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As from Monday 6th July 2015, Newton Press will be operating from newly refurbished premises at the well known Blue Bridge centre, next to the town's iconic landmark Blue Bridge.

Newton Press, a family run business, has been at the heart of the Newton Aycliffe community since it's beginnings in 1963 and with the Newton News is involved in many aspects of day to day life in the town.

Moving to the new premises will give Newton Press a closer link to the community and residents of Newton Aycliffe. All our contact details remain the same - see right for full information.

Although a move to new premises sometimes causes upheaval and problems, so far we have been very lucky, working with expert local tradesman to complete the work required on time.

Newton Press company directors take this opportunity to thank all our customers for bearing with us during our move; to the tradesman who have helped us achieve our dream in the new premises and to friends and family for working with us.

Stuart Howarth said "although our original building was ideally placed, now that we have moved into larger premises, we have room to expand our business, which is something we have been prevented from doing for many years, due to lack of space."

"The new building will enable Newton Press to offer much more to residents of Newton Aycliffe. Our new colour supplement, delivered with the



Newton News last weekend is a start of many ideas we have to improve our service to help customers, residents, schools, organisations and clubs. The "Newton News Extra" will be a quarterly publication, the next edition will be on your doorstep in September" said Paul Howarth.

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together with a raffle and tombola for both adults and children. And as if that wasn't enough the yard plays host to some of our services, including a Police Car, Fire Engine and more... The kitchen will be open for hot and cold refreshments throughout the afternoon. The fair is an open event so please feel free to come along and bring the family to join in the fun at Aycliffe Village School.

Well Deserved Award for Newtonian



Allison White has received The Deborah Hutton Award for running a successful local Cancer Support Group and for fundraising for Macmillan. She was presented the award by Giles Long MBE, Paralympic Gold Medallist and a member of the Macmillan Panel at a ceremony in Manchester. As many know Newtonian Allison was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukaemia in 2009 and since then still experiences a number of other related health issues. She attends 12 hospitals in the North East but Allison said she

wants no one to face cancer alone as there is so much help available, but the information is not getting passed on and many cancer sufferers are struggling. With the support of a committee she runs a local group. Allison said it's not a doom and gloom gathering and encourages anyone that is frightened to come on their own to either contact her or bring a friend along. Allison arranges day trips for the group giving members the invaluable opportunity to get to know people in similar situations. Just another way where Allison makes a meaningful difference to the lives of others affected by cancer.

The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group meets at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre on the 1st Thursday of every month 6pm - 7.30pm. For more information contact Allison On 07762 258696

Residents' Meeting

ACORN Residents Association will be holding their monthly meeting in the Royal British Legion club upstairs lounge on July 9th. Beginning with a meeting of the junior section little ACORNS at 5.30pm the children will be discussing the recent outings to York and Croft racing circuit. Plans are also progressing for the ever popular Fun Day on the Green which is due to run on 24th July and the next outing, which is to Scarborough.

The adult sections of the ACORN group which incorporates Neighbourhood Watch will commence at 6pm with reports on local events and issues affecting the Newton Aycliffe area. Town and County Councillors are expected to attend along with representatives of our Police and Livin Housing when available. Further information is expected to be sought on the removal of lights from some of our roads and other items of concern. ACORN are always looking for speakers on topical subjects and promotion of activities. ACORN welcome attendance from anyone with an interest in making Newton Aycliffe a better place to live, work and bring up a family. Ken Robson Chairman 01325 321471

Festival Family Fun Day at Agnew

Under the banner of the Great Aycliffe Festival we will be having our Family Fun Day on Saturday 11th July from 11 am to 2 pm. FREE and funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council

This will be run by our friends from Xcel Local led by Rachael Mawston and Jo Dixon to include a Football Cage, Bouncy Castles, Face Painting, Nail Bar, Tattoos and more on the day including Refreshments at a sensible price. Activities inside and outside.

We are running FREE Krafty Workshops each Wednesday during the Summer holidays at 10 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm. For these 12 sessions we will have 10 FREE places per session available, ring Val on 07786 564461 to book your child's place.

GACAP (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership) meet on Monday July 6th at 4 pm at the Agnew and if you would like to join the Partnership ring Joan on 01325-321504 or even just turn up to add your name

to an ever growing list of Partners. People who live in and around Morrison Close might have noticed on some Saturday mornings a small band of people collecting litter from our area.

These are from Xcel Church and are called Xcel Local that do many things in our town including a Food Bank (we have a collection bin at the Agnew). They deliver Christmas presents to families in poverty and so much more. One of the Pastors Julian Clark is part of this group along with about five others. As a resident and Secretary of the Agnew Community Centre we thank you for this valuable work. We have other news in the pipeline which our Chairman, Joan Clark will be announcing in the near future, so there are some exciting times ahead for our local community. Pop in the Centre at any time for a chat with one of our Trustees and see if you can be part of our future which is also yours.

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.

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Unproductive Councillors

Dear Sir,
 The problem of non attendance of Town Councillors at Town Council meetings has been with us for some years. It does seem to me that a small town like Newton Aycliffe does not need quite so many Councillors anyway and a significant saving could be made if the numbers were reduced to 15 instead of the present 30. (Might even lead to less bickering amongst our Councillors too. That would be a bonus). It could be argued that even 15 would be too many. That leads to the bigger question. How

many layers of government do we really need?

We have a local Town Council, then we have the County Council, with far too many County Councillors for a small county like Durham to be run effectively and efficiently. After that we have a Westminster MP and all of the political paraphernalia that goes with that position. What about reducing the number of Westminster MPs to say 300?. Then, of course, we have an MEP for the region and behind that the huge Brussels job factory whose productivity is at best questionable. Too much red tape there I think most would agree.

In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, there is now also yet another level of bureaucracy and political egos to contend with. Do we really need the much talked about regional assembly too? Where will it all end?

All levels of political power create levels of bureaucracy at huge cost to we the taxpayers, and perhaps it is time for us all to make those on the various gravy trains much more accountable and cut the waste. Many Councillors, MPs and MEPs are hard working and do a great job, but, sadly, far too many others are unproductive, inefficient and just plain lazy. We need to cut them out at all levels of government. That will be difficult as few of those in power at all levels will willingly be prepared to sacrifice their own positions for the public good. Just think of the public money that could be saved though if we really tackled this issue.

Tony Haworth

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Anybody with any information should contact PC 2687 Jamie Pitt on 011 quoting incident number DHM-29062015-0113.

Greenfield Arts Celebrates 15 years of Creativity

This week was the 15th anniversary of the opening of Greenfield Arts, a centre of arts and creativity, in Newton Aycliffe.

To celebrate this milestone, and the fantastic work of the centre, participants, young people, volunteers, partners, funders, and those who have worked with Greenfield Arts over the past 15 years were invited to a Birthday Party on Tuesday. The event, which was funded



by GAMP AAP and Greenfield Arts, saw young people from Greenfield work in their own time with director Ruth Johnson to develop the event, with performances and activities for party goers. Each activity and performance highlighted an activity or project from Greenfield Arts' past, celebrating the variety that the organisation has developed, managed and delivered for the local community. The guests made cards with messages for Greenfield Arts which included: "Keep doing what you're doing - it's inspirational!" "Wow, an amazing place providing fantastic opportunities for young people and the whole community." "We love it here - Happy Birthday!"

