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Aycliffe Girls Team Win Cleveland Tournament



After so many runners-up finishes NAYFC Under 14 Girls finally triumphed in their first 9 vs 9 Tournament held by Cleveland Juniors FC. Six teams, Cleveland Juniors Scorpions & Terriers, Bishop Auckland Girls, Boro Rangers, Skelton Girls and NAYFC played for a top four spot to progress to the knock-out stages. The first game ended in a 2-0 win against the Terriers, second game saw Bishop edge out the Youth girls 1-0 in a close match. Game three was a 1-0 win against Skelton. Then, the other Cleveland team, Scorpions, held us to a 0-0 draw. Our final group game ended by beating Boro Rangers 2-1. Onto the knock-out semi-final against the Terriers. A slack kick-out from their keeper, allowed Chloe Ryan to slot home the winner. Bishop Auckland won through via a penalty shoot-out in the other semi-final, setting up a local derby.

With 7 minutes each way, it's vital to score first and the girls did with Chloe firing a left foot shot into the top corner after a couple of minutes. Bishop came back, but everyone defended well and held on for a fantastic win. Outstanding performances from all girls, Courtney Wilson, Hallie Silvester, Ella McAllister, Ellie O'Brien, Shannon Stapleton, Holly Barrigan, Martha Humble, Lily Mansfield, Matilda Weir, Becky Potter, Lydia Shale, Paige Spensley, Chloe Ryan

and Molly Clark with jubilant scenes at the final whistle! Congratulations to Manager Helen Clark and Coach Mark Silvester on getting their hands on silverware at last!

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Dear Sir,
May I thank the family of the late Sonia Beenham who following their bereavement and at Sonia's request, made donations in lieu of flowers to the Aycliffe Community Fund.
Honest John.

Toddler Tales & Trails

A series of family fun sessions will be taking place at Hardwick Park this autumn. Toddler Tales and Trails are aimed at families with children aged between 18 months and five years and include arts and crafts sessions, storytelling and fun park trails. The sessions are based on popular children's books, such as The Scarecrows' Wedding, Meg and Mog, The Snail and the Whale and Father Christmas Needs a Wee. They will take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays from September until December, with morning or afternoon sessions to choose from. Each session costs £4 per child and people are advised to book in advance by contacting 01740 621 505.

Community Liaison Officer Appointed



Lauren Wray, (22) a former Business Apprentice with Durham Constabulary is our new local Community Liaison Officer. Her role is to provide guidance, information and support in order to maintain our community's active and effective involvement in safety and crime prevention, including Neighbourhood Watch.

At the moment Lauren is focusing on our existing strong Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout the area and assisting residents in starting up new ones. She is also working closely with the local neighbourhood policing team through community events at Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings. Lauren has introduced herself to some existing Neighbourhood Watch coordinators, attending a meeting on July 29th

to discuss Durham Constabulary's future plans of communication for Neighbourhood Watch and to answer any questions from coordinators.

If anyone would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch or for anything else, please contact Lauren on 01388 742714 or email: Lauren.Wray@durham.pnn.police.uk

August Bank Holiday Bin Collections

Residents in County Durham are reminded that there are no changes to bin collections during the bank holiday weekend in August. The week commencing Monday 31 August, all household waste collections will take place on their usual collection day.

This applies to all bins including refuse, recycling and garden waste for those who have subscribed to this service.

Residents are asked to put their bins out near the kerbside by 7am on their usual day.

Residents can find out their collection details by entering their house number and postcode into 'My Durham' at www.durham.gov.uk or by calling 03000 261 000.

For advice on recycling or to find out what items go in which bin visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere and to subscribe to garden waste collections visit www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 03000 261 000.

Woodham Deputy Appointed Head Teacher at Darlington

Jonathan Lumb, Deputy Headteacher at Woodham Academy, will become the new Headteacher at Darlington's Education Village in September.

Jonathan joined Woodham Academy five years ago and has previously worked as an Assistant Headteacher at Framwellgate School and Head of PE at St. Leonard's in Durham.

During his time at Woodham Academy, Jonathan has taught both PE and mathematics. He has shown tremendous commitment to students and has been instrumental in developing the excellent quality of teaching at Woodham Academy.

Woodham Academy Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "We would like to thank Mr. Lumb for everything he has done for Woodham Academy and wish him every success in his new role."



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Anniversary Celebrations for St. Clare's Church 60th



Members of the clergy at St. Clare's with the Mayor Mary Dalton in the Church Hall for the 60th Celebration Party



Mayor Mary Dalton and consort Michael with the Rector, choir, Altar Servers and Churchwardens after the Patronal Service

A massive thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate our 60th Anniversary and Patronal Service of St. Clare's last week-end. It was so good

to meet all who streamed through our doors on Saturday to view the photographic display and enjoy some refreshments. The air was buzzing with

your past memories of St. Clare's from meeting a lovely chap who helped build the church, to a lady who was a server at the Consecration Service 60 years ago.

Past clergy from near and far came to offer their congratulations, along with numerous cards and letter' that arrived all week to wish us well. Our thanks to Mayor Mary Dalton who attended both day's - her stamina is unbelievable.

Thanks to Vince Crosby (Youth & Community Centre), Brian Riley (GAMP) and Nicky Wheatley (manager of Rose Lodge Care Home) who loaned us display boards.

Unclaimed raffle prizes are White ticket 596 (Bolton,

champagne) and green ticket 380 (chocolates). Please call in at the church any morning after 9-30am to collect. Also thanks to everyone who loaned us material for our exhibition. Special thanks to Syd Howarth from Newton News who came along both days to record our celebration. Syd has been part of this town as long as the church and has always supported our efforts. Again many thanks to everyone who came along to show their support of a church that has been at the heart of this town and community for 60 years. Here's looking forward to the next 60.

God bless you all.
Pam Lovelass

25 years Service by Employee Recognised



On 15 August 2015, its 25 years since Jonathan Poulter started work in a Saturday job at AK Brewster on Aycliffe Business Park. It's a double celebration for Jonathan as he celebrates his 40th Birthday that day too. Jonathan was born in 1975, and has lived in Newton Aycliffe all his life, attending Sugar Hill School and Greenfield Community College.

From an early age Jonathan was interested in anything to do with cars, even as a child he would build his own ramps and put his go-kart on it for repair! When deciding his career option there was only one choice for him - Car Mechanic and he is still as passionate about cars today as he was when he first started working all those years ago.

On leaving school Jonathan attended Bishop Auckland College to gain his car mechanic qualifications. Jonathan says he enjoys working at AK Brewster's as he's had the opportunity to work on a large variety of cars throughout the years, and feels he is working as part of a "family" and it's not just a job. This feeling is helped by the fact many AK Brewster customers have been bringing their cars to the garage since Jonathan first started 25 years ago.

In his spare time Jonathan

enjoys motor sports, everything from stock cars to Formula 1 racing. He likes spending time with his family and enjoys cooking and baking.

