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The Festival commences on 3rd July at the Oakleaf Sports Complex, with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) fun event, organised by Aycliffe Youth Council. Throughout the ten day period there will be live music, summer fairs, a pipe band concert, workshops, concerts, competitions, a Community Fair at the Leisure Centre and much more. The Town Centre is supporting the Festival with two exciting days of live acts, prizes, games and music in the Town Centre, with Star Radio. The Festival will draw to a close with a Picnic in the Park - bring your own food to the Town Park, Burn

Lane. The finishing touches are being made to the programme of events. If you would like more information please contact the Festival Co-ordinator, Marie Robinson, Tel 01325 300700 or check the website
www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

JOIN THE STREET LIGHTING DEBATE

The next meeting of the Town Council's Environment Committee is on Wednesday 1st July at 7.15pm. The Committee will consider a report on the A167 Lighting issue, and a new issue just arisen regarding lighting along the end of Burnhill Way and Woodham roundabout towards Rushyford where eleven street lights are proposed to be removed and which is being put out for public comment by Durham County Council. Both issues will be on the agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 1st July and the public can attend and comment indeed Cllr Arun Chandran, Chairman of the Environment Committee would welcome and encourage public attendance. It is known that Cllr Bob Fleming Leader of the Town Council who negotiated on the A167 lighting issue is less than amused at this extra lighting removal issue suddenly cropping up. As usual Agendas Minutes and reports will be available on

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The Royal British Legion

Notice to Members

There will be a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Concert Hall on Sunday 12th July at 11.00am.

This meeting is called to inform all members, prospective new members, of how the branch will collect subscriptions for the coming 2016 year and to ask the members on their feelings of the branch.

Committee

Newtonian Returns to Open an Aycliffe Brewery



Nick Smith, a Science graduate and teacher, has

moved into premises behind the Blue Bridge Centre in Newton Aycliffe, trading as "The Steam Machine Brewing Company". The chemistry teacher left the classroom to open his new business and brew his own craft beer.

Former Newtonian Nick, and his wife Gulen, returned to live in Aycliffe Village, and have invested their savings helped with a start-up loan from Virgin. The new brewery will produce quality keg beer, currently very popular throughout the country.

The enthusiastic couple have already made great progress building up their client base of local pubs and restaurants. Nick spent two years perfecting his recipe by experimenting with different kinds of hops obtained locally and abroad.

He launched his beers in Darlington last week at The Quaker House and received much praise for his enterprise and skill. We wish Nick and his wife success in this new venture and hope customers will flock to buy this new beer.

LIGHTING REDUCTION

The Leader of the Town Council, Bob Fleming, thought he had won a victory over the removal of A167 lights by Durham County Council. He negotiated a deal whereby they will stay and become the responsibility of our Council when ratified. However the sting in the

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tail is another proposal, under the same policy, to remove lights within the town itself along a section of Burnhill Way, north of the Cobblers Hall roundabout.

The Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project approved in 2012 agreed the removal of 7,000 street lights not required by British Standards where it is safe to do so. Technical Services intend to remove 11 street lights where Burnhill Way runs alongside Agnew North Plantation.

Residents are asked to comment if they feel there is a safety issue and along with the A167 lights will be considered by the Town Council Environment Committee at their meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 7.15pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Council Meeting at their offices on School Aycliffe Lane.

This is a cost saving exercise by the County Council who believe the removal of lights complies with British Standards and will not compromise road safety.

The question everyone asks is why are the lights there in the first place?

AUCTION AT CARE HOME

Dear Sir,

A huge thank you to all the businesses who donated vouchers for our Charity Night Auction held on 12th June to raise money for the sensory equipment for the residents at Lindisfarne Care Home. Our gratitude to Stephen Russell, Debbie's Beauty Room, Creations, Mosaic Hair & Beauty, Heads Up, Thames Diner, The Burtree Inn, Petal Florists, Ladbroke's, The George & Dragon, Love Thy Cupcake, Thames Fruit & Veg, Julie's Pets, W Slater & Sons.

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Review from Houghton Buffaloes: "Balls in The Buffs", Twin lead guitar outfit "Balls of Steel" came out on a bitterly cold night to play for the Herd in Houghton Comrades on 12th December. Featuring ex-Venom guitar player Jim Clare plus Son Sam. The band played through a selection of classic rock favourites, kicking off with some Thin Lizzy and including tracks from Gary Moore, ZZ Top, Free, Jimi Hendrix, Deep Purple, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Kinks and T Rex. The dancers were up from early on and stayed on the floor for much of the night, genuinely nice guys and a pleasure to work with."

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Director Phil Harrop said: We were amazed by the success of last year's event and gained many new customers and that is why this Trade Show will be bigger and better with some great deals on offer"

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STEM-FASTIC DAY AT THE OAK LEAF

Come and join us for a STEM-fastic day out with Science, Technology, Engin-eering and Maths on Friday 3rd July, 10am till 2pm at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex

Aycliffe Youth Council, Great Aycliffe Town Council and a range of organisations have been working hard to inspire YOU by science!

TV's Braniac, John Kilcoyne, will be giving a live science show. There will be a range of hands on activities for you to enjoy as well as 'what next' information and professionals on hand to answer your questions.

