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A record number turned out for the town's Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at St. Clare's Church on the 9th November. It was heart-warming to see so many people representing the townspeople including a strong attendance from our younger generations. The Town Band led the

huge parade from Greenwell Road to the War Memorial where the two minute silence was respectfully observed. The Rev. Chris Pearson introduced the short outdoor Service of Remembrance with the Burma Star Representative reciting the Kohima Epitaph and Eddie Graham from the British

Legion with the poignant verse from the poem "For the Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon. The Last Post and Reveille was followed by wreaths laid by our civic leaders, uniformed and other organisations. This was a sombre part of the ceremony lightened somewhat by the participation of our young uniformed groups.



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## What's new on our website this week?

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- Spartans Baseball Team, Macadam School of Dance and Zanshin-Kai Karate organisations details have been added - don't forget to claim your **FREE** web page by sending your club's details to paul@newtonnews.co.uk or see the coupon on page 6
- Weekly events at the Neville Community Centre as well as other local events have been added to the website calendar - claim your date and publicise your event **FREE**, send all the details to paul@newtonnews.co.uk
- New "Cottage Industries" have been added to this section with room for more home based craft businesses, send your details and photos to paul@newtonnews.co.uk - remember everything on our website is **FREE**
- The archive section of the site has also had 1995 added this week.
- Click on our video section to view the Remembrance Day Parade at St Clare's Church on Sunday 9th November and the Hitachi "Topping Out Ceremony" from 30th October.

## Growth of Gestamp Tallent



Aycliffe is buzzing with good news over Hitachi and Ebac bringing prestige and jobs to our town, forgetting

Gestamp Tallent who are steadily expanding their plant and workforce to meet a growing demand for their

automotive products.

This long established company is now the biggest employer in Aycliffe with 1500 workers and its expansion is having a dramatic effect on the Business Park infrastructure. The firm has become a vital part of the Nissan supply chain designing and building chassis and parts for most motor manufacturers including BMW, Ford, Jaguar, Honda and VW. Latest accounts show sales of £420 million for 2013. Newton News has been invited to report on the progress of Tallents over recent years and is preparing a feature for release soon.

## Remembrance Sunday

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The Town Band played for the hymns during the Service in Church adding splendour and dignity to the occasion. In his address Rev. Chris referred to the commemoration of the start of the first world war - an important milestone in the history of conflicts throughout the ages. He thought this particular milestone had a stronger remembrance and was affecting the whole nation. He talked about the poppy as a wonderful emblem and the fact the first world war did not "end all wars" as was hoped. Our Rector thanked all those who by strong commitment keep the "Remembrance" alive with special thanks to the armed forces and to those people who were prepared to stand up and be counted in the quest for peace.



A collection was taken in aid of the Poppy Appeal and after the Service the parade reassembled for the March Past where the salute was taken by Commander Ed McNaught RD., RNR.



## GROUPS INVITED TO BID FOR £1000 XMAS GIFT

Honest John has £1,000 to give to a deserving group for Christmas, but the application must come from a voluntary organisation in Newton Aycliffe who have not received money from John's Community Kitty before. Please send in your request to Honest John, 4 Arrowsmith Square, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 5RB. The lucky group will be notified on Sunday 14th December. Recent donations: Water Polo Club - £500; Boys Brigade - £400; Cricket Club - £550; The Cubby - £436. John is now raising funds for Heighington Boys Football Club - Thanks to all Newtonians who support community organisations with goods for John to sell at the Cubby.

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For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website: <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam> Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS.

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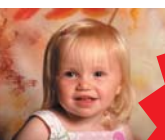
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# Stillers Expand and Offer Driving Jobs



Paul Stiller (left) welcomes Adrian to Newton Aycliffe

Stillers, the family run storage and distribution company on the Business Park is expanding quickly due to high demand for its very efficient service. New contracts have been gained, new premises opened and a £300k investment in new vehicles.

The only drawback is a national shortage of drivers and Stillers are tackling this problem locally with a robust training programme for local and European workers. The industry has an ageing workforce and new EU regulations, requiring 35 hours approved training, are forcing early retirement and exacerbating the problem. Managing Director Paul

Stiller told Newton News his company had a good recruitment strategy including in-house training for former soldiers, internal warehouse staff and young prospective drivers, over 21, wanting to join Stillers. There are currently three vacancies and ten more will be available in the New Year. Driving is a skilled job nowadays needing attention to detail, technical know-how and good customer relations. All this is taught at Stillers who also have the most up-to-date in-cab equipment to help their drivers. They also prepare drivers for the EU Certificate of Competency.

Paul has just recruited a qualified driver from Romania, Adrian Moldovan, who is currently lodging in Newton Aycliffe, hoping to bring his wife and new baby to live with him in a few months. He would be happy to get together with any other Romanian living in Aycliffe. Anyone interested in a driving job with Stillers should contact Julie Gilpin on 313140. The job offers day or night time work and Adrian will initially be working nights delivering goods to distribution hubs in the region.

## TOWN FIREWORKS DISPLAY RETURNS AND EARNS PRAISE

Cllr Arun Chandran who with Cllr Eddy Adam fought and succeeded in getting the Town Council to save the Annual Fireworks Display has hailed it a great success

Cllr Chandran stated "most residents were able to get their free admission tickets, the additional Security, Lighting and additional barriers and a transport police presence at the rail halt and of course Council staff all contributed to a well run and greatly appreciated event.

The Fireworks Display, thanks to all concerned especially the residents, has been a great success and is now firmly established for the future."

Over 5,000 free admission tickets were obtained by residents of Great Aycliffe for the central arena, safety concerns were fully met and there were no parking problems. Grumbles came from residents of the Chesnuts, School Aycliffe who by reason of boundaries are outside Great Aycliffe and ineligible to attend the display. There were also complaints from Chilton and Middridge residents who have always enjoyed the event.

Councillors may discuss the possibility of making an admission charge to people outside the town. That would then be making a contribution to the rates Aycliffe people pay to host the firework display.

