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## Ineos "Go Run for Fun" Hits Aycliffe



More than 300 local school children participated in Aycliffe's second INEOS sponsored Go Run for Fun event on Friday 17th April. Leading the warm up was Chris Tomlinson, Middlesbrough born British long-jumper. Also in attendance was the Aycliffe Mayor Wendy



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Hillary who sounded the horn to start off the race. The 2K run which took place opposite the Ineos site at the Oakleaf Sports Complex, was a resounding success. The event is just one small part of a much bigger campaign over a

3 year period and is the inspiration of CEO Jim Ratcliffe whose ambition is to get as many young children off the couch and out of the house having fun running. In total more than 55,000 children have participated in this International event to date making the "Go Run for Fun" event the world's biggest children's running campaign. Supporting the event from INEOS included Peter Dee, Mick Beadle, Julie Adams and retiree Barry Wilkinson. Mick was also supported by a number of personnel from Aycliffe's Running Club.

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## RESIDENTS WIN GRANT FOR GARDEN TUBS ON GREEN



Residents group ACORN announce their success in obtaining a £500 grant from Durham County Council under "Its your neighbourhood" fund. Funding was sought to provide flower tubs to enhance the community green adjacent to Christopher Walk, used by children as a safe place to play and a common area for

events. Recently the green was damaged by a car driving across it in wet weather and concern was expressed by local residents about vehicles driving on a green where children play. Social housing provider livin have also allocated funds to help by paying for compost and flowers for the initiative. Volunteers have

been busy cleaning and painting the tubs to present a lovely display. ACORN Residents' Chairman Ken Robson said the tubs would belong and be adopted by the community. Several residents have expressed an interest in attaching plaques in remembrance of loved ones who had lived in the area.

So popular have the flower tubs become that ACORN have ordered more. "We still have a few areas in Newton Aycliffe where heavy vehicles park on our grassy verges leaving unsightly damage. Wouldn't it be great to place some of these planters on the verges so we could see flowers rather than tyre tracks?" said Ken.

As a condition of being awarded the grant ACORN are required to enter the Northumberland in Bloom competition, so wish us luck folks.

## INDUSTRY LEARNS BEST PRACTICE FROM 3M AYCLIFFE



The visitors to the 3M Aycliffe site and their hosts at the start of the plant tour

The award-winning 3M Aycliffe plant has been sharing its success with manufacturers from around the country – and local charities have been benefitting as well.

Last year the site won a Best Factory award in a national competition run by Works Management magazine.

As a result, the magazine asked the site to organise a

Best Factory tour to share its knowledge and experience with other manufacturers.

Twenty representatives of six companies from across England, Wales and Scotland came to the Heighington Lane plant, which makes respirators for worker safety and products for the vehicle aftercare market.

Donna Gowland, the site's Continuous Improvement

and Lean leader organised the visit and said: "We had a great response from the visitors. They appreciated our openness with them and they were very complimentary about the initiatives we've developed at the site, such as behavioural safety and lean management systems."

The Works Management magazine allocated £500 to meet the 3M site's expenses

in holding the event, but the site decided this sum should be donated to local charities instead.

As a result, a cheque for £200 is going to the Great North Air Ambulance and £100 each to St Teresa's Hospice, Butterwick Hospice and the charity 4Louis that supports parents who have suffered stillbirth, neonatal, infant and child loss.

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"It's something I'll stick around for"

A bit of a warm up for whoever is going to the Stadium of Light next month and it happens to be Gary's birthday this weekend ;o)

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## LEFT AND RIGHT POLITICS IS DYING

Dear Editor,

For most of us in the UK there has always been a choice at elections between the left and the right but this is no longer the case.

When UKIP appeared on the scene and started to gather momentum something changed in the UK that will never go back to the way it was.

The left and the right no longer mattered. Here stood a Party who had people from both sides voting for it and this is something unheard of

in modern day politics.

There was an argument that in the northern left-leaning areas people would never change and it was fixated in such a way that the left and right politics would remain, but this is not the case.

My election address went out to each house in the Sedgefield constituency and within 24 hours I was inundated with messages from both the left and right traditional supporters who were now voting UKIP.

These 'hardened areas' are living proof that left and right politics is dying. For a long time Sedgefield was never anything other than a Labour safe seat and this is no longer the case. The data is promising and it may well turn out to be the surprise of the election.

The public want honesty, straight answers and to be listened to. That is why UKIP are ahead of the curve and that is why UKIP will do better than expected.

John Leathley  
 Sedgefield UKIP Prospective Parliamentary Candidate

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Afternoon tea will be served alongside entertainment from a local dance group, a children's entertainer and a lively silver band.

The LCA team would love to see many of the people they have helped over the past 5 years come along and join in the fun and help them celebrate this special occasion.

Alwyn White said 'People we have helped through our Helping Hands project can book a Golden Ticket which are VIP passes. It is formal dress at this event, so if anyone would like to come but doesn't have an outfit then we will do our utmost to help with something nice to wear on the day.'

This event really promises to be the best event we have had in our 5-year history! Not only is it our 5th year anniversary but we are also celebrating £1,000,000 worth of resources being distributed to those that are known to us as being in the most need.

It's a free event and we have a limited number of golden tickets still available so people need to be quick to book! If you would like one of our golden tickets please contact our receptionist Linzi on 07936 431262'

## Rotary Club Geordie Lunch at the T.A. Centre



The town's Rotary Club held a Geordie Lunch last Sunday at the REME T.A. Centre at Northfield Way using the Drill Hall with kind permission of the C.O.

It was enjoyed by a hundred people some of whom dressed up for the occasion. The Mayor and her consort Wendy and Jed Hillary were among the guests.

Proceeds from the lunch were shared with the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Association (SSAFA) and Rotary Charities. The TA sponsored the event by offering the premises and the service of their TA Cooks, Sergeant Malcolm Mooney and Private Sean Heslop.

The tasty meal consisted of Northumbrian Broth and Stotty Cakes, Beef Stew and Mashed Potato followed by



Apple Crumble and Custard. Everything was home-made and sourced locally.

After lunch everyone was entertained with traditional Geordie Songs joining in to the rousing choruses of The Lambton Worm and Blaydon Races. John Tobin, Music Teacher at Greenfield provided the accompaniment.

Comedian Bert Draycott's act, full of northern humour, was well received as the World's Spoon Playing Champion.

Club President David Anderson thanked the TA for their kind co-operation in hosting the charity lunch which was a resounding success.

## LOOK AT TINDALE TO SEE HOW AYCLIFFE SHOULD PROGRESS

Dear Sir,  
Can someone please charter a bus and fill it with our hopeless Labour Councillors and take them to Tindale to let them see our regeneration should be done!  
The new shops, food outlets etc are too numerous to count - all creating hundreds of jobs as well as supplying residents with great choice.  
Now they are aiming for a 6-Screen Cinema with family restaurants to open at the same time while our councillors are still

bragging about getting Aldi!  
I now hear that a prime site following the demolition of our Police Station is to become a Care Home - just what Aycliffe needs!  
Where is the vision of our Labour lapdogs? The only way is for us to ditch these freeloaders and elect Councillors with vision to take Newton Aycliffe retailing forward - which is sadly lacking in our current crop of nonentities.  
David Cogan  
Newburn Court

## Fundraising Family Fun Day

Last week, Aycliffe Dance Academy held a Family Fun Day to raise funds to buy students new costumes for this year's show!

Hundreds of people attended the day held at the Academy's home, The Bethany Centre. Members of the Academy and the public browsed stalls, had their faces and nails painted, played on the bouncy castle and took part in activities such as Hook A Duck, Chase The Ace and The Ultimate Throwing Challenge!

The children (and adults) had a fantastic time; they even got the opportunity to have balloons made by Professor Nincompoop and meet the wonderful Cinderella, Rapunzel and Mickey Mouse characters which were kindly supplied by Meet My Mascot. The Fun Day was also a massive celebration to mark five years from when the Academy first opened back in 2010. The day turned out to be a HUGE success and raised a whopping £1622.58! Emma Cox, Dance Principal of Aycliffe Dance Academy said: "It amazes me every single year how everyone rallies around and comes together to make our fun days a great success! Days like these help us to keep the costs right down for all of our students taking part in annual shows. We've had so much help and support it really is overwhelming and I'm so very, very grateful."

Everyone is welcome to come along and support the n Show which is part of this year's Aycliffe Festival on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th July at the Xcel Centre, Aycliffe Business Park. Tickets go on sale on Saturday 23rd May between 10am and 12pm at The Bethany Centre in Woodham. Any local businesses or individuals interested in supporting the event are asked to call Emma on 07908 162 868.



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Yvonne Parkin

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The film club is run by the children's team at St. Clare's Church, near the Thames Centre, and is in the main movie hall. Everyone welcome!

## Election Doorstep Questions

Phil Wilson, the Labour Parliamentary candidate for Sedgefield, shares his views on some of the important questions he's heard on the doorstep during the election campaign so far.