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L. Burniston

Town Student Receives Prestigious Award

Woodham student, Lillie Bell, has received the Durham schools' Physicist of the Year Award at an awards ceremony at Durham University. The awards ceremony, which took place on Tuesday night, recognises the talent of the most promising young physicists in year 10 or year 12 in schools in the Durham area, and was presented by Professor Carlos Frenk of the Institute for Computational Cosmology.



Lillie's physics teacher at Woodham, Phil Dennis, said "Lillie demonstrates not only a great passion for physics, but also great skill and dedication. She has developed her understanding of core concepts and been able to apply them well outside of their original contexts.

In doing so, she shows an aptitude for abstract thinking, coupled with mathematical fluency which is beyond her years. I hope she will be a great asset to the physics community in years to come." This is the second year in a row that a Woodham student has won this award. Last year Daniel Hoare (now taking his GCSEs in year 11) was the winner.

The Durham Schools' Physicist of the Year Award not only recognises the talent of young physics students, but also qualifies them to apply for the generous Ogden Scholarships which pay towards the university fees of the most promising physicists of the future.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Parents are asked to help with Children's Games at Neville Community Centre on the 4th and 11th July from 10am - 4pm.

Help required also for Bingo from 6 - 8pm Admission £2. Bingo on 5th and 11th July 6 - 8pm.

Auction on 11th July at 2pm. Donations gratefully received, please ring 313924 for collection.

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Conference Prepares for 200th Railway Anniversary



Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland, PC, DL former MP for Newton Aycliffe and the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mary Dalton, with Consort Val Raw, took time out last week to reminisce on days of yesteryear and to inspect the "Newtonian" which ran on the town in the 1970's. "The Newtonian" and the "Heartbeat" bus were on display at Locomotion, Shildon in support of a two day conference held to raise awareness of the 200th anniversary of the Stockton to Darlington Railway in 2025. The event attracted representatives from a wide range of North East agencies and it is hoped that this will help act as the catalyst to achieving World Heritage Site status, sponsored by UNESCO, in time for the 200th anniversary event.

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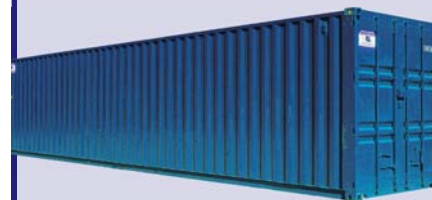
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EBAC Limited Appoints New Chief Executive

Ebac Limited, part of the Ebac Group, has strengthened its senior team with the appointment of Dianne Sharp. Dianne has taken on the position of chief executive of Ebac Limited, which manufactures domestic products including water coolers, dehumidifiers,



Dianne Sharp, left, with Ebac Group CEO Pamela Petty

Music Night

A Summer Musical Extravaganza is to be held in aid of St. Theresa's Hospice and other local charities on Wednesday 1st July at The Dolphin Centre (Central Hall). The Concert with performers from Aycliffe, Heighington and Middridge starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 at the door

Flower Demo

Flower lovers are invited to come along to the next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Hall, when Area Demonstrator, Val Guest, will present an evening of flower arranging called 'Tantalising Textures'. Free to members - Visitors £5.00

Nothing in the Wind!

Not having heard much on the Isles Wind Farm application Newton News asked the County Council for an update. Stephen Reed, planning development manager at Durham County Council, said: "Consideration of the application is currently pending while we await additional information from the applicant regarding issues raised during consultation. "As and when any further information is received we will re-consult widely with interested parties, including people who have made comments on the application to date."

FLAG RAISED TO MARK ARMED FORCES DAY



Town Mayor Mary Dalton officiated at the Flag Raising ceremony at St. Clare's Church to mark Armed Forces Week this Monday. The British Legion and the T.A. were present and two students from each class at Sugar Hill were chosen to represent the school. The Rev. Elizabeth Bland said prayers and gave an address in support of our Armed Forces and a lone piper played as the flag was raised. Refreshments were served in the Church Hall afterwards.

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The company aims to double its 200-strong workforce as it expands its product range, having already started producing Norfrost Chest Freezers at its premises in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Ebac will become the UK's only manufacturer of washing machines in the next few months, having invested £7million and many years of research and development into the new products.

Pamela Petty, chief executive of parent company Ebac Group Limited, said: "I am very pleased that Dianne has agreed to join Ebac Limited.

"This is an exciting time as the company launches new products to the market, and targets significant growth, and to have someone of Dianne's calibre on the senior team will be extremely beneficial."

Dianne Sharp said: "Ebac is an innovative and forward-thinking company and this position takes me back to my manufacturing roots.

"I am looking forward to supporting Pamela and working with the team at Ebac as the company grows, expands into new products and markets and continues to be a major contributor to the local economy."

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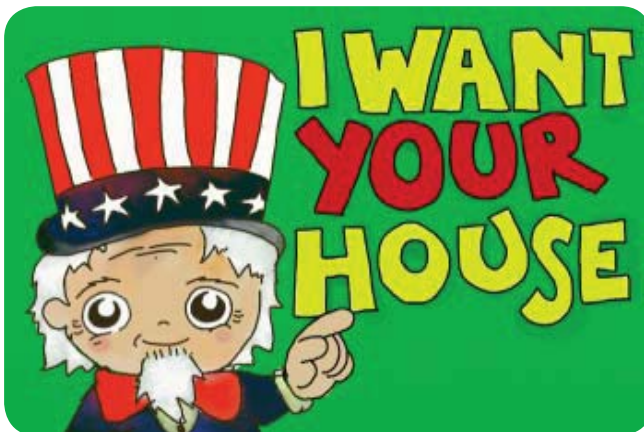
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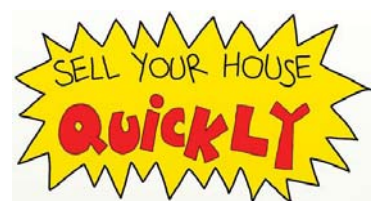


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*Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
of the Town Council and its Committees*

Wednesday 8th July 2015

**Policy & Resources
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)

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Muriel Gordon



Muriel Gordon, longstanding Manager of the Newton Aycliffe MIND Drop in Centre sadly passed away on Sunday 21st June 2015, after a short illness. Over the years she has helped countless people cope with the difficulties they face in everyday life.

