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Ebac Washing Machines on Sale in August

Great news from Ebac is the launch of the only British manufactured Washing Machine starting production this August. Managing Director Pamela petty told Newton News the first batch of machines made in Newton Aycliffe will be on sale in the electrical goods giant Currys, also in August.



This is wonderful news for Ebac, Aycliffe and the country and we hope it won't be long before the machines are being exported all over the world.



John Elliott, Pamela's father and Chairman of Ebac is a well known local benefactor. He is constantly preaching we should be producing not importing. He has certainly helped put his money, and his faith in Great Britain, where his mouth is! Newton News, on behalf of the townspeople, congratulate Ebac on their enterprise and wish them every success.

APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS



The annual Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge at Woodham Academy is set to launch in September this year. Year 9 students at the school work over the course of 9 weeks with one of six local companies to research apprenticeships opportunities in the company and explore career progression routes.

In January 2015, Sarah McGinney, Associate Assistant Headteacher at the school won the prestigious Northern Echo award for Innovation in Education on the back of the challenge. She said 'this is an excellent opportunity for young people to explore firsthand the career opportunities that exist in the local area. It is a refreshing change for students to be able to visit companies and liaise with staff on developing a deep understanding of the company.' This year the school will be working with EBAC Ltd, Gestamp Tallent, The Thorn Academy of Light and Livin. Two more companies are being sought to join the school this year. Interested companies are invited to contact Sarah McGinney on 01325 300328.

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN Aycliffe's New Technical College Opens in 2016

Dear Sir,
May I thank the kind gentleman who came to my aid when I fell in the Aldi car park on the 12th June.
I was unable to get to my feet having had two hip replacements yet several people ignored my cries for help until this kind man stepped forward. I didn't get his name, but he stayed with me until I was able to continue on my way.
Margaret Hutchins

The Royal British Legion



Saturday 27th June

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The new Aycliffe University Technical College building design will reflect the engineering focus of its curriculum, with a triple-height specialist engineering housing with state-of-the-art kit able to accommodate large scale work and machinery. Building work on the new £10m University Technical College South Durham is expected to begin in summer 2015 at Long Tens Way, on the Aycliffe Business Park,

close to Hitachi Rail Europe's new plant. It's on track to open in September 2016. David Land is a Trustee for UTC South Durham, working in conjunction with the University of Sunderland, he commented: My role is to manage the build and business engagement for the project.

We're pleased with the work to date and feel we're on the right track to meet the requirements of the manufacturing sector not only on the Aycliffe Business Park but in the surrounding South Durham area. The UTC offers a transitional facility that will allow students to experience work based problem solving while completing their core subjects.

"The partners have worked with Ryder Architecture on the design, contractor Willmott Dixon has been appointed and is due to start on site this summer, funding is in place, we've consulted locally on the proposed college and this week are announcing the appointed Principal Designate.

"The next challenge will be to involve more businesses in the project and then recruit students to start when the doors open in September 2016."

Plans for UTC South Durham were recently submitted to Durham County Council, with granting of planning approval anticipated for July 2015. The year-long build is expected to begin in August

2015. The college will consist of a three-storey engineering block, kitted out with general and specialist engineering equipment such as computer-aided design, science laboratories, workshops and a teaching block for studying GCSE and A' level subjects.

Access to the college will be off Newton Aycliffe's Long Tens Way, there will be 43 bicycle racks and 57 car parking spaces with provision for another 20. Public transport options will include the Darlington to Bishop Auckland railway line and local bus transport.

Ryder Architecture, based on Westgate Road, Newcastle, is the appointed architecture firm. Project Architect Mal Lorimer commented: "At Ryder we have extensive experience of designing buildings for education. In their brief to us the sponsors set out their desire to create a building that did not look and feel like a standard high-school, but instead create something more suited to the college's engineering focus, that would feel different and exciting.

"Industrial workspace was the inspiration for our design. The main entrance will connect directly to the dramatic, triple-height 'engineering hall'. As well as giving students and visitors an awe-inspiring welcome as they enter it will also be a practical and versatile space, able to house massive equipment or work.

"The chosen palette is of simple industrial materials and the energy efficiency of the building will exceed the target set out by building regulations."

The contractor that will build UTC South Durham is Willmott Dixon, appointed under the Scape framework – which uses a controlled tender process which complies with the requirements of OJEU and Public Contract regulation requirements to select the best single supplier in a two-stage selection process.

A.G.M.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15th July, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale House, Newton Aycliffe.

YOU TOO CAN HAVE UNWANTED PLANTS

Recently a lady mistakenly accused people of stealing flowers from Council beds along Central Avenue. This proved to be false as they had permission to take the old flowers away from council employees who were replacing them with new plants.

We asked the Council to explain their policy so that everyone was aware and could also take advantage if they wished. Jimmy Bennett, Durham County Council's clean and green manager, said: "Every summer we replant our display beds with

seasonal plants and flowers. Like most other councils, we dispose of the winter bedding plants we remove as it is more cost-effective to use new stock each year than to store and replant the perennials.

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FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same WOW/OOMP. The atmosphere was great, as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, ie: instead of sticking to "Sweet Child Of Mine", they did "Welcome to The Jungle". How long have FM been around now? Many a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome.

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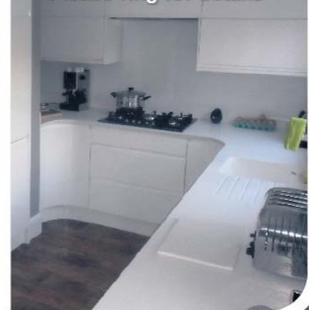


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MBE for Local Entrepreneur Craft Stall Places at the Community Fair

Nominated for her services to entrepreneurs and UK business, SFEDI Group Chair Ruth Lowbridge from Heighington has been awarded the MBE in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Ruth was put forward by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Ruth is currently Executive Chair of the SFEDI Group of Companies, all of which promote and support enterprise and entrepreneurial skills development throughout the UK. As a business owner herself for over 20 years, with successful ventures including a bistro, conference centre, software company and training consultancy, Ruth knows more than most how it feels to start up and run an enterprise. Ruth has always had a strong determination to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Prior to setting up in business on her own she chose to dedicate her working life to working within disadvantaged communities, including training young people (as part

of the Youth Training Scheme in the 1980s) in locally deprived areas and working with pre-release prisoners. The experiences of her early career confirmed her commitment to enterprise skills and helping to develop those who need it most, a passion for which has continued as her influence has grown. Through her entrepreneurial approach she has gone from working at a local, to a regional and then national level to ensure that enterprising skills are recognised, developed and promoted to all. Indeed, the current enterprise skills landscape would not look the way it does without her contribution. Throughout the course of her career, Ruth has benefitted from the support of mentors in both her personal and professional life, including an entrepreneurial mother who acted as a role model for her. Even before she set up her own business she was encouraged by two mentors who each shared their own business experiences to help her gain the confidence to step out on her own. Their support led Ruth to become a mentor herself, keen to share both the good and bad experiences she has had along the way in order to help and inspire others. For over fifteen years she has voluntarily mentored almost continuously, either informally or by way of mentoring organisations, firstly through the Prince's Trust and now through the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs (the very mentoring programme she was instrumental in establishing). Ruth says: "There are many working in the field of enterprise development so to have been nominated for an MBE is a great honour. It still hasn't sunk in yet! I have always loved working with entrepreneurs and small businesses. I believe that they play a lead role in developing our economy and consider myself very fortunate to have been able to be involved in enterprise throughout my



working life. It is one of my great passions. It really does make a difference - as I hope, in a small way, I have been able to do." Chief Executive of the Institute of Enterprise and Entrepreneurs Sarah Trouten said: "The MBE is awarded for a significant achievement or outstanding service to the community and also for hands-on service which stands out as an example to other people. Ruth Lowbridge exemplifies both of these. We are delighted that her dedication to, knowledge of and enormous contribution to enterprise has been recognised nationally. Her MBE is thoroughly deserved and we heartily congratulate her."

This is your last chance to book a free stall at the Town's Community Fair on 4th July 10am - 4pm to start Great Aycliffe's 10 Day Festival. This offer is open to all clubs, groups, organisations, schools in Aycliffe who wish to raise their profile and recruit new members. Tables are provided free so all you do is bring your own marketing and advertising material for the public to view. This is a very popular event and attracts large numbers to the main hall at the Leisure Centre.

The town's Rotary Club are organising this event as their contribution to the Festival and invite you to take advantage of this offer to showcase what you do. There is an opportunity for dance schools, martial arts groups and others to demonstrate their activity in the public arena. There are also a few places for craft tables for people who live in the town, but they will have to pay a small fee to sell their goods. Get in touch immediately if you wish to participate: Roger Curtis on e-mail: r224curtis@btinternet.com

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capacity audiences with songs from films and shows, including "Let it Go" (Frozen), "When I grow up" (Matilda), "Everything is awesome" (The LEGO Movie) and "Dancing Queen" (Mamma Mia).

