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Newton Aycliffe Nurse in Miss Great Britain Final

After representing Durham in the Miss Northeast GB final on Thursday night, Lauren Wells has secured herself a place in the Miss Great Britain finals.

As well as securing a place in the upcoming finals Lauren Wells, 19, of Lowther Drive, Woodham in Newton Aycliffe has also won a contract with North East model and casting Agency Headline Models and will ultimately become the face of the region for the next year.

On Thursday 30th July at Wynyard Hall the Miss North East final took place which showcased 40 girls from four different regions; Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham and Teesside.

The competition involved 10 girls per region competing in the final, with it coming down to only four girls being crowned as finalists and automatically being put in the running for Miss Great Britain.

After competing in three rounds: Little Black Dress, Swimwear and evening dress it was handed over to the judges to decide. Head judge Jemma Simmonds told the audience, "I'm looking for the full package with these girls, it's about the personality and confidence of the girls as well."

Each girl was required to

raise money for Global's Make Some Noise, a national charity that helps disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. One girl from each region was awarded the Miss Charity crown for raising the most.

All together the event raised £8117 with the help from the raffle and silent auction it's said to still be raising.

Lauren was delighted by her success and added, "I really never even imagined myself doing something like this, I do 14 hour shifts cleaning, changing, nursing and looking after other people."



Lauren Wells

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SINGING CAPTIONS



Captions for the wrongly spelt sign sent in by readers, all on a musical theme:

"One Diversion" appearing here soon.

"Spenny Lane" - 8 Miles.

"Grit Balls of Fire"

"Just a 'Little Mix' take"

"Is this the way to Hammer Drillers"

Aycliffe Girl Appointed M.P.'s Researcher

Hannah Siddle from Newton Aycliffe has been appointed a researcher for our MP Phil Wilson. Her Mam and Dad are retired and both worked in local factories, her mother was a production operator, and Dad was a maintenance mechanic and served as a shop steward. Hannah attended St Joseph's



Primary School, St Johns RC Comprehensive before going to Newcastle University where she gained a BA Hons in Philosophy and Politics. Hannah then studied at Durham University and achieved an MA in Politics and International Relations with a distinction. Her next goal is to take her PHD.

She is a Newcastle United Season Ticket holder, and travels to games on a Supporters Bus, run by local man Roger Howe.

World Travel includes backpacking around Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and working for the YMCA in Bangladesh.

After returning from Bangladesh, she became a volunteer in Phil Wilson's office as she was keen to demonstrate the importance of youth engagement in politics and why the younger generations needs to be heard.

She took a job organising the campaign for Labour MP Gloria De Piero and during this time, members of Phil's team retired creating an opening in his constituency office.

She was offered the position of Researcher and her main role is to focus on Phil Wilson's Constituency and the EU initiative, to find out what the best deal for the constituents of Sedgefield. Hananah's ambition is to secure a job where she can help people and change things to make society more equal and fair.

Loss of Man & Wife Ministry Move to Scarborough After 8 years

Dear Sir,
On Sunday 26th July Neville Parade Methodist Church bid an emotional farewell to Rev. Graham and Rev. Emma Morgan.

They have served the Church at Neville Parade for the past eight years and are moving on shortly to take up a new challenge and ministry in Scarborough.

For the last four years my Dad - George Wheatley - has known their help, comfort and support through the sad and difficult time after the death of my Mum.

I know he is immensely grateful to Graham and Emma for their love and prayerful support of him and our Family. I was so pleased to be able to attend the Service on Sunday and to see again that Neville Parade Methodist Church is a place that Newton Aycliffe can be proud of and its congregation is one who faithfully gathers week after week to worship God and to genuinely care for, and look out for one another.

Graham and Emma have worked tirelessly to support the Church and the folks of Newton Aycliffe through Churches Together and beyond. I'm sure their ministry will be missed - as much as the impact and legacy of it will remain.

They leave many friends at Neville Parade and beyond - me included - who are so grateful for all they have done....and all that they mean. I'm sure I won't be the only one who would want to say a huge 'Thank You' to them through Newton News! Neville Parade Methodist Church has been part of the fabric of Newton Aycliffe for over 50 years.



It is a gem of a Church with a small congregation with a massive heart and an immense amount of care and compassion.

It may not figure ever so highly on the 'radar' like other larger Churches in the Town. But its strength lies in its genuine concern for the

People of the Town and how they can be served through living out the truths of the Gospel.

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We have been around and gigging for about three years, Chris joined us on drums at the end of 2014 and we have a dedicated following (some of whom are making the journey on Saturday night!).

Saturday 15th August - "Born Villains"

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Aycliffe Nurse in Miss Great Britain Final

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One day I'm a nurse and the next day I'm strutting my stuff up and down the catwalk in beautiful dresses! I'm in absolute shock and honestly can't believe I've had the privilege to do this. Excited doesn't even fit to how I feel about competing in Miss Great Britain, I can't wait!"

The show displayed a diverse range of beauty and personalities from all different backgrounds and experiences. Simon Robertson, organiser of Miss Northeast and Director at One Voice Productions

commented on the night, "The standard on the night was so high in all the areas, it's the first year the competition has had the Teesside and Durham regions and it all went really well, the judges had an impossible job but they definitely got it right, Lauren did so well.

The judges had an interview with the girls before the show started so they were being scored on personalities as well. I'm very proud of the variety and diversity the show had it was fantastic."

By Faye Hutton

Secret World of Reptiles & Amphibians

Join the Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership for a free introductory talk on Reptiles and Amphibians on Thursday 13th August at 7pm in the Witham Hall, Barnard Castle.

Discover more about these elusive and fascinating creatures with Ian Bond, an ecologist for Hartlepool Borough Council and member of the Darlington & Teesdale Naturalists' Field Club.

The talk forms part of the Heart of Teesdale's Landscape Discovery project, which aims to reconnect local communities with their landscape and heritage through training, educational talks and workshops.

This event is free of charge and booking is not required. However if you plan to attend it would help to contact the Partnership in order to plan the catering. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Karen Collins on 03000 260 835 or email karen.collins@durham.gov.uk.

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Admission - Adults £2 Children £1 with a family ticket costing just £5. All proceeds will support the roof appeal at St. Clare's, so please come along and view the steam, diesel and always popular Thomas layouts. A great day out - every one very welcome. Details on www.smrc.com.

FURTHER EXPANSION FOR AYCLIFFE BORN COUNTY FURNITURE SCHEME



County Durham Furniture Help Scheme moved into a small unit based at Chilton Industrial Estate in October 2004 run by four volunteers. Before this a small Scheme operated from a few small garages in Newton Aycliffe which became too small so premises more suitable were necessary. Chris Palmer from Aycliffe was the founder and provided this service as a member of St. Mary's Church. The move to Chilton gave opportunities to take other larger units adjacent with the help of Business Durham and the County Council who understand the business and property needs.

CDFHS are on the verge of having facilities totally compatible to the flexible and changing nature of this steadily growing Charity. County Durham Furniture Help Scheme was rebranded in 2014 with a new image. They

have just acquired Unit 22 with a total of 18,099 sq ft of floor space which enabling them to increase overall capacity to receive donated goods and deliver increasing amounts of affordable furniture regionally. CDFHS also provides quality work experience for the local Jobcentres and DWP contractors. The additional space will allow work in employability, advice and guidance, "Up cycling" work in furniture restoration "Shabby Chic" funded by the National Lottery is also adding staff and donations. CDFHS offer training in a semi-formal setting, encouraging home based small enterprise start-ups. The increased space will help grow this significant part of CDFHS improving their external presentation by working with several arms of the County Council in partnership. As a trusted partner in Welfare

Assistance delivery for DCC they are keyed in with the region's largest Credit Union NE First, offering low cost affordable loans or direct Council support for individuals to get affordable furniture of the best quality possible in their homes. CDFHS is a Durham Foodbank referrer and combined with the

MONKEY Project are now working jointly with all of the Counties Housing Associations to encourage tenants to come to us for furniture, volunteering or work experience opportunities. CDFHS contribute significantly to the County's waste reduction targets winning the County Durham Environment Award. April saw them open a "Pop Up" shop in Chester le Street with very favourable reviews. They are working with local community groups such as Bullion Hall to grow volunteering opportunities with the CDFHS in the north

of the County. CDFHS have started to provide new beds manufactured in the UK and bought locally at a great price. Customers can buy a brand new factory sealed bed single from £85.00 and £109.00 for a plain double or £129.00 for a more superior item. CDFHS thank Business Durham for the support, backing, meetings, discussions, joint planning and betterment of the organisation. We have gained external funding from outside the area, supporting our operations bringing a form of inward investment into the area.