Jonathan will be celebrating his achievement with an Everyman Racing Driving Experience Day, a gift provided by AK Brewster, where he will have the opportunity to drive an Aston Martin, a Ferrari and a Lamborghini.

Good SATs

Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School achieved good SATs results again this year, with some children achieving results way in excess of the national average. The Year 6 children worked very hard all year and the school would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

Winning Performance at Stephenson Way

Last month, pupils at Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School treated packed audiences to a production of The Lion King. Over 50 children participated in the show, ranging in age from 7-11 years. The school runs a very popular performing arts club, which meets after school each week to rehearse.

Club leaders and show producers, Miss Whitfield and Mrs Gibson, were full of praise for their pupils. 'Once again, the talent of the

children has been amazing,' remarked Miss Whitfield, adding 'Parents should be very proud of what their children have achieved'. Parents and family in the audience were equally as excited by the show, with one Year 4 parent already looking forward to next year's performance, saying 'Last year's Oliver was amazing, but this show was perhaps even better. Can I book my seat now for next year's show?' The school will indeed be presenting another

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Town's MAD Choir Membership Grows

M.A.D. Community Choir are pleased at the success of their New Members nights which were held at Woodham Community Centre for the past 3 weeks. The choir has gained 12 new members and are looking forward to beginning rehearsals properly.

"I joined the choir to make new friends. I had become quiet isolated from my community through health issues and become quite lonely. I saw the article in the Newton News asking for new members and went along to their first New Members night and was made to feel really welcome. The MAD team and members were so helpful and friendly. I am now in my third week and loving every minute. I am so glad I joined," said Carol. The Choir has now stopped taking in new members so they can prepare for their big

charity event but if you feel this is something you would like to join and can commit to the weekly Wednesday rehearsals please contact either Vicky or Sonia on the numbers below.

M.A.D. Community Choir are preparing for their next event 'Country Roads' which is their 7th Annual Charity Concert. This year the event is being held at the Xcel Centre, on Wednesday 7th October 2015 7pm start. The chosen charities for 2015 are Macmillan and Cancer Research.

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 07582 734294.

For more information on M.A.D. see our Facebook page or the website www.madchoir.co.uk

AYCLIFFE FIRM COMPLETES INSTALLATION IN HOLLAND

Market-leading cable protection specialist, Tekmar Energy, of Aycliffe has marked a major milestone after its cutting-edge TekTube system was installed for the first time on an offshore project. TekTube was successfully installed on Westermeerwind near-shore wind farm in the Netherlands.

Tekmar supplied cable installation contractor, VBMS, with 92 of its systems to protect the cables into the 48 wind turbine foundations for the Siemens' EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) project which is located along the dikes of the Noordoostpolder.

In close cooperation with VBMS, Tekmar developed the TekTube's pre-installation method whereby the cable protection systems were fitted ahead of the cable



installation. This saved time on the cable installation vessel and improved the efficiency of the overall operation. Installation work ran more quickly than initially

expected with up to six systems put in place within each 12-hour window for work.

Tekmar's chief executive officer, James Ritchie, said: "Delivering TekTube for the first time makes Westermeerwind a particularly momentous project and one which saw us work with VBMS for the 16th time.

"TekTube was designed as a result of our ongoing investment into researching and developing next generation cable protection systems that continue to help drive down costs, improve offshore installation rates and ensure cable integrity for the service life which is typically 25 years."

Tekmar was awarded the Westermeerwind contract by VBMS just months after the company demonstrated TekTube at the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult's (ORE Catapult) National Renewable Energy Centre in Blyth, Northumberland. TekTube was also the first new patented product that was produced at Tekmar's new manufacturing facility in the north-east of England. With more than 30 years' experience, Tekmar is a market leader in the design, manufacture and supply of subsea cables, umbilicals and flexible protection systems for the renewable energy and oil & gas industry. The company is headquartered in Newton Aycliffe.

For more information about Tekmar, please visit: www.tekmar.co.uk

COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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- There are, traditionally, no council meetings in August
- 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)
- Big Fun family walk (3.5 hours) depart Wolsingham Railway Station Car Park Thursday 20th August, 11:00 am, 4.5 miles EASY, Adults free, children £3: 03000 264 589
- Bowlees Car Park, Upper Teesdale, Friday 21 August, 7.30-10.30pm, Creatures of the Night, Adults £3, children £1: 01833 622 374
- Only a fortnight left to see the Magna Carta exhibition (ends 31 August), at Palace Green Library 10am-6pm daily, Adults £7.50. Children £6.50. Book at <http://bit.ly/MC-tickets>, 0844 844 0444
- In the VisitEngland most visited attractions (2014) @ durhamcathedral & @beamish_museum were top of North East region paid/free lists: <http://ow.ly/Qzozp>
- Enter or vote in the Durham Countryside photography competition: https://prpage.co/C_a/
- Campaign: Don't use the police as a threat if your children are misbehaving – they need to feel they can run *to* the police if they get into difficulties.
- Campaign: Keep safe in the water this summer: <http://ow.ly/Qq7TQ>
- Forthcoming roadworks of which I am aware: <http://bit.ly/Roadworks0708>
- Healthwatch County Durham want to hear from you if you have used Macmillan Cancer Information Centres in the last year: <http://bit.ly/HWCDDMSurvey>
- Notice: the subway by Bluebell garage will be closed for four weeks from Monday 28 September for structural maintenance.

Vintage Caravans, Live Music & Classic Cars



Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association in conjunction with Northern Bygones have organised a fun packed weekend for everyone to enjoy from 21st to 23rd August.

On Friday a selection of vintage caravans will be arriving in preparation for the annual Classic Car Show. These will be on display on the land next to the car park. Saturday will hopefully see a BBQ (weather permitting) from 5pm and at 8 pm we have the fantastic singer and guitarist "Keith Morrison". For more information about Tekmar, please visit: www.tekmar.co.uk

live music night in January. Keith will be singing in the bar – so no pool on Saturday, sorry.

On Sunday the annual classic car show gets underway with a great display of vehicles. 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group will be providing food and refreshments on Sunday.

So come along and join in the fun. Our bar will be open every evening and afternoons on Saturday and Sunday, serving drinks at very reasonable prices, we also sell ice lollies. We hope to see you there – bring all the family and enjoy.

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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.

All members will receive a "Newt's Kids Club" Membership Card and be automatically entered into future competitions with some wonderful prizes and opportunities for all members.

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Fun in the Parks kicked off this year at the Town Centre Park on Wednesday 5th August, the weather was kind to us and over 1200 people attended the free event organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, children enjoyed Punch and Judy shows, Mr Twister and his amazing magic tricks and balloon modelling, fairground rides and the animal train inflatable. We had a craft marquee, two face painters and NAYFC also held a football competition. We also had story time sessions for the little ones.