Last month Muriel, a Councillor on Shildon Town Council, was appointed Deputy Mayor of Shildon. She had been looking forward to the opportunity of serving her community in the office of Mayor in 2016. She will be a loss to the communities of both Shildon and Newton Aycliffe.

Prior to commencing work for MIND, Muriel had worked for Prudential Insurance Services and also owned and ran the renowned Muriel's Chippy in Foundry Street, Shildon, with her husband Dave.

Muriel played a full part in the local community and sang in the choir at St John's Church in Shildon. She had three sons, Leigh, Alistair and Luke and she doted on her grandchildren. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of condolence.

On behalf of the townspeople Newton News extends sincere sympathy to the family remembering the fantastic contribution Muriel made to our community.

Absentee Councillors

Dear Sir,

I seem to have rattled someone's cage with my letter about not getting value for money from some Town Councillors, well it seems I am not the only one who agrees that a few Councillors take the allowance and do not attend all meetings.

It has also been featured by the Northern Echo and the reporter, Lizzie Anderson, interviewed other Councillors who said if they can't attend meetings, why do they seek election.

Is this Labour run Town Council trying to make it a dictatorship? I was under the impression the general public could ask for information on how our rates are being spent.

It is not long ago a Labour Councillor wrote in the Newton News about independent Councillor's not attending meetings, so what is good for the goose is good for the gander.

I know Paul Kjenstad lives in Darlington but as I told him when I spoke to him in Tesco, I can't see how he can serve his Ward properly being so far away.

My husband was a good Councillor and attended all the meetings - at first not receiving the allowance, but he decided not to stand again, but if he had it would be elected, not selected.

No, Paul Kjenstad, it's not sour grapes it's value for money and the people want full attendances from Councillors to receive the full allowance. Mrs M. Tomlin

Update from Town Manager

Newton Aycliffe is still moving ahead in the redevelopment of the Town Centre including the recent introduction of new signage around the entrances to the centre providing a vibrant colourful aspect to all of the centre entrances.

The demolition of Churchill House has started successfully and is already changing the look of the centre with all of the shops facing onto Beveridge Way now gone and we are working on the soft strip of Churchill House to allow us to progress starting the



demolition.

We have successfully completed the redevelopment of the former HSBC bank with an agreement currently in discussion with Greggs to relocate their highly successful unit to these new premises and are in process of bringing back into use four newly refurbished flats in the same block available for rent soon via Northgate Estate Agents.

Moving forward we have further development in the former Woolworths building and also 10 - 14 Beveridge Way with further work for a new retailer at 31 Beveridge Way.

Despite Poundstretcher, who will be missed in the centre, not renewing their lease we are still pressing ahead with our proposed development works this year which are creating new interest from other retailers. Bryan Haldane, Town Centre Manager

130th Anniversary of Armed Forces Charity

This year SSAFA - the Armed Forces Charity are celebrating their 130th Anniversary, by attending a number of fund raising events throughout County Durham.

We are most grateful to the town's Rotary Club for organising the Community Fair, again and are delighted to be taking part in the Aycliffe Festival launch, which will give us an opportunity to meet our friends and hopefully make new ones!

In addition, local Rotarians have been most generous with their support of SSAFA (Sedgefield Division), giving appropriate help quickly when most needed, they recently held a 'Geordie Lunch' in aid of community organisations and we were delighted to receive a cheque for £356.65 from their proceeds. This was a lovely surprise, thank you. We know how hard you work and your benevolence is much

appreciated.

Since late December our SSAFA Sedgefield division's dedicated team of caseworkers have had the privilege of assisting 40 desperate cases expending £26,611.98 in their support, we are still very busy but are most grateful for your continued support, please visit our stall on 4th July in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

SSAFA are poised and ready to assist our Armed Forces Family, if you need our help, wanting to get involved or just want to know more about us please call us in confidence on 01325 314043

Finally, we would like to congratulate Newton News on their acquisition of the Blue Bridge Centre building and also thank them for their constant valuable service to the community, for which we are most grateful

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SCHOOL BAND PLAY AT DEFOE COURT OPEN DAY



Defoe Court Care Home held an Open Day on Friday 19th June, attended by the Mayor, Woodham Academy Band and our MP Phil Wilson.

The Home Manager, Lisa Knight, residents and staff of Defoe Court would like to thank everyone for attending and making it an extra special day. We would also like to give a special thank you to Woodham Burn Out of School Club for their artwork contribution to our Watercolour theme.

MP Visits Care Homes



It is always my pleasure to visit people doing great things within my constituency. Last week was National Care Homes Open Day and I visited homes in Ferryhill, Newton Aycliffe and Middleton St George.