## FIREWORKS APPRECIATED

Sir

May I say a big thank you to all concerned with the firework display on the 5th November. It was a fantastic display attended by people of all generations who all seemed, like me, to be having a great time. Many thanks once again.

John Humble  
Langley Road

## Christmas Community Concert

The Rotary Club Community Christmas Concert will this year be held on Tuesday 16th December to help more local schools take part.

Holding the concert during the school day from 2pm - 3.30pm will allow schools to send their choirs, dancers and instrumentalists to entertain the audience and then leave for home at the usual time.

This will provide a rich variety of Xmas entertainment and it is hoped the townspeople, not at work, and relatives of the performers will come to the Leisure Centre and support our young people.

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Children from every class made poppies which were displayed along with poppies purchased from the British Legion Appeal. The children sang songs reminding each other of the importance of living together in peace and harmony, and listened in silence to readings of poetry,

prayers and good wishes. Two minutes of silence were observed whilst all in the hall looked at moving photographs of First World War veterans and war memorials and the service ended with the sound of the Last Post. As children filed silently out of the hall many parents expressed how moved they felt at the emotions generated by this event. Following the Service a small number of children joined residents at Defoe Court Care Home for the dedication of their Memorial Garden and presented the residents with some of the artwork and poetry used earlier in the day.

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# LORD JONES "DIGS" EBAC'S ENTERPRISE

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Business and community leaders joined former CBI Director General Lord Digby Jones at a special event to mark the launch of a new factory which is restoring British-made Norfrost chest freezers to the market. The Ebac Group welcomed "The New Troublesooter" back to the region to see the fruits of the project, on which he worked with the company as part of his BBC 2 series earlier this year. He was joined by Ebac Managing Director Pamela Petty, 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, for a debate on the future of UK manufacturing, which was chaired by Graham Robb, North East Chairman of the Institute of Directors. An audience drawn from the business world and regional community witnessed the event, and heard how new product lines being launched by Ebac were helping to create up to 200 new jobs at its two sites on Aycliffe Business Park. 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. Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Ebac, said: "It was fantastic to not only have Digby back, but also to welcome people from across the regional community to witness the start of a new era for Ebac. The revival of the Norfrost brand is the start of our move into domestic appliances, with washing machines coming next year. "In the UK, we need to acknowledge and support the public's belief in British made products by manufacturing more of them and making them available to buy. The positive effect this can have is widespread, and the jobs such manufacturing would create will improve the lives of those involved and the economy as a whole."

Former Trade Minister Lord Digby Jones told the guests: "I feel as if I have come home - there is a degree of belonging here. "Business is not about screaming 'you're fired' at people. It is companies like this working in a community, generating wealth. "There is nothing wrong with making a profit - without it you don't get taxes that pay for hospitals and schools. This is what real people do. "We have to get out into the towns and cities and tell young people 'if you skill up you will make money. If you don't you're toast. "It never crossed my mind that Ebac would not succeed in this



John Elliott, Lord Digby Jones and Pamela Petty



Lord Digby Jones unveils the plaque



Graham Robb Chairs the debate on British Industry

venture. I am very proud of this family and this facility. "We must be proud of our region. We must get to Westminster and tell people that we matter more than Scotland. We deserve our time in the sun."

## New Friends, New Places

The New Friends New Places A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe at 2.00pm

## Kisses for Christmas

The Co-operative Funeralcare is appealing to the community for help with their "Kisses For Christmas" project again this year and is asking for donations of essential goods such as tinned or non perishable food, tea, coffee. Also new toys, toiletries, socks, gloves, towels and bedding which could make a difference to the lives of children and adults who may find themselves homeless or living in poverty in our area this Christmas.

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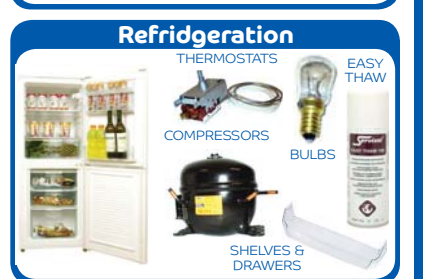
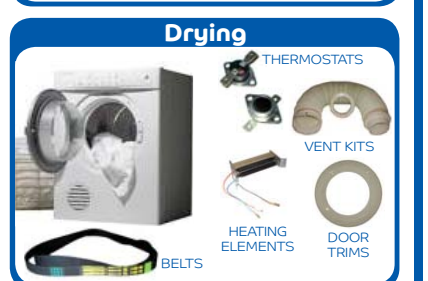
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There are many people that would rather not be alone and most think they won't ring us in case there is someone worse off than them. If that is you, then we're asking you to make contact now. We know that this is going to be one of the best celebrations that Helping Hands have organised so far at the wonderful Woodham Golf and Country Club. The theme this year is 'The Christmas Star'

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# Care Home Marks Armistice Day

Residents at HC-One Defoe Court were joined by members of the local community to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. Defoe Court created a special Remembrance Garden in the home's grounds in partnership with local school children from Woodham Academy and Woodham Burn who generously made freestanding poppies to populate the garden.

A special Service

commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War One was held with relatives and members of the local community including the schoolchildren who had made the poppies. The blessing was conducted by the Reverend Christopher Pearson from St Clare's Church. Hand-decorated jars containing tealights were lit by Residents and placed in the Remembrance Garden to remember those who sacrificed

their lives in conflict. Defoe Court's Residents, relatives, friends and staff also knitted poppies which were sold with proceeds going to the British Legion. These events and initiatives coincide with HC-One's involvement in the Flame of Forgiveness Fortnight which is a national campaign to mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War and to collectively reflect upon the values of forgiveness.

HC-One Defoe Court Care Home Manager, Lisa Knight, said: "We were really pleased to have been able to share our Flame of Forgiveness Fortnight activities with members of the local community. We would like to thank everyone who came along and contributed to our events and made the occasion all the more poignant." HC-One Regional Managing Director, Liz Whyte, said: "It is great to see Defoe Court marking such an important event with the local community. It is a testament to the strong bond that Defoe Court has locally."



