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It is always a great occasion and it is heartwarming to see the delight of the winners receiving their medals.

Organiser Rotarian Tony Robinson said: "After another successful Games held at Eston last Sunday the Newton Aycliffe club would like to thank those that supported us especially Don Walker who provided the helpers and competitors with a packed lunch, also J & C Coaches for the transport and not forgetting the Wishing Well Club whose competitors brought back an amazing haul of 18 Medals."



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HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

'Celebrating Community' is an informal inter-faith group, formed recently at the instigation of Gerald Lee, the Darlington Borough Councillor for Heighington. The basic aim of Celebrating Community is to encourage those within the different faith communities within the town to get to understand and know each other better. They aim to begin organising various inter-faith events.

With the recent killings in Tunisia particularly in mind, one thing that came out of a meeting earlier this week was the decision to hold a short Gathering (there is no official name for it) in the circle by the Pease Statue in High Row, on Saturday 25th July at 2.00 pm. It will provide an opportunity for the faith communities and those of no faith to unite publicly in condemning atrocities such as the murders in Tunisia, to assert that such violence is not the way of any faith, to mourn for those who have lost relatives and friends, to show appreciation for all that the people of Sousse have done in the light of the killings and to assure our local Muslim community that we value and support them.

The Gathering will consist of an introduction, a time of

silent prayer and meditation and a show of shared concern, by handshake or whatever, as the Gathering ends. It will be a simple time, which will last no more than 15 minutes. Celebrating Community would welcome everyone from the wider community of Darlington to come together as a mark of respect to those who died and to those Muslims in Tunisia who supported the wounded etc after the event

Top Ten Hymns & Tea

Songs of Praise and Afternoon Tea at St Elizabeth's Church, Woodham 26th July, 3pm. Vote for your favourite hymn/song for £1 (by 25th July). Then bring your best singing voice on 26th July at 3pm to sing the Top Ten! This will be followed by full Afternoon Tea with delicious sandwiches, cakes and scones! (gluten free available)

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MAD Choir 60's Show



July has been a busy performing month for M.A.D Community Choir with two performances celebrating the Sounds of The 60's held at Woodham Community Centre.

Wednesday 8th July saw the choir performing in front of family, friends and selected guests with songs from the Swinging 60's. The evening was great fun with resident choirmaster Evelyn Lodge providing laughter between songs as she introduced the purpose of the choir and M.A.D Productions.

The night was to raise funds for M.A.D Productions so they are able to continue helping people through the choir and through the charitable donations and

events that M.A.D regularly offer.

Sunday 12th July 2015 saw MAD Community Choir performing hits from the 60's for Woodham Community Centre's Great Aycliffe Festival Event. The choir arrived at the centre on the Heartbeat bus dressed in their 60's regalia all ready to entertain the community. Those in attendance were entertained with songs such as Build Me Up Buttercup, Dream, Walking Back to Happiness and of course Heartbeat before sitting down to enjoy a Pie and Pea Supper. The event was a great success and M.A.D Productions would like to thank the Committee of Woodham Community Centre for inviting them to take part. The Choir are now in rehearsals

for their next event 'Country Roads' which is their 7th Annual Charity Concert. This year the event is going to be held at the Xcel Centre, Long Tens Way, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 7th October 2015 7pm start. This year the Charity event is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research and Tickets are on sale now. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact: Woodham Community Centre 01325 300258. Sonia Scott 01325 310991 or Vicky Hewish on 07582 734294 We are currently recruiting new members. Anyone that enjoys singing can attend the New Members Nights on Wednesdays 22nd July, 29th July and 5th August. For more information on M.A.D see our Facebook page or the website: www.madchoir.co.uk

Local Charity Offers Free Family Holidays

Lifeline Community Action know there are hundreds of children in Newton Aycliffe in families that can't afford a trip to the seaside - far less a holiday. We are delighted to have helped over 200 disadvantaged people get that much needed break last year and quite a few of our guests were people that read about our offer of free holidays through the Newton News.

Most of our families face daily hardship made worse by things like illness, bereavement or disability. We are well aware that family holidays really can hold a special place in our memories as parents and as children and Lifeline Community Action have tried hard this year to make those



memories extra special! We want to help build stronger, happier families, as this is so importance to us and these are some of the reasons we offer these holidays.

Last year one of our guests who lost a child through tragic circumstances said 'this break meant the world to the family'. Another family who had suffered many illnesses said: 'If we hadn't read the Newton News article we would never have been on this beautiful holiday which made a real difference to our family's stability and happiness.

This year's holiday will be to the Jonas Centre in Redmire between 15th - 20th August and if you'd like to be considered please phone Linzi on 07936 431262 or e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com explaining why you feel you need a much-needed holiday.

Any support from donors who, like us, understand the benefits of a break to underprivileged families would be much appreciated. Please e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com for more information on how you can give support. Working together we can give families a much needed break!

Susan Sadler
Founder
Lifeline Community Action

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And another: "Just a quick thanks to the lads for a brilliant night at Bubbles! The place was heaving, the atmosphere was great and the boys were on fire! What more could you want? A crackin' night all round. Thanks again to one of the North East music scene's treasures."

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David Skerrett
Eade Close

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Ruth Adelaide Dawson - ordained Deacon will serve at Heighington, St Michael and Darlington, St Matthew with St Luke. Ruth (70), was born in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Apart from a career break of eight years spent as a full-time mum and housewife, she

worked in the private commercial sector for my whole working life until retirement aged sixty-four.

She says: "My feeling that I was called to some form of ministry within the church has developed slowly down the years. I was ultimately compelled in 2012 to respond to God's call. My faith and my relationship with God have been constants throughout my life and are the things that have sustained me through the challenges it has presented." She is married to Alan and they have five grandchildren. Ordained Priest, Revd Deborah Jayne Loughran continues to serve at Great Aycliffe Team Ministry Debbie Loughran, (43), was born and raised in Halewood, Liverpool where she lived until she moved to Durham in



Deborah Loughran

order to study at Cranmer Hall.

She says: "My call was first realised by others, others who very kindly brought it to my attention in a million different, persistent ways. I guess I have always felt the desire to spread the Gospel, to give people who have never heard about the love that God has for each one of us the opportunity to do so."

Deborah is married to Alan and has two boys.



Ruth Dawson

**McDonald's Talking
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Older Sister Amy Chenery

Noreen Chenery visited McDonalds recently with her two daughters one being 4 years old who received a toy as part of a meal deal. The Minion Toy however, fell below expectations, as some of the language used by the talking toy sounded like swear words. Noreen complained to McDonalds who sent a letter of apology, but excused themselves by saying the "Minion" language only

coincidentally sounded like a swear word. Minion is not a recognised language and is made up of a garbled mixture of Japanese, Indian, French and English, but they agreed to pass the complaint to the relevant department. Noreen's older daughter Amy brought the toy to Newton News offices along with the letter from McDonalds requesting we print the story as a warning to parents.

**WHAT'S ON AT
NEVILLE PARADE CC**

Sedgefield Lyric Singers appear at Neville Parade Community Centre on Saturday 18th July at 3pm. Admission £3. To book your ticket to pick up at the door, ring 313924.

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Autism Charity 35th Birthday



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Barclays kindly sponsored the event and charity mascot Pawsum the Panda delivered 'birthday' cupcakes to everyone in a Birthday Bus. Each site held their own event and celebrated the occasion with tea parties.

NEAS was founded in 1980 by a group of parents whose

children with autism, were unable to access the support the parents felt their children needed to thrive and develop. The charity was then known as the Tyne and Wear Autistic Society. The parents remortgaged their own homes to purchase the charity's first property in Sunderland that consisted of a school and residential facility.

John Phillispon, CEO of NEAS said; "It is fantastic to think of the progress that the

North East Autism Society has made since 1980. Back then a group of visionary and courageous parents set up a tiny school in Sunderland.

I am immensely proud of our services today and grateful to our committed and professional staff. The celebrations give us a chance to recognise the contribution of everyone who has been a part of a North East success story."

Today NEAS provide training to parents and professional. Their services include parent and toddler groups, after school clubs, holiday clubs, two schools, a college, residential homes, a farm, social and vocational training and supported employment for adults.

Students and staff from Thornhill Park School, Sunderland and North East Centre for Autism in Newton Aycliffe released thirty-five balloons at each site to mark the occasion.

For more information about North East Autism Society please visit www.ne-as.org.uk or call 0191 410 9974

TREAT FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Beanstalk Yorkshire and North East team would like to say a huge thank you to all of their volunteers who have helped support more than 750 children across the area.

Another big thanks to the fabulous Hallgarth Hotel and Country Club who sponsored our End of term Celebration providing us with a room and cream tea to treat our volunteers after a fantastic year.

Our new CEO Ginny Lunn made a special trip to meet everyone and North East author Peter Brunton talked to the group about what inspired him to write children's books after working in the Oil Industry.

For more information about the work Beanstalk do in the local community please contact us on 0845 4500344 or have a look at our website www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk

SURVEY ON AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL

The first Aycliffe Festival has come to an end. Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to know what you thought about the events on the Programme. Which ones did you go to, if you didn't go to any why not?

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Greenfield Sunnydale Campus "Les Mis" Hit Show



Greenfield Community College Sunnydale Campus in Shildon, triumphed in a mesmerising School production of "Les Misérables" with a staggering show of an extremely high professional standard.

Director Allison Brown said "When we started producing Musical Theatre Shows at Sunnydale in 2005 we could never have imagined that ten years later we would be in a position to produce "Les Misérables". It is a testament to the amazing cast that this is possible. Mrs. Massingham and I have worked hard over the years to encourage students to become involved in the Music Department and to have the confidence to perform on stage, and it is fantastic to be able to produce this show with such a large number of talented, confident upper school boys and girls and to have younger members of the School also involved. It really has been a dream come

true and I have loved every second and we are immensely proud of all of them. We have been so lucky and had so many talented students perform on our Sunnydale stage and know that for some of them, this has been just the start of their theatrical career and we are sure that we will see them in future on the professional stage! Lots of students are always involved from different year groups and again we had a strong chorus and cast of some brilliant staff and amazing pupils".

Jean Valjean - Nathan Brown an exceptional talent along with Javert - Mathew Raby, Marius - Dylan Ward, Thenardier (Inn Keeper) - Rohan Haigh, Enjolras (The Bishop and Leader of the students - James Little and Liam Clarey - one of the students.

