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on Thursday, a live acoustic music night at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club. The Festival gets into full swing at the weekend with many events right through to Saturday evening and the picnic in the park and thanksgiving service on Sunday. For a full list of events, see the Council's website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or the pull out leaflet in last week's Newton News Extra. The organisers of the events deserve a great big thank you for all their hard work to make the very first Festival one to remember.

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# Gym's Fundraiser Provides Cash for Kids Sessions

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# Aycliffe Festival Events Need to be Planned

Dear Sir, Aycliffe Festival is in full swing and the idea of it is so right - by the people, for the people. Unfortunately whilst there are a lot of people living in and around the town to make it work we need a greater participation in the events. I am sure a great deal of effort has been put into all events but with probably 50 stalls at the Community Fair at the Leisure Centre on Saturday and a good number of outstanding acts of

entertainment, it is a shame it wasn't better attended. Was it because there were too many events on last Saturday? If the Town Council schedules the same event next year perhaps they might consider a separate day just for this big Indoor Community Fair? Let's also consider going back to Great Aycliffe Show and forget about the expense of arena activities, making it a community event for local organisations and charities. Joan Clark

# Labour Leader Should be Anti-Austerity

Dear Editor, I am very disappointed and concerned to hear that, given Liz Kendall's neo-Liberal and pro austerity rhetoric, our MP Phil Wilson is backing her in the Labour leadership election.

In the next five years thousands of vulnerable people will be suffering and dying directly due to the ideology of austerity which is being used as an excuse to continue to dismantle our NHS, welfare safety net and human rights, purely to profit a minority.

We need an effective and united opposition to this regime, which will promote the modern and progressive anti-austerity agenda and fight to save our NHS and protect the poorest, sick and most vulnerable.

There is only one candidate that has the moral principles and grassroots experience, is anti-austerity and is willing to work with other anti-austerity parties, and that is Jeremy Corbyn.

The Labour executive has ignored its grassroots members for too long, cutting itself off from these roots and then wondering why it bore no fruit at the last election. I plead with Labour members and supporters to vote for Jeremy, (you can become a supporter for £3 to get a vote) and not only save the Labour

Party from further decline into Tory lite, for private profit, neo-Liberal thinking, but to give working people a real voice in Parliament against the horror of further Tory cuts. Miss K Beetham.

**TOWN COUNCIL WEST WARD BY ELECTION Thursday 23rd JULY**



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Gary has lived in the West Ward for 16 years, he owns successful retail and property businesses in the area, and is Aycliffe's longest serving pub landlord.

Renowned for his community spirit, raising in excess of £15,000 for local and national charities and organisations over the last 10 years. Beneficiaries include Darlington Women's Refuge, Kay's Hill Animal Sanctuary, Help For Heroes, Children's Cancer Charities & many more.

He is probably best known for organising the Annual Christmas Toy Run, supplying Bishop Auckland Women's Refuge with 100's of toys, providing white goods for the centre and hosting a free Christmas Party for the staff and residents at his pub "The Turbinia".

He decided to stand for election as an Independent, because he wants to influence decisions based on what the electorate wants. If elected Gary will actively represent the ward at Council Meetings and attend local P.A.C.T. sessions.

Because of time constraints it is impossible to canvass 3000+ houses before the election, but if anyone wants to contact him, phone 07977 390655 or call in the pub any day after 1pm when he will be happy to discuss local matters in person.

## The Royal British Legion

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**Saturday 11th July - "WitchKraft"**

REVIEW: "First appearance this year for old favourites WitchKraft saw them playing with last minute drummer Mick Kerrigan (ex Force and currently bashing the skins for Blitzkreig). The band played a solid two hours, eventually coming off as the witching hour approached - sort of appropriate really. True to form, it was a different set from what we've had in the past but the good crowd still sang along and had a great evening. We hadn't met Ray, their new Darrass Hall bassist either but he fitted in a treat and knocked out a canny rendition of 'Mr Big' which I've seen 'Free' tribute bands make a mess of. Up front and central Mick belted out the vocals with humour and aplomb whilst Mal dazzled us with his dexterity on the fretboard. As always, an excellent show and we look forward to their return next year."

**Saturday 18th July - "Rock Solid"**

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## Big BRASS BAND Bash Town's 89 Year Old Adventuress Dies

The warm-up to BRASS 2015 begins next week with the Big BRASS Bash, a series of free outdoor music extravaganzas. Aimed at audiences of all ages, the event will tour Durham over five nights, bringing fantastic live music and entertainment to the following five locations:

- Blackhill and Consett Park**  
Monday, 13 July
- Timothy Hackworth Park, Shildon** – Tuesday, 14 July
- Trimdon Community College Association, Trimdon Village**  
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- North Terrace, Seaham**  
Thursday, 16 July
- Jubilee Park, Spennymoor**  
Friday, 17 July

The tour will prepare the way for the main BRASS festival, an annual celebration of the county's musical culture and tradition developed and delivered by Durham County Council.

Six-piece BRASS favourites New York Brass Band will visit schools each morning to perform and host workshops for pupils. On the afternoon, the band and pupils will be joined by Leeds-based Hope and Social to attempt to write a song about the local area.

The evenings will see them perform in each of the five parks – shows that audiences are sure to remember for a very long time. Both bands will also be making an appearance at the festival's Alternative BRASS event on Saturday, 18 July in Durham

City, where they should have a full set of new songs to perform following their tour. Completing the Big BRASS Bash line-up are boundary-pushing Italian street band Bandakadabra and French street band Les Traine-Savates, who will undoubtedly bring some extra funk to the party.

The final night of the tour in Spennymoor will also see appearances by Land Of The Giants, who are sure to get crowds jumping with their raucous, feel-good show, and German Trombone Vibration, who combine charming trombones, a fancy rhythm section and a lot of humour. Michael Eavis, founder Hope & Social, said: "We're hoping a ball working with New York Brass Band and can't wait to unveil what we've got planned for the

Big BRASS Bash tour. We're looking forward to hitting the road and getting everyone in Durham partying in anticipation for BRASS.

Kate James, Durham County Council's festival and events manager, said: "Big BRASS Bash is a high-energy highlight of BRASS and a great way to get into the festival spirit. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to take these incredibly talented bands from the UK and beyond and bring them to towns and villages in Durham that wouldn't ordinarily have such events on their doorstep. "We can't wait to see what Hope & Social and New York Brass Band have in store for us." All Big BRASS Bash events are free to attend. For more information, visit [www.brassfestival.co.uk/](http://www.brassfestival.co.uk/) bigbrassbash

POPULAR pensioner 89-year-old Audrey Humble from Bewick Crescent died peacefully at home after a battle against cancer. Her funeral, held at St Clare's Church, was packed with mourners who heard Rev. Debbie give a full eulogy of a life well-lived.