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- Triangular traffic signs with a red border warn motorists about potential hazards. Figure 1, for example, warns motorists of two-way traffic straight ahead, while figure 2 warns motorists about cattle potentially crossing in a rural area – be prepared to slow down or stop.
- Some warning signs appear as red rectangles where a reduction in speed is required (figure 3), or in white rectangles where motorists are approaching a narrow road or bend in the road (figure 4) – keep an eye out for these and slow down if necessary.
- Circular traffic signs with a red border instruct motorists and prohibit certain types of manoeuvres. For example, figure 5 prohibits solo motorcyclists from travelling in a specific area, while figure 6 prohibits all vehicles except pedal cycles – adhere to these signs to avoid being fined.
- Maximum speed limits are also displayed in circular traffic signs. Where figure 7 is displayed the national speed limit for the type of road you are travelling on applies. Where figure 8 is shown you must not exceed the displayed speed limit.
- Circular blue traffic signs give instructions about where to make a turn in the road or get in lane if there is a junction. For example, where a traffic sign similar to figure 9 is shown motorists must keep right.
- Rectangular boards display important information and give directions. You will often see a blue board on the motorway (figure 10), a green board on primary routes (figure 11), and a white board on non-primary routes that displays both route information and regulatory signs (figure 12). Take note of these to help you progress with your journey.
- Where traffic signs are shown similar to figure 13 and 14 motorists must adhere to the displayed instructions at all times. Both red octagon-shaped stop signs and inverted triangle give way signs are used at junctions with poor sight lines or where minor roads cross high speed major roads – stop or give way as necessary.

EXCITING NEW NETWORK PROJECT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

GAMP Children & Young People's Network would like to invite readers to a meeting about an exciting new project funded by GAMP and coordinated by Success (North East).

Wednesday 16th September 2015 from 1pm - 3pm (Refreshments from 12.45pm) at Greenfield Community Arts Centre

The new network aims to improve access to children and young people's activities in the GAMP area by bringing together all organisations that provide or are interested in promoting activities for children, young people and families in the GAMP area.

• You will be invited to attend regular network meetings or join our e-network

• At the meeting you will share information on the activities you provide, discuss any particular issues for children and young people, jointly plan future provision and help to identify gaps in

provision.

We will work to bring all of the ideas together and promote all activities via:

• Social Media – website links, Facebook, twitter and the use of QR technology.

• Holiday booklets - these will be produced for 5 school holiday periods (Oct 15-Aug 16)

• A 'What's On' in the GAMP area guide – a comprehensive booklet of local activity providers.

• All booklets will be distributed to every household in the GAMP area alongside the Newton News

As the project is funded by GAMP AAP it is FREE and you will not need to pay anything!

All that we ask is that you:

• Get involved either by attending the Network Meetings or keeping in touch via an e-network.

• Complete a Children and Young People's Network registration form

St. Clare's Celebrate 60th Birthday



This weekend sees the church of St. Clare celebrating its 60th anniversary and we would love readers to call in and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion.

On Saturday the 8th between 10-00am and noon, there will be a Coffee Morning with a photographic display held in the main church hall. The photos on show chiefly tell of some of the many "special events" that have been held in St. Clare's over 60 years.

They consist of Baptisms, Confirmations and Weddings, with lots of photos showing St. Clare's community events held by children's groups, uniformed, and women's organisations over the years. Please do try and come along and view these photographs, you never know you might find yourself among them! Our Mayor Mary Dalton, along with her son Michael

will be attending both events held over the week-end.

On Sunday August 9th we celebrate our Patronal Service at 10-00am in church. If it's been quite some time since you were inside this beautiful building, maybe you would like to remember "your special day" held there, and come along and give thanks for it?

We welcome each and every one of you reading this article, and thank you for your support over these past 60 years. St. Clare's has always been known as the "Town Centre church", and is always here for every one of you.

It would be lovely to see you at either one of our special days, where you will be made most welcome. Our prayer for this week-end is that "God continues to bless, lead and guide us, as we witness to all his people throughout this town and beyond".

Why not Join "Newt's Kids Club"?

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Newton News has been a part of the Newton Aycliffe community for over 60 years and are now setting up a "Kids Club" with 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.

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Kids Club

Town's Line Dance Club at Dean Bank Summer Fair



The Newton Aycliffe, British Legion, Country & Western Line Dance Section were asked to appear at Ferryhill, Dean Bank Park, Summer Fair on Sunday, August 2nd.

The weather held out and although it was hard work dancing for an hour on the grassed area of the arena, the volunteer dancers, including a couple from the audience were all excellent and were encouraged throughout with rapturous applause from a fair sized (pardon the pun) very appreciative audience. Angie the Line Dance Instructor would like to say a big thank you to everyone who turned up to promote and represent the club and hope that they enjoyed it as

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Labour Candidate for By-Election

Labour has selected one if it's best to contest the Town Council by-election in Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward on Thursday 27th August.

Peter Bergg has previously represented this ward for twelve years on the Town Council and for eight years on Sedgefield District Council, until work commitments made it impossible to give the required time to be an effective Councillor, and he looks forward, with your help, to being able to represent you again now that he is retired.



After service in the Royal Air Force Peter gained a five subject Bachelor of Arts degree from York University which included Politics, Economics and Statistics, all of which gave him a good background for being a Councillor. Since that time when working for the County Council Peter also gained a Master of Science degree in Computer Science with distinction, a management diploma and teaching qualifications.

During his thirty seven years living on the town Peter has been involved in several of the town's voluntary organisations and for thirty of those years was heavily involved with Greenfield School from leading the fight against the second proposed closure, being a Trustee on the committee enabling the school to become a community arts facility and being a founder member of

the trust which was set up to facilitate co-operation between Greenfield, Woodham and Sunnydale Secondary schools in post 14 education. He retired from the schools Governing Body in 2013 after being Chair of Governors for many years to allow a new and forward thinking governing body to be set up for the amalgamation of Greenfield School with the Shildon Campus.

Peter was very highly respected by all sides when previously a Councillor, and Labour Leader Cllr Bob Fleming and many others are delighted at such a quality candidate being selected. Labour has clearly learnt from its past mistakes and now will only put candidates forward who meet the high standards the public would expect. Peter said "I am privileged to have been selected to represent the Labour Party in the forthcoming by-election for Great Aycliffe Town Council's Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall Ward on 27th August. I believe I have the ability, and the integrity to once again serve the ward and the town as a whole and my excellent attendance record in the past shows my commitment. I hope that you will vote for me so that once again I will be able to fully represent you on the Town Council." The Labour Party

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Community Centre Makeover



A number of amazing volunteers have prepared Western Area Community Centre ready for Lifeline Community Action to offer great projects for the community. Such as Baby Basics, Job Club, Money Management course, and a Drop-In. It will also be used as an admin office.

Trustee Ken Sadler said "We wanted to be based in the area to reach families who are struggling in different areas of their lives. We piloted a few projects and they have been a massive success, so we've decided to expand there. We are looking for sponsors to help make sure we can help even more people within the coming years.