The female leads were wonderful again with the very talented Year 11's excelling in the lead musical roles. Fantine - Georgia Jaye, Cosette - Niamh Ellison, Mme Thenardier - Chloe Morgan, Students - Jessica Hall and Nicola Stevens and Alison's daughter Katie Park-Brown as Eponine.

Little Cosette and Little Eponine were played by the talented Grace Raper and Chloe Bell and the gutsy Gavroche was played brilliantly by Emily Lowery. Director Allison said "It has been a huge undertaking and a massive team effort that has involved many staff and students and supportive parents over the years, not to mention friends and family members who have supported us fully and helped us to produce such memorable

shows and to pull off the great show that is 'Les Misérables'! We also could not have done it without an incredible band, back-stage crew, prop/set makers and the technical support of Phil Massingham and Gregg Jordan who were fantastic! Not to mention the ticket sellers, hair stylist/make-up helpers, backstage 'shushers', costume makers - Diane Wade, Judith Paterson, Leslie Wilson and Joy Dobson who is a 'joy' to work with and who transforms the actors with her stage make-up each year! We have been so lucky with all the support over the years of many people, lots who I haven't mentioned but you know who you are and we have loved working with you all, past and present. Thank you so much".

David Priestly, Head-Teacher of congratulated all involved and said, "Sunnydale Campus students have risen to the challenge and the singing and acting performances are thrilling and it shows the incredible talent, hard work and dedication that has taken these students and this production to a very high professional standard".

The singing, acting, set, costumes, lighting and special effects all combined to make the show a thoroughly enjoyable experience. It's a long show but the audience were hooked from the first scene to the last - then there was a standing ovation. PER Productions: "Wow! We have filmed many shows, but the performance from Sunnydale was something special! Les Misérables is a huge show to take on, but they pulled it off! Amazing local talent!"

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Belly Dance Classes

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre welcome a new user to our list of activities, this is a Belly Dancing class which is to be held every Monday evening from 20th July 2015, 6pm to 7pm.

Belly Dance is a Western-coined name for a type of Middle Eastern dance. Originally a "solo, improvised dance involving torso articulation", belly dance takes many different forms depending on the country and region, both in costume and dance style, and new styles have evolved in

the West as its popularity has spread globally.

The organisers are qualified instructors who have a love for the ancient art and believe Belly Dancing is a fun way to get fit and is perfect for all ages, any level of fitness and experience. It is great for pre and post-natal exercise as it tones muscles without putting any stress on your joints. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate your beautiful body, relieve stress, make new friends and get fit.

For more information contact Tricia on 07540 469635 or Chris 07718 136460

Mayor Calls on Golden Anniversary Couple

Brenda and Dougie Ellis of Lyon Walk celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th July 2015, receiving a visit from the Mayor, Mary Dalton who delivered a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the townspeople.

The couple who were married at Easington Register Office came from Haswell and South Hetton. Doug worked for Easington District Council and Brenda was employed as a clerk at the Co-op which she had to give up when she got married, due to a rule of the company. Most of Doug's career was



spent as a freelance Project Manager travelling the country to oversee large construction jobs.

They met at the end of the street where Brenda lived as Doug was lurking there hoping to bump into the girl he fancied from a distance. He has always fancied birds and owned pigeons all his life, showing them at events all over the country including the Great Aycliffe Show. He cares for around fifty pigeons of all shapes and sizes at his allotment on the town.

Brenda has always been a keep fit fanatic and attends the Leisure Centre sessions. She is also keen on Indoor Bowls and is a member of the Town Club playing at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. They have two sons, Bryan who is married to Geraldine with two children and Kevin, married to Raychelle with four children. Family and friends met for a celebration meal at the Mill Inn at Metal Bridge. Congratulations to Brenda and Doug from Newton News on behalf of readers and residents.

Police Appeal

Police are appealing for information after a mobile phone was stolen from a child at a park in Woodham on 10th July, 2015.

The incident occurred at around 6.30pm in which the child has dropped his phone in the park on Woodham Way, Woodham and it is believed another child has picked it up and made off from the area.

The phone is a black iPhone 4S. There were a large number of children using the park at this time so police are keen to trace anyone who may be able to help.

Police are also appealing for witnesses after a child's bike was stolen from a front garden on Silkin Way, Newton Aycliffe between 8pm on 11th July, and 9am on 12th July, 2015.

The bike is described as a Red Max, with a square frame, black wheels and black rims.

Anybody with any information should contact PC 2687 Jamie Pitt on 101.

Supporting Aycliffe Centre for Children with Down Syndrome



Sandy King from the Down Syndrome group, which meets at the PCP, presents a certificate to Denese Cartwright the town's Rotary Club President. The club supported the Education Centre with a cheque for £750.

The Centre is currently asking for a public vote to obtain a National Lottery Award. Voting is easy just phone 0844 8369687 or vote free on-line www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/ awards. The voting closes on 29th July.

IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTY

Dear Sir,
I must agree with your editorial that we would have been better off linking with Darlington Borough Council than under Durham County Council.

So much is getting done in Darlington and the new retail development there is remarkable. No mention of taking away street lights, and their roads are well looked after.

Durham County Council don't give us the recognition we deserve and Aycliffe is having to pay to keep our lights on, yet they are putting more around the Riverside Cricket Club at Chester-le-Street. Is it something to do with the fact that the Leader of the Council comes from there?

Then we have our MP praising the success of our town centre where we keep losing shops and its maintenance is appalling with rubbish all over the precinct.

Instead of the Labour Party County Councillors knocking on doors recruiting they should be fighting for our town's future.

The Neighbourhood Plan clearly indicates residents want more shops and a retail park. Durham City is

to get another one so why don't we hear our eight County Councillors working to satisfy the needs of the people they represent? We

need them to stop toeing the Party line and begin fighting our corner.

A Concerned Ratepayer
Name & address supplied.

Diamond Celebration

Margaret and John Smith of Middridge celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on July 9th 2015.

They met back in 1949 at 'The Rink' Dance hall in Spennymoor, but were separated when John was called up for National Service where he was posted to Egypt. They were finally married at St. Helen's Church at West Auckland in 1955 when they lived in Shildon until they moved to Middridge 33 years ago. Their recipe for a happy marriage was to stay friends as well as in love.

Anne Clarke, Chairwoman of Middridge Parish Council said it was a great of pleasure to present the couple with a bouquet of flowers as they had been such supporters of the Middridge Community over many years.

The couple plan to celebrate with a meal at The Bay Horse Middridge with their son, daughter, two granddaughters



and great granddaughter along with their wider family followed by a holiday in the York area.

Rocking Care Home Staff



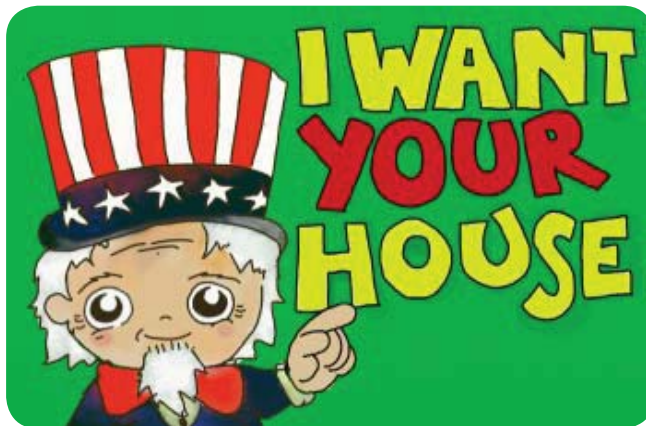
As part of Rock Week, Defoe Court enjoyed an afternoon entertainment of Stars in Their Eyes. Staff dressed up for the residents and enjoyed a Karaoke singalong. Non-alcoholic cocktails were served followed by a buffet and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

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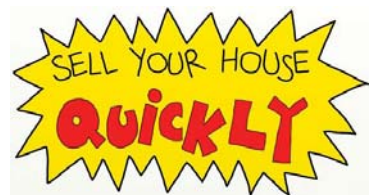


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Summertime Reading at Sugar Hill School



Following the success of a similar event in late 2014, Sugar Hill primary school hosted a summertime event which aimed to help children discover a love of reading. With the help of local author

and storyteller, Adam Bushnell, Key Stage 1 gardens at the school were transformed into an outdoor library with children and parents able to sit and read together from a wide variety of books that were made available by the school for the event.

Adam enthralled the children, and also the parents, with his stories of mediaeval heroes and villains. Children enjoyed ice cream, drinks and hot dogs as they listened to Adam's fascinating storytelling, and joined in at times as Adam asked them to act out various parts from the stories. Everyone present enjoyed the event immensely and Sugar Hill staff would like to thank children and parents, and Adam, for all their support in making the afternoon a success.

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Great Foodbank Collection at Tesco's

Dear Sir,
Could I through your newspaper, once again thank the generous people who shop in Tesco's Supermarket for their donations to support the work of the Foodbank in Newton Aycliffe.

We spent three days there asking shoppers to donate a tin from their shopping to aid the charity and I also thank the volunteers who gave up their time to stand and hand out flyers to customers as they entered the store.

Special mention for Tesco staff, where nothing was too much trouble and they were a fantastic help. I don't know how they keep smiling when

their feet must be aching, just like mine were after a long day.

May I also mention the staff who work in Tesco's filling station who really worked hard to encourage customers to give generously.

Please remember that for whatever reason you find yourself in food poverty please go to one of the care agencies and get a voucher, and don't be embarrassed about coming into the Foodbank at St Clare's Church as we really want to help.

Many thanks to you all.
Ernie & June Temple.
Foodbank co-ordinators.

Bridal Gown Display at Flower Festival

Plans are well under way for a Flower Festival at St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village, to be held on 11th - 13th September.

Wedding dresses from each decade from 1940's to the present day are also being aired for display alongside replicas of famous bridal gowns.

If you were married in this historic parish church and would like to be remembered during the festival, organisers would like to hear from you. Anyone wishing to contribute names, flowers, money or wedding photographs towards a display in memory of someone's special day, wherever they tied the knot, please contact Dawn



on 01325 300040 or talk to us in church on Sundays at 11.00a.m.

Kind & Helpful Neighbour

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank my neighbour Mark Sanderson who very kindly painted our fence and did a brilliant job. Not being able to do the job ourselves my husband and I are very grateful for his help in doing work which was needed.

Anne Sproat
Langdale Place.

Notice of Road Resurfacing

The C147 Greenfield Way Roundabout is to be closed from the junction of Williamfield Way to north of Greenfield Way Roundabout.

Burnhill Way also to be closed from the junction of Williamfield Way to the Roundabout.

