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## Cubby Moves to Neville Parade Community Centre

After nearly 40 years The Cubby in the Town Centre is closing on 6th September and re-opening at the Neville Parade Community Centre the next day offering the same Drop-in facilities it has always offered.

Bill Blenkinsopp was elected Chairman of the new Management Committee at Neville Parade with the agreement that both facilities amalgamate to provide an enhanced service to the community and the town. This follows the resignation, due to ill health, of long serving Chairman Peter Beaty who over 14 years has almost rebuilt what once known as the "Over 60's Club". It would certainly have been demolished had not Peter Beaty stepped in and saved the building. The town owes Peter a debt of gratitude for his selfless service to Newton Aycliffe and a lifetime of charitable work which earned him numerous awards. On behalf of the townspeople we thank him for his dedication



Bill Blenkinsopp (left) with Peter Beaty

to his time as Chairman at Neville Parade and the legacy he has left. We also hope he enjoys the well earned rest in his retirement.

Bill Blenkinsopp said he was excited at the prospect of amalgamating The Cubby with Neville Parade Community Centre and hoped it would breathe new life into

the area. He was grateful that Peter Beaty would stay in touch as a consultant and said his experience would be invaluable.

"I hope the people in the area will come along and support the Centre in its new role and I will certainly be trying hard to bring new ideas and services to the community" said Bill.

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# Big Lottery Award Ends Great Year for Youth & Community Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre applied to the Awards For All from the Big Lottery Fund. We are pleased to announce that our bid was successful and the Centre will use the funding to provide Investors in People training for staff and volunteers. This will help improve the infrastructure of the organisation, provide support for beneficiaries, encourage more volunteers and help sustain the viability of the youth & community centre.

Vince Crosby Chairman said, "This highlights that we believe in our staff and the future of the centre".

The Centre believes in its people and services and we aspire to the values below:

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
To improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of Newton Aycliffe and its surrounding neighbourhood through the provision of recreational and educational activities



Youth Centre Management with Staff and Volunteers Left to Right: Beki Metcalfe Finance Officer, Vince Crosby Chair of the Board of Trustees, Kevin Crosby Volunteer, Vicky Hewish Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Lisa Harrison Finance Assistant.

including the provision of a community building.

## AIM

To maintain the Centre

and keep it at the forefront of people's minds, as an attractive and economic meeting place for all of the inhabitants of Newton Aycliffe and its surrounding areas.

## NAYCC CORE VALUES CUSTOMERS

NAYCC puts customers' needs at the centre of everything we do. We will strive to deliver our promises and exceed customer expectations by providing what they want, when they want it and to the best of our ability.

## PEOPLE

Our people are at the heart of our Charity giving us a more competitive edge as a service provider. We encourage and support each individual's development and value each person's contribution.

We believe that every individual should be able to fulfil their career ambitions and progress within their working life, through support, clear guidance and training.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communications are essential for NAYCC

to be successful; we will continue to improve all aspects of communications. NAYCC aim to achieve this by ensuring that each individual has a voice within the organisation.

## CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

We must constantly strive to improve every aspect of the services provided by NAYCC. As we grow we will review and manage the change process, establishing best practice in all areas, and NAYCC as a learning organisation.

## THINKING IS IMPORTANT

NAYCC will be a thinking organisation, ideas will shape our success; we will actively strive to encourage all of our people to think about NAYCC and have views on how to develop it.

## PROACTIVITY

We would like to lead events, not follow them. We should therefore strive to set the benchmark not aim for it.

## A.G.M.

On Monday 10th August Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre held their AGM. The main purpose of the AGM was to dissolve the current charity under the number 514673 and transfer all monies and assets to the new CIO Charity number 1162535. This is in accordance with new regulations under the Charities Act 2011. Those in attendance agreed the dissolution and agreed Transfer of Deed.

Vince Crosby opened the meeting and updated the community on the work that has been done over the past year within the centre. Despite the challenges over the last year the centre has thrived and continues to grow and expand.

Rebecca Metcalfe, Finance Officer presented the End of Year Financial Report which shows the centre having made budget cuts on

unnecessary spending has increased its profit allowing for more to be reinvested into the centre to fund bigger projects. This report is available on the Charities Commission site.

Also in view of remaining transparent and showing how passionate the staff, volunteers and committee are to growing the centres service provision and how committed they are to continuing all aspects of their current services, Vicky Hewish Secretary shared the NAYCC Business Plan with the meeting highlighting various areas of positive results:

- Increase staff from 4 to 6 over the last 12 months
- Currently 5 staff are on NVQs courses. Vast increase in footfall of 80%: 2013/2014: 19,202 and

2014/2015: 24,431.

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The centre has plans to increase its partnership work and also through the Big Lottery Fund is applying for the Investors In People standard. This is just the beginning of what staff and committee see as a bright future for the centre.

The Mayor closed the meeting by highlighting the hard work, dedication and passion shown throughout the year and wished the staff and committee luck for the future, sure they will rise to meet any challenges you may face over the next year and continue to benefit the youth and community of Great Aycliffe.

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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.