Audrey was born in 1926 in Stanley Pit, near Crook, the sixth child of Isaac Pinkney, a coal miner. She would have a further three siblings, two of whom also lived in Newton Aycliffe. Audrey worked as a bus conductress in Weardale where she met her husband, Alec from Wolsingham. The couple, who married in 1948, had two sons, John and Peter. Audrey was infamous in the town, regularly to be seen riding her bicycle almost to the end of her life. She



was a prolific line-dancer, attending weekly sessions held at the British Legion. For her 80th birthday, she endured a tandem sky-dive and a year later, she was swimming and diving with dolphins. At 83, she was banned from driving after a trial for dangerous driving but 18 months later, she passed another driving test with flying colours and was back on the road.

The former Psychiatric Nursing Sister who worked at Aycliffe Hospital and then in the community, lived her life to the full, including regularly riding pillion on the bike of a Harley Davison motorcycle!

Audrey Humble was selfless, fearless and glamorous to the last and will be sorely missed by her family and

many friends. She left four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren as well as her two sons.

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## Mayor Opens STEM Day



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton, opened the Full STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Ahead day, held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Many local organisations, businesses and colleges supported the event with most primary schools in

Aycliffe attending. The children had the opportunity to test their skills and try out some of the 'sciency stuff'. Aycliffe Youth Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to thank all the exhibitors for their support for this very successful event.

## TWO VACANCIES ON GAMP BOARD

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) currently have two vacancies on the GAMP Board within the public representative sector. This is an exciting opportunity for residents from Great Aycliffe and Middridge area who have a keen interest in the local community to join a dynamic and proactive Board, who have successfully delivered a number of projects throughout the Great Aycliffe & Middridge area since our formation in June 2009.

The role itself is not onerous; in terms of time commitments, there is a requirement to attend a Board meeting every two months, and preferably to have input to at least one of our Task & Finish Groups if you can, but really it's about sharing your valuable local knowledge and being passionate about your community – helping to make a difference in our area.

To become a Public Representative on the GAMP Board you must: live, work, volunteer or be educated within the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area and must be over the age of 16.

Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "The work of the partnership is driven by the support and enthusiasm of the Board. The two vacancies represent a good opportunity for someone to become directly involved and make a difference in our local community."

If you're interested in applying, please contact the office for a full application pack: Email: [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk) or phone: 327441. The closing date for applications is 5pm, Monday 17th August 2015. Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), was set up in 2009 with local stakeholders and funded by Durham County Council.

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# Woodham Academy Presentations Students Win Gestamp Apprenticeship



Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield held Woodham Sports Academy presentation evening on Monday 29th June. The night is a celebration of students' achievement and rewards their hard work and dedication. Paralympic athlete, Stephen Miller, was the keynote speaker. He inspired every person in the room with his enthusiasm for sport and his determination to succeed. His speech was applauded with a standing ovation.

The awards were as follows:-

Woodham Sports Academy Individual Achievement Award  
Winner: Ben Stephenson

Ben has enjoyed another successful year in the pool this year. He has represented the North East of England Water Polo squad in U14, 16 and 18 age groups and is the first player to have represented all three age groups. In the U14 tournament Ben was voted the most valuable player. As a result of his outstanding displays he has attended Great Britain training camps in Croatia and Spain. In August Ben will attend the National Water Polo academy in Somerset as part of the U14 GB squad.

Woodham Sports Academy Recognition of the Year Award  
Winner: Hana Stephen

Hana is someone who consistently performs to the highest standard without any hesitation. She is a very quiet member of the Dance and Leadership Academy, but has a major influence of the others around her. Her leadership skills and qualities set her apart and she is a fantastic role model for the younger students. Hana not only impresses members of staff but students too, as she was handpicked to take part in the recent GCSE dance moderation, performing in a routine that went towards another student's final GCSE grade. Hana is a key member of the leadership academy and assists Mrs Hall with the delivery of extra-curricular netball to KS3 students.

Woodham Sports Academy Team of the Year  
Winner: Woodham Dance Academy

The Dance Academy has had a very successful year. They have showcased their talent at many different events including the second Dance Academy showcase evening at school. The Dance academy's first performance of the year was at the school Christmas concert. In March however, the girls had the opportunity to go to perform at the Great Big Dance Off in Newcastle, where both teams qualified for the national finals in Birmingham. The Dance Academy performed at the Feet First Dance Showcase at the Gala theatre, which was a fantastic opportunity.

Woodham Sports Academy Young Sports Performer of the Year Award - Winner: Dylan Lewis

Dylan has improved significantly over the course of the season.

His performances at the end of last season meant he was given an opportunity by Newcastle United to be a key component of their defence, having previously been recognised as a forward thinking player. Over the course of the season he has learned more about the defensive side of the game, improving discipline and developing his organisational and leadership skills to help players around him. Particular highlights included the Premier League Truce Cup, held in Ypres, Belgium in November. The tournament saw Newcastle play Southampton, Stoke, QPR, Liverpool, Leicester and Burnley. Dylan's performances saw him named the Newcastle United player of the tournament and the Club rewarded him with a VIP invitation to the Premier League game at St James Park vs QPR. He was also selected to represent NUFC in the futsal tournament for u13s (as an u12) against Sao Paulo, Porto and Lyon. His performances over the season have been rewarded with the offer of a new 2 year contract at Newcastle. Off the field, he has been lucky enough to meet Paul Gascoigne and David Beckham.

Tony Blair Sports Foundation Leader of the Year Award  
Winner: Keera West

Keera is someone who had embraced the Sports Academy since its development in 2012. She is a key member of both Dance and Gymnastics Academies and has taken a lead role this year in assisting Miss Minervini with the girls and boys' Gymnastics Academies. Her help and knowledge has made her a fantastic role model for our younger students. Not only does she offer so much to Woodham Sports Academy, she gives up her time and volunteers at the British Red Cross and does so most weekends. She is going to be sorely missed at Woodham, however it is hoped that she will come back in and assist with the delivery of the gymnastics academy during her time at College. Keera has been a true inspiration throughout her involvement in Woodham Sports Academy.

In recognition of the partnership with the Tony Blair Sports Foundation, Tony Blair himself delivered the citation for Keera.

Woodham Sports Academy Performer of the Year Award  
Winner: Caitlin Roberts

Caitlin has been an integral member of the Dance Academy since it began 3 years ago. She has been actively involved in the choreography of many dances and has led several of the dance academy sessions. Caitlin encourages others and works well and often adds the finishing touches to add a bit of sparkle to their performances. Along with Victoria Archer, she choreographed the piece based on a dark fairytale which was the winning dance in the north east heat of the Great Big Dance Off. Several of the judges came down to congratulate the girls on their excellent choreography at the end of the event. Caitlin has also been selected to go to Camp Cody this year due to her commitment and dedication to working with younger students. Caitlin is a role model to younger students in the sports academy however she also motivates students on her own age. Caitlin has performed exceptionally throughout the year, especially at the Woodham Academy Dance Showcase, The Feet First Dance Showcase and Great Big Dance Off. The Mark Bulman Award

Winner: Aaron Busby

This award is in memory of former student Mark Bulman. It recognises what he did for Woodham Sport and symbolizes everything students in the Sports Academy aspire to. Through hard work, resilience, a positive mind-set and fight you can achieve anything in life, no matter how hard it becomes.