First stop was in Ferryhill where the award winning Tenlands home allowed me to meet some of their residents. It was an honour to meet Eva who at 104 years old had us all laughing as she shared stories of her life, growing up in Ferryhill. I was impressed by the atmosphere at the home and the warm reception from myself and others at the open day. We were then off to Middleton St George where we had a tour of St George's Hall & Lodge. It was fascinating to see the centre and how the place had been specially designed for its residents with room doors that looked like front doors and even a bar with a piano.

Our last visit was to Defoe Court, Newton Aycliffe where I was delighted to hear Woodham Academy Band playing a range of songs from modern hits to songs from the 50's. The residents clapped along and looked to be as entertained as I was.

The Open Day is a fantastic scheme which gives outsiders a glimpse of the good work that happens in our care homes. There are also points to learn politically from the visits about how local and national policy

decisions can affect how care homes operate which I will look into investigating further. I thank all the centres for opening their doors to me and the public and I look forward to visiting again soon.
Phil Wilson M.P.

Summer Fair

Aycliffe Village School's Summer Fair has gone Animal Crazy! The annual Summer Fair organised by the PTA is on Thursday 9th July from 3.15pm until 6pm

There will be an abundance of exciting events, a visit from Zoolab, pony rides and a Falconry Display together with children's rides including inflatables and a bucking bronco! In the hall is a selection of stalls selling everything from school uniforms to homemade chocolates, jams and sauces, plus many more. Hotdogs, tea plates and refreshments will be on sale all afternoon

The fair is an open event so please feel free to come along and join in the fun at Aycliffe Village School, North Terrace.

Mexican Honeymoon



Lyndsey Dundas married Scott Pocklington at Walworth Castle on May 30th. Both live in Newton Aycliffe, Lyndsey is Finance Manager, at Autoweld Systems, and Scott is employed as a factory operative at Formica.

The Bridesmaids were Angela and Sarah Kelly. The Flower Girl - Isabelle Tarling. The Best Man was Maryk Christon and Ushers - Sean Tarling and Kieran Megran.

The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Mexico.

Photo Art Exhibition at Greenfield Gallery

Aycliffe Photo Artist Elaine Vizor is a registered social worker and teacher. Since completing her Master of Arts degree in Photography in 2013, she has worked on University of Sunderland Foundation Degree courses at Bishop Auckland College and most recently at Sunderland College with a group of inspiring students, completing their Foundation Degree in Applied Photography.

This has been invaluable experience and mutually enhancing and rewarding working with mature students, supporting them to achieve their goals.

'She shall be called Woman', is an exhibition at Greenfield Gallery from Wednesday 1st July at 6pm. It draws together work that is an exploration of portraiture as a means of creating images that represent women over fifty.

Elaine said: There is something about the extraordinariness of ordinary people that I want



to highlight. We can't all be famous, or classically beautiful, but we can all be valued for who we are.

This current exhibition includes the journey of ideas and images that led to my final MA Photography show entitled 'Now You See Me', this includes a portrait shortlisted for the Taylor Wessing 2014 Portraiture Prize which is still on tour with that exhibition.

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AYCLIFFE COUPLE VISIT RUNNYMEDE



Newton Aycliffe couple, Ken and Elaine Robson, represented ACORN Residents, Association at Runnymede on 15th June for the national 800th celebration of the signing of Magna Carta. ACORN Residents commemorated Magna Carta by staging a "Libertea" event. A Marquee was erected on a green adjacent to Marshall Road and the flags of St George, King Richard, The Sovereign and Durham County were flown to celebrate the event. Despite heavy rain on the day ACORN volunteers backed up by our friends from Horndale, Wasps and LADRA enjoyed the occasion with a buffet, games and a toast of Mead. Local children painted shields with designs representing their view of Magna Carta with some surprising results. Music and face painting was provided by the talented Harry Potty; with buffet lunch from Jerk Pot catering. Special thanks to Livin housing for their financial support and encouragement without which ACORN would struggle to put on these types of events. Ken recalls "We were very proud to represent ACORN at such an historical occasion and grateful to Parliament UK, Surrey County Council and the National Trust for the opportunity to attend such an auspicious event." Present at the event were H.M. Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Royal the Arch Bishop of Canterbury and Prime Minister David Cameron.

Visit the Agnew Stall at the Community Fair

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club is listening to the people of our Town. So on Saturday 4th July at the Leisure Centre starting at 10 am we at the Agnew Community Centre are responding to the generous offer of a free table to display information about the Community Centre and some of the organisations that use the Agnew.

As the H.Q. for (GACAP) Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership, times are really busy with the planning phase of a new Welfare Community Hub in the grounds of and attached to our present Centre. GACAP has 39 partners all with a heart to help those people who have fallen upon hard times as a result of the economic downturn. Both organisations along with Aycliffe Day Nursery who also operate from the Agnew Centre have a stall, so come along and see the work in progress.

Perhaps your Charity could contribute to what support and assistance GACAP and the Agnew are currently delivering. See also what activities are going on at the Agnew and tell us if you have any ideas for a new activity. Check out our Free Krafty for Kids Workshops running each Wednesday in two sessions at 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm with places for 10 children for each of the 12 sessions in the 6 weeks of the summer School Holidays. Book your child's place at the same time - this has been funded by our local AAP, GAMP and we thank and applaud them for their support and faith in our Centre.