There was an opportunity for audience participation in the second half and each night was rounded off with a selection of Guiding camp songs closing with "Brownie Bells".

We would also like to specially thank Claire Carlton (Leader with 6th Newton Aycliffe Brownies) for organising our Prize Raffle, drawn on the Monday night, and our generous sponsors who provided the prizes: Woodham Golf & Leisure Ltd, Redworth Hall Hotel, Gregg Little Testing Centre, Woodham Golf & Country Club, Bay Horse Middridge, Bengal Lounge, Ruff n Tumble, TESCO and Spennymoor Ladies Boxing. We raised a grand total of £314.00 which will be used to offer our members even more opportunities. Congratulations to all our winners.

Further information about Girlguiding can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk. Adults wishing to register a child, or anyone aged 14 and over wishing to volunteer, is asked to leave their details at www.girlguiding.org.uk/ interested and a Leader or Commissioner will contact you.

HONEST JOHN DONATIONS



Dear Sir,
Donations were recently given to:

Woodham Academy and Greenfield College Year 11 Awards - £600.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club - £500.

Great Aycliffe Community Air Partnership - £1000.

Fundraising is now taking place for five Newton Aycliffe Care Homes Residents Funds: Defoe Court, Bethany House, Rose Lodge, Lindisfarne and Aycliffe Care Home.

Honest John's saleroom has got off to a wonderful start at DISC Furniture Scheme and I am open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm.

Thanks to all supporters who have donated fantastic items to sell for the benefit of our community and all the loyal customers, old and new. A massive thank you to DISC for providing my new home. I would also like to thank Syd and Paul Howarth of Newton Press for being so incredibly kind hearted and helping me in many ways over the years.

Yours
Honest John

Fun Fair at Aycliffe Festival

Dear Sir

After many years of attending The Great Aycliffe show and still attending the Fun in the Parks. Newton Aycliffe is close to our hearts. Now we are putting on a £1.00 Fun Fair at Moore Lane Park in conjunction with the Aycliffe Festival, which will be great value for money. We are charging everyone £1.00 entrance fee, they can then go on all rides for just £1.00 (with two exceptions: water boats and balls).

We are also putting "Meet Your Favourite Characters" on Saturday and Sunday. These are lookalike characters for children to meet and get their photos taken with favourite characters from Frozen and Monsters inc. plus others. Four different characters will appear both days. Also FREE Face Painting on Saturday. The operating times are 5.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursday and Friday, 1.30pm to 8.30pm on Saturday and 1.30pm to 6.30pm, Sunday, 9th and 12th of July.

We are really proud to get the chance to put this event on in Aycliffe and hope it proves to be a great success for all. Many thanks
Phillip Cooper

TWELVE YEAR OLD RUNS FOR CHARITY

On Father's Day, 12 year old Liam Brittle will be running to raise much needed funds for the Huckins Family Appeal. He signed up for the 3km run and decided to use the opportunity to raise funds for this cause. The run takes place from Greenfield Community College and this will be one of 7 charity runs Liam will complete this year for charity. A bit of information about what Liam is running for:

In October 2011, mother of three Adelle Huckins was finally diagnosed after a long mysterious illness. The disease she has is called Lyme disease. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection carried by ticks (blood-sucking parasites) which is transmitted when the tick bites and feeds on a person or animal.

Ticks are found in the countryside but can also be present in town parks and gardens where wildlife visits. They usually feed on the blood of wildlife but they can also bite people, passing on any diseases they may be carrying. Adelle, her husband Rob and their children, Joshua, Kaitlyn and Dexter all love to go camping in the Lake District and other areas of natural beauty. However, whilst they get to experience all the wonders of nature, they have also been exposed to ticks. Prior to Adelle becoming ill, they didn't know about the simple precautions you can take against tick bites. Lyme disease is an insidious disease which can invade every system of the body from the blood, to the heart and brain. It can cause long-term health problems if not diagnosed and

treated promptly.

Not only Adelle has health problems, her husband and children do too. But despite numerous visits to various NHS doctors, a cause for their children's multiple health problems has not yet been found. Although a private test has proved positive for Kaitlyn for Lyme disease. Adelle's illness took years to diagnose and during that time her three children were born. It is possible for Lyme disease to be passed from a mother to her unborn baby or transmitted through breastmilk and the child can suffer health problems as a result, but in order for Adelle and Rob to find out whether this is why their children have these health problems, they need to see an expert doctor. Now they have an opportunity to see a top consultant abroad. This consultant has years of experience in treating tick borne infections, including Lyme disease. Rob and Adelle



have been together for 15 years but now family life is plagued by health concerns. All they want is for Joshua, Kaitlyn and Dexter to be well and to have the quality of life they deserve. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please visit <http://www.youcaring.com/huckins-family-appeal-364753#>. VX7GJv5tkGV

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4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 23rd July 2015.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th July 2015.
6. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th July 2015.
7. Applications to vote by proxy at this election applied for on grounds of physical incapacity, where that physical incapacity occurred after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th July 2015, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall by 5 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd July 2015.

WELL WORTH THE VISIT

Dear Sir
Went to visit Honest John at DISC and it was like going into an Antique Shop. The goods were all displayed, and you should see the excellent way that John has set everything out - which did him proud. We then went in to the cafe it was service with a smile, you can get hot or cold meals or just a cup of tea or coffee and home-made cakes, nothing was too much bother, Good luck to John, and Mel who runs the Cafe, and I hope they get plenty of support as it is a well worth the visit.
Maud Gray.

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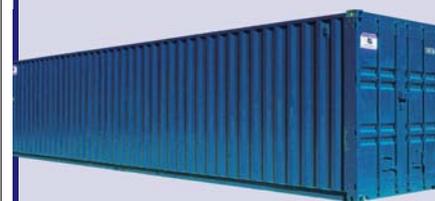
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If any young people aged 13 - 17 are interested in joining Air Cadets then come along to a parade night on Monday or Thursday evenings 7 - 9.30pm. at Barnard Armoury, Greenwell Rd.

A recent successful project funded by Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) and delivered by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has helped residents of Newton Aycliffe with long term health conditions get back into work, volunteering or training.

The Work for Health programme aimed to support 35 local unemployed residents by offering confidence building, social and team work skills, holistic health interventions as well practical support with careers advice, CV's and job search skills. This was done through one to one support sessions, group training sessions over a ten week period and a drop in session at Newton Aycliffe library to assist with digital and IT skills. Workshops covering relaxation, debt and careers advice were also delivered.

Overall, 58 participants were referred to the



programme with health conditions ranging from severe depression, heart problems, and sensory impairment to alcoholism. Over the course of the

programme, which ran from May 2014 to March 2015, 6 people were supported back into paid employment with another 11 into voluntary work and 18 into further

training. Christine Kay, Employment Support Assistant for PCP, said of Work for Health; 'Having spent several years out of work due to ill health, I know how low your self-confidence can fall, I found my way back to paid work through volunteering so am passionate about supporting other people back to work by encouraging them to volunteer and find their own self-belief again. Being a part of Work for Health was certainly satisfying and rewarding.' Pictured is, Christine Lynch who has been supported by the project and is currently 2 months into her volunteer role with Love Thy Cup Cake in Newton Aycliffe town centre, Christine said; 'I really enjoy my role here, I am learning new skills, meeting new people and feel more confident. I am even thinking about training courses that will help me progress in my role.'

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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 11 a.m. 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.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 1st July 2015

Environment Committee
Recreation Committee
7.15pm

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

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

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Labour Party Support Medal Experts Raise Money for Married in Italy

Local Ex-Service Charities

I would like to extend a big thank you to the constituents of Sedgefield for electing me as your MP again.

Whilst Labour did well across Sedgefield, this wasn't reflected nationally, as we failed to win over enough people.

That is why, the Labour Party are listening to the public, and doing things differently to elect our next Labour Leader. I recently received a letter from a local primary school child, congratulating me on my win. He may be too young to vote, but to do things differently this time, we need more people of all ages, including the friends, parents, and teachers of this primary school child to be engaged with politics. The little boy told me how much of a



difference the new play area in his school made to him, and I believe by opening up politics to more people, the Labour Party can make differences such as these on an even larger scale, to more people.

To do this we need more people engaged in the conversation of who is going to be our next Labour Leader. There are many of you who aren't a member of a political party, but share our values, and it is your opinions we need to hear when deciding who should take the Labour Party forward.