The event will be turned into a short film by Capture films and shared via Greenfield Arts' vimeo page in the near future so that the celebrations can continue. Since opening in June 2000 Greenfield Arts have had over 165 exhibitions in the gallery, 120 live performances, and worked with tens of thousands of young people and the community within projects, the community learning programme and activities. Their free holiday programme has reached over 19,500 young people and families. Greenfield Arts have developed, managed and created these fantastic opportunities which have helped them to continue to grow as an organisation. This has been supported by brilliant community partners, volunteers and funders. The work of the centre reaches the local community and

beyond, through international developments. They have been recognised for their innovation in teaching, learning and creativity across the world. Throughout their 15 years Greenfield Arts have championed the Arts and widely promoted their value. They have strived to provide the highest quality experiences and collaborated with artists, performers and creative organisations who are renowned in their fields. Together we have inspired. Greenfield Arts: "A place where questions are sown, ideas emerge and confidence grows."

An Aycliffe Gentle Stroll

Great Aycliffe Town Council are joining up with the Durham County Council walk leaders to offer an easy access 4 mile walk around part of the Aycliffe Way on Wednesday 8th July beginning at Aycliffe train station at 11am.

The route will follow the path of the Aycliffe Way through West Park and Woodham Burn before visiting other attractions such as Bluebell wood and Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve.

The walk should take approximately two hours at a gentle pace. Participants are asked to bring a small snack and refreshments and to wear suitable footwear. For more information please contact Great Aycliffe Town Councils Environment Officer on 0777 9090 842.

WOODHAM ACADEMY CONCERT

At 7pm on 9th July, Woodham Academy will once again showcase the very best in music in the Woodham Academy Summer Concert. The students are practising hard and the show is promising to be an excellent evening of music making.

There will be performances by the Woodham Academy Jazz Band, Samba Band, Woodham Sound as well as a host of soloists and of course a performance by 2015 Woodham's Got Talent winners Hannah Bussey and Victoria Witton.

Tickets are on sale priced £3 for adults and £2 concessions and can be purchased by contacting 01325 300328

Whitby Trip

On Wednesday 15th July a Coach leaves St. Clare's at 9.30am returning 5.30pm.

New Friends, New Places invite you to join them on their outing to Whitby costing only £10.00.

A 10 minute comfort stop will take place at Guisborough. Ring 01325 308094 for further details.

Foodbank Collection Tesco's 2nd-4th July



Left to right: Ernie Temple - Durham Food Bank Newton Aycliffe Branch, Paul Davies - Lead Non Food Manager and Joe Riley - Customer Experience Manager

A Foodbank collection will take place in Tesco's on 2nd, 3rd & 4th of July from 9am. Customers can give grocery items or make a donation. The Town Foodbank run by Ernie Temple have made suggestions of what is needed and volunteers will hand out leaflets..

Last year Tesco customers gave over 6,500 meals for the Newton Aycliffe area and this year we look to raise over 8000! Ernie is still looking for volunteers to support the team over the weekend. Please ring 313449.

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NOT THE FIRST AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL!

Dear Sir,
I feel compelled to speak up for a previous generation of Newtonians who may well have taken exception to your headline, "Aycliffe's First Festival by the People for the People".

Whilst it's great to see a community working together to organise the events mentioned in the article, it is by no means the "First" that your headline suggests. Many of us over a certain age will recall the Festival Fortnights of old, organised by a committee of Aycliffe people, chaired (as I recall) by the late Chris Jaques. There was then a rich diversity of local clubs and organisations of all age groups who would never fail to take part by holding a special event for the festival fortnight, and/or taking part in the carnival procession, which always took place on the last Saturday of the Festival. These events were generally well supported, perhaps reaching a peak in the mid to late 70's.

Inevitably, things moved on. An ageing festival committee and a move towards new ideas heralded an event called "Aycliffe on Wheels" (anyone remember that?) and then the Great Aycliffe Show, which, though it, like the old festivals, had its detractors, remained a popular event for many years. So, to get back to my point about the headline. Perhaps it should have read, "Aycliffe's First Festival by the People for the People ... for three decades".

That said, may this latest venture rouse the community

spirit as well as the old one for many years to come.

Geoff West

Editor: I don't think the Town Council forgot the original Town Festival and only meant to say this is the first Festival after the end of the Great Aycliffe Show.

We are grateful to Geoff for reminding us of those halcyon days and hope this new Festival will revive that same community spirit.

New Dog Chip Law



In April 2016 a new law comes into force which makes it compulsory for all dogs aged eight weeks and over in England and Scotland to be microchipped.

Currently an estimated 1.8 million dogs are NOT microchipped and vets are issuing an early warning to help pet owners understand the new law.

Town Students Abseil Transporter Bridge



Last weekend a group of Year 9 students from Greenfield Community College

abseiled off the Transporter Bridge in Middlesbrough to raise sponsorship money. Max Hunter, Ethan Suter and Matthew Davis were all raising funds for the school's World Challenge expedition to Morocco in 2016. Niall Blenkinsop was also completing the aerial challenge for his chosen charity of 'Rays of Sunshine' who grant wishes for terminally ill children.

The expedition to Morocco is an educational travel experience that will allow Challengers to achieve more than they thought possible by stretching them beyond their comfort zone, and this sense of accomplishment has a positive effect on their on-

going view of themselves and their place in the world. They have to raise the bar in terms of physical fitness, communication, teamwork and organisation, all highly valuable skills they can draw on in their post-expedition lives. Engaging with other cultures during the Project phase brings global awareness that can't be gleaned from books. Students return from their expedition with increased energy and enthusiasm and a sense that if they really apply themselves, there's no limit to what they can do.

The aforementioned and the additional students signed up for the expedition are currently well into their fundraising stage of the project where they have to raise £1,495 to secure their place. Although a huge financial commitment the students are busy utilising a range of different strategies such as car washes, gardening, bungee jumps, raffles, sponsored runs and bake sales to help them realise the ambition of the Morocco World Challenge expedition in 2016.

If any businesses or anyone would like to sponsor or help the pupils in their fundraising efforts would you please get in touch with the school expedition leader, Martin Butterworth via email at martin.butterworth@greenfieldschool.net

Film Show

The next "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 7th JULY, will feature "THE BAND WAGON" starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse. This musical comedy from 1953 is considered to rank with "Singing in the Rain" as MGM's finest musicals. Songs like "That's Entertainment" "Shine on your Shoes" "You and the Night and the Music" "Dancing in the Dark" and many more make it a timeless film, and when three very unlikely infants get together to sing "Hate each other very much" it becomes a real Feel-Good film.

Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1, and the film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a lovely film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome; further info from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Labour Candidate Martin Ashcroft

Town Council West Ward By Election



Labour is fielding one of it's best candidates for the By Election in West Ward to be held on Thursday 23rd July. Martin Ashcroft was born and bred in Newton Aycliffe. He is aged 41, a hard working family man and father of 5 children. Martin lives in the West Ward and regularly attends Council Meetings as a member of the public. He is a time served Motor Vehicle Technician with 25 year's experience and self-employed since 1996. Martin also has Taxis in Darlington placed in a firm called I.A.B. Taxis. He is an elected member of the Management Committee of the Friends of West Park group and regularly attends meetings. He is a very active member who goes out litter picking in and around West Park Boating Lakes every Sunday with other volunteers. Martin helped clean the Lakes out last year and was active in the 'Save our Fireworks Group' which successfully persuaded the Town Council to bring the display back.

If elected Martin will be a regular attender and fully contribute to Council Meetings. Martin is a moderate and progressive candidate, young and has integrity and ability. Cllr Bob Fleming Labour Leader on Great Aycliffe Town Council said "Martin will make a fine addition to our team and work hard for the residents of WestWard." Martin said: "Unfortunately due to the very short time table for this By-Election I can't possibly call on all 3,000 plus houses by 23rd July, but if anyone wants to contact me I will be available at 73 Oakfield, Newton Aycliffe, Tel. 07811 403 986"

Boys Brigade Awards



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County Durham Community Foundation - 20th Anniversary

ONE of the region's best-loved charities will mark 20 years of life-changing giving next week in the spectacular setting of Durham Cathedral. Over the past two decades County Durham Community Foundation has provided grants of around £30 million to more than 10,000 groups and individuals.

It makes donations on behalf of philanthropists and companies seeking to give something back to the community – and on Monday evening many of those it has helped will join VIP guests for a celebration of all it has achieved since 1995.

The Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev Paul Butler, will lead the event, which will also feature contributions from Dean Michael Sadgrove, the Lord Lieutenant Sue Snowdon, and the foundation's Chairman, Mark I'Anson.

But the real stars of the show will be the many beneficiaries present. Community groups including scouts and sports clubs will take part in an opening parade, led by Brancepeth Revellers Marching Band.

The event will also include contributions from Durham Miners Association Brass Band and young musicians and dancers the charity has funded over the years.

Chief Executive, Barbara Gubbins, said: "We've had big events before but nothing quite like this... it will be the pinnacle of the charity's journey so far."

"It's a celebration bringing together staff, donors and just a smattering of those we have been able to help for a spectacular parade and service."

"But none of what we have achieved would have been possible without our donors, so this is our chance to say a special thank you to them."

The charity was founded by County Durham's former Lord Lieutenant Sir Paul Nicholson and his predecessor David Grant.

They raised £1m to get it off the ground and persuaded Labour Party leader and Prime Minister-in-waiting Tony Blair to speak at the launch.

Mr Nicholson, the former Chief Executive of Vaux Breweries, remains President of the charity



Barbara Gubbins (left) and Chairman Mark I'Anson (right) at the Education Centre for Children with Down Syndrome in Newton Aycliffe with parents (l to r) Hayley Tolley and Lyndsey Clark and their children Jack and Lily.

and his wife is a trustee.

He recalled: "The idea really started in America where community foundations had enabled people of relatively modest means to make a major contribution to their communities."

"We realised this was a need that wasn't being met in County Durham and I think we can all take great pride in what has been achieved over the past 20 years."

"Durham is rated as one of the poorest counties in England, yet we have one of the best community foundations – that shows the generosity of its people."

He added: "When I ran my company, we didn't just give money to charity to make us feel good – we did it primarily to support the local community but also to raise our profile and to help shareholders by making the company more profitable."

"That principle still holds true today and I believe the excellent team we have is capable of doubling the amount of money we give out over the next 20 years."

Projects backed by the foundation include initiatives to improve public health, education and training, the environment and parenting, as well as those aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Chairman Mark I'Anson said: "It is heart-warming that such a small county has been so generous in providing the means to help those who are delivering vital services and activities at a grassroots level."

"We are consciously looking at what difference we have made over that time and how we can take this forward in the next two decades."

"We hope that the success of initiatives such as Learning Working Earning, which provides employment opportunities for individuals, will be just the start of how we can help to regenerate families and the local economy."

SUMMER FAIR

Vane Road School hold their Summer Fair on Thursday 9th July from 1:30-3:30pm. Entry is 50p per adult, children are free but must be accompanied by an adult. There will be tea cup rides, stalls, a fun house, stocks, lucky dip and many more. All welcome!

Aycliffe Parish Confirmees

On Sunday 28th June candidates for Confirmation in the Parish of Great Aycliffe, went to St. Luke's Church in Ferryhill and were confirmed by the Bishop of Durham the Rt. Rev. Paul Butler.

They, their sponsors and families and friends enjoyed the full Service. In which they listened to the Bishop and were confirmed. We welcome them into our church family, they are Leah Banks, Adam Swallow, Mathew Loughran, Millie Walker, Dorothy and Gracie Johnson.

Councillor Undeterred by Criticism

Dear Sir,
I find myself in a situation where I have to defend myself against comments made about me in a letter written in last week's issue by Mrs M Tomlin where statements were made that I would like to clear up.

During our one and only meeting in Tesco there was no talk or reference made as to how I could serve my ward properly simply because I live in Darlington.

The question put to me was how could I be an Aycliffe Councillor living in Darlington and how could I know about what goes on in and around Aycliffe whilst living so far away?

Darlington is just a few miles away, not a 2 hour commute. It is common knowledge I now live in Darlington as from last year it is stated on Great Aycliffe Town Council website As stated previously, I work in Aycliffe, I am a School Governor in Aycliffe and run my own Road Management group in Aycliffe. I also attend PACT meeting and Resident Association meetings in Aycliffe.

I am at an advantage with regards to my role as a councillor because of the people that know me on a personal level. Family, friends, colleagues and especially the public that I have helped know exactly how active and effective I am as a Town Councillor.

I did not know former Councillor Tomlin so I could not possibly comment on how good or bad a Councillor he was, but he did lose his seat in 2007 to Independents whilst serving as a Labour Councillor and Deputy Mayor. It does appear Mrs Tomlin has a grudge against the Council to which her husband no longer belongs.

I would urge Mrs Tomlin to put her money where her mouth is and stand in the forthcoming By-election.

As for rattled cages mine has not been rattled it has merely been stroked. I have encountered many obstacles in my life and on this occasion I see M. Tomlin's comments as a deliberate attempt to derail my quest to serve on the council and see out my term of office.

Like all previous obstacles I carry on regardless. plan to this brush aside and Cllr Paul Kjenstad.