This Community Fair is Kick Starting the 12 days of activities at Community Buildings and Community organisations around the Town in place of the Great

Aycliffe Show.

The Agnew will run its Family Fun Day on Saturday 11th July from 11am to 2pm organised by our friends from the Xcel Local and managed by Rachael Mawston and Jo Dixon. All are welcome with both inside and outside activities with young people in mind. This is a must for your social diary. For any further information please contact Ron our Secretary & Centre Manager on 07749 236853 or Joan our Chairman on 01325 321504.

Is Your Garden Blooming Marvellous?

Following the success of last year's competition, homes and community business livin has launched its annual search for the best gardens across its communities.

The categories in this year's Blooming Marvellous competition are; Best Individual Garden, Best Yard/Patio and Best Community Garden.

Following the sad passing of Walter Bewley known to friends and family as Bob, and who won the Best Individual Garden category in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and an Outstanding Achievement Award 2014, this year's main award has been renamed the 'Bob Bewley Best Individual Garden Award' hoping others will be inspired to follow in his footsteps.

FUN & GAMES IN A BUBBLE



Dear Sir,
last week I organised "Bubble Football" with my friends to celebrate the end of GCSE Exams and we had a fantastic time. The owner Mark Dorsi brought all the equipment to the school for an hour of fun playing football and other games in a bubble. I would recommend this new idea for a party for boys and girls and Mark can be contacted on 01642 275988 or visit his website: www.bubblefootballnortheast.co.uk Alex



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EMPTY COUNCIL SEATS SAD REFLECTION OF TOWN POLITICS

Dear Sir,
Surely nothing can be sadder than seeing an empty seat representing residents at our local council meetings, but recently it has been a common sight at Great Aycliffe Town Council.

Apparently it is deemed acceptable for our elected representatives to attend once every six months in order to qualify for their allowance. Bad enough for independents to apply this behaviour as individuals but indefensible for members of the Labour group.

If you happen to be a registered voter in a ward represented would you not feel justifiably aggrieved that your representatives are not attending meetings and voting for policies that are accepted in favour of your area?

JUSTIFICATION

No doubt this article will be answered with the regular normal excuses of sickness, holidays, work commitments etc. None of these things can justify the misrepresentation of the people by long term absence. It is true Councillors can be designated as volunteers but they are arguably very well paid if they collect around £1000 per annum for two attendances of TWO hour meetings per year. That is an hourly rate of £250 per hour. Nice work if you can get it! Oh and by the way you can't get it because people who apparently don't have an interest in local government are hogging the seats to stop interested parties from standing.

ABSENT COUNCILLORS

Personally I am too discouraged to research who attended what meeting but those 30 Councillors who hold seats on our council are there to represent the people of Newton Aycliffe and should be proud to serve us and should do so with integrity and a good attendance.

By and large I am happy with the performance of the Labour controlled Town Council but if individuals are not representing their areas at council it deprives the Council of alternative viewpoints which may suggest improved solutions.

FISCAL

CONSIDERATIONS

The election of councillors incurs a sizable cost to the community, running into thousands of pounds, consequently candidates should consider the cost to the public if they are not committed, when elected. We recently had a councillor resign his seat honourably because he found employment out of the country. Any other councillors who have found that they cannot give reasonable time to the job should seriously consider resigning now to avoid the cost of multiple by elections.

Ken Robson

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Parlez-vous Français?



Students at Woodham Academy are working hard to practise their French ahead of their upcoming trip to the Côte Opale in northern France next month. This is an annual event in Woodham Academy's calendar and, for many, one of the highlights of Year 8.

Staying next to a glorious sandy beach just an hour south of Calais, students will have the opportunity to use their recently acquired language skills and to experience French life and culture.

During their week-long visit, they will go to Nausicaa, one of the best aquariums in Europe, bake their own croissants in a boulangerie and taste the specialties at the local chocolate factory.

During a day in the beautiful resort of Le Touquet, there will be a team challenge to buy a picnic lunch at the weekly market, followed by an afternoon at Aqualud water park.

Woodham Academy headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says, "Not only is this visit hugely enjoyable, it is for many a first taste

of travelling to a different country and speaking in a foreign language. We wish our students Bon voyage!"

KIDZ FLIX

To mark the start of Aycliffe Festival, KIDZFLICKS film club will be showing the newly released Disney film Big Hero 6. A special bond grows between a bunch of computer animated friends and robot Baymax and they become a band of high-tech heroes set to conquer the world.

This action packed adventure is suitable for the whole family to enjoy and will be FREE to all, as part of the festival funding. SATURDAY 4th July at 2pm in St. Clare's Movie Hall is the place to be to enjoy this fabulous movie. Please come along, there will be a tuck-shop and we will be selling ice-creams!



A new 'Stop LGB & T' helpline has been welcomed by Ron Hogg, Police Commissioner, to support victims of hate crime in Co. Durham and Darlington. The charity Stop Hate UK received funding from the Equality and Human Rights Commission to provide a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGB & T) 24 hour Hate Crime helpline service across England, Wales, and Scotland.

The national helpline 0808 801 0661, provides a range of services including immediate emotional assistance, help for victims to report a crime or incident to the police, follow-

up support as well referrals and links with other local agencies. Reducing the impact of hate crime is one of the key areas that Ron is focusing on in his Police and Crime Plan 2015-17 and he is working closely with partner organisations, including the voluntary and community sector, councils and the police. He said: "The launch of this helpline is a massive step forward for anyone locally who wants to report a LGB or T hate crime or incident, regardless of whether they are a victim or a witness. It will provide individuals with more choice and additional support from expert advisors.