The Carriageways will be Resurfaced taking 3 days commencing 26th July and diversions will be signposted.

Also B6443 St. Cuthbert's Way (inc. sliproads) closed from the Junction of A167 to the junction of Howden Road. Start date Tuesday 28th July for 2 days

Morgan Tucker Appoints New Director

Aycliffe Firm Continues Ambitious Growth

LEADING Newton Aycliffe-based consulting engineering firm Morgan Tucker has appointed a new director as part of its continued growth strategy and new organisational structure.

Part of the executive team and board, Neil Horton will be a key driver as the firm continues on its ambitious growth plan, regionally, national and globally.

Neil will be based at Morgan Tucker's London office and will have strategic and operational responsibility for leading and developing the London and Egham operations. He will work closely with other board members to develop and deliver the main priorities for the London & South East regions.

Neil, a very experienced chartered civil engineer who has held a number of senior director positions including most recently North China general manager at SIP Group Beijing, and senior technical director at WSP in London, said: "What appeals most to me about Morgan Tucker is the company's potential for growth and its increasingly respected reputation."

"I see the key part of my role as expanding the firm's presence in London and the South East as well as nationally and globally, as I've got a wealth of experience on major projects both overseas and in London, such as the Shard."

"My aim is to position Morgan Tucker in the capital as the reliable and creative consulting engineers. What's so attractive about the firm is that unlike some of our competitors who employ tens of thousands of people, we provide an expert suite of services with a more personalised style."

Managing director at Morgan Tucker Matthew Tucker said: "I am genuinely excited about the experience and different outlook that Neil will be able to bring to the business and I am personally looking forward to working with him. "Neil is an exceptional leader who will bring his own unique combination of technical excellence, expertise in the management and development of peak



performing teams and a high level of business acumen to Morgan Tucker."

KIDZ FLIX

Every Friday in the school holidays there will be a family movie shown at KIDZFLIX - the children's cinema club which operates in St. Clare's Main Hall. The films begin on July 24th at 2pm showing the latest alien animated film 'HOME'.

All children/adults and carers are very welcome, children are also welcome over the age of 5 without an adult, to share the film with friends. St. Clare's Church is opposite the Thames Centre and the children's team are DBS checked. We will have a sweet shop selling drinks, crisps and the very popular mix-ups! Lollies and ice-creams for only 30p too.

Each week the choice of film will be displayed in the front porch window of the church and for any other queries call 319002.

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Holiday Time Word Search

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Holiday Time

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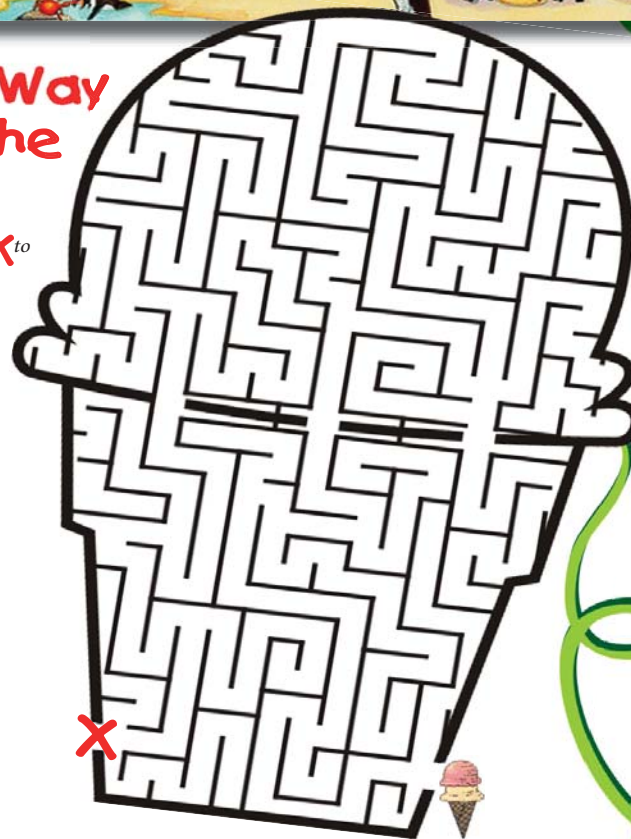
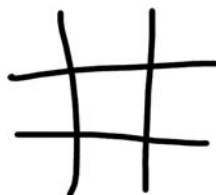
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How Many Penguins?



Find Your Way Through the Maze

Can you navigate from the X to the cool ice cream cone?



Join "Newt's Kids Club" and enter the FREE draw to win an Ipod Nano

Welcome to the kids "Summer Holiday" fun page. Newton News are setting up a "Kids Club" and we have an Ipod Nano to give away to one lucky winner. To be in with a chance of winning, simply join "Newt's Kids Club". This will also entitle you to other future offers and special discounts around Newton Aycliffe.

Send your information to Newton Press, Blue Bridge Centre, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6DS or hand in to Walkers Butchers (Simpasture) or Youngs (Town Centre).

All members will receive a "Newt's Kids Club" Membership Card and the chance to win an Ipod Nano and be automatically entered into other competitions with some wonderful prizes and opportunities for all members.

TESCO store in Newton Aycliffe are sponsoring this kids page with FREE goodies available (see below):

Under 10s will receive a Mr Men book, a bottle of water and a piece of fruit.

10 and Over will receive a hard back book and a pen plus a bottle of water and piece of fruit.

To claim yours, you will need to join "Newt's Kids Club" and take your membership card to the information desk at the Newton Aycliffe TESCO store.



"Fun in the Parks"

Don't forget to attend the annual Town Council "Fun in the Parks". More information about these events can be found on page 9, below is a brief run down of the dates and venues:

Wednesday 5th August	Town Centre Park
Friday 7th August	Horndale Park
Wednesday 12th August	Woodham Park
Friday 14th August	Moore Lane Park
Wednesday 19th August	Oak Leaf Park
Friday 21st August	St. Oswald's Park
Wednesday 26th August	Aycliffe Village Park
Friday 28th August	Simpasture Park
Fun in the Parks will run from 11.00am to 3.00pm	

Activities will include FREE Fun Fair, Punch & Judy, Magic Shows, Balloon Modelling, Face Painting and much much more.

Membership forms for "Newt's Kids Club" will also be available at the "Fun in the Parks", pick one up from the marquee and join us



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Kids Club

Aycliffe Teacher Retires After 30 Years Service

Mrs Margaret Courtney, Head Teacher of Horndale County Infant and Nursery School retires at the end of this school

term. Mrs Courtney began her teaching career at Etherley Lane Primary School Bishop



Auckland in 1968. After working in schools in Sedgfield, Ferryhill and Spennymoor she came to Horndale in 1986.

"Much has changed in education over the past 47 years" she says, "but interestingly the new curriculum at my first school was very similar to today's new primary curriculum". "What goes around comes around" continued Mrs Courtney. "Horndale School achieved an Outstanding school award from Ofsted during its last inspection. I know the teaching staff, support staff and school governors will work hard to maintain this standard under the leadership of my successor, Mr Craig Brown, who takes up his new position on 1st September 2015, and newly appointed Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Dan Walker, who

already works at the school". Mrs Courtney went on to say "I wish everyone at the school continued success and my best wishes go to the many families who have trusted us with the education of their children and their children's children for so long".

Mrs Courtney, staff and governors enjoyed a special evening provided by Lee and David at the Manor House, Howden le Wear last Saturday. Staff and pupils all agree that although it is the beginning of a new phase in her life, Mrs Courtney will be sadly missed by us all! She made our school Outstanding and is an outstanding lady.

Family Trips for £4 a Ticket

Vacancies available for a FAMILY trip to PRESTON PARK on Wednesday 5th AUGUST leaving at 11.00am - cost £4 each.

Pick up LAYBY at ESKDALE PLACE. Please Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

Call at Community House Silverdale Place to pay Tuesday morning. If this trip is well attended there will be a further trip the following first Wednesday of the month to include South Shields, Redcar, etc.

AYCLIFFE FINLEYS WIN MULTI-£MILLION SCHOOLS CONTRACT

Aycliffe construction firm Finley Structures has won a multi-million-pound contract to build new schools across the region. The family-run company secured the deal with major contractor Galliford Try, a national firm with offices across the UK.

Finley has been contracted to supply, deliver and erect steel for five comprehensive schools in the North East, varying from 380 to 400 tonnes apiece.

The include Laurence Jackson School in Guisborough, Longbenton Community College in Newcastle, Duchess Secondary School in Alnwick, Bedlingtonshire Community School in Bedlington, Northumberland, and Hetton School in Hetton Le Hole.

Finley Structures operations manager Jim Graham said: "This is the first time we've worked with Galliford Try known known to have a very tight supply chain in the industry, so this deal represents a fantastic opportunity.

This latest deal for Finley Structures comes after it was awarded a 2,600-tonne job to construct a major part of Victoria Gate, in Leeds city centre, earlier this year.

The steel firm has also completed a 620-tonne contract for Interserve at the AMRC Factory in Sheffield and is also currently working on a 140-tonne warehouse contract for neighbouring Stiller Warehousing and Distribution in Aycliffe.

Drop in at the Cubby for Great Value Food

Just to remind readers The Cubby is still open and serving great value food for everyone who wants to drop-in for a chat.

Large baguettes available with any filling for just £2.50. With chips it is £3.50. You can also have Salads, All day breakfast for only £2.50.

Slush is now on sale: Small 60p Large £1.00

The Cubby also offers Sweets, crisps hot and cold sandwiches.

Home made soup and pies. The Kids menu includes: Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, Sausage Roast lunch, Small breakfast, Beans on toast Hot dogs. All served with chips or mash beans or peas with a free carton of apple juice for only £2.50

Mile of Hope Walk for Town Charity



Aycliffe's Award winning charity Lifeline Community Action are organising a sponsored 'Mile Of Hope' around Hardwick Park on Saturday 1st August at 11am to raise vital funds for Lifeline Community Action. The mile could be running, walking, skipping . . . be imaginative! In fancy dress or casual dress . . . its up to you. It will be FUN!

Linzi (pictured) has the sponsor forms and we'd love to see teams/individuals/companies getting involved. If you're interested please phone Linzi on 07936 431262 and she'll get a sponsor form to you.

There will be a prize for the individual/team that raises the most sponsorship money. We will also have a Teddy Bears Picnic at £5 per Teddy.

Bike Ride for Charity

Nine cyclists from Newton Aycliffe took part in the Coast to Coast bike ride on the 4th July. Members of the VC167 Cycle Club battled with rain and sun-shine, and over 8,000 feet of climbing, most of which was in the first half.