You can now have your voice heard. As long as you are on the electoral register, you can sign up to be a Registered Supporter of the Labour Party, for a one off payment of just £3 (<https://supporters.labour.org.uk>). By doing this before the 12th of August you can be part of the conversation, and cast your vote on who should be the next Labour Leader.

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From Thursday July 2nd to Saturday July 4th could be a golden opportunity for residents of Willington, Newton Aycliffe and Coxhoe to cash on their inherited and unwanted medals and coins along with all associated items such as militaria, badges, postcards, pocket watches or unwanted gold and silver items. These are the days the team of experts from The Medal Centre will be running three of their specialist Coin and Medal valuation days at The Phoenix Christian Centre, Watling Terrace, Willington, DL15-0HL on Thursday July 2nd, followed by St Clare's Church, Central Avenue, on Friday July 3rd. There will be a final event on Saturday July 4th at Coxhoe Village Hall, Front Street, Coxhoe, DH6-4DB. The person present is an expert in his own chosen field and will be on hand to give free verbal valuations on any inherited medals and military items as well as coins and banknotes and most other small collectables, including scrap gold and broken jewellery in any form but particularly gold coins such as sovereigns and kruggerands or gold watches and watch chains.

Please remember the expert will be happy to make you an immediate on-the-spot cash offer for your unwanted items and will be happy to offer the very best prices

available. Most people are delighted at the large amounts they are offered.

It has been a couple of months since The Medal Centre last visited this area and they have been asked to return due to the huge response to the last set of events held locally.

One local resident was absolutely thrilled to accept a four figure sum for her small tin box containing her late Uncle's Medals for bravery during WW1 along with his campaign medals for service in the Boer War and WW1. She also had a small selection of gold and silver coins along with a small amount of broken gold jewellery.

The lady said that not only was she astounded to discover how much her items were worth, but that the money could not have come at a better time due to the current financial situation. On top of all that she was delighted to be able to help local ex-servicemen and women.

There has never been a better time to sell your inherited collectable items as, due to The Medal Centre's vast client base, they are able to offer the

best possible prices and the proprietor, Mr Andrew Jukes, was recently quoted as saying "We are now able to pay exceptionally high prices for all medals from a single item to a complete collection". Prices for this type of item are at an all time high.

Andrew also said he never ceases to be amazed at the diverse range of items that are brought to the events by the general public, however he can also be just as amazed at the amount of times people mention things that they have left at home because they thought they were of little or no value.

Andrew says "the golden rule is bring it along to one of our days and let the experts decide if your item is of value". It is also a good way to help your local community as The Medal Centre will be giving a donation to ex-service charities for every item they are able to purchase on the day. If you cannot attend on the day one of the experts from The Medal Centre will be happy to call and see you at your convenience and they can be contacted on 01434 609794 or 07950 421704.



VOTE FOR THE BEST NEW BUS DESIGN

The public are being asked to choose the new look for the park and ride buses serving Durham City.

Working with New College Durham, Durham County Council invited design students to submit their ideas for how the fleet of 10 buses could look. Following the entries being whittled down to two, the public are now being asked to pick their favourite at www.durham.gov.uk/busdesign with the vote open until 8 July.

Two of the 10 buses, which were blank following a new operator taking over the service in 2014, have been wrapped in the finalist's designs and can now be seen on routes in and around Durham City.

Bliss Liltiernhurst, 20, from Coxhoe took inspiration from road signs and lane markings, turning them into a brightly coloured, abstract design. Scott Foreman, also 20, from Stanley, designed a bus featuring a stylised map of the park and ride service's routes. Ahead of the vote opening, the two finalists got to see their designs on the buses themselves for the first time. Scott said: "Seeing my design go from being just a drawing on a piece of a paper to the reality of something I've created being on an actual bus is brilliant. The chance to



showcase my work like this to thousands of people every day is amazing. It looks really good and I hope people like it and vote for it."

Bliss said: "It's great to see my design on a bus driving round Durham. Just making it to the final two is a brilliant opportunity and a great addition to my portfolio but I'd still love to win so I hope people vote for my design!"
Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet

member for economic regeneration, said: "We're really excited to help kick-start the career of two local students by working with them to design our new buses. Both of them have worked really hard on their designs and they look fantastic. We really hope as many people as possible join us in supporting these two young people by voting for how they want the park and ride buses to look."

Married in Italy



Jane Emily Littlefair and William Charles Washington both from Newton Aycliffe got married on 3rd June 2015 at the Scaglieri Castle, Malcesine, Lake Garda.

Jane attended Greenfield Community & Arts College and Will attended Woodham Technology College. They met whilst attending Queen Elizabeth 6th Form and then both went on to complete their degrees at Northumbria University. Will now works for Virgin Money and Jane works as a support worker and is also studying another degree in nursing at Teesside University which she is due to complete in December.

The service took place on a beautiful day on one of the terraces of the castle whilst a pianist played some of their favourite music during the ceremony. They were joined by 42 family and friends to celebrate their wedding. After the marriage ceremony guests were offered ice creams to cool

themselves down, whilst they were waiting for the happy couple to have their wedding photographs taken. Once the photographs were taken and after the confetti throwing, everyone made their way to the harbour and were taken by boat to the wedding breakfast venue. At La Voglia restaurant everyone enjoyed canapés, drinks and a four course Italian meal. This was then followed by some very lively dancing.

Everyone had a brilliant time and some of the guests have already booked to return next year to this beautiful part of the world.

Jane and Will remained in Italy for a further week where they honeymooned and visited Venice, Florence and Rome. They can't wait to return to this very special place for their first wedding anniversary.

They have returned to live in their home in Newton Aycliffe.

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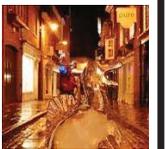
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Enter for the County Environment Awards

The awards, which are now in their 26th year and celebrate projects which enhance and improve the environment in County Durham, are open for entries.

Terry Collins, chair of the County Durham Environment Partnership, said: "We hope that the Environment Awards will encourage people to tell us about their work so we can give it the recognition it deserves, we are keen to hear about all projects, large and small.

"The range of categories is specifically designed to attract a diverse selection of entrants."

Applications are invited from individuals, community organisations, businesses and schools across the county.

This year's categories are:

- **BUILT ENVIRONMENT**
- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**
- **CRAFTSMANSHIP**
- **GREENER BUSINESS**
- **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**
- **PLACES AND SPACES**
- **SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**
- **VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR**
- **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – UNDER 18**
- **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – OVER 18**
- **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

People and groups can nominate themselves for an award in all categories except the two individual volunteer categories. Last year a total of 53 projects and individuals were awarded, with three projects taking the title of 'outstanding'.

For more information and to enter, go to www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk/envawards or call 03000 265545

The awards are open for entries until Friday 24 July 2015.

Volunteers and community groups are also invited to enter the County Durham Volunteering Awards. Open for entry until 29 June. For more information log on to: www.durhamcommunityaction.org.uk

"Fizzwig" New Mascot for Tree Tops



Tree Tops Occupational Therapy, Newton Aycliffe, were kindly donated a huge teddy bear by pupils at Parkside Academy, Willington. Many children attend Tree Tops for assessments and treatment to help with their motor and sensory difficulties. The bear sits in the waiting room but is cuddled and played with by the children with great affection.

Tree Tops decided the bear needed a name and created a competition for our children to enter. We invited the children to draw a picture of the bear, colour it in, give the bear a name and give the reason why they had chosen that name.

We kindly had offers from some local businesses who donated other prizes. 1st prize of £30 voucher which was donated by Stuart Kirby Joinery & Building Work; 2nd Prize of £20 voucher donated by Paul Thirkettle Carpetcare & Upholstery Cleaning and 3rd Prize of £10 voucher donated by Dawns Secretarial Support Services.

Two of our older children Simon and Andrew (Above), were given the task of choosing the winners.

First prize was shared by 7 year old twin boys, Andrew and James (below), who said Fizzwig suits the bear as "sometimes it is nice to wear a wig and Tree Tops helps to stop being fizzy in school". The bear is now called Fizzwig and is the new mascot of Tree Tops Occupational Therapy!



Urgent Need for 204,000 New Blood Donors

NHS Blood and Transplant has revealed that 40% fewer new volunteers came forward across England and North Wales to give blood last year compared to a decade ago. The organisation is calling for more people to help fill the gaps by starting to donate in County Durham.

NHS Blood and Transplant has explained that 204,000 new volunteers need to come forward this year across England and North Wales to keep the nation's blood stocks at a safe level for the future.

Regular donations are crucial to saving and improving the lives of patients with cancer, blood disorders and those suffering medical trauma or undergoing surgery. 1,446 new volunteers came forward to donate blood for the first time in County Durham last year, 4 per 1,000 of the estimated number of people between the ages of 17 and 70 living there. 21 per 1000 people are active donors in County Durham. 7,675 people living in County Durham donated blood at least once last year, saving or improving up to three lives each time they did so.