At Horndale Park on Friday 7th August, the sun shone while the children enjoyed the inflatable bouncy slide and a



hedgehog hunt game, along with the usual Fun in the Parks activities. Over 500 people came 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

a Frozen themed hunt. At the Oak Leaf Park on 19th August, we are having an animal theme with a visit from Kraffy Krittters with their interesting animals, an animal track hunt, the animal train inflatable which is always popular and a visit from 2 very famous mice – Mickey and Minnie.

We are also visiting St Oswald's Park on Wednesday 19th August, Aycliffe Village on 26th August and Simpature Park on 28th August. Why not come along and join the fun - the best part is it's FREE. The events start at 11 am until 3 pm.

£3 Picnic at St. Elizabeth's

Join us at our "Alternative Church Picnic" bringing the Great British outdoors on 20th August at 7pm at St Elizabeth's Church, Woodham Village. Bring your picnic blanket and fold up chairs. We'll provide all the delicious food and refreshment for a yummy feast. Following the picnic goodies - join in the Great British Quiz. Only £3 per person, to book call 01325 789344

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A special evening starring club favourites, the Alf Langhorne Trio, On Saturday 22nd August. Bring along your partners, your family and friends for a great FREE evening out! Doors Open 7.00pm – We look forward to seeing you!

Summer Fun for School Club



On Tuesday 27th July Woodham Burn Out of School Club from Newton Aycliffe visited Toby Carvery in Darlington. Craig and Oscar met us and were our Chef teachers for the morning. The first game we played was the fruit and vegetable quiz; we had a bowl of vegetables and only 1 bowl of fruit. Craig gave us a piece of paper with clues to what the bowl had inside. There were a lot of swapping

of answers but in the end we guessed the right answer. My group came second but Kendra's team came first and they got their lunch first as a prize. After lots of fun games we walked to the serving area and picked our lunch, we had to have at least 2 different kinds of vegetables; we had a variety to choose from. We ate all of our lunch which was delicious and had room for ice-cream. We finished

up and headed back to the club.

A special thank you to Toby Carvery for a fantastic visit and the lovely goody bags we received from all of the staff and children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club

By Dylan aged 9

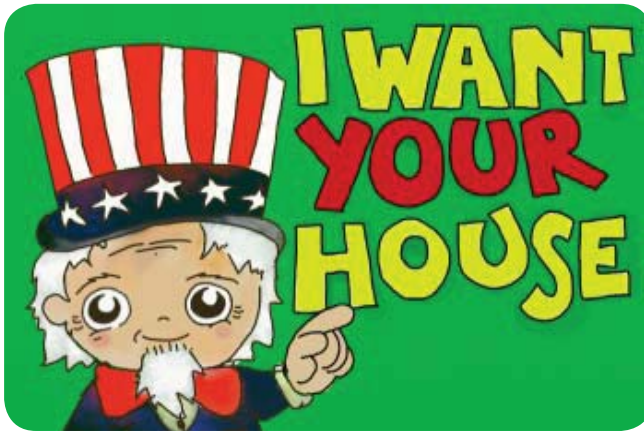
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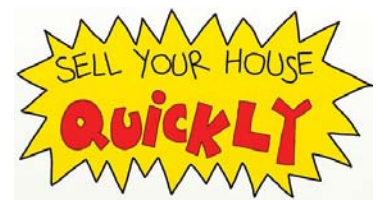


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Fine Dining at Rose Lodge Care Home



Guests at Rose Lodge Care Home, Cobblers Lane, were treated to a fine dining experience as the home hosted the latest in their highly popular 'Come Dine With Me' lunch events.

Twenty-two guests attended the sold-out event which saw a choice of two delicious three course menus. Menu one featured a pear and Parma ham salad with basil oil dressing starter, pan-fried chicken and chorizo with vegetables and a creamy chive sauce main course, and profiteroles and strawberries with a chocolate sauce for dessert.

Menu two was a date and onion chutney pitta salad starter, roast pork steak with rosemary and parsley mash and vegetables, followed by a tiramisu with vanilla cream

and raspberries for dessert. Guests enjoyed socialising over lunch and refreshments and were given party favours to take away with them as a memento of the day.

Rose Lodge, owned by care provider Countrywide Care Homes, offers residential and specialist dementia care to the elderly and was named as the 7th highest recommended care homes in the North East in a poll by carehome.co.uk last year.

Care Manager Nicola Wheatley Said: "We are absolutely delighted that the day was such a big success. Our Head Chef David really pulled out all the stops to create two completely delicious menus and we had glowing feedback from guests which was wonderful to hear."

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership News

It was great to welcome another new member to the partnership. Julia from Healthwatch explained a little about Healthwatch's remit was within the community of County Durham. Syd Howarth said having Healthwatch as partners would be beneficial. Over the past 3 months 5 new partners had joined GACAP. This now brings active partners in GACAP to around 20. The round table update from partners present brought a real buzz to the room. There was evidence of partnership work across the room I could not separate one from another as the evidence was before our eyes and in our ears.

GACAP's biggest project is to build an extension to the Agnew Community Centre to house all the welfarer activities of the partners including another foodbank and distribution point of aid

to disadvantaged families. All that is required is the funds to build the new premises and bids are being prepared to the Big Lottery and the County Council for 106 Agreement money from the housing development in the Agnew area.

The meeting room did not empty as most meetings do, but exchange of ideas, swapping of business cards carried on for some time. The true evidence of partnership working was before our very eyes.

If you have not attended a meeting lately our next meeting will be at the Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close DL5 4QZ - 4pm the first Monday in September. Full details of the August meeting will be circulated within the next 10 days.

Joan Clark,
Secretary
GACAP.

GACAP Officers



Co-Chairman Steve Mitton



Co-Chairman Susan Saddler



Treasurer Liane Taylor



Secretary Joan Clark

CARE HOME SURPRISE FOR COUPLE'S ANNIVERSARY



Love was in the air at Rose Lodge Care Home this week as staff served up a special treat for a very special couple. Resident Audrey Pratt and her husband Ken celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary so staff planned a day for

them to remember. Staff surprised the couple by converting a lounge at the home into a private romantic dining room, decorating it with anniversary-themed decorations and a candelabra table centrepiece.

The happy couple enjoyed a wonderful lunch cooked by Head Chef David Nevison and the kitchen team surrounded by cards gifts and flowers from friends and family.

Ken who helps out with gardening at the home and recently organised donations of flowers and plants for the home's new display, brought in the horseshoe that Audrey had been given on the day of their wedding as a surprise for his wife.

Care Manager Nicola Wheatley Said: "Ken and Audrey are a wonderful couple so we were so pleased that we could make their day even more special and. it was lovely to see them enjoying themselves."

Students Get a Taste of Life at Woodham Academy



From 20th to 30th July, Woodham Academy opened its doors to Year 6 pupils from its family of primary schools.