It's sometime a thankless job but when people stand

up and be counted then it makes our volunteer roles so much easier". Ken goes on to say, "If you'd like to help the marginalised in any way then please don't put it off, we are a small dedicated team but we have plenty of room for more hands...there is a saying that many hands make light work

but in actual fact its 'Willing Hands' that really make it easier. Are there any willing hands out there that have time to make a difference to one life at a time? Contact lifeline.action@googlemail.com or visit our website lifelinecommunityaction.co.uk for more information.

BOOK SALE

A Book Sale is to be held at Heighington Village Hall on Saturday August 8th. from 10.30 - 1.30pm. Proceeds to Heighington Scout Group. Free entry. Second hand books 0-1 kilo £1, 1-2 kilo £2 etc. A great chance to pick up a book for your holiday reading, at a great price.

Film Show

There will be a "FAMILY FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 11th August, featuring the 1974 children's classic "SWALLOW AND AMAZONS", starring Virginia McKenna and Ronald Fraser. Holidaying in the Lake District in 1920, children set off for an island in their boat Swallow and come into conflict with girls on their boat Amazon. Set in the beautiful Lake District this is a wonderful film for all the family. This is a great film for ALL AGES, so please come along. Unfortunately children must be accompanied, but mums and dads will enjoy it too.

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 on 01325 316755.

West Ward Entertainment

Dear Sir,

As a West Ward Town Councillor I must congratulate Mr Ken Robson and his team of workers, for the fabulous day of entertainment the ACORN Committee provided for our community on Thursday 24th July 2015.

It was a pleasure to see so many residents and small children enjoying themselves and every credit to Ken and his Committee.

Keep up the good work.

Alderman George Gray.

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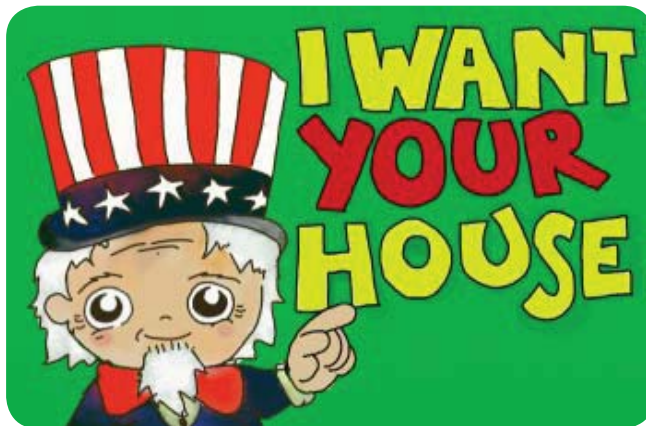
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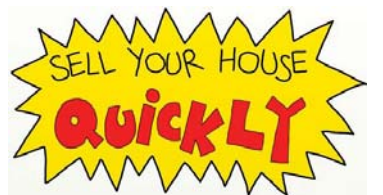


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COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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- There are, traditionally, no council meetings in August.
- There is #NotNothingToDo in County Durham in the holidays: Durham Cathedral Magna Carta Medieval Weekend, College Green and Cathedral, Saturday 8th August, 10.00am-4.30pm and Sunday 9th August, 12.30pm-4.30pm Free
- Locomotion Museum Shildon, Classic Bus Rally with the Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society, Sunday 9th August, 10am-5pm: <http://bit.ly/ABPS0915>
- Hardwick Park, The Romans Return, Saturday 15 August, 11am-3pm. Adults free, Children £5, parking charges
- Upper Teesdale Fossil Finders, Cow Green Reservoir car park, Sunday 16 August, 11am-3pm. Free. Booking essential (01833 622374)
- Bowes Museum: Yves Saint Laurent: Style is Eternal exhibition until 25 October, 10.30am-3.30pm. Adults £13.75. U16 free. Tickets from <http://bit.ly/BowesStyle> (01833 690606)
- DLI Museum: 'Call Up The Men' exhibition till 4 October, www.durham.gov.uk/dli
- Durham's beautiful gardens: <http://bit.ly/DurhamGardens>
- Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Aqua fun (8-16 years), Tuesdays & Thursdays 2.30-3.30pm, Saturdays 1.30-3.30pm, until 29 August, £2.55 per session (03000 266 446)
- Have a child with a disability? Enjoy Splashtime at Spennymoor Leisure Centre every Sunday 4-5pm until 30 August (03000 261 161)
- DCC wins 14 green flags for its parks and open spaces: <http://bit.ly/DCCGreenFlags>
- Work to improve riverside safety in Durham is progressing: <http://ow.ly/QpZyv>
- Pearl Izumi cycling tour yields £250,000+ to county's economy: <http://bit.ly/DCCcycling>
- Personal Careers Advice for undecided school-leavers, Thurs 20 Aug at Newton Aycliffe One Point Hub (03000 261118): <http://bit.ly/DCCCareers>
- From 1 October DCC are changing the prices at their Leisure Centres so that fees and charges are standardised across the county: <http://bit.ly/DCCPrices>
- Healthwatch County Durham August e-bulletin: <http://bit.ly/HWCD0815>
- Hardwick Park August e-newsletter: <http://bit.ly/Hardwick0815>
- GAMP July e-bulletin: <http://bit.ly/GAMP0715>
- Pioneering Care Partnership- PCP supporters July bulletin: <http://bit.ly/PCP0715>
- Month-long police campaign to catch drink-drivers sees 400+ tested and 100+ arrested.
- Sign the petition to halt the use of neonicotinoids which are killing bees: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/104796>

Circus School at the Scouts Centre



Dot & Zooky hot favourites at the towns Festival Community Fair are holding a Circus Summer School at the Scout Centre Bluebell Way, from 10th - 14th August for 6 - 12 year old's. The week is structured from 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday, and children will learn skills in: Juggling, Chinese Ribbons, Hula Hoop, Diabolo, Spinning Plates and Poi. At the end of the week all of these skills will be put into a Show for friends and family on the Friday to come along and watch. Throughout the week there will be doing a balloon modelling workshop and a few other bits that the children will bring home.

This fantastic opportunity will cost just £50 per child for the full week and half price for the second brother or sister. Places are limited so make sure to book your child's place quickly to avoid disappointment. To book or find out more information please contact Coral on 07772 893211 or email dotandzooky@outlook.com. Check out Facebook.com/dotandzooky

Police Underuse of 'Sarah's Law'

Children may be at risk of harm from sexual predators as very few police forces are making full use of 'Sarah's Law', the NSPCC warns today. The Child Sex Offenders Disclosure (CSOD) scheme came into force following public outrage over the savage murder of eight-year-old Sarah Payne. It allows parents and others to ask police for details about individuals if they suspect they might harm children. Since it began in April 2011 just one in six applications for information has been successful and in Durham, the police force gave information about people who pose a risk to children in just 26% of applications. NSPCC Freedom of Information requests to police forces in England and Wales found that from 2011-2014, just 16 per cent of applications under the scheme, known as 'Sarah's Law', were successful - with vast variations in the numbers of police disclosures made across England and Wales. Between 2011-2014, 5,357 applications were made to 33 forces but only 877 applications resulted in disclosures being made. Five other forces said they had received 908 applications but

did not provide information about disclosure numbers. The new figures reveal wide variation in the proportion of disclosures made by different police, indicating a post code lottery when it comes to responding to public concerns. Warwickshire Police gave information about people who pose a risk to children in just 1% of applications (13 out of 1,084 applications). Suffolk Police disclosed information they held for around a third of applications (31 out of 93 made). Meanwhile Sussex Police, the force who investigated Sarah Payne's murder, gave out information for only 7% of applications (14 out of 193 applications). As well as parents, carers and guardians, any concerned member of the public can formally ask the police to tell them if someone has a record for child sexual offences. Peter Wanless, NSPCC chief executive, said: "We are both disturbed and surprised by this wide discrepancy of figures across the country, revealing that there is a postcode lottery when it comes to how forces deal with Sarah's law. "Families need to know if there are individuals in their area who pose a risk to

children. How can you expect parents to make the right choices in order to protect their children, if they don't know who is a threat?" "The police need to be proactive in empowering communities to protect vulnerable children. The wide variation in disclosure numbers doesn't breed confidence that the scheme is being understood or applied consistently and that is a concern. While there may be very good reasons for not disclosing information held to applicants, some forces seem to be too cautious which could put children at serious risk of harm. We need to see regular independent evaluation of this vital law to make sure it's working as it should." The figures come weeks after the NSPCC's State of the Nation report showed a dramatic increase in child sexual abuse being reported to police, with 3 offences committed every hour.