NHS Blood and Transplant needs new donors to fill the gaps left by existing donors who are not able to give blood at this time and to ensure that we have the right mix of blood groups to match patients' needs.

A number of misconceptions still exist about donating blood; almost half (48%) of the people responding to an NHS Blood and Transplant survey said they think that the NHS asks friends and family to donate when a patient needs blood and 13% think that synthetic blood is created to meet the national demand. However, 8 out of 10 people knew that unpaid volunteers are the way that blood stocks are maintained.

In 2015, 204,000 new volunteers need to attend a session to donate to ensure that the nation's blood stocks continue to remain at a safe level in the future. When a survey asked for the reasons why they don't give blood, respondents gave a range of reasons. The top three given were a fear of needles (22%), knowing it's a good thing to do but not getting around to it (27%) and health problems so they don't believe they are eligible to donate (21%), which may not be the case. In contrast, 86% of respondents who had given blood felt that it was as expected, or easier than they expected it to be.

Giving blood is an amazing thing to do. If you live in County Durham and haven't donated before, please help us reverse the decline in new donors. Please go to www.blood.co.uk, find out if you're eligible to donate, register as a donor and book

an appointment today. Giving blood is simple and easy to do and will only take about an hour of your time. It could literally be a matter of life and death for somebody else.

• **If you are 17 or over, visit www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23 today to find out if you are eligible to donate, register as a blood donor and to book your appointment**

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St Clare's Angel Festival

Aycliffe will hold its festival beginning the 3rd July and as part of this St. Clare's Church will be holding an Angel Festival in the church. Angels are mentioned 273 times in the bible and it is hoped that we can make at least this number to make a fabulous display to last the festival week.

We ask for all angels to be hand-made and to assist in this we will be holding a craft making angel session on Saturday 27th June in the church hall. This will be of particular interest to children as there will be lots of free materials and help provided. The session runs from 10-12 noon, adults please come along and enjoy a hot cuppa and cake while the kids are busy crafting.

ALL ANGELS MUST STAND AND CAN BE ANY SIZE (MAXIMUM 6 foot)

The public can view the angels during the festival week beginning on Saturday 4th July when there will be a Coffee Morning and we must have Angel Cake!

Entries are invited from children, adults and groups or organisations. You may enter as many models as you wish. Any models for display can be left from Saturday 27th June. So let your imagination run wild and get crafty!

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It is the responsibility of the families to keep the memorials in a safe condition.

Where gravestones are found to have a cause for concern every reasonable effort will be made to contact the families involved to discuss the action needed though should a high risk be identified then the church may have to take immediate action to ensure safety.

If anyone needs further information or needs to report a problem please contact the Rector, Rev'd Chris Pearson on 01325 789439.

Sugar Hill Children Give Stunning Performances



Throughout the first half of the summer term, Year 2 classes at Sugar Hill Primary School read the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale, Hansel and Gretel. As part of the topic, the children made their own version of the 'gingerbread house' from the story at home, and brought in their brilliant creations for teachers and other children to see and admire.

The topic was rounded off with a performance of the Hansel and Gretel tale in front of parents and other children from the school. Each of the Year 2 classes gave their own performance on different days, with both following a similar script and story line. Parents, and particularly the staff at Sugar Hill, were hugely impressed by the children's

singing and acting talents and the maturity they showed in delivering an entertaining and professional show for the watching audiences. All the staff at Sugar Hill are very proud of the Year 2 classes' achievements. Feedback from parents following the performances suggests that they too are immensely impressed and proud of their talented children's efforts.

"Sounds Like Sour Grapes"

Dear Sir
I would like to respond to a letter in last week's edition by Mrs M. Tomlin about councillor's allowances and the quality of councillor that currently serves the people of Great Aycliffe, but first let me say a few things about myself.

It was an honour to be elected in 2013 to serve the people of Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall. In the 2 years since, I have done that to the best of my ability, not only for that area but for people in other areas of the town that required a councillor that would get things done. I currently live in Darlington but up until last year was a resident of Great Aycliffe for 41 years. I am vice chairman of Governors at a school on the town and have been a Governor for many more years.

In addition I am also chairman of my own Road Management group working closely with the schools, local police and the Crime Commissioner to ensure the safety and well-being of the town's children when going to and from school.

It seems that Mrs Tomlin has a problem with Councillors missing meetings without even looking closely at the

circumstances behind that or the councillors she is talking about, so let me explain for Mrs Tomlin's benefit. I have attended all but a handful of meetings since being elected. The meetings that I could not attend were the ones that clashed with my work hours, mainly sub committee meetings. I would see myself as being a very proactive councillor, always willing to serve the people of Great Aycliffe whenever needed.

It would be greatly appreciated if Mrs Tomlin would do a little bit of research about the person she is writing about before tarring all councillors with the same brush. Also, as she is the wife of a former town Councillor, I would expect a bit more respect and understanding for the Councillors currently serving Great Aycliffe. If that former Town Councillor had himself been a better and more proactive Councillor then maybe he would have still been serving. It sounds like a load of sour grapes to me. Enough Said!
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The Greenfield Gallery



Elaine Vizer

"She shall be called Woman"

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Thursday 2nd July -
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GAMP Fund Youth Tennis Opportunities



Greenfield Tennis Club's Head Coach, Coach Wilkinson, visited Greenfield Community College to work with Year 7 & 8 students recently, to promote the fantastic tennis opportunities available at the Club thanks to funding from GAMP

Greenfield Tennis club run a range of coaching opportunities for students of all ages (5 to 16yrs). The Club are offering a FREE introductory session for any young people interested. Junior sessions take place on a Saturday morning on the floodlit courts, with the Adult Club night on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm.

Coach Wilkinson had a great afternoon with the Greenfield students and was impressed with how they picked up the techniques he showed them so quickly.

For more information about the tennis club see their website www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk. The courts can be booked by members of the public by contacting the Sports

facility manager Lee Boynton on 07879 117224.

Big Hearted Gesture

Dear Sir,
I am 84 years of age and registered "Partly Sighted". Last Thursday I visited Tesco and approached a lady coming out of the store and asked if I could give her my pound coin in exchange for her shopping trolley. She declined saying that her trolley contained a token and not a pound coin.

She then took the trolley to the trolley park and removed her token. After a few seconds she paused and replaced the token and turned and handed the trolley to me. I offered her my pound, which she refused saying when you use the token again just think of me. I asked her name so that I could remember and she said Lynne. She gave me a big hug and left. When I finally removed the token at the end of my shopping trip, it had a big red heart engraved on it Margaret Oakley Ryder Court

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EBAC'S CHARITY BALL SUPPORTS FAMILIES WITH SICK CHILDREN

A Ball to raise money for a charity set up to support the families of sick children has raised more than £6,000. The Olivia Mae Foundation was founded by one of the North East's leading business women, Pamela Petty, Managing Director of Newton Aycliffe firm Ebac. The aim of the charity is to help families during difficult periods when a child is ill in hospital. Olivia Mae, the daughter of Pamela and her husband,

Richard, who live in Bishop Auckland, died in the Summer of 2007, aged nine and a half weeks, as a result of Primary Pulmonary Hypertension. Seven and a half weeks of Olivia's life were spent in the Freeman Hospital, in Newcastle. The Olivia Mae Foundation has helped 21 families to date. A local, young, single mum of three whose youngest child has Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome is one example of

the charity in action. All of the children were under 5 and mum's income was limited to state benefits. Even though the distances were not great, this little boy was also in hospital for months and his mum just did not have the funds for daily travel to and from the Freeman hospital in Newcastle. As she was his only visitor lack of funds meant that he could have days without seeing anyone other than hospital staff. Help from the Olivia Mae Foundation meant that this little boy and his mum could spend time together on a regular basis. This was obviously essential for his emotional wellbeing (and hers) but also so that she could learn how to administer his medication and provide

safe care in terms of all of his medical needs. The charity ball was held at Crook Golf Club, Crook, County Durham, on June 7th. Pamela Petty said: "The Olivia Mae Foundation is run by families for families to provide that vital lifeline in the moments after mums and dads might have been told by the hospital there is a serious problem and they need to make emergency arrangements. We can cover those costs and let them get on with caring for their children. "I would like to personally thank family and friends and all the local businesses that have been so generous with their time and donations to make the ball the fantastic success it was."