The journey from Morcambe to Saltburn took the riders a little over 9 hours of cycling time and with only a few stops meant the riders worked hard for just over 11 hours to finally reach their destination.

Two of the riders actually decided that 130 miles was not quite a big enough challenge and cycled from Aycliffe on Friday night to await the others, travelling over in the van, on Saturday morning.



Gordon Panicca, who was accompanied by Paul Holmes for the extra 85 miles, was getting a few extra miles of training in towards his epic ride in August. He is entered into Paris-Brest-Paris, a grueling 750 miles with only 90 hours to qualify. His previous attempts include 62 hours and he is set to get well under that this time. Other riders attempted their first C2C and for some it was their first century ride too. Penny Johnson had targeted the event as part of her fundraising for Phab kids. She raised a staggering £1,544 through also running the VLM and taking part in a half- ironman triathlon over the last 3 months.

Ciaran McMenamin was using the experience as a training ride for his 24 hour attempt to bike from Newcastle to London at the end of August. He is also raising money for a charity very close to his heart, Bliss.

The riders were supported by Peter Baronowski and Theresa Neale who helped to transport the riders and follow the crew to hand out refreshments throughout the day. The riders thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to their next C2C in September.

If you would like to support Bliss Charity please donate to www.justgiving.com/Ciaran-McMenamin/

Beanstalk Needs Volunteers to Help Youngsters Read

Do you love reading? Why not volunteer as a Beanstalk Reading Helper? Another school year is nearly over and last year 11% of children in the North East left primary school unable to read to the required level.

Reading is essential in today's world. Unfortunately many children struggle to learn to read for all sorts of reasons and one in six adults in the UK have a reading level below that expected of an eleven-year-old.

Beanstalk is a national charity that gives one-to-one literacy support to children in primary schools across the North East and they are currently looking for volunteers from the local community to work with children who have fallen behind with their reading.

By becoming a reading helper, you'll give a child the one-to-one attention they need to build their confidence and help them catch up with their reading. You'll give them a chance to learn at their own pace and adapt the sessions to suit them.

Volunteers work with three children and see each child for two 30 minute sessions a week, during term-time, for a whole year. Together, they will read, play and talk. With their support the child's approach to learning and enjoying reading will be transformed.

"After nearly two years as a volunteer I can honestly say that it has been a delight - not always easy,



sometimes frustrating, but overall extremely rewarding, stimulating and life-enhancing. And the need is great, as evidenced by the explosive growth of Beanstalk's Yorkshire and North East branch since it was started just three short years ago. Do consider joining - you won't regret it! - Tony, Reading Helper' Our aim is to reach out to 18,000 children, nationally, by 2018 but to do this we urgently need more volunteers.

Volunteering as a Beanstalk reading helper is extremely rewarding, makes a lasting difference to children's lives and is a great way to give something back to your local community. Why not take up a different kind of volunteering this year?

For more information have a look at our website www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk

or call our office 0845 450 0344

The Royal British Legion

Notice to Members

There will be a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING in the Concert Hall on Sunday 26th July at 10.30am. Only members who pay full contributions may attend. Please produce your current membership card to gain admittance.

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T. Palmer (Secretary)
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Town Park

5th August - Town Centre Park

Plus 2 Face Painters, Craft Marquee, Zoo Train Inflatable and Football Competition held by NAYFC

7th August - Horndale Park

12th August - Woodham Park
Teddy Bear's Picnic, bring your favourite teddy bear along to join the fun



Simpasture Park

14th August - Moore Lane

Frozen Theme, Anna, Elsa & Olaf will be visiting, along with a Frozen Bouncy Castle and Hunt, why not get dressed up as your favourite Frozen Character for the day!



Horndale Park



Byerley Park



West Park

19th August - Oak Leaf Park

Plus Krafty Kritters and their animals, Zoo Train inflatable and a visit from Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

21st August - St Oswald's Park

26th August - Aycliffe Village Park

28th August - Simpasture Park

Our final venue for this year

Recommended for ages 3 to 8 years. Height and age restrictions apply to inflatables and fairground rides.



Moore Lane Park



Woodham Park



Aycliffe Village Park

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600

Summer Countryside Events

PHOTOGRAPHIC WALK FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday 22nd July 10am-12 noon

Bring along your cameras and join us for a walk around St Oswald's Park when we will be taking an opportunity to slow down and look for a perfect photograph of one of our most picturesque parks. Meet in the Car park.



POND DIPPING AT SCHOOL AYCLIFFE

Monday 27th July 1.30pm - 3pm

The ponds at School Aycliffe Wetlands are a little oasis for wildlife at this time of year. Bring your nets and buckets and wellies for this fun event and help discover what creatures make this area home. Meet at the Community Centre car park off Eastfields Road.



THE HIDDEN BURN

Wednesday 29th July 10am - 12 noon

This informative short walk will walk through part of Woodham Burn and allow you to learn a little about the local areas wildflowers, geology and history. Meet outside the entrance to Woodham Burn Primary school.

MASK MAKING

Friday 31st July 10am - 12 noon

Visit Moore Lane Eco Centre and spend some time creating an animal mask to take home with you.

MINIBEASTING AT MOORE LANE ECO CENTRE

Monday 3rd August 11am - 12 noon

Here is your opportunity to visit Moore Lane Park in search of the micro creatures which make this area their home. Why not bring along a picnic and enjoy the surroundings and follow up this event with the creative session in the afternoon. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.

CLAY MODELLING - Monday 3rd August 1pm-2pm

Come along and test your creative skills by creating some clay models using air drying clay to take home with you. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.

POND DIPPING AT WEST PARK LAKES

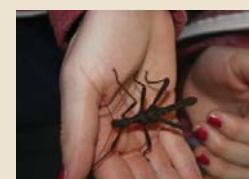
Thursday 6th August 11am - 12.30pm

Bring your nets and buckets for this drop in session and be surprised by the numbers and variety of creatures which live in the lakes. Meet around the bottom lake off Ashfield.

ARTS SESSION AND STORY TELLING

Friday 14th August 11am - 2pm

Come along to this drop in session at Moore Lane Eco Centre which will be part of the 'Fun in the Parks' series of events. In the morning a professional artist will be on hand to help you to design props and hats which will be used in the afternoon story telling sessions. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre.





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& 28th July
and 11th, 18th &
25th August
For ages 8 to 15 years
9.30am until 11am

GOLF
Wednesday 22nd
& 29th July
and 5th, 12th, 19th
& 26th August
11am - 12noon for 4-7 years
12noon - 1pm for 8-15 years
£15 for all 6 sessions

TEAM GAMES
Thursday 23rd July
For ages 8 to 15 years
10am until 11am



MINI ACTIVITY
Monday 27th July
& 24 August
10am until 11.30am
For ages 4 to 7 years

CRAFTY KIDS
Thursday 6th August
1pm - 2.30pm
Monday 17th August
10am - 11.30am
For ages 8 to 15 years

MINI BALLS OF FUN
Tuesday 11th August
11.30am until 12.30pm
For ages 4 to 7 years



BALLS OF FUN
Thursday 13th & 27th August
12noon - 1pm
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MAYOR'S 'AT HOME'

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, held her 'At Home' in the Council Offices on Thursday, 9th July 2015.

The day was a huge success with Civic Guests and parishioners making the most of the nice weather at the reception in the garden followed by tea in the Council Offices.

A raffle took place in aid of the Mayor's charities:-

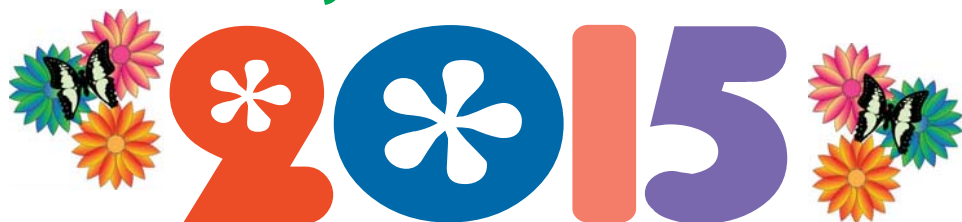
Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital

Neville Parade Community Centre and Scouts
and Guides of Great Aycliffe.

An amount of £235 was raised from the event.



Community Enhancement Award



The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area. Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 14th August 2015.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

House No: Street:

or Full Street:

SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS

The Senior Citizens' Excursions are one of the most popular events organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

This year they started on Monday 1st June with an excursion to Northumberland and finished on Friday 3rd July with the ever popular Blackpool.

We received 1320 applications this year which meant that there were 27 'trips' altogether including 6 coaches which had a wheelchair hoist to assist passengers who had difficulty with the coach steps or those who were confined to their wheelchair.

Aycliffe residents aged 60 or over had the choice of one excursion to visit the Lake District (Keswick), Northumberland (Hexham), Scottish Borders (Berwick), Scarborough, Blackpool or South Shields for the day.

Everyone was provided with a three course meal and tea or coffee in a variety of settings ranging from a 14th Century Castle in Northumberland to a hotel in Glenridding in the Lake District with magnificent gardens and a private jetty.

All of the excursions offer passengers free time to see the attractions of the nearest neighbouring town. Some of the excursions also provided additional opportunities to enhance your garden or your wardrobe with visits to Heighley Gate Garden Centre in Morpeth and Boundary Mills at Shiremoor.



MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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FRIDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2015

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In Aid of the Mayor's Charities

**Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital, Neville Parade
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Further Information and Application Forms from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk, 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.



GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan team has been working extremely hard to ensure your views in the first round of consultation have been listened to, addressed where possible or alternatively shared with other organisations.

You ranked retail as your number one priority. You wanted to see improved retail and said we should endeavour to attract national brands, e.g. Next, to our Town. The team agreed the pragmatic approach was to contact retailers directly to determine whether they would be interested in setting up their business in Aycliffe and if not, why not?

Funding was sought and received to commission an independent commercial agent to carry out this research and market testing, with 156 retailers, including leisure providers (bars and restaurants) being contacted. We are awaiting the full report and will provide residents with the outcome in the coming weeks via Facebook, the local press and in person at community meetings.

We would like to make it clear to residents that the Neighbourhood Plan can only allocate land for development, it cannot influence rents or rates for retail. Please bear this in mind when voting on the options as there are many positive things to take forward including the protection of key green spaces. The Plan is for the next 20 years and not just about 'now'.