### What have you done for us?

Being a local man, brought up in Trimdon, my dad worked down at Fishburn pit, I am passionate about this area. Since getting elected in 2007 I have sought to be a voice for the people of

Sedgefield. My prime concern has been job creation and it always will be. My proudest achievement was to lead the campaign to bring Hitachi to South Durham, creating over 730 jobs and thousands more in the supply chain. I also worked towards bringing the University Technological College to Aycliffe Business Park so that our young people can learn the skills they need to get on in industry.

When I was first elected, Aycliffe town centre was in decline and had not been invested in for a number of years. But now we've seen demolition of some disused buildings and £2m refurbishment with the final phase of development under way leading to impressive changes over the last few years. My office continues to work with the town centre management and local community to ensure more retailers fill the shops. My office also helped and supported thousands of constituents with problems from changes to benefits to housing to consumer issues and everything in-between.

### People want to know if Labour will form a coalition with the SNP?

There is no way that I would want to go into coalition with the Scottish National Party and I agree with Ed Milliband when he says it isn't going to happen. The SNP sees itself as a 'progressive' force in British politics, but there is nothing progressive about wanting to break up the United Kingdom. The Tories keep saying Labour will enter into a coalition with the SNP as a scare story which is not based upon fact because they have nothing else to say.

### What will Labour do about the bedroom tax?

One of the first things a Labour government will do is abolish the bedroom tax. It is affecting a lot of people, particularly those in my constituency where there is not enough one bedroom properties for them to move into and it is instead driving them further into poverty. Labour already has

legislation ready to abolish the tax.

People are worried about the future of the NHS, what will Labour do to save it?

Through our 'time to care fund' raised through a mansion tax and tackling tax avoidance, we will invest in our NHS. We will recruit and train 20,000 more nurses and 8,000 more GPs guaranteeing GP appointments within 48 hours and cancer tests within a week. We'll provide 25 hours free childcare and ensure smaller class sizes for 5 to 7-year-olds. None of our manifesto commitments require additional borrowing and we'll balance the books and cut the deficit each year. Our NHS and public services need a Labour government to secure their future. Labour created the NHS and we will always defend a health service, free at the point of need.

### What do you think about plans to turn some of the street lighting on A167?

I have raised this with the county council and asked them to look again at their decision. I know the council is suffering severe cuts to its budget, but our priority must be the safety of pedestrians and road users. Turning off street lights is happening all over the country not just in this area and it is because of the extreme cuts made by the current government. We must find a way of keeping people safe, despite financial pressures.

### What is happening about EON's plans to build a huge Windfarm at the Isles?

I am opposed to EON's plan to build 23 wind turbines 100m+ at the Isles between Bradbury, Mordon and Chilton. This does not mean I am opposed to wind energy, but it does mean I am opposed to the cumulative impact of having so many windfarms in one area. County Durham continues to play its part in providing renewable energy, but I think we have our fair share of windfarms considering the windfarms at Red Gap Farm, Lambs Hill and Moorside Farm have been approved but are yet to be built.

## Taking Issue with Phil Wilson's Claims

Dear Sir,  
Phil Wilson said:

**"I led the campaign to bring Hitachi to Newton Aycliffe"**

Not true, of course Labour played a part in attracting Hitachi to the North East but to claim credit is overstepping the mark and stretching the truth. The initiative was spearheaded by Durham County Council with active support from local leading Conservatives including Lord Bates, Darlington Conservative group and local media. The decision ultimately rested with a Conservative Transport Secretary.

Claire Perry, the Conservative Rail Minister said, "This is quite frankly a desperate lie from Labour. It was this Conservative government that awarded the £4.5 billion contract for the Intercity Express Programme, seeing Hitachi assemble an intercity fleet of 92 complete trains at Newton Aycliffe, seeing 730 skilled jobs created at Newton Aycliffe with a further 200 jobs during construction of the factory itself. The Newton Aycliffe factory was awarded another contract to build 500 carriages of The Class 800 trains by this government only last years. Thanks to the Conservatives' long term economic plan, we can invest in rail and infrastructure and businesses are investing in the UK, meaning more jobs for people. The biggest risk to all of this progress and our economic security is Ed Miliband and Labour."

**"I supported the University Technical College for South Durham"** - UTCs are an initiative from the Conservative side of the Coalition. Phil Wilson had his photo taken in connection with the campaign but the credit rests with Sunderland University, the Baker Dearing Trust and local Conservative politicians who

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**"Hard working families are being hit by a cost of living crisis"** No they are not, hard working families are securing a better future with a growing local economy, more jobs, improving wages and lower taxes.

**"We will deal with the deficit"** No you won't, Chancellor Brown deregulated the banks sowing the seeds of collapse, he sold our gold reserves, raided our pensions and don't forget that most famous Labour bank note of all time "there's no money left". How can you trust people who let you down and helped bring our country to its knees?

Labour during their term of office and particularly Gordon Brown and Alasdair Darling, reduced our country's economic status from excellent to the brink of bankruptcy.

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Scott Wood  
Conservative Candidate

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As part of the Aycliffe Festival 3 -12 JULY we are planning to hold a "Display of Angels" in St. Clare's Church. Entries are invited from children, adults and groups or organisations. You may enter as many models as you wish to make. Model angels can be made any size from 2" to 6ft.

Models can be made from any materials including, paper, card, glitter, carved wood, flowers, Perspex, material cloth, wool etc. or from any recycled material. ALL ANGELS TO STAND IF POSSIBLE/ NO BOUGHT ANGELS PLEASE. NO PICTURES AS WE CANNOT DISPLAY THESE IN CHURCH.

All local schools and organisations are invited to enter any number of models. Angels are mentioned 273 times in the bible and we are aiming for a minimum of 273 to be on display in St. Clare's and look fabulous all during the festival.

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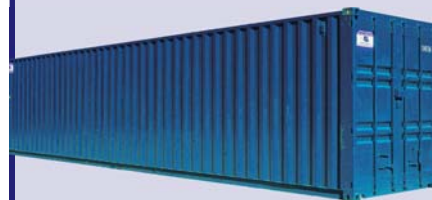
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# Newtonians Need the Labour Party

Dear Editor,  
Sadly, a number of Newtonians prominent in local politics have joined UKIP. In my View, UKIP collates the prejudices of middle aged bigots with middle class privilege. UKIP are a party of people who enjoyed social mobility across their generation, and now seek to convince the younger generation that the reason they cannot enjoy the same social mobility is down to migrant workers. This is a lie.

The reason the current generation of workers cannot access social mobility is due to a succession of governments failing to create full employment for all workers. Alongside, allowing standards of living, housing, education, health care, and public services to deteriorate to pre-WW2 conditions. The 'free market' has gone unchallenged; the pillars which secure our community have fallen into the hands of profiteers at the expense of ordinary working people.

Across this parliament, the Tories have demonised the unemployed, berated them into low paid, insecure, part time work. The Labour Party will create a real job for a real wage, for every person unemployed under twenty five. The Tories are set to punish the poorest by 12 billion across the term of the next parliament, the sick and disabled are at risk, and so too are the millions of hard working people who are entitled to claim working tax credit. The Labour Party will balance spending by recouping money from millionaire tax cheats and corporations who do not pay their fair share of tax.

Only the Tories would look at social housing across deprived areas and think

of homes as office space to be rented by the square foot. Labour will abolish the bedroom tax, which has plunged the poorest into abject poverty. The Tories will allow those lucky enough to rent a housing association home the right to buy it; a measure which would reduce the availability of affordable housing stock, marginalising ordinary working people into private rented accommodation at obscene inflated prices. Labour have agreed to abolish agency fees, tackle rogue landlords, control social rents, and build two hundred thousand affordable homes.

The Tories have said that they will give 8 billion to the NHS. They won't say where the money will come from, because it will be taken from cuts they administer to our other much needed public services. Don't imagine they will task the richest with putting their hands in their pockets. It is their contempt for ordinary people which sees the Tories preside over where the axe falls. The Labour Party are to make significant advances in returning the NHS to full public ownership and reduce the scope for profiteers who absorb the institution's money.

The failure to vote Labour is a licence to return David Cameron to number 10, where his campaign to erode everything our community has achieved since WW2 will continue. Do you want for your family: poorer services, extortionate rents, poverty wages, part time-zero hours jobs, education and health care tendered out for profit? Do nothing, and the Tories will return for another term to punish ordinary working people.

Warren Saunders,  
Elemore Place.

## NEWTONIAN IN BOTSWANA, TEACHES, FLIES & WRITES A BOOK



Jonathan Laverick grew up in Lilburne Crescent, went to St Mary's and then The Avenue School. He attended Durham University and played football for them and The North Brit in Aycliffe Village. After completing his studies he got his first job teaching for the Botswana Government.

He has also taught in the Bahamas and Norway, but in between jobs taught Maths and PE at Greenfield and then Maths and Technology at Woodham.

Jonathan is now back in Botswana as Director of a very successful "A Level" centre. This job and advancing age has meant giving up football, but he did finish his career in the Botswana League with a goal at the home of the national team.

