop and pizza available. The cost is £3 per person

Healthwatch Invite You to First A.G.M.

The first Annual Meeting of Healthwatch County Durham takes place on Wednesday 12 November, from 4pm to 6pm, at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. Healthwatch is the consumer champion for patients and users of health and social care services throughout County Durham. Its remit is to be the 'voice of consumers' and to help improve health and social care services by gathering people's views and then using the collective view to influence the organisations who provide the services.

Judith Mashiter, Joint Chairperson of Healthwatch County Durham, said, "Whether it's a GP practice or a hospital out-patients department, a dentist, optician or pharmacist or social care service provider in a residential setting or at home, if people have views on what they would like to see improved – or indeed if they want to sing the praises of those who've served them well – we'd like to hear from them."

Healthwatch organises many events for the purpose of listening to the views of people who use health and social care services. Healthwatch staff can also 'signpost' people around what is for many people, a complex system. "Our Information and Signposting staff can help people find the right service for them so that they get the best care they can," said Judith Mashiter. "We can also help people who are thinking that they'd like to make a complaint, or raise a grumble, but who don't know where to start."

The Annual Meeting will be an opportunity for members of the public as well as service providers, health and social care commissioners and representatives from the voluntary and community sector to find out more about the work of Healthwatch County Durham, and to hear about its successes since it was formed in April 2013.

Judith added, "We'll also be inviting anyone interested in being actively involved to talk to a member of staff or a board member and possibly sign up to becoming a Healthwatcher in their local community." Refreshments will be served at 4pm, so booking is appreciated – please call 01325 375960; however anyone who just turns up on will be made most welcome.

(NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (PROHIBITION & RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PROHIBITION OF STOPPING & PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY) ORDER 2012 (AMENDMENT No. 1) ORDER 2014

The Council on 30.10.12 made an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Sch. 9 to the Rd. Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA 1984"), as amended, which comes into effect on 10.11.14 and implements: (A) **Ketton Way** (opposite Quality System Services) – removal of 12m of restricted waiting; (B) **Durham Way North** (opposite Steel and Alloy Processing) – introduction of 37m of restricted parking bay (7am-6pm 2hrs no return within 2hrs); (C) **Greenwell Road** (adjacent Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre) – introduction of a 25m restricted bay (Loading Only Mon-Sat, 8am-6pm); (D) **Macmillan Road around the Stephenson Way & Greenwell Road junctions** – introduction of no waiting at any time; (E) **Stephenson Way** (between Nos 6 & 20) – removal of 46m of restricted waiting; (F) **Greenwell Road** (adjacent Homeplan) – amending the Loading Only Bay to Loading Only Mon-Sat 8am-6pm; and (G) **Simpasture Gate** (incorporating Moule Close and Simpasture House junctions) – extended the existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions. All other restrictions in this locality are to remain unchanged.

Full details are contained in the sealed Order, a copy of which may be inspected at the Council's offices at County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri 9am-4pm; via the Council website & also at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the RTRA 1984, as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with may, within six weeks from 07.11.14, apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 7 November 2014



Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
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A Newtonian's Poem for Remembrance Sunday

Sue Cutler sent in this poem, remembering her late Grandfather, Mervyn Patrick Blackwell, as "A true gentleman and Newtonian whom we miss every day. He wrote this poem and we read it to our children, and feel honoured to represent our Granda on Remembrance Sunday at St Clare's Church where he once stood - a proud ex Sergeant in the RAF."