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# Dame Dela Smith Praises Young Newtonians

Dear Sir,  
I attend the Parade at St Clare's Church each year, laying a wreath on behalf of the Durham Lieutenancy. The support of the community of Newton Aycliffe is always superb and it is a wonderful event, brilliantly organised and well attended. My reason for writing is to highlight the involvement of all the various youth organisations, the children and the young people from organisations such as the Cadets, Brownies, Scouts and Guides, to name just a few, and the central part they play in the event. Their attendance and involvement ensures the memory of all those who have died in service of their country stays alive, and will continue to be passed on through the generations. The involvement of the children and young people in the Church Service, the laying of Wreaths and the Parade itself is so important for the community and the success of this very emotional and important day. The behaviour is always exemplary, and their parents should be very proud. Dame Dela Smith DL

# New Club for Lonely People & Victims of Dementia

A new group is starting at The Navy Club Burnhill Way. 2pm until 4pm. Thursday 20th November and weekly thereafter. It is especially for people suffering from Alzheimers/Dementia. It is also for those who never go out into the community and spend most of their time alone. For the first month you can be picked up and taken to the meeting. The building is wheelchair accessible. Carers are welcome. For further details ring 308094 or 07967 901477.

# ROYAL VISIT MARKS OPENING OF AYCLIFFE AUTISM CENTRE



Students, staff and well-wishers greeted Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex today when she officially opened the new "state-of-the-art" North East Centre for Autism. Sue Snowden, Lord-Lieutenant of Durham, Gerald Osborne, High Sheriff of Aycliffe and Councillor Wendy Hilary, Mayor of Aycliffe Town Council greeted Her Royal Highness at the centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Her Royal Highness was accompanied by John Phillipson, Chief Executive for North East Autism Society (NEAS) and was given a tour of the £9 million centre. The vision behind the centre that opened in January 2013 was to improve the range of specialist services available across the region for children, young people and adults with autism. The centre houses a new purpose built school, college, short breaks and residential accommodation. John Phillipson, CEO for NEAS said: "It has been a privilege to welcome The Countess of Wessex to Newton Aycliffe to see the centre and to meet the families that we support. The visit has enabled us to raise awareness about autism, but also demonstrate some of the highly specialist work that we do and the benefits this has on our children and young people." The visit was commemorated by the unveiling of a plaque to officially mark the opening of the centre. Two students Georgia Hutchinson, aged 14 from Aycliffe School and Michael Whittaker, aged 20 from Thornbeck College presented Her Royal Highness with gifts. This included a textile picture and a pack of Christmas cards that were handmade by the students. The facilities at the North East Centre for Autism are designed to ensure it is a calming environment for children and young people to learn and develop their skills. Georgia Hutchinson, aged 14 from Hartlepool started school at the centre in 2013. Claire Steed, Teacher at NEAS said: "Georgia has made considerable progress in the last year, her communication has

vastly improved and she is more confident. Georgia has her own enterprise here in school, has exhibited her textile work in the town hall at Bishop Auckland and sold one of her pieces to the Mayor of Aycliffe. Georgia was delighted when she was given the opportunity to make a textile piece for the Countess of Wessex. Georgia is focussed, ambitious and enjoys

her time here." Georgia said: "The new school has helped me with my behaviour. At first I did not know how to control my behaviour but I now know if I get anxious or angry I can talk to someone or do some textilework. I find textiles a very good strategy to calm me down. I think my new school has made me a better person." For more information about the North EastAutism Society visit [www.ne-as.org.uk](http://www.ne-as.org.uk) or call 0191 410 9974



# BAD TIMING FOR TOWN CLOCK

A number of people expressed disappointment over the Town Centre clock being wrong for the 11am silence on Remembrance Sunday particularly as such a large number of people were present who looked up to see the wrong time being shown. Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane said he did try to adjust the clock however whilst he could get the chimes to switch off he could not adjust the clock face. The engineer arrived on Tuesday and everything will then be back to normal.

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## Simpasture Residents Discuss New Housing

WASPS Simpasture Residents Association are holding a special meeting on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge of Simpasture Court.

We will be discussing the proposed housing development on the Iron Horse car park and the impact it will have on the area. Particularly parking congestion around the shops and surrounding streets.

This is a very important matter and all of the local community should have a say in the development plans.

If you have concerns or opinions, both positive and negative, please make an effort to attend so we can formulate a response to the planning department.

If you cannot attend and would like to have an input please contact the email address below or ring John on 07972 170190. E-mail: waspresidents@gmail.com

Also please note our meeting will immediately follow the PACT meeting, so feel free to attend at 6.30pm to hear an update from our community police officers and other representatives.

## Rotary Club Charity Night Helps Poppy Appeal

The Rotary Club Charity Night last Tuesday at the British Legion was full of good fun, fine entertainment, dancing and excellent pie and peas all for just £5!

A total of £735 was raised to be shared between the Poppy Appeal and Rotary Charities. Most of the money came from the generosity of those present buying tickets for the Raffle and Tombola.

President David Anderson thanked everyone for their support - in particular the donors of valuable prizes for the event. He also thanked the British Legion Committee for allowing free use of their Concert Room and to Paul and Sue Land for their usual excellent support for Charity Nights where they work hard to provide an enjoyable night for everyone.

All present raved over the fabulous entertainer Drew Gerrard who worked hard over two sessions as Samantha Mac, the second act, was unable to perform due to illness.

Drew has a great voice and with his wonderful personality and great humour was well received by the audience. He thanked Kevin and Lisa O'Connor "The Formidable", who helped him on stage with a fantastic sound system.

Ian Bateman, (Mr B's Karaoke & Disco) popular local DJ, also gave his time free and kept the evening alive with great music.

The Rotary Club are grateful to the British Legion for their



Drew Gerrard (centre) with



Eyes Down for the popular Bingo session



The Tombola and Raffle was well supported



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continued support in offering their superb facilities for the Charity Nights.