"We take hate crimes and incidents very seriously and I hope that the launch of this new service will encourage more victims to come forward, either to the police directly, or by calling the helpline."

Emma Roebeck, Chief Officer at Gay Advice said: "Any resource that improves the ability to report hate crime is a positive. Homophobic Biphobic and Transphobic hate crime is amongst the most difficult to report directly to the criminal justice agencies.

"I hope this can be added to the tool kit that will improve hate crime, its reporting and an increase in convictions."

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Road Race Proves a Winner for Aycliffe Running Club



More than 260 runners from across the North East and beyond came under the starter's orders of Town Mayor Councillor Mary Dalton for this year's Aycliffe 10k race. The event took place on a breezy Father's Day – good weather for keeping the runners cool but not so kind for the many spectators lining the roads to cheer them on.

It was the 18th annual race organised by Aycliffe Running

Club and proved as successful as ever with entrants of all ages and abilities taking part. This year's winner was Morpeth Harriers' Nick Swinburn, who

came home in just 31:14 ahead of Carl Chapman (34:12) and Michael Joyeux (34:22). "It was a great race and Nick was a very worthy winner,"

said race director Trevor Needham. "But the event is a lot more than just who comes first. For most of those who entered it was about their own personal best times - or even just being able to complete the distance - and it was a great day for them as well."

Rosie Smith of Darlington Harriers was the first woman home in 35:47, beating Josephine Stone (36:16) in second place.

The 10k event was sponsored by 3M Aycliffe and Aycliffe Town Council, while the INEOS GO Run For Fun campaign also supported a 3k Fun Run held earlier in the day, which attracted more than 100 entries.

Alan Kellett, 3M's plant engineering services manager, added: "We have been supporting this event every year since 2002 and it's gone from strength to strength. "Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the 3M Aycliffe manufacturing site and our sponsorship of this popular event will be one of the ways we plan to be celebrating with the local community."

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store were well beaten at home by Maltby 1st team in the 2nd division of the NYSD. The visitors chose to bat first and scored a very challenging 189 for 9 in their 50 overs. Matty Atkinson (sponsored by Emtec Medical Training) took 3 for 35, John Cavanagh took 3 for 30 and Colin Myers chipped in with 2 for 24. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for a disappointing score of 90 after just 23 overs with only Michael Howe (33 runs) and John Cavanagh (17 runs) showing any resistance.

The first team lost the Readman cup final by 40 runs at home to league leaders Stokesley 2nd XI. The visitors totalled a very impressive 170 for 7 in their 45 overs, but Aycliffe could only reach 130 for 8 in reply, despite good innings from captain Chris Palmer (28 runs), Matty Atkinson (25 runs) and Colin Myers (19 runs).

The second team had six juniors in their side and were unlucky to lose by just four wickets away at Maltby 2nds in the 3rd division of the NYSD. After being put into bat, Aycliffe were dismissed for just 86 after 34.2 overs, but there were good performances from 15 year old Dan Bowmer (20 runs) and Danny Craggs who scored 14. In reply inform Aycliffe leg spin bowler Patrick Howe (sponsored by Aycliffe NUFC supporters bus) had the superb figures of 5 for 28 from 13 overs, but the homside still reached their winning target after 31 overs. The u18s team lost away at Langley Park by 37 runs in the County Durham junior League. Langley Park scored

148 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs with good bowling from both Patrick Howe (3 for 26) and Sam Dobinson. In reply Aycliffe were restricted to 111 for 9 in their 20 overs with Josh Pearson the top batsman scoring with 27. The under 11's team lost both their away games at Sedgfield and Barnard Castle, but continue to show much improvement. There were good individual performances with the ball from both Nathan Slater and Matty Greaves and nine year old rookie wicket keeper Charlie Cayless continues to impress, taking an excellent catch and two run outs.

Countdown to Next Rugby Season

Aycliffe Rugby have started their pre season training at Moore Lane Sports Club on Saturday afternoons. Training starts at 1pm prompt. The countdown for the new season has started with only 10 weeks to go before the first match is played. This will be a cup match fixture scheduled for 29th August.

This will be followed by the first league fixture of the Durham and Northumberland League division 3, away to Washington on 5th September. Anybody interested in taking up the sport or is an ex player will be made most welcome.

This is also a timely reminder for current squad members to report for training as soon as possible. The club aims to create a 2nd XV this coming season so there is room for plenty of new players. The club hope that the player members swell quickly so that a fixture list can be organised for the second team by the Durham RFU.

The first team aim to be promoted and they will try and become division champions with all guns blazing. This Saturday will be the 3rd week for combined fitness and ball skills work. The numbers are building up nicely and anyone joining now will find that the coaching regime of Pete Ryans and Dale Kelly will accommodate any skill level wishing to join the club.

If nothing else come down and gain the benefit of getting fitter. We are a fantastic social and family orientated club so family members and children are always welcome to socialise and support the team. If anyone has any queries about the training programme please contact head coach Pete Ryans on 07796 172599.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Newton Aycliffe Juniors had 5 sides competing as we hosted a summer tournament at Sunnydale. Each team played in groups of six with the top two progressing to the final. A damp morning did nothing to affect spirits and the whole day was played in an enjoyable atmosphere.