Youth Centre Public AGM

Just to remind readers that the Trustees of Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre are holding their AGM on Monday 10th August at 6.30 pm. This is an important AGM due to changes in the legal structure of the centre. In order that we move forward we need the people to attend. This is an important public meeting and the Board of Trustees need to ensure that the townspeople are represented.

Woodham Academy Students Top Year 9 Maths Competition



The 2015 Queen Elizabeth Maths Competition was held at the sixth form college recently. The competition involved five tough rounds of different mathematical concepts which tested the students' skills and patience. The rounds included; Mixed Mathematics Problems, Musical Maths Quiz, Team Problem Solving, Number 'Treasure Hunt' and Shape Challenge. Talented Mathematicians were entered from ten local schools, including the joint runners up Greenfield Community College and Hurworth School. It was however the students James Knowlson, Kate Reynoldson, Ewan Wilson and Lucy Ratcliffe from Woodham Academy who consistently scored the highest in the various

rounds to become the 2015 Year 9 Maths competition winners. Congratulations to them.


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By Election Address DOROTHY BOWMAN

I put myself forward for election to the Town Council as I feel Newton Aycliffe and my ward needs a strong Independent voice to represent the views and opinions of residents and for them to know they are being listened to.

I have worked in the community as a Councillor and a volunteer since 1996 and have learnt that no matter how many qualifications you hold, a Councillor has to have a down to earth approach with tolerance and understanding for all ages. This while helping people has always been my aim and it has been appreciated



One of my aims is to make Newton Aycliffe a "Dementia Friendly" town and I run a group called "New Pathways Together" which is very successful. If

you need more information ring me on 308094.

We have to ensure that wherever possible older people are not left alone and that our younger generation receives more understanding.

I am also keen to ensure, where possible, that all young people are able to read and write before they leave school.

I will always be available to help, listen and follow up your requests and concerns to bring about an acceptable conclusion.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Dorothy Bowman

Bus Rally Offers Joy Rides



Mile of Hope Raised £1500



Linzi Nicolls leads the way with a sponsored Mile of Hope. Many people turned out to do the mile either by walking, running, skipping, and someone even hula hooped it around to raise funds for Lifeline Community Action.

Linzi also helped organise an evening of food and fun to go towards the event. Over £1500.00 was raised altogether.

Ken Sadler, one of the trustees of Lifeline Community Action said 'we are tremendously grateful to Linzi for her dedication. She always goes the 'Extra Mile' to help those less fortunate than herself and always does

it with a smile!

We are now looking for someone out of the ordinary to do a parachute jump for us - one of our sponsors have paid for the jump so every penny raised will go towards

the charity. If you'd like to be considered for the parachute jump then please e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com but please remember we need that someone special to do it for us.

Volunteer Cook for Lunch Club

The Neville Parade Lunch club is still looking for a volunteer Cook who will have a team of willing helpers who prepare vegetables, serve meals and wash up to help provide this great service to elderly and lonely people. Please contact Liz Bates if you are interested on 01325 310182.

Music Exams

The following pupils of Terence Lawson, School Aycliffe, have been successful in the recent Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Examination

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Sally Cresser Grade 6

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Fun Day at The Cubby

The Cubby are holding their annual Summer Fun Day on Wednesday 12th August from 9am. Everyone welcome and attractions include a free Bouncy Castle, Big Inflatable Slide, Roundabout Rides, Tombola, Disco, Guess the Name of the Teddy, Weight of cake, Raffle, Refreshments plus many more stalls. Hope to see you all for a fun time.



Due to a prior booking there will be NO film club on Friday 14th August - please come along and support the model railway club instead and enjoy a sausage sandwich!

Friday Flicks will continue on Friday 21st August with the BAAAAA RILLIANT Family adventure Shaun the Sheep. Shaun is a clever mischievous young sheep who lives on Mossy Bottom Farm under the nominal supervision of the Farmer. Come along to watch this funny family film which begins at 2pm on Friday 21st August in the Movie Hall attached to St. Clare's Church.

All seats are only £1 with popcorn, crisps, sweets and juice available from 20p. Enjoy an ice-cream cone or lolly for only 30p. Adults are very welcome to stay and enjoy the movie for free too or children can watch the film with friends and be collected at 3.30pm. Please come along.

You do not have to go to Malta to have a ride on an old vintage bus, just come along to Locomotion Shildon on Sunday when the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society hold their annual Bus Rally.

This year the Society will be running free off site services on selected routes using period buses. Do you remember The Newtonian on the town? It will be running on the Sunday. Also the proprietor of the The Eden Bus Company, Graeme Scarlett, will be using two of his preserved buses on old local routes in the area. So come along and join in a day of nostalgia, 10-30am to 4-00pm on Sunday

THEFTS FROM DISABLED PEOPLE'S GARDENS

Dear Sir,
I wish to highlight the latest thefts from disabled people's bungalows in Newton Aycliffe.

Cowardly people seem to take pride in stealing my disabled Mother's garden furniture and plants, along with her neighbour's furniture, in Clarence Green and Travellers Green area.

The thieves should take note that steps are being taken to identify and deal with them. Mr. Race

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DRUG ADDICTS ARE NOT CRIMINALS

Dear Editor,
I was disappointed to read Mr Robson's letter in last week's Newton News. There are times of course, when hearing the news of vicious attacks and the immoral acts of certain individuals, we all fill with anger.

Many times I have allowed myself to imagine 'an eye for an eye.' It is the mark of a crude politician who seizes upon these extreme views and uses them to form public policy.

Mr Robson's remarks are very removed from the truth – a truth, I think, more of the public will be aware of than those who would welcome back public executions and Saxon-esque public humiliation.

Drug addiction is an illness. Those of us who see it, work with it and try to combat it are aware of the damage

it causes to communities and individuals – it must be tackled. However, every single jot of evidence, including the government's own research (which it chooses to ignore) tells us we must find a medical solution. We are talking about human beings for goodness sake; people who have found themselves in dire circumstances and need our help.

Mr Hogg is to be congratulated on being the first 'politician' with the self-surety to act upon the evidence given to us, and in practice across the world, to support efforts to move away from seeing drug addicts as criminals, instead recognising they are vulnerable individuals crying out for support.

On crime more generally, I would point Mr Robson towards Islamic State. These people with their wicked

Tesco Rock the Shop for Charity

On Saturday 15th August from 11am - 3pm it's "Rock the Shop" weekend at Tesco, Newton Aycliffe Store.

Star Radio will be there with local upcoming Bands and Vocalists.

The store offers Food Stalls, Tombola's, Raffles, Fancy Dress, Guitar Hero.

Other events will also be held in store on Friday the 14th all in aid of Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation.

Popular in Darlington



Friends of Val Wright (who helps Honest John) Ann & Billy Markham live at Harrowgate Hill and each week they come to Aycliffe for their copy of Newton News.

They love to read all the stories and then pass it on to neighbours, friends and even their local church where it is very popular.

Ann is shown here with their two Collie dogs Cassie & Indie. So Newton News is not only popular around the world but also has a following in Harrowgate Hill!

School Summer Fayre Raised £1000



Last month, Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School held their annual Summer Fayre. The Fayre was very well attended, with visitors being able to enjoy a variety of attractions, including go karts, bouncy castles, tombola and a variety of games stalls.

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Awards for Aycliffe Dogs in Competition



Congratulations to our dog Daisy on winning the Waggiest Tail and Best in Show at the Dogs Trust Fun day held at South Park Darlington, and also how proud we are of our dog Sheena who took second place in the Waggiest Tail competition.

