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The raffle is in aid of Leeds Children's Transplant Infirmary a charity close to owner Heather's heart as her granddaughter received a transplant as a baby and ten years later is now a healthy girl.

Check out the Sandwich Box facebook page for daily Specials and Deals

## Pioneering Partnership Promotes Construction Careers For Women



A pioneering partnership has been launched between a County Durham college and an international industry body to promote construction careers to women.

Bishop Auckland College is the first further education institution in the country to become a member of The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC).

NAWIC was launched in Texas in 1955 to provide a support network to women working in the construction industry and has since grown to become a global organisation with more than 6,000 members.

Its UK National Chair Siobhan McMahon, a Durham based chartered architect, developed the idea to join forces with the college following discussions with Construction Learning Area Manager Jason Howe at an industry conference last summer.

Jason explained: "Colleges up and down the country are struggling to recruit female students for construction courses, despite the huge career opportunities there are in the industry. More and more women are working in administration and the professional side as well as on site, with roles as diverse as project managers, clerk of works and plasterers.

"There are a variety of

reasons for this reluctance to enrol, including women thinking construction is a male only environment, schools not properly promoting the industry, and women not being aware of the opportunities available to them and the career paths they can take.

"Yet we have a 100 per cent success rate for female construction students; every single one has successfully completed their course and go on to progress into industry."

NAWIC will support the college at internal and external events via its extensive industry connections, such as putting forward female guest speakers to inspire students and taking part in promotional films to help market construction courses and apprenticeship opportunities to women. Female students will also automatically be given membership of NAWIC on completing their first year on construction courses at the college as part of the partnership.

Siobhan McMahon, Director of Emerald Architects Ltd, has more than 20 years' construction industry experience and is confident the new partnership will help increase the number of female students to construction courses.

She said: "Construction is a growing industry and women make a major contribution to it – but there are just not enough of us. There are so many opportunities now and women are enjoying really good, successful careers. We just need to raise awareness, and this new partnership between NAWIC and Bishop Auckland College aims to achieve that."

Bishop Auckland College runs Level 1, 2 and 3 courses in Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, Construction, Painting & Decorating and Plastering and from September is also offering HE level HNC/HND courses in Construction & the Built Environment. For more information visit bacoll.ac.uk or email start@bacoll.ac.uk or call 0800 092 6506.

## Who Let the Dad's Out?

Come and celebrate that special person in your life, it may be Dad or Grandad, Brother or Uncle or simply a special friend! Messy Father's Day gives thanks for you all and the father who made us all. We will be card making and model building, with shaving foam and sand to play in!

Make some Father's Day fudge to take home and have a go at our big build lego table. Enjoy a burger tea, juice and a cake together at the end of the messy afternoon. Messy Church begins at 4pm on Saturday 20th June at St. Clare's Church, opposite the Thames Centre. Registration for all starts at 3.30pm. Everyone is always welcome and make sure dad comes along too! If you need any further information please contact Helen McCormick on 319002, evenings only.

### National Care Home Open Day Friday, 19th June, 2015

Defoe Court Care Home will be opening their doors to the public for National Care Home Day

The open day theme this year will be "WATERCOLOUR CHALLENGE"

The Mayor, Mary Dalton, and the local MP, Phil Wilson, will be joining us.

We will have outdoor stalls along with crafts to try and a pottery demonstration.

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## Students Raise £413 for Nepal Appeal

On Friday 15th May students at Woodham Academy held a series of fundraising events in aid of Nepal on behalf of UNICEF.

UNICEF is on the ground in Nepal, delivering clean water and other life-saving emergency supplies for children and families. One in four of Nepal's population are children and the charity is urgently assessing their needs. For every £55 collected, 5 families in Nepal are provided with clean drinking water. Students had been exploring the theme of altruism through their morning assemblies and on Friday 15th May, students donated money in the 'Bring

a Pound to School Day. This was followed up by a cake bake on Friday 22nd May; an event which was led by the school's Future Business Magnates who were hoping to raise funds to manufacture a prototype for their business idea whilst at the same time supporting the fundraising campaign.

In total the students have raised £413.67. Sarah McGinnety, Associate Assistant Head Teacher at the school, said 'I am very proud of how our young people have responded to the crisis in Nepal. They have pulled together as a team to help those most in need. This is a highly commendable effort'.



## M.P. and Mayor at Care Home Open Day

Phil Wilson MP and Mayor Mary Dalton are joining Defoe Court Care Home in as it opens its doors on Care Home Open Day on 19th June 2015.

Members of the community are invited as part of the third annual Care Home Open Day with a range of exciting activities in line with their theme of "Watercolour Challenge."

Students from Woodham Academy, will be demonstrating their dancing skills. The home will also have outdoor stalls along with crafts and a pottery demonstration for guests to try. Residents' own artwork will be on display throughout the home, alongside artwork of pupils from Woodham Burn Out of School Club.

It is a day to have fun, and a great opportunity for residents, their loved ones, and members of the local community to get together and get creative. There will also be plenty of homemade refreshments and snacks on offer. The events will be running from 11am to 2:30pm.

Care Home Open Day is an international initiative aimed at all care homes in the UK, big and small, private providers and those run by local authorities. Thousands of homes take part each year, holding special activities that create strong and meaningful links across the generations, between residents and their local communities.

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## PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT ACCEPTED BY D.C.C. CABINET

Councillors have agreed to endorse a guidance note which details how applications should be considered for planning in County Durham.

Following the Inspectors interim report on the County Durham Plan there was an identified need to clarify the council's position whilst the future of the plan is decided. Durham County Council's Cabinet endorsed the Policy Position Statement to ensure consistent decisions continue to be made. The statement is designed to help all interested parties involved in the process by setting out how much weight can be given to existing local plan policies, neighbourhood plans and the County Durham Plan alongside the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) when applications are considered.

Where no overarching plan exists, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is weighted towards approving applications unless the negative impacts significantly outweigh the benefits. With the County Durham Plan proceeding to Judicial Review and the already existing adopted local plans being between 11 and 19 years old the council moved to ensure that guidance was provided for how each of these documents should be considered.

Having explored all options for the County Durham Plan, it was felt that there was no other way forward than by pursuing a Judicial Review. Although not

the position the council wished to be in, the recommendations presented by the Inspector would mean economic decline. This was submitted on 15 May to the High Court in Leeds. The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have 21 days following the council's submission to provide their defence.

A High Court judge will then assess whether or not there is a case to answer. The council however remain committed to avoiding legal action if at all possible and continue to seek a way forward working with the Government.

Whilst the future of the County Durham Plan is being decided, the statement sets out the legal position for considering developments relating to student accommodation, green belt land and affordable housing among

others. The aim of the statement is to provide guidance which allows the council to continue to support growth while respecting the natural environment and world-class heritage of County Durham.

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Although the council is committed to supporting growth to improve County Durham both economically and socially, this must not be at any cost and it is vital that only sustainable development on appropriate sites should be considered. This statement is essential to ensure that planning applications are dealt with in a consistent and sensitive manner while making sure that appropriate development and investment that could benefit the county isn't delayed."

## Greenfield Help Develop Primary School Football



Greenfield College Football Leaders have volunteered many hours of their time this year to referee and coach a range of primary school leagues and tournaments. A large number of events and opportunities have been organised by Sedgefield Schools Sports Partnership and Martin Gray Football Academy, supported by NAYFC and GAMP.

A number of the school's leaders have gained their Junior Football leaders' awards, and all have gained valuable experience and life skills. Many are developing into confident coaches and referees, thanks to the hard work and support of Sedgefield's School Sport Partnership, MGFA & NAYFC.

Throughout the season Newton Aycliffe Youth Club and MGFA have been working in our local schools. The impact of this was visible during the recent girls football league held at the site. It was great to see so many girls enjoying representing their school and the standard of football was impressive. Well done to Sugar Hill who took first place.

NAYFC run football opportunities for girls and boys of all ages. Please contact Club secretary Bernie Borsberry on 07939 045242 for information. To book Greenfield's Community facilities contact facility Manager, Lee Boynton on 07879 117224. Adults keen to enter a new Adult (16+) football league at Greenfield contact 07710173918 for more details.

## REPORT ON COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

### Grants and Donations:

There was a request from Aycliffe Village Primary School for financial support to help with paying towards a grass saving membrane that would support the weight of cars thus helping to create a number of parking spaces for staff taking them off the neighbouring streets to alleviate parking issues. Local County Councillors Jed Hillary and Sarah Iveson had passed the request on to their Estates Dept for schools, and would fund it all from their neighbourhood budget if Durham County Council will allow.