THE OLD MAN'S TALE

*The young boy put aside his toys, and looked up from the floor,
'I saw you marching Grandad, but what are all those poppies for?'
The old man looked down at his grandson,
'Come sit here on my knee,
I will tell you about the poppy, and what it means to me.
In that 'Great War' now many years ago
In Flanders fields each summer, the poppy would always grow
To the soldiers it became a symbol,
that peace would come somehow
And man would put aside the sword and change it for the plough.
So I wear it for those millions who died to keep us free
At Paschendale, Mons, Ypres, The Somme and at Galipoli.
For when I was young just everyone wore a poppy in November
And with heads bowed, we all vowed, always to remember
I little thought as I looked round at the boys in my school form
That ere the poppy had bloomed many times, we'd wear the uniform
So I wear it for my schoolmates, and I wear it with pride,
To help the blind, the injured, and to remember my pals who died.
Grandson, you're young, you saw the policeman on his horse
The soldiers and the band
Old Desert Rats saw young faces aged by burning sand,
And as the martial music, caused blood to surge thro' veins,
They were back in Benghazi, Tobruk and El Alamein.
Others recalled old comrades, to us, of course, unseen.
Men of the 14th Army dressed in jungle green,
Some remembered the atrocities to the prisoners of war
On the Burma railways, at Changi, and Singapore.
Each man had his own thoughts, as he marched on that parade.
The convoys, 'U' boats, the nightly bomber raids,
Cassino, 'A Bridge too Far', the beaches of Normandy
Back to where the poppies grow, the final victory.
Younger men recalled comrades of a more recent year
Cyprus, Aden, Malaya, and, of course, Korea.
Heads turned in salute at the final Grand March Past
To salute men of the Falklands, the Gulf and Belfast.'
The old man stopped. 'I talk too much'
Come, put away your toys.'*

*His voice was rough, his face was sad, and tears were in his eye
And as he placed his Grandson, down upon the floor,
He whispered, 'May you go through life and never know of war.'*

Mervyn Patrick Blackwell

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M.P. PHIL DROPS IN AT BHF SHOP

Our MP Phil Wilson visited the British Heart Foundation (BHF) shop and met the team on Friday 24th October. Every penny of profit raised in the BHF shop funds vital, life-saving research into heart disease.

Phil Wilson met the shop staff and volunteers and spent a few hours in the Newton Aycliffe BHF shop to learn more about what the BHF is doing in the local community. The shop is always looking for volunteers and stock donations, just pop in to find out more or drop

your unwanted items off.

Phil said: "It was great to pop in and meet the dedicated members of staff and volunteers that work at the Newton Aycliffe BHF shop. The BHF is such a fantastic cause and the work they do is vital in the fight against heart disease."

"I'd urge locals to have a root around and donate any unwanted items to the shop or give the gift of time by volunteering."

Martin Newton, Area Manager for Newton Aycliffe said:



"We're really grateful to Phil Wilson for visiting our shop and meeting the team. We're always looking for stock donations, which are absolutely essential to the success of the charity, and play a vital part in fighting coronary heart disease - the UK's single biggest killer."

"We're also always looking for more volunteers, so even if you can only spare an hour, pop in

to find out more information." The Newton Aycliffe BHF shop is always looking for unwanted items such as clothes, shoes, accessories, books, DVDs etc. 100% of the profits raised from donations helps the BHF fight against heart disease and fund life-saving research. The shop offers a free collection service, just call 0800 915 3000 to book.

Pre-loved Baby & Children's Items Sale

Local mortgage and insurance adviser, Sarah Travis, is organising a Pre-loved Baby and Children's Items Sale on Saturday 29th November 11am - 2pm at St Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe.

Items for sale will include clothing, toys, equipment and maternity items. Coffee and cakes will be on sale as part of the Church

Coffee Morning. Sellers can book a table for £8 and by contacting Sarah on 07843 038230 or via email sarahtravis22@hotmail.co.uk.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards the church's roof fund. "I thought it would be a great time for people to have a pre-christmas clear out whilst allowing others to grab a bargain."

I know many mums who have lofts full of great quality items, most of which has been barely used so having a sale like this can benefit everyone and doing it at the church helps them raise funds for the much needed roof repairs".

Agnew Centre Becomes H.Q. for GACAP

Last week saw the first meeting of the Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership at the Agnew Community Centre where they will now be permanently based.