The winner of this award, Aaron Busby, epitomises everything the award stands for. During his time at Woodham Academy, Aaron has grasped every opportunity available and has done so with a smile and positive attitude.

Woodham Sports Academy would like to congratulate all athletes on a tremendous year.

Woodham Academy has been working with Gestamp Tallent for the fifth consecutive year to support recruitment of more apprentices to its international engineering and manufacturing company. Students have had the opportunity to work with a real life employer in a 'Lord Sugar-style' challenge. Over a five week period students competed in a range of challenges linked with business, which were judged on a weekly basis by representatives from the company.

Students then visited the plant and completed a further series of interview tasks. The company has again been delighted with the quality of the students and has decided to offer three full apprenticeships. The successful candidates were Alex Coatsworth, Kearen Burke and Jack Howarth. The apprentice opportunities offer students the ability to carry on studying in the workplace, whilst also having the option to continue

studying up to and beyond degree level. Out of the three students Alex Coatsworth, pictured below, received the annual Apprentice Trophy from Mr Groves, at the school's annual prom. Alex was applauded by Gestamp, and identified as the overall outstanding individual involved in the process.



Deputy Headteacher Jonathan Lumb said "This is another amazing opportunity for Woodham Academy students to gain employment with an international company. It is testimony to the calibre of students that we are producing that Gestamp Tallent have offered three apprenticeships. I am sure the students are going to go on and be very successful

working with Gestamp Tallent. We wish all three of the students, who have been successful with this challenge, the best of luck for the future."

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**Paul Symons**

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Paul Symons is the UKIP candidate in the Town Council By-Election.

He is 36 years old a father to four children from the ages of 2 to 16 years with 2 grown up step children. He has lived in the west ward for 5 years until recently.

He works at Durham Tees Valley Airport (Teesside Airport) as an aviation security officer. Paul is a qualified close protection officer and dog handler. He is a very friendly and approachable person able and willing to be there for the people and families of the ward and Newton Aycliffe to resolve day to day issues.

Paul said "I am not afraid to voice my opinion and promise to attend every council meeting, unlike other members so my seat is not wasted will attend PACT meetings to help and work within the community".

**AGM Change**

The date of the AGM of the Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch has changed to FRIDAY 24th JULY at 2pm. Please phone; 01325 3008094 for further details.

**Aycliffe Company Expands into Leisure Industry**

**Gym, Coffee Shop, Sunbeds on Business Park**



Left to right: Drew Ritchie, Paul Kemp, Scott Donley, Carly Tebble, Ryan Stainsby, Barbara Vowles and Sammy-Jo Pearson-Scanlon. Centre front weightlifting is Glenn Wilson.

EHL UK was formed in 1993 and has grown year on year. The company has been looking for some time for new premises in the North East and it was key to stay on the Aycliffe Business Park due to staff living in and around Newton Aycliffe who are long term loyal employees and only right to support them.

When The Oaks Centre came on the market it fitted in with their expansion plans and EHL UK are investing heavily in refurbishing the building to provide a modern recreational facility for Aycliffe.

When purchasing the site, a leisure area fitted in with EHL's plans so a specialist Siesta Coffee Shop as a meeting hub is being provided. There is no kind of amenity on the business park which offers space for sales meetings, and people passing the site daily can take advantage of stopping for a coffee with only a short walk from their

vehicle.

The company is also seeking planning permission for the next phase and the possibility of a "drive through" amenity on their spacious site.

EHL has always wanted to bring a new type of Gym to Aycliffe and the site lends itself to further leisure activities within the grounds. The gym is not like most cardio gymnasiums and the "Be Inspired Gym" is more for professional body builders and beginners in this area of training, with diet foods, proteins and supplements also available. The Gym will have a protein bar, relaxation lounge, walk in sunbed area and will be offering spectacular equipment from Hammerstrength, Watsons, Startrac and Life Fitness, Life Rowers and Pulse. Watson's equipment is exclusive to Be Inspired Gyms.

EHLUK are delivering a fantastic hub for all to use in the heart of the Business Park which all are welcome to visit and use. Glen and Mac who have 40 years experience between them in personal training are ready to greet everyone from beginners to professionals, both ladies and gents. The opening is 27th July and Phil Wilson will be attending the official grand opening on the 31st July.

EHL UK provides Commercial & Industrial Building services. Their head office is at Leaside with branches in Midlothian and Halifax. The company offers site services including Pipeworks, Controls, Heating, Boiler Inspections, Re-tubing, Steam, Gas and Heating and Dairy Pipe works, Electrical Lighting, Monitored Access, Alarms, CCTV & Controls, Air Conditioning, Fridges, Bar Coolers, Cellar Cooling, Ventilation, and Heat Recovery, serving Commercial Kitchens, Caterers, Offices, Outlets, Schools, Shops & Factories.

**EVENING OF POETRY**

St Clare's Church is holding another evening of poetry reading on Saturday 18th July at 7pm. On this occasion it will be a very simple do, just sitting around reading poetry IF YOU WISH TO otherwise you can sit and listen to a real good mix of poetry, old and new, funny and sad, modern and classic.

Everything from Pam Ayres, Carol Ann Duffy and Spike Milligan to the war poets, the work of local poets and the greats such as Rossetti, Byron and Wordsworth. The evenings are always good fun, never dry, and anyone who enjoys poetry is most welcome to join us.

Books of poetry aplenty will be available if you would like to find poetry to read or browse through.

This will be a very simple evening, bring your own wine or whatever and food; tea and coffee will be served. The price for a lovely evening's entertainment is £4, £1 for children, and proceeds go to church funds. For further details please ring Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755

**ROBOTS AT VANE ROAD**



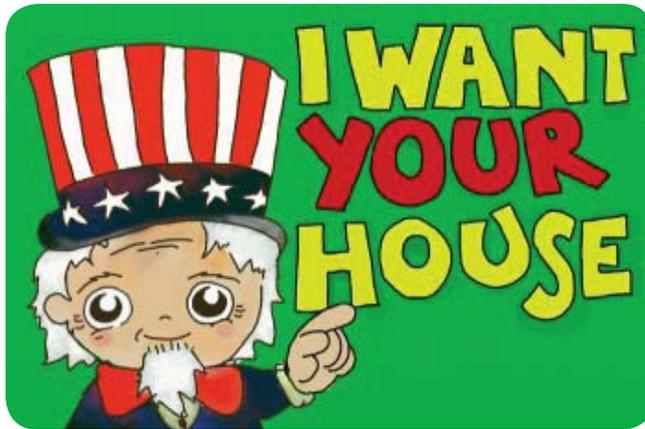
On Wednesday 1st July Year 6 pupils from Vane Road Primary welcomed very special visitors to their classroom. John Findlay, director of Roaming Robots, arrived with his robot Matilda. The children spent the morning with John, an original crew member from the TV programme Robot Wars, designing and building their own robots before challenging each other to a thrilling battle to determine whose design proved to be the most powerful.