A request from the Board Games Club for a grant was considered but insufficient information had been provided for a decision to be made so it was denied.

Free use for Mayor's Charity Golf Day for the Annual Tournament was agreed with a voucher for a free round of Golf to each participating person. Letters of thanks from the Rotary Club and Great North Air Ambulance were received.

A report on the Pre school Learning Centres at St. Oswald's and at Woodham Burn, was received.

A Report on the 2014/2015 Revenue and Capital Budget year end provided useful but heavy reading, this was agreed. The Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2019/20 was again a very comprehensive document. The Council is currently in a healthy financial position with a balanced Revenue Budget, on-going savings, and strong levels of balances.

However, the Council undoubtedly faces some significant financial challenges over the next few years not least from the forthcoming cuts to Council Tax Support Grant, the increasing pressure to pay staff a 'living wage', and the likelihood of a limit being imposed on council tax increases.

The process of achieving a balanced Revenue Budget will become increasingly difficult with budget pressures faced needing to be financed via a combination of council tax increases and savings.

By the end of the decade, it is likely the Council will be in a position whereby there is no contingency sum, no contribution to capital reserves, and no further scope for savings within the Revenue Budget.

Therefore whilst it is likely that services will be able to be maintained until the end of the decade, beyond this the Council is likely to need to begin the difficult process of considering reductions to spending, and reassessing its priorities in light of the limited resources that will be available. Additionally, if in any year, the Government limit on council tax increases is reduced from 2%, or worse, that the Council Tax Support Grant is withdrawn, service cuts would be required earlier than this. The Council also has significant capital investment commitments, with potential spending of up to £1 million over the next five years.

Council Balances and Reserves will therefore fall substantially to as low as £100,000 by 2019/20, and are likely to run out in the early part of the following decade, opening up the possibility of needing to

undertake further borrowing in the longer term.

These issues will need to be considered in detail via future budget setting processes when the options for delivering any required budget reductions, if these are required, would need to be drawn up and agreed.

It would be advisable for the Council to undertake a reassessment of the Council's strategic aims and community priorities and continue the programme of service reviews with a view to determining which services are to be protected and which services may be subject to budget reductions in the longer term.

A report on a replacement vehicle for the works department at a cost of £8925.00 with a 3 year warranty was agreed.

Some Reports were far too large and detailed, to try to condense them here, but if you are interested they are available on the Council's website. They

are quite well written and easy to follow.

For more detailed information or copies contact the Council or if you have a computer why not access the Council's website... just search "Great Aycliffe Town Council", select meetings and the access Agendas, Reports etc.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend Committee meetings and there is a part of the meeting where you can make representations, ask questions of any item of business included on the Agenda for that meeting.

There are some legal restrictions, Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a persons individual circumstances, or of which there is a right of appeal to courts or tribunal or government, and questions cannot be considered if it has been the subject of a Council decision in the last six months.

## Vandalism at West Park

Dear Sir,

The extreme vandalism to 16 trees at West Park has totally outraged my family.

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We all worked together under the guidance of Steve Cooper to plant these lovely trees to add to the beauty of West Park Boating Lakes - all for what?

Either an individual or a group have snapped the trees over two nights in a mindless act of vandalism. Why and for what should they destroy trees?

Obviously they have no regard for anything and do not care about this community facility which is a fantastic place to visit and enjoy now and in the future.

I hope this act of vandalism will not affect future progress and development of our beautiful West Park.

If you know who was responsible please do the right thing now and report it to the Police and restore my faith in human nature.

Martin Ashcroft

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPH



A photo taken recently by Newton News reader Peter Russell of Atkinson Gardens, Aycliffe Village.

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## Mayor at Rotary Club's Annual Dinner



David Anderson, Mayor Mary Dalton and Jean Thompson



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## Demand for CAB Service Increases

### Extra Office Hours Announced

The new Citizens Advice Bureau on Stephenson Way has immediately moved from a one day a week "drop in" to three days a week. They have helped clients with 36% more issues than last April so the new office has proved its worth and is going really well.

CAB have been bowled over by the enthusiasm of our existing volunteers and thrilled to get lots of new people. As a result we are thrilled to announce that we will be expanding the service in the town from two days a week of drop in to three.

As the supervisor for the Newton Aycliffe office said "we are raring to go". We will now be open for drop in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from week commencing 15th June, from 10am till 1pm.

CAB have gone the extra mile for the town, spending £25,000 on fitting out the new office and paying for a supervisor, so need people to use the service. You might notice that Citizens Advice nationally has changed its logo and will shortly be printing new leaflets explaining our service and promoting the new office.

Citizens Advice County Durham is a leads in advice and in other parts of the county local community

groups have joined the network and are able to make a direct referral to us and to other agencies. This means that many residents can get help quickly and local community centres who are often trusted by the local community can ensure residents get the help they want and don't "fall through the cracks".

The Pioneering Care Partnership have joined the network but CAB is keen for other community groups in the Great Aycliffe area to join.

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## RAMSIDE'S MOST LAVISH ROOM IN THE REGION

A local hotel is set to celebrate the opening of the region's most luxurious hotel suite with a range of special packages.

The Premier Suite, part of the new wing of rooms which were launched recently at Ramside Hall Hotel, has just been unveiled and the owners believe it is the most lavish hotel room in the region.

It boasts a free standing round copper bath, a 90 inch television screen and a huge seven feet wide Hypnos bed, along with a separate walk-in shower room, dressing area and a personal dining area.

The suite also has a number of Juliet balconies with undisturbed views over one of the the hotel's two championship golf course.

The creation of the room is part of a £16m development at the hotel, which includes a state-of-the-art spa which will be open in early August.

And now a range of packages have been launched for stays in the Premier Suite, including a special celebration offering for those who really want to enjoy a memorable night away.

The Celebration Package



includes an overnight stay in the Premier Suite, dinner in the award-winning Rib Room Steakhouse and Grill, a full English breakfast and Taittinger Champagne on ice with chocolate dipped strawberries, luxury fruit and chocolate truffles.

"The launch of the Premier Suite is the latest part of the huge development which is taking place at Ramside Hall Hotel," said John Adamson, owner of the hotel.

"We honestly believe there's no other hotel room in the region that can offer this level of luxury and we're sure whoever

stays in will never forget the experience."

From August 1 guests will also be able to enjoy packages which include a night in the Premier Suite and use of the new state-of-the-art spa facilities, a 60 minute treatment and brunch in the spa's Fusion Restaurant.

The hotel also offers tailored celebration packages in the Premier Suite for weddings and bridal parties. Prices for the celebration packages start from £395 for two people. For further information, or to book a stay in the new suite, visit [www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk](http://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk) or telephone 0191 386 5282.

## Shildon Summer Panto

One of the world's best known fairytale Princesses will be visiting Shildon Civic Hall as Shildon Centre Stage fairytale production 'Beauty and the Beast' is performed from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June.

The well known story follows the adventures of the lovely Belle as she moves into the enchanted castle and begins her new life with several strange characters including a talking scarecrow who

appears to suffer from hayfever and a loveable talking cat. But will she miss her old life with Crisp her loving sister and her father whom she loves very much.

The story unfolds with some great foot tapping songs to some really funny comedy moments with the loveable chocolate loving Muck and Fuddle as they attempt to help the family bring Belle home. One of our lovable comedy duo, Fuddle, who stems from Aycliffe says, "This will be an excellent Summer Panto for all the family, with all the normal audience participation and plenty of music and dance for everyone to enjoy.", and all at an affordable price.

The shows begin on Friday night with the curtain opening at 7.30pm, then two afternoon shows starting at 2pm on the Saturday and Sunday. Doors open half an before the show begins. Price for this superb show is £5 for adults and £3 for the kids and concessions. Bring all the family along. Pre-book your tickets today on our hotlines 01388 774838 / 01325 313363.