We will work together to achieve our aim of building an extension to provide another foodbank for Aycliffe, with a distribution point and hub for the welfare of disadvantaged people.

Last Thursday we held a Management/Trustee's meeting and welcomed Joan Clark aboard as a new Trustee. We are delighted to have Joan with us, who has the much needed skills to do Marketing & PR for the Agnew Centre and the community it serves.

This along with her people skills will enable us to grow as a Community Organisation and Joan has already brought a much needed project for this Town which she will announce later. Joan is also Secretary of GACAP we feel we have added an important appointment to our team. Ron Michie Secretary, 07749 236853

Vulnerable Residents Protected Against Council Tax Increase

Residents in County Durham who receive support to help them pay their council tax will continue to be protected for a further year.

Durham County Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme was introduced in April 2013 following the abolition of the national council tax benefit system.

The scheme was introduced to help those affected by the changes and Durham County Council is one of only two authorities in the North East to maintain support at the same level as it was before councils were asked to introduce their own schemes.

At a meeting yesterday (Oct 29) members of Durham County Council agreed to extend the same level of support to cover 2015/16, meaning around 34,000 working age households - 10,000 of which are people in low-paid employment - will not face increased council tax bills.

Cllr Alan Napier, deputy leader and Cabinet member for finance at Durham County Council, said: "We believe that the continued support given to these vulnerable households is essential as they cope with the impacts of the Government's welfare reform agenda."

"This decision means that those people who are struggling will not face the added burden of additional council tax payments."

Hallowe'en Wedding



Hayley Scott and Trevor Wright were married on 31st October at Darlington Registry Office, turning up in an old United Bus. Trevor is a Quality Engineer working for Mitre Plastics. Hayley is a Carer at Bowes Court Care Home.

The Maid of Honour was Georgina Scott and the Bridesmaid Deborah Oxley. There were two Best Men: Lee Wright and Lewis Scott with Usher Adam Wright.

The Reception was held at Moore Lane Sports Club and afterwards the couple left for their honeymoon in the Sheffield area. They returned to begin their married life together in Morton Walk, Newton Aycliffe.



Christmas Crafty Creations & Carol Singing

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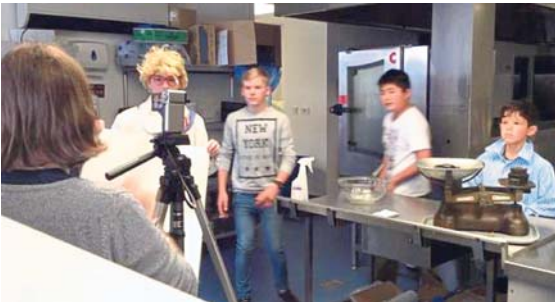
Scout Centre to be Invaded



Acle Early Medieval Re-enactment Group are holding combat training and craft skills at the Scout Hut in Newton Aycliffe on the 15th November 2014 from 1pm. This is an open event for anyone who is interested in coming along to meet group members, have a go at the craft and combat training and learn about re-enactment.

Acle won first place at Threkingham Living History competition in May 2014, and as a group demonstrates aspects of living history and combat as part of The Vikings Society. Further details are available on our website: aclesaxons.weebly.com.

Amazing Half Term Activities at Greenfield



We had a great week last week at Greenfield Arts for October Half Term. Art Club, Messy Play and our Art session for The Big Draw were a great success, with much messy and creative fun had by all! Families created delicious seasonal food with Season to Taste, and spent Halloween watching a scary film on our Room 13.

A highlight of the week saw some of Greenfield's STEM club return to the "Curiosity" Project which recently won the Engaging Young People Award at the National Engage Awards in London. Part of their prize for the fantastic performance of "What If...?" was some additional funding to expand and continue the project.

The young people involved decided to create a short film and animation, continuing the theme of curiosity. On Friday during half term the young people were joined by film maker Sheryl Jenkins and staff from Durham University to create the film, which will be showcased at a national conference in December and on the Greenfield Arts Vimeo page (www.vimeo.com/GreenfieldArts).