The aim of the Summer School was to allow pupils to benefit from two weeks of activities in a relaxed and fun environment. It was an ideal opportunity for pupils to find their way around the school, meet some of the staff, and, make new friends before they even start at Woodham.

The Summer School was great fun, and the main priority was to make it an enjoyable leaning

experience. Daily activities included scrap booking, mad science, maths, Design Technology, Let's Get Cooking, swimming and outdoor fun

Students were rewarded for their hard work on a daily basis and at the end of the Summer School there was an Awards Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of those who had participated. On Thursday 23rd July, the group spent a day at the Life Centre, followed by a day at the Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth on Thursday 30th July.

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Golden Wedding Celebration



Anne and Peter Molyneux's relationship began at the Rink Ballroom in Hartlepool in 1961. In those days this was the big night out in the week with youth from surrounding mining villages attending – the girls went to the dance, the boys went around the local pubs and came in for the last dance.

The Barn Dance was 'pick up' time and Anne and Peter danced together and travelled back to Wingate on the late bus. This was the beginning of their courtship which lasted for three and a half years before they married in 1965.

They were married on 24th July, 1965, at St. Peter & Paul R.C. Church in Hutton Henry near Castle Eden. They were brought up in the same street in Station Town, attended the same primary school, and the same church. Their paths went different ways at 11 years of age, when Peter passed the scholarship and went on to attend Grammar School in Sunderland. Anne left School in Wingate at the age of 15 to start a secretarial course at the Technical College in Billingham.

In 1959 when Anne

was 17 she secured a job with Peterlee Development Corporation as a Shorthand/Typist. She worked there for 6 years until the couple married and settled in Aycliffe. Anne was transferred to Aycliffe Development Corporation and, apart from a break raising two children, worked there until the dissolution of the new towns in 1988.

Anne worked for a Japanese company as the MD's Secretary/PA until she retired in 2003. In 2004 Anne was employed as an administrator by the Aycliffe Occupational Health Service and stayed there until its closure in 2012. Over the years Anne has used her secretarial skills servicing various committees. Currently, she is Secretary of St. Mary's & Joseph's Credit Union and also Secretary of Churches Together in Great Aycliffe. Peter was 15 when he left Grammar School and followed his two brothers to work down south. At the age of 18 and working in Eastbourne he was called up for National Service served in Aden. Peter was on active service there for most of the two years. He spent a short

time in Germany before returning to the UK and his native north east. His family had moved to Newton Aycliffe with Peter working at various factories on the industrial estate, Block & Anderson, Colstons, Eaton Axles, etc. His last job was in the moulding shop at Electrolux, before retirement.

Although Anne and Peter have different personalities, they enjoy many interests together including foreign holidays in exotic places, but now only want a 2 hour flight to Spain or Majorca. Peter is an avid reader and never goes anywhere without a newspaper or book. He has swum every morning Monday-Friday for over 20 years at Hallgarth. Peter is a lifelong supporter of Sunderland AFC and a season ticket holder.

Their grandson, Luke, plays for Sunderland Under 18's and it was a like a dream come true when Anne and Peter saw Luke come out at the Stadium of Light to play in Youth Cup games last season. They both like watching a good play or film on television - Anne loves Coronation Street and never misses an episode even when on holiday.

Anne and Peter went to Majorca for 2 weeks holiday on 18th July and on Friday 24th July (their actual anniversary date) they were surprised in the dining room where the waitress had decorated their table with balloons and banners and provided them with a bottle of champagne with compliments of the hotel. Whilst on holiday, Anne and Peter were totally unaware their daughter, Jane, was planning a surprise family get-together back home to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Oakleaf Sports Complex on Saturday 8th August. The Mayor came along and presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and congratulated them on their anniversary. Family means everything to Anne and Peter - they have two children and three grandchildren: Jane and Neil are parents to Luke aged 17; Philip and Ashleigh are parents to Dougie aged 4 and Lena aged 6 months.

Does a Single Mother Feed Her Child or Pay County Council to Remove Ants?

A single mother with a young baby living in the West Ward and on benefits, suddenly discovered the house she had

Call to Change Council Policy

Teenage Kaitlin's Head Shaved to Help Cousin with Cancer

Last Friday 14 year old Kaitlin May Keller had her lovely hair cut off and her head shaved to raise funds for her 3 year old cousin who has Leukaemia and wants to go to Disneyland. Relatives, friends and everyone can donate money to help this little girl live her dream and the link is <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/4sbGe>

Please also visit Facebook and like: "help Lucy go to Disneyland"

Her best friend Megan Harrison and Kaitlin's mother, and two brothers were there while the mother's hairdresser friend in Eldon Lane shaved her head.

They were all very proud of this brave young lady who lives in Wolsey Close and attends Woodham Academy.



Family group with Carol (left) of Hairways, Eldon Lane



The first bit cut off which will go to make a wig for a child with Cancer who has lost their hair



occupied for six months was infested with ants.

The insects were coming from nests behind the wall and were everywhere. She tried herself to get rid of the pests to no avail so in a distressed state contacted both Livin and the County Council.

Livin could do nothing and said the County Council pest control team would do the job but they had to charge in the region of £40 which had to be paid up front.

The young mother was now completely stressed as she only had money to feed herself and the child. The problem was worsening and she could not live in these conditions.

She rang Newton Press who along with the help of County Councillor John Clare tried to resolve the problem, but as it was the weekend there was no one to deal with this emergency and it would have to wait until Monday morning. The young mother was forced to leave her home and stay with her parents fearing for her child's safety

The County Council still insisted money was paid up front as there was no contingency fund to help people who had no money or who are faced with the choice of feeding themselves or paying for ants to be removed!

Councillor Clare agreed with Newton News this was unacceptable and a new

policy would have to be considered to help people in these circumstances, however this would take time and the problem was now!

In the meantime the young mother still had thousands of ants scurrying around so in complete frustration with the authorities, Newton Press contacted Aycliffe Pest Control business Dave Oliver who agreed to help the mother that day and donated his services to help the young mother. The town's Rotary Club was also happy to help if needed. It would have been nice to report the Council had the same concern and goodwill.

This is not an isolated case and a few people find themselves in this awful predicament. Newton News believe there has to be a method of dealing with these stressful situations. Tenancy agreements are all well and good if the person has the means to comply, but concessions should be made when a person has no money and where a measure of compassion and consideration is required.

Newton News also believes this should have been dealt with free of charge as an environmental health issue as the infestation could have spread to nearby houses.

Newton News have also discovered that flying ants are listed in the Institute of Environmental Health as a recognised pest along with rats, cockroaches, beetles etc.