Some years ago the Youth Centre were kind enough to donate a kit to Amagents' Youth Team following an appeal in the Newton News and Northern Echo.

Jonathan always had a passion for aviation which runs in the family as his father was in the RAF. He is currently one flight away from getting his pilot's licence and takes his flight test early May - the picture shows him after his first solo flight.

He earns extra pocket money painting aeroplanes and during his research heard the story of the murder of two RAF pilots in Botswana in 1943. There were lots

of conflicting versions so Jonathan decided it was time to put this right and has written a book which is now published called "The Kalahari Killings" published by The History Press. Jonathan said: "Although far away it is always nice to keep up with what is happening at home - so a big thank you to the Newton News website!"

## Newton News Viewed on all Continents

The internationality of the Newton News website is proven again this week with news from former Newtonians living in Botswana and America. They visit our website each week and have contacted us to report on recent achievements (left) and notice of a birth (page 15).

## COMMUNITY CENTRE CONTACTS

New email addresses for the officers of Agnew Community Centre:

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secretary.agnew@gmail.com  
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treasurer.agnew@gmail.com

## Woodham Academy's £1½m Improvement Grant



Woodham Academy is to receive a grant of almost £1½m to improve facilities at the school. The funds will be used to repair the roof and enhance the internal fabric of the building which will improve the learning environment for pupils.

Woodham was selected following a prioritisation process by the Department for Education which received requests for more than £1.6 billion for over 3,500 projects at over 2,200 academies and sixth-form colleges.

The work will take place over the summer and it is anticipated this will be the first phase of significant investment in the school facilities and infrastructure.



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We will also be giving updates on our I.T. Centre and the development on the Iron Horse Car Park.

**For further details contact Alan 07754 094946**

## COULD YOU REHOME A GREYHOUND?

The Darlington Retired Greyhound Trust hold a 3 day awareness weekend at Hardwick Park, Sedgfield, on Saturday & Sunday 3rd and 4th May.

They will be there between 11am and 5pm with dogs who are looking for their forever homes for you to meet. They will also have merchandise to sell and lots of advice on rehoming a greyhound. So please come along and meet us.

We also have a Dog Walk on Sunday 26th of April at Hardwick Park at 2pm meeting in the car park. Please visit our website for more information: [www.darlingtonretiredgreyhounds.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonretiredgreyhounds.co.uk) / or phone 0750 4871527

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# Greenfield Junior Master Chef



This week students at Greenfield Community College had the chance to take part in a "Junior Master Chef" competition – supported by Livin'. The competition was funded by Livin' to enable young people to understand the importance and value of living and budgeting within limits.

Before the cooking section of the competition, the young people took part in a session on budgeting; considering how to make flavoursome, balanced and healthy dishes for two to four people within a £5 allowance.

After researching different options the class of Year 8 Greenfield students created a range of dishes for the competition including lasagne, stir fry, quiche, stuffed peppers, fish dishes, and spicy vegetable wraps. All the recipes and meals were fantastic, and all the

students demonstrated excellent organisation skills, good personal and kitchen practices and excellent food and hygiene awareness throughout the competition. Congratulations to our top prize winners and thanks to Livin' for donating the prizes (2 fire HD tablets and a camera), as well as a £10 voucher for each student who took part.

3rd – Sarah Rennison – Salmon with Roast Potatoes and Asparagus

2nd – Adara Natrass – Chicken and Leek Pie with Filo Pastry

1st – Jasmine Beadle – Thai Green Curry and Rice

The Greenfield students are editing their recipes ready to be included in a booklet which Livin' will give to clients when they move into new homes or if they would just like some inspiration for eating healthily on a budget.

This was a fantastic experience for all the students and staff involved – the students were enthusiastic, relishing the chance to experiment and are now looking forward to their next challenge!

## NO LIBDEM PRESENCE

Dear Sir,

As a long time Liberal voter I am surprised and disillusioned on the lack of information from candidates of this Party.

Because they are the only Party to post a leaflet through my door and because I have met Phil Wilson he will probably get my vote.

I would be interested to hear from spokesperson from our leading companies: Tallents, Roman, and Ebac who they think would be the best Party for the North East and Britain.

Greyhound  
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## WARNING AS COLLIE DOG KILLS TERRIER

Dear Sir,

On Thursday 16th April at approximately 5pm a mature gentleman was walking his Yorkshire Terrier dog on a lead along Burnhill Way when it was viciously attacked and killed by a Border Collie dog which was off the lead and with its lady owner.

After the incident the owner of the Collie dog said that maybe she should have had it on a lead because it had a disliking for small dogs. So if this was the case, why was the lady being so irresponsible when she was fully aware her dog was dangerous to others? Absolutely disgusting!

The gentlemen involved was left totally shocked and left devastated by the incident, as they aren't just pets but members of your family! Please be cautious and vigilant when out and about with your dog in the Woodham area to avoid it happening to you. Responsible Dog Owner  
Name & address supplied

## DEMENTIA AWARENESS

The Dementia awareness and loneliness group "New Pathways Together" meets every Thursday from 10.30am until 11.30am at the Youth & Community Centre.

Help and advice friendship and understanding is available with trips away every month. Our next trip is to the Glass Centre, Sunderland and people from surrounding areas are welcome.

Ring 01325 308094 for further particulars or just turn up on the day.

# Democracy Most Important?

Dears Sir,

It would appear that John D. Clare, under the guise of the Labour Group Press Officer, thinks the following matters are more important than democracy. This, after Tony Blair's recent visit and speech during which the failed ex. PM and MP decided the electorate should not be entitled to a referendum on whether to stay in, or leave, the undemocratic European Union. Clearly, Tony Blair and John D. Clare are not democrats. (and Mr Clare does not wish to debate the point).

However, our continued membership of the E.U. has ramifications on the 'more important' matters which are on John D. Clares' debating agenda.

**Withdrawal of Housing Benefit** on unoccupied Social Housing Rooms (Politically incorrectly referred to as the abolition of Bedroom Tax). Many parents in both the public and private housing sectors downsize when their families leave home as it is the socially responsibly and financially sensible thing to do. The fact of the matter is we have both a housing and a bedroom shortage (despite the Coalition having built more social houses in 5 years than the Labour Government built in 13 years).

The housing shortage has, to a great part, been contributed to by the fact that we cannot limit immigration from the E.U. That is, we need to house anybody who decides to flee the undemocratic and bankrupt E.U. The so called Bedroom Tax allows the proper utilisation of spare bedrooms

and enables society to house families in the existing social housing stock that was under-utilised under Labour, to the benefit of all.

**The NHS (privatisation)**

When Labour founded the NHS it included the provision of false teeth and spectacles. However, it proved unaffordable under the Labour Government of 1951 (history is repeating itself) and so they privatised the provision of false teeth and spectacles. Currently, the NHS is estimated to be 6% 'privatised; two thirds of this was introduced by New Labour PFI hospitals. History proves that the NHS is at most risk from privatisation and cuts under Labour.

**Stopping Tax Avoidance**

The Coalition has gathered more tax from 'tax avoiders' in five years than New Labour managed in thirteen years. However, I think that both could have done better, especially New Labour! I'm sure the majority of your readers will agree.

**Making Gas and Electricity more affordable.**

The Labour government signed up to the E.U. green taxes, hence the high price of subsidised renewable energy (and the despoiling of our countryside with inefficient wind farms). Further, Labour encouraged the shrinking of the supplier base to 6 major suppliers that Labour failed to make competitive on price. Like our banks they are now "too big to allow to fail".

Devolution for the North East New Labour held a referendum and this idea was soundly

and democratically rejected. Perhaps the rejection was because the electorate realised that any devolved North East would be dominated by the Labour Party who would apply their failed past policies.

**Ending Zero Hours Contracts and Raising the minimum Wage.**

As a student I worked on zero hour contracts and they were beneficial both to the employer (holiday cover) and to me. However, at that time there was a Conservative Government in power and no minimum wage. That is, there was nearly full employment and I could pick and choose which employer I worked for, based on the wages on offer. The Labour Party departed office leaving the finances in a mess and the highest level of unemployment seen in years. The chances of getting a job at any wage were slim. Unfortunately, we cannot get back to the conditions I enjoyed as a student as every job we create can be filled by E.U. immigrants and there is nothing we can legally do to stop this.

**Planned Cuts to Welfare and Public Services.**

When in opposition the Labour party accepted the need for future austerity cuts. Is John D. Clare supporting the level of cuts proposed by both the Coalition and Labour or is he actually departing from the 'party line' and has some policy he is unilaterally wishing to espouse? I would be pleased to hear his independent thoughts and to debate his own policy with him.

Alastair P.G. Welsh

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## 'Britain's Got Talent' Star Comes to Aycliffe

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Les will be supported through the night by local band 'TOXIC' Popular throughout the UK where they have performed at countless Major Hotels & Holiday Parks, Toxic are also regular visitors to British Military bases across Mainland Europe.