Inspiration was gleaned from John's original robots, Matilda, Splinter and Ripper but the children's imagination ran rampant as they engaged in this Science and Design Technology topic based challenge. Head of Curriculum, Mrs Costello was delighted by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by everyone and all agreed that it had been an exciting, creative and scientifically productive experience.

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# Rotary Club Community Fair Picture Parade



Opening the Community Fair left to right: Organiser Roger Curtis, Chairman County Council, Jan Blakey with consort husband, Rotary President Denese Cartwright, Town Mayor Mary Dalton and County Councillor Sarah Iveson

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Rotary President Denese Cartwright with Rtn. Roger Curtis present the prize for the best stall to SSAFA



The fair provided over 50 stalls with live entertainment in the arena bringing the community together to kick start the Great Aycliffe Festival. The Rotary Club organisers put in a lot of hard work to put this event on free to the town. In the past the fair attracted more people, but having too many activities over the period and on the day itself reduced the turnout, bringing some doubt as to whether it can be repeated each year. For this event to be worthwhile it will need to be the only attraction and hopefully the Town Council in planning the Festival next year will bear this in mind. A lot will be learnt from this first year and attendance at events has to be a consideration.

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# GAMP Fund Cancer Group WOODHAM ACADEMY'S BUSINESS MAGNATES



A support group which helps people affected by cancer including their relatives and carers is celebrating securing funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group was set up by Allison White in 2014 and now has more than 20 members. The group meets every month at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre and is also open to people from surrounding towns and villages, including Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, Shildon and Darlington. As well as arranging guest speakers and access to relevant information, the group also enjoy pamper sessions, lunch outings and day trips. Funding has recently been

secured through GAMP's Community Grant Fund to help the group cover the cost of arranging day trips and activities for its members. Allison White, said; "Sometimes when people are diagnosed with cancer they can feel a sense of loneliness and isolation. Some of our members live alone and do not see anyone apart from a doctor, nurse or carer, so it can get very lonely for them." "By coming to groups like ours they can meet new people, socialise and help regain their confidence." The next meeting takes place at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, on Thursday 3rd September 6pm until 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be a representative from the British Red Cross, who will talk about their services in

the area. If you are interested in coming along to the group or just want further information, please contact Allison White on 07762258696.

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Woodham's time at the Future Business Magnates has come to an end! On Thursday 29th June the contestants went to Thorn Lighting to compete in the final challenge of the competition. The challenge included a presentation by all eight pupils on every aspect of their business and their product. The students gave a very enthusiastic and professional performance which was commented on by the judges. They also included a prototype of their product: a stair light for during a black out marketed predominantly towards the elderly. Woodham, and the students

alike are eagerly awaiting the results of this challenge as their preparation and teamwork led to a presentation even the most able public speaker would have been proud to have led. The sponsors from Hitachi, based on Newton Aycliffe Business Park, were equally impressed with their performance noting that the competition has developed the students' creative and professional skills in a positive way and they were thrilled with the final presentation. The students celebrated their efforts at the final presentation event on Friday 3rd July at a special presentation evening held at the Xcel Centre.



## School Dinner Time Won't be the Same



Two Lunchtime Supervisors, June Davison and Maureen Littlefare retire from Sugar Hill School after 50 years service between them. Over the years they have watched over children, plastering hundreds of scraped knees and umpteen bumped heads. Dinner time won't be the same again and they will be missed by everyone. The staff and students at the school wish them good luck and hope they achieve everything they have planned for in their retirement.

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# ROTARIANS ON C2C CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

Members of Durham County Council's Bike-4-Life cycling scheme completed the "Coast to Coast" cycle ride from Whitehaven to Roker, Sunderland from 7th-9th July.

Initially this three day event was to be the personal challenge of two Aycliffe Rotarians Bob Stevenson and Barry Knevtv who regularly cycle from the Pioneering Care Centre.

The numbers increased when others from around the area were keen to take part in the challenge. It was then decided they would make this an opportunity to raise money for their personal charities including the Cardiac MRI Scanner Appeal for James Cook University Hospital and the recent Nepal Disaster Appeal. The Aycliffe pair are left of the photo standing and kneeling down.



## AYCLIFFE RECRUITMENT AGENCY EXPANDS



DH Recruitment managing director Lisa Fleming with new business development manager Rob Binnie.

An ambitious new recruitment agency has been set-up specifically to tackle the skills shortages in engineering and manufacturing.

Durham County Council entrepreneur Lisa Fleming has launched DH Recruitment, which is part of the successful Driver Hire Darlington franchise she started in 2011. She has appointed expert Rob Binnie as business development manager, who joined her Newton Aycliffe-based team from Intertek. Lisa is growing her franchise, and on target to hit £500,000 turnover at the end of July and will create up to three new posts. Rob, a former HGV mechanic and tool-maker from London, spent the last 25 years specialising in technical recruitment for Intertek. He says his knowledge of the industry gives him an

edge. "It gives me a big advantage when I'm talking to businesses because I understand their needs and the skills they require," said Rob.

"It's about having the ability to spot the difference between those who can and can't do the job, and making sure you know the candidates know what they're talking about. "Not only do I understand the industry, but I also have almost 4,000 technical people on my database, so I'd like to think I can put my hand on any kind of candidate and help firms looking to fill both temporary and permanent roles."

Managing Director Lisa Fleming bought Driver Hire's DL franchise in 2011, started out as a sole business with a small army of drivers and with an annual turnover of £220,000 in 2011 which rose to £240,000 in 2012 and then more than £300,000 at the end of 2013.

Now Driver Hire Darlington, based in Carlton House at the HUB Workspace on Aycliffe Business Park, has more than 100 drivers on the books and supplies them to around 30 clients in the DL area.

"DH Recruitment allows us to specialise in other sectors," said Lisa. "So we're looking at all areas of business, including engineering and manufacturing, to assist businesses with all of their recruitment needs. We're well aware of the skills shortages that exist in the area and we want to help firms. We're hoping DH Recruitment will be just as

successful as Driver Hire, and the aim is to put another 50% growth on the business over the next 12 months." DH Recruitment are offering a special introductory deal of just 10% to all new clients for the next two months. To contact Rob, call him on 01325 314887 or email darlington@dhrecruitment.co.uk



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# Is Aycliffe Part of Durham County Council?

Once again I take issue with a County Council booklet currently being distributed to every home in the county. I scoured the 48 page "Summer Fun" publication to find only one reference to Newton Aycliffe and that was the Council run Leisure Centre advertising swimming in just a short paragraph. This short message was grouped with Shildon activities while places like Durham City, Chester-le-Street and the Dales got great coverage. And this comes at a time when Aycliffe is holding a 12 day Festival with all sorts of activities taking place. It appears from the booklet that Aycliffe does nothing, yet it is a vibrant place offering numerous events of interest to all ages. Perched on the edge of Durham County Council's boundary it has often been mentioned that we would

have been better off linking with Darlington Borough when Sedgfield Borough was abolished in favour of a Unitary Authority. The County Council do remember we are here whenever there is an industrial boost like Hitachi opening or some other major development on our Business Park, but other than that we have little to do with County Hall. They would certainly be financially bereft without the rates they receive from us, sporting the biggest industrial area and probably the largest populated area in the county. It is time our town was given the recognition it deserves- we should have a cabinet member to ensure we are not forgotten and whoever produces future publications should be reminded to give fair coverage to the whole county - to omit Newton Aycliffe is insulting!