Sheena, a Labrador cross is a rescue dog and a much loved member of the family. Despite now being 14 years old and suffering from arthritis she still bounces up and down like a puppy when she sees her lead and that tail just wags all day long. We all had a fantastic time at the Fun Day, Sheena especially enjoyed the agility course and the homemade biscuits. Her rosette now takes pride of place above her bed. She may have been pipped to the post by Milly but she will always be a winner in our eyes.

A big thank you to the Dogs Trust for providing such an excellent day out - can't wait for the next one.

Simon Rooney

Claim the Country Back for Ordinary Working People

Dear Editor,
We are six weeks away from deciding who will be the new leader of the Labour Party. This decision could have the most significant impact on the lives of Newtonians within a generation.

The Parliamentary Labour Party is peopled by middle class privileged ministers who have no experience of living as ordinary working people do. And therefore the plight of ordinary working people comes a distant second to the needs and wants of the ruling class, the rich and powerful who our Labour ministers are allied too.

There is one exception, Jeremy Corbyn. Across the decades, Jeremy has spoken out often against his own party in the face of policies which erode living standards and community services for ordinary working people. The other leadership candidates are 'Blairites'. A Blairite believes in the workings of the free market as a way of generating wealth. The so called trickle-down effect,

of the richest buying goods and services provided by the poorest, which in turn is supposed to make the poorest richer themselves.

For £3 you can go to Labour.org and join the Labour Party as an affiliate which will entitle you to a vote in the leadership contest. A vote for Jeremy Corbyn will ensure that at the next general election, there is the option of voting in a prime minister who has a track record in fighting for ordinary working people like you.

A vote for any of the other leadership candidates will see a Labour Party competing for Tory votes, by promising the same level of hardship and austerity faced by ordinary working people.

A vote for Jeremy Corbyn will mean: an end to austerity, massive investment in decent jobs for a decent wage, a return to building social housing offering affordable homes to all, a fully funded NHS and education system free at the point of use. A vote for Jeremy Corbyn will

mean: an end to public money being used to bail out rich bankers, an end to corporate business exploiting workers, an end to child poverty and the appalling way the Tory government treat sick and disabled people.

As the cost of rent, food, gas and electricity escalate, the value of wages falls. Many Newtonians live unsure of how many hours they will work each week, or if next week they will have a job at all.

Paying for healthcare essentials such as prescription charges, dental treatment, or a pair of glasses often plunges a family into crisis, necessitating the use of foodbanks or high interest doorstep loan.

A vote for Jeremy Corbyn will reverse all of these social ills. It is the only chance we have within a generation to claim the country back for ordinary working people. Go to Labour.org your vote counts.

Warren Saunders
Newton Aycliffe

New Scheme Puts Teenage Dad on Road to Success

A teenage dad has taken the first steps towards a brighter future for himself and his family thanks to a new pilot apprenticeship scheme. Durham County Council's public health and economic regeneration departments are working together on the pilot which can give financial support and advice to local firms who offer an apprenticeship to teenage parents from County Durham. The Teenage Parent Apprenticeship Programme means employers can access up to £4,500 towards the apprentice's wages with contributions also being made towards travelling and childcare costs to give young people the best chance of starting a career.

James Beal, a 17-year-old dad from School Aycliffe, has been one of the first to benefit by being helped to secure an Electro-Mechanical apprenticeship with DNV GL at the company's Flow Centre at Chilton. DNV GL, a world-leading independent advisor to the oil and gas industry, is supporting the initiative which will allow them to take on more apprentices in the area. James is also receiving help towards his travelling costs and equipment needed for his college work to help him complete his course.

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Apprenticeships are a key route for helping more people get into long-term jobs. With youth unemployment an issue in the county it's vital that the council continues to support the next generation into work, helping to grow the economy and prospects of the entire county."



Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "Coping with life's ups and downs is not always easy and we all need support to manage difficult times. It is important that if young people do become parents, they get the support they need to give their children the best start in life and contribute towards a

successful future for their family."

Dave Sheppard, Flow Centre general manager at DNV GL, said: "James is really keen to learn and has shown a mature and ambitious attitude towards the company and the scheme." Teenage parents and employers can find out more by contacting the council's employability team on 03000 262010.

AYCLIFFE CHARITY SECURES GRANT FOR HEALTHY HEART HUB

Subway and Healthy Heart UK have funded Lifeline Community Action (LCA) to set up a Healthy Heart Hub in Newton Aycliffe. Tricia Stewart LCA's Project Co-ordinator is excited to get this off the ground and will run the Healthy Heart Hub in the Silverdale area of Newton Aycliffe.

Tricia says she wants to support people to become more active which makes you feel more energetic and actually makes you feel well, it's also a good way to meet new people and make new friends.

The Healthy Heart Drop-In will deliver practical hands on activities and it will be in a safe environment that is user friendly, fun and educational. The sessions will be run on a weekly basis and will cover:

- Healthy Heart Diet
- A balanced diet
- Food and nutrition facts
- Preparing food
- Fats and cholesterol
- Food labels
- Practical cooking sessions
- Walk and talk
- Local Walks and time to get any worries off the mind
- Family activities - ball games, hula hoop fun, skipping, walks, picnic in the park
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- The harms of smoking

The Healthy Heart Hub aims to support everyone in Newton Aycliffe and will



cover:

- Heart disease/How to live well with heart disease
- Obesity • Wellbeing • Low mood/depression • Tiredness
- Fitness • Budgeting
- Skills in cooking (healthy food for all the family)
- Family fun and fitness (playing games together as a family promoting strengthening the family as well as getting fit together)

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Wed. 19th August Oak Leaf Park
Krafty Kritters and their animals, Zoo Train inflatable and a visit from Micky & Minni Mouse

Fri. 21st August St. Oswald's Park

Wed. 26th August Aycliffe Village Park

Fri. 28th August Simp pasture Park
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Local Artists Exhibit at Greenfield



Last week a fantastic new exhibition opened in the gallery at Greenfield Arts, featuring the work of two local artists Keith Furlong and Sherry Kerr.

"Something for Everyone" features paintings, drawings, photographs and prints covering a range of subjects, hoping to appeal to anyone who visits! Keith's work includes landscapes, seascapes and moonscapes, which capture scenes seen on his travels or those imagined. Sherry's intricate, detailed

and beautiful wildlife illustrations are the perfect accompaniment to Keith's work.

Greenfield Arts are pleased to be able to support local artists within the gallery programme, it's wonderful to have Keith and Sherry's work on display for visitors to enjoy. After a preview evening on 29th July the exhibition is open until Wednesday 26th August. The gallery is open Monday to Thursday 10am to 9pm and Fridays 10am to 4pm.

One in Five Lonely People Have No One to Turn to

One in five people aged 60 and over who experience loneliness say they have no one to turn to, according to a new poll published today.

The Campaign to End Loneliness, who published the survey is warning that loneliness and isolation are as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is calling on local authorities to take the lead on reducing and preventing loneliness in their local areas.

The organisation says a range of support is needed to overcome the 'many triggers' of loneliness faced in older age. The Campaign states that the support needed should include transport and technology – with 41 per cent of those who feel lonely saying transport is a barrier to seeing people, and half (51%) of older people polled believing the internet can help prevent loneliness.

The Campaign have launched new online guidance advising local authorities of the essential services that are needed to support older people, like local transport provided by a charity supporter of the Campaign, Contact the Elderly.

Maud, aged 90 from experienced loneliness and depression because she had difficulties with her mobility and struggled to leave her second floor flat. She was helped by Contact the Elderly who provide volunteers to drive older people to monthly Sunday tea parties. "I was so lonely after my best friend Margie died. I never married or had any children so I found myself completely alone, and I got very depressed. Sometimes I won't speak to another person all weekend, and Sundays

can be particularly lonely. "It's a miracle that my driver comes to my door and gives me a helping hand down the stairs, and brings me safely home again afterwards. I feel lucky to be part of Contact the Elderly and I've made so many friends."