Their breathtaking 'Live' show features a State of The Art Sound, Light and Lasers as well as a magical mix of songs by Lady Gaga, Amy Winehouse, Scissor Sisters, Kings of Leon, Lily Allen, The Killers, DJ Sammy, The Jam, Madonna, Eurythmics,



Abba, Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams, Journey, James Morrison, The Black Eyed Peas and many more.

This event will take place on Saturday, 2nd May at Newton Aycliffe's 'Big Club'. The evening starts at 7pm and is a tickets only event. Tickets are available now at £10 and are being sold on a 'first come, first served' basis. Tickets will only be available on the door if there are any left unsold on the evening.

For tickets please contact either David Brassell (07870 777 779) or Jim Barr (07899 862 079).

This evening of entertainment is to help raise funds for Heighington AFC Boys so should you wish to help support a local club please feel free to bring along friends and join in the fun!

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# Community Groups Benefit from Energy Partnership

Community groups could benefit from thousands of pounds by referring eligible people for heavily subsidised gas boilers after a new scheme – the first of its kind in the country – was unveiled in the region.

National Energy Action (NEA) and British Gas have teamed up with Warm Up North to launch a Community Action Partnership (CAP) in the North East. The region is the latest of eight areas across Great Britain to benefit from this £1.2 million British Gas community investment programme.

Selected charities and community groups will initially be able to refer people to Warm Up North to find out if they are eligible for heavily subsidised gas boilers and other energy efficiency measures, such as loft and cavity wall insulation. For every successful gas boiler install the selected charity or group will receive a £50 award from British Gas to reinvest in their community projects.

Age UK, which has branches in the nine Warm Up North Local Authority areas, is one of the first confirmed organisations. As part of the launch, NEA, British Gas and Warm Up North are looking to invite other organisations, who help harder-to-reach households and communities, to express an interest in applying to be part of the scheme.

As part of the project, NEA will be providing information and support to the front-line organisations over the coming months to help local people benefit from warmer, more

energy efficient homes. In the region, more than a tenth (12 per cent) of households are classed as being in fuel poverty.

Maria Wardrobe, director of external affairs for NEA, an organisation based in Newcastle, said: "With temperatures still low in the North East the need for an efficient heating system has never been greater. Community organisations are really well placed to identify those who can benefit most, helping them to live in warmer, more energy efficient homes."

As part of British Gas' commitment to supporting householders in the North East, it also recently launched the Energy Challenge in Newcastle to help people save energy by offering practical advice and information.

Stuart Margerrison, director of business installations at British Gas, said: "Warm Up North has already helped more than 3,000 households with over 3,700 new boilers and insulation measures."

"We're pleased to offer charities the opportunity to work with us to help people who really need a new boiler whilst also being in with the chance to receive £50 for every successful installation. We want to help as many people as possible in the area to benefit from this great community scheme."

Warm Up North aims to tackle fuel poverty, whilst helping to lower energy bills and make keeping warm more affordable for thousands of homes. The partnerships comprises of nine

North East Local Authorities including Co. Durham.

For more information on Warm Up North and how the partnership is helping to make homes more energy efficient call the team on freephone\* 0800 294 8073 or visit [www.warmupnorth.com](http://www.warmupnorth.com).

Any local charities or community groups can express an interest to be considered for the Community Action Partnership by emailing Maureen Fildes at NEA via: [Maureen.Fildes@nea.org.uk](mailto:Maureen.Fildes@nea.org.uk).

## Coffee Morning

This event is to take place on Saturday 2nd May at 10am at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham.

Bedding and Flowering plants, Vegetable and Fruit plants, Home Produce of cakes, bakes and pies plus a Raffle.

Come and enjoy our Coffee and Scones. Plan your summer garden with your friends at St Elizabeth's.

## HONEST JOHN'S JUNE MOVE

Honest John has decided to move to his new home at DISC, next to the Blue Bridge, on the 1st June and requests that no new donations are made at The Cubby premises after 7th May.

Recent donations to local organisations include £300 to Woodham Golf Club Juniors, £250 to the town's Water Polo Team, £550 to Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club and £250 to The Cubby. John wishes to express thanks to the family of the late Doreen Smith who donated cash in lieu of flowers to the Community Kitty.

## Lesson on Elections



Children at Woodham Burn Primary School began their participation in the general election in fine style when members of the School Council travelled to London to visit local MP Phil Wilson at the Houses of Parliament.

School Council representatives from Y3 – Y6 took with them questions from their classes to pose to their MP and enjoyed meeting Mr Wilson in his office as well as a tour of the Palace of Westminster.

At the close of the visit Mr Wilson was presented with a Woodham Burn bag in which to carry important papers. He then posed with this and council members near to Big Ben. The children travelled back to school inspired with all they had seen and determined to play an active part in the 2015 General Election.

In the coming weeks Woodham Burn pupils will elect party leaders representing each of the main political parties in

school and will hold their own election to vote in their own 'School Prime Minister' on 7th May.

## Film Show

St Clare's Church FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW on Tuesday 28th April will feature "THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH" The next in our series of Doris Day movies but this is a suspense thriller with James Stewart.

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 the film in friendly company. Further details from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

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It's run entirely by volunteers happy to help anyone with their family history research. It is free and open to the public on Tuesday 10am - 4pm and Thursday 10am-4pm and 6:30pm -9pm.

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The Church of Jesus Christ has long been known for its interest in family history, which it sponsors through Family Search - easily the largest genealogical organisation in the world (see website: familysearch.org). There are over 2 billion names searchable online. The site receives over 10 million hits per day from over 3 million visitors per month, and since its launch the site has received over 150 million visitors.

Initially it was accessible only by Church members, but now it's available to the general public, free of charge - so why not take a look? Do YOU know who you are? Would you like some help finding out? ..... well, now you know where to go!

## Dance Star Gives Masterclass



On Saturday 18th of April students from Macadam School of Dance were lucky to be chosen to have Tom Shilcock from "Can You Dance?" attend their studio to give them a free 45min masterclass.

This was prior to the "Can you Dance?" Convention on the 17th May at Newcastle

University. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students as apart from being on the show Tom has danced with Cheryl Cole, Rhianna, Jessie J etc.

He taught a commercial routine which all students gave 100% effort in learning and performing. They are now all very

excited to attend Can You Dance? in Newcastle.

Principal Diane said "I love all the new opportunities that are now available for students of dance. It used to be all based down south, but so much more is now coming up here so we like to take advantage of every opportunity".

## WYNYARD HALL TO OPEN ITS HISTORIC WALLED GARDEN

AN historic walled garden, in the grounds of a prestigious North East country house hotel, is to be opened to the public as part of a £5.3m investment.

The Walled Garden, at Wynyard Hall Hotel, Tees Valley, - which was established by the Hall's owners, the Marquises of Londonderry, in the 19th century - will open on Tuesday 4th August. Containing more than 3000 roses, it is the realisation of a long-held dream of Wynyard Hall's owner, Sir John Hall and has been designed and planted by multi-award-winning Royal Horticultural Society landscape architect Alistair Baldwin.

"The walled garden will be breathtakingly beautiful," said York-based Alistair. Visitors will see a truly dazzling display of roses, in a design which pays tribute to the ancient heritage of

the walled garden, yet takes it firmly forward into a new stage of development."

The £1.6m Walled Garden development, to the north of the Hall itself and within the estate's 150 acres of grounds, will also house a state-of-the-art visitor centre, shop and café, stocking and serving locally-sourced goods and produce.

Thirty new jobs have been created by the re-development of the Walled Garden; the second stage in a rolling programme of work to create The Gardens at Wynyard Hall - which will eventually cover four acres and be one of the largest rose gardens in the UK.

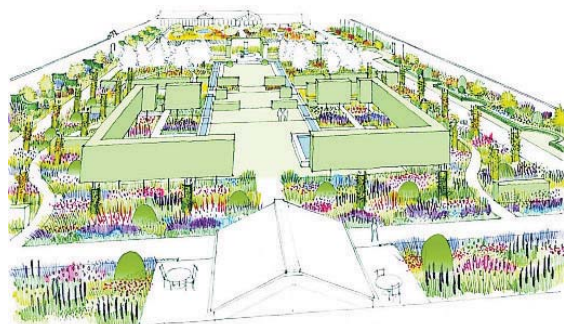
The first stage, adjacent to the Walled Garden, was the £1.7m installation of a Grand Marquee and management suite, for weddings and large scale corporate events and further stages will include a £2m investment in the creation of a cookery

school, children's garden and designated walks through the estate.

Property magnate Sir John, who grew up in a Northumberland pit village, said: "When I was a lad I used to watch my father grow roses in the little strip of garden in front of our cottage and I decided, there and then, that one day I would have one of the most spectacular rose gardens in the country - and this is just the start."

Local suppliers and businesses have been deployed across all areas of the development, including the build, landscaping, fitting and design.