Honest John Settled in New Premises

Dear Sir, I am now settled in at the DISC premises next to the Blue Bridge Centre and everything is going great. It has taken off much quicker than I had imagined and the DISC staff, customers and volunteers are a very friendly bunch. I did have some difficulty obtaining Public Liability Insurance and worried about being covered for my opening on 8th June, but once

again Newton Press came to the rescue and recommended Jeremy at Northallerton Insurance Services who organised all I needed immediately. He put my mind at ease by being so helpful when others could not. Thanks to everyone who helped with my move to DISC and I look forward to receiving a vist from readers of Newton News. Honest John

Durham Brass Festival



The full line-up for BRASS 2015 has been announced, with every type of brass music from traditional to funk on offer during four packed days of entertainment. But this year, it's not just about the music – audiences are invited to celebrate all things brass, with poetry, photography, mobile apps and cartoons also featuring in the programme. And for the first time, the festival, which runs from Thursday, 16 July to Sunday, 19 July, also has its own official Fringe, with acts arranged by Durham's arts collective, Empty Shop. Developed and delivered by Durham County Council, BRASS festival is an annual celebration of the county's musical culture and tradition. BRASS is known for its commitment to supporting new and local artists and, as such, this year's commissions and co-commission include new work by Lucy Pankhurst, Pete Churchill, Ian McMillan, young photographer Rob Bowman, artists Haroon Mirza and Pete

Evans, sculptor Rob Olins and composer and sound artists Ryan Cockerham. Local musicians are also well represented in this year's programme, with the Reg Vardy Big Band, Durham County Youth Choir and Durham Youth County Big Band all performing. And Gala Big Band, established in 2014 to encourage North East musicians from all backgrounds and of all ages to play together, will perform classics from Count Basie and Duke Ellington as well as music by band leader Paul Edis. Innovative and bold, BRASS 2015 will show off the stunning city of Durham by presenting performances in many varied spaces from Gala Theatre to the Cathedral and in the streets. I hope people will come from near and far to join together in enjoying the buzz, the energy and a lot of fun." Tickets, and full listings, for BRASS 2015 are available at www.brassfestival.co.uk or by calling the box office on 03000 266 600.

HAVE YOUR SAY – AFFECT THE FUTURE

There are a number of consultations out at the moment, asking for your views on proposed changes and strategies:

- Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan #3 (ends 26 June): <http://bit.ly/DCCROWIP3>
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy (ends 12 July): <http://bit.ly/DCCAHRS>
- Taxi licensing (ends 26 August): <http://bit.ly/DCCTL>
- 20mph speed limits outside certain schools (ends 31 July): <http://bit.ly/DCC20mph2>
- New bus design for the park and ride buses serving Durham City (ends 8 July): <http://bit.ly/DCCBD>
- National Rural Crime Survey (ends 24 June): <http://bit.ly/NRCSurvey>

DOG FALLS DOWN OPEN MANHOLE AND DROWNS

Hole Covered Without Dog Being Recovered

Dear Sir, On the 17th May I contacted the Fire Service to tell them my 11 stone Cane Corso dog 'Zack' had fallen down an open man-hole and drowned in the field opposite the Gretna where Livin are building new houses. He had slipped through a broken gap in the fence which is down in several places around the perimeter of the field. The Fire Service said they could not attend as it wasn't a rescue. They contacted the County Council and my daughter and I met Council employees Peter Clennel and Paul Bambrouge and took them to the place of the incident. They said they would secure the man-hole for safety purposes and would get my dog out the next day and take him to the vets as he was chipped. The next day I asked my daughter to telephone the council to find out what time they would be getting Zach out of the man-hole. They said they wouldn't be getting him out as they had no jurisdiction over that field. They told her to contact the Water Board and

Environmental Health, which we did, but were told they had no jurisdiction over the property either. So I arranged to get him out myself with the help of friends, but when I got to the field at 4 o'clock, to my shock and horror the man-hole had completely disappeared without a trace and had been filled in! My daughter contacted the Council and Water Board and both said they weren't responsible. I am really upset about this, if I had known the Council weren't going to get him out on the Monday I would have made plans to retrieve his body myself on the Sunday. I wrote to the County Council on the 22nd May asking them to investigate this incident as a health and safety violation. This has happened before when Don Thory's show spaniel fell down the same man-hole last year and it was reported. Earlier this year the Fire Brigade was called out because Joanne Woodward's Labrador had hung itself on the barbed wire fence around



the field. I have received no response from the County Council yet, so could Newton News please investigate this incident for me? This could so easily have been a child. Michelle Daniels Clanny Road

County Council Response

Jimmy Bennett, clean and green manager at Durham County Council, said: "We acknowledge that this situation must be extremely upsetting for the dog's owner. We visited the site on Sunday 17th May after receiving a call from a member of the public regarding a missing manhole cover. "On arrival a lady showed the call-out crew where the manhole was and said that her dog had fallen into it. The manhole was full of water so they used a stick to see if they could feel anything but could not. We put in place a flag stone over the access hole as a temporary safety measure to prevent anyone falling in during the rest of the weekend and explained to the dog's owners that the issue with the manhole cover would be reported the following day. "We did not say that we would go back to retrieve the dog from the manhole as we would not be able to carry out such a task due to the complex and specialist nature of this work. Unfortunately we are not able to offer any further assistance as we do not own the land or the manhole."

MUSIC FROM THE WEST END SHOWS

If you go along to the Civic Hall, Shildon on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th at 7-30pm, and Sunday 28th at 2pm, the theatre will be alive with the sound of music. Music from many of London's West End Musicals, past and present, such as Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys, Wicked, Annie, Grease, Mamma Mia, School of Rock, We Will Rock You, Singing In The Rain and many more. All courtesy of The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group's latest production, A Night at the West End Musicals. A spokesperson said "Not only will there be members of The Tearaways entertaining during the 2 hour show, but they will be joined by members from the TYKES and C.A.T.S. Youth Theatre Groups too. The first time all three groups have performed a full musical production together."

Bethany Lewis - Burrows, Georgia Brown, Lucy Wright, Nadia Kovacs, Nataly and Erica Wood, Samantha Shaw, Bridie Mitchell, Kya Howey, Matthew Kerr, Beth Elgey, Bobby Jay Banks, Sophie Tilley - Alexander, Cain Harrison, Evie Tenwick, Kodie Wilson, Madalyn Patrick and sister Grace, are amongst the 63 young people in a strong cast. So don't miss out on this event, book your Tickets now, £5 Adults, £3 Children / Concessions by ringing 01325 313363 / 01388 774838

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Police Appeal

Over the past few weeks several parks in the Newton Aycliffe area have had damage caused to the trees, and also numerous amounts of graffiti damage caused. Further to this over the past weekend several birds have been killed in the Nature Reserve and also one of the parks. These parks are open

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to the public and are generally well maintained and provide safe places for families to play with their children, but also provide suitable habitats for wildlife which lots of the community like to see. It appears a very small minority of youths are wanting to destroy these areas with mindless damage and destruction of

birds nests. Newton Aycliffe Police are asking members of the community who spend time in the parks and nature reserves to be vigilant when in them, and report any suspicious activity which you may see and report it to us on 101. Thanks in advance PC 2696 Mike WELCH Aycliffe Beat Team

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 to secure your free stand.

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Two Gold Medals for Aycliffe Swimmer



The North Eastern Regional Swimming Championships Age Group was held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield. Sedgefield 75 ASC had three swimmers competing Jessica Hall, Rebecca Hall and Niall Coulthard. They competed in a total of sixteen events over the two weekends of 6th/7th and 13th/14th June. Most of the swimmers achieved new best times. Rebecca was placed 4th in the 50 Breast Stroke in the 14 year age group. Niall won Gold Medals in the 12 year age group in both the 200 and 100 metres Freestyle and was 4th in the 50 Freestyle. He also took 4th and 6th place in the 50 and 200 Breast Stroke A great achievement to be Regional Champion in two events.

LOCAL SPORT

CROSSFIT FITNESS FOR THE FUTURE!

CrossFit All Out has gone from strength to strength since opening last January and in addition to their adults and teens classes, are now planning to run CrossFit Kids sessions over the Summer holidays, for children aged 3-16.

Head Coach Terry Anderson, who has recently qualified as a CrossFit Kids Coach, said "the course was such an eye-opener for me as a Coach and I learned so much from it. There are so many benefits for kids of all ages and abilities, I'm excited to get started, see the kids learn, progress and have fun - who knows where it could take them."

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Vikki Anderson, Business Manager says "the kids sessions have been long-awaited by a lot of people so we are excited to finally start planning them. We just need some help to fund the kit and we are relying on local businesses and the local community to support us with this. We have a goal of £2000 minimum and have already reached £700, so every donation helps!"