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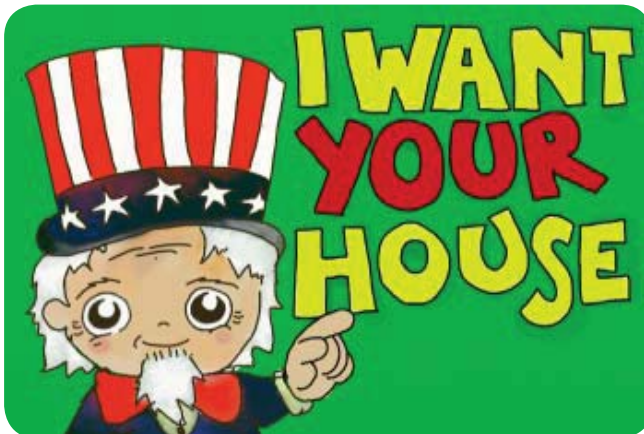
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MAYOR "AT HOME"

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Thursday, 9th July 2015 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Mrs. Dalton would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.



Councillors' Surgeries

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 11th July from 11am - 12 noon.

West Park Friends Meet

The next meeting of Friends of West Park will be on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm in the Upstairs Lounge at the British Legion. All Residents most welcome - refreshments available

Residents Meet

Williamfield Residents Association Meeting is on Wednesday 8th July at 6pm (second Wednesday in month). Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place. Hope to see you there. Tel: 01325 308094 for further details.

Cream Teas

St Andrew's Cream Teas will be served in the Village Hall, Aycliffe Village on Sunday 12th July at 2.30pm. Teas £3 pay at the door. Please have a go on the Tombola Stall. Everyone welcome.

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

Wednesday 15th July 2015

Council Meeting - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also 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.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-Ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

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.

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

Dance Off National Final £1000 Prize Draw Winner



On Monday 22nd June Woodham Dance Academy went to Birmingham to compete in the national final of the Great Big Dance Off. Both the Key Stage 3 and 4 groups qualified in the regional finals held in Newcastle in April, after impressing judges with their creativity and professionalism when performing. The dancers had a rehearsal at 12.45pm and then had some time in-between as the show did not begin till 6.30pm. Despite being a very long day the students were patient and were a real credit to Woodham Academy. The Key Stage 3 Dance Academy students were first to perform their piece, Bang Bang, which incorporated Charleston and street styles of dance. The students performed with so much energy and passion it was a real joy to watch.

The Key Stage 4 Dance Academy students danced in the second half of the show with their Dark Fairy-Tale piece, where dancers took on different characters, such as trees, wolves and little red riding hoods. This dance was choreographed by two of the students involved in the piece, Victoria Archer and Caitlin Roberts. In the regional finals the judges were very impressed with the choreography of this piece. The piece is very theatrical and the girls did it justice by truly getting into character.

It was an excellent achievement for both groups to qualify for the national finals. Overall the



Key Stage 4 Dance Academy came 13th in the country and the Key Stage 3 Dance Academy came 29th. When you

think of the number of school dance groups in the country, it's undeniable that this is an exceptional achievement.

Congratulations to Adele Upex the winner of the £1000 Madathlon Annual Raffle and thanks to the Cobblers Hall Public House for their continued support.

Madathlon was established in 2013 in memory of my daughter Claire, to raise funds to supply equipment not normally provided by the statutory authorities, in year 1 Madathlon raised £11,000 to buy a Criticool machine for the James Cook ICU where Claire passed away very suddenly from a brain tumour in December 2012. Last year saw the Madathlon team of family & friends raise £15,000 to buy 2 new motorbikes for the Northumbria Blood Bikes.

This year we have set ourselves the challenge to provide Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) to businesses, schools and sports clubs in the local area. Our target is to buy at least one machine per month.

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Festival Activities at Woodham Centre

As part of Aycliffe's Festival supported by Great Aycliffe Town Council come to a Fun Day at Woodham Community Centre from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 11th July.

Displays from centre groups, Child's Fancy Dress, refreshments, fun and have a ride out on the Heartbeat Bus. A Sixty's & Seventy's Music night including MAD Community Choir Moonbeams and Polka Dots Show will be held on Saturday 11th July at the Centre at 7pm. Pie and Peas supper, Quiz and lots of good songs! Bring your own alcohol.

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

NOTICE OF VACANCY

In the office of Councillor

Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward of Great Aycliffe Parish

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the non attendance of Councillor Mrs A Palmer, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. If by 17th July, 2015 (14 days after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to:

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by TEN electors for the said Parish (Ward), an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 21st September, 2015.

Dated 29th June, 2015

Andrew Bailey
Clerk to the Parish
Byerley, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward
of Great Aycliffe Parish

Helpful Postie

Dear Sir,
May I thank our local Postman in Bewick Crescent who helped me get back into my house after I had locked myself out. He climbed through an open window to retrieve my keys and I am so grateful. I could not do this myself as I have arthritis and a hip replacement.
Tal Lomas

Town Council Object to County Plans to Remove Lighting

The Town Council Environment Committee met this Wednesday and agreed to a proposal by Council Leader Bob Fleming to keep and take over the maintenance of lights on the A167 which the County Council were going to remove in a cost saving exercise.

It just remains for the full council to ratify the Service Level agreement, which is a foregone conclusion.

Councillor Fleming, however was very unhappy with another proposal to remove eleven lights in the town itself, along Burnhill Way, which the County Council had also decided on removing subject to comments and objections. Obviously there was strong objection to this move raised by Councillors with grave doubts on the criteria for their removal.

Lights should only be removed in rural areas and where there is no danger to road safety and crime, in line with British Standards. It was pointed out quite clearly that the independent consultants had definitely got it wrong in suggesting Burnhill Way came under this category.

Councillors vehemently opposed the move stating this area, although it had trees was definitely still urban and was used constantly by pedestrians and cyclists and children walking to school. On dark winter night there would be safety and crime implications. The Town Clerk was directed to make contact with the County Council expressing objections and concerns of the Council on this matter, questioning the consultants conclusions.

Wear Your Wedding Hat

The Inner Wheel Club of Newton Aycliffe invites readers to a "Parade of Wedding Dresses Through the Ages".

Neville Parade Community Centre on Saturday 1st August at 2pm. Tickets £8 including Salad Buffet and Dessert.

There will also be a prize for the Best Hat. All proceeds to charity.

Heighington AFC Boys Presentation Day

Heighington AFC Boys recently celebrated their annual Presentation Day at the Big Club in Aycliffe on a glorious afternoon weather wise. The club has experienced growth and success in recent times, and is looking forward to the forthcoming season, where 5 teams from Under 8's up to

Under 15's will compete in the TJFA league. Our current Chairman Mel Oakes is stepping down, after being involved for a number of years, and overseeing the expansion of the club, and so if anyone is interested in taking over this role, please contact Jim Barr on 07899 862 079.



NEWTONIAN HELPS NEWCASTLE JUNIOR TEAM WIN TOURNAMENT



Luis Longstaff, a year 9 student at Greenfield Community College recently won the annual U15 Tournai International Neuville sur Saone playing for Newcastle United Football Club.

The competition was played in the South East of France, just north of Lyon over the course of the recent half-term holidays.

This fantastic feat was made more amazing by the fact Luis was playing a year up. The U15 side played four games during the group stages, where they beat FC Bourg 2-1, Olympique Marseille 1-0, CS Neuvilleois 3-0 with Luis getting a goal and also drawing 1-1 to Evian Thonon.