After this great week we are now planning our Christmas activities for families and young people – keep an eye on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk for the programme when its ready!

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Alltoment owner Eddie Leadbitter of Aycliffe Village has a large number of strawberry plants which he has given to his granddaughters to sell for the Poppy Appeal. Sophie, Katie and Leah will be open for business at 9.30am on Saturday 8th November at 13 Pease Way.

Why not pop along to buy a strawberry plant and support a good cause?



DAYLIGHT LIGHTING

Dear Sir,
Heading towards Alverton Drive from Burn Lane after sunset it is immediately apparent how Durham County Council intends to save money on street lighting. A whole bank of lights are unlit during the hours of darkness between Temple Way and Alverton Drive, and have been for some time. This results in creating a dangerous area to walk during the hours of darkness.

Imagine my surprise when driving past this morning (after sunrise) to see the lights were illuminated, wasting energy and money during daylight hours, or is this the new money saving ploy, to use solar powered lighting that only works during daylight hours? Or is it that the sensors are incorrectly set and no one noticed or checks the lighting for defects. Comments please. Name and address provided

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STILL CONFUSION OVER GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plan Officer Angela Corner would like to provide some clarification about the Plan to ensure residents understand what it can achieve.

It is a PLANNING document which contains policies for land and business use for the next 20 years. For example: if we write a planning policy about allocating a certain piece of land for a Community Building. The plan DOES NOT make that development happen, however it DOES make it an attractive option for developers to build here as the planning rules for that site have already been set.

The Neighbourhood Plan sits under the Durham County Council Plan. The Durham County Plan has been going through consultation since 2009. The County Plan is in its very final stages before adoption. The County Plan has allocated land for nearly 2000 homes in the Great Aycliffe area. Legally, the Neighbourhood Plan can NOT say no to development, however, the plan CAN have a say about the type of housing you require which is why housing questions need to be asked as part of the town wide questionnaire. Where housing land hasn't

been allocated by the County, for example on our green open spaces, the plan can contain planning policies which will protect those spaces for recreational spaces, for example 75% of questionnaires have been analysed so far and protection of green spaces is emerging as one of the priorities for the plan. Finally; the plan must legally be community led and backed by evidence. The town wide questionnaire is the first round of consultation and is where the plan begins. The vision for the plan is yours, the objectives for the plan are yours, the steering group and working groups are the people who endeavour to turn your vision and objectives into planning policies to help them to be achieved. The final plan will be checked by an independent examiner, if there is not a clear thread from consultation to vision, to objectives and finally planning policies then this plan will NOT be valid. For further clarification ring Angela Corner 300700 or email angela.corner@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

AYCLIFFE'S WILKO RAISE SPOOKTACULAR TOTAL FOR MACMILLAN CHARITY

Staff at the Wilko store got their ghouls on this Halloween to raise money for their regional charity of the year, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Award Winners Special Winter Offer for Aycliffe



Aycliffe garage, Gregg Little Testing Centre won 'Service Business of the Year Award' at the recent Aycliffe Business Park Awards and to say thank you, they are offering a fantastic Service Offer for the rest of 2014, perfect timing for winter.

Emma Little, Business Development Manager says "We are so proud to win this award, we work hard on providing the very best service for our customers, we listen to them, and try to deliver what they need. I think its all the 'little' extras that we provide that make such a difference for people, like free collection and delivery service or our FREE courtesy cars, and of course everybody loves getting their car back after our FREE mini valet.

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"It shocked me to read in a study this week by Tyresafe.org that over a third of part worn tyres sold are actually illegal, a worrying thought for those using them and other drivers on the road this winter, its such a false economy when you can buy a new tyre for as little as £35 fitted."

We believe that every great business is built on friendship, and after 30 years building the business and supporting the local community here in Newton Aycliffe, working with the local schools and recently sponsoring NAFC, we would just like to say huge thanks to all our friends that are our customers who have supported us.