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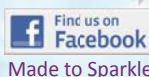
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Exhibition:
Brian Sutherland
Until Saturday 12th September
McGuinness Gallery, Bishop Auckland Town Hall
Brian trained at Sunderland College of Art between 1958 and 1962. He has exhibited many times in the North East including at the DLI and the Biscuit Factory. His latest work is an adaptation of the notion of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse combined with an interpretation of natural phenomena such as nebulae. For further details contact: 03000 269 524

Mini Matinee:
Shaun the Sheep
Thursday 20 August, 2.00pm
Bishop Auckland Town Hall
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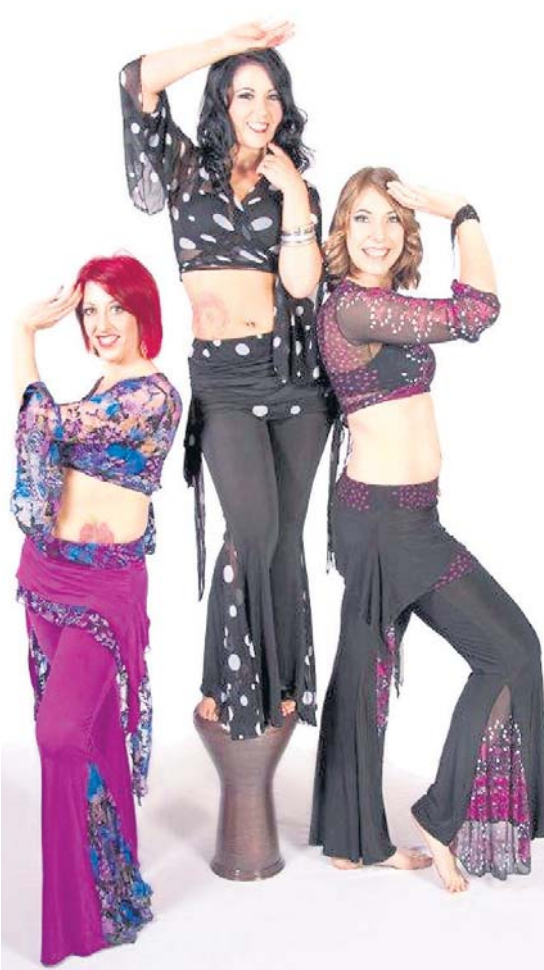
sheepdog Bitzer, as he tries to stop the Farmer finding out what's going on behind his back. Every day brings a new adventure for Shaun. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Cert U, 85 mins
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Come along on 5th September 7.30 - 11pm to Planet Leisure, Maple Way, Aycliffe Business Park. Tickets £5, in aid of Lifeline Community Action and available from Newton Press, Planet Leisure, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre and Lifeline Community Action. In addition Mermaid Treasures will be selling crystal gemstones, handmade jewellery and belly dance wear. Henna Artist, Lynda Ravenwood will be available. Hafila is Arabic meaning a party or social gathering. In the belly dance world the term is used to describe an event where students, professionals and members of the public come together to see and try belly dancing. It is used as an open performance platform for dancers of all levels who want to showcase their skills in front of a supportive and encouraging audience. "Belly Dance" is described as a vibrant sensual style of dance that originated in the Mediterranean, Middle East, and North Africa. There are many styles from different places and were danced at a variety of events to serve many purposes.

It is suitable for all ages and body shapes. Reduces stress and depression, Increases energy, Weight loss, Improves posture muscle toning, flexibility, strength, balance and endurance. It also strengthens bones and boosts cardiovascular health, and mental capacity by exercising cognitive processes. Improved digestion, Reduced back pain, Increased self-esteem. It's fun, you also meet people and make new friends



Taxi Rules Consultation

There's still time to have your say on proposed changes to taxi licensing rules. Durham County Council is reviewing its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and is urging people to take part in a consultation on various proposals, which include:

- Signs displayed on the roofs of taxis (vehicle top signs).
- New, more stringent safeguarding measures for drivers and passengers.
- Age policy for vehicles and engine emission standards.
- Suspension of licensed vehicles if the owner/driver fails to attend the scheduled vehicle test.
- Numeracy and literacy testing for new drivers.

The deadline for responses to the consultation is Wednesday 26th August.

For more information and to have your say on the consultation visit www.durham.gov.uk/consultation or call the licensing team on 03000 261 016.

Charity Helps LCA's Holiday Project

Lifeline Community Action (LCA) would like to thank FareShare food distribution for their kind donation of food to feed 100 children, young people and adults on their very much needed holiday at the Jonas Centre between 15th and 20th of August 2015.

The people chosen for this holiday are people who would never be able to afford a holiday normally; they are also in financial difficulty or suffer with illnesses or disability in some way or have suffered trauma that causes them deep distress in their everyday lives. This short holiday allows these people to relax and forget about their worries for a few days, it brings families together so they can spend time having fun together, enjoy not having to worry about how they will pay for food and bills for just one week out of their struggle in their everyday lives. Volunteers from LCA work hard to raise funds for these holidays every year, now with

the support from FareShare we are able to give these very needy people nutritious food to make their holiday complete.

When we told the people going on the holiday about FareShare's donation they were overjoyed, one mother said 'It means so much to me and my family as my husband can only get part time work and we do struggle to make ends meet at the best of times. To get help like this is really overwhelming and a massive help to us' Thank you to all those involved in making this possible! Michael Shields of Changing Lives FareShare North East said, 'It's wonderful to see a community project such as Lifeline Community Action providing such an effective link between FareShare's surplus food and local people in need. FareShare serves over 80 other community projects in the area with surplus food and we want to increase the amount of support we provide to the region and welcome approaches from

other community groups. The fantastic work of Lifeline Community Action illustrates perfectly the positive impact surplus food can make to communities - offering both vital food provision and additional services to people in need. I really hope they all enjoy their holiday'

AYCLIFFE HEALTH VISITOR RETIRES

Pat Poinen, Health Visitor in Newton Aycliffe retires at the end of August. She has worked in Newton Aycliffe with Bewick Crescent Surgery for the past 15 years. During her time in Newton Aycliffe, Pat has been involved in many aspects of healthcare initiatives serving her clients locally. She has facilitated the Breast Feeding Cafe for many years and was involved in County Durham & Darlington NHS Trust in recently achieving UNICEF Baby Friendly Accreditation. This accreditation promotes breastfeeding in the County and offers support to parents in making informed choices about their baby and feeding choices. Over the years Pat has worked with the Rotary Club to coordinate the delivery of Hampers to families at Christmas. Pat would like to thank the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club for their generosity and support over the years to our families. "



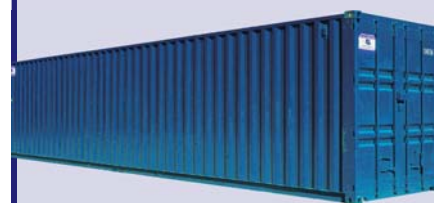
I would like to personally thank Geoff Batchelor for co-ordinating this over many years. His colleagues have supported him, and they have also offered other help at other times when called upon to do so." Pat is holding a Farewell drop in at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on 27th August 2015 between 11.30am and 3.00pm. She would welcome her clients and their children, young and old to call in to have a cuppa and say goodbye.