The following donated prizes for the event: Homeplan, The County Aycliffe Village, Woodham Golf club, Shafto Way Garage, Walkers Butchers, Holiday Inn, Bay



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## Cinderella Pantomime



Members of the Acorn Players rehearsing in costume for their Cinderella Panto to be performed at Woodham Academy, 20th, 21st, & 22nd November at 7pm. Adults £3.50p Children & concessions £2.50p. Family ticket £10. Ring 07976 477828 to reserve your tickets.

## Chilton Club's Annual Senior Citizens Party

This year the club will hold its annual Senior Citizens Party on Saturday afternoon 20th December. Members aged 60 years or over plus their partner or carer are entitled to a ticket which are available on a first come first served basis. A plated buffet, complimentary drink and all entertainment is provided for just £3.00 per ticket. This a contribution towards the cost of the food only as all other costs are paid from club funds.

It's an ideal opportunity to meet up with family and friends and the management

board would be delighted to welcome as many of our senior citizens as possible. Tickets are restricted in numbers so please call into the club for yours soon!

A free Xmas Party will also be held on the evening of 20th December to thank our loyal members and guests for their continued support over the past year. Admission is by ticket only... so call in for your free ticket today! Entertainment is provided with excellent vocalists Mike 1 & Jolene in what promises to be a great night out!

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# GAMP Community Event



Residents and community groups turned out in force to celebrate 'What's Great in Aycliffe and Middridge'. The event arranged by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) on 8th November showcased over 40 local community groups and service providers, highlighting the wide range of community activities and services that are available in the area.

A really vital part of the event was to ask local people to vote for their most important priorities that GAMP and its partners should be working on for the area next year. The voting proved very popular, with residents identifying what matters to them most in their community. The GAMP Board will now look at the results of the public vote when setting their priorities at the November Board meeting (more news to follow on this soon).

Community groups working with Children and Young People also had the opportunity to collect an application pack for the 'Children and Young People' Small Grants Fund, which was launched at the event. On the day over 30 application packs were distributed to local groups. The Small Grants Fund for Children & Young People provides grants of up to £1,000 for local groups organising projects/activities within the GAMP area that

improve the lifestyle, wellbeing and social inclusion of young people. The Small Grants Fund for Children & Young People will support a wide range of community focused initiatives and is managed on behalf of GAMP by the Pioneering Care Partnership. Application packs are still available by contacting Kath Ferry at the PCP on (01325) 327 462 or at Kath.ferry@pcp.uk.net

Over 50 local residents also took the opportunity to give Durham County Council feedback on its Mid Term Financial Plan, by taking time to complete a questionnaire to outline their views on areas where Durham County Council could make possible savings.

Overall, the event proved to be a success; GAMP Coordinator (Brian Riley) - 'I would like to thank local residents, community groups and service providers for supporting the event and look forward to working with our partners in the coming year.'

Champion Cheerleaders "Nemesis" gave a demonstration and had a stall promoting their fundraising show at Greenfield Sports Hall on Sunday 16th November at 5.30pm. Stunts, Tumbles, Dancing and singing will feature in this spectacular event. Email for tickets: Sarahbee83@gmail.com



## AIR AMBULANCE RECEIVE £800 FROM THE ROTARY CLUB



Dave Anderson President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club presents a cheque for £800 to Janet Hume representing the Great North Air Ambulance Service. The money was raised at a Charity Golf Day held at Woodham in September.



This group of dancers from Greenfield College gave an absolutely outstanding performance and were quickly booked to appear at the Rotary Club annual Community Christmas Concert which this year will be held on Tuesday 16th December at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre from 2pm - 3.30pm. The concert is open to everyone and admission is free. The day has been changed from a Sunday to attract greater participation from schools.

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## Strawberry Plant Sale for Poppy Appeal



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## Allotment Watch Scheme to be Launched

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## Masons Help Pathways Club



W Bro Robbie Davison, Charity Steward of the Aycliffe Lodge of Freemasons, presents a cheque for £150 to Marie Elgey, receiving the cheque on behalf of 'Pathway's' a support group for Adults with learning disabilities. Marie is one of many who receives support and assistance from the Pathway's Group who meet at the Leisure Centre daily. Looking on left to right is Graham Parker, Venessa Scott (carer), Robert Jones, Mark Eccles (carer), Ken Paylor,

## Town's Rotary Club Hold Ebola Appeal Collection at Tesco's

The town's Rotary Club are spearheading a community collection for the Ebola Appeal and will be in Tesco's on Sunday 23rd November from 10am - 4pm.

If you cannot get to Tesco and wish to make a donation please drop the cash off at Newton Press offices on the Business Park, or Walkers Butchers at Simpasturegate.

The money will be sent direct to the DEC Appeal (Disasters Emergency Committee) and used to alleviate suffering, provide medical care, shelter and help for orphans.

## Hillprint Saved from Closure - 12 Jobs Lost

An eleventh hour rescue deal has saved 30 jobs at Hillprint the Aycliffe-based HPM&ADDO, which was formed earlier this year when HPM and Darlington-based Addo entered a working partnership, fell into administration last Friday. HPM had endured years of decline amid tough conditions in the sector but looked to have turned a corner when Addo agreed to join forces with it and relocate to Newton Aycliffe in March this year. Although the businesses did not formally merge, they brought their operations together under one roof to help inject more revenue into HPM. However, with HPM still reeling from a number of major contract losses – including its longstanding deal to produce Middlesbrough FC's match day programmes – its turnaround proved an impossible task. On Friday administrators were called into HPM and the business looked certain to close, with the unfortunate loss of 42 jobs. Previous efforts to find a funder to

assume control of HPM's banking facilities had been fruitless. But, managing director and former Addo boss Keiran Bayley found a last minute solution by securing the finance needed to enable Addo to acquire the assets of HPM. The move saved 30 jobs across the group and has put the business on a strong foothold for recovery and growth. Bayley said: "When we found out HPM were in trouble earlier in the year we felt if we put both operations under one roof we could turn the business around and save all the jobs in jeopardy. "It was unfortunate we couldn't shake off HPM's struggles and, with significant pressure from the bank, it eventually meant the end of what was a print company with real heritage. "Unfortunately the business model for staffing levels in relation to turnover simply didn't stack up. Ultimately we were faced with the difficult choice of making 12 redundancies. HPM was saved from the brink of closure in the late 1990s by then director Richard Mortimer, who built it into what was at one point a thriving success. He ran the business up until the end of September when he officially retired and declined to comment. Reflecting on the changing fortunes of the business, Bayley said: "Print was a lot easier 10 years ago, but those who have adapted best to the changing market conditions have great businesses now. Those who didn't are no longer here. It really is that simple."