We are now moving into the second round of consultation and an issues and options paper is being produced. This is where you can comment and vote on the options that have been developed to address your issues.

It is hoped the document will be ready for circulation in the next few months. To find out more information on the proposed options and how we are trying to address your issues, please download the GANP Newsletter from the Great Aycliffe Town Council Website or alternatively to follow us on Facebook please add the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan group.

I will be leaving Great Aycliffe Town Council on 4th August 2015 to start a new role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council and officers for the opportunity to work on this exciting project and also the continued support throughout my employment. I would also like to thank both the Steering Group and Thematic Groups for all of your hard work and support and most importantly every resident who has supported the plan and taken part in consultation helping steer the future development of the Town. I feel privileged to have worked on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

As an Aycliffe resident I look forward to taking part in future consultation and to seeing the final document, I also wish the Council and residents a successful outcome.

The Town Council would like to thank Angela Corner for her hard work on the Neighbourhood Plan and wish her every success in her new role as Inclusion Manager for the Thirteen Group. Angela's post as Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan was for a two year fixed contract and she is now moving on to a permanent post.

Work on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan will continue with Chrissy Walton and Amanda Donald co-ordinating the efforts with assistance from professionals at key stages.



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TOWN COUNCIL INTERVEENS ON A167 ROAD LIGHTS REMOVAL

The Town Council are to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council to retain 82 of the A167 road lights scheduled for removal by Durham County Council as a cost saving measure.

The lights are located within the Parish boundary of Great Aycliffe.

The retaining of 82 lights will cost the Town Council £47,507 over the ten year agreement period.

Some of the existing A167 lights are still being retained, such as those at some major junctions, by Durham County Council, the Town Councils decision to provide funding will enable continued provision of road lights up to the Parish boundary, which is to a point approximately adjacent to the Woodham Golf Course, to the west of the A167.



Town Pride Environment Week

The Town Pride Environment Week took place as part of the Aycliffe Festival from Monday 6th July until Monday 13th July with presentations and litter picks taking place across the whole town.

As usual the Town Council's Environment Officer, Steve Cooper and Aycliffe Youth Council undertook 7 litter picks with 7 schools taking part.

The children as usual had a great time whilst learning about litter and the impact on our environment.





Aycliffe Festival

Message from the Chairman of the Recreation Committee, Councillor Brian Hall

This is the first Aycliffe Festival and our confidence in our local community, village hall associations, residents' groups and individuals to organise events for you has been justified. I am sure that the people of Great Aycliffe will join with me to thank all the organisers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to organise the events listed in this programme. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and helps make Aycliffe a Community, not just a town or village.

Councillor Brian Hall

The Festival was opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton on Friday 3rd July at the Full STEM Ahead event.

The Aycliffe Festival started with a bang with Aycliffe Youth Council's 'Full STEM Ahead' which was host to a plethora of mathematical, scientific, engineering and technological displays. Just some of the incredible displays and interactive attractions included VEX robots, Batak Wall, 3D printing, competition racing cars and the incredible John Kilcoyne. John amazed hundreds of school children (and adults) with his explosive and extremely loud science show.

Acorn, Horndale, WASPS and Lakes and Dales Residents' Association organised and hosted Friday night's Music event at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club. Star attraction was Micky Rich who wowed the audience with sounds of the 60's and 70'. Micky had the audience singing along and dancing enthusiastically to many favourites such as Runaround Sue and Alice. Micky Rich was followed by Ocean who had the audience 'rocking all over the world' with popular songs from Status Quo, the Beatles and many others. Well done to Alan Lowe and the residents who organised the event.

Saturday was a very busy day and brought a series of events ranging from a Coffee Morning at St Clare's Church, a Pipe Band Concert at Simpasture Court, Summer Fayres at Woodham Academy and Rose Lodge Care Home and an Open Day at the Army Reserve Centre. There was 'Kid's Flicks' at St Clare's Church, the Community Fair in the Recreation Centre as well as the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) event which was hosted by Star Radio and offered people the chance to ride a Rodeo Bull and take part in competitions.

Sunday brought us a Brass Band Concert at Simpasture Court gardens and the intergenerational Showcase from Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre which was so well attended that they sold out of hamburgers!

Monday events included Djembe Drumming which attracted 33 participants who banged and slapped the drums with enthusiasm. There certainly was 'Tea and Time to Enjoy' with MIND not to mention cakes galore!

St Clare's Church was well worth a visit where St Clare's Angels - made by local school groups, brownies, craft groups and church members - have been on display throughout the Festival. They truly are a credit to the children and adults who must be so proud of them.

Wednesday was the day for an 'Easy Great Aycliffe Way Walk' on Wednesday. It was a lovely day for a nice easy stroll around the scenic route of 'The Way'. Thursday saw over 150 runners taking part in the 5k Trail Race around the Oakleaf Golf Course. Thanks for this well organised event go to Jane, Nat and Jo and the marshals as well as Vicky and Bob. This is an event which is sure to 'run' again!

The Funfair at Moore Lane started on Thursday and ran through to Sunday, much to the delight of the many visitors to the Fairground.

Also on Thursday was the Mayor at Home, a chance for the residents of the Parish to have afternoon tea

with the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton. Guests enjoyed a refreshing fruity glass of Pimm's cocktail in the garden sunshine before having sandwiches and cakes in the Council Chamber.

Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club was the venue for the Aycliffe Young Talent Project's Live Acoustic Music Night on Friday. The event was very popular and hosted a number of local artistes - and the whole occasion was rounded off with a buffet for all attending. Aycliffe Dance Academy's 'I Believe' my Dreams are Real was a total success with parents and grandparents thrilled by the young performers - up to 160 dancers took part in the production.

Saturday was the busiest day of the whole Festival with 12 events taking place throughout the day and night.

The main attractions were Fun Day at Agnew Community Centre when children and adults enjoyed making craft items, getting their nails painted as well as trying to get a table tennis ball in a bottle, sounds easier that it was!

There was a Heartbeat Day at Woodham Community Centre with fun trips on the Heartbeat Bus, fancy dress and free cakes!

Another Town Centre Event was held in the Beveridge Way precinct with Star Radio which offered the opportunity to win a holiday in America.

Aycliffe Dance Academy's second performance of 'I Believe my Dreams are Real' was also a huge success. The Pioneering Care Centre hosted a Community Summer Fayre. Children were given balloon dogs by Professor Nincompoop as they arrived and then were able to go through the premises and gardens taking part in crafts and potting vegetables to take home. Visitors also enjoyed a variety of free health and well-being themed activities as well as a magician and information and advice

Two evening events were held. Aycliffe Young Talent Project hosted a Rock Band Music Evening at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club and Aycliffe Village Hall was the venue for an evening of live soul music featuring the 'Smokin Spitfires' as well as a buffet and quiz.

The sun shone for the final day of the Festival (Sunday), which brought the Family Fun Day at Simpasture Court Garden when visitors were treated to a magic show, balloon modelling and bouncy castles.

Many families arrived with their picnic baskets and blankets to enjoy a Picnic in the Park at the Town Park. The on-site entertainment included performances of modern 'pop' brass bands Las Trans Savat and New York Brass, Tommy Bungle's Circus, Brian and Marilyn Llewellyn with Punch and Judy and face painting as well as walkabout entertainers Sally and Hodman who were hilarious as they wandered around looking for somewhere to live.

To see a list of all the Festival events which took place please see our website.

The first Festival was a great success, thanks to a lot of hard work and organisation from members of the community. However, there is always room for more, so if you think you would like to organise something for next year, please get in touch with the Festival Coordinator on 01325 300700 or Festival@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.



MP Conducts EU Survey Tesco Involve Children 3M Hat-Trick of 'Big Ticks'



Phil Wilson with Business Park Group Chair Kerina Clarke

MP, Phil Wilson, is inviting businesses based in Sedgefield constituency to take part in a survey exploring their connection to the EU. This is the first stage of his 'Sedgefield and the EU' campaign, in which he seeks to listen to constituent's opinions about the upcoming referendum.

Phil Wilson MP says, "I am taking this initiative because it is important to listen and engage with local business. These businesses are vital to employment in the area, and I want to ensure I possess the information necessary to fight for a deal that delivers the best results for my constituents".

It is well known that the North East as a region benefits from numerous EU funding pots, and receives £460m alone from the European Regional Development Fund, however, Mr Wilson considers it imperative to recognise Sedgefield's own connection to the EU.

He states "Whilst I firmly believe that Sedgefield, with the biggest industrial estate in the North East, would be better off if Britain remained in the EU, it is important I am aware of the practical effects that continued membership, or withdrawal, would have". The survey not only explores the current trade links, but invites business leaders to voice their opinions on Britain's current relationship to the EU, and potential reform.

Phil Wilson MP says "No one is stating that the EU shouldn't be reformed, but it is important to engage with business and listen to what reforms they believe Britain would benefit from".

The survey is a starting point for Phil Wilson MP in understanding his constituency's relationship to the EU. His overall goal is to enhance engagement with not only employers, but employees, and the wider community.

If you wish to take part in the survey or express your opinion email: Hannah.siddle@parliament.uk or telephone 01325 324827.

Tesco Involve Children in Free Food Sessions

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre's "Farm to Fork" event is a Tesco nationwide initiative dedicated to getting children interested in where their food comes from.

July 20th, 22nd and 27th July will be Messy Bread where the children will be able to bake bread - 1pm - 3pm. July 27th, 29th and August 4th will be Fun with Fruit where the children will find out where their fruit comes from and they will make fruit skewers 1pm - 3pm

August 6th will be a repeat of Fun with Fruit. 9.30am - 11.30am.

August 25th and 27th will be Messy Bread where the children will be able to bake bread. 9.30am - 11.30am. These activities are for children aged 4 - 11 years old. Each session is FREE but there are LIMITED spaces available if parents would like to book their children on the sessions they need to call Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre on 01325 307522

3M, which has a manufacturing site at Aycliffe, has won its third annual award in a row from the national organisation Business in the Community (BITC).

The BITC's Responsible Business Awards is the UK's longest-running and most respected awards scheme, recognising businesses that are making a positive difference to society and the environment.

3M has been presented with a Big Tick award in the Marketplace Sustainability Leadership category,



bringing a hat-trick of wins for the diversified technology company.

BITC chief executive Stephen Howard said: "The awards celebrate the very best of business and raise awareness of business as a powerful force for good."

"We congratulate 3M for playing its part in creating a fairer society and more sustainable future and demonstrating that business has a greater purpose than simply generating profit."