# £1.1m Spent Covering Former Munitions Factory

## New Leisure Facility for Aycliffe

One of Aycliffe's former World War II munitions factories will spring back to life this summer when it re-opens as a £1.1m mixed leisure facility.

The former Presswork Metals factory, which built in the early 1940s to build bombs and bullets for the war effort, has stood empty for over six years.

The site, renamed "ROF 59" - (Royal Ordnance Factory 59), its original name is due to open with a range of family activities on offer, creating 20 new jobs.

Aycliffe construction firm Finley Structures acquired the factory on Durham Way South two years ago and £750,000 has been spent on a new steel frame for the 70,000 square foot premises. A further £400,000 has been spent fitting out the new building, which will include a restaurant, aptly named The Blitz, and a bar/lounge called The Bunker.

It will also include a huge activity centre, featuring one of the biggest climbing walls in the country, 20 metres tall, which will be managed by local firm Rockantics.

New staff took up their roles this week, including a chef, restaurant/bar manager, restaurant supervisor, bar supervisor, and reception supervisor along with three receptionists and two team leaders for the activity centre. It's hoped ROF 59 will be



open to the public sometime in July. "We're working around the clock to get everything finished and open" said Finley Structures managing

director Julie Finley. "It will be a fantastic facility once completed. We've spent a lot of time on attention to detail, making sure it will be a great experience for all the family. "We're delighted with the staff appointments made but we're still recruiting and should all be in place in the next two weeks."

The munitions factories in Aycliffe employed 17,000 workers, mostly women, during the war and was an extremely important part of the country's war effort. ROF 59 will include several items of 'Aycliffe Angels' memorabilia which will enable the town's proud history of the munitions-making factories to live on. Part of an old railway line, used to transport the munitions to the main railway line which was uncovered during foundation works, will also be featured including a model spitfire and archive photographs.

Julie Finley added: "We recognise the important historical significance of the factory and the Aycliffe Angels so we have deliberately retained much of the original brickwork and signage within the building. "Aycliffe Business Park probably wouldn't exist today without the Royal Ordnance Factories, and we feel it's important to preserve that heritage for many years to come."

Anyone who'd like more information about the jobs at ROF 59 can email p.hadwin@finleystructures.co.uk

# SSAFA's 130th Birthday



Brian Wilson with the Chairman of Durham County Council and President of the Rotary Club Denese Cartwright at the Fair

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 Rotary Club for organising the Community Fair, once again and delighted to be taking part in the Aycliffe Festival Launch, which gave us an opportunity to meet our friends and hopefully make new friends!

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 the 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.

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Finally, we would like to congratulate Newton News on their acquisition of BBC building and also thank them for their constant valuable service to the community, for which we are most grateful Brian Crawford Wilson Divisional Secretary

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# Under 11's Girls Team - Runners-up

The Under 11 girls travelled to their debut tournament at Darlington Spraire and all returned with well deserved runners-up trophies. The afternoon started with a tough group stage but goals from Faith, Brooke and Hattie and some great keeping from Alisha give us 2 wins, a draw

and a defeat which marched us to the semi-final. Boro Rangers, who had beat the girls 2-1 earlier were standing between them and a final. Aycliffe were quickly on top as Macy dominated the midfield and Ocean Tia was finding space out wide, then a trip on Hattie, up she stepped

and from 30 yards, beat the wall, the defence and the keeper to find the top corner, a wonder goal giving us a deserved lead. Boro Rangers now stepped up their game, but found it difficult to get passed a solid pairing of Emily and Chloe backed up by Faith who had now returned to her normal keeper position. Another goal was needed and it started with Macy who found Hattie out wide, she cut inside 2 defenders and hit an unstoppable shot into the bottom corner. Our final place was secure to take on local rivals Bishop Auckland Girls. The girls had to defend for long periods of the game and Keira and Neve gave their all stopping several attacks but every girl played their part. However the baggies proved too strong on the day to take the winners trophy.



# AYCLIFFE £10M UTC GETS GO AHEAD FOR 2016 OPENING

Planning permission has been granted to the new £10m University Technical College South Durham and building work will start in early September on Aycliffe Business Park. The UTC is being developed between partners the University of Sunderland, Hitachi Rail Europe and Gestamp Tallent Limited and will be funded by the Department for Education as a state funded but independent school. Chair of Trustees Professor Gary Holmes of the University of Sunderland, commented: "This is good news for us and a major milestone for the UTC. Contractors can now start work on site later this summer. "This landmark decision will allow us to realise our ambition to create an environment where students can thrive and develop the abilities that industry needs." A 12-month build will follow with the UTC due to open in September 2016. The UTC will be located on Long Tens Way, on the Aycliffe Business Park, close to Hitachi Rail Europe's new plant.

# Film Show

The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church, on Tuesday 14th July, will feature the 2014 film "The Imitation Game" based on the incredible true story of Alan Turing, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightly. Set in WW2, the British government enlist the help of a mathematician to crack the German Enigma encryption device. 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.

# Successful Sporting Year at Greenfield

On Tuesday 30th June, Greenfield Community College held its annual Sports Presentation Evening at the Aycliffe Campus. It was fantastic to see so many parents and families at school to support and celebrate the success of a school hall full of inspirational students. All students who attended received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield offer throughout the year. The sports included: football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, cross-country, rowing, basketball, wheelchair basketball, indoor athletics, girls football, rounders, trampolining, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball. The evening encapsulated a whole year of sporting success at Greenfield which has seen PE and Sport continue to thrive within the school. The first half of the ceremony presented opportunity to celebrate winners for personality, commitment, most improved, special achievement, team of the year, sports leaders, outstanding club performance and a dance award for outstanding commitment and performance. At the midway point of the evening a range of pupils were invited up onto stage for the infamous entertainment round, which was themed around a Question



of Sport. The students took part in the traditional Picture Round with a slight twist, where famous sports stars faces had been mixed in with Greenfield staff faces. The final round saw a student from each team lead and act out sporting phrases and actions in the charades round for their team to guess. At the end of the evening the two most prestigious awards were presented for Outstanding Performance in School Sport with Adam Ord winning the accolade for the boys and Courtne Mills for the girls. Congratulations to all students who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself, your families and your teachers proud. Award winners Sports Personality Male & Female - Max Hunter, Amber Dolby. Commitment to Sport Male & Female - Evan Plews, Charlotte Hugill. Most Improved Male & Female - Joe Hind, Sophie

Hayes. Special Achievement Award - Luis Longstaff, Team of the Year - Under 16 Netball Squad. Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female - Adam Ord, Courtne Mills. Sports Leader

Award Male & Female - Adam Scott, Samantha Clark. Dance Award for Outstanding Commitment and Performance - Emily Halford. Outstanding Club Performance - Connor Elston (Table Tennis)

# NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH FC U/13 GIRLS



The ever improving Under 13 Girls were a whisker away from breaking their tournament duck as they narrowly lost 1-0 to Cleveland Juniors at The Darlington Spraire Tournament held at Hummersknott Academy in Darlington. After topping the group stages with wins over Lumley, Boro Rangers, Spraire Lassies and a draw over our eventual conquerors, we headed to the semi-finals with a comfortable win over South Durham & Cestria Girls. The final, 7 minutes each way in very hot weather, was played brilliantly

by the girls only to be edged out by what can only be described as a 'fluke' of a goal. Where is goal line technology when you need it!! The agony was compounded in the last seconds - and as the girls' poured forward, Chloe slotted the ball through the keeper's legs only to see it strike the post. Not meant to be, but a chance comes again at Cleveland Juniors own Tournament in August. Well done to Courtney, Molly, Hallie, Lydia, Lucy, Lily, Chloe, Becky, Martha and Lottie.