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It is a powerful, shocking story, brilliantly told. King had already made his amazing "I have a dream" speech in 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington; been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his part in his non-violent campaign.

But in the American south the work continued, met time and again with violence. This is a story of amazing resilience and courage, of the unstoppable force of a people fighting for the same rights that we all enjoy.

It is a shocking but uplifting story, please come. Tea, coffee and juice will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, £1 for children, and the film starts at 1-15pm. Everyone is most welcome to come and experience a defining moment in the fight for a people's rights.

BY ELECTION ADDRESS BRIAN HAIGH Independent



This letter is addressed to the people of Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall.

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Kids Drawing Competition with Family Holiday Prize

Get your kids drawing this summer holiday and you could be on your way to Europe!

The Woodland Trust has put out a call to all parents, grandparents and children this summer, gather together all the budding young artists in your families - pick up a paintbrush, sharpen those crayons and enter the Trust's exciting Doodle Bugs Drawing Competition.

The Trust wants to see nature-inspired drawings, be it a badger busy in a wood, a frog in the back garden, a beautiful butterfly, a special tree or simply something nature related plucked from the imagination.

The overall winner will win a seven day Eurocamp holiday for the whole family with art and craft goody bags for three runners-up. The Woodland Trust believes everyone should have free access to woodland - no matter where they live and what their background. The Trust aims for everyone to have access to woodland within 500 metres of their home. But it goes further than that. The Trust wants to help encourage and enable children to love, value and engage with nature. The Trust is launching its new Nature Detectives website and family membership which has a raft of new and exciting activities to appeal to children and parents from all backgrounds, from den building and woodland art, to getting muddy and wildlife spotting. There is a wealth of information to access online with an emphasis on fun and learning in the great outdoors. Becky Speight, Chief Executive at the Woodland Trust, said: "Woods offer one of the world's most wonderful playgrounds. They are full of opportunities for children to explore, roam and grow. And being outdoors

together allows families to create precious memories.

"We want children, no matter where they are, to start enjoying the benefits of woodland more regularly and often this is about making their visits fun. The Woodland Trust has more than 1,000 woods UK-wide that are all free to access and with our all-new Nature Detectives resources, parents can download all the inspiration they need to make a really memorable day out."

She added: "To kick off these new activities we are inviting children to get out into nature, have a doodle and send us their best drawings and enter our Doodle Bugs drawing competition. The best drawing will win a holiday!"

Visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/families to find out more and to enter the Doodle Bug drawing competition to be in with a chance of winning a family holiday with Eurocamp.

Pleasant Weekend for Mayor and Consort

Dear Sir,

Last weekend I had the pleasure of accompanying the Mayor to two events. Firstly on Saturday we were invited to Moore Lane Sports Club to welcome Mike Amos and a group of fellow walkers including George Courtney the former FIFA referee, who were at the beginning of their "Last Legs Walk" to all of the Ebac Northern League football grounds to celebrate Mike's last year as the League Chairman. In doing so they are hoping to raise £10,000 for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and local charities nominated by each of the Clubs in the League. The Mayor presented Mike Amos with a pennant to commemorate his visit to Newton Aycliffe FC. We then watched the first half of the opening match of the season against Marske FC, last year's league champions. Glad to say Newton Aycliffe FC won 2-1. C'mon Newton

Aycliffe FC! There was also a cricket match taking place, and I would urge the people of the town to go along to one of their matches as it is a cheap day out for all the family, and who knows any youngsters might get interested enough to join the junior teams and one day rise up through the ranks and become a future Wayne Rooney or James Anderson. We then attended a church Service to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Clare's Church. Following the Service we had a cup of tea and refreshments in the church hall and looked through photographs and newspaper cuttings from the last 60 years of St. Clare's. What a privilege and a pleasure it was to attend both these events. It was just a shame that so few residents were in attendance on Sunday.

Michael Dalton
Mayor's Son and Consort

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Preparing for Baptism



Families preparing for their children to be baptised at St. Clare's in the near future were present at the Patronal Service and the Rector Chris Pearson called them to the front to introduce them to the congregation, welcoming them to membership of the Church. The children were Kayla Marie and Kason Ray Dodds with parents Matthew and Michelle, Katie Rose Patterson with parents Stephen and Tricia, and Noah James Jarvis with mother Sarah. Noah's Dad was not at the welcoming as he had to be at work, but he too is getting baptised.

Annual Daffodil Ball

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Wed. 19th August Oak Leaf Park
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Fri. 21st August St. Oswald's Park

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NEW OFFICERS FOR TOWN'S SUNDERLAND SUPPORTERS

As a new Premier League season starts, the Official Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Sunderland Supporters Association would like to say a huge thank you to the officials who have retired after successfully transporting fans to matches all over the country for the last 21 years.

Chairman, George Mills; Treasurer, Ian Palmer; and Secretary Stan Hall have all taken the decision to step down after many years of service to the branch and the community. Branch members thanked them for their hard work with presentations of engraved silver hip flasks. They will be a huge act to follow.

Son of the outgoing chairman, Phillip Mills, has become the new Treasurer, meaning that their family have been proudly represented on the branch committee from the very start. Terry Fawell, another founder member of the branch, has become the new Chairman, whilst Paul Newby is the incoming Secretary.

The branch-run coaches to all home matches, and transports members to many away games too. Home coaches have pick up points at Greenfield School, the Royal British Legion Club, Ferryhill, and Thinford, and will return members to various points around the town close to home.

Any enquiries about travel or membership can be directed to Paul Newby on 01325 311001, 07799 447389 or safcnab@gmail.com

Greenfield Junior Tennis Camp

Greenfield Tennis Club are holding a second Junior Tennis Camp towards the end of the school holidays. The first camp supported by GAMP was a great success and players aged between 5 and 14 Years are invited to attend.

The camp begins on Monday 24th August and continues until Wednesday 26th August from 10am to Noon each morning. The activities are both indoors and outdoors. The club staff specialise in



offering tennis activities in a friendly and fun environment. Equipment is provided.

Players of all abilities are welcome.

A weekly session for players of all ages and abilities continues on Saturdays at 9am. Contact Ian Wilkinson for details of the camp and all tennis opportunities: rootennis1@hotmail.co.uk

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, had a comfortable five wicket victory away at Redcar 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The home side were asked to bat first and were skittled for 96 from 26.1 overs. John Cavanagh (sponsored by CVO Fire) was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 11 and he was given good support from both Colin Myers (2 for 17) and Patrick Howe (2 for 25). Debutant Stephen Sweeney got the innings off to a flyer with a robust 27. Colin Myers (15 runs) and then Chris Palmer with an unbeaten 20, helped to see Aycliffe safely to their winning target after 22.1 overs.

The second team's recent winning streak was brought to an end when they suffered a four wicket defeat at home to Bishop Auckland 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe were bowled out for 126 after 36.4 overs with the main contributions coming from captain Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy), who batted with determination to score 31, Jack Slatcher (20 runs) and a lively innings of 32 from John Wardle. In reply Bishop Auckland eased to victory from 28.2 overs despite all-rounder Jack Slatcher bowling superbly to take 3 for 22 from 13 overs.