## AWARD FOR TOWN SURGERY ADVISOR



Dedicated advisors who have helped hundreds of people stop smoking have been honoured for their efforts.

Six organisations were recognised at the County Durham NHS Stop Smoking Service's first Star Performer Awards including Bewick Crescent Surgery in Newton Aycliffe.

The newly launched honours reward the best performing Level 2 stop smoking advisors from GP practices and pharmacies around the county.

More than 120 organisations in County Durham offer support through the stop smoking service but only the highest performing were honoured at the awards.

The awards were handed out by Cllr Jan Blakey, Vice Chairman of Durham County Council, and Cllr Audrey Laing, Chair of the Smokefree County Durham Tobacco Control Alliance, which works to reduce the number of people who smoke and, as a result, reduce the harm caused by tobacco and smoking.

Cllr Audrey Laing said: "It is a real pleasure to be able to recognise the hard work and commitment of our best performing stop smoking advisors through the Star Performer Awards.

"Advisors have very busy jobs and helping people to stop smoking is just one of

their responsibilities so it is particularly commendable that our Star Performers have been so successful in helping people to give up smoking."

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 26th November 2014**

**Environment Committee**  
**Recreation Committee**  
**7.15pm**

### QUESTION TIME

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

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. ([www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk))

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## HRA A.G.M.

Horndale Residents Association is holding their Annual General Meeting on the 3rd December starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45pm at the Evangelical Church Ladybower.

As usual a committee will be voted in for the next 12 months and anyone wishing to stand or join the committee is welcome to come along.



# Specialist Day Trip to Nissan



Students of Woodham Academy recently made a visit to Nissan UK as part of a specialist day event. The event aimed to give students awareness of the engineering and manufacturing sector and also about the STEM subjects. Students spent part of the day designing and manufacturing land yachts and then went on the visit to Nissan UK. At the plant students got to see first-hand how science, technology, engineering and maths are used in both the design and manufacture of saleable products. Students were also given a plant tour so they could see how the STEM skills were being put into practice in the manufacture of the company's products.

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# FOOTBALL REFEREES WANTED

The growth in Youth Football in Newton Aycliffe has been tremendous over the past few years with 18 teams playing matches every weekend. There is one important person required and that is the referee, without whom we wouldn't have any games at all. The football club now needs more referees, whether newly qualified or experienced, we have games that will be appropriate. We are always needing more senior referees for our older age groups games, but have mini soccer games and younger age groups to build experience, for younger referees, wanting to advance up the referee's levels. Courses are run by Durham FA on a regular basis, so if you have finished playing football but still retain your interest in the game why not consider refereeing - the club will give you any support required. For more information or you are available to help, Ring Berni, Club Secretary 07939 045242

# Wildcats Comeback Attempt Falls Short in Loss to Cheshire

Down 54-38 early in the third quarter, the match was looking like a night of basketball the Wildcats would want to completely forget. Lee Davie's squad, however, managed to fight their way back over the course of the second half, given them the great chance of winning their third match on the road and earning themselves a 4-4 record. The second half comeback would not be enough however as the Wildcats would lose the nail biter 83-79 away at Cheshire Phoenix on 9th November. The Wildcats are now 3-5 on the season. The fight back started when Odiba Attah's scoring habits of late would kick in. After a slow start of four first half points, Attah scored eight of his 17 points in the third quarter that surged the Wildcats forward. He would finish what he started by drilling a three-pointer with just

under three minutes left in the match to tie the game at 75-75. Seconds later, Chris Jones made a bucket to give Durham the 77-75 lead, their first since in the first quarter. Wildcats again could not find the way to hold on or extend that small lead until the final buzzer. Two Phoenix free throws levelled the game at 77-77. Demond Watt of Cheshire would moments later make 1-2 free throws, giving his side the 78-77 lead with 1:29 left to play. On the following Durham possession, John Puk netted a jump shot, capping off his 12 points and seven rebounds performance before fouling out, to bring the score to 79-78 in the Wildcats' favour. This would be the final moment Durham controlled the lead as Taylor King of the Phoenix scored two points with just over 30 seconds of regulation to play. Then, Cheshire and Great Britain guard Devan Bailey was fouled on his made shot and he converted the free throw to finalise the match at 83-79. The Wildcats were led in scoring by Fran Urli, who had a season-best of 22 points and was 8-15 shooting from the field. It was Urli's ability to draw fouls to get him to the bonus line that would help keep Durham in the match. He was 8-10 shooting from the free throw line. Apart from

Urli, Durham was very limited in getting to the free throw line, with Ralph Bucci going 2-2 and Joel Madourie missing his one attempt. Cheshire got to the line 25 times, converting 19 of those shots. The big man duo of Puk and Urli was very proficient in the early stages of the match and they kept the Wildcats alive as they combined for 23 of Durham's 38 first half points. Together they had 18 of the team's 22 first quarter points. Urli made his two three-pointers of the match during the first half. Jones finished the game with 10 points, five assists and one steal. Panos Mayindombe led the team in steals with two. Bucci again led the Wildcats in rebounding with eight, all from the defensive end of the court finishing the game with 7 points and 3 assists. Madourie had seven rebounds with his eight points. The Wildcats edged Cheshire in rebounding, the leading team in the BBL in this category, 39-35. The Wildcats will again host Manchester Giants on 16th November at a 4:00pm tipoff for their next match. The Giants visited back on 26th October and came away with the 92-84 win behind a strong shooting performance. Jones and Attah both had 17 points in that match. Tickets are now available through godurhamwildcats.com