A free fundraising event will be held on Sunday 28th June 11am - 3pm at CrossFit All Out, Northfield Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6EJ to raise funds for the kid specific equipment. The event will include demonstrations of the kids sessions, competitions, egg & spoon races, hook a duck, bouncy castle, face painting, car washes, 'nearly new' sale, raffle, BBQ, cakes, homemade lemonade and lots more! Terry and Vikki are asking for any raffle prizes from local businesses and are encouraging all members of the public to bring along their children, in fancy dress if they wish, have photos taken with the superhero wall and have a fun family day out for a great cause!

More details can be found on the facebook page www.facebook.com/alloutcrossfit or by contacting Vikki on 07788 123321.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store play their first NYSD league cup final at home to Stokesley 2nd XI on Tuesday 23rd June at 6pm. Entry is £2 for adults and kids are free, all support will be welcome.

The first team had a straight forward win away at Sedgefield 2nd XI by 108 runs, which moves them up to third in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first Aycliffe powered their way to a massive 214 for 8 declared from just 40 overs. Matty Atkinson (sponsored by Emtec Medical Training) top scored with a big hitting unbeaten 72 and was given good support from acting captain Luke Telford with 32 and Tom Young who scored 28. In reply former Sedgefield player John Cavanagh took 5 for 23 for Aycliffe and with a couple of wickets each from both Luke Telford and Michael Howe, the home side were skittled for just 106 after 36.5 overs.

The 2nd team had an excellent seven wicket home win against high flying Bedale 1st XI in the NYSD 3rd division. Electing to bowl first, Aycliffe dismissed the visitors for just 102 from 43.1 overs. Medium pacer Tom Wickins was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 8 and was given good support from Patrick Howe (3 for 24) and Jack Slatcher (2 for 38). In reply veteran Tony Travis batted well scoring 27 to get his team off to a good start. All rounders Howe (38 not out) and Slatcher (12 not out) then saw Aycliffe home

to victory with 24.1 overs in hand. 17 year old Patrick Howe (sponsored by Aycliffe NUFC Supporters Bus) was nominated man of the match for his brilliant all round performance.

The u18's lost a high scoring match at home to Brandon by 5 wickets. Electing to bat first Aycliffe rattled up an impressive 138 for 5 from their 20 overs with captain Ben Nicholson smashing a seasonal best score of 60 and Patrick Howe supporting well with his seasonal best score of 44. In reply, three wickets from Aycliffe all rounder Patrick Howe couldn't prevent the visitors from easing to victory with 14 balls in hand.

Aycliffe's u15's team had a dramatic win by just 2 runs away at Evenwood in the County Durham Junior league. Electing to bat first Aycliffe scored 100 for 8 in their 20 overs thanks to Jack Lowery's second unbeaten half century of the season and 20 runs from his fellow opener Dan Bowmer. In reply Evenwood were held to just 98 for 9 with captain Dylan Dylan Tribble the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 5, but special mention must go to James Knowlson (1 for 5) who bowled a really good last over to help win the game for Aycliffe.

The under 13's played well, but still lost at home to Blackhall by 9 wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored a respectable 79 for 4 in their 20 overs with good contributions coming from John Gray (22 runs), Lucas Piling (20 not out) and Ali Abbasi (13 runs).

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Heighington AFC Boys Round-up

Heighington Under 8's (Year 3 at school currently) are seeking new players to join our fantastic club. We currently have a superb nucleus of players and are looking to gain more members to our terrific squad. We train Thursday Nights 5-6pm at Heighington Parish Fields and play in the TJFA league on Sunday mornings. If your child would like to come along to training no matter what their experience, please don't hesitate to contact Manager Dan Lewis on 07545 696847. Our Under 7's entered the Seaton Carew Tournament looking for their second Cup win of the Summer. In the group Stages Heighington met Seaton Carew Tigers in the first game, goals from Joe Neild, Tyler Woodward and debutant Jay Bulch were enough to win the game 3-1. Heighington looked composed at the back thanks to Layton Collier. In the second game Heighington beat Seaton

Carew Pumas 1-0 with a wonderful solo goal from Tyler Woodward. Theo Callaghan and Thomas Graham linked extremely well up front together throughout the game. The Final game with qualification already assured saw Heighington lose 3-1 to a very strong Hebburn side. On to the Semi Finals and waiting for Heighington were Seaton Carew Lions. The boys got a off to a flyer, Jay Bulch racing through to put them 1-0 up only for Seaton to equalise almost immediately. Oliver Paylor in goal made some fantastic saves to keep the game at 1-1 and took the game to penalties. Unfortunately the boys lost the shoot-out but can be very proud of their efforts. Final tournament of the summer this Saturday. Under 9's entered the Mount Pleasant tournament last weekend and we were proud of every single player. The boys had a tough group made up of

1st and 2nd division teams. First game was lost 4-1 against North Ormesby and the boys looked nervous, but did well. Jack Milner scored our goal. Second game was lost 3-1 to Leam Rangers again Jack Milner scored. It could have gone either way as we had a lot of chances. Game 3 was lost 3-0 to Shotton Colts, but another great effort from the lads. Final game saw us lose to Middleton Rangers 1-0 but once again a great effort from the boys who were unlucky. I was very proud of the kids in their first tournament as a team, as big improvements have been made. Thanks to parents for their support. Man of the Tournament was our goalie for some great saves throughout the day. All age groups are always 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

BUSY TIME FOR AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB



Above: Melanie Rowland with her 1st position trophy.

It's been a busy few weeks for Aycliffe Tri Club with the race season in full flow. The 30th May saw Andrew Sedgwick and Graham Atkins both racing in the Nottingham Sprint Triathlon, both men gave excellent performances on the fast but demanding course. The 7th June saw Michelle Scott tackling Keswick long course. This triathlon is renowned for being tough with a technical course that is hilly in sections. Michelle took the challenge head on with grit and determination coming in 5th place in a fantastic time of 2hr 53mins. Sunday 14th June was another busy day on the race calendar with Andrew Sedgwick racing at the English National Standard Distance Championships where he finished in 33rd place in just 2hrs 13min. Racing the same day but a little closer to home Melanie Rowland gave a brilliant performance at Weardale Sprint Triathlon. With a 400m outdoor pool swim, 20km bike and a 5km run Mel overcame the cold and wet conditions to take first place in her category and 4th placed lady overall. Mel also got a new PB for the course with a time of 1hr 23min. The club would like to thank GAMP for their support giving the club funding to develop it's coaches, this will help see the club go from strength to strength.

Aycliffe Tennis Star of the Future



Newton Aycliffe youngster, Daniel Heaton aged 8, has had a taste of tennis in the big time. After attending a Virgin Active Search For An Ace event in Sunderland, he was selected to attend the National Finals in Chiswick. Just 44 players, boys and girls were selected from over 1000 youngsters who attended Regional events. The 2-hour assessment considered coordination, balance, speed, racket skills and personality. Although Daniel was not the overall winner, a judge said 'He is very athletic and shows great potential' David Felgate who coached

Tim Henman was one of the judges. Daniel is an enthusiastic member of Greenfield Tennis Club in Newton Aycliffe and attends weekly sessions each Saturday morning. His coach, Ian Wilkinson said, 'What an incredible experience. Daniel works really hard at his tennis and is so enthusiastic when participating in the activities. He deserved to win the overall prize.' Details on tennis activities for ages 4 to 14 years are available from rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk All abilities are welcome. Equipment is provided and first session is free.

Aycliffe Athletes at Durham Coastal Run

Two members of the club took part in the Durham Coastal Half Marathon. This challenging race starts at Seaham and finishes at Crimdon Dene, following coastal paths and ascents and descents through various dunes. Dez Fielden ran a brilliant race to finish 2nd overall and also got the 1st V/40 prize in 1:26:48. Peter Milburn just jogged round the course taking photos and finished in 2:15:38. On the same day Clare Rose ran in the Coniston Lakeland Trails Marathon Challenge. This event was for those looking for something less competitive than the Marathon Race and wanted to enjoy the scenery. The course had to be completed in 8hrs or under, this Clare did with plenty to spare, finishing



in 5:46:11. Trish Kay and Susan Milburn chose a slightly shorter distance for their race, which was the Mulgrave Castle 10K. However, this was still a demanding race, completely off road. The course followed woodland paths around the Mulgrave Estate at Lythe near Sandsend and towards the end of the race there was a massive hill to contend with! All this was reflected in the slightly slower times. Trish finished in 56:20 and Susan was rewarded with the F/55 prize and her time was 57:13. Five of Aycliffe Running Club's members braved the brutal but picturesque Swaledale Marathon on 13th June. It was the Club Captain Lee Wren's first attempt and he was first home for the club in 4hrs 10min, finishing in 58th position. Wendy Bake was next in 4hrs 24min, improving on last years time by half an hour finishing 80th. Next home was Matt Heron who suffered badly with an injury with 6 miles to go but still managed to finish in 4hrs 27min, 84th. Next home was Mike Brunskill in 5hrs 21min, 195th. Finally, Rob Nicholson, with the Edinburgh Marathon still in his legs got round the course in 5hrs 24min, 199th in a field of 454 competitors. Four members of the club competed in the Everyone Active 10K, previously known as the Victorian. John Surtees was first home for the club in 15th position and his time of 36:47 was a PB, followed by Robert Young, 75th in 43:22, Tracy Surtees, 80th in 43:38 and Sandra Collins, 108th in 46:32. Finally, Mark Wade, competing in his first marathon at Liverpool, finished in the superb time of 3hrs19mins56s.