The Under 7's played 5 league games winning 4 and losing 1 in the group stage. This resulted in a final against Bishop Auckland Aces who had beaten them in the group stages in a tightly contested 1-0 defeat. We started brightly in the final scoring 2 quick goals to go 2-0 up at half

time. Bishop came out strongly second half and scored two quick goals to level the game 2-2. Bishop scored a winner with the last kick of the game to make it 3-2.

Aycliffe were outstanding throughout the day and played some excellent football being unlucky to lose out in an excellent final. Well done to Bishop Auckland on winning the u7's tournament.

The Under 8's had a record of won 1, drew 3 and lost 1. The day was opened with a defeat 1-0 to the eventual winners Deerness Valley Lightning. Their defences were on top with



3 successive goalless draws against Greatham, Darlington RA and Deerness Valley Thunder. The final group game proved to be our final game of the day but a great victory against Newton Aycliffe Youth was enjoyed by the home team. Thanks to all the teams involved and congratulations to the winning Deerness Valley team.

The under 9's were in a very competitive group who have won many titles between them over the last season. In the first match a deflected goal was enough for Stockton Town Yellow to win 1-0. This was followed by a draw against a very strong Marton Whites team, Aaron levelling the game after an early goal was conceded.

Willington were next and despite dominating possession and territory we could not find a goal and this one ended 0-0. The final two games ended with good 1-0 wins after Charlie's sublime finish was enough to beat Marton Blues and Jake's penalty the difference against Middleton Saints. Good performances were not quite enough to qualify for the final as our 8 league points left us 3rd in the table. Marton Whites were the eventual tournament winners after beating Stockton in the final.

The Under 13's had a great tournament starting off with a draw against Bishop St Mary's then recording a hatrick of victories against Newton Aycliffe Youth, Darlington TSC and Wolviston. Second place in the group and a trip to the final was secured with a 1-1 draw against Byers Green.

In the final it was Byers Green who turned out winners despite a determined effort from our lads. A late goal gave Byers a 1-0 win, congratulations to them. The Under 16's first game was a derby against Aycliffe Youth. We knew this was going to be a very tough game as they were a Division 2 side. The lads were up for everything today and it showed running out 1-0 winners with a great header from Kieran Maughan from a corner. Our 2nd game was against Darlington All Stars from



Division 3, again another highly contested game but the lads were so determined this was going to be their day, winning this 1-0 as well with Kieran Maughan scoring again. Next up was Spennymoor Town who won the first 2 games scoring 7 goals. The lads battled hard and defended really well resulting in a great contest which ended 0-0. Spennymoor drew the next game and up next was Seaton Carew and we knew a win would put us in the final. The game was end to end, with minutes remaining we attacked down the left and got in the box only for the attacker to be brought down for a penalty. Up stepped Carl Robinson and calmly put it away to win the game 1-0.

Winning the final game would see us top of the group, this was against Ferryhill Town who like us played in Division 4 last season. The lads played some excellent football and won 2-0, goals scored by Carl Robinson and Lewis Bunting. Top of the group and into the final to play Spennymoor, starting with Spennymoor having most of the possession and playing some neat passes with the midfield under little pressure. This resulted in them getting a breakthrough and going ahead into half time 1-0. The lads knew what they had to do and were told to up the effort

and pressure them into making a mistake. This worked and when they didn't deal with one of our attacks the ball broke to Myles Swift who was unmarked on the left and made no mistake scoring the equaliser. Full time 1-1. 5 minutes extra time was played and the score remained the same so on to the dreaded penalties! Spennymoor won 5-4! Well done to them but what an excellent day we had. Credit to both the winners and the NAJFC team as the final was played in a great manner and both teams came away with massive respect for each other. A fantastic time was enjoyed by players and parents alike from all the age groups. A huge thank you to all who contributed to organising and running such a successful day. We have received many notes of thanks and compliments from the attending teams about their positive experiences on the day and how well the whole event was overseen. None of this would have been possible without the support of our hosts Sunnydale Leisure Centre to whom we extend our thanks. All to come again in twelve months time! NAJFC are very grateful for our sponsors who have supported this event at each age group level - without their support these events would not take place:

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Aycliffe Football Club First Game Against Champions Marske

Newton Aycliffe FC will begin their 2015/2016 Ebac Northern League Division One campaign against champions Marske United. The season starts on Saturday 8th August with a home fixture at Moore Lane. Commenting on the start to the season Aycliffe Manager Peter Dixon said "The opening day fixture couldn't be more difficult but we will relish the challenge it presents" Season tickets are available from Bob Wood on 07766 808407 priced at £100 for adults & £60 concessions.

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Both Aycliffe Youth Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council have worked together to organise this event where their aim is to promote STEM subjects in a fun and thought provoking way, hoping to engage the children and adults of our town. The event will take place at the Oakleaf Sports Complex, on Friday 3rd July between 10am and 2pm. There will be many attractions including a science display from John Kilcoyne of Brainiac fame, VEX Robots, Formula 1 cars and much more. Schools from around the town will be attending and is also open to the public and more information about the day will be published in the local press.



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The affiliation has seen students participate in exercises run by D(Rifles)Coy at the college and also located at the Army Reserve Centre. The students have carried out Light Drill, Command and Control exercises, rifle drills and communications training. On top of that they have undertaken assault courses where they competed against Pontefract College and won!