Having remained unbeaten throughout all their games



the team gained entry to the quarter-finals where they beat Guimaraes 1-0 and then beat Olympique Lyonnais the same score in the semi-final. In the final, they won 1-0 with Luis the match winner with a close

range finish.

A massive well done to Luis for the tournament win and good luck for next season as you enjoy your well-deserved off-season rest. Keep up the hard work!

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Heighington AFC Boys Match Reports

UNDER 7's entered the Alun Armstrong Summer Tournament last week in their final tournament of the Summer. The boys also entered this competition at Christmas after being together just a few weeks, but lost every game. This time around was to be very different as the boys finished second in their group of six playing some fantastic Football in each game. We met Montagu Blues in the Semi Final and put in one of the best youth footballing performances I have ever seen, winning 6-2.

Special mention must go to Captain Joe Neild for scoring a goal way beyond his years. It was a special moment and sealed our place in the Final against Alun Armstrong Academy. Unfortunately the Final was a step too far for our very tired team, although we pushed the opposition all the way and only just lost 4-2. It was a great way to finish off our tournaments for the Summer which included a Winners Medal, Runners up Medal and a Semi Final Shootout defeat. The boys are raring to go for their first ever season starting September

UNDER 9's hosted Seaton Carew this week. Game 1 was lost 3-2 but a good even game. All lads played great, our only goal scorer was Ewan Henderson with a strike from outside the box, but overall team was impressive. Game 2: lost 2-0 again but whole team played very well, in every position. We had chances to score but didn't take them, but the team is going in the right direction. 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

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Greenfield Prom - Class of 2015

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The annual Prom Awards is organised and presented by Paul Howarth from Newton News. The sponsors are very generous in supplying the funds to purchase valuable prizes and we thank Newton Aycliffe Tesco Store, Honest John, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Itec, Newton News, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Jack's Driving School, Neville Pharmacy and Newton Press.

Greenfield 2015 Prom Award winners:
Top Sport Student: Courtne Mills

Top Academic Student: Leonie Wong
Most Improved Art Student: Morgan Collier
Most Improved Music Student: Nicole Crosby
Most Improved DT Student: Owen Hutchinson
Most Improved Science Student: Kara Elston
Most Improved Language Student: Annabelle Ryan
Most Improved Sport Student: Adam Preshous
Most Improved Overall Student: Brogan Heathwaite
Achievement over Adversity Award: Abigail Mullen

Woodham Prom - Class of 2015

REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, THURSDAY, 25th JUNE



Alex Coatsworth proved himself a worthy winner. His commitment, and dedication has seen him achieve his ambition of gaining an apprenticeship with Gestamp/Tallent.

Five years ago "Newton News" continued their involvement in the local community and initiated annual awards to encourage students to try harder in their final year at Secondary School. The awards give everyone a fair chance of winning as they are presented to the "Most Improved" in all subjects. The winners are chosen by teachers and staff

Woodham Academy 2015 Award winners:
Top Sport Student: Caitlin Roberts

Top Academic Student: Corin Lathan
Most Improved Art Student: Sian Boulwood
Most Improved Music Student: Samuel Gittins
Most Improved DT Student: James Rawe
Most Improved Science Student: Chloe Hardy
Most Improved Language Student: Louis Simpson
Most Improved Sport Student: Paul Davies
Most Improved Overall Student: Callum Manning
Achievement over Adversity Award: Caitlin Finn

NAJFC PRESENTATION DAY

After the fantastic success of our summer tournament last week Newton Aycliffe Juniors FC celebrated the whole 2014-15 season at their presentation day hosted as ever by Sunnydale Leisure Centre this weekend.

Chairman Nige Slatcher opened the day with some special individual awards; Jennifer Howe was given a special recognition award for her tireless work with the club over several years. Michelle Acuna Ocana received the Chairmans award for her dedicated work for the club as both Secretary and Treasurer in recent years. The club are privileged to have such great volunteers like Michelle and Jennifer without whom we would be at a loss and the whole club really appreciate their efforts – a huge congratulations and thanks to them both.

The inaugural team of the year award was presented to the Under 9's who have successfully run 2 sides this season. The Russell Foster league side getting promoted 4 leagues over the season and the TJFA side sealing an unprecedented treble in winning the TJFA Division 1, TJFA League Cup and Haggerston Castle tournament, a truly amazing achievement.

Each NAJFC team presented awards to all their players to recognise their contributions towards their sides performances over the whole season. With Rory the Lion the Middlesbrough mascot helping out to make the presentations to our younger players. To conclude the event each team manger awarded individual prizes for golden boot, player of the season, most improved player or sportsmans award, players player of the year, the managers award and player of the tournament either from the NAJFC event or tour. The individual roll of honour for each side was as follows;

Under 7's

Golden Boot – Rhys Galloway
Player of the Season – Connor Maitchell
Managers Award – Lucas Acuna Ocana
Most Improved – Jayden Leaver
Players Player – Harvey Lee

Player of the Tournament - Niall Armstrong & Connor Maitchell.

Under 8's

Golden Boot – Jason Beadle & Lewis Ellwood
Player of the Season – Parker McWilliam & Thomas Francis
Managers Award – Jason Beadle
Most Improved – Sam Parry
Players Player – Cody Barnes
Player of the Tournament - Keira Richardson

Under 9's (TJFA)

Golden Boot – Charlie Dawson
Player of the Season – Charlie Dawson
Managers Award – Jacob Mallinson
Sportsman Award – Thomas Aspinall
Players Player – Lucas Goddard
Player of the Tournament – Jake Patterson

Under 9's (RF)

Golden Boot – Bo Wilson-Lee
Player of the Season – Taylor Bowen
Managers Award – Evan Galloway
Sportsman Award – Ollie Parks
Players Player – Ted Hayward
Player of the Tournament – Sam Porteous

Under 10's

Golden Boot – Matthew Turnbull
Player of the Season – Sammy Clark
Managers Player – Harry Brown
Sportsman Award – Ryan J Griffiths
Players Player – Sammy Clark

Under 11's

Golden Boot – Adam Stout
Player of the Season – James Hodgson
Managers Award – Curtis Shaw
Sportsman Award – Dylan Scotbrook
Players Player – Zack Stewart

Under 12's

Golden Boot – James Imiela
Player of the Season – Cameron Turner Neill
Managers Player – Oliver Brown
Most Improved – Lee Dodgson
Players Player – Isaac Howes

Under 13's

Golden Boot – Lewis Hynes
Player of the Season – Ethan Stoker
Managers Player – Jayden Pattinson
Most Improved – Harry Barnes
Players Player – Ethan Stoker
Player of the Tournament – Ethan Stoker

Under 14's

Sportsman Award – Sullivan Alderson
Players Player – Joseph Fawcett
Most Improved – Kian Fletcher
Managers Award – Harry Pullan
Player of the Season – Brodan Foster

Under 16's

Golden Boot – Kieran Maughan
Player of the Season – Kieran Maughan
Managers Award – Jamie Lovegreen
Most Improved – Joe Blenkinsopp
Players Player – Ethan Tarn
Player of the Tournament - Nathan Acuna Ocana

Under 18's

Golden Boot – Degan Taylor
Players Player – Joshua Bright
Managers Award – Patrick Howe
Sportsman Award – Jon Roe
Player of the Season – Anthony Shaw & Liam Craggs

Under 23's

Golden Boot – Adam Smith
Player of the Season – Jack Slatcher
Managers Player – Joe Young
Players Player – Jack Slatcher & Adam Smith
Sportsman Award – Matty Allison

The club are proud of their players achievements so a huge congratulations to them and everyone involved in supporting them over the season. As ever big thanks to the Sunnydale Leisure Centre team for hosting the event and our club compere Adrian Dawson who kept the whole thing running smoothly.