# Podium Finish for Stephenson Way



On Tuesday 4th November a group of 18 pupils from Stephenson Way competed in an Indoor Athletics event at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The pupils were split into two groups, girls and

boys. Both groups took part in track and field events. Events included 'Speed Bounce', where competitors jumped backwards and forwards over a soft hurdle for 30 seconds. One year 6 pupils said 'I think I'll do well because I've been practising at home.' Other events included Vertical Jump, where one pupil, Katie, had 3 attempts achieving 36cm. The girl's 4x1 relay race team did particularly well, coming second out of the teams which took part. A klaxon signalled teams to change events half way through the afternoon. After this, success for Stephenson Way came in the triple jump and the obstacle races. During all activities, everybody who competed made a great effort and were very supportive of each other. At the conclusion of the competition, it was time for the medals ceremony. The medals were presented by the School Games Organisers, who planned an afternoon to remember for the seven participating schools. Stephenson Way felt the tension as the final placings were announced. Taking 3rd place was a huge achievement and everybody concerned was delighted that the school had improved upon last year's 4th place finish. Stephenson Way would like to thank the organisers for a very enjoyable competition, and next year they will do their very best to improve even further. Reporter – Brooke (Year 6)

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# Greenfield College to Incorporate Sunnydale

## Changeover 1st January 2015

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closure of Sunnydale but pupils would continue to be taught on both sites just as they are at present to minimise disruption to any pupils or families.

A report to Cabinet says, if agreed, Sunnydale Community College would close as a separate school on December 31st 2014 with the enlarged Greenfield Community College starting from January 1st 2015. Sunnydale was judged to be inadequate with serious weaknesses after an Ofsted inspection in April this year. Although it has capacity for 954 pupils there are currently only 402 enrolled, meaning 57 per cent surplus places.

Greenfield was highlighted as a good school by Ofsted in 2012. Most recent GCSE results show Greenfield to be above the national average and Sunnydale below. Greenfield has 658 pupils on roll currently with capacity for 800. Consultation has shown generally strong support for the proposals with many parents seeing the advantage of pupils having access to a wider range of resources by bringing the schools together under the same management.

This includes the sports facilities at Sunnydale and performing arts at Greenfield.

Having considered the need to act quickly following the current position of Sunnydale in terms of low attainment and progress, these proposals are seen as giving students in the area better opportunities for educational improvement. There is already good evidence of improvement in the lead up to the decision on the proposal. The current admission number for Sunnydale is 130 and 160 for Greenfield.

Under the single school the admission number in the future would be 240. The report goes to Cabinet on 19th November.

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# Cash for Polo Team



Sedgefield Water Polo club were delighted when Honest John kindly offered to raise money for the club during October. A cheque for £500 was presented to some of the younger members on Saturday 25th October, as many of the older members were away competing in Manchester. All club members and helpers would like to thank Honest John for his kind and generous donation, with which the Club hopes to buy new club shirts

for its members, aged from 6-18 years old. If you would like to try out this fun and exciting sport, please call 07818 554449 for more details or visit Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre any Saturday at 5pm for a free trial.

# MP Phil Highlights Importance of Flu Jab



MP Phil Wilson has highlighted the importance of protecting yourself, and others, against the flu virus by having the vaccination this winter. "Flu is a nasty virus that not only makes many people's lives a misery every winter,

# Vane Road Eagle Mystery Solved

Dear Sir,  
With reference to Mr Williamson's question about the Vane Road Eagle, as a retired teacher of the school I can shed some light on this. When I first started to teach at the school in the 80's there was a House system in place in the Junior School where the children collected points given for good work, behaviour etc. Each week the House with the most points received the cup. The Houses were named after birds, Swift, Falcon, Hawk and Eagle. I'm sure many ex pupils will remember this. Then a new system of rewards was introduced and the House system was abandoned, but when a uniform was introduced we had to think of an emblem.

The children loved the birds, especially the eagle so it was decided the school would adopt the eagle as their emblem. Mrs Robinson, now also a retired teacher from Vane Road School, designed the eagle emblem for the children's uniform. The

emblem has been enjoyed by all members of the school for many years.  
Mrs M.A.Hunter

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# NEWTONIANS TRAVEL FURTHER WITH ARRIVA FOR LESS

Local bus company Arriva North East has announced the introduction of a new zone which will replace the current 'Darlington Borough' zone to allow customers to travel further for less.

The new 'Aycliffe and Darlington' zone will go live on the 26 October and will see lower fares introduced for residents in Aycliffe, particularly for the popular journey into Darlington which now has buses running up to every 7 minutes.

The day saver price will now be £5.50 for unlimited travel throughout the whole zone and the weekly will be £16.00 which allows unlimited travel throughout the week and the weekend.

Nick Knox, area managing director from Arriva North



Deputy Mayor Mary Dalton (right) with Great Aycliffe Councillors and officials from Arriva

East, said: "We are delighted to be able to extend this zone and offer passengers in this area the means to access these cheaper fares. These price reductions represent a saving of 20% on a day or return ticket and over 35% on a weekly ticket, which will be a great benefit to regular customers.

It is important that we listen to our customers and continue to make improvements to the network to ensure we encourage more people to get on board with bus travel." For timetables and more information please visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk/north-east](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/north-east)

## Births

**PEDELTY** 24th October 2014. Congratulations Anth, Bex and Summer on the arrival of our beautiful new Granddaughter "Quinn". Love from Mam, Paul and all the family. Love you all xxxxx

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In 2008 The Work Place opened in Newton Aycliffe. The story of how this came about has now been published by the Elm House Trust, one of the two charities founded by Jane Ritchie.

Jane was left £9 million by her Cousin Margery and she spent over £5.5m on building an 'industrial learning centre' on the Aycliffe Business Park to promote education business partnership.

From her mother she inherited a large collection of family history documents which needed cataloguing and sorting. Jane commissioned Mike Keeble, renowned for his role as a commentator at many local agricultural shows, to turn this archive into a readable story to explain how the 'Grit in the Oyster' - the pearl that is The Work Place, came into being.