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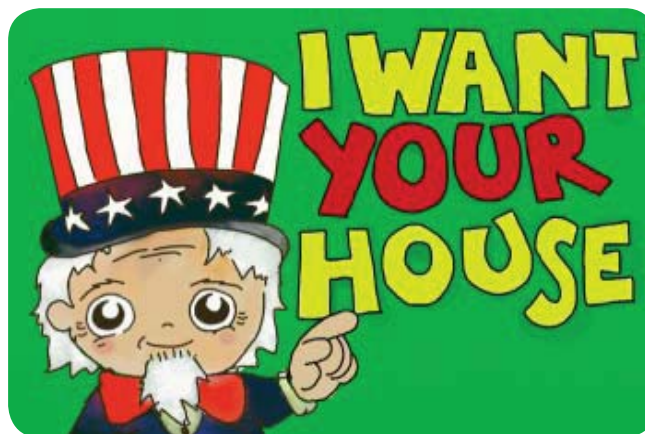
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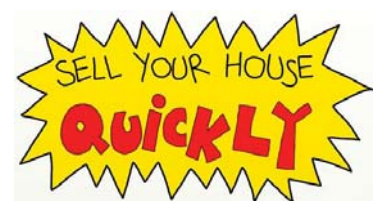


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# Principal Appointed for Aycliffe's University TC

Tom Dower, a Cambridge University Engineering graduate with over ten years of education leadership experience, has been appointed Principal Designate of the new UTC South Durham, due to open in September 2016.

Speaking of his appointment, the University of Sunderland's Interim Vice Chancellor Shirley Atkinson said "With his engineering and education background, Tom is ideally suited to lead the new University Technical College in Newton Aycliffe. The University of Sunderland is sponsoring UTC South Durham as we're committed to education and because we have a civic role to support regional economic growth. I'm confident Tom has the right skills, experience and ambition to deliver what we want the UTC to achieve for its students and the region."

Tom Dower stated: "I am delighted to have been appointed. It is very exciting to be working with the University of Sunderland, Hitachi Rail Europe and Gestamp Tallent to provide a fantastic educational route for young people in the North East."



Europe commented: "It's a great step forward on the UTC South Durham project to be able to welcome Tom to the team. All the partners agreed that his mix of education, engineering and project management experience made him the ideal candidate."

After graduation Tom worked for ICI in Teesside for five years, as a chartered engineer, project manager and manufacturing consultant. A move to London then saw him leading organisational-change during four years with Gemini Consulting, working with blue-chip clients including Corus, Vodafone, Boots and Railtrack.

While in London Tom

decided he wanted to share his enthusiasm for design and learning, so trained as a teacher at Goldsmith's College before teaching in the capital for two years. After returning to his native North East Tom led Design & Technology departments in two schools to improved outcomes.

Tom was most recently Vice Principal at Northumberland's Ashington High School, where he led teaching & learning; e-learning; timetable development and child protection. His overhaul of the learning climate quickly resulted in improved behaviour, attendance and safety.

Tom also project managed the design phase of a £3.5m expansion, allowing the school intake to increase by 450 students – creating learning spaces, curriculum strategy, staff deployment and managing additional fund-raising. He has also been a leadership consultant with other schools, presented at national conferences and developed materials for the National College of School Leadership middle leadership programme and on-line modules.

Tom continued: "The purpose of the UTC is very simple; to meet the challenges of the future we need many more talented young people coming into industry. We will provide skilled young people for employment in engineering and manufacturing. We will give every student exciting and challenging learning experiences, leading to outstanding progress and the ability to thrive in their chosen careers."

"Industry plays a critical role in economic regeneration and the skills gap identified in South Durham and the rest of the North East is a challenge I'm looking forward to having a role in overcoming. The Aycliffe Business Park employs 10,000 people and is home to over 200 advanced manufacturing businesses; the UTC is a unique opportunity for young people to explore careers in these industries and set themselves up for their futures."

"We have a worrying situation in our society. Unlike the vast majority of western countries, when we use the word 'engineer' too many people think about the man who comes to fix their washing machine or in greasy overalls holding a spanner. The reality is completely different. Industry needs a wide range of highly skilled young men and women; some will have great practical skills, some will be highly academic, some will be excellent project managers, some will be skilled designers and problem solvers, some will be skilled programmers."

"The prospect of working with parents to help young people to develop these skills is very exciting. There's a lot still to achieve before we open the doors to the first students in 2016 and I'm looking forward to getting started."

Tom lives in Durham with his family and enjoys tennis, woodwork and designing with his children.

# Newtonians Invited to Middridge Fete

The Annual Middridge Village Fête will be held on the Village Green on Saturday, 4th July, starting at 1.30 pm, by kind permission of Middridge Parish Council. The Fête is organised by the Middridge Village Association, a registered Charity, which maintains and operates the Middridge Village Hall as a Community Centre for use by Middridge Residents, and Organisations from the surrounding area, as well as being available for hire for Private Parties; all Fête proceeds go to the Middridge Village Association.

The Fête will be opened by Linda Purdie, Human Resources Manager of Husqvarna, Aycliffe, who regularly contribute an Electric Mower for the Raffle, held during the Fête. The Raffle First Prize is £75 worth of Shopping Vouchers donated by the Middridge Village Association, and there is also £40 worth of Shopping Vouchers donated by Middridge Parish Council, as well as a host of other Prizes. The Raffle is supported by Barclay's Bank, who have generously agreed to match all Raffle Ticket Sales Income with a Donation to the Middridge Village Association. The Fête has also been supported by a Donation from our County Councillors, Joan Grey, Mike Dixon and John Clare.

There will be the usual wide range of Stalls (Tombola, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Toys,

Books & DVDS, Bottles, Plants, and Find-a-Fiver), a Children's Bouncy Slide, and the regular Dog Show. Any Items for the Fête should be delivered to Mrs Lourine Beadle at 8, North Side.

Music will be provided by the Brancepeth & Aycliffe Brass Band. It is hoped that there will also be a Demonstration of Fighting Techniques provided by a local Re-enactment Group. Food and Drinks are available at the Bay Horse Pub, which is directly opposite where the Fête is to be held; Patrons may use the Pub Car-park. Additional Car-parking is available at the Village Hall. Note that the Police do NOT permit Parking on the Main Road through Middridge whilst the Fête is being held.

A Barbecue will be held on the Village Green at 6.00 pm after the Fête, weather permitting, which all are welcome to attend. Barbecue facilities, Tables and Chairs are provided, but those wishing to attend should bring their own food.

Further details regarding the Fête, and other activities of the Middridge Village Association, Middridge Parish Council, and other Village Organisations, may be found on the Village Website ([www.middridge.org.uk](http://www.middridge.org.uk)).

Alan Jordan,  
Hon. Secretary

# Students Trace World War 1 Ancestors



As we move through the centenary commemorations of the First World War, Greenfield Community College has been working on an ambitious project to memorialise the courage and determination of all those who contributed to the war effort and who still have links to our area today.

Thanks to the generosity of the GAMP we have received a grant to access archives, retrieve documents and put this memorial together with primary historical records. A group of students have started work on the project with the support of history staff, but now they need some help from the community.

The aim is to create a book, in which students and staff record the history of their ancestors during the war. In it they will document every aspect of war life with real life stories from their families.

Before we can do any of this, however, we need students to talk to their parents and grandparents. We need information about people who were involved, and stories that only grandparents are likely to know.

Do you have relatives at Greenfield? Do you have information about relatives during the First World

War? If your grandchild or child has yet to tell you about this project but you know you have information which would be of use, please encourage them to get involved. This is their opportunity to become published historians, and also to memorialise their own ancestors who helped save Europe from the despotic rule of the Kaiser.

If you have any information or stories to share please contact Mr Davies via Greenfield Community College, or email him [peter.davies@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:peter.davies@greenfieldschool.net).

# Jazz Night Fundraiser

Dear Sir/Madam

On July 17th, we will be hosting a Summer Raffle at our annual Jazz Night for Acl Scout Group and I'm hoping to raise a total of £3000.

I've chosen to support Acl because this group is local and works hard in the community to promote citizenship whilst having fun in the great outdoors. The confidence and social skills and activity with Beavers, Wolf Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts help to make what is a great group.

To help reach my target, I'm asking local businesses to donate prizes for the event. If you'd like to show your support by doing this, please give me a call on 07809 708709 and I can come and collect the prize – anything will help, no matter how big or small. You can make a donation through my fundraising page at <https://m.localgiving.com/charity/aclescoutgroup>. Thanks in advance for your generosity,

Kind regards  
Margaret Lenahan

# County Councillors on Ward Walkabout



Aycliffe North County Councillors Joan Gray, Mike Dixon and John D. Clare will be holding one of their 'Ward Walkabouts' on the Agnew estate on Friday 26 June.

They will be starting from the Agnew Community Centre at 1pm, and hope to be accompanied by representatives from Livin, the Neighbourhood Wardens and the police.