"It is magnificent beyond our wildest dreams," said Allison Antonopoulos, Managing Director at Wynyard Hall Hotel. "It has been years in the planning, many months in the developing and will, we hope, give a lifetime's pleasure to all who come to see it."



## Greenfield Room 13 Welcomes World Visitors



Room 13, our School in the Cloud Lab at Greenfield Arts had more visitors from around the world lately!

Earlier in April we hosted visitors from Barclays Life Skills, who, after travelling from their headquarters in London for the visit, watched a SOLE session and then spoke to our fantastic Engineheads about SOLEs, what it means to them, what they've been developing for Room 13 and the impact it is having on teaching and learning. We also talked about the skills SOLEs encourages for life and for developing a career. It was really interesting to think about the skills of resilience, perseverance, independence within the context of careers.

Last week we had a visit from teaching professionals from the Netherlands, who visited Room 13 as one of the stops on their tour of schools around the

North East, as they considered "Thinking for learning."

The two groups had the opportunity to see SOLEs in action and talk about how it can be applied in their schools in the Netherlands. They enjoyed seeing Room 13 and talking again to the Engineheads, as well as the opportunity to speak

to Head teacher Mr Priestley about life and learning at Greenfield.

These are just two examples of visitors to Room 13, which continues to be successful. To keep up to date and find out more about SOLEs visit our blog [greenfieldarts.wordpress.com](http://greenfieldarts.wordpress.com).

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# HITACHI WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Shepherd Construction Ltd, the contractor responsible for building the large new rail manufacturing plant for Hitachi at Merchant Park, has won a prestigious Gold Award at the Considerate Constructors Scheme's 2015 National Site Awards.

The annual awards, run by the Scheme, recognise the highest levels of consideration and care shown by construction sites throughout the UK towards their local neighbourhood, the general public, their workforce and the environment. Only 98 UK sites achieved the gold standard this year from

over 9000, making this site's achievement particularly significant.

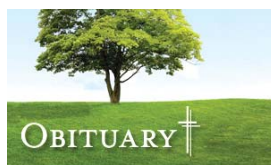
The Scheme Monitor visiting the site particularly noted that educational support was strongly addressed, with regular presentations to colleges, academies, schools and other institutions as well as the hosting of frequent student visits to the site itself. This was supported by a special CPD event for school teachers aimed at overcoming the stereotypes of working in construction – and encouraging a fresh look at its career opportunities. Equally effective environmental

protection measures were also in place throughout the site, ranging from extensive energy-saving and water harvesting to detailed wildlife protection.

The award was presented at a ceremony held at The Balmoral hotel by Iain Connelly, President of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, to the Shepherd Construction team. Commenting on the win, Chairman of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, Mike Petter, said:

We never fail to be impressed each year by the high levels of innovation and excellence evidenced throughout the

industry. Each award-winning project serves as a shining example to the industry as to what can be achieved across a range of different sized projects and in all sectors of the industry. My congratulations to all sites that have received an award in 2015".



## Death of Respected Businessman



We are sad to record the death of well known local businessman David Thompson, of School Aycliffe who passed away at St. Teresa's Hospice, Darlington on Thursday 16th April 2015. David was born in Leicester in 1944 and moved with his parents back to their native Yorkshire where David was educated at Croft School and Eston Technical College.

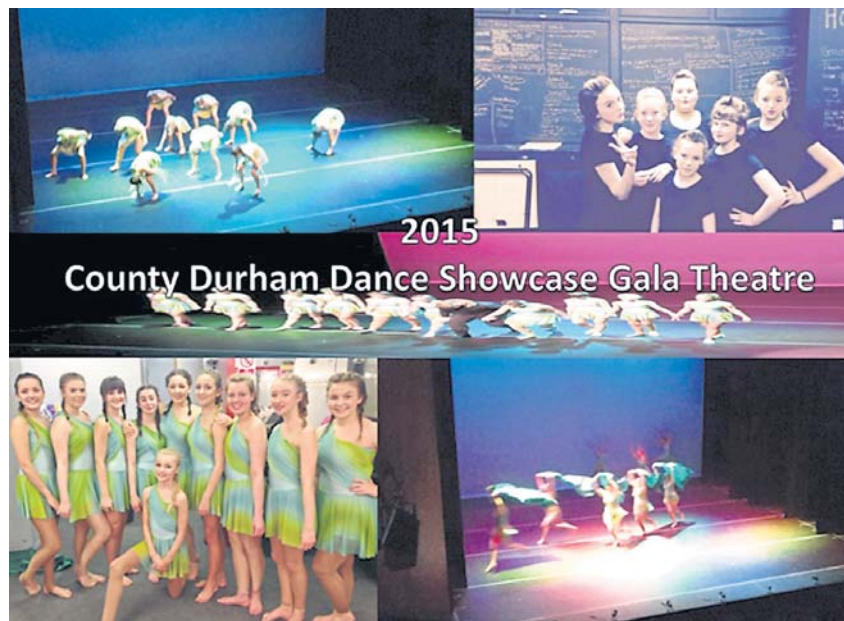
He qualified as an Engineer and later gained the position of Service Manager at SAB, Aycliffe. Before this company closed David saw a niche in the market and started his own business, Sabre Rail, repairing brakes on railway stock.

The business thrived and now employs over 100 staff. David retired due to ill health in 2007 and the company is now run by his son Stephen. David was a very nice man, a real gentle person and was much respected by all who met him. He was a keen motor sportsman, played golf and was a member of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club who paid homage to his memory with a silent tribute before their meeting this week..

David was married to Glenys in 1973 and they enjoyed a great life together in recent years travelling. They have a daughter Karen who is married to John, living in Australia. Stephen and his partner Florence have three children Ben, Harriet and Hugo.

The funeral will take place at St. John's Church, Neasham Road on Monday 27th April at 3pm followed by cremation at Darlington Crematorium. Glenys wishes to thank everyone for their messages of condolence. "The number of cards received proved to me how much David was loved and this has been some comfort in my loss" said Glenys.

# Two Dance Shows for Greenfield on the Same Day



Greenfield Community College were proud to perform three pieces of dance for Durham County's secondary school's showcase at the Gala Theatre in Durham as well as performing at Sedgefield School sport partnership's dance festival at the Leisure Centre - all in one day!

Greenfield has always prided itself on producing

high quality dance work which uses a range of styles whilst ensuring creativity is at the heart of our motivation. This year the choreography included a piece based on social networks; exploring the themes of intrigue versus intrusion and cyber bullying. The second piece was urban and performed by our recently formed year 7 dancers at

our Sunnydale campus and the third, named 'Aurora' was inspired by the Northern Lights- a stunning representation of the natural light show. All 19 of our dancers performed with confidence and flair and demonstrated the superb commitment required to produce such polished performances. Well done and thank you to all involved.

# Greenfield Xtreme Bike Show



Greenfield Community College's Sunnydale Campus participated in the Big Pedal, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, the challenge ran from 2 to 20 March – and Greenfield came 5th in the North East!

On each day of the challenge schools competed across the country to see who could record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting

to school. The best 10 days determined the final position in the challenge. The event was organised by teacher Donna Randall who said "This is the second year Sunnydale have participated in The Big Pedal, which actively encourages pupils and staff to think of a more active means to travel to school, increasing everyone's physical activity promoting healthy living and wellbeing and sustainable travel." Pupils were encouraged to cycle or scoot to school with a daily 'lucky dip' draw for all pupils having a chance to win water bottles / bike

lights and other bike and scooter equipment.

As a reward for their achievement in The Big Pedal the school won an Extreme Mountain Bike show performed by Danny Butler, the 5 time British and European bike trials champion and his brother Ashley at the Sunnydale campus last week. The students were awed by their skill and stunts saying it was "out of this world" (Kyle Scott year 7) and "Amazing! Ashley and Danny are very skilful!" (Josh Brown year 7)

It wasn't just the students who enjoyed the show – staff had a great time too, as they had also contributed to the competition and this fantastic achievement for Greenfield's Sunnydale Campus.

Mrs Wilkinson, Maths teacher at the school said: "It was one of the most enjoyable hours spent with the pupils watching the Butler Brothers enthuse the pupils and staff, Brilliant!"

Massive thanks to Sustrans, the Bike Hub and Danny & Ashley Butler for a great day!

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## Philosophy Students Visit £10k Grant to Replace Musical Instruments



Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus' young student philosophers visited the Hindu Temple

Specialist music staff in the Performing Arts department at Greenfield Community College, Aycliffe Campus, are delighted to announce they have been successful in securing a £9,999 Big lottery 'Awards for All' bid. The money will be spent on replacing some of the ageing equipment in the music department following a campaign by students within our hugely successful Time for Success programme.

Students, Declan Ballan, Connor Stewart, Adam Boyes and Cameron Whittaker were given an opportunity to create a real live campaign on a subject of their choice and this group of boys successfully took their ideas to Mr Priestley, who pointed them in the direction of the 'Awards for All' opportunity. Together with the help of Michelle Postma, Extended School's Coordinator, the boys have seen their



campaign become real after securing the funding which will enable the department to buy state of the art equipment and be at the cutting edge of

music education. We can't wait to see our first orders come into school, will it be ukuleles or an Apple IMAC?