Our season has come to an end but a new one is about to kick off, if you are wanting to join us for 2015-16 a few dates here to note: Under 7 (School Year 2 in September) start training from 6th July 6-7pm.

Under 18's open trials on the 5th and 12th July from 12 until 2pm
Under 10's (School Year 5 in September) start training from Thurs 23rd July 5.45-7pm and the first six weeks will be led by FA Skills coach and be open trials for anyone wanting to join our team of the year! All training and trials will be at Sunnydale.



OPEN MIND

Newton Aycliffe MIND hold an **Open Day** on Monday 6th July from 11am - 4pm.

Everyone is invited to Silverdale House for a cuppa and a bite to eat and to find out what the organisations does. Have a look round the Centre and learn about the services MIND offer to the community.

The event is funded by the Town Council and Livin.



CrossFit Member Qualifies for Finals



CrossFit All Out member Colin Wooster recently qualified for the Semi-Finals in the CrossFit 'Scale the Heights' Competition held in Leeds on Sunday 21st June.

His performance on the day sat him comfortably in: WOD 1 2nd place; WOD 2 6th place; WOD 3 2nd place.

Overall he ranked 2nd place and qualified for the Finals to be held at CrossFit 3D in Manchester in September.

Colin said "It was exciting to be part of a big competition like this and having such great support from everyone at the box left me feeling honoured to be part of the All Out Team. They helped me work even harder."

Head Coach Terry Anderson said "we, and our members couldn't be more proud of Colin, he's a well respected athlete at the box and is dedicated to building his strengths and improving his weaknesses. We look forward to seeing him do well in the Finals."

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2 Run Victory for Aycliffe Woodham in Athletics Championships

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store had a dramatic two run victory away at second in the table Barnard Castle 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division.

Aycliffe were asked to bat first and there were good innings from Tom Young (65 runs), John Cavanagh (34 runs) and 16 runs each from both Michael Howe and 15 year old Dan Bowmer, as the visitors made a respectable 153 all out from 35 overs. Barnard Castle looked to be coasting to victory despite Colin Myers taking 3 for 47, but the introduction of swing bowler Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr and Mrs Greaves) changed the game as he took 4 for 21 from 6.2 overs to help dismiss the homeside for 151 after 38.2 overs.

The second team (see photo) also had an excellent win beating Thornaby 2nd XI by 84 runs in the 3rd division

of the NYSD. After being put into bat Aycliffe captain Adam Gittins lead from the front with a careful innings of 47. He received good support from both Tony Travis (34 runs) and James Brown (27 not out) as the home side scored a respectable 168 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs.

Thornaby looking to be on target for victory as they comfortably reached 67 for 3, but the introduction of leg spinner Patrick Howe (sponsored by Aycliffe NUFC Supporters Bus) into the attack had the desired affect as the visitors lost their last seven wickets for just 17 runs. Howe finished with 4 for 19 and was given good support from Danny Weldon (2 for 19) and Tom Wickins (2 for 20) as Aycliffe bowled out Thornaby for just 84 from 36 overs.

In mid week the first team had a good win by 15 runs at home to Northallerton 2nd XI in the group stages of the NYSD 15/15 competition. John

Cavanagh smashed a brilliant 81 as Aycliffe posted 130 for 6 in their 15 overs. In reply the visitors were restricted to 115 for 5 from 15 overs with left arm spinner Luke Telford, the pick of the Aycliffe attack taking 3 for 12.

Aycliffe's u15's team suffered a narrow 12 run defeat at home to Brandon. Chasing 136 for victory, Aycliffe got off to a good start with Arran Taylor hitting a quickfire 25 and Dan Bowmer scoring 15. Adam Lamb then smashed the bowling all around the ground with four boundaries and four huge sixes, he was retired out for a memorable career best 52. Aycliffe's innings slowed down after Lamb's departure and they finished their 20 overs on 123 for 4.

The under 13's lost at home to Billingham by 8 wickets, but their was good performances from acting captain Ali Abbasi, who top scored with 16, Joe Bowsher who scored 11 not out, Kieran Shinger, who bowled well and took a wicket, Thomas Cayless held a very smart catch and Francis Humble fielded excellently throughout the visitors innings.

Despite being two players short, our u11's team gave one of their best performances of the year and pushed their opponents Blackhall all the way, but alas were narrowly beaten at the end.

Special mention must go to Harry Wright, who top scored with 9 runs, Rob Hillman, who took two wickets and Nathan Slater who bowled really well without any luck. Also credit must go to both Jack Paylor and Francis Humble for some great work in the field.

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Sports students from Woodham Academy had a fantastic afternoon competing in the Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics Championships recently, which were held at Shildon Athletics

TRI CLUB 1st PLACE

Catterick Leisure Centre was the venue on Sunday 21st June for the Catterick Sprint Triathlon. The 400m pool swim, 20k bike and 5k run saw another great result from club coach Michelle Scott who was the 1st Senior Lady home in a fantastic time of 1hr 4min. Another of the clubs coaches Andrew Sedgwick finished in a blistering 1hr 01min.

Also racing at Catterick was Tracey Warrior (pictured) who took on this challenging hilly course finishing 5th in her age group in 1hr 23min. Wednesday 4th June saw the first of the Triology Super Sprint Series take

place at Ellerton Water Park. The event is made up of a 400m swim in the lake, 15.5k bike section and a 2.2k run.

It's a fast course which attracts all levels of Triathletes making it ideal for those who are new to the sport to experience racing conditions. Racing for the Club, Melainie Rowland was first followed by Rob Cherrie then Penny Johnson. All three of the clubs membs gave excellent performances and finished the race with huge smiles. The next race in the series will be held 22nd July 7pm at Ellerton Water Park.



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Care Home and Primary School's Joint Art Project



An Newton Aycliffe Care Home and Primary School have teamed up for an arts project as part of a national campaign aimed at strengthening care home connections within their local community.

Children from Stephenson Way Community Primary School drew portraits of staff at Rose Lodge Care Home, a residential and dementia care home for the elderly, which are now on display to the general public at the home in Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe.

The portraits were unveiled to the public on National Care Home Open Day, a national event aimed at encouraging communities to visit and get involved with their local care homes.