Anybody with questions or concerns is welcome to accompany them, or to inform them of issues prior to the walkabout by emailing:

- joan.gray@durham.gov.uk
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## Armed Forces Week

To mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week' the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will be raising the Armed Forces Flag at St. Clare's Church on Monday, 22nd June 2015 at 11am. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 102 Battalion (REME) together with Standards from both the REME Association and the Royal British Legion.

Armed Forces week was first held in 2009 when it was an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families and from recruits and veterans.



# AYCLIFFE CARE ASSISTANT FINALIST IN NATIONAL CARE GROUP AWARDS



Manager Nicola Wheatley, Senior Care Assistant and award finalist Laura Gill, with her mum and Domestic Assistant at Rose Lodge, Julia Gill

Staff and residents at Rose Lodge care home, Newton Aycliffe, are celebrating after Senior Care Assistant Laura Gill was announced as a finalist in the 1st annual care awards.

Laura, 25, has worked at Rose Lodge for four years, starting as a Care Assistant before being promoted to Senior Care Assistant in 2013. Following nominations by colleagues, residents and families, Laura was shortlisted as one of the six finalists nationwide for the 'End of Life Care' category, an award for any member of staff who offers outstanding care.

Staff members, residents, families and visitors were encouraged to nominate staff members across nine award categories, intended

to represent all areas across the business, from frontline staff such as the 'Dignity in Care' and 'Most Innovative Activity Programme' awards, through to 'Behind the Scenes' and 'Head Office Hero' awards for those who provide exceptional support to their colleagues.

This year marks the first ever annual awards held by Maria Mallaband Care Group and Countrywide Care Homes, created to acknowledge the efforts of staff and the impact they have on the lives of residents and their families. A staggering 2052 votes which equated to 495 nominees narrowed down to six finalists per category.

Finalists were invited to a gala evening on 28th May at the Royal Armouries, Leeds enjoying a drinks reception

and dinner, followed by the awards presentation and entertainment.

The Maria Mallaband Care Group (MMCG) and sister company Countrywide Care Homes are one of the country's biggest independent providers of care

for the elderly and mentally ill, along with luxurious close care apartments and retirement villas, gaining a reputation of innovation and excellence in these fields.

The group operates 70 homes across the UK and employs over 3,600 members of staff.

# HEIGHINGTON WI CELEBRATE CENTENARY WITH AFTERNOON TEA

Heighington WI invites you to join us in celebrating the Centenary of the WI with Afternoon Tea in Heighington Village Hall on Sunday 14th June between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Enjoy a selection of dainty sandwiches, a homemade scone with jam and cream and a selection of homemade cakes with tea or coffee. £5.

Children can enjoy a sandwich and an iced

biscuit with orange or blackcurrant squash. £2.

Children are also invited to dress-up as their favourite book character. There are two classes: Up to 7 years and 8 – 11 years. The judging will take place at 3.00pm.

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Notice is hereby given that:-

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**MONDAY, 22nd JUNE 2015**  
**at 7.15 p.m.**

### Item on the Agenda

1. To consider and approve the Council's Statement of Accounts 2014/15.

2. To consider and approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2014/15.

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))

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".



## Newtonian in Miss England Beauty Pageant



Ashley Gittins (24), a resident of Newton Aycliffe became Miss Newcastle last year and on 5th July 2015 will be taking part in the prestigious Miss England Beauty Pageant and would really appreciate the support of the town. Ashley is a recent graduate of Business Management at Teesside University. She is an ex Greenfield School student. Public voting went live last week and runs up until the night of the competition. The girl with the most votes will be fast tracked to the Grand Final so Ashley is hoping to generate as many votes as possible.

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## 16th Birthday Skydive for Charity

My name is Olivia Tarn and on my 16th Birthday, I officially ticked one off the bucket list when I completed a sponsored skydive. On the 23rd May, me and my Uncle, who I forced and who kindly volunteered into completing this challenge with me, skydived out of a plane at Peterlee Skydiving Centre.

Skydiving at 10,000ft going 140mph proved exhilarating, adventurous and a once in a lifetime experience; the views were breathtaking and the weather couldn't have been more beautiful. I would like to thank my parents for organising it and making my birthday memorable, Colin for skydiving with me and to all my wonderful friends and family who supported me on the day: your love will remain memorable.

I have managed to raise over £850 for my two chosen charities so far and I am extremely thankful to the generosity of everyone who has sponsored me.

However, I would love to continue raising as much money as possible to the charities that have become so close to my heart and to reach my personal target of £1000 would be incredible.

My two chosen charities are Young Minds who devote their time to supporting young people with mental health issues and Winston's Wish who gracefully support bereaved children. If you would like to sponsor me and donate to either of the charities, you can visit the Just Giving pages at: [www.justgiving.com/olivia-tarn](http://www.justgiving.com/olivia-tarn) (Young Minds) or [www.justgiving.com/olivia-tarn1](http://www.justgiving.com/olivia-tarn1) (Winston's Wish)



## BUSINESSES INVITED TO GET CONNECTED

Businesses in County Durham are being invited to apply for a free voucher to help them get connected. The Go Digital Newcastle scheme helps small or medium sized businesses, charities and social enterprises take advantage of faster broadband.

The initiative has now been rolled out to include County Durham, allowing local businesses to apply for a free Connection Voucher worth up to £3,000 towards the fixed cost of getting connected. Eligible organisations will be required to pay the VAT and ongoing costs after the broadband connection has been set up.

Digital Durham and Business Durham, the business arm of Durham County Council which provides a range of support services to the local business community, are urging local businesses to apply for the scheme and take advantage of its benefits. Simon Goon, managing director of Business Durham, said: "Faster broadband speeds provide a multitude of benefits. We would encourage as many small or medium sized businesses throughout the county as possible to apply to sign up to the scheme and take advantage of all that high-speed broadband has to offer."

Go Digital Newcastle is coordinating the scheme, which runs until 31 March, 2016, on behalf of all local authorities in the north east – for more information call 0191 277 1625 or visit [www.godigitalnewcastle.co.uk](http://www.godigitalnewcastle.co.uk)

## GAMP Community Grant Fund Boosts Town Groups

Fourteen local groups ranging from sports clubs to older peoples groups in the Newton Aycliffe area have been boosted by a community grant fund.

The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Community Grant Fund has proved to be a major boost for a number of local groups and in some cases has provided essential funding to help them develop their services.

The Community Grant Fund allowed local community groups to apply for grants between £250 and £750 after GAMP allocated £10,000 of its Area Budget towards the initiative.

This unique fund has helped a wide range of groups, including The Pop In, who received funding to help with venue hire costs, contribution towards Christmas trip/meal and the purchase of board games, including specialist games for the visually impaired. The specialist games have proved of particular use to two of the group's members; Freda who is the club's oldest member at 92 years old and she has found the new larger edition of Scrabble much easier to use as has Margaret (who is partially sighted) with the new edition of Rummikub.

The Pop In is a weekly club that meets on a Monday afternoon at St Elizabeth's Church, Woodham Village (2pm – 4pm) and provides a place for elderly residents to meet and participate in social activities. The club is always on the lookout for new members and a warm welcome and a cuppa will be given.



Joyce Malcolm, from the Pop In, said: "The funding we received from GAMP will allow the club to plan future activities for our members. For some of our members the club is the only time that they get to meet other people, socialise and leave their homes. On behalf of the group I would like to thank GAMP for their support."

The Community Grant Fund has focused on trying to help a wide range of groups and has attracted over £16,000 worth of match funding. Other groups who have benefitted from the grants include: Lifeline Community

Action, Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, Walworth School, New Pathways Together, Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, New Friends New Places, Aycliffe Village School PTS, Greenfield Arts Centre, Aycliffe Triathlon Club, ACLE Scouts and Agnew Community Centre. Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "The success of the fund means it is now fully allocated and has proved to be of immense benefit to a wide range of local groups, who work within our community."

## W.A.S.P.S.

*Simpasture Residents Association*



## A.G.M.

**Wednesday, 17th June, 2015 at 6.30pm  
at Simpasture Court Coffee Lounge**

We will be electing officials for the 2015/16 year and are looking for local volunteers to come along and help to build on our current successes. Our day trips are now in full swing and events for the Great Aycliffe Festival are organised.

The IT centre is up and running. So if you want to be a part of our exciting local ventures come along on Wednesday and see how you can get involved.

If you are interested and cannot make it or want more details feel free to ring John on 07972 170190 or Alan on 07754 094946. Alternatively drop us an email at: [waspresidents@gmail.com](mailto:waspresidents@gmail.com)

## Church Service to Honour War Veterans

On Sunday 9.30am a Church Service in St Michael's Heighington will honour a few people who served in the Second World War. From investigation I came up with only seven who are still alive and reside in Heighington and Coniscliffe.