## Youth Football Round-Up



The **Under 16's** lost the chance of the Championship after losing 4-3 to struggling Redcar.

Jimmy Cameron (2) and Kieran Mcwaters got the goals. MOM - Niall Douglas **Under 12 Falcons** 2-5 **Under 12 Eagles**. Not much between the two teams at half time but a disappointing Falcons second half and an Eagles team who wanted it more. Well done to all players involved.

**Under 11 Falcons** 3-3 vs Tibs. The visitors soon led 2-0 at half time. Kieran Gillham reduced the arrears via the top corner 1-2. Declan Scott equalised with a fine strike. Tibs then took the lead 2-3. Then 8 men Falcons equalised via Declan Scott again. MOTM - Will Mawston. **St Mary's Aces** 5-2 **Under 11 Eagles**. 4-0 down in the first half. Second half was a different story, Adam Hicks

and Aaron Ross netting. St Mary's got another goal making the final score 5-2.

**Under 10 Eagles** away at Billingham Synthonia. Synners went in front but the Eagles equalised via Kieran Walton. An own goal gave the hosts a 2-1 half time lead. 2nd half was contested but Billingham ran out winners. MON - Georgie Johnson got the MOTM award. All was not lost as now the Under 10's Eagles are the League CHAMPIONS!

**Under 10 Falcons** v Escomb Reds. Leon fired in the first for 1-0. Falcons carried on the pressure till half time! Second half, Ben fires in a header into the top corner 2-0. MOM - Ben. Great game. Keep it up everyone!!

**Under 8 Eagles** played Bishop Auckland St Mary's in a tense league decider. You did everyone proud boys. Well done!

**Under 8 Falcons** beat Ferryhill 3-0. Travis Dixon only goal in the 1st half. Ryan Usher and Dylan Stewart added two more. MOTM went to Adam Shaw. 4-0 in the second game with goals from Cole Gaskarth, Dylan Stewart, Alex Beattie and Aidan Lee. MOTM - Dylan Stewart.

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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 11th May  
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Your place of work will be Greenfield Community College. The school is part of the Aycliffe and Shildon Schools Education Trust (ASSET) and you will be required to work in any of the school sites within the Trust. It is a specific requirement of this role to work on both school sites in Newton Aycliffe and the Sunnydale Campus in Shildon.

in Newcastle recently, accompanied by Mrs Hackett and Ms Anderson.

Year 9, 10 and 11 students were lucky enough to spend the day at the ISKCON Hindu Temple discussing matters of philosophy and ethics with the Brahmin Priest, Kirtida Devi recently. Students questioned Kirtida on all manner of topics - including reincarnation, miracles, evil, abortion and animal rights. This face to face interaction with a representative of a faith community not only enriched their own understanding of challenging topics but also provided invaluable support for their GCSE studies.

The group were treated to a delicious 'karma free' vegetarian lunch, after which students were able to watch Kirtida perform the Hindu 'arti ceremony' for them. Kirtida demonstrated a range of musical instruments used in worship and some students even joined in with the drumming! The Young Philosophers then had some light relief after all their hard thinking and were shown the correct way to tie a sari - with a number trying this out for themselves. Applying face paints and bindis also proved a very popular activity. This was a fabulous learning experience for everyone involved and a thoroughly pleasant day. Greenfield Community College (The Sunnydale Campus) wish to extend our thanks to all at the Temple for making us welcome and giving us such a memorable time.

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## Boro Walkout for Aycliffe Team



Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 10's enjoyed a fabulous memorable evening thanks to Middlesbrough Football Club in their big game against Wolves. Not only were our little footballers there to see a big game, they were to walkout with the players into the middle of the Riverside Stadium pitch. The smiles on the faces of all the kids was enough to see how much they enjoyed it. As always Newton Aycliffe Youth AFC continue to be an integral part of the towns' community and show that it is more than just playing football with many different events throughout the year. If your child is a budding footballer and wants to make new friends come along and have some fun. For more info just checkout our website: [www.naycafc.co.uk](http://www.naycafc.co.uk)

## Win for Aycliffe's First Cricket Match

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store got the new season off to a great start with an excellent six wicket victory at home to newly promoted Whitby 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. After winning the toss and asking the visitors to bowl first, Aycliffe captain Chris Palmer was delighted to see his side bowl out Whitby for just 146 after 37.1 overs. Aycliffe's fast bowlers did most of the damage with Matty Atkinson taking 5 for 40 from 10.1 overs and Sean Morgan 3 for 24 from his 9 overs. In reply Aycliffe opener Luke Telford look comfortable scoring a fluent 20, but a mini collapse had the home side

temporarily on the back foot at 53 for 4. However debutant John Cavanagh then stepped up and smashed the bowling to all parts of the ground, hitting his half century off just 29 balls. Sean Morgan supported well with 20 not out as the pair put on an unbroken 5th wicket partnership of 96 as the home side romped to victory after just 28.1 overs. Man of the match Cavanagh eventually finished unbeaten on 77 from 47 balls and his whirlwind innings contained 14 boundaries and one six. A young 2nd team favoured to division three title favourites Norton 2nd XI and were defeated by 84 runs. Electing to bat first the homesides powerful batting line up hit an

imposing 213 for 7 declared from 47 overs with Aycliffe's Patrick Howe the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 25 and Adam Gittins and Danny Weldon shared the the other four wickets to fall. In reply, despite good innings from captain Gittins (27 runs), Trevor Shingler (24 runs) and Jack Slatcher (17 runs), Aycliffe were dismissed for 129 after 35.2 overs. The club's under 11's team also played their first game of the season and were beaten at home by Sedgefield. However there was some promising performances from both Kyle Cuthbertson and Robert Hillman, who both took a wicket for Aycliffe.

## LOCAL SPORT

### Local Swimmers in British Championships

Hannah Featherstone was one of the small group of swimmers from the North East who qualified for the British Championships held at the Aquatic Centre London during the 14th to 18th April. She swam in the 50,100, 200 and 400 Freestyle events with a performance following the pattern of all Sedgefield swimmers this year, improving entry time in the heats and again in the final. Competing in the 16 year age group she made four finals and took the bronze medal in the 100 200 and 400, her times were 57:12, 2:02 and 4:19. A truly outstanding performance and one that may merit her selection to compete in the 2015 European Games to be held in Azerbaijan 21st to 28th June.

Chief Coach John Moore thanks all club swimmers and the support staff for their contribution to the success at the championships.

In a competition nearer to home Rebecca Hall and Daniel Hall had a great weekend at the Middlesbrough Open Meet on the 18th and 19th April. Rebecca swam in the 200 & 100 Breast stroke and the 200 FS and the 50 Back and took gold in all her swims. Daniel one of the youngest swimmers in B Squad competed in the 200 and 100 Back stroke and the 50 FS and the 50 Breast stroke. He

made all four finals taking gold in the 100 Back and Silver in the 200 Back. Niall Coulthard and Jessica Hall attended an ASA training day conducted by Fred Furness at the Sunderland Aquatic Centre along with all the other medal winners from the N&D Championships. The young swimmers were all viewed as potential candidates for the Beacon Programme as a result of their success to date. Sedgefield 75 ASC is hosting the Durham Hub training day at NALC Saturday 25th April. This is an opportunity for the best swimmers in Durham to come together in a training environment.

## Greenfield Tennis Club Junior Champions



Daniel Heaton (centre) celebrates his victory, after winning the April Mini Tennis Event at Greenfield Tennis Club. A competition will take place each month during the summer and Greenfield TC welcomes all players aged between 4 and 13 years, offering fun activities to players of all abilities. Sessions take place every Saturday at 9am and 10am. Activities are indoors if the weather is poor. The Club also offers a free visit to adult players on Wednesday Nights from 6.30. Experienced and social players are welcome. Contact Juniors: Ian Wilkinson (Head Coach) [rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk) Contact Adults: John Snowball (Club Captain) [jsnow96980@aol.com](mailto:jsnow96980@aol.com)

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The accounts and related financial documents will be available for inspection during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Appointments to view the accounts should be made to the Finance Manager at the Council who can be contacted on telephone number 01325 300700.

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Notice is also given that on or after Monday 8th June 2015 until the completion of the audit, the Auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the parish of Great Aycliffe, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

The Auditor will be Mr Cameron Waddell of Mazars LLP whose address is; The Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS.