Winning the award has highlighted how sustainability is a way of life for 3M and recognises the company's success with energy saving and waste reduction programmes at its UK sites.

The award also recognises the efforts that the company and its employees put into environmental and other projects within the community through the 3Mgives volunteering programme. This gives every full-time employee

the opportunity to carry out a day's volunteering in the community on company time.

3M is an active supporter of the national Your Life campaign to encourage greater participation among women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) career choices. A number of its employees act as STEM ambassadors to help foster young interest in the subjects in local schools and colleges. Managing director Christiane Gruen commented: "Sustainability is fundamental to 3M's business philosophy and we are building on this by accelerating the integration of sustainability into business strategies across the company."

"Our employees also play an active role volunteering in the community and engaging young people in STEM activities and I'm delighted that these efforts have been recognised nationally by BITC."

Checking University Prospects



Students from Woodham Academy were recently invited to attend an information session at the SAGE Gateshead in order to develop an understanding of what is required to get into the country's top universities.

The most able students from around the North East of England gathered to listen to experts in this field, share information and experience regarding universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Durham and Newcastle.

Lecturers were on hand to outline the courses that are available, the grades required for entry, extra-curricular opportunities and also the additional aspects of an application which universities look for when considering students.

This was the first event targeted at Woodham Academy's most able students as part of the More Able Academy, due to launch fully in September.

This will be a bespoke package of educational and personal enrichment, focussed on the highest achieving students. Further details, including a launch event will follow in the new academic year.

WATER DANGER NEAR TOWN CENTRE LIFTS



Readers are warned to watch for standing water near the lifts in the Town Centre after a lady slipped and was badly injured last Saturday. Rainwater had apparently flooded down the ramp nearby and stood in pools. People using this access to the town centre were obliged to walk through the water and the lady concerned slid her full length damaging her ankle. Ambulance crew and a Paramedic attended and treated her with painkillers before she was taken to hospital for an X-Ray and leaving on crutches, unable to work for a few weeks. The Town Centre Manager was notified and the water was removed and it is hoped the problem will be solved.

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GREAT FUN IN THE PARKS

The Town Council are really excited about Fun in the Parks this year as they have several new additions to the event. This popular entertainment for all the family visits 8 parks, kicking off at the Town Centre Park on Wednesday 5th August 2015, and closing the event at Simpasture Park on Friday 28th August 2015. There will be a Punch and Judy Show, magician, balloon modelling, face painting, fairground rides and a large inflatable at all the events.

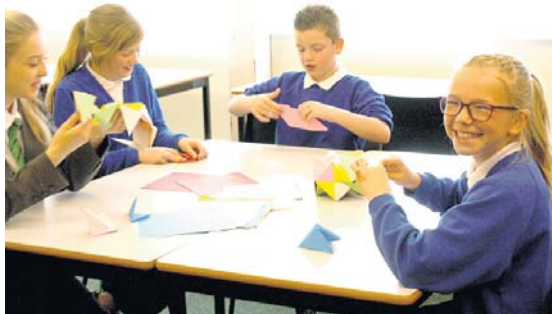
At the Town Centre we will have an extra face painter, the animal train inflatable and a football competition held by Newton Aycliffe Youth FC. In addition at Woodham on 12th August we are hosting a Teddy Bears picnic with a visit from Oakey the Bear, all the children are asked to bring their teddy bears along to join the fun.

At Moore Lane on 14th August we are expecting a visit from the Frozen Characters, Anna, Elsa and Olaf, along with a Frozen bouncy castle and Frozen themed games.

At the Oak Leaf Park on 19th August, we are having an animal theme with a visit from Kraffy Kritters with their unusual and interesting animals, an animal track hunt, the Animal Train inflatable which is always popular and a visit from two very famous mice – Mickey and Minnie. The best part is that it's FREE. The fun starts at 11 am until 3 pm.

For further information please visit <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/oakleafsportscomplex> or call 01325 300600.

MATHS CHALLENGE



On 8th July numerous Primary schools from around the area participated in the Woodham Academy Maths Challenge: Timothy Hackworth, Aycliffe Village, Thornhill, St Francis and Chilton. This was an all-day event organised by the Woodham Mathematics department, with Mr Greaves coordinating.

The aim of the day is to allow the students to participate in mathematically challenging tasks whilst socialising with students from other schools.

The day was split in to four main parts; Limping seagulls and stellated octahedron making, "pentominoes", "crystal maze" and a maths relay.

Each activity was awarded a winner: Chilton and St Francis,

Aycliffe Village, Timothy Hackworth and Thornhill respectively.

The overall winners on the day were as follows: 3rd place – Thornhill team 2; 2nd place – Timothy Hackworth 1

First place (and overall winners) – Aycliffe Village team 1. Students and staff alike had a very busy, entertaining day. The primary school students expressed that they particularly enjoyed creating the stellated octahedrons which teams took back to their schools, along with the prizes they each received.

Woodham Academy and the maths department would like to thank all teams, staff and students that participated in an extremely enjoyable day.

Notification of AGM

NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH and COMMUNITY CENTRE

Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe

Tel: 01325-307522

E-mail: secretary@nayc.co.uk

Monday 10th August at 6.30 p.m.

To Agree: Minutes of Last AGM held 19th May 2014.

Annual report and Accounts for the period of 1 January to 31st March 2015.

Notification of change of charitable status as per the constitution

Under Article 11 dissolve the existing Charity number 514673 and transfer all monies and assets to the new CIO Charity number 1162535. This is in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Vicky Hewish, Secretary

Resident Cycles C2C for Nepal Appeal

Dear Sir,
Cycling has helped me immensely recover from my back operation, before I struggled to even stand for nearly 3 months. Whilst on two-wheels, I have gained strength and fitness, but more importantly, I have made friends with some amazing and inspiring individuals. It has become an addictive and challenging hobby, exercising in the fresh countryside air! So after 3 years of cycling with the support provided by PCP and the Durham County Council's "Bike for Life", I finally set myself the challenge to cycle from the west to the east coast of England. At the same time, I tried to raise money for the recent Nepal earthquake disaster that has devastated the entire nation.

Every penny raised will aid in the rebuilding of lives of the affected Nepalese. It will help feed them, shelter them, look after their orphans and provide the desperately needed medical support.

I would like to thank all my family and friends who



have been very generous, supportive and helped me raise in excess of £1700 towards this good cause.
Vijaya Kotur

CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store had a very disappointing defeat by 119 runs at home to Wolviston 1st team in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors chose to bat first and scored an impregnable 238 for 9 in their 50 overs with the wickets shared by John Cavanagh (3 for 31), Colin Myers (3 for 58) and Michael Howe (2 for 33). In reply Aycliffe were skittled for only 119 after 36 overs, with only Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), who top scored with 37, Graham Telford (24 runs) and Luke Telford (16 runs) emerging with credit.

An under strength second team lost away at Wolviston 2nd XI by 6 wickets in the NYSD 3rd division. Batting first Aycliffe were bowled out for just 115 after 45.5 overs with only Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy) top scoring with 37, Dan Bowmer (28 runs) and Danny Weldon (11 runs) reaching double figures. In reply the homeside raced to victory taking just 25 overs to reach 116, despite some

excellent bowling from Jack Slatcher who took 3 for 44 from 11 overs.

The club's under 13's team (photo above) had an excellent five wicket win away at Darlington RA. The homeside batted first and scored a challenging 93 for 4 in their 20 overs with Josh Weldon the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 19 from 4 overs. In reply good batting from captain Lucas Pilling (15 runs), Joe Bowsher (11 runs) and John Grey (11 runs) put Aycliffe in a good position. Ali Abbasi (17 not out) and Luke Patterson (9 not out) then carried on the good work and batted superbly at the end to see their side home to victory with 16 balls in hand. The u11's lost at home to a very strong Stockton team, however the Aycliffe youngsters continue to improve. Captain Leo Mercy, Nathan Slater and Francis Humble all took a wicket and Humble and Iain Robson also each held a good catch. When Aycliffe batted, runs were hard to come by, however Harry Wright made it look easy when he top scored with 11.

Matthew Cleans Up at Newcastle Gala

Sedgefield 75 ASC's swimmer Matthew Bradley (17) competed on the 12th of July at Newcastle Swim Teams annual summer gala in the Tynemouth Swimming complex.

Matthew's first swim was the 200 metres individual medley in which he excelled taking the gold medal and achieving a personal best time of 2.07.91. This meant he qualified for the Skins Knockout competition later in the day. Next up was the 50 metres backstroke with another gold medal and a personal best time of 27.84.

After a short break Matthew competed in the skins competition which involves rapid 50 metre swims with the last placed swimmer in each 50 metre swim being

eliminated. Matthew stepped up to the mark and swam two rounds of 50 metre butterfly, two 50 metre breaststroke and in the final a 50 metre freestyle where he achieved a personal best time of 24.10 seconds and took the top prize of £30.

In the afternoon session Matthew continued his weekend success by taking gold in the 50 metres freestyle in a time of 24.57 seconds and finished the day well in the 200 metres freestyle taking his fourth gold and achieving a personal best time of 1.54.88.

A great personal success for Matthew and a continuing example of how dedication and a focus on training ensures success in competition.



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Headteacher: Mrs. C. Forsyth

Teaching Assistant required for September 2015 Grade 2 Point 14-19 (32.5 hours per week)

The Governors seek to appoint a Teaching Assistant to support the day-to-day running of the school's Behaviour for Learning Centre. This promotes the learning of students eligible for Pupil Premium and those identified as having social, emotional, behavioural and learning difficulties. The successful candidate will plan, deliver and assess activities and strategies to advance learning, working with individuals, small groups and whole classes without the presence of a teacher. He/she will also be expected to work alongside outside agencies to support students. Candidates should have experience of working with young people and should possess relevant qualifications.

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Left to right: Melaine Rowland, Tracey Warrior, Rob Cherrie and Penny Johnson

On Saturday 11th July Ripon Race Course was the popular venue for the annual NYP Black Sheep Olympic distance Triathlon. Almost 700 triathletes including six from Aycliffe Tri Club took on the 1500m open water swim, 40k bike and 10k run course. First home was Andy Sedgwick followed by Dan Halladay. Next and first lady back was Melaine Rowland in a fantastic time of 2hrs 45min, a new course PB for Mel, with a 10 minute improvement on her time from last year. Rob Cherrie was next home followed by Penny Johnson in 3hr 02min with Tracey Warrior making her 3rd racing appearance in as many weeks, finishing in 3hr 07min. Completing the team Andrea Jones came home in 3hrs 36min. All the athletes enjoyed the atmosphere of the day and finished off the event with a camp and BBQ. The previous weekend saw Tracey Warrior taking part in the Haven Point Triathlon Festival. The sprint race started with a 400m pool swim followed by 20k bike and 5k run. It's a fast and flat course along the sea front, finishing with a run along the beach. Tracey finished the race in 1hr 21min. Aycliffe Tri Club members will be out racing again at the Triology Super Sprint at Ellerton Water Park on Wednesday 22nd July.