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## Club Members Help Terminally Ill Child's Dreams Come True

Zach Parnaby on Xmas Eve, 2014 after numerous trips to hospitals in Darlington and Newcastle, was diagnosed with a rare terminal disease called Krabbe Leukodystrophy. It is a rare genetic disorder of the nervous system that destroys part of the brain which produces Myelin the protective shield around nerves. Zach was a healthy and happy little boy who despite being born 5½ weeks early had met every milestone and had just about walking. He is now unable to walk, stand sit, use his arms or hands and is fed via an NG tube. Zach's onset of symptoms have been rapid and the family have been told to prepare for its progression to be also rapid. Parents Lindsey and Ben, and all the family are devastated, however they have agreed that Zach's life will continue as normal but in the short time may have to achieve

a lot. They have created a bucket list for him and hope people can support and assist them where possible. Top of the list is to find a cure for Krabbes disease and for it to be screened for at birth. Other aims for Zach include: To meet Mickey Mouse To swim in the sea To build a snowman Go sledging Meet a real bear To meet Santa To ride a bike Meet a famous person (preferably a Newcastle football player). Ride on a red London bus To have a dog. The British Legion Club members took Zach's story to heart and have raised over £700 to help him achieve his goals. His Grandad was at the club on Sunday morning to collect the cheque presented by fundraisers Jayne Bayles, Sue Land and Ray Henderson. The following letter of thanks has been received from John Dodds:



Dear Jane  
On behalf of all of my family, most especially my Grandson Zach, my Daughter Lindsey and my Son in Law Ben, I would like to thank you and everyone who was involved at the British Legion Club in raising the magnificent sum of £705-00 for Zach. It will help us fulfill one of the things on Zach's bucket list - to find a cure for this awful disease. Some of the money that was raised will go to a charity called "Save the Babies" which works very closely with families like ours. It is also working very closely with Cambridge University in trying to find a cure for KRABBES. Apart from helping Zach achieve his bucket list our family is to campaign to have this awful disease tested for at birth as a standard procedure. We need 100,000 names to send a petition

to Jeremy Hunt the Health Secretary to insist this is done. Please help with the petition. Once again please accept my family's huge thanks for providing us with this Cheque and I can assure you it will be put to good use and to be of some help by helping fund this research.  
John Dodds  
Zach's Grandad

## Flowers & Bridal Wear

St Andrew's Church Bridal Gowns and Flowers Festival, September 11-13th, will be officially opened by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon, 6.30-8.30pm on the Friday evening. Bridal gowns from 1940's to the present day are to be displayed amongst beautiful floral arrangements. Tickets for the opening and Preview Evening are available now, priced at £6.00 to include wine. Contact Dawn Herbert to book your tickets, Tel 01325 300040. The Festival runs throughout the weekend ending with a Service of Songs of Praise on Sunday 13th September at 4.30pm. Church will be open Saturday 12th 10.00am - 6.00pm and Sunday 12.30 - 4.00pm Admission £3.00 Tea and biscuits available. Come along and see this historic old church beautifully displayed, and you will be made very welcome.

## Hitachi Officially Opens 3rd September

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# TA Soldiers Help Rugby Club County's Blooming Marvellous Wildflowers

The countdown for Aycliffe's Rugby season has one more week to go and the first match for the 2015/16 season kicks off 3pm at Moore Lane against Barnard Castle in the Durham County Junior Cup. Preparations have been going tremendously well for the club pre-season with recruitment of new players being its highest for years. Following the success of the 3rd place league position last season, the club have focussed improving all aspects of the club from voting in new chairman John Whitehouse, to welcoming new signings from surrounding clubs and beyond, to improving the pitch and organising new spectator barriers and purchasing new playing equipment and storage hut.



The Army were called in to help manoeuvre the new hut into position. A huge thanks go to Aycliffe 124 Recovery Company of the TA for helping us out.

The enthusiasm amongst all the committee members and players old and new has been prolific. At least 40 players have already shown up for training pre-season and coaches Peter Ryans and Dale and Liam Kelly have been very busy. It is hoped that the player numbers will be sustained in order to field a regular 2nd XV side from about mid-September. This is magnificent news for the club and the depth of players will undoubtedly enhance the 1st XV push for promotion

next season. There is still room for new players so just turn up and make yourself known if you fancy playing. Training sessions take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7pm and Saturday afternoon 1pm, at Moore Lane sports ground. Although this Saturday 22nd Aug will be the final Saturday for training as the season starts the following weekend. The community of Newton Aycliffe are more than welcome to come down and watch the games at home or away, free of charge with refreshments available throughout the match at Moore Lane. The Sports Club facilities and bar will be

open to supporters. Finally the club wish to thank the following sponsors who have pledged to support the club for the coming new season. Whitehouse Funeral Service, S Cars, Emre's Barber Shop, The Mortgage Advice Centre, Beaumont Ground Maintenance, J & C Coaches, The Shred Centre, Hayward Home Appliance Services, Redworth Hall Hotel and A1 Multisport. Any financial or material assistance from local companies is greatly appreciated. Good luck for the new season Newton Aycliffe RUFC! "Come on Ayc!"

Impressed onlookers have been going wild for an array of colourful roadside floral displays throughout County Durham.

Various species of wildflowers and herbaceous plants have been planted on roundabouts and verges as part of Durham County Council's wildflower planting scheme.

The eye-catching creations, courtesy of the council's Clean and Green teams, include annuals such as poppies and cornflowers, as well as perennial plants such as oxeye daisies and scabious.

Together they not only provide colourful displays, but are perfect habitats for pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

They have attracted acclaim from residents and visitors to the county who have been raving about how the displays have brightened up their areas.

Planting has been completed on roundabouts and verges on the A688 at Bishop Auckland and St Helen Auckland, and at Pity Me, Newton Hall, the Sniperley and Durham Park and Ride sites and at the Bishop Auckland town recreation ground.

Further work is also planned at the A688 at Spennymoor later in the year.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We are delighted with



feedback received so far from residents, members of the public, visitors and commuters who have passed on their compliments at how attractive the wildflowers are.

"The planting programme not only adds a welcome splash of colour, but is also great for wildlife too."

Oliver Sherratt, head of direct services at Durham

County Council, added: "At times of austerity we look at providing planting schemes that not only benefit the natural environment but also reduce maintenance costs. While still in trial stages, we do expect the perennial plants to flower for several years with less need for grass cutting.

"We are thrilled at the positive impact of the