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On Friday 31st October, customers and children were invited to come down and enjoy a charity bake sale of spell-bound treats, conjured up by the spookily dressed team members of Newton Aycliffe.

Selima Lee, store manager of Newton Aycliffe, said: "Our Halloween fundraiser is set to show customers that where there's a Wilko, there's a way to get their spines tingling – and it's the perfect opportunity to stock up on ghoulish goodies too. "The whole team is really excited to get baking and 'thrill' customers with their spooky costumes! We just hope people are brave enough to venture to the store to see what's going on!"

Sharon Cottam, partnership manager at Macmillan Cancer Support, said: "We're really grateful for the team in Newton Aycliffe for arranging this fang-tastic fundraiser for our charity. The money raised will help Macmillan to support people with cancer and their families in the local area and beyond, ensuring they don't have to face cancer alone."

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Air Ambulance at Accident on A167



On Monday this week the Great North Air Ambulance Service was called to assist North East Ambulance Service with a serious road traffic accident on the A167 between Chilton and Ferryhill. The Doctor led team assessed two patients before transporting a 57 year old female patient with severe injuries to James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough.

ACORN MEETING

Residents community group ACORN Residents Association, recently returned from an amazing trip to Blackpool which was enjoyed by all, threw a great Halloween Party at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Friday 31st October. Excited children tucked into snacks and were entertained by the irrepressible piper of mirth Professor Nincompoop using the topical alias of Doctor Funkinstein. Magic, fun and dance was the order of the evening for kids and adults alike. ACORN volunteers and members pulled out all the stops to ensure the children had a wonderful time.

On Thursday 13th November ACORN will be holding their monthly meeting at the Royal British Legion Club commencing with a meeting of the little ACORNS at 5.30pm who will feedback on recent events and trips. At 6pm the main ACORN group will be discussing local issues and concerns. Anyone is welcome to attend as police, councillors and livin representatives often attend. Any items for agenda or guest speakers who would like to address either meeting should contact the group through the chairman Ken Robson on 01325 321471.

Good Results for Vane Road Runners



Poor weather on Thursday 16th October could not dampen the enthusiasm of the forty one Vane Road schoolchildren on their visit to Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College. They were there to take part in the School County Cross Country competition and proved to be great ambassadors for their school. Mr Cant, Head of P.E., was justifiably proud of all of the children for their determination and commitment despite the mud and wind. Medals were awarded to: Harmony 1st (Year 3/4); Harry 1st (Year 3/4); Josh 1st (Year 5/6) and Brennan 3rd (Year 5/6). The team results were 2nd place for both Year 3/4 girls and boys whilst 1st place was awarded to the Year 5/6 boys. Well done to all involved and good luck to the winners who will now go on to run in the County Finals in March.

Super Cycle Service

Dear Editor,
I would very much like to highlight the fantastic service received from Colin at Cycleways Sport and Leisure, Neville Parade. This isn't the first time Colin has been mentioned in Newton News, but I really hope you will print this to highlight further superb customer treatment by Cycleways. Colin has just completed extensive repairs and renovations to my adult tricycle and kept the price down for me - he could have easily charged the cost of a new trike for what he did. As a disabled person my trike is effectively my legs outside the house and represents independence for me, as well as providing an excellent form of exercise. I am so very grateful to Colin, for without him, I'm not sure what I would have done. I'm often asked about the trike and where people can buy one. Colin can supply one for under £500 and it's a fantastic alternative to a mobility scooter and ideal for those who find riding a bike too challenging. There are several other trikes in Aycliffe but I'd love to see more. I've worked out that mine saves me around £600 a year in taxi fares locally, not to mention the fact that I don't need to use a gym, with all the exercise it gives me. Colin is a fine example of the excellent service provided by many local Aycliffe firms and there really is no need to go further afield.
Andrea McCulloch, St Oswald's Walk