Double Delight for Youth Football Club

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club recently attended a County Durham FA Charter Standard Award Ceremony at the Emirates Cricket Ground in Chester Le Street. The club was delighted to be recognised as the No 1 Charter Standard Community Club in the County for 2014/2015. The County FA Secretary, John Topping, then surprised the club, to also announce to the packed audience, that we were also awarded the North of England Regional Community Club of the Year. This huge accolade is reward to everyone involved in the football club, coming only 5 years after achieving Community Status. The award recognised the quality and level of coaching achieved by all the volunteer coaches who give up many hours to achieve top coaching awards. As the start of a new season approaches the club will have 16 boys teams from 7-17yrs old and 4 girls teams from 9-14yrs old as well as 2 thriving development sections. The FA acknowledged



the links we have with local primary schools offering introductory coaching sessions during the school day, with many children then joining the club to play in one of our many teams. Berni Borsberry, Club Secretary, said "This is an award for everyone involved with Newton Aycliffe Youth FC and the local community. We pride ourselves that we are at

the heart of football on the town and continue to offer affordable football for everyone and of all abilities.

The club continues to grow every season but the growth in teams is matched by the growth in coaches and volunteers who want to join the No.1 FA Charter Standard Club in the North of England. If you want more information visit our website www.naycafc.co.uk

Junior Football Results

Two Aycliffe Juniors side were 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 Scorpions. First up though were the Under 7's who had a friendly against Bishop Auckland St Marys.

The under 7's played four shortened games against the two Bishop sides (Kings and Aces). Every player gave a 100% and the format allowed each player to get involved and play different positions whilst preparations continue for the new season. Over the course of the morning two games were won and two lost with the teams evenly matched. The NAJFC squad look forward to continuing training and feature in their first tournament next weekend.

To get involved with the Under 7's just come along any Monday for training 6-7pm or contact Brett Lambert on 07903 718088, new players are very welcome.

An excellent display from NAJFC Under 10's closed out the first part of their Russell Foster Division 6 season, and continued their great from last week's victory. It was another solid performance with Matty and Oli both playing in goal for a half each and outfield Sam, Evan, Taylor, Bronton & Bo started, with Chloe, Isaac and Ted all appearing during the game.

NAJFC began quickly, with two strikes from captain Bronton giving them an early lead, Sam then added a long range third goal. Next Isaac scored the first of his two goals following some strong work from Oli to win the ball back in the opposition box. Bronton completed his hat-trick early in the second half, with a second goal from Isaac during a quick break, and finally a late penalty from Bo giving NAJFC a 7-0 victory. This was another excellent performance from the whole squad, with some good football and excellent teamwork giving them a third win from the first four games of the season, as we now head into the league's summer break. This week's captain's player of the match was awarded to Evan with the parent's award going to Bronton.

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. All sessions are at Sunnydale Leisure Centre and as always all new players are very welcome.

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12-13 yrs division 3rd Kyu brown belt and above. We are all very pleased how we finished and it's back to training for the next World Cup in Australia in 2 years time.

Sensei Dez Tinkler said "Everybody was nervous but did what they had to do and I'm very proud of them all to finish in the top 10 in the world - they were all awesome and it was a great weekend



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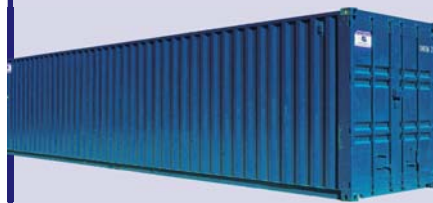
GKR Karate World Cup took place at the Echo Arena in Liverpool last weekend. 1200 competitors came from around the world to compete in the 3 day event and it was awesome to watch and take part.

It was very tiring but spirits were up and we all did our best with Dez Tinkler coming 4th out of 32 competitors in his black belt division. Jenny Smith came tenth, Asa

Fletcher seventh. Annalise Tinkler in the new division for 18-34 yr old was the youngest competitor. She was beaten in her Kata in the second round by ex world champ three flags to two. She was very strong and won Kumite in her first 3 fights but lost her 4th by half a point to finish 4th in the world. Jada Holden was 4th in her Kata and won bronze in her Kumite in the

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If you are a property owner then you should make yourselves aware of the recent changes in the payment of inheritance tax that will come into force from 6th April 2017.

From April 2017, each individual will be offered a family home allowance so they can pass their home on to their children or grandchildren tax-free after their death. This will be phased in from 2017-18 but what you do with your property now can affect how IHT will be charged in the future.

Most people will be aware that Inheritance Tax is paid if a person's estate (their property, money and possessions) is worth more than £325,000 when they die. Don't forget that if you are married then you can also benefit from increasing this to £650,000. Anything over this threshold is taxed at 40% unless other exemptions apply. This is currently a relatively simple process to understand. However, the Government has announced a new nil-rate band for inheritance tax (IHT) purposes is to be introduced. The changes will only affect situations

where a "residence" is left on death to "direct" descendants.

You will need to be the registered owners of the property and be residing in the property as your main home. Direct descendants are listed as children, step-children, foster children and their direct descendants. But how will you calculate if inheritance tax is payable after April 2017?

Firstly the basic nil-rate band of £325,000 will remain frozen at this level until April 2021. Secondly you will then need to work out if you qualify for "main residence nil rate band" under the new strict rules. In 2017-18 this will mean an additional £100,000 nil rate band could be available to you. This amount will increase each year up to a maximum of £175,000 in the year 2020-2021.

If you are married and own property there are also opportunities to increase

your nil rate threshold, as spouses can benefit from their partners unused nil rate amounts.

Legislation is also being proposed around nil rate bands if you downsize or cease to own a home on or after 8 July 2015 provided you meet the specific requirements.

Janet Potts of North East Law LLP Solicitors confirms that estate planning requires some careful thought and understands that people want to protect their home and assets that they have worked hard to build for their families. Further Janet advises that it's always good to seek professional advice on your individual circumstances as people are all different. If you would like to learn more contact Janet on 0191 3726835 or perhaps you run a group and would like Janet to come along and give a talk she would love to hear from you.

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Whilst the many day time activities did mean people had to perhaps limit where they could attend, decent numbers appear to have attended. Our Heartbeat day featured

a great display by the Taekwondo Club's Little Tigers section, and rides on the Heartbeat Bus proved very popular with both old and young. Thanks to Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society, Ian Wiggitt and H'Angus the Hartlepool Monkey for providing such great fun. Our 60's Music Night was fabulous fun provided by MAD Community Choir, suitably dressed in 60's fancy dress and they were transported on the Heartbeat Bus of the same era. A Pie and Pea supper was provided and Disco music by Daniel finished off an evening of great entertainment. Thanks to everyone who attended. David Sutton-Lloyd. Woodham Community Centre

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Film Show

The next "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on **TUESDAY 21st JULY**, will feature "MIDNIGHT LACE" starring Doris Day, Rex Harrison, Myrna Loy and Roddy McDowall. Not the usual light and fluffy Doris Day movie, but a mystery thriller about a young American newly-wed in London who is being threatened with murder, or going mad, depending who you believe.

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.

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Afternoon Tea with the Mayor



CHANGES AT MIND



Vicky Lawrence (left) with Joanne Howe

Due to the sudden and heart breaking loss of Muriel Gordon, the staff at Newton Aycliffe MIND have changed. Muriel was a fantastic leader and was loved and respected by everyone she met. She was passionate about her work at MIND and kept them going through the most challenging times, leading the organisation with determination and stubbornness at times. She will be greatly missed by all of us here but her spirit will always remain.

Vicki Lawrence new Chief Executive Officer was born and has lived in Newton Aycliffe all her life. She attended Darlington College of Technology studying health and social care. She worked at Aycliffe Hospital from the age of 18 until it closed. "I have worked at MIND for 14

years as Assistant Manager in which time have completed many courses including alternative therapies, advanced management, mental health first aid, leadership development and Assist. My plan is to steer our organisation onwards and upwards extending current services and applying new ones. This means we will be disaffiliating from National MIND and running independently under our new name "The Hub Of Wishes". We will be re-launching on the 1st October 2015.

Joanne Howe has been employed as AEO, also from Newton Aycliffe, and been with MIND for 10 years. She originally was on placement from Bishop Auckland College, and decided to further her learning completing her

degree in health and social care at Sunderland University while volunteering at MIND. She became secretary and worked tirelessly fundraising and promoting the service. Joanne went on to do her Masters degree in Social Science specialising in Mental Health. Joanne has gained so much knowledge and experience working in Mental Health she will be an asset to the organisation.

The Mayor Mary Dalton was "At Home" last Thursday at the Town Council Offices where she hosted guest Civic Leaders from local towns, parishes and a cross section of our community. Afternoon tea was provided and a raffle held in aid of the Mayor's charities.

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READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Reader John Williamson sent in this great photo of a grey squirrel in his garden. Send your photos to: syd@newtonpress.net.

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Thank You

This year sees St. Clare's celebrates 60 years as a church for all people. Sunday August 7th will be our Patronal Festival, and at the 10-00am Service we warmly invite one and all to come and help us in the CELEBRATION.

If you have memories of St. Clare's why not share them with us. A lot of our community has witnessed and worshipped here over the past 60 years; many have passed through our doors for happy occasions such as Baptisms and Weddings, and some have sadly come to say farewell and give thanks for the life of a much loved person in your lives, at a Funeral Service, and also at our Memorial Services.

Many uniformed organisations and clubs of various activities, far too many to mention, have held their group meetings at this church.

Throughout all these times St. Clare's has been a very personal reminder for you in years that have past.

We would love to see you in church on August 9th to hear your stories of what St. Clare's has meant to you. If you have photographs or any memorabilia that you think others would like to see, of memories past, please bring them along any morning to St. Clare's where we will be putting together a display "Throughout the Years". This will be on display on Saturday August 8th at our Coffee Morning in the church hall, between 10am and 12 noon.

If you would like to make a donation in Thanksgiving for the upkeep of your Town Centre church, there will be

a collection plate during the Patronal Festival, or at the coffee morning.