# Aycliffe Squash Finals



Aycliffe Squash Club's finals night will take place at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Thursday 16th July. The men's and ladies' plate finals will commence at 7pm, and will be followed by the main championship finals at around 7.45pm. Spectators are most welcome.

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Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe I would like to thank all of those that took part in the Community Fair. Despite a number of difficulties caused by the renovation work in the Leisure Centre it was a successful event. Those who took part in the Arena Events were outstanding, especially the youngsters from Greenfield College, the Athena Gymnastics Club, The Nemesis All Stars Cheer Leaders and Caprice Roller Skating Club. I must also mention Davis Sanders who fascinated the children with his magical tricks, Zooky the Clown and last but not at all least the canine troupe from K9 Pursuits. All combined to keep visitors entertained and amazed by the talents shown. There were over 60 different and diverse organisations represented and from comments made to me it had been worthwhile day. Thank you to all who visited and for the support the Rotary Club received.  
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**Taxi Firm Sponsors Heighington Under 8's Aycliffe Junior Football Report**

Everyone connected with Heighington Under 8s would like to say a huge Thank you to our new sponsors SafeLine Taxis. We are a new team just about to enter our first league season in the TJFA league starting September. The boys have played numerous friendlies and Tournaments but had been wearing their training kits to do so. The Contribution from SafeLine Taxis has made the boys feel a real team in their new home and away kits, and they now look as good as they play. Manager

Dean Marcus said "We can't thank SafeLine enough, and there was no hesitation when we approached Tony and Chris Bennett who were more than happy to help. The kids are over the moon!" Tony Bennett, Co-owner of SafeLine said "We are delighted to sponsor Heighington Under 8's, as when Dean approached us, his enthusiasm was so infectious, we just wanted to help. When you see the pleasure the boys get from playing it makes it all very worthwhile."



SafeLine surprised the boys after training last week bringing "Clarence the Cab" to Heighington Parish Fields, much to the children's delight. They also gave out crisps and drinks for the children as well as a Clarence The Cab air

freshener for the Parents. We are now raring to go for the new season with our brand new Home and Away Kits and once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at SafeLine - the best Taxi company around!

Only one Aycliffe Juniors side was in action this weekend with the Under 10's continuing the early stages of their Russell Foster League season with a game against Jarrow FC Phythons.

The team started with Matty in goal, Oli, Sam, Evan, Taylor, Bronton and Bo starting in the outfield positions with Chloe, Isaac and Ted set to join the action later from the subs bench. NAJFC Started the match at a blistering pace, with Evan, Taylor and Bronton moving the ball very well between them from the kick off.

They created several early chances but were up against some good goalkeeping and Bo, Evan, Bronton, Taylor & Sam were all stopped from scoring. In defence Oli was breaking up the play with well-timed tackles, and moving the ball well to the wingers.

Matty had little to do in goal in the first period, he still had to concentrate and be quick to thwart Jarrow's quick breaks. Ted, Isaac and Chloe all came on, fitting straight into what was a high paced display. NAJFC's dominance was rewarded when a good passing move saw Bronton's shot blocked by a Jarrow defenders hand in the box, Sam driving the resulting penalty home to give NAJFC a 1-0 lead at half time.

Oli went in goal at half time with Matty moving up front. He soon took advantage of his move from keeper to striker expertly finishing an outstanding defence splitting pass from Taylor - 2-0 to NAJFC. With the game remaining quick, Bo managed to dive into a challenge, coming out with the ball, playing it to Bronton whose skilful run beat several players then a good pass found Taylor in the box, who calmly knocked the ball past the keeper into the bottom corner, giving NAJFC a commanding 3-0 lead. Chloe then moved up front and went close with an effort to extend the lead.

As the game was closing out, a good move from Jarrow saw their forward fouled, giving Jarrow a penalty - Oli got his hands to the effort, but there was just too much power to prevent it going in - Final Score - 3-1 to NAJFC. This weeks captain was Taylor who



awarded his man of the match award to Bronton whilst the parents man of the match was Taylor - well done boys! The first part of their Russell Foster season concludes on Saturday with a game against Jarrow FC Scorpions, before a derby friendly against NAYFC on Thursday 16th July!

If you want to get involved with the Under 10 squad, who also field a team in the TJFA league, then training re-starts at Sunnydale on Thursday's 5.45 -7pm from the 23rd July. The first six weeks back are to be

led by the FA Skills coaching team and all new players are very welcome.

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

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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store were well beaten by five wickets away at fast improving Whitby 2nd XI in the 2nd division of the NYSD. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe looked to have set the home side a challenging target as they reached 207 for 9 from their allotted 50 overs with John Cavanagh top scoring with 42, Luke Telford (40 runs) and Colin Myers (27 runs). In reply Michael Howe's 3 for 38 and Cavanagh's 2 for 61 were in vain as the homeside eased to victory after 45 overs.

The second team lost at home to second in the table Norton by 59 runs in the NYSD 3rd division. Asked to bat first, Norton piled on the runs scoring 214 for 6 declared after 44.2 overs, despite a couple of wickets each from both James Brown and Danny Weldon. In reply Aycliffe batted well with Ben Nicholson (sponsored by Unison) scoring an excellent 44 including seven boundaries and Adam Gittins (22 runs) getting the innings off to a good start at 57 for 1.

Danny Weldon continued the momentum smashing a quick fire 26, including a boundary and a huge six, but the target proved too great and despite some more big hitting late in the innings from John Wardle (17 runs) and an unbeaten 17 from James Skerrett, Aycliffe were dismissed for a respectable 155 after 42 overs.

The u18s were beaten at home to Bishop Auckland by 53 runs. The visitors totalled 146 for 5 in their 20 overs despite some good bowling from both Adam Lamb (2 for 22) and Sam Dobinson (2 for 33). In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 93 from 20 overs, with Arran Taylor and Dan Bowmer both scoring 15 and James Skerrett hitting 14.