11 - 0 Victory Earns Team Bronze Medal



The Stephenson Way year 5/6 football team had an exciting end to their football league at Greenfield on Thursday 23rd October. When they turned up for the last meeting of the league this term, they were in joint bottom position. The boys knew that they had a mountain to climb but they were determined to do their best. They played really well as a team and won their first match 2 - 0, gaining them their first 3 points in the league. At this point there were two teams

ahead of them but there was still a hope that they might get into the medal positions. To do this they had to win their last match and score a number of goals (as it would come down to goal difference). The team were really excited for their last match and every player put their full effort into the game. Their hard work was rewarded with an 11 - 0 victory! The team managed to get into 3rd position and came home with bronze medal and huge smiles on their faces. Well done boys!

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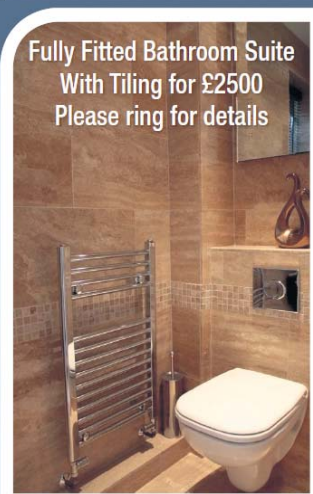
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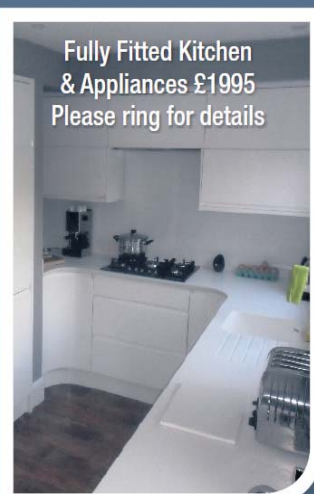
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Two fantastic new artworks were unveiled at Greenfield Community College and Sunnydale Community College recently. The artworks were commissioned for both campuses by a group of Year 7 students at the schools, during a

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They talked about independence, creativity, learning, meeting new friends and being confident. They sketched ideas and worked with Dan Walls from Illumination Wall Art to explore their ideas during the Summer school organised by Greenfield Arts. After being given a brief from the

young people, Dan Walls created 2 artworks that echo each other, 1 for each site. Both are installed in the progress and guidance areas for the school to see and enjoy. One of the students involved in the project said: "It looks amazing, I feel really proud! You can see all of our ideas."

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Despite a dull morning and a minor mechanical problem our remarkable driver Baz got us safely to Blackpool around lunchtime when we disembarked into a very busy seaside scene.

From Madame Tussauds wax works, the historic piers, trams, horse drawn vehicles to donkeys on the

beach Blackpool retains its reputation as the No. 1 seaside of the Northwest.

Of course the famous Blackpool Tower, the ballroom and the Winter Gardens are great attractions but for excited children they are eclipsed by Candy Rock, Candy Floss and ice cream.

Surprisingly there was not a "kiss me quick" hat in sight but then times are changing and many children were waving fluorescent glow-in-the-dark wands, swords and

windmills.

The jewel in Blackpool's crown of course is the illuminations which certainly didn't disappoint with their magnificent depictions. Small children and some adults were awed by these illuminated creations.

It is always very gratifying to me as Chairman of ACORN to see people return happy but tired from a great day out. Our community is seeing great benefits from the interaction involved in the myriad of events which we organise. Slowly we are closing the generational gap and drawing people out into the community. Grateful thanks to all those people involved behind the scenes for making these magical adventures possible. Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam for supporting ACORN through their member funding, J & C Coaches for transporting us safely and of course Christine and Leanne who work so hard at organising trips.
 Ken Robson
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Lynne and the girls would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support in our Fund Raising event for Breast Cancer. We had a raffle and baked cakes and raised £580.