Laura Alcock-Ferguson, Director for the Campaign to End Loneliness, says: "It is very sad to know that one in five who feel lonely in older age have no one to turn to. Local authorities are currently making crucial decisions about their services and need to recognise the potentially devastating impact that these changes, even in areas like transport, may have on an older person's ability to stay in touch with their friends, family and neighbours.

"We need local authorities to address the many triggers of loneliness by maintaining and providing essential services that older people rely on to stay connected. This could be transport to help with shopping, support with getting online, or simply, by providing clear information about social activities happening in their area. Our new online guidance showcases many examples of committed local authorities who recognise this and we urge all Councils across the country to help prevent these devastating consequences of loneliness in later life".

Last year, Stoke-on-Trent joined the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities in recognition of their commitment to making their City a great place in which to grow older and made ending loneliness a top priority.

Kate Edwards, Health Manager at Stoke-on-Trent City Council says:

"Loneliness and isolation is an important public health issue and we want to address loneliness in our local population to promote the wellbeing and quality of life of our older population in particular, which may help reduce demand on hospitals and social care services.

"The Campaign to End Loneliness' new online guidance is an excellent tool, reminding local authorities that there is no one cause of loneliness and no one cure. It will support our on-going commitment to working with our partners including charities, public services and local businesses to help older people maintain their social connections and independence."

Honest John Donates £2,600

Honest John's Fundraising Stall has donated £400 to Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, £500 to Newton Aycliffe NUFC supporters bus, £1500 to five Care Homes in the town and £200 to Newton Aycliffe Football Club. John thanks all those who support him with donations of goods to sell. He wishes to thank DISC next to the Blue Bridge for hosting his stall in their Used Furniture Store premises.

Come along to view the great bargains to be had sold by DISC and Honest John. While there enjoy the great hot and cold food available.

PHYSICS ROADSHOW EXCITES STUDENTS



On Wednesday 15th July 2015 Dave McKean from the Institute of Physics conducted a Physics Roadshow and workshop with year 8 students from Woodham Academy. Students were invited to take part in lots of exciting activities designed to make them think about how Physics impacts every part of modern life.

Students were given the opportunity to launch hydrogen rockets and investigate fire tornados as well as model the size of the solar system. All students had great fun as well as learning a little bit more about the world of Physics. Dave McKean has been working closely with the Science department at Woodham Academy developing their already fantastic Physics curriculum that has delivered two Physicists of the Year. Dave will be back working with the department next year where they plan further

roadshows for year 7 and primary students.

Town Council By Election

A By Election has been called for the seat representing Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward of Great Aycliffe Parish.

The following three candidates will contest the seat with voting on Thursday 27th August, 2015.

Peter John BERGG
Labour
20 Lascelles Avenue,
Newton Aycliffe.

Dorothy BOWMAN
Independent
4 Eskdale Place,
Newton Aycliffe.

Brian HAIGH
Independent
52 Shafto Way,
Newton Aycliffe.

A167 Roundabout



Local members Cllr Mac Williams and Cllr Maria Plews along with Cllrs Foster and Council Chairman Jan Blakey.

Work to improve safety and reduce congestion at a busy junction has been completed with the newly built roundabout officially opened. The £1.8m Durham County Council project involved replacing the T-junction at the intersection of the A167 and B6300 at Sunderland Bridge, next to the Honest Lawyer Hotel, with a roundabout.

The project aimed to improve safety following a number of accidents at the junction and to reduce congestion during peak times. It is hoped the improved access to the nearby Meadowfield Industrial Estate will also encourage more businesses to locate there.

The first phase of work saw 8,779 cubic meters of material imported and used to build earth embankments on the east and west of the

A167 and was completed in December. Due to the nature of the soft ground next to the river the material had to be left to stand for three months to allow for settlement before the roundabout could be built. The new roundabout scheme was chosen over traffic signals as it means existing flood defences will be easier to adapt if any improvements are needed in the future.

Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Investing in the new roundabout means a safer and quicker journey for thousands of people every day. We've already received a lot of positive feedback about the project and we'd like to thank the public for their patience while we carried out this vital upgrade."

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Dear Sir,
I am a first generation Newtonian! Born in the Town (in a kitchen in Lightfoot Road) in 1956!

Sadly my circumstances changed drastically due to ill-health and disability in 2012 and I had to leave the Town I love....

But I am able to regularly visit my Dad (George Wheatley) and had the pleasure of going to the Farewell Service for Graham and Emma Morgan on Sunday 26th July and Neville Parade Methodist Church.

I've sent a little 'Thank You' and photos, of Graham and Emma with my Dad, I'm not sure if it is something you feel could find a place for

in your newspaper - I just wanted to say how much the little Church there in Neville Parade means to so many - and what an asset it is to Newton Aycliffe.

As well as expressing my Thanks for all Graham and Emma and the Church have done in supporting my 86 year old Dad through a very difficult time.

I love reading Newton News on-line every week and when I visit it is still such a treat to see that it is being delivered to my Dad!

Hope you are all settling into your new premises and you continue to go from strength to strength!

Kind Regards
Sandra Wheatley

County Councillors' Community Walkabout



Durham County Councillors Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper are organising a series of walkabouts to meet local residents, listen to their concerns and discuss possible opportunities for improvements in their area. Where practicable, Kate and Eddy will be joined by partners representing DCC Neighbourhood Warden team, your local Neighbourhood Police beat team and social housing provider Livin.

The first walkabouts commence at 9.30 am on:

1. Wednesday Aug 5th, at St Joseph's School, Garburn Place;
2. Thursday Aug 13th, at car park to rear of Silverdale House, Silverdale Place;
3. Tuesday Aug 18th, at Turbinia Pub car park, Sid Chaplin Drive.

Further venues and dates, to be confirmed at a later date.

Any resident who wishes to raise local concerns, but is unavailable on the day, our contact details are:

eddy.adam@durham.gov.uk - Tel: 07900 701966
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Darlow Lose Friendly

Darlington's friendly last Saturday ended in a 3 - 0 defeat away to fellow league rivals, Whitby. A game which featured a number of triallists and a smattering of first team players. You can read very little into this result other than our management team will have a better idea of the Whitby squad than they have of ours.

It was great to see Graeme Armstrong get a twenty minute run out and receive applause from both sets of

fans, Graeme was at Whitby before Darlington.

At time of writing, before I go on my holiday, we have also played Bishop and Spennymoor but as I'm away I have no idea of how we got on. Off the pitch talks are still ongoing between ourselves and the rugby club regarding the groundshare. I still remain confident, however, that a deal can be struck and work can begin in earnest.

This Saturday, the 15th August, sees our first game of the season. We are away to Buxton at The Silverlands, SK17 6QH. The group are very keen on getting as many Aycliffe based fans to games as possible and will be using a car share system this season until a more viable alternative is found.

If anyone is interested in car sharing, in any capacity, then please get in touch through email dfcaycliffefans@outlook.com. We do also have a contact number to share amongst group members so if anyone is interested but doesn't use the internet then please attend our next meeting on Wednesday August 12 at 7pm in the Iron Horse and we can share numbers and information then.

See you all at Buxton!

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store lost by 7 wickets in a disappointing performance away at Normanby Hall 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Asked to bat first Aycliffe were bowled out for a below par 137 after 42.4 overs, despite another excellent half century from Tom Young, who scored 62 and good contributions from Luke Telford (37 runs) and Michael Howe (18 runs). In reply the home side eased to a straight forward victory for the loss of three wickets after 36 overs.

However in mid-week, the first team had a great result when they travelled to Shildon Railway and defeated their first team by 24 runs in the quarter finals of the NYSD 15/15 cup. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and scored a respectable 117 for 9 from their 15 overs with Chris Palmer (30 runs), Michael Howe (23 runs) and Tom Young (23 runs) the main contributors. In reply Shildon were bowled out for just 92 after 13.5 overs with Luke Telford the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking an impressive 4 for 9 from his three overs of left arm spin.