Jane's ancestors include a long bowman who fought at Agincourt, a Steward of Richmond Castle and founders of the Swaledale and Wensleydale Bank, the Robinson Memorial Church of England School, Leeds Infirmary and Clapham Women's Hospital.

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Smugglers, a Japanese Countess and a Hungarian Baroness, are woven into this family history in a wonderful eclectic mix within the framework of national events.

Mike opens a Pandora's Box of bigamy, fatal accidents, greed and law suits with eye-watering costs; and considers the 'hope' that is the legacy for the future. As this is real life, there is goodness to balance the record with a look at bankers who served their customers, soldiers who served their country and women who served their communities.

The Grit in the Oyster costs £12 and is available from The Work Place or direct from York Publishing Services on 01904 431213 or [enqs@yps-publishing.co.uk](mailto:enqs@yps-publishing.co.uk)

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## Birthday Remembrance

### Edward Arthur Weldon (Ted)



14/11/1914 - 10/12/1979

Thinking of you today on what would have been your 100th birthday. Your loving Wife Ruth, children Denise, Linda, Susan, Elaine, Julie, Raymond, Brenda and their families.

We miss you, in so many ways, We miss the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then we miss you most of all. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember him.

## Congratulations

### Rachel Grieves



**Happy Birthday Darling**  
Lots of love, hope you had a good day yesterday!  
From Paul xxxxx

### Paige Hewison



**Happy 13th Birthday Sweetheart**  
Enjoy your weekend. Love you lots, Mam and Dad  
xxxxxxxxxxxx

**PAIGE HEWISON** Happy 13th Birthday. Lots of love, Paul, Kyle, Jade, Sophie and Oscar xxxxxx

**PAIGE HEWISON** Happy 13th Birthday. Lots of love Nanna Maureen and Uncle Johnathan xxxxxx

**PAIGE HEWISON** 13 today. Happy Birthday, lots of love, Auntie Lisa, Uncle Darren and James xxxxxxxx

**CARTWRIGHT** Rachael Louise, congratulations on your graduation from Chester University. Well done. Love from Nan and Johnboy

**SMITH** Kimberley Maria. Happy birthday on 17th November 2014. Lots of love from Mam, Grandma, Auntie Christine, Uncle Ian and Auntie Anita

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## In Memoriam

### Ray Fletcher



Died 10-11-2007

In loving memory of a dearly loved Husband Ray and a devoted Dad, Grandad and Bro. The days without you are lonely Ray, but always remember we all love and care for you and our Anthea forever. Your dearly loved Wife Bea and family

## Acknowledgement

**JUST LAWNS & Hedges** would like to say thank you to all our customers for their patronage over the last year and wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you all again in the spring, John

**RAY BRENNAN** - Beryl and the family of the late Ray Brennan would like to thank you all for the many lovely cards, flowers, donations to the Marie Curie Nurses and messages of support received during their sad loss. Special thanks to Dr. Pringle and staff at the Bewick Crescent Surgery. Caroline (Ray's carer) and friends Chad and the girls and Wayne for the great help Ray received, also all the family for their kindness and help. Also Jan Carr from St Clare's for the lovely Service. A big thank you to Brian Shepherd from Whitehouse Funeral Service - you all made us very proud. Thank you all so very much. Beryl and family

## Obituary

**DENISE WALKER** 4th November, aged 67 years. Dearly loved Wife and best friend to Jimmy; devoted Mother to Ian, David and Christopher; loving Nana, Mother-in-Law and friend. You will be greatly missed, but always in our hearts and memories. Your loving family xxxxx

**THORNTON** 7th November (peacefully at Rose Lodge) of Newton Aycliffe, Muriel, aged 87 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Bill; a much loved and devoted Mam, Nanna and Great Nanna. Would friends please meet at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 17th November at 11.15am for a Service and Committal. Family flowers only please, donations may be left in the collection plate provided for the Alzheimers Society

**MONK** - 7th November, peacefully in Redworth House Nursing Home, Shildon. Patricia (Patsy), aged 67 years, of Aycliffe Village, dearly loved Wife of the late Tony; much loved Mum of Gary; Mother-in-Law of Sarah; devoted Grandma of Christie; loving Daughter-in-Law, Sister and dear friend to many. Funeral to be held on Tuesday 18th November. Friends please meet for Service in St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village at 2.00pm, followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent for The British Heart Foundation and The Injured Jockey Fund c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd, 59a Bondgate, Darlington DL3 7JR

**DIXON**, Newton Aycliffe. 10th November, peacefully in hospital. Alan, aged 65 years, much loved Husband of Jean; dearly loved Step-Father of Fiona, Stuart and Ian and their partners and a devoted Grandad and Great-Grandad. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Wednesday 19th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 10.00am followed by private interment. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service may be given online at [www.memorygiving.com/alandonx](http://www.memorygiving.com/alandonx) or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

**LESLEY SERRY** Fond memories of happy times. Love and miss you J xx

**LESLEY SERRY** Happy memories of a lovely Daughter, Lesley Serry (nee Somerset). Died 10 years ago on 16th November 2004. Also a wonderful Husband and Dad, Gordon Somerset, died 40 years ago. Sadly missed, always in our thoughts. From Jean, Gary, Lynn, Gary and all the girls xxxxx

**JOE ROBERTS** 19.11.2010 Always in my thoughts Dad. Love, Beverly x

**GEORGE SMITH** Died 11th November 2011, aged 63 years. Darling George, all who knew you, loved you, and those who loved you will remember you, not only for today, but every day for eternity. We will meet again my Brother. Loving Sister Margaret, Tom and family xxx

**MICHAEL TREVOR** 15th November 2013. Loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. You left us suddenly, we couldn't say goodbye, but you left us with lots of special memories to cherish every day. Love you always and forever. Your loving Wife Doreen, Sue, Colin, Keith, Pauline, Ann, Emma, Shaun, Carl, Kerry and Mia