Raffle winners: Mrs Loughton, Mrs Trevor, Mrs Challis

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Children's Society Fashion Show on Tuesday 28th October in the Village Hall. We raised £720 - well done and I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.
THANK YOU to everyone that attended my 21st birthday party on Saturday 1st November at the Big Club. To my Mam, Dad, Grandma, Granda, Stacy, Lisa, Daniel, Gary and Lauren for helping out, nothing could be possible with you! Also "Love Thy Cupcakes" for the beautiful cake you prepared. Love, Kelly xxxxx

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Tesco Manager Explains Position of Timpson Pod

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30th October 2014
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MEALE Newton Aycliffe. November 3rd, peacefully in St. Teresa's Hospice. Eileen (nee Myers) aged 72 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Brian, beloved Mother of Amanda, Paula, Kelvin, Sue and Matt and a devoted Gran of Lara and Harriet. Will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Monday 10th November. Requiem Mass to be held in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.30am followed by cremation in Darlington Crematorium at 11.45am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of St. Teresa's Hospice may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600. "Requiescat in Pace"
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In Memoriam

Ian Mohan (Moe)



7th November 2013
It may be this time last year that you were suddenly taken from us, but you are always in our thoughts and hearts. They say "every day it gets a little easier". We still await that day. We miss you so much, but know that you are at peace. Love and miss you always. Lynn, Rachelle, Kathleen, Carol and family

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Congratulations

Dylan Howarth



Happy 4th Birthday
5th November 2014
Happy birthday to our "Super Star". Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy
Happy birthday to our little Brother. Love, Loren, Aimee and Kameron xxx

Dylan Howarth



Happy 4th Birthday
5th November 2014
Happy birthday to Grandson Dylan. Love from Grandad Paul, Grandma Bev, Auntie Carrie and Uncle Matthew

Sheila Allen



Happy 80th Birthday Mam
80 Years Young on 6th November

Dear Mam, we know this will be a hard birthday for you without our Dad. We wish with all our hearts he could have been here with us to celebrate your special day. We all love you to bits and hope you have a lovely 80th birthday. All our love, Diane, Geoff, Lynne, Janice and all the family x x x x x

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Happy 18th Birthday
to our gorgeous Daughter Annalise. You have grown up so fast. Your sisters would have been so proud of you, as we all are. Enjoy your day. Dad, Mam, Dez, Kim, Hannah and Stacey, Uncle Lee and Auntie Ann xxxxx



Colin Coulthard



Happy 18th Birthday Son
Have a good 'un. Love from Dad and Mam

Happy 18th Birthday
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Lily Richards



Happy 80th Birthday
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Hope you have a lovely party. You mean the world to us. From all your loving family xxx

AIDAN DOLBY Happy 18th birthday. All our love, Mam, Dad, Amber, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Michael, Auntie Nicola and Ryan xxxxx
JOSEPH STOTT Happy 18th birthday, 4th November. Love from Nanna and Granda Relton

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DURHAM WILDCATS LET 21-POINT LEAD SLIP

The Durham Wildcats lost control of a 21-point halftime lead as the Glasgow Rocks stormed back to win at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre 83-81 on Sunday 2nd November.

The Wildcats dominated the first half of play, holding a 32-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and went into halftime leading 51-30. However, Durham would get into foul trouble and struggled to continue their offensive production as they were out-scored 53-30 in the second half that led to the 83-81 defeat.

The Wildcats are now 3-4 in the BBL Championship (9th place) whilst the Rocks go to 3-3 and 7th place.

Ralph Bucci had his best performance of the season so far with a double-double of 20 points and a game-leading 15 rebounds. The veteran leads the team in boards with 63 overall, averaging nine per match. The captain made nearly 70 percent of his total shots, including 6-8 in field goals and 3-5 from the three-point line. He was 5-8 from the free throw line.

Chris Jones repeated as game MVP as voted by the Wildcats fans for his performance of 20 points, five assists and one steal. This is the second-straight week and the third time this season that Jones was named MVP by the Wildcats fans.