The church service follows an afternoon tea I organised in Redworth Hall a few weeks ago, where there were 107 guests, including 29 Civic Guests and the Lord Lieutenant who were keen to attend to support the veterans. It was a wonderful afternoon and all of our 'special' guests enjoyed the occasion.

Before this event, I met with each World War veteran, and managed to record a little of what they did in the war and this was read out during the afternoon - their war time experiences surprised, amazed and even shocked everyone.

There will be four people in church on Sunday, the other three are not well enough to attend. All are in their 90's and the four have lived their lives in the Parish. Few of us who know them, have any idea of what they went through in the war; Sunday will change that

as reading out their citations again will give everyone the opportunity to find out, the risks they took, the loss of comrades and times when they too were close to death. Please join us to honour these remaining servicemen/women. Your presence will be a rare and unique opportunity to show them how much you appreciate what they did. Do not leave it to some Remembrance Sunday in the future when they will not be with us - join us now when they are with us so that they can see for themselves that their war time service is fully appreciated.

Bring your children to listen and perhaps appreciate the sacrifice of these very elderly and frail veterans from a war fought many years ago - a war that, had we lost, would have meant the loss of freedoms we all share and enjoy.

So do try to attend - they deserve attention, respect and a recognition of the dangers they endured. A full church will show just how much we appreciate their war time service.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington and Coniscliffe Ward



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# Building Skills Programme



Students from Year 10 at Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus, visited St James' Park as part of the Building My Skills programme recently.

The programme is run by the Esh Group, one of the leading construction companies in the North of England employing over 1,000 people. Each student was given a 20 minute mock interview with representatives from some of the leading businesses/companies in the North East including Barclays Bank, Capita, Deloitte, NRG,



# New Care Home for Newton Aycliffe



Site of former Police Station

Plans for the new Care Home have been lodged with the County Council for planning permission. The proposal is for a 56 bedroom, two-and-a-half storey residential care home with associated car parking and gardens at the site of the former Police Station on Central Avenue.



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## Film Show

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# Students Attend Service at St. Paul's Cathedral

There will be a Commemorative Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 18th June 2015 which will be attended by a member of The Royal Family and representatives from Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus.

Greenfield College in Shildon has been selected by Waterloo 200 to be one of 200 schools from across the country to carry out a commemorative study to coincide with the Battle of Waterloo bicentenary.

Pupils investigated a selection of battle artefacts, one of only 200 available. Pupils have also learned about a local soldier who fought at The Battle of Waterloo.

Peter Davies, History Teacher from Greenfield in Shildon, said "We're always looking for ways to bring history to life for our students. Being able to focus on a real battle artefact and track down local soldiers who fought makes this a very engaging



and innovative way to learn. "It's an honour to represent our community and school at St Paul's and we are thrilled to have been invited."

Dan Snow, TV Presenter and Leading Historian, said "This project was created to raise awareness of The Battle of Waterloo, an historic and pivotal moment

in world history. We felt working with schools across the country would be a great way to create awareness of The Battle and highlight its significance.

An e-book compiling work from all 200 schools will be given to every school involved and is intended to create a legacy beyond the bicentenary celebrations.

# NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

Aglow International Newton Aycliffe is hosting their outreach event on Thursday 2nd July at 7pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre. Aglow International have over 40 years experience in teaching, disciplining and raising up godly women and effective leaders.

Aglow International is an interdenominational group that supports women in their journey with God and their vision is to see Every nation touched, Every heart changed.

This event is on Thursday 2nd July 2015 7pm will begin with a time of fellowship as

we sit down together to enjoy a fresh homemade meal and refreshment which will cost £7.50 per person.

Booking is essential. Please contact Vicky 01325 491031 or 07582 734294 (please leave a message and we will call you back).

Following the meal we will receive some encouragement and inspiration from Aglow's Area Board member Evelyn Lodge. We hope you can attend this months event but if not we will be holding a meeting on the first Thursday of every Month. Please do not forget to register your attendance by 29th June 2015.

# Helping People With Autism

The North East Autism Society based at Aycliffe has joined forces with other autism charities from across the UK to launch a new campaign designed to improve access to facilities and services for people living with autism. The Connect to Autism scheme, which is funded by the Department of Health, aims to work with national and regional organisations across a range of sectors spanning retail, entertainment, sport and transport, in order to help them become autism-friendly, while also raising awareness and understanding of autism within the community.

Changes that could be implemented include clearer signage, physical changes to premises, staff training and awareness coupled with support for employees with autism. A number of pilot projects are already underway with organisations including Gateshead College, The Sunderland Foundation of Light, Beamish Museum and The Sunderland Empire

Theatre, with training, advice and consultancy provided by the North East Autism Society. In order to raise awareness of the challenges faced by those with autism, particularly within social or group situations a number of individual supporters forming a 'Champions Network' are also being recruited. 'Champions' include TV personalities, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs and academics. TV presenters David & Carrie Grant, celebrity chef Mark Lloyd, Durham cricketer Gordon Muchall and actress Jane Asher have already signed up to the cause.

John Phillipson, CEO of North East Autism Society and Chair of Autism Alliance UK, which is co-ordinating the project said: "People with autism are often excluded from their own communities through lack of understanding. They can feel extremely anxious when in social situations or public places and this has an enormous impact on their quality of life." "With a basic appreciation of autism and the willingness to make reasonable adjustments,

the general public, companies and venues can help improve the lives of people with autism, their families and carers. Durham cricketer Gordon Muchall added: "Autism touches the lives of 2.7 million people every day. I'm happy to go in to bat for the autism community and lend my support to the Autism Connect campaign to make venues more accessible to people affected by autism."

Alan Cormack, Contracting Manager with NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) added: "As a CCG we are delighted to be associated with this campaign. NHS Sunderland CCG staff has recently received autism awareness training and further training sessions are scheduled for our GP practices this summer."

Autism is thought to affect one in 100 of the UK population with more males diagnosed with the condition than females. Around 50% of people with autism also suffer from anxiety or depression, while 90% have sensory differences.



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# Newtonian Organises Northern Music Festival

A YOUNG man from Newton Aycliffe has realised his ambition of founding a music festival for the north. And 23-year-old Ben Tinkler has done it in style with the region's very first electronic Music Festival to be held near Sedgefield next month. Northbridge Festival will feature some well-known DJ's from the electronica music scene and last a full weekend over July 18 – 20. Headliners include Cristoph, The Menendez Brothers, Kokiri and

over 30 DJs across the weekend. Tickets to camp for the weekend are priced from £50, with a VIP option at £70 and is strictly for the over 18s. Ben, a support worker at the PCP in Newton Aycliffe, is an avid music fan and his dream has been to organize his own festival. He said, "I have wanted to do this for a long time and it has taken a lot of hard work and organization to get to this stage. We have a brilliant line-up over the weekend and all we need now is the people to enjoy it."

The exact location remains a secret but those visiting will be given the postcode when they purchase tickets, which are available on line from various web sites, including Skiddle.com and <https://tickets.partyforthepeople.org.uk/events/989-northbridge-festival-2015>

Guests can buy tokens for the non-cash bars and some of the food stalls that will also be available. Ben has thought of everything including hiring a 40-metre waterslide for the

# Rotary Club Community Fair to Launch Aycliffe Festival

## Free Stalls for Town Organisations



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are delighted to announce and respond to popular demand that once again the Community Fair will be held in the Leisure Centre in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre on Saturday 4th July, 10am - 4pm. This will be at the very start of the Celebrations that are replacing the Great Aycliffe Show. If you run or belong to any type of Social, Charitable,

Sporting or Community Group whatsoever this is the opportunity to showcase your cause.

At the last event there were nearly 80 different stands. There is nowhere else where you can promote and demonstrate your activity to the public at absolutely NO COST to you, your Club or Organisation. On top of that the Club will give a prize of £50.00 to the best stand on

the day. The last Fair had around 800 visitors during the day long event and enabled many of the stallholders to attract new members to their Clubs and volunteers to their organisations.

So whatever your interest, your Club or Organisation do not miss out and register on the attached application form or email [r224curtis@btinternet.com](mailto:r224curtis@btinternet.com) to secure your free stand.

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# North East Employers Fail to Provide for Staff Health and Wellbeing



event, and ensuring a full medical team is on hand in case of emergencies.