The u15's team had an excellent 75 run away victory at Crook thanks to excellent half centuries from both Arran Taylor and Jack Lowery as the pair set a u15's club record for a second wicket partnership of 104. Bating first Aycliffe scored an impressive 138 for 3 in their 20 overs with Taylor retiring out for 51 and the same score for Lowery, which was his 3rd half century of the season. In reply Crook were restricted to 63 for 5 from their 20 overs.

The under 13's had a much improved all round performance away at Sedgfield, but still lost by 22 runs. The homeside scored 119 for 5 in their 20 overs, with Matty Greaves, Tom Cayless, Leo Mercy and Josh Weldon all taking one wicket. In reply, captain Lucas Pilling hit a brilliant 31 (retired) to get the innings off to a great start. Josh Weldon also batted well in his first game of the season scoring 16 and despite an excellent unbeaten 20 from Joe Bowsher at the end of the innings, Aycliffe fell just short scoring 97-5 in their 20 overs.

The u11's team lost away at Hartlepool but there were good individual performances with the bat from both Matty Greaves and Rob Hillman and Nathan Slater bowled well for Aycliffe.



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COUNCIL CONSULT ON CONTAMINATED LAND

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Durham County Council has launched an eight-week consultation on its revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. Agreed by Cabinet in October 2010, the current strategy, which the council is legally required to produce, is now due for renewal. The aim is to gather feedback on the updated strategy, which outlines how potentially contaminated land sites across the county will be identified, inspected and assessed between 2015 and 2020.

It sets out how the council will meet its legal responsibilities concerning contaminated land and takes into account new guidance issued by DEFRA, which includes:  
 • Sites will be put into four new risk categories.  
 • Normal levels of contaminants, such as those caused by common human activities rather than former industrial uses, should not be considered to cause land to be contaminated unless there is a particular reason otherwise.  
 • Changes to how sites which have been assessed are reported.  
 Around 7,000 potentially contaminated land sites have been identified for inspection across the county in total. These have been prioritised

using a dedicated data management system. However, there is no evidence

to suggest that these will be contaminated land in future but they have been identified

for inspection because historically they have been used for industrial activity,

for example colliery and coke works, gas works, landfills and/or factories.

Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection, Durham County Council, said: "We welcome views from the general public and key stakeholders in helping us to shape our strategy in dealing with contaminated land inspections over the next five years."

"There are a variety of ways people can get in touch with us so we would urge people to make sure they have their say."

To read the strategy online go to [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation)

People can have their say by:  
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• Emailing [landqualitysurvey@durham.gov.uk](mailto:landqualitysurvey@durham.gov.uk)

• Writing to: Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy Consultation, Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Services, Environment, Health and Public Protection, Annand House, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8RS.

The closing date of the consultation is Monday 31 August 2015. Anyone with further queries can call 03000 261 016.

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Dated: 10 July 2015



Colette Longbottom  
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**CLOSING DATE: 24/07/15 at 12 noon**

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After the visit to the Shildon Civic Hall of the beautiful Princess Character, Belle, who starred in last month's superb panto 'Beauty and the Beast', the cast and friends of Shildon CentreStage are now about to follow the yellow brick road.

The show will have all the familiar characters from this brilliant story as Dorothy goes on the adventure through Oz, meeting many strange characters along the way as well as singing many of the brilliant songs that makes this show, such a family favourite.

This show has many different characters who all help in Dorothy's journey to see the Wizard of Oz, and this is where we need your help. We are in need of new members who can help make this show possible, whether you want to play Dorothy, or any of the 3 friends, or maybe you fancy playing one of the evil characters who try to stop Dorothy's journey? Maybe you would like to sing along that winding yellow road or even dance along through

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The group stem from all over Co Durham, including the Director Andrew Timmiss who comes from Aycliffe. "This show is a really good family favourite and we are looking for some new members to help us tell the story of Dorothy Gale and to have a good time in the process."

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## Local Swimmer in European Games

Young swimming star Hannah Featherstone coached by John Moore, resumed training after two weeks in Azerbaijan representing Great Britain competing in the European Games.

She swam new best times in the heats and semi-finals in the 200,100 and 50 Freestyle but did not make the finals. The swimming events were won by Russia and second place was Azerbaijan with Team GB in third place.

Hannah leaves for Portugal in two weeks time having been selected to represent GB in the Modern Pentathlon. While we are unable to predicate the outcome the aim is to set a new world record for the 200 metres Freestyle for the 15/16 year age group.

After a few days training, she then goes to Sheffield to compete in the National Championships.

Hannah said: "I had an absolutely amazing time and the experience I gained was huge. The event was larger than anything I had experienced before and the atmosphere throughout the games was



## Thank You

AUDREY HUMBLE. The family of the late Audrey Humble wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours. For all the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence, floral tributes received and donations to Cancer Research and Marie Curie. Thanks to Doctors and staff of the MARA Unit at Bishop Auckland Hospital. Special thanks to Sister Andrea McFaddam and all nursing staff who attended and took so much care of Audrey, Also Dr Pringle who was a comfort to Audrey. With very special thanks to Marie Hassan of Marie Curie whose care and affection to Audrey went beyond compassion. Thanks to Rev Debbie Loughran for a comforting Service and to David Scott and the staff of Cooperative Funeralcare in Newton Aycliffe for the funeral arrangements.

WINNIE CROSSEN Would like to thank family and friends for celebrating her 90th birthday with her. God bless you all... "It's only a number"

MAUREEN CLARK (nee Whitehead). Maureen's family would like to express their sincere thanks to all for their kind words, thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Thanks also to all the staff at Co-op Funeral Care, Darlington Memorial ITU and Bishop Auckland General MARA Unit for their care and compassion, Derek Cattell for a moving and beautiful Service, and Mary and the staff at the Iron Horse for a send off Maureen would have been proud of.

electric I am so grateful to everyone, including my Mam and Dad, my coach John Moore and my club. I could not have done it without them and their support is truly invaluable.

My coach was Richard Denigan and speaking for all the girls he aided us massively to reach

our full potential in this major competition.

Being chosen to represent Team GB at the Inaugural European Games has inspired me to work even harder to gain another opportunity in the future".