2015 marks the third year of Care Home Open Day, with this year's themes being 'The Arts' and 'Valuing Staff'. Rose Lodge decided to combine these two themes for their open day coordinating with Stephenson Way Community Primary school on an arts project in which children from the school drew portraits of staff from Rose Lodge, including the home's resident pet Nixon the cat. Children from the Primary

school visited Rose Lodge to look at the display of their portraits and meet and mingle with residents and the staff they drew.

Supported by a group of leading care providers, associations, charities and care regulators, National Care Home Open Day aims to reinforce the connections care homes have across their local communities, as well as challenging misconceptions about residential care and showcasing the excellent services that are at the heart of communities across the UK. Rose Lodge, owned by care operator Countrywide Care Homes, was named as the 7th most highly recommended care home in the North East in 2014 in research by carehome.co.uk, based on feedback from residents their friends and family members.

Care Manager Nicola Wheatley said: "We are delighted by the success of the art project. It has been a fantastic experience collaborating with the Stephenson Way Primary School for National Care Home Open Day. The portraits are absolutely brilliant, they've been a big talking point in the home and have been hugely

popular with residents, staff and visitors."

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equipment and tour the Army Reserve facilities. Additional stands include a Paint Ball range, climbing wall and burger stall. 102 Battalion's Highland Band will play several sets throughout the day.

The event is intended to compliment other activities that are also happening around Aycliffe that weekend. An interesting and fun event for all the family - come along and discover your local Army Reserve Unit (The Northern Craftsmen). **FREE** Entry!

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Easing Pressure on Young Carers

Woodham Academy prides itself on the pastoral support and guidance it offers to all students. Teenage years are not the easiest of ages. Growing up today presents young people with all sorts of pressures and anxieties: friendships, family and school to name a few.

Some students have added pressures in their lives that schools are often unaware of. They may have responsibilities at home which are over and above what would be normally expected of teenagers. They may provide care, assistance or support to another family member. Any caring responsibility has a high emotional impact on a young person in addition to any physical or practical responsibilities.

Woodham Academy works very closely with The Bridge Project Young Carers Service to identify and support Young Carers. If there are any concerns that a student has a caring role at home a referral is made to the service and a meeting is held with a member of their team to discuss the best way of supporting the young person and their family. The added responsibilities that Young Carers have often impacts on their education. They may be tired, late for school, not do homework or have poor attendance. With the support of the school's pastoral team and The Bridge Young Carers Service, the aim is to ease the pressures put on the Young Carer and enable them to fulfil their potential.

With the financial support of The Bridge Project Young Carers Service Woodham has refurbished a quiet room in school where students can go for some quiet time, to meet with friends or do their homework. It has been equipped with a new carpet, blinds, bean bags, tables and chairs. It demonstrates that Woodham Academy aims to support the needs of all students and strives to remove any barriers to their happiness and success in school.

Hoarder's Treasure Trove of Bargains on Sale for Charity

Charity shops are a familiar sight in most towns across the UK. They come in all shapes and sizes and provide a valuable revenue for a variety of deserving causes. Here in Newton Aycliffe, there are a number of such outlets, but one that many Newtonians may be unfamiliar with, is the goods filled repository known as 'Allsort', which occupies one of the rooms attached to St Clare's Church, and now open for visitors from 10am till 1pm, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Run by Godfrey Bennett, a retired electrician and a self confessed life-long hoarder, the room is a haven for bargain hunters, offering as it does a whole smorgasbord of treasures from china vases, toys, and books to electrical appliances, clocks, watches, costume jewellery



and more, most of which emanate from Mr Bennett's own life long collecting habit, which stretches back to his childhood.

"The idea of selling what I had collected over many decades, and giving the proceeds to charity, came about some time ago" said Godfrey (a great grandfather - 75 years old), "when my wife Shirley, jokingly threatened to divorce me if I didn't curtail my inclination to hoard 'anything and everything'. Looking back now I can appreciate her growing level of despair for at one stage, adding to what I had collected myself, we had an influx of other items after our respective parents passed away, the total of which completely filled our 3 bedroomed house - and the garden shed.

The place was certainly chock a block, yet I hated the thought of all the goods simply ending up in a skip. Fortunately, I learned that part of the church property was available for hire and that allowed me to start the charity venture, which is still up and running." "Most of the items I sell have a story behind them" said Gordon, A trouser press he was given by an ex girlfriend 60 years ago, and a pair of roller skates he acquired in the 60's, when he ran the Beveridge Roller Dance and Figure Skating Club, being but two examples.

Although he is too modest to boast about it, his altruistic

endeavour has generated hundreds of pounds for good causes, specifically, the Tear Fund Charity, (the UK humanitarian relief organisation which operates in over 50 countries), The Capstone Project and The Great North Air Ambulance Service. He has also contributed to the St Clare's roof appeal, even though 'Allsorts' is not affiliated with the church, nor is it a business. It is simply an outlet for one man to offer for sale the many items gathered during his lifetime, as a means of raising funds for charity.

"It may not have the status of a grand emporium" said Gordon, "but I do think visitors to 'Allsorts' will find something of interest, as there are probably items here, no longer available elsewhere".

Obituary

ELSIE McLAUCHLAN (nee Slater). Aged 91 years, died peacefully in hospital after a short illness, on 27th June, of Lee Green, Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Wife of the late Bob; much loved Mam of Pauline and Kathleen; dear Mother-in-Law of John and Richard; much loved Nana and Great Nana. Funeral Monday, 6th July. Friends please meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 11.45am followed by Service of Thanksgiving in Neville Parade Methodist Church at 1pm. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent for the Great North Air Ambulance Service, c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6EN Tel: (01325) 318600. Elsie's family would like to thank all her neighbours, carers and the hospital staff.

KAREN FREER (Kaz) of West Auckland, formerly Heighington, passed away peacefully on 27th June, aged 52 years. Much loved partner of Bryan; dearly loved Daughter of Jean; loving Mother of Kelly and Richard and a proud Grandma to Kian. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 9th July at 10.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired to Leukemia Research UK. Rest in peace with Stan and Wayne.

PETER WHITE Died, age 71 on 29th June. Husband of Jean; Father of Andrew and Kim; Brother of John. Funeral details to be confirmed

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In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xx

PAUL CLARK

Died 8th July 2009

Still hard to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles, I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. I will think of you forever, because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife, Carole xx

It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside. It's hard to walk the road alone without you by our side. There will always be heartache and an occasional silent tear. But always beautiful memories of the Dad we loved so dear. Thank you for the years we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared. You never asked for much in life, your heart was always true. You simply lived for those you loved and we will always love you. Your loving Sons, Adam and Matthew xx

In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xx

Paul Clark

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Life long memories of my very dear friend Paul.

Always in my thoughts, never forgotten.