The u13's played their last game of the season and were beaten by six wickets at home to Norton. Batting first Aycliffe made a respectable 75 all out after 19.2 overs with Kieran Shingler top scoring with an excellent 16.

Norton reached their winning target for the loss of four wickets after 16.5 overs despite some good bowling from Kieran Shingler who took 2 for 15.

The u11's finished off their season with a defeat at home to Seaton Carew, but here were good batting performances from both Iain Robson (8 not out) and Francis Humble (6 not out). Special mention must go to 8 year old Joe Ingman, who was making his debut for Aycliffe and remained not out during his innings and also fielded well.

Bus Trips for the Family

A Family Trip to South Shields costing only £4 per person is arranged for Wednesday 19th August, leaving Silverdale House at 9.30am and bus stop opposite St. Clare's Church at 9.45am.

Ring Dorothy Bowman on 308094 or 07967 901477. Please leave your telephone number

On Wednesday 26th August, another trip is organised to Discovery Museum at Newcastle, costing £4 per person, ring Dorothy Bowman for details.

National Championship Success for Sedgefield 75 Swimmer

Matthew Bradley 17 qualified for six swims at this year's ASA National Summer championships and travelled to compete at the Ponds Forge International Pool at Sheffield with Head Coach John Moore.

Matthew's first swim was the 50 metre breaststroke heat where he swam a personal best time of 31.16 seconds and qualified in joint 7th position for the evening final. Matthew then swam in the 200 metres freestyle achieving a time of 1.59.52. Matthew then swam an unbelievable personal best time in the final of the 50 metre breaststroke of 30.20 seconds and finished in second place taking a hard earned silver medal.

On Thursday Matthew competed in the 200 metres individual medley achieving a seasons personal best time again of 2.13.67 and qualifying for the evenings final in 5th position. Matthew swam the swim of a lifetime on the evening in the final of this event and took a full four seconds of his original entry time and finished in 2nd place taking the silver medal in a time of 2.10.80.

Friday saw Matthew in the pool again. First in the 100 metres freestyle, where he swam on a time of 54.42 and finished in a respectable 12th place. Then Matthew competed in the 100 metres breaststroke and qualified in 9th place for the evening final with a time of 1.08.73. Matthew pulled it out the bag again for the evening final achieving a seasons personal best time of 1.07.17 and finishing in 6th position.



Matthew with Head Coach John Moore

John Moore Sedgefield 75 Head Coach was overwhelmed with the week's swims and stressed again how commitment to

training and determination pays off. Matthew was very happy with the week's swims and stated that it was a good end to the 2015 season.



DISABLED FOOTBALL FANS FED UP WITH POOR PROVISION

The world's richest and most popular football league has kicked off again and hundreds of thousands of fans attended the first game of the new season. But I wonder how many disabled supporters were among them? Not nearly as many as wanted to, if our research is anything to go by.

I work for the charity Revitalise, which provides respite holidays for disabled people and carers from across the UK. Accessible excursions are an integral part of what we do, so we wanted to find what Premiership clubs were doing for their disabled fans on match days. The results made for depressing reading. We found out that all the clubs had signed up to guidelines and promised to improve their provision for disabled people over 10 years ago, but after all that time only three Premiership clubs – Arsenal,

Bournemouth and Swansea - had the recommended number of spaces for wheelchair users. In our view this is quite pathetic.

We also asked disabled football fans about their own experiences and they painted a picture of poor match day experiences and feelings of exclusion. This is not good enough. Disabled supporters have a right to expect the same enjoyable, socially inclusive experience as every other fan, which is why we're calling for football clubs to up their game and provide better facilities and services for disabled fans. We don't think that's too much to ask. I'd like your readers to join me in calling for football clubs to get on the ball and do the right thing by their disabled supporters. For more info about Revitalise and to support our vital work, call 0303 303 0145 or visit www.revitalise.org.uk

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Aycliffe Running Club

The 28th annual Darlington 10K, attracted more than 1800 runners. Conditions were ideal and the eventual winner, Marc Scott was only 36 seconds off the course record.

The outstanding Aycliffe runner was Floyd Jones, who not only took the V50 prize but was also first home for the club and 50th overall in the time of 36:30. Newcomer to the club and keen to impress, Richard Wade, showed his brother Mark a clean pair of heels finishing 58th in 36:55 and Mark was 73rd in 37:38. Martin Knox was next to cross the line, 307th in 44:01, followed by Robert Young 327th in 44:18, John Burnside 357th in 44:50, Dave Blewitt 327th in 44:46, Susan Cranswick 439th in 46:03,

Jason Dixon 458th in 46:23, Steve Smith 483rd in 46:48, Paul Stretton 485th in 46:06, Michelle Jane 498th in 47:03, Sandra Collins 546th in 48:07, Michelle Zamir 555th in 48:15, Rob Nicholson 592nd in 48:47, Trish Kay 641st in 49:59, Gary Minns 664th in 49:36, Michael Brunskill 674th in 50:47, Michelle Dixon 685th in 50:17, Austin Donohue 689th in 50:55, Vivianne Pow 868th in 52:24 PB, Beverley Phillippo 1308th in 61:46, Carla Morton 1334th in 62:40, Susan Clark 1387th in 63:56, Yvonne Williams 1462nd in 66:26, and Craig Robinson 1562nd in 73:28.

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



FALCONS WIN FINAL IN PENALTY SHOOT-OUT



A huge well done to Newton Aycliffe Youth Falcons Under 9's who won the Falcons Trophy sponsored by Mr G Little. The Falcons began the pre-season friendly tournament with a 4-1 win over Aycliffe Juniors and then followed up with draws against Middleton Rangers and Darlington Spraire Lads, sending them through to the final against Middleton. It was a very competitive

final with both teams giving their all! The game ended 1-1 with the goal coming from Cole Gaskarth. Into extra-time, no-one could find the winner so it went to the dreaded penalty shoot-out. Middleton looked the more nervous of the two teams. It proved to be as the Falcons ran out 3-1 winners! Converted penalties by Cole Gaskarth, Dylan Stewart and Alex Beattie won the trophy. Harry Bates' fine displays in

goal earned praise from the three opposing managers. Many thanks to Elaine, Deborah and Jason for all their help in making it a great day all round. Well done to all the teams who took part and in particular to referee for the tournament, Nicole Todd, who kept it together and did a great job on the pitch.

Tri-Golf Festival at Woodham Academy



Year 9 students from Woodham Academy ran an extremely successful Tri-Golf Festival at the Oakleaf Complex recently, in collaboration with Sedgefield School Sports Partnership. Year 5 and 6 primary school students from across the area came to the event and much fun and enjoyment was had by all.