**NATHAN SOWERBY** 16th November 2006. Treasured memories of a much loved Son and Brother. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. Dad and Joanne

**GRANT EDGAR** 16th November 1985. On your anniversary. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed always. Lots of love, Mam, Paul, Lee, Andy and all the family xxxx

**FRED MOUNSEY** Passed away on 12th November 2004. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Never will be forgotten by Wife Edna and family

### Chrissie Sim



**16th November**  
No 75th birthday cards today, only heartache and tears. Lots of memories so dear, every day of our lives, we wish you were here. Love, Liz, Eunice, Myra, Frazer, Danny, Wayne, Dawn, Kaya, Amir, Haywood and Keavy xxx

**Chrissie**  
To my special Sister, 75 today. Dearly missed. Love, Mary xxxxx

**RITA CHAPE** 18th November 2012. Loving birthday wishes to a brave, kind, generous and loving Mam and Grandma. Taken too soon, sadly missed. Love, Martyn, Nicola, Natalie and Daniel xxx

**RITA CHAPE** (nee Lawson). 18th November 1953 to 12th June 2006. Happy birthday darling, miss you so much. Love, Vaughan

**RITA ANN CHAPE** So sadly missed on your birthday. But so lovingly remembered by us all. Thinking of you always, Mam and family xxx

**DOREEN MCCUE**, birthday Remembrance for 10th November 1952 (62 years). Still sorely missed and loved. From Jimmy and all the family

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## Turbinia Football Club Flying High!

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After finishing in the bottom half of the table last season, the team has come a long way in its first 18 months and are now in contention for the League and a Cup. The Team would not be where they are today or in the position they are in, without the help and support they have received from Trident Taxis, Honest John, McDonalds – Newton Aycliffe and most of all The Turbinia itself who all helped in their own way to get the team up and running.

The future is looking bright for FC Turbinia with a young and enthusiastic squad, but running a local team comes with a cost and weekly subscriptions cannot cover everything, so at this moment in time the team is looking to offer a couple of sponsorship opportunities. If there is anyone interested in sponsoring the front of the shirts, whether it be the home shirt, away shirt or both, please get in touch with Paul Soakell on 07848932989 or p.soakell@sky.com and join our journey.

## Mixed Fortunes for Aycliffe Sports Club

The past two weeks has brought the Sports Club mixed fortunes in both league and cup competitions. Last weekend saw a return to winning ways in the league, with a hard fought 3-1 win over Gainforth Cross Keys. The result saw them leapfrog their opponents in the Wear Valley Sunday League 3rd Division with two or three games in hand. Gareth Boyes, who has shown excellent form, opened the scoring at Moore Lane Park on the quarter hour mark.

Poor defending led to an own goal on 25 minutes but Chris Jones scored before the break to make it 2-1 to the home side. It took a goal from in-form Connor Hughes, who came off the bench, to seal the victory. This weekend, a depleted side was away to league leaders Willington Queens in the 3rd Division Cup. Cup form has been poor this season, with only one win in the early rounds. Playing on a 3G pitch, the game was played with high intensity. David Hall resumed his position in a back 3, with Sam McKerr pushing up into midfield and Anthony Campbell supporting Connor Hughes up front.

The first half ended goalless but the home side took the lead early in the 2nd half against the run of play. The Sports Club rallied and a wonder strike from Campbell got the Aycliffe side back into the



game. It wasn't long before hard working David Teder grabbed a second to make it 2-1, however a late strike through a crowded defence for the home side took the game to extra time.

The Sports Club remained on top, as both sides showed tiredness. Darren Bossomworth, with a calf injury, managed to latch onto a through ball and slot home what looked to be a winner. Willington were awarded a dubious penalty, but for the second week running, Andy Hartley stood tall and saved the effort, but another late strike saw the game go to penalties. Paul Cook easily slotted home the first and Andy Hartley managed to keep out Willington's first shot. Captain Craig Barrigan then missed the second and the home side equalised. Ryan Stonehouse powered his home, but Connor Hughes missed and Willington Queens took the advantage. Tom Postle's effort just managed to cross the line after hitting the underside of the bar and when the Home side missed their last penalty, the competition went to sudden death.

Anth Campbell gave the opposition keeper no chance but Mark Craggs tame effort was easily saved. Luckily Andy Hartley saved the day to keep the Aycliffe side in the match, but Sam McKerr's poor shot, followed by the home side's final conversion saw the Sports Club crash out of the competition. Next up is two away league games and hopefully a chance to climb up the league table.

## CIRCUIT TRAINING

Aycliffe Running Club are currently holding circuit training sessions at the Oakleaf Sports Complex every Tuesday evening between 6 & 7pm.

These sessions are ideal for people who find gyms intimidating and would like to keep in trim before the Xmas festivity indulgences begin.

People of all abilities are welcome including families, but anyone wanting a hard work-out won't be disappointed either. It's up to the individual. These hall sessions cost £2

and £1 for ARC members.

## Team Kit Sponsored by Indian Restaurant

Newton Aycliffe JFC u23's were delighted when The Bengal Lounge Indian restaurant kindly agreed to sponsor a new home kit for the 2014 – 2015 season.

Team manager Nige "Slatch" Slatcher took delivery of the new kit which proudly displays the restaurant's logo and he would like to thank, both Ali and Abs for donating the money to purchase the new strip from TSM in Shildon. The club will present a replica team shirt to the Bengal Lounge to display in their fine premises. The photo was taken after the team's excellent 6-0 home win against Chester le Street on Sunday 2nd November, despite having depleted numbers for the game with only 11 players available from a squad of 20. An injury was sustained



during the game to Aycliffe's captain Jack Slatcher, no prizes for guessing which one is him! It would have been better if the picture was taken before the game! The team play in the very competitive Durham FA U23's Sunday afternoon league and are also the official development team for

the town's Northern League club Newton Aycliffe FC. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about Newton Aycliffe JFC U23's or any of the Junior teams which start from development right through to the u23's, please log onto our website [nascjuniorfc.co.uk](http://nascjuniorfc.co.uk)

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