Newton Aycliffe Junior F.C.

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"This awards evening is a great way to recognise these achievements and engage more people with the work which we do."

Radio presenter Alan Robson MBE will be on hand to present the awards in the following categories:

- Individual learner awards
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Have Your Say on Taxi Licensing Policy

Members of the public can have their say on proposed changes to taxi licensing rules. Durham County Council has launched a review of its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and is asking taxi operators, drivers and passengers what they think about a range of proposals, including:

- Signs displayed on the roofs of taxis (vehicle top signs).
- New, more stringent safeguarding measures for

drivers and passengers.

- Age policy for vehicles and engine emission standards.

- Suspension of licensed vehicles if the owner/driver fails to attend the scheduled vehicle test.

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A 12-week consultation is now underway and residents are encouraged to take part before it ends on Wednesday 26 August.

Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection at Durham County Council, said: "Our current policy was introduced in 2011 and is due for review. This will make sure the policy continues to support both the taxi trade and passengers in the county.

"We would encourage anyone with an interest to have their say on the proposals during this consultation."

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Operation "Stop It" leads to 29% Drop in Flytipping

A large-scale campaign to tackle waste crime in County Durham has seen a significant drop in flytipping.

Operation Stop It is Durham County Council's biggest-ever crackdown on flytipping in partnership with Durham Constabulary, Crimestoppers and the Environment Agency.

The aim is to educate households and businesses of their duty of care when it comes to throwing out their rubbish while taking action against those who flout the law.

Thanks to public support and an extensive education programme, new performance figures have revealed a 29 per cent decrease in flytipping incidents in the county since the operation began in November 2014.

Between November 2014 and April 2015 there were 3,470 incidents recorded, compared to the same period in 2013-14 when there 4,862.

It comes after the council successfully prosecuted a number of flytipping offenders in recent weeks.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Durham County Council, said: "It is really encouraging to see that the number of flytipping incidents across the county has decreased since we launched Operation Stop It.

"This shows that the various education and enforcement activities we have carried out in that time is having a really positive impact.

"Our efforts as part of the campaign combined with several recent successful prosecutions against flytipping offenders demonstrate our continued commitment to tackling this issue."

Meanwhile, latest figures from the council's neighbourhood protection team show that 497 flytipping incidents were reported and investigated last month (April) as part of Operation Stop It. Thirteen are still ongoing investigations and eight cases have been progressed for prosecution.

Twenty-six mobile CCTV cameras were also set up at flytipping hotspots, four Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) interviews were carried out and three duty of care letters were sent warning people of their responsibility to dispose of waste legally.

Seven stop and check operations were also carried out to find out if waste carriers were licenced - six complied and one was given a fixed penalty notice for not having the correct paperwork.

The council's neighbourhood protection team meanwhile handed out 52 fixed penalty notices for littering, eight for dog fouling, 10 for untidy yards or gardens and failing to comply with litter clearing notices, and one to a waste carrier who was not carrying the correct paperwork.

A number of people have also been fined by magistrates for dropping litter in various locations throughout the county - see <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/5958/> Court-fines-for-litterers for more information.

In addition, 89 community protection warnings and 24 community protection notices were issued to properties with untidy gardens or yards.

Margaret Davison



Wardens also removed 104 stray dogs, highlighting the importance of getting dogs microchipped so they can be traced and returned to their owners if they get lost.

Fifty-seven reports of antisocial behaviour were investigated, the team attended 131 incidents passed from police airwaves and carried out 178 alcohol seizures from children. The antisocial behaviour team also investigated 277 cases.

Ian Hoult, neighbourhood protection manager, said: "We are committed to tackling crimes which blight our environment, such as flytipping, dog fouling, littering and antisocial behaviour.

"Environmental crimes have a serious impact on

our communities and where people live and we would remind everyone of their responsibilities when it comes to disposing of waste properly."

Household waste can be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) - visit www.durham.gov.uk/HWRC - and to arrange a bulky waste collection call 03000 261 000.

Environmental crimes, including flytipping, dog fouling and litter, can be reported at www.durham.gov.uk or by calling 03000 261 000.

Unlicensed waste carriers can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111.

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From Shop Assistant to Magician and Showman



David Sanders, aged 54, was born in Kingston upon Hull and had various jobs before he moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1999. He started working at Tesco in 2003 and in his spare time dabbled in magic. His Uncle Billy took him to Darlington Magic Circle where he was shown how to perform magic tricks and over the years in his spare time did birthday parties for children as well as for adults, family and friends where he gained skill and

confidence. He won the Bob Harlem Trophy for magic. After almost 12 years working at Tesco, David was made redundant so he decided to set up business as a magical entertainer, for parties, weddings and outdoor events. He also provides Punch and Judy shows, music, games, prizes and balloons. He is known as Mr. ABRO and the business is called "MAGICAL ZONE". Contact David on 01325 310194 and Facebook.

CHARITY PROVIDES RESPITE FOR CARERS

This month the nation celebrated Carers Week and I'd like to take a moment to tell you readers how our charity is just as devoted to supporting carers as carers are to supporting their loved ones.

We understand that many of the UK's estimated 6.5 million carers work relentlessly to provide support for their loved ones, but what if the carer is simply unable to carry on coping? We've conducted plentiful research in recent years into the impact that a lack of time away from caring can have.

We found that 80% of carers put the health of their loved ones ahead of their own and 60% said that a lack of time away from caring led them to feelings of depression. With as many as 4 out of 10 carers not having taken any time off from caring in the past year, often working 24/7, it is vital that we provide as many carers as possible with the opportunity to take regular respite breaks and help to restore their ability to cope.

That's why we want to remind carers that we're here to help! I work for Revitalise, an amazing national charity that provides respite holidays for disabled people and their carers. We understand the significance of being able to leave the stresses of everyday life behind, if only for a short while - that's why our breaks serve to restore, rejuvenate and reinvigorate - just like our name suggests!

If you would like to find out about Revitalise, our breaks or ways that we can help you, please call 0303 303 0147 or visit www.revitalise.org.uk.

Stephanie Stone, Revitalise www.revitalise.org.uk

Science at Woodham



Over the past twelve months, the Science Department at Woodham Academy has been involved in a number of new initiatives to excite students about Science.

After the successful trial project carried out last year, several groups of pupils from Heighington and Bishopton Primary schools have been coming to Woodham Academy to carry out some of their Science lessons. Every week staff from Woodham Academy have been pushing the pupils to achieve level 6+ in Science through a series of practical investigations designed to challenge all. The pupils have carried out investigations on forces and movement and are currently looking at chemical reactions. The scheme has been very successful with over 60% of pupils attending the sessions achieving a level 6. This is the highest level awarded at this age.

Woodham Sparkies Science Club has been working hard all year round, exploring the delights of secondary science and all it has to offer. As a result, Woodham Science Department is holding its first Primary Science Awards evening to celebrate those students who have attended and taken part in the sessions. Taking place on the 1st July, students will be presented with certificates followed by refreshments. To end the celebration evening, parents and students will take part in challenges, including the parents vs student rocket race. We look forward to welcoming more students in September onto this programme.

Following this year's Woodham Sparkies presentation evening is an opportunity for all parents to come along and try their hands at some real Science. On Wednesday 1st July from 6.00pm onwards you are invited to come and have a go at some secondary school science. There will be opportunities to have a look at some behavioural science involving creepy crawlies as well as our annual rocket

challenge. The evening is for both parents and children and all are invited.