For more details visit the festival's website at [www.northbridgefestival.co.uk](http://www.northbridgefestival.co.uk)

Less than two-fifths of businesses in the North East provide for the health and wellbeing of their staff, recent research has revealed. According to a study by PMI Health Group, only 38 per cent of North East employees claim their employers provide benefits targeted towards improving their overall health. Only those in the North West fared worse (26 per cent).

The region has however experienced a significant improvement on last year's results (25 per cent), but is still below the 2015 national average of 42 per cent.

"Although the boost in benefit provision is encouraging, companies in the North East could still give greater consideration to employee health and wellbeing," said PMI Health Group director Mike Blake.

"With increasing restrictions in NHS provision, it is in the interests of businesses to minimise the costly impact of sickness absence. Corporate healthcare initiatives can help achieve this while helping to address health inequalities."

In contrast, Scotland was the best performing region with 47 per cent of workers

stating their company make provisions to look after their health and wellbeing, closely followed by the East of England (46 per cent) and London (45 per cent).

The increase in provision for workers in the North East has been reflected in burgeoning levels of satisfaction. The study found that 55 per cent of employees in the region are satisfied with the range of benefits they receive from their employers – up from 36 per cent in 2014.

Workers in London were found to be the most content with 67 per cent happy with their benefits provision.

# Liverpool Legend Visits Aycliffe



Mike Pearson, Club Chairman, Phil Thompson and Bernard Borsberry, Club Secretary

The Big Club was the venue for Newton Aycliffe Youth FC's annual Sportsman evening, and once again over 200 people came along to see the legendary ex Liverpool defender and current Sky Sport football pundit, Phil Thompson. The audience were entertained as he related stories from his highly successful career and the many stars he played alongside.

An auction of memorabilia raised valuable funds for the club with signed and framed pictures from Niall Quinn, Kevin Phillips, Alan Shearer, Dutch star Johann Cruyff and a host of other famous names from the world of football.

The evening finished off with the very funny local comedian Seth Shildon, who had everyone laughing to round off a hugely successful evening.

# WOODHAM ATHLETES QUALIFY FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Woodham Academy PE Department is celebrating after a number of its students qualified for the County Durham Athletics Championships.

Lisa Robinson (200m), Blake Airey (High Jump) and Harry Condren (800m) have all qualified in their age range to represent the Durham County squad at the event which is to be held at Monkton Stadium on 13th June from 10.30am-2.30pm. Should they be successful at this event, there is further opportunity to represent the county at the Inter-County Championships later in the month. The PE Department would like to take this opportunity to wish those students good luck at this upcoming event.

# DARLO FC MEETING

The next meeting of the Newton Aycliffe fans group is on Wednesday 17 June at 7pm in the Iron Horse. If anyone has any points they would like to raise, but can't attend the meeting, then please get in touch by email [dfcaycliffefans@outlook.com](mailto:dfcaycliffefans@outlook.com) or via twitter [@dfcaycliffefans](https://twitter.com/dfcaycliffefans). All are welcome to these meetings and we welcome new faces and ideas.

Since the last piece we've had a naked picture of the squad in 442 magazine and two new signings in Adam Nowakowski from Harrogate Town and Kevin Burgess (Whitby). A big hello to these two but its farewell to Nelson Mota and Mark Bell. Mark has signed for Bishop and I'm sure we all wish him the very best for his future.

Season ticket prices were announced this week. £210 for adults, £125 for concession and £45 for children. Matchday prices are £10 (adults), £7

(concession) and £4 for children. Children under 5 get in for free, which is good news for my little girl. So far we have sold 627 season tickets and the Club are giving those fans who haven't got theirs yet the opportunity to pay in two instalments (1 July and 1 August) but must be paid in full by August 7.

Work has, at time of writing, yet to begin on Blackwell Meadows but the site has had a £145, 000 investment from Sport England to develop the car park and the changing rooms. It does, however, seem as though we won't be moving until September/October time. Good news about Graeme Armstrong who is out of hospital and back on the road to recovery after his operation to repair his fractured spleen. It seems unlikely he'll be playing any competitive football until the end of July but it's great to know he's doing well. Keep the faith.



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## Aycliffe Karate Fighters Qualify for World Cup



The Northern Zone World Cup qualifiers in Karate took place in Bradford and five students from Newton Aycliffe took part. Annalise Tinkler entered a new category in the senior black belt opens and was very nervous being the youngest, but she showed them why she was the National Junior Champion last year. She came 4th in Kata and had four fights, only getting beat in the final by the world champion, so she was very pleased. Dez Tinkler received two bronze medals for Kata and Kumite. Three others from Aycliffe: Asa Fletcher, Jada Holden and Jenny Smith all medalled and qualified for the World Cup at the Echo Arena in Liverpool in July. All are now training hard for this massive test to show the world how good our Aycliffe club is in Kata and Kumite.

## AYCLIFFE TEAM IN THE BATTLE OF THE BOXES

Thirty members of Aycliffe "CrossFit All Out" had a road trip to Colchester last weekend to support their team of five athletes at the Finals after being placed 16th out of 116 teams in a competition to find "the fittest CrossFit box (aka gym) in Europe" at the Battle of the Boxes 2015.

After 4 gruelling workouts on Sunday 31st May, the 'All Out' Team (Terry Anderson, Joe Allinson, Colin Wooster, Kelly Jones and Yasmine Meite) qualified 7th place overall, taking them into the Semi-Finals within the top 12 teams. They finished in 8th place and affiliate owner and Head Coach Terry Anderson, who delivers all the programming for CrossFit All Out members said, "The atmosphere was electric and to have such support was brilliant for the team, we gave it our all. It's nice to see everyone's hard work paying off and that we are doing well against some awesome athletes. It means the programming is working, we are heading in the right direction and we look forward to seeing what's in store for us and future All Out teams! Thanks to everyone for their continued support."



## LOCAL SPORT

### Double Celebration at NAYFC Presentations



The Awards Table

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC had cause for a double celebration last weekend as the club held its Annual Presentations at The Big Club.

Opening the event, Club Secretary Berni Borsberry was pleased to announce that the club had been named 'The County Durham FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year' for 2015.

There was much deserved recognition for the amazing work done on and off the pitch during the season. A real team effort as we continue to grow and nurture you footballers in and around the town.

The Presentation was split into three time slots during the afternoon and evening. It's sheer popularity, in part due to our ever growing Development teams, ensured all players, family and friends got a real taste of County Durham's number one Community Club!

There were many winners across all age groups, both boys and girls. Special recognition and long service awards were presented to the delight of everyone. The dedication and enthusiasm of all managers, coaches and parent representatives was evident as each child received a trophy and a round of applause. Congratulations to everyone.

We thank Club Chairman Mike Pearson, Secretary Berni Borsberry and everyone involved for making it all happen and for their marathon stint from early morning to last thing at night! If your child is interested in playing football please visit our website [www.nayafc.co.uk](http://www.nayafc.co.uk) or call Berni Borsberry on 07939 045242

## Greenfield Students Score in Remembering Srebrenica

Students scored a victory against hatred and intolerance by playing in a nationwide football tournament to mark the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide. Teachers and students at Greenfield Community College signed up to take part in Remembering Srebrenica's '8-3-7-2 Tournament', which aimed to unite 8372 young people in 380 schools across the country to play football on the same day - Friday 5th June.

Tyler Kilburn-Robinson, one of the players gave this account of the game: "Aycliffe Campus played Sunnysdale Campus and the game ended 4-4 with goals from Cameron Cook, Jack Wood and Tyler Kilburn-Robinson". Laim McGrath & Lewis Bolan continued: "In the match both teams scored 4 goals apiece, sending it to a penalty shootout where Sunnysdale Campus grabbed the win. We played to remember those who unfortunately lost their lives in the Bosnian War."

The Greenfield students looked forward to the game, and have been considering the meaning behind the event. Connor Elston said "We are delighted to be part of an active memorial to remember all those involved in Srebrenica." Aiden Wong said "We feel it is our duty to make sure we do not forget all the pain caused and we hope it never happens again."

The winning team goes into a draw to meet tournament ambassador Bosnian goal-keeper Asmir Begović. The Stoke City shot-stopper is backing the tournament, which aims to encourage pupils to learn lessons from the genocide. The figure 8372 represents the number of individuals who lost their lives during the atrocity in July 1995.

Rich Allison, Subject Leader for PE said the teams were excited to take part in the event. He believes it was an excellent opportunity to educate young people through sport to encourage respect for all.