All donations will go towards our final push in raising the money needed to help complete our church roof. We are most grateful to you all for help in this appeal.

We look forward to seeing you at our Service, and please pass this message on to all you know who have moved away from our town, but had links with St. Clare's Church. We would love to see them there as much as yourselves.

Further details can be had by contacting Pam Lovell on 316841



THE FAMILY of the Peter White would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards of condolence and floral tributes received during their recent bereavement. Thanks also for donations made to Cancer Research UK. The collection raised £344.21

I WISH to thank Rachael and Dean Davies, also a lady called Yvonne, who helped me when I had an accident in the Town Centre on Sunday 12th July. They called the Paramedics and stayed with me until the Ambulance arrived. Their help and kindness made all the difference under the circumstances

PAUSE ON NORTH RAIL ELECTRIFICATION IS MAJOR SETBACK

Responding to the statement by Transport Secretary Patrick McCloughlin,

announcing a pause to electrification of rail lines in the North, director of IPPR North Ed Cox said:

"The announcement is troubling for the Northern economy and a major setback to the Northern powerhouse. Transport connections and infrastructure must be the foundation on which a prosperous Northern economy is built.

"The North already loses out substantially when it comes to public investment in its dated, poorly integrated and under-funded transport network. Now it will see projects already too far back in the queue fall further behind, which will hamper the area's ability to grow and compete.

"Promises of bigger and better mean little to the immediate needs of the North and seeing politicians and bureaucrats trading blame helps nobody. Business leaders in the North tell us they want to see a more radical devolution of powers and budget over transport and infrastructure to create prosperity and rebalance the economy.

"Decisions about Northern transport should be made in the North. We would urge the Government to go further and faster in support the Transport for the North body, so it can shape the region's destiny and ends decades of chronic underinvestment in the North's creaking transport network."

Woodham Art Exhibition



On the 7th of July Woodham Academy Art students again impressed all with their outstanding art achievements in the annual exhibition of year 11 GCSE and BTEC artwork.

The exhibition which was held in the Academy's art gallery displayed a selection of a very high quality work again this year and was a true reflection of the skill and dedication of Woodham

Academy students. These students have studied Art for the last five years in Woodham's Art department and staff past and present were delighted to see the success in each student's individual journey.

Friends from the community and colleagues involved in art education visited the exhibition and were hugely impressed by Woodham students' achievements.

Young People Wanted to Perform in a Panto

Do you like Pantomimes? Do you know anyone who would like to star in this year's Show? Oh Yes You Do! The Tearaways Youth Theatre Group are looking for young people aged 9 to 17 years who would like to Dance, Sing or Act in their Disney Cinderella Pantomime.

A spokesperson said "I know it seems a bit silly talking about Pantomimes when some people haven't had their Summer Holidays yet, but the group need to start rehearsals as soon as possible on their annual show.

In The Tearaways, from the moment you arrive, you will start making friends, having fun and learning new skills too. Your confidence and creativity will increase along with your self-esteem. It won't be long before you will be showing off those new found skills in this 2 hour show, to your Family and Friends."

Anyone interested in joining The Tearaways Youth

Theatre Group or need more information, ring 01325 313363 / 01388 774838. www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk

In Memoriam

JOY COSH 19th July. Always in our thoughts, loved forever. Ian, Yvonne, Kenny, Andrea, Alex, Sara, Grandkids and Great Grandkids xxxxx

DICK HUTSON 19th April 1928 to 18th July 2013. **ADA HUTSON** 4th April 1927 to 5th June 2007. **DAD - MAM.** These special years will not return, when we were all together. But with all the love that's in our hearts, you will walk with us forever. Your loving family xxxxx

LAWRENCE BRUMWELL died 15th July 1987. Time passes, memories stay quietly remembered every day. God bless. Love, Jeannette, Owen, Carl and family
DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a loving Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

Birthday Remembrance

STEWIE ALLEN Happy birthday Stevie, miss you. Lynda, Heidi and Amelia xxx

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Births

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TURNBULL - McCABE Tom and Elaine, Mick and Arna are proud and delighted to announce the safe and welcome arrival of their Granddaughter "Martha Grace". Born on 14th July 2015, weighing 7lb 2oz. First child for Thomas and Sarah (nee McCabe), eagerly awaited and precious Great Granddaughter, Neice and Cousin. Love and congratulations from both families

Congratulations

Anne & Peter Molyneux



Congratulations Mam & Dad on your **Golden Wedding Anniversary**
Lots of love from Jane, Neil & Luke, Philip, Ashleigh, Dougie & Lena xxx

Joannah Fraser

Congratulations on your 40th birthday on 14th July. Love, Gary, Alex, Ellie, Mica and Callum

Happy 40th birthday Joannah.
Love always, Mam and Dad



JOHN TURNBULL 24th July 1990 - Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary. Can't wait for our holiday. Here's to the next 25 years. Love you forever and always, Mandy xxxxx

CHLOE SMITH-RACE Congratulations on achieving your L3 Diploma to H.E. Very proud as well as happy for you. Love and best wishes lovely girl. Love, Mam, Anth, Olivia and Owen xxxxx

KNOW Happy 5th birthday to our "Superhero" Thomas. Lots of love, Mummy, Daddy and James xxxxx

THOMAS KNOW happy 5th birthday, have a wonderful day. Love and kisses, Grandma and Grandad xxxxx

KNOW Happy birthday Thomas! Love you, Great Gran Lily xxxxx

KNOW Happy birthday Thomas. Love, Auntie Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxxxx

KNOW Happy 5th birthday Thomas Choo Choo. Love, Uncle Adam, Auntie Kim, Eva and Harry xxxxx

MILLER, Hollie Marie. Congratulations on your 21st. Love and best wishes. Dad, Angela and Jack

MILLER, Hollie Marie. All the best for the future on your 21st birthday. Love, Nana Marion

BRADLEY Congratulations Jazz and Rebecca (nee Sterling) on your Wedding Day in Jamaica on 10th July 2015. We wish you a long and happy life together. All our love, Mam, Dad, James, Jack, Alfie and Nanna Margaret xxxxxx

JOE HURST Congratulations on gaining a 2:1 in Linguistics from the University of Chester. All of your studying has been rewarded and once again, we are all very, very proud of you. We wish you every happiness for the future. Love from Mum, Dad, Sam, Louis and all of the family xxxxx

WATKINS Darren and Beverley, congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary on 21st July. Enjoy your time in London. Love, Mam, Dad, Leigh-Ann and Millie

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SKATERS DO IT AGAIN! Rugby Club Needs Props



Lisa Firbank and Kay Taylor, coaches for the Caprice Roller Skating Club based at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre retained their title with their Duo dance when the club completed at the Tyne Tees National Skating Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 11th and 12th July. They were also placed 2nd with their Trio dance (The Magpies) with Andrea Vasey on the first time they had competed together in this event. Andrea was placed 1st with John Parlour for the Mature Couples Dance. Leah Toms was placed 1st with her partner in the Pairs Event but also placed 2nd in the Combined Event, and 2nd in the Couples, dancing with Curtis Taylor. Aysha Toms and Harvey Taylor performed brilliantly in their first couples dance in a competition with Cameron Dunn and Bradley Dunn and received their first bronze medal when the Club won 3rd place for their Club Show, 'All That

Jazz'. Anyone interested in joining the club, all ages welcome, come along to Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre on a Saturday afternoon at 2.30 pm. Bring

skates if you have them as we have only a limited supply. Sessions will start again first week in September) or call Andrea on 07876 354981 or John on 07788 725871 for info.

Greenfield Junior Tennis Camp Invitation

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.

AYCLIFFE TRAVEL TO LANCASHIRE IN FA CUP

Newton Aycliffe FC have been drawn away to North West Counties League side Nelson in the FA Cup. The competition starts with the Extra Preliminary Round on Saturday 15 August. There will be a sense of déjà vu for manager Peter Dixon & several of his players.

Peter started last season as manager of West Auckland who were also drawn away to Nelson at the same stage of the competition. West won the tie 2-1 & Peter will be hoping to leave Lancashire with another win. If he does Aycliffe will face either Garforth Town or Morpeth Town at home in the next round on Saturday 29 August. Aycliffe have started pre-season training with their first friendly away to Crook Town on Saturday 11 July. Full details of fixtures are available on the club website www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Aycliffe rugby are stepping up their recruitment campaign and are looking for more players to fill up available spaces following the reintroduction of the 2nd XV for the 2015/16 season. The club are keen for lads living in or around Newton Aycliffe who would consider themselves to be front row potential in particular Prop Forward.

The role of the prop is to scrummage, work in the lineouts, support play and tackle well. No matter how fast and powerful the game becomes, a prop will always be a prop.

The difference nowadays is that props also have to be able to catch, time a pass to put team mates into space and run. Many top props are now very powerful runners and you may even see the odd sidestep. The tighthead prop is very much the fulcrum.

He anchors the whole scrum and is destructive in a negative sense. He will be trying to put the opposition loose head under pressure. The primary role of the loosehead in the other hand is to look after the hooker so he can get a clean strike of the ball but these days looseheads have to be destructive too.

The tight head plays in the right of the front row and mainly uses the right hand side of the body, whereas looseheads left side dominates. Because of this it's fairly rare to find someone who can excel at both. To be a good prop you've really got to enjoy the position, it's not everyone's cup of tea



putting your head where it hurts. It's possibly the only true position on the field where you have a one to one with your opposite number. You need to love that confrontational challenge to get the most out of it. England's Phil Vickery is a great example of a perfect modern prop.

Some of Aycliffe's players had the pleasure of meeting Phil Vickery at a recent business launch in Darlington (see photo). Any new players interested in joining the current training programme please contact head coach Pete Ryan's 07796 172599



The club continues to be sponsored by S Cars and Whitehouse Funeral Service.

Frank Swinburne Memorial Cup Game

This Saturday 18th July Newton Aycliffe's first pre-season home game is versus Northallerton for the Frank Swinburne Memorial Cup. Frank, who passed away in 2013, was an enthusiastic and hard-working member of the Newton Aycliffe committee.

Among his many achievements was a sponsored walk to Northallerton and for that reason the North Yorkshire team play Aycliffe in this annual pre-season fixture. Northallerton are managed by popular former Aycliffe player Danny Mellanby who'll be making a welcome return to Moore Lane Park and will have several ex-Aycliffe players in his squad. Kick-off is 3:00pm. Admission will be £4 adults, £2 concessions. Free admission for Season ticket holders and accompanied under 12's.

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