The second team had an outstanding six wicket home victory over league leaders and previously unbeaten Shildon Railway 1st XI in the NYSD third division. Shildon chose to bat first and were were skittled for just 56 thanks to some superb bowling and fielding from the home side. Dan Craggs was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers, taking 4 for 13 and he was supported well by both Patrick Howe (3 for 14) and Jack Slatcher (3 for 24). Captain Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy) again batted with his usual mixture of patience and skill as he carried his bat for an unbeaten 27 and with Trevor Shingler chipping in with 11 not out, Aycliffe reached their winning target after 25.3 overs to give them their third win in a row.

The club's u18's team finished their season with a 29 run defeat away at Mainsforth. The home side scored 116 for 6 with Aycliffe leg spin bowler Patrick Howe again in the wickets taking 3 for 8 from four overs. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 87 after 18.1 overs with the main contributions coming from Ryan Patrick (20 runs), Josh Pearson (18 runs) and acting captain Tom Wickins who scored 17 runs.

The u15's had an impressive nine wicket victory at home to Mainsforth in the County Durham junior league. The visitors scored 116 for 4 in their 20 overs, with Ryan Patrick taking three catches to equal the Aycliffe u15's club record for the most catches in a match.

Acting captain Dan Bowmer (50 not out) and Arran Taylor (38 not out) set a new Aycliffe club record for the 2nd wicket as the pair put on a superb partnership of 112 to see their team home to victory after 17.4 overs.

Charity Bushtucker Challenge at Turbinia

Volunteers are needed to take part in this great fun fundraiser at the Turbinia Pub on Sunday 30th August.

The annual trial will see six victims, (sorry I meant volunteers), tuck into some of the worst food imaginable all in aid of Bishop Auckland Women's Refuge'.

In previous years only a couple of people have managed every course, yes folks it IS that bad, even the drinks! There are prizes for the person that raises the most money, and who eats the most dishes, but there is a forfeit for most refusals.

If you think you are up to taking on 'Gary's Gross Tapas' call in the tub, and pick up a sponsor form, but be quick there are only three places left!

Or if you want an hilarious night watching people suffer for a good cause, the show starts 7pm. Tel 01325 313034 for more information.

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Has Mr Heaven Made a Difference at Woodham?

Students at Woodham Academy were asked to answer an unusual question during their recent Science Specialism Day – they had to decide whether or not one of their staff has made a difference to the school.

Mr Heaven, who started at the school on the same day as those learners who were being posed the intriguing enquiry, is well known for his passion for the natural world, and can often be observed stalking around the school grounds with camera and wellies – with members of his Wildlife Club in tow.

To complete this task, however, the Y8 learners would not merely be allowed to express an opinion, they would have to be able to draw a proper conclusion, using rigorous scientific data.

The Wildlife Club have been busy making the school more wildlife friendly since they were founded at the beginning of the year. They have planted Woodland Trust donated trees, put up bird boxes, installed hedgehog houses & bug hotels, and have propagated a range of wild flowers.

They have also convinced the school to adopt an environmental management model, which sees the boundary hedges cut every three years, instead of annually, and the back of the school turned into a summer meadow, which will only be cut once a year, instead of the previous nineteen times.

The hedges will now be cut in an 'A' pattern, instead of the usual vertical cut, in order



to create a wildlife corridor around the perimeter and provide smaller mammals and amphibians with a place of relative safety; and they have even convinced a local farm to take their hay when it is cut at the beginning of the next term.

The results, says Mr Heaven, are impressive, but will they stand up to the scrutiny of the school's Science Department? Mr Heaven believes so, and he points to the increased numbers of nest sites and the visitation of dragon flies as evidence of the Club's successes. These achievements, however, are not his alone – a point the Newton Aycliffe raised educator is keen to emphasise: "Come rain or come shine, you're sure to find Wildlife Club members busy about the school, recording tracks and footprints, preparing wild-flower beds, monitoring bird boxes, or checking on our new trees."

In addition, all the equipment used by the Academy's students has, says Mr Heaven, been donated, or paid for by the Club's community

partners: "If our Science Department deem our efforts a success it will be because it has been a collaborative effort – of students, parents and volunteers, and our friends at Wilkos and Aycliffe Rotarians."

So why such a close scrutiny of the Club's efforts? Mr Heaven says it is all part and parcel of the school's drive to include 'practical' environmental sciences into the Academy's ethos: "We believe that it is a central role of this school to prepare our young people for the challenges which lay ahead. Being aware of threats to the natural environment is one thing, but taking steps to halt, and even reverse these threats, takes us from the realm of observer into the realm of activism – and using science to monitor and record these activities, and the impact they have, is what makes all the difference." It is with this in mind that a number of the Wildlife Club members have been enrolled on a scheme run by the

prestigious John Muir Trust – the first seven of whom have recently been awarded their Level 1 'Discovery' award.

In order to check if the school's Wildlife Club has indeed made a difference, it was decided to call in the Science Department to check their claims.

sing Y8 scientists – who study environmental sciences as part of the curriculum, data was collected comparing those parts of the school which are still managed in the traditional manner, with those managed by the Wildlife Club. If there was found to be a significant difference between the diversity of the two, then Mr Heaven's case would be proven.

And what did they find? Well, it was discovered that those areas of grassland managed by the young conservationists do, indeed, contain significantly more species than other areas – this came as little surprise to Mr Heaven: "Although we have introduced a good number of new species to the site, the majority of what we are seeing is already here, present in the soil – they just need a chance to do what they do best."

So, has Mr Heaven made a difference? Yes, he says, he has, but as he is himself very keen to point out it is more a matter of 'choice', and in the case of Woodham Academy a good number of staff, students, friends and relatives have chosen to take conservation's side.

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Every year 120,000 extra cases of illnesses are recorded during the British summer.1 With the weather heating up hygiene experts are concerned that our laid-back approach to barbecue hygiene is a key contributor to the 5.5 million cases of food poisoning, which cause 20,000 hospitalizations and 500 deaths each year. 2 Seasonal stomach upsets could be linked as much to poor hand, surface and utensil hygiene as badly cooked meat, with new research revealing that nearly 50% of people don't wash their hands when preparing food 3 and 75% of preparation surfaces are home to more bacteria than a sanitary bin! 4 With bacteria such as E. coli and Campylobacter being present on raw meats and poultry,

we need to be particularly careful to avoid cross-contamination risks which can have a hazardous impact when it comes to the health and wellbeing of your guests, with some leaving with far more than they bargained for. According to Health Practitioner Dr Lisa Ackerley "People often associate barbecue safety as being solely about cooking meat properly, and although that is important, poor hygiene of equipment and surfaces outdoors are significant factors when it comes to cross contamination and food poisoning."

So before firing up the grill this summer, take heed of Dr Lisa Ackerley's top tips for safe and hygienic entertaining this barbecue season.

WIPE SURFACES

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CLEAN ALL UTENSILS

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COUNCIL'S RECYCLING CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

A campaign to encourage County Durham residents to recycle their household waste has been extended following its success.

Durham County Council launched the Bin it Right campaign in April 2014 to help inform people about what they can and can't recycle and which bin they should use.

The campaign has significantly improved the quality of the material collected from the kerbside for recycling and enabled the council to recycle, reuse or compost 43 per cent of all household waste collected in County Durham, which is in line with the national average.

And by reducing contamination levels - which can be caused by people placing non-recyclable materials, such as food, nappies and pet waste, in their recycling bin or by not washing containers out properly - the council is saving money due to not having to pay around £100



per tonne for alternative treatment and disposal. Following its success, the campaign will now be extended until the end of March 2016. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, at Durham County Council, said: "We've had a very positive response from people to our Bin it Right campaign and I'd like to thank residents

for their continuing efforts to ensure we recycle as much as we can.

"It is essential that all items are put in the right bin or box so good quality recyclable materials are free from contamination and can be turned into new products.

"This is not only beneficial for the environment but is also helping us to save money."