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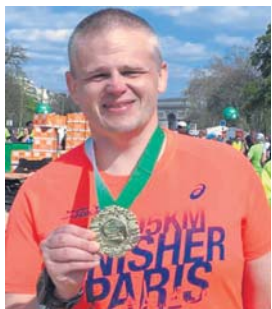
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Beadle in 23:23. Slowly getting back to form Gary Minns was next in 23:28. Rob Nicholson achieved yet another PB in 23:54 and Mick Brunsell ran it for the first time in 24:29. Next to cross the line was Dave Mackenzie in 27:31 followed by Julie Adams with a PB of 29:42 and Michael Smith in 31:05. Last but not least, PBs for Julie Spring 33:31 and Eve Doe 34:36. In the Hackworth Parkrun at Shildon, Sandra Collins finished in 22:57 and Michelle Zamir achieved a new PB of 24:06. For more information about Aycliffe Running Club and their training sessions visit [ayclifferunningclub.org.uk](http://ayclifferunningclub.org.uk)



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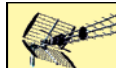
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# Darlo FC Supporters Club

Another season, another  
second place finish, so another  
attempt to win promotion via  
the lottery of the play-offs.  
Successive draws at Lancaster  
and Warrington meant that the  
best Darlington can achieve  
is to be runners up behind  
Salford, congratulations to them  
on securing promotion. We  
now have a local derby  
against Spennymoor Town  
in the play-off semi final,  
the winner will play either  
Bamber Bridge or Northwich  
Victoria. The higher placed  
team gets home advantage for  
the game so there's guaranteed  
to be a bumper crowd when  
Spennymoor come to Heritage  
Park next week. This game  
should be a good advert for  
non league football between  
two very good County Durham  
based teams. Whatever the  
outcome of these play-offs  
might be I've enjoyed this  
season. There's been highs and  
lows but, importantly, we are  
going back to Darlington next  
season. Our last league home  
game is on Saturday against  
New Mills, kick off 3pm.  
The Aycliffe branch of the  
Darlington FC supporters club  
meeting was held last week and  
it was something of a success!  
Those that attended were full of  
enthusiasm and very supportive  
of an Aycliffe based fans group  
and what it could achieve. There

were lots of ideas that would  
benefit the Club but until these  
are formalised we won't release  
any details. The main topic  
raised was transport to both  
home and away games for when  
we move back to Darlington.  
We are currently looking into  
different coach companies to  
get the best price possible but  
if anyone can help then please  
email me at [dfcaycliffefans@outlook.com](mailto:dfcaycliffefans@outlook.com)  
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On Thursday April 30 the  
Durham County FA under18s  
county cup final takes place  
between Darlington u17s and  
Durham county u18s at Newton  
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# YOUTH GIRLS - RUNNERS UP



**Under 13 Girls** 1-4 Lumley Ladies. League Cup Final Tough one to report as Lumley showed their intent early on and raced into 2-0. Our girls battled hard and started to test their somewhat hesitant defence with some neat moves and attempts at goal. Soon it was 3-0 and things weren't looking good. Chloe Ryan reduced the arrears and we were just beginning to get to grips with the opposition when the whistle for half-time blew but we were back in this! A fourth for Lumley midway through sealed their victory. Superb sportsmanship at the final whistle by both teams. Hard luck girls.

**Under 13 Girls** 3-0 Bishop Auckland Girls' The 'Baggies' made the

short journey to the Oak Leaf last Wednesday for league action and found our girls in fine form. A Chloe Ryan hat-trick sealed the points.

The **Under 12 Girls** v Bishop St Mary's. A very evenly matched first half 0-0. The second half Aaliyah broke the deadlock with a superb turn and cool finish, 5mins later and Aaliyah scored from a tight angle, she looked as though she got a hat trick as the ball seemed to cross the line but the referee waved play on and with no goal line technology the score remained the same. FT 2-0

**Under 12 Girls** v Washington Jnrs. Aycliffe tried everything to score hitting the post, but it

finished FT 0-1

**Under 11 Girls** v Deerness Valley. Aaliyah opened the scoring only to see the opposition snatch an equaliser before half time. Hattie restored the lead, again Deerness equalised. Once again we had to step up and a first goal for Elli Jo and a great finish from Teanna put us back in the driving seat. FT 4-2

## In Memoriam

**LOL HUNTER** 25th April 2014. Sadly missed by Jeff, Lynn, Rachel, Mark, Beccy, Neil and Great Grandchildren

**CHRISTINE ROBSON** 25th April. Much loved Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Nana, Sister and Aunt. 18 years have passed and we miss you more than ever. Always in our thoughts xxxxx

**JUNE PORTER** died 27th April 2013. Think of you every day. Love and miss you always Mam. Your family xxxxx

**DENNIS GARTLAND** April 27th 2014. It's hard to put on paper the feelings I have inside of a broken hearted wife that has missed you since you died. To me you were so special, what more is there to say, I only wish within my heart that you were here today. With tears I saw you suffer as I watched you fade away, my heart was almost broken as you fought so hard to stay. I knew you had to leave me, but you never went alone, for part of me went with you the day you left our home. Loving wife Irene xxx

**DENNIS GARTLAND** 3/4/36 - 27/4/14. We cried when you passed away, we still cry today. Although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay, a golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best. Miss you so much Dad, Love always Denise, Allan, John, Lyn and Ian. xxx

**GRANDAD** Our love is forever and although we are apart, it only grows stronger deep within our hearts. Love and miss you every day Grandad. Christopher, Emma, Becky, Sam, Lauren, Isaac, Belle and Rose xxx

**KIM FOWLER**, Oakenfull, Newman. Died 25th April 2009. We know you're still with us Kim especially today, because we shared a closebness even death can't take away, and when a pure white feather falls softly from the sky, we know you're lovingly saying, "Chin Up I don't want to see you cry". For there's a special golden thread from here to heaven above, that keeps you ever close to us. It's called the bond of love. In Heaven now she's gone to rest with her son Michael, our Grandson who died 29th April 2007. One wish is all we need. Deepest love, never to be forgotten by Mam and Dad (Tessa and Ian) Brothers Craig and Martin.

**DENNIS POSKETT** Died 22nd April 2007. Treasured memories of a loving Dad and Grandad. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

**DENNIS POSKETT** Died 22nd April 2007. Treasured memories of a dearly loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Time passes, but memories stay forever. Sadly missed and loved always by Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

**LISA-JANE MADDISON** (nee Gibson). 23rd April 2014. Our beautiful Lisa, taken from us one year ago. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Dancing with the angels. Loved always. Mam, Dad, Gary, Alan, Shaun, Terri, Tracy and Ronja xxx

**LISA MADDISON** (nee Gibson). True love goes on eternal, our love goes on and on. A year after your passing, still hurts that you are gone. All my love, Alan

**LISA MADDISON** (Mam). No love is quite as special as is a Mother's love, a year ago you went to Heaven in God's safe arms above. Love you stacks, Charlie and Bethany

**LISA MADDISON** (nee Gibson). The moment that you died my heart was torn in two. One side filled with heartache the other died with you. Love and miss you every day. Ashleigh and Patrick xxx

**LISA MADDISON** (Nana). my Nana up in Heaven, with love for evermore. Love, Paige and Bump

**DENNIS HESLOP** To my Dennis on 28th April. His special birthday, no presents or cards. My precious Husband I miss you so, set in my heart where ever I go. Love you always from Eileen, Pam, Jerry, Derek and Linda

# Air Cadet Earns Blue Lanyard Award



**Flight Sergeant Thomas Lowe of 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets recently completed the seventh annual Qualified Aerospace Instructors Course (QAIC) along with 39 other cadets from around the UK.**

**Based at two centres, RAF Linton-On-Ouse and MOD Boscombe Down, this course involved six weekends of training in aerospace subjects**

**ranging from air traffic control and aerodynamics to instructional technique and pilot studies.**

**After these weekends, FS Lowe attended a week long graduation which involved exams followed by 40 minute presentations from the cadets and a graduation dinner. Tom received an award for attaining the highest score during the air traffic control simulations on the Linton course. On gaining these valuable skills, FS Lowe can teach aerospace subjects on the squadron or at Regional Activities Centres. In addition to this, he can also help out at future QAIC courses.**

## Birthday Remembrance

### Tony Dobson



26th April

**Tony**, If I try to say what you mean to me, I wouldn't know where to start. You are always on my mind and forever in my heart. Happy birthday. Miss you loads, love you. Leanne

**Love and miss you lots Dad. Happy birthday from your girls, Courtney and Amber**

**Happy birthday Son, your first away from home. There is a void in our lives no one can fill. Love you now and always will. (Ride with the wind Tony). From your heart-broken Mam and Dad**

**Miss you always kidda. Always my Brother, always my hero. Love from Bryan, Kath, Jason and Kieran**

**Loved and remembered every day, never more than a thought away. Happy birthday young 'un. Andrew, Carmen and troops**

**"DOBBO"** 26th April. Remembering you on your birthday. Gone but not forgotten. Tommy

## Obituary

### DERRICK NELSON

On April 18th, peacefully in hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Derrick, aged 85 years of Darlington

Dearly loved Husband of Jean.

Much loved Dad of Valerie, Derrick and David.

Loving Stepfather of John and Ramon and a dear Father-in-Law, Grandad, Great Grandad and Brother.

Funeral Thursday April 30th.

Would friends meet for Service at St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village, at 11am, followed by interment.