Deputy Headteacher Stuart Dixon, supports the event wholeheartedly following assemblies last year which raised awareness of the genocide at Srebrenica. He said, "Last year many of our students made pledges to tackle hatred and intolerance following the assemblies and we are excited to be taking part in this event which commemorates the 20th anniversary of events at Srebrenica."

Remembering Srebrenica Chairman Dr Waqar Azmi OBE said: "In the 20th anniversary year of the Srebrenica genocide what more powerful way is there than football to unite our young people and inspire them to help kick racism, hatred and



intolerance out of society. "We're delighted that students at Greenfield Community School have signed up to stand with us in remembering Srebrenica through football, learning the lessons from the past to create a better and safer future."

Asmir Begović was himself forced to leave Bosnia as a child during the 1992-1995 conflict. He said: "The Srebrenica genocide was the worst war crime in Europe

since the Second World War. It happened 20 years ago and I'm proud to support Remembering Srebrenica's 8-3-7-2 Tournament which brings young people together through football to remember the victims and survivors. It's a really powerful way to help the next generation learn about the importance of tackling hatred and intolerance. This will help us to build a stronger society around the world."

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It states the Council is well managed and governed with sound strategies, policies and securities, economy efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public money.

But are we getting value for money and do we need 30 Councillors?

I read members' attendances on the notice board in the town centre and we are not getting value for money from some of the Councillors who attend very few meetings.

Alison Palmer 12 meetings out of 23.

Dan Summers 12 out of 47.

Tom Twissell 5 out of 30.

Ray Bowman 8 out of 41.

Paul Kjenstad 27 out of 42.

Chris Wheeler 24 out of 44.

All these Councillors receive an annual allowance of £1,059.60.

Dan Summers has now resigned as he has been working abroad, but did claim his allowance. Does this not show the tax/rate payer that Councillors should only be paid for attending meetings and not receive a yearly allowance?

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# STUDENTS GO RETRO



Year 9 students at Woodham Academy are creating their own retro platform game in the style of Mario Bros. When finished the game will run on the internet via a web browser. Students are combining skills learnt from Year 7 which range from

drawing their own characters to creating and modifying the code for the platform game. Previously Year 9 students have learned about computer hardware such as RAM, IO devices, HDD and SSD through a project which explored the current generation of games consoles and led students to design their own next-gen consoles. Mr Smith, Director of ICT at Woodham Academy, runs a Facebook group for both ICT and Computing teachers which has over 1,500 members from around the world and many members were interested in his resources when he was discussing the project. Mr Smith said 'It is really important to us that every student in the school is given the opportunity to code. I don't want it to become something a few students do after school'

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# DARLINGTON COMEDY FESTIVAL RETURNS

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The hugely popular Darlington Comedy Festival will return to the region next month, with an incredible 26 shows taking place in the town throughout July and in August. Now in its fourth year, the programme continues to go from strength to strength, with this year's bill featuring two shows from TV star Chris Ramsey, Edinburgh Comedy Award winners Funz and Gamez, Gein's Family Giftshop and many more.

Comedy magician Pete Firman (BBC's The Magicians) kicks off the critically-acclaimed festival on Wednesday 1 July as he teams up with Phil Jerrod for a show at Seen & Inside Out. Another highlight in the programme, released today, is the Darlington Comedy Festival's annual charity gala at the Dolphin Centre. Taking place on Monday 6 July, the show features Show Me The Funny winner Patrick Monahan, Alan Cochrane, Carl Donnelly, Jonny Awsum and more. All profits from the gala will go to local charities. The festival is renowned

for bringing quirky concept comedy shows to the region and this year's bill is no different. The 2015 programme features high-energy variety show The Kinky Boot Institute, a live recording of Stuart Goldsmith's award-winning podcast The Comedian's Coffee Morning, as well as a full day of comedy at Darlington Library.

Another Darlington Comedy Festival highlight, the Hilarity Bites New Act Of The Year final, will help round off the festival at Hole In The Wall on Monday 27 July. Festival Director Neil Jollie said: "This is the fourth annual Darlington Comedy Festival, and I'm really pleased with the line-up we've managed to secure this year.

"We've got the cream of local comedy performing preview shows, joined by a load of comedy award winners and nominees. It's particularly exciting that every past winner of the Hilarity Bites New Act Competition is taking part in this year's festival, be it performing at comedy club nights or bringing their own shows to the festival.

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# Call for More Foster Carers

## Teenagers Moved Too Many Times

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The call comes with the launch of the charity's annual Foster Care Fortnight (1-14 June), and is supported by the results of a new survey showing that two in five fostered teenagers are already living with their third foster family

*The survey, covering over 1,600 fostered children and young people across the UK, also found that: 1 in 4 (25%) fostered teenagers are living with at least their fourth family in care; 1 in 6 (17%) fostered teenagers are living with at least their fifth family in care; 1 in 20 (5%) fostered teenagers are living with least their 10th family in care.*

The findings highlight the need to find more people who are willing and able to foster teenagers. There is also a real need for more foster families to offer homes to siblings and disabled children.

The survey also found that almost 1 in 3 (29%) of children aged 5 to 10 are currently living with at least their third family in care, with one in five (18%) living with at least their fourth family in care.

There are currently 3,340 children and young people living with foster families in the north east.

Being moved from home to home can have a hugely detrimental effect on children's education, wellbeing and ability to make and maintain relationships. Not being able to find the right foster carer also means that children too often have to live a long way from family, friends and school and are split up from their brothers and sisters. Finding the right foster carer, at the outset of a child's journey in care, can lead to stability, improved relationships and a positive experience of childhood.

Carla, 23, was taken into care at the age of 12 and had around eight foster homes before moving in with the Randalls: "My most poignant memory of being in care is probably the first day I went to the Randalls' house. I compared the house to a palace and I literally jumped up and down when no one was looking. I can remember exactly what everyone was wearing, my foster mum's smile and what we had for dinner, which I

was allowed to choose.

"My foster mum was kind and she knew I was scared. That night she came into my bedroom in the middle of the night where I lay on top of the bed awake and reassured me that I could get under the covers and make myself comfortable. From then on it wasn't all rainbows and smiles, it took a lot of hard work and understanding on their part to make me feel secure and trust that things would work out.

"Looking back now I realised that the Randalls saved my life. I never understood the extent of the neglect and abuse I had endured until I came to live with a 'normal' loving family. They were just always themselves, the smallest details meant so much to me. They nurtured a young, angry, untrusting teenager to become a positive, empathetic and successful young woman."

Cindy, a foster carer who has fostered teenagers for three years, said: "When we were asked what our preference would be when we started fostering, I replied, a young person who needs a family.

"We found ourselves gravitating towards teenagers because all young people face challenges, but I find the teenagers more independent thinking and engaging, and navigating through the teenage years is bumpy but great fun. I have enjoyed shopping, listening to music, and going to theme parks. Fostering teenagers means we never get to grow old. Life is so much more fun having them in our life, and we learn as much from them as they learn from us."

Jackie Sanders, director of The Fostering Network, said: "As each year passes, we see more and more children coming into care. We need people who can open their heart, and their homes, to vulnerable children and young people and use their skills to help support them to reach their full potential.

"In particular we need people who have the skills, patience and passion to look after teenagers who may have had a really tough time and be facing some real challenges, and to offer them love, stability and security.

"Fostering services across the north east are working hard to recruit and support foster carers with the right skills so that each child who needs it can have the home and family they need and deserve." Find out more about fostering, and supporting children in foster care and foster carers, by visiting fostering.net

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## Birthday Remembrance

**ELLEN MITCHELL** 13th June. Thinking about you on your birthday Mam. Love, Martin and Helen xxxx

**ELLEN MITCHELL** 13th June. I cannot send a birthday card, your card I cannot touch, but God will take greetings to the one I love and miss so much. All my love, best wishes on your birthday. Your ever loving Husband, Walter xxxxx

**ELLEN MITCHELL** 13th June. Put your arms around her Lord, don't leave her on her own. For today it's my Mam's birthday, her first away from home. Love you always. Phyllis, Vince, Lee, Nikki and Joshua xxxxx

**KENNETH INNES** Birthday memories of a dear Husband, 13th June. Also Fathers Day on 21st June. Remember you always. Forget you never. Your loving Wife Brenda and all of the family

## For Sale

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## Barbara Bennett (Mullier)



18th June  
Remembered always.  
All our love,  
your family xxxx

## Shane Smith



26 on the 16th June

Our first birthday without you, has torn our world apart.

On this day and every day, you're always in our hearts. We all love you so much and miss you loads.