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Happy 21st Birthday
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HARRY LEE Happy 2nd birthday to our little man, Haribo. Love you, Mammy and Daddy xxx

HARRY LEE Happy birthday little bro. I love you. Love, Eva xxx

HARRY LEE Happy 2nd birthday. Have a happy Minions Party. Love and kisses, Grandma and Grandad xxx

HARRY LEE Happy 2nd birthday. Love you, Great Gran xxx

HARRY LEE Happy birthday Harry. Love, Auntie Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxx

HARRY LEE Happy 2nd birthday Harry. Lots of love, Auntie Karen, Uncle Matt, Cheese and Choo Choo xxx

DAN HODGSON Happy 18th birthday. Love you loads. Grandad and Grandma, Auntie Lesley and Steve xxxx

TO MY WORLD Jackie, 40 today. If it weren't for you I don't know where I would be. The big 40. Happy birthday my love. Love you always, Rob.

HAPPY birthday to our Mam, 40 today. We love you to bits. Loads of hugs and kisses, love from Natalie, Brandon, Lillie and Bump

STEPHEN MORRELL Happy 50th birthday. Love, Shaun

STEPHEN MORRELL Happy 50th. Jule and Les

STEPHEN MORRELL Happy 50th birthday Grandad. Love from Lilley Mai, Harmony, Casey and Connor

STEPHEN MORRELL Happy 50th birthday Dad. Love from Heidi, Mark, Sam, Scott, Cameron, Kirsty, Backy and Kyle

LEIGH-ANN WATKINS 7th July 2015. Happy 21st birthday to our gorgeous Granddaughter. Have a great holiday in Tenerife . . . Also congratulations on your Graduation on 17th July. We are soo proud of you. Nan and Grandad xxxxx

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Newton News reader Nick Martin took this aerial shot of St. Andrew's Church in Aycliffe Village for our Readers Photo section. If you have a special photo you wish to share send it by e-mail to: syd@newtonnews.co.uk



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Under 10's Team of the Year



Newton Aycliffe Juniors Under 10's side began their year in this age group with the TJFA side in a pre-season 5 a-side tournament at Alun Armstrong Sports Centre last weekend. The Russell Foster league side began their season on the same day in Division 6. The whole squad were crowned NAJFC team of the year at last week's club presentation after winning a treble of trophies as Under 9's and the Russell Foster league side being promoted 4 divisions.

At the 5-a-side event the competition came in the shape of 2 sides each from Darlington All Stars and Spraire Lads alongside Leven and the host team from Alun Armstrong Sports Centre (AASC). With Harry and Aaron unavailable it was a 7 strong squad of Thomas, Chloe, Jake, Charlie, Jacob, Lucas and Zack who started off against each of the All Stars teams. Their form was impressive as they chalked up wins of 3-1 and 13-0 respectively. The team's scoring was stemmed a little as the next two games were drawn 2-2 against Spraire Lads and Leven. The group stage was then wrapped up with impressive wins against the second Spraire Lads side (13-0) and finally AASC (9-1). The group stage ending with a total 42 goals scored and only 6 conceded.

Into the knock out stage it was the much improved hosts who pushed our squad all the way in the semi which ended 5-4 to Aycliffe and set up a final against Leven. Both Leven and Aycliffe had looked impressive all day, but in the final the whole Aycliffe squad gelled superbly and they ran away with a 6-0 win playing some truly wonderful football. Goals were scored by Lucas, Jacob (2), Charlie, Jake and Zack.

Big thanks to our hosts at the Alun Armstrong Sports Centre for a great event and a huge well done to the team and coaches - a great start to life as Under 10's! The Under 10 Russell Foster side played 2 games at Monkton Stadium in Jarrow, with mixed results. The first match featured Dom, Oli, Sam, Evan, Taylor, Ted and Bo as captain (Matty & Branton coming off the bench), and saw Aycliffe run out as 5-1 winners over Hetton Lyons, a game they dominated throughout. Goals came from Evan and Matty along with a hat-trick from Bo and great play from the whole team leading to victory in the season opener. Players man of the match was awarded to Matty, with the parents giving their award to Sam.

The second game was a close affair, against a dogged Durham County Athletic side. With the side lining up

with Dom, Oli, Sam, Evan, Taylor, Branton and Matty as captain (Bo & Ted appearing as subs). They soon took the lead with an opportunistic strike from Taylor, before falling behind 2-1 early in the second half.

Bo forced an equaliser with 5 minutes to go following a mix up in defence, and just as the game was seemingly heading for a draw, Durham struck a late winner with a cruel deflection past Dom in goal. Both players and parents awarded man of the match to Taylor. Overall, a solid start to a higher division, in difficult, warm conditions - well done to everyone!

If you want to get involved with this amazing squad training re-starts at Sunnydale on Thursday's 5.45 -7pm from the 23rd July, with the first six weeks back to be led by the FA Skills coaching team.

Other NAJFC sides back in action soon are the Under 7's who re-commence training from Monday 6th July 6-7pm, just come along or contact Brett Lambert on 07903 718088. Our Under 18's are having open trials on the 5th and 12th July from 12-2pm, if interested come along or contact Joe Petrozcy on 07798 680235 - all sessions are at Sunnydale Leisure Centre and all new players are very welcome.



Woodham Warriors Rule the North!



On Saturday, 20th June, Woodham Academy's American Football team were crowned the Northern Conference champions after completing a wonderful undefeated season. Woodham had just 2 games to play at home to complete the perfect season. The two teams that stood in their way were the Leeds Assassins and the Pennine Panthers. Pennine, who defeated Woodham last year to qualify for the National Finals, were unable to recreate such a result. Woodham's offensive dominance saw them cruise to a 24-0 score line during the first half. After a few shaky moments around half time the Warriors again found their stride to power to a 50-20 victory with a wonderful second half display led by Alex Coatsworth, thus securing the Conference championship. Woodham were not finished there. Wanting to remain undefeated they took on Leeds, a team that Woodham had played twice before this season. Leeds were buoyant after a close fought victory against Pennine earlier in the day and came out fighting. The Warriors took a slender 14-13 lead into half time. Led by Quarter Back, Thomas Gallagher, and Running Back, James Rawe, Woodham saw their dream of an undefeated season come to fruition. They sealed their victory when Captain Callum Clasper intercepted the Leeds Quarter back to score the final points of the season. Woodham ran out a 35-19 victory.

Head Coach Danny Ketch said "All season long we have worked exceptionally hard to be able to win a very tough conference, playing teams from Newcastle all the way to Leicester. It really has been a great achievement for these players. They have worked incredibly hard to become the Northern Champions." Danny pointed to club captain Callum Clasper as a catalyst for the team's success this season. Callum commented on the team's fantastic run "It has been a wonderful team to play with. We have all backed each

other and fought hard to be undefeated. We will now work even harder in preparation for National Finals."

Woodham now look forward to playing against the 7 other best teams from around Great Britain in the National Finals, to be played on September 12th in Doncaster. The four times national runners up will be looking to go one step further this year.

Aycliffe 3k Winners



Local lads Cameron Stainsby and Adam Ord who run for Durham City Harriers with their Coach George Reid. Cameron won the Aycliffe 3k for the 2nd year in a row. Both boys were running on Sunday in the North East Youth Development League in Darlington. 15yr old Cameron was the U17 800m winner with a Personal Best time for the 3rd time in a row.

Adam gained the U13 League record with an easy win in the 800m. George also coaches Harrison Daglish.

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