Floral tributes, if desired, may be sent to Whitehouse Funeral Service, 11 West Auckland Road, Darlington

**NORTON**, Peacefully on 14th April. Loving Husband of Eileen; dearly loved Dad of Steve and Chris; much loved Father-in-Law of Debra and Allison; Grandad to Liam, Callum, Joe and Adam. Funeral Service took place on Wednesday 22nd April

**HAY**, Newton Aycliffe. 20th April, peacefully in Rose Lodge Care Home. Mary (nee Bolton) aged 95 years, much loved Wife of the late Peter; dearly loved Mam of Janet and Graham; dear Mother-in-Law of John and Linda; much loved Grandma of Helen, Lyndsey, Joanne and Laura and Great-Grandma of Anna, Olivia and Harry. Funeral Thursday 30th April. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 12.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

**TOM FRANCIS**, of Newton Aycliffe, passed away on 19th April, aged 58 years. Loving Dad to Kelly, Tommy, Shaun and Michael; much loved Grandad and Brother. Loved by all. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday, 29th April at 3:45pm.

**GEORGE NORTON BARNES** "Norton", peacefully on 14th April. Loving Husband of Eileen; dearly loved Dad of Steve and Chris; much loved Father-in-Law of Debra and Alison; Grandad to Liam, Callum, Joe and Adam. Funeral Service took place on Wednesday 22nd April.

**GARVEY** on April 15th, peacefully in Bethany House, Norman aged 90 years. Loving husband of Nancy; devoted Dad of Paul, Claire and Pamela; beloved Grandpa of Hazel, Lewis, Michael, David and Mitchell. Would family and friends please meet for Funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 29th April at 11.00am.

## Acknowledgement

**THE FAMILY** of the late Audrey Robson would like to thank Audrey's friends from Hawkhead Place, the Tuesday Club and relatives for their generous contributions to the Great North Air Ambulance - £400 was raised.

**JOE DOLAN** Thank you to family and friends for cards and presents received on my 80th birthday. God bless you all, Joe

## Births

### John & Kelly



would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes on the birth of Ellie-Rose Hughes

**DODD** Gavin and Lisa are proud to announce the safe arrival of Mason David Peter, born in Washington DC on 18th April weighing 7lb 5oz. First Grandson of Gisela and David; Nephew to Paul and Great Grandson to Audrey xxxxx

## Congratulations

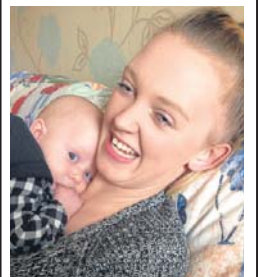
### Madison Jackman



#### Happy 19th Birthday

30th April 2015  
All our love,  
Mum, Dad and Mackenzie  
xxx and the dogs xx

### Happy Birthday Mummy



Lots of love and snuggles,  
Cayden xxx

**MADISON JACKMAN** Happy 19th Birthday. 30th April 2015. Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love from Grandie, Nan and Davy, Grandad Jackman, Grandad and Rose, Auntie Bev, Uncle Dougie and family, Auntie Mireille, Uncle Simon, Bryn and Aron, Rachael and Gary and all your family and friends xxx

# New Term of Courses at Greenfield Arts



This week has been busy at Greenfield Arts as we start a new term of courses for the local community. Our long running courses in Yoga, Fresh Flower Arranging and Spanish have returned with continued success. The Art Club continues to run throughout the term, and we have recently added courses in specialist arts activities for those wanting to try something new!

We are pleased to welcome two new artists to our programme: local textile artist Sharron Bates, who will be delivering Silk Painting sessions in July, and Teesside based Elena Zeniou who is currently showing an enthusiastic group basic drawing techniques. It's great to have these two talented ladies on the team!

We also host a number of community groups and classes – including Dance and Insanity with Caroline Race, guitar & singing with John Melvin, plus a meditation group, and Lifeline Community Action each week.

The courses run throughout until July. More information please contact 01325 379048 or visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk). Thank you to all our great tutors, artists and hirers who help make each Learning Programme a success!



## Newtonian in GB Game Against Russia



Jordan McCabe 17, former Woodham student plays with the Great Britain American Football team. Their game against Russia in April was a victory for the team.

## Heighington AFC Boys Match Reports

Recruiting new U14 team for next season who are starting to train now, contact Mark Stapleton, on 07443 621876 if you are interested in becoming involved

Heighington u8's played well against a strong Middleton rangers side and were unlucky to lose 2-1 with heighingtons goal from Jordon McBride

Under 12's game saw Heighington take on Div 5 champions with only one defeat under their belt. Heighington knew this was going to be a tough game but came out full of confidence, Heighington started off well playing some fantastic football with Heighington having their fair share of possession.

They had pressed a few times but Darlington had stopped them, until Heighington found a way through with a neat ball from Cameron Brassell, picking out Daniel Pouton who took it in his stride, taking it past the defender and putting the ball in the back of the net. 1-0 Darlington soon picked up the pace and with some good football pulled it back to 1-1. Heighington weren't happy with this so they stepped it up a gear, this time the assist came from the goal scorer Daniel Pouton, placing the ball in the path of Jacob Richardson who with some amazing football beat a few players in the box to then hammer home Heighington's second 2-1.

Darlington then pulled back two within quick succession 2-3.

Heighington played some fantastic football with the midfield linking up well, leaving Tyler Kilburn-Robinson with the ball at his feet travelling a good 15/20 yards with a fantastic left footed strike, seeing the ball glide into the right hand side of the net, Heighington had pulled it back to 3-3, what a game.

Darlington stepped it up a few gears leaving Heighington shattered and struggling to keep up.

Darlington scored a few more very good goals with the game ending 3-8 to Darlington Youth.

Man of the Match: Daniel Pouton

No Under 14's match this week, as we have now played all of our matches, finishing as runners up in TJFA Division 4. Hoping to organise a friendly for this week, either Thursday or Sunday. Forthcoming tournaments, Blackpool 9/10th May, and Darlington RA, Saturday the 16th of May

All age groups are looking for new players, so If you would like to get involved with any of our teams please contact David Brassell on: 07870 777779 or david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk

## Greenfield Volunteers Sport Leaders at Aycliffe Fun Run



Sedgefield's Go Run for Fun event took place on Friday 17th April at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex in Newton Aycliffe. The Fun Run inspired hundreds of children to run one mile and become more active. It was a fabulous morning, organised by Sedgefield School Sports Partnership and the Great Run organisers. It was supported by a number

of volunteers from Greenfield College's Sport Leadership Academy and the Newton Aycliffe Athletics club.

Special Guests included the Mayor of Great Aycliffe and Chris Tomlinson, Olympic Long Jumper and world indoor silver medallist. Mascots included Adam Ord as 'dart' and Anna Cialis-Hodgson as trainer. Hares included Adam Lamb, Luis Longstaff, Steven Grimes and Joe Hind. Marshalls included 16 year 7 Sports Leaders from Greenfield College.

Well done to everyone who took part, including Greenfield's Sports Leaders and Aycliffe Village, Byerley Park, St Mary's and Woodham Burn Primary schools from Newton Aycliffe. Thank you to the

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## Rugby Club Finish Season on a High

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club finished their Durham and Northumberland Division 3 season with a great win at champions Whitby. Aycliffe took a strong squad and large support on the bus trip to the coast, aiming for their first win against Whitby in recent years. On a dry day, Aycliffe's strong back line were looking to perform well, but they came up against tough opposition. Aycliffe were the first to score after a rehearsed penalty move saw Jeff Hodgson take the ball close to the line before Andy Littlefair picked up the ball to go over for the score.

The game remained close but both sides showed good attacking and defending skills. Whitby scored next with a try to equalise and at the break, the game was poised on a knife edge at 5 - 5.

Whitby started the second half stronger and soon took the lead with a try from good forward play but, crucially the conversion was missed. Aycliffe upped their game and began to show great character. Warren Parsonage found the space to make ground and, when it looked like he would be bottled up, he produced a marvellous reverse offload to Adam Gascoigne who cut through the defence before passing out to Littlefair who went behind the posts.

Luke Tinkler added the conversion giving Aycliffe the lead. Littlefair came close to a hat-trick when he was on the end of a fine handling move, but was tackled just short. The Whitby back line was well organised and they made numerous forays into Aycliffe territory but the defence was outstanding with Gascoigne and Jonny Griffith making numerous tackles. A lineout close to the Whitby

line saw Liam Kelly on the ball; he forced his way through the defenders and just managed to get the ball down for the score. Whitby were not yet beaten and launched a number of attacks, but again the Aycliffe defence was sound. The game ended with Aycliffe 17 - 10 victors. This was Aycliffe's best performance of the season, both in terms of skill and spirit. Similar performances next season will surely see them challenged for promotion. The journey home was deservedly enjoyed by the Aycliffe players and supporters. The friendly game on Saturday 25th had still to be confirmed at time of writing.

Aycliffe Rugby is sponsored by S Cars, Smurfit Kappa and Whitehouse Funeral Service.

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