Odiba Attah surpassed his career 500 points scored mark by adding 18 points to Durham's total, a season-high for him, and now has 517 career points in the BBL



Photo Dave Stock

Championship. Attah had eight rebounds and blocked one shot in the contest.

Durham's big men experienced foul trouble that limited their impact in the match. Fran Urli had nine points and eight rebounds. John Puk had three points and blocked on shot in just under eight minutes of time on the court.

Panos Mayindombe led the team in assists with six along with his eight rebounds and eight points. Joel Madourie had three points.

Glasgow had 102 total shots in the match compared to Durham's 75. The Rocks' shooting volume was aided by the 24 team turnovers committed by Durham, the most in one game this season. Glasgow were able to convert 22 points from Durham's turnovers. Glasgow had nine steals and Durham had two.

The Rocks were 35-102 shooting from the field. They continued their pace of leading the BBL in three-pointers taken by going 7-32 from

beyond the arc. The Wildcats collectively were 37-75 shooting from the field (49.3 percent). They made six out of 16 three-pointers.

Durham once again won the rebounding battle, collecting 45 boards to Glasgow's 29.

David Buchberger did not play in this match as he continues to recover from injuries.

Durham will next travel to Cheshire Phoenix on 9th November. The Wildcats last played Cheshire in a BBL Cup defeat on 12th October by a score of 88-65.

By John van Vliet,

AYCLIFFE RUGBY TEAM ON FIRE!

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club's Durham and Northumberland Division 3 campaign took an upturn with a fine home victory over Jarrovians. Again, a number of key backs were missing, but Aycliffe's rearranged backline still packed a punch.

Aycliffe began strongly, maintaining possession and almost scoring through winger Mikey Dunn. The first points weren't long coming though as Richie Littlefair powered over from short range and David Gibson landed a conversion from near the touchline. Jarrovians fought back and reduced the deficit with a penalty goal.

Aycliffe attacked again and Dunn was able to finish this time, just scraping over in the corner. Jarrovians now collected a red card which reduced the power of their scrum, which had looked potent early on. Captain Warren Parsonage was next on the scoresheet and, before long the bonus point was secured when Craig Holmes went over from a 5-metre scrum. The last score of the half came from replacement Dan Montgomery on his debut. At the break the

7th Straight Win for Aycliffe Fighter

Dave Cunliffe was part of the UK's biggest Mixed Martial Arts event on 1st November at Newcastle Arena which saw some of the best British fighters battle on Cage Warriors.

The event had two world title fights on the card as well as some of the best semi professional fighters from around the UK including Dave. He had an arranged match against a very strong fighter who fought on the show last year.

Dave trained hard for the fight at The Lab Gym in Darlington as well as with friends who also train Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and boxing. The official weigh in was held at the Hilton Hotel where the fighters met for the first time.

Dave took no chances with his opponent as they exchanged stand up strikes with Dave coming out on top. His opponent caught a kick and took Dave to the cage floor resulting in a grappling exchange leaving Dave with a slick triangle choke. His opponent attempted slamming Dave to no avail ending in a submission.

Dave would like to thank



everyone for their continued support including his team at the Lab in Darlington. Several members of the gym did well in a grappling competition leaving with two silver

medals!

Both Dave and Gary Watson, also from Aycliffe, are now to compete in December on the Ian Freeman MMA Show in Stanley.

Youngsters Can Play Football at Agnew Centre

At a recent Trustee's meeting at The Agnew Community Centre President Jean Cochrane mentioned there was an issue on youngsters wishing to play football in the vicinity of Tanfield Place where she lived.

Ron Mitchie Secretary and Centre Manager said this had been a problem for the young people and was sure there would be nothing stopping them from playing on the left hand side of the Agnew Centre grounds.

"We are a Community Centre and our young people are part of it and allowing them to play in the grounds would also keep them safe. Obviously they would need to check each time they wanted to play that there was nothing happening in the Centre that would cause a problem".

All the trustees agreed with this action and Joan Clark who had just been co-opted onto the committee to help with marketing and PR would inform everyone concerned.

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