Mam, Dad, Stephen, Ryan, Michelle, Sheniece and Reece xxx

## Ellen Mitchell



13th June 1930  
to 11th February 2015.  
Happy birthday Mam  
85 today

Miss and love you. Heavenly Father up above, give my Mam a big hug. Until we meet again. Love, Shirley xxx

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## Congratulations

### Hayley Wilson



Happy 21st Birthday  
June 14th

Congratulations and well done on your new job with British Airways. You will be flying high now!

Lots of love, Dad, Brad, Nana and Grandad xx

### Tom Armstrong



Happy 21st Birthday  
So proud of you Son.

Love you loads, Mam, Trevor, Ste, Tony and Keira xxxxx

**HARRY SEDGWICK** Happy 80th birthday Dad on June 12th. Love from Maureen, Chris, Michael, Sarah, Paul, Becky and Freya xx

**RAY** Happy 70th birthday. Hope you enjoy Saturday. Liz xxx

**HAPPY** birthday Dad. Lots of love from Lisa, Anthony, Susanne, Paul, Clare and all your Grandchildren xxxxxx

**DICKINSON** Sharon and Alan. Congratulations on your Silver Wedding on 9th June. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Daughters Stacey and Amy and all the family

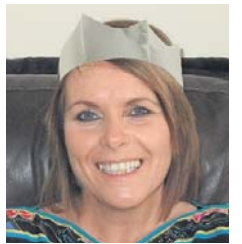
**RAYMOND JOHNSON** 70 years young. Happy birthday Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. All our love, Lisa, Josh, Beth, Ellie, Mel, Lexi and Noah xxxx

## Obituary

**PHIL JOSS** June 7, tragically, Phil aged 55 years, devoted and much loved husband and soulmate to Lydia, loving father to Hannah and Hayley, dear Gang Gang to Isla, beloved brother to Graeme and Kevin, brother in law to Tony, Stephen, Lynne and Lesley, Uncle to Helen, Katie, Emily, Glen and Louise and a dear Son-in-Law to Alan and Carol. Sadly missed. Funeral Thursday June 18. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 10.30am followed by cremation. "KOKO"

**STEWIE ALLEN** on 25th May 2015. You left a big hole in your family and my heart. Fly high, love from Lynda, Heidi and Amelia xxx

### Angela Cook Happy 50th Birthday!



Happy 50th Angie  
Lots of love & best wishes,  
Scott, Jacky, Laura & Aran  
xxxx

Happy 50th birthday to a wonderful Daughter  
Have a lovely day!  
Lots of love, Mam  
xxxx

Happy 50th Birthday Angie  
Have a fantastic day!  
All our love, John & Harry  
xxxx

Happy 50th Angie  
Lots of love,  
Tara, Kev, Daniel,  
Wendy & Katie  
xxxx

### Kai Waters



Happy 18th Birthday  
June 15th

So proud of you Son on everything you have achieved in life so far.

Lots of love,  
Mam, Jay and  
all the family xxx

### Kai Waters



Happy 18th Birthday Kai  
Lots of love, Dad Viv  
Emily and all the family  
xxx

## Thank You

**CAROL REED** Many thanks for donations to Macmillan Cancer. A total of £230.68 was raised and forwarded to them. Thank you for ongoing support from Roy, Steven, Lara and families

**WE WOULD** like to thank family and friends for cards and gifts received on our 30th Wedding Anniversary and for making the day a special one. Love to you all. Rob and Barbara Oliver xxx

## Wedding Remembrance

**RITA ANN CHAPE** 7.6.75  
Happy Anniversry Rita, it would have been 40 years. Still love and miss you, Vaughan

## Licence Applications

### Licensing Act 2003

Notice is hereby given that ROF 59, have applied to Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as: **ROF 59, DURHAM WAY SOUTH, AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, CO DURHAM, DL5 6BQ.**

For the grant of a Premises License to permit the following proposed licensable activities:-

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A record of this application may be inspected at the Council's offices at Annand House, John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RS on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.00pm. Telephone 03000 261016

Any representations about this application must be made in writing by **29th June 2015** and sent to **Durham County Council, Licensing, PO BOX 617, Durham DH1 9HZ or email licensing@durham.gov.uk**

*It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.*

12-6-2015

## In Memoriam

### Lillias R Smith 14th June 2014

A deeply loved Mum, Granny and Great Gran  
Remembered by Valerie and Michael  
Elizabeth and Kathryn  
Allan and David  
Jacob, Bronwyn, Theo and Dylan

Today, Tomorrow, our whole lives through  
We will always love and remember you.

**BLINKINSOPP** In memory of Vera. Loving Auntie of Den and Kathy. Missed by all the family.

**SYLVIA HUBBARD** 13/6/07 Taken too soon, miss you, even though it's 8 years gone, see you every day. Love, Derrick and the dogs xxx

**DOUGLAS DENHAM** (Husband), died 15th June, 2009 also **SUSAN ELLEN MARCUS** (Daughter), died 5th April 2010. You are both loved and missed more than words could ever say. God bless, Wife Pat and Mother

**RITA CHAPE** 12th June 2006. Nine years have passed and we still think of you every day. Thank you for all the fantastic memories you gave us. Lots of love, Martyn, Nicola, Natalie and Daniel xxxx

**RITA ANN CHAPE** (nee Lawson). 12th June 2006. Always missed and never forgotten. So lovingly remembered by all the family. Miss you, Mam. Colin and family





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## NAJFC Summer Tournament GIRLS' SPORTS PROJECT IN G.B.'s TOP 3

June is not traditionally a month for football however Newton Aycliffe Juniors FC are preparing for one of their busiest times of the year as they host their summer tournament on Sunday June 14th and Presentation day the following Saturday (20th).

The summer tournament will see 5 a-side games for Under 7's, 7 a-side for Under 8's and 9's with 11 a-side format for under 13's and 16's. Thirty teams will be welcomed to Sunnydale and seventeen different junior football clubs will be represented in what



promises to be a feast of football and fun.

As well as the on the pitch competition there will be plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained this will include a bouncy castle, penalty shoot outs, stocks with the chance to soak your team manager, refreshments and a money draw.

The football kicks off from 10am with the groups concluding in the early afternoon and finals starting from 2pm. Everyone is

welcome to come and enjoy the fantastic footballing action and join in the activities on the day, we look forward to welcoming you at Sunnydale Leisure Centre. Everyone who does attend please do note that all visitor parking will be provided at the Leisure Centre.

NAJFC are very grateful to our sponsors who have supported this event at each age group level;

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 U13's: AC Door Systems Ltd  
 U16's: EOS Facades

Our Presentation day will be a celebration of the achievements of all our sides throughout the season and will be hosted at Sunnydale Leisure Centre from 10am.

If boys and girls from any age group are looking to join our squads for next season please send an e-mail including your child's current school year to robgoddard@talktalk.net and we will put you in touch with the right coach.

A local project aimed at engaging girls aged 13+ into sport activities has received national recognition at a recent awards ceremony.

The Us Girls project was shortlisted for two Street Games National Awards – Us Girls Project of the Year and Young Coach of the Year (Kelly Howe).

Unfortunately, the project did not win an award; however, as it was shortlisted it received recognition as being in the top three in Great Britain.

Us Girls is a physical activity programme for girls delivered by Sedgfield School Sport Partnership. The project currently has sessions running in Newton Aycliffe, funded by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and delivers a wide range of activities to engage more girls into sport.

Around 50 girls are currently participating in regular physical activity, who would never have done so before. Clubs have been running as afterschool sessions at Woodam Academy and Greenfield School – these will start again in September. A club on Monday evenings (7:00pm - 8:30pm) is currently running at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

The girls are able to socialise, get fit and have fun with their friends in a relaxed environment, which allows them to attend the club week after week. All the clubs are youth led, so the girls get to decide which activities are delivered each week and also receive rewards and regular trips and festivals for their dedication and participation at their club.

Sessions delivered include; multi-sports including dodgeball, benchball, rounders, netball and volleyball. Durham Wildcats have also delivered coaching sessions and also given the girls an opportunity to attend a Durham Wildcats basketball match at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Kelly Howe, Us Girls Coach, said: 'Sedgfield School Sport Partnership is about providing high quality sport opportunities within schools and in the community, the Us Girls programme is about engaging girls into sporting activities that they would not normally do in a formal environment'. 'The Club runs along the lines of Fun, Fitness & Friends.'

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please contact Us Girls Coach Kelly Howe via: Email: kellyhowe@sedgfieldssp.org.uk Office: (01388) 722317 or Mobile: 07930 316310



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