If you would like any more information about Sparkies Science club or wish to attend the Science open evening please contact Woodham Academy Head of Science, Andrew Jenkins at info@woodham.org.uk

Births

DEACON - BROWN, Kirsty and James. Thank you so much for our beautiful Granddaughter and Niece, "Mary Alice" born 9th June 2015. Love from all the family xxxxxxx

In Memoriam

GILBERT WILSON 19th June 1997. Today I will pause to reflect how my Dad shaped my character, moulded my spirit and touched my heart. Today I will light a candle to be a reminder of the memories we shared, a symbol of the ever lasting impact he had upon my life. 18 years on Dad and I still miss you every single day. Love from Daughter Pamela xxx

WILLIAM LITTLE In loving memory of Bill. 20th June. From your loving Wife Nancy and all his family xxx

Obituary

MALCOLM STOBBS (Malc) of Newton Aycliffe, formerly from Leasingholme. Peacefully in hospital on June 11th, aged 74 years. A much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Family and friends please meet for service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 22nd June for 2.45 pm

THOMPSON (nee Walton), Avrielle, of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully after a long illness, bravely fought on 13th June, aged 65 years. Much loved Mam of Justin; treasured Grandma to Alana and Hannah; dearly loved Sister and Auntie. Family and friends please meet for Service at Darlington Crematorium on Thursday 25th June for 10.45am. Family flowers only. No black dress code (Pink colours welcome).

AUDREY HUMBLE, of Newton Aycliffe peacefully at home following an illness on 16th June, aged 89 years. A loving Mam, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Friend. Family and friends please meet for Service at St Clare's Church on Friday 26th June for 1.45pm. Followed by Cremation at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations welcome to Marie Curie and Cancer Research. A family request to wear bright colours.

Congratulations

Julie and Mark Slade



23rd June 1990

Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes from Mum, Dad, Mum, Hughie, Tracey, Jason, Mark, Kate and kids Markie, Leannie and Kayleigh xxxx

Beth Whitfield



Happy 13th Birthday
18th June 2015
Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Amy and Becky

Angie Trippett



Happy 50th Birthday
17th June 2015
Have a great day. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Mike and all the family

Wyn Crossen



Happy 90th Birthday
23rd June 1925
Happy birthday to a special, caring, wonderful Mother, Nanna, Great Nanna and Great Great Nanna to be. "It's only a number". God bless, from all your family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

WYN ATKINSON 21/6/1928. Memory is a loving thing, it lasts the longest day. It can never be spent, Never be lent, Never be taken away. Loving Husband Jack, Alan, Kevin, Elaine, Lynn and Grandsons xxxxx

KEN MANNING (18th June 1945 to 1st October 1986). Remembering a dearly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad on his 70th birthday. Always in our thoughts. Missed and loved by Eleanor, Anne, Gillian, Andrew and families

Fathers Day Remembrance

JOSEPH HEDLEY Wishing you a Happy Fathers Day in Heaven. Lots of love, Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxx

ALBERT ANDREW To our handsome Dad on Fathers Day, who we love so much. We blow you a kiss, send you a prayer, may your special angel love and take care of you Dad. Happy Fathers Day, love from your Daughters Julie and Susan xx

BRIAN DUNN 8th July 2010. "The best little Dad and Granda in the world". To us you were so very special, we loved you more than words can say, we only wish within our hearts, that you were here with us today. Deeply missed and loved always. From all your Bairns and Grand Bairns

FRANKIE SWINBURNE Another year goes by, always in our thoughts and hearts. Love, Diane and Frank xxx

Fathers Day

SPENSLEY (Vic) If all the Dads were like you, what a wonderful world this would be. Happy Father's Day Dad. Love you more than you will ever know. Love from Julie and Den xxx

HOWEY (John) Happy Father's Day Dad. Have a good day. Love from Michael, Stephen and Paul xxx

HOWEY (Michael) Happy Father's Day Dad. I love you so much, you are the best Dad in the world. Lots of love from Kya May xxx

HOWEY (Stephen) Happy Father's Day Dad. You are the best Dad in the Universe. Love you, Poppy xxx

HOWEY (Stephen) Happy Father's Day Dad. Without you I wouldn't have all the best things you buy me. Love from Thomas xxx

HOWEY (Paul) Happy Father's Day to my Dad. I love you lots. Love from Olivia xxx

FAMILY FUN DAY



A massive thank you to everyone that supported us with our Family Fun Day on Saturday 13th June. Everyone had a fantastic time and thankfully the weather stayed dry. Thank you to everyone that donated prizes including the night stay with bed and breakfast at Redworth Hotel, and the Flymo lawnmower, plus many other local businesses that supported us. We raised £1253.15 to date which is incredible. We are donating some of this to the Meningitis Trust and Peter Waters fundraising for The Aplastic Anemia Trust. We have 1 unclaimed raffle prize the ticket is WHITE 33 Cath Cokes. Once again thank you so much for your continued support for all our fundraising and events it is greatly appreciated. If you would like more information about the nursery contact Linda on 01325 312050

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Aycliffe Fun Run this Weekend AYCLIFFE UNDER 13 GIRLS CELEBRATE



Around 300 people from County Durham will take part in a Fun Run on Sunday 21st June at Greenfield Community College, and become part of the biggest children's running campaign in the world. INEOS GO Run For Fun, a global campaign aimed at encouraging young people to live a more active life, is lending its support to a 3k fun run in Newton Aycliffe. Held in partnership with Aycliffe Running Club and supported by sponsors 3M UK Plc, INEOS and Great Aycliffe Town Council, the fun run is part of the annual Aycliffe 10k. Mick Beadle, Coach at Aycliffe RC and Training and Process Technologist at INEOS Chlorovinyls, said: "We're delighted to have the support of GO Run For Fun this weekend. For new runners, a 10k race can be quite daunting so the fun run provides an opportunity for anyone to get involved and experience the atmosphere and enjoyment of taking part in a group run. "The GO Run For Fun campaign is doing a great job of encouraging young people to get active and we hope plenty of kids and families are inspired to join in. "The great thing about a fun run is that it doesn't matter how fast you are - you're assured of a warm welcome. It's a fantastic way to do something active with your

friends and family and we're really looking forward to cheering on everyone who takes part." The run takes place in County Durham at a time when childhood obesity is a rising concern across England. Public Health England statistics suggest that 33.5% of children in England aged 10-11 are now overweight or obese - a figure which rises to 36.1% in County Durham. The GO Run For Fun campaign, which aims to encourage kids to get off the couch, give the TV a rest and get active, is backed by a number of sporting heroes, including former 60m world hurdling champion Colin Jackson and paralympic champion Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. The campaign has organised more than 160 events to date and has many more planned throughout the UK and Europe in the coming months. To date, it has encouraged more than 70,000 children to take part in its 1-2km fun runs, making it the biggest children's running initiative in the world. The GO Run For Fun series is the idea of Jim Ratcliffe, owner of INEOS, one of the UK's largest manufacturing companies, who announced

a £1.5m donation to establish a new charitable foundation to encourage children to run for fun. Jim Ratcliffe said: "I'm passionate about getting as many children running as possible as early as possible. The idea is simple - to get children out of the house having fun. It is not rocket science. Running is the basis of so many great sports. If our children can catch the running bug early, they're more likely to stick to it, and this can only lead to them having more active and healthier lifestyles in the future." Moving more is an important part of tackling childhood obesity which is fast-becoming one of the leading areas of public health concern in the country. Events like GO Run For Fun are a great way to get children to keep fit and enjoy sport with their friends, in a fun and relaxed environment. For more information and to enter your child for INEOS GO Run For Fun events happening near you, or to register your local club or school's interest in joining our campaign, please visit: www.gorunforfun.com. You can also visit the GO Run For Fun Facebook page, or find them on Twitter @_GRFF



Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Under 13 Girls celebrated at the Russell Foster League Presentation Night held at The Rainton Meadows Arena last Saturday 13th June. The Girls were presented with the League Cup Runners Up Trophy for season 2014/15 at the glittering event which saw a huge gathering of many girls' football teams from

across the North East. The Under 13's also ended their season on a high after finishing third in the League. Now the girls move onto Under 14 level and will play at 11v11 on a bigger pitch. We wish them well as they challenge for top spot come the start of the new season in September. The team have stayed together, showing dedication, desire and the spirit to really compete. Follow the fortunes of the girls by visiting the Club's website www.naycafc.co.uk

TREE VANDALS IDENTIFIED

It has been revealed that three youngsters aged 6 to 11 were responsible for vandalising sixteen trees at West Park and one of the culprits might get an ASBO. The Town Council will want restorative justice and Police Commissioner Ron Hogg is in favour of parents paying for damage caused by their children. We encourage residents to be on the lookout for vandals and to report wanton destruction of any kind. Those who helped the Police identify the children who damaged trees are to be commended. As ratepayers we ultimately carry the cost of replacing damaged items and in reporting vandalism and having those responsible punished acts, as a deterrent, and saves money.

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Moore Lane to Get a M.U.G.A.

It was previously reported that the Town Council had applied to Durham County Council for half of the funding required to provide a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) on half of the tarmac area at Moore Lane Public Park, previously used as tennis courts. The Town Council will provide the other half of the funding. The Town Council is pleased to confirm the application for funds was successful and it is hoped that the MUGA will be installed before the end of this year.

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