Course students from Aycliffe were thrilled to be at the Army Reserve Centre, where some of them will train, having applied to join the reserve unit. Katy Graham -Learning Area Manager for Uniformed Public Services at the College said: "It's been fantastic to work with the company and everyone at Fifth Fusiliers as the students gained so much from the affiliation in military awareness, training, leadership and employment as some students have joined the reserves."

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Sports Leader's UK's 'Give More. Become More' which took place at the House of Lords Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 11 June 2015. St John's School & Sixth Form

College (A Catholic Academy) was one of ten schools, and the only one from North East England, to get through to this stage. At the event, St John's was awarded Leadership Academy of the Year Secondary School Category – Runner up, being commended for demonstrating exactly what Sports Leaders UK want to see in sports leaders. All the winners were recognised for providing excellent delivery of Sports Leaders UK's awards and qualifications.

Sports Leaders UK showcased their asks for MPs and Lords in the document 'A Blueprint for Youth Leadership' with specific reference to recognising youth leaders' role in the community, providing leadership opportunities and championing soft-skills.

The event was also used to highlight the work of Sports Leaders UK through the network of volunteers, centres and young leaders that has seen over 100,000 people become sports leaders and contribute over 420,000 volunteering hours in their community each year.

The Baroness highlighted the pivotal role young leaders

play in their community and Richard Norman, Chief Executive said that '...the event was a great opportunity to showcase the achievements of so many young people who have participated in Sports Leaders Courses over the past year... they have gained valuable life and employability skills and become role models to their friends and communities.'

St John's, Head of School, Lisa Byron, said 'We are extremely proud of our PE staff and the students involved in the Sports Leaders UK courses. At St John's we encourage a community spirit amongst all our young people and it is a great honour that the sports leaders' achievements have been recognised on this occasion.'

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On 31st May 2015, a wet, cold miserable morning in Middlesbrough, Newtonian Claire Welsh stood encouraging 11 of her fellow family and friends who had rallied round to help her raise a minimum of £1000 for her chosen charity by abseiling down the Tees Transporter Bridge.

The charity, Lullaby Trust supports families who have experienced the loss of an infant from cot death (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). The Trust provides specialist support for the bereaved families and promotes expert advice on safer baby sleep.

This awareness is very real to Claire's parents Linda and Dave Viggers who lost their son Gary back in 1982 at 5 month old from SIDS.

Claire and her family's loss was at the heart of the organised event and in memory of Gary the twelve brave ladies climbed (with guidance from Climbing-ROCKS) the 165ft Tees Transporter Bridge and began their frightening although exciting decent to meet friends and family there to support and cheer them on.

Claire & her family would like to thank the 11 ladies: Cheryl Knaggs, Dorothy Lovegreen, Lisa Devonport, Katie Emmett, Katrina Elliff, Sian Williams, Lynne Siddens, Katherine Cornley, Katie Hewitson, Jodie Leigh Errington, Sarah Gill. Without them it wouldn't have been such a great day. With still more money to collect the group have raised £1,875 nearly double the target.

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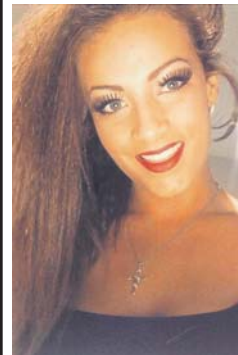
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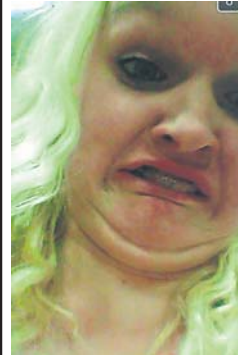
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Newtonian in World Bike Championships Aycliffe Junior Second in Fun Run



Photograph used in 'Cycling Weekly Magazine' Nigel is front & centre (blue/black/white jersey, representing Jackpot Racing)

Newton Aycliffe resident, Nigel Ould, has sensationally qualified for the Amateur World Cycling Championships, which will take place in Aalborg, Denmark, on 6th September 2015 over the lengthy distance of a 164km course. Nigel qualified after taking part in the Tour of Cambridgeshire Gran Fondo, a 128km road race, where he finished 15th in his age group (55-59 year olds). Nigel was in the Royal Artillery for nine years and had a distinguished career, seeing action

in the Falklands War. He has been a keen amateur cyclist for a number of years. He is also a Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Forum member, and member of the Aycliffe Velo Cycling Club. Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said "On behalf of the local area I wish Nigel the very best of luck at the World Championships, I'm sure he'll do a fantastic job flying the flag for Newton Aycliffe!"

Jake Mendelsohn, a 12 year old Woodham Academy pupil from Newton Aycliffe came 2nd in the Aycliffe 3k Fun Run on Sunday 21st June. The winner was a 15 year old from Durham Harriers.

This is a real achievement for Jake who doesn't really run much any more. He did run for Sedgfield Harriers but now plays water polo for Sedgfield

Water Polo Club which takes up a lot of his time and so running was put on the back burner. However, it's a real testament to the training provided by the

Water Polo Club that he is still fit enough to complete a 3k run in 13 minutes without doing any training. Well done Jake.

Crossfit Fundraiser This Sunday 11am-3pm



To raise money for children's equipment to deliver Crossfit Sessions at the Gym and within the local community. The event will include a bouncy castle, hook a duck, homemade cakes and toffee apples, facepainting, raffle, games and kids session demonstrations. To be held at CrossFit All Out, Northfield Way. More details on 07788 123321.

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