## Birthday Remembrance

JACQUELINE THAIN 12th July 1969 (to 2007). Happy birthday. Always the brightest star in the sky. The best! Love always, Mum, Dad, Angela, Alex, Matthew, Laura, Callum, Kyrin, Erin, Riley and Ava xxxxxxxxxxxx

JOHN ALAN PARKER 9/7/34 Thoughts of a special Dad and Granddad. Love, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx

## In Memoriam

FISK PATRICIA (Pat) 24/03/1936 to 07-07-2000. In Loving memory of our dear Pat. 15 years since you left us, so soon, without warning. Our hearts broken, our lives empty. So sadly missed, you would be so proud of your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren who will always know of their Nana. Loved always, Tony, Susan, Michael and family. R.I.P xxx

FEATHERSTONE, Eleanor 25/06/1906 - 08/05/2006. In memory and birthday remembrance of a dear Mother and Nana, Mother and Daughter, reunited in God's Kingdom. Loved always x

WILLIAMS, John Andrew. In loving memory of a dear Son, Brother and Uncle, who passed away one year ago. Always in our thoughts. We all love and miss you so much. Sleep tight John. Love, Mam & Dad, Leanne, Madison, Millie and Scarlett xxxxx

GEORGE WALES 7th July 2013. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Sadly missed by all the family

DOROTHY BLACK. To our friend Dorothy, we will miss your little chuckle and smiley face. Always in our thoughts. Love, Louise, David and Stan x

RON JONES 13th July 2013. This day comes with much regret, it brings back memories I shall never forget. You fell asleep without goodbye, memories of you will never die. Forever in my thoughts. Your loving Wife Doreen

## Obituary

GRACE (JEAN) WOODFIELD (nee Farrow, formerly Bartlett), aged 86 years, in hospital after a short illness, on 27th June 2015. Please join us for the Funeral Service at the Mormon Church, Newton Aycliffe at 11:45am on Friday 17th July then at West Cemetery, followed by refreshments at Moore Lane Sports Club. All welcome. No flowers please, donations if desired, for the British Heart Foundation via collection in Church or Daughter Clare, telephone 01325 308283. Sincere thanks to the many people who supported Jean over the years. This includes the Sisters and Brothers of her church, all of the staff and Doctors at Bewick Crescent Surgery, the District Nurses, and Care Workers from Unique and The Social Resource Centre. Special thanks to Michael Browne and Kayleigh Newby.

## Congratulations

### Morgan Collier



Happy 16th Birthday  
16th July 2015

Lots of love, Mam  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Happy 16th Birthday  
To my wonderful Grandson  
on your 16th birthday.  
Have a great birthday. Love  
from Nan and Arthur xxx

### Zoe Skerrett BA



Congratulations  
and Well Done

Love from a proud Mum,  
Dad and James xxxxx

### Sam Telford



Happy 21st Birthday  
12th July 2015

Lots of love always from  
Mam, Dad, Liam, Alfie and  
all the family xxxxx

SAM TELFORD Happy 21st birthday Sam. Congratulations with love and best wishes always, Gran and all the family xxx

JENNIE HOBSON Happy 90th Birthday. All our Love Brian & Ann, Shirley & Dave, Malcolm & Gillian and all your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxx

LEONARD Trisha & Michael 14th July 2015. Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Love from Mum & Dad, Mel, Nick + bump and Jed. Best wishes, Mum. Mike. Allan. Sarah. Sean and Katie x

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**Greenfield Tennis Camp**

Junior players aged between 5 and 14 Years are invited to enjoy a range of exciting, fun and challenging activities at Greenfield Tennis Club. The Camp starts on Monday 27th July until Wednesday 29th July, from 10am to Noon. Prices start at £8 per day with discounts for attending multiple days. Equipment is provided and activities take place both outdoors and indoors. Previous camps have been extremely popular with a number of young players returning each year. Junior sessions continue every Saturday during the holidays from 9.00 until 10am. First visit is free. Contact Ian Wilkinson (Head Coach) on rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

**Polo Team Miss Out in Final**



Sedgefield Water Polo Club's under 13 team travelled to

Manchester for the biggest competition in this age group in Britain. There were 16 teams entered and Sedgefield sent a young and less experienced team than normal due to illness and holidays.

Sedgefield were drawn in a tough group but started off well with a commanding win 8-2 over Sheffield. Then they were up against Manchester side Tyldsley who Sedgefield dominated 8-0.

In their next game they played Bolton School - favourites to win the competition and Sedgefield's youngsters fought hard to draw 4-4. In their final group game they defeated Hucknall 6-1. This left Sedgefield as group winners on goal difference from Bolton.

In the Quarter final Sedgefield were up against a team they had never faced before Northampton, but once again their tight defence and swift counter-attack was too much and they triumphed comfortably 7-2.

In the semi-final they played Clontarf from Ireland who were rated highly, but they were no match for the young Sedgefield team losing 9-2. After starting out in the competition at 10am Sedgefield were now in the final at 7.30 pm against the favourites and a team they drew within the group games Bolton School.

Unfortunately Sedgefield fell behind to a couple of early goals and were unable to pull them back and Bolton won by 3-1. The Sedgefield youngsters were disappointed but it was a magnificent effort from the depleted team. Niall Coulthard 12 was Sedgefield's outstanding player with his great swimming power and goal threat. Youngster Ryan Jay Griffiths 10 who has been out of the water a lot with illness gave an excellent performance in defence.

Sedgefield's two goal keepers Jessica Webb 12 and Bartosz Czajczynska 11 gave assured performances. The other members of the team were Ben Alderson 10, Kes Mcewan 11, Isaac Boys 8, Crystal Elliot 11, Lewis Batey 11, Poppy Stephenson 12 and Anna Harrison 10.

The Coaches who did a great job with the youngsters were Darren Webb and David Elliot. Anyone who is a strong swimmer aged from 6 years upwards and interested in joining the successful Sedgefield team can get more details on 07818 554449 or on the club website.

**Running Club News**

Three ladies from the club took part in the Great North 10K at Gateshead. This undulating but quite interesting course starts behind Gateshead International Stadium and follows the quayside, passing landmarks such as the Sage, Millennium Bridge and the Baltic Centre, before returning to finish inside Gateshead Stadium.

Susan Cranswick had a great race and finished in a PB time of 46:44. Angela Barrett was next home in 50:52, followed by Trish Kay in 50:57 and 4th in her age category.

On the 28th June Dez Fielden travelled to Sheffield to defend his title in the "Round Sheffield Run". This is a new concept in running, 24.5K around lovely Sheffield parks, of which 20K is raced, split into 11 stages from 0.4 to 3K, walking/jogging road sections in between.

Dez was first solo runner home last year and although popularity and standards have increased he still managed a creditable 4th quickest time this year, which was good enough to win the over 40 prize.

For more information about Aycliffe Running Club and their training sessions visit ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk

**FREE GOLF LESSON FOR BEGINNERS**

Golfers from the British Open have been in contact to run free beginner's Taster Golf Lessons at Woodham Golf Club. HSBC is offering Free group sessions open to all new golfers, adults/families and juniors on Thursday 16th July from 6pm-7pm. Equipment is supplied and the first 20 Juniors receive a free tee shirt. Ring to book your place with Ernie Wilson on 319977.



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**Summer Cricket Play Scheme for Juniors**

Do you have a child aged between 6 - 11 years and are they interested in cricket and would like to give it a try?

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club will again be holding the hugely popular summer play scheme at Moore Lane Sports Club every Wednesday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 during the school summer holidays, commencing on Wednesday 22 July.

Members of the senior squad will be present to organise Kwik Cricket and other fun games aimed at getting children at all levels interested in the game.

It is hoped that some of the children will then be invited to train with the Clubs development squad during the winter months with a view to joining the Clubs next summer.

The play scheme, which will be supervised by members of the Club vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service, costs £2 per session and is open to boys and girls of all abilities. All necessary equipment to participate will be supplied by Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club.

For further information about the scheme or to register your child please contact Club Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754 959.

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