Woodham Academy students gained valuable sports leadership skills and in pairs they ran their own activity station with maturity and humour. The primary students rotated around each activity on a carousel basis, gaining points for their school team based on their individual performances. After the points were

carefully calculated, medals and certificates were given out at the end of the event to recognise achievement and sporting contribution.

Woodham Leadership Academy is run in partnership with the Tony Blair Sports Foundation. It gives students access to bespoke workshops and member events aimed at promoting personal development and the recognition of students' achievements during their time on the programme. This programme not only provides sports qualifications but gives them the leadership, organisational and communication skills that will benefit them in all areas of their life."

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In Memoriam



Keith Bailey, well known Aycliffe hairdresser, spoke on his other business, Photography, as guest speaker at the Rotary club this week.

Keith brought his extensive collection of cameras exhibiting some of his photographic work which had won him awards and large contracts with international companies. He gave an outline of his family history going back many generations to when Barbers carried out surgery. Keith has a University degree in photography and lectures at local Colleges with a great student success rate.

AYCLIFFE FIGHTER TOP KING WORLD CHAMPION



Newtonian Reece McAllister has been crowned Thai Boxing's "Top King World Champion" after winning the final in Hong Kong.

Reece started Thai Boxing at the age of 9 being born into the sport as his Dad was No. 1 in the UK.

In the first round in France Reece fought one of the favourites winning by a KO in the first round of the bout. His second fight in the World Series Tournament was in Poland where he was up against a fighter from Hong Kong and again Reece beat him with a knock out in the first round.

This took him to the final in Hong Kong where he beat a Ukrainian fighter on points. To win the belt and title Reece was due to face an opponent from Russia who had beat a boxer from Thailand to reach the final.

However the Russian for some reason would not come out to fight so the hand of Reece was raised as champion.

He trains in Shildon with his father at Phoenix Thai Boxing Club. Anyone is welcome to join this popular Gym of champions with classes every day.

Reece needs support for his international career and he would be delighted if a sponsor came forward.

The number of victims wishing to meet their offender to explain the impact of their actions has increased in recent months.

In response to the growing demand, Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner, has made 60 new places available for local people who would like to be trained in this approach.

Restorative Justice offers victims the chance to meet their offender to find out why the offence occurred and agree a way for amends to be made. Research shows that victims can find the process empowering and it can help restore their confidence and peace of mind after experiencing a crime.

Ron said: "With a growing number of victims wishing to take advantage of this opportunity, the need for trained practitioners to safely and effectively manage these encounters has never been higher. Under the right circumstances restorative justice can aid the healing process for victims of crime and reduce reoffending."

"I have used money allocated to me by the Ministry of Justice to fund two co-ordinators to improve the delivery of restorative justice across County Durham and Darlington."

"Individuals and communities have already benefitted from the valued contributions our existing facilitators have made, and we're now looking to train more facilitators who are keen to support others in their community."

The accredited training will run between September and January in Durham and Darlington, and offers residents the chance to become a Restorative Justice Facilitator and gain a recognised Level 3 qualification.

As an extra incentive, funding of up to £500 is being offered to would-be students of any age who can spare 3 hours a week to run these meetings for victims and offenders once their training

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and compulsory training and have yet to be as enthused as I am of seeing the value of restorative justice. I can already feel the difference with clients – this course has given me a whole new approach to the way I engage with them."

Two briefing sessions are being held next week to give you the chance to learn more, and chat to staff, former students and existing facilitators. The sessions will take place on:

•Wednesday 12th August from 7-8pm at the Bowburn Community Centre, Durham

•Thursday 13th August from 4.30-5.30pm and 6-7pm in the Dolphin Centre, Darlington

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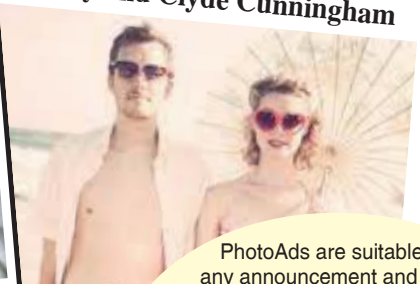
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Hannah took the Bronze medal in both the 200 and 100 Freestyle. Her times were 2:03 and 57:41 In the 400 and 50 FS she gained 4th place. Her times were 4:23 and 26:77 missing the medal by 1/100 of a second. Her time of 65:38 gave her 6th place in the final of the 100 Backstroke and she was placed 9th in the 200 IM in a time of 2:24

Aycliffe F.C. Beat League Champions in Season Opener



Newton Aycliffe made an impressive start to the new season in the Ebac Northern League Division One. Aycliffe beat the league champions 2-1 with Dennis Knight being involved in both goals. Aycliffe fielded several new players who have joined over



the summer. These included Matty Moffat, Brian Close, Alex Kitchen & Grant Hickman. The first half of the match was goalless although Moffat did have the ball in the net after just 6 minutes. He was denied a goal, however, having been ruled offside.

The second half proved more productive with Aycliffe taking the lead on 53 mins. The Marske keeper punched the ball into his own goal from a Dennis Knight corner. A defender tried to clear but the linesman indicated that the ball had crossed the line. Nine minutes later it was 2-0 with Knight scoring from 20 yards with a fantastic strike. Marske pulled a goal back with 20 minutes to go & pressed for an equaliser. However, good work from Aycliffe's defence & keeper James Winter ensured that the three points deservedly went to the home team.

Aycliffe will be hoping to carry this form into the midweek game at West Allotment Celtic & then on Saturday for the trip to Nelson in Lancashire where we'll be playing in the Extra Preliminary Round of the Emirates FA Cup.

The Marske game was attended by our Mayor, Councillor Mary Dalton, who made a presentation to League Chairman, Mike Amos, before the game. Mike is embarking on a "Last Legs

Challenge" by walking to each of the Northern League's 44 grounds during the season. His aim is to raise £10,000 to be split between the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation & other worthy causes. The Mayor presented Mike with a pennant to mark the occasion following his arrival at Moore Lane on the walk from Darlington.

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yellow and a free kick on the edge of the box. Molloy quickly dusted himself down however and dispatched the resulting set piece low into the bottom corner.

A second quickly followed, as Molloy turned provider for strike partner Shaun Sproates who adjusted his body well to tap in a difficult chance. Molloy then grabbed his second of the game, lashing a half volley into the bottom corner following a great flick on from Andrew Richardson.

Three quickly became four, as a great piece of work down the wing from Mike Sproates gifted a 2nd to his brother Shaun. The Half

Moon responded quickly after the break and pulled a goal back, but the game was put beyond all doubt as Malloy crossed for Dave Neale who arrived "through the back door" unmarked to make it five.

A few more chances came and went, with further debuts given to Ryan Mercer and Connor Halford from the bench. Man of the match went to captain Carl Bates leading his side to an impressive opening day victory.

Next up is FC Tow Law who visit Simpature Park Sunday 16th August, 10.30 kick off.

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