As part of the Bin it Right campaign more than 50 community events and talks have been held and more than 16,000 residents have taken time to talk to the council's recycling team about what items they can recycle and which bin they should use.

Tins, cans and aerosols, plastic bottles, pots, tubs, paper, cardboard and liquid food and drink cartons can all be placed in the blue-lidded recycling bins. Glass bottles and jars should be placed in the recycling box.

Residents are asked to wash and squash items where possible and place them loose in the recycling bin without being bagged.

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In Memoriam

Lee George El-Hakim



11th August 2006

Time goes so fast, it's nine years since you left us. There is never a day that passes without thinking about you. You are always in our hearts and thoughts. You will remain there forever. You are loved and missed and will be loved forever by all your family and friends here in England and Beirut and your wife Marie. To a wonderful Dad. We miss you so much. You taught all of us so much. We mention your name every day. You didn't live to see your Grandson, but he is named after you, so your name, heart and spirit lives on. You will never be forgotten by your children and grandchildren. George, Kay, Lee, Michelle, Alister, Solomon and Georgia-Grace

LORAIN SIVELL A loving lady and friend. Always in our thoughts. Marie El-Hakim and Family

SHAUN HARPER 13th August 2010. A sad time of year. In my thoughts. Glen **DOROTHY POSKETT** Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a loving Mam and Grandma. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx **DOT POSKETT** Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a much loved Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma. Loved and remembered always. Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

Congratulations



Joseph Ferguson



Happy 18th Birthday

Best wishes on your 18th birthday. Enjoy your party. Love, Nana and Family xx

Bradley Wharton



Happy 18th Birthday

8th August 2015
Have a great day.
Lots of love from Mother Bear, Billy, Emily and Layla xx
Meow Meow from Penny and Saf

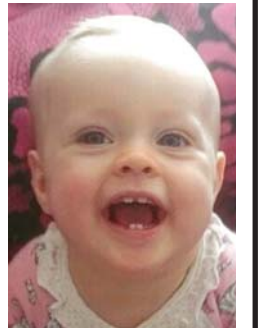
Joseph Ferguson



Happy 18th Birthday

to a very special Son and Brother. Have a fantastic party, you can drink now! Lots of love, Dad, Mum, Charlotte and Abigail xxx

Abigail Paige Melvin



Happy 1st Birthday

10th August 2015
To our gorgeous little Princess! Love you all the world, Mammy, Daddy, big Sister Emily, Granda & Grandma Langsley, Auntie Hollie, Granda & Gran Melvin, Uncle Shaun and all your family xxxxx

KILBURN-ROBINSON (11th August 2015). Happy 12th birthday to our very own RugRats. Have an amazing day, love you lots, like... Jelly Tots. Mam, Dad and Grandad xx

Obituary

SONIA BEENHAM of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully at home on 30th July, aged 58 with her loving family beside her. Dearly loved Wife, Mum and Granny. Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on 6th August at 11.45am. Any donations will go to Honest John's. Many thanks to Dr Hardy, Andrea (McMillan Nurse) and all our wonderful District Nurses. Thank you

CAROLE ANN ELLISON. On 2nd August, peacefully after a short illness, whilst in Sowerby House, Thirsk, Carole aged 65 years, formerly of Newton Aycliffe. A dear Sister to Paul; Sister-in-Law to Maurice; Niece of Aunt Doris and a beloved Aunt. Funeral Service to take place at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 10th August at 10.15am. Family flowers only please, and Carol's wishes were that everyone wear a "splash of colour".

BROWN. 31st July, (peacefully), of Whiteley Grove, Newton Aycliffe, Michael Robert (Bob), aged 86 years. Much loved Husband of Miriam; dearly loved Father of David. Would relatives and friends please meet at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday 12th August for a Service and Committal at 1.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, to the British Heart Foundation. Sadly Missed by Family and Friends.

Kevin Boyle



Happy 50th Birthday

Dad
Lots of love from Kelsey and Jordan xxxxx

Birthday Remembrance

BRIAN DUNN 9th August. Your birthday I cannot share, but in my heart you are always there. Deeply missed and loved always, from your loving Wife Margaret xxxxx **BRIAN DUNN** 9th August. The best little Dad and Granda in the world!!! Our hearts are lost with you, no words can ever say, how much we love and miss you on this your 77th birthday. Deeply loved and missed always. From your Bains and Grand Bains xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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NARUFC – The Family Friendly Club

Saturday not only brought a new month but a new chapter in the resurgence of Newton Aycliffe Rugby Union Club. With the new season kicking off in a matter of weeks with a tough cup tie at home to local rivals Barnard Castle there is no respite from training but the club still finds time to prove it is a family oriented fun place to be.

This saw a noon training session on the beach of the North Gare, Seaton Carew. This was a family day with children playing safely in the dunes and shallow waters and partners preparing picnics and BBQ's.

Just out of ear shot was the grunts and groans of the players being put through their paces by coaches Peter Ryans and Dale and Liam Kelly. With sand between their toes the lads got down to the business end of proceedings. Shuttle runs, training drills and of course the odd punishing accent of the dunes.

We may not have been able to supply the post-session iced plunge pools favoured by the premiership clubs, but a cooling dip in the North Sea after the running about soon eased those aches and pains. With the North East weather being its usual unpredictable self and STAYING warm and dry a few hours of family fun concluded the day. The smell of Bangers and Burgers cooking reached far and wide, with dog walkers struggling to contain the charges on their leashes. The club is not only building on the playing side but also making its self a place for all the family to come along and enjoy the game of Rugby.

The club is always on the lookout for players of all abilities and ages, whether you're just starting out or in the twilight of your sporting career you will be made most welcome. If you've never played and are just curious come along and give it a try. Training is now on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 7pm and Saturdays from 1pm at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane. Contact Coach Peter Ryans for training programme details. Aycliffe Rugby sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service.

FUND RAISING TO HELP AYCLIFFE AUTISM CENTRE



Dear Sir,
 Having a nephew with autism I have witnessed the effect it had upon his life! He was diagnosed with Semantic Traumatic Disorder a mild form of Autism at the age of 3. Although noticed doing strange things at an early age he still went to a mainstream school where many of the children still accepted him. Jack has continued to struggle with maths throughout his life and now aged 18yrs still finds numbers a problem. He is presently at college where he is studying media and has gained a close knit group of friends and comes and goes from college on his own.

My sister's main hope is to see Jack able to look after himself one day and be accepted by others. So for me wanting to help and support autism is something close to the heart of all my family, by wanting to support the North East Autism Society based at Aycliffe.

Having built up close links with the charity I'm really excited about helping them throughout 2015 and beyond especially in this their 35th Anniversary Year!

Hays Travel Mystery Trip

Hayes Travel in the Town Centre are running a Grand Mystery Trip on Thursday 10th September picking up from St Clare's Church 09.30am returning around 5.30pm (traffic depending). £15 per person and all proceeds are going to The Education Centre for Children with Down Syndrome in Newton Aycliffe. Raffle prizes on-board and a good fun day out. Customers need to call into the branch to book, or call us on 01325 320611 to pay over the phone.

where my goal is to achieve a top five place with the aim to raise £1000. I also wish to make as many people as possible aware of autism and getting those affected by autism to become more accepted in the community. I know the support and backing offered by Newton Aycliffe Lifestyle Fitness Suite will have a major effect on increasing people's knowledge of autism and help my fundraising efforts. Michael Simpson

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Congratulations to Andrew Brown and Julie Bowtell on becoming this year's Aycliffe Squash Club champions.

In a repeat of last year's ladies' final, Julie retained her title against Meryl Graham, this time in three comfortable games, richly deserving her win.

In the men's final, Andrew faced last year's runner up, Nick Hill, in a match of high quality squash and brutal

rallying. Although Nick battled hard and almost edged the third game, Andrew also won in straight games, in a fine display of skill and power.

The Club runs two men's teams and a ladies' team in the Durham and Cleveland league as well as a ladies' friendly team and would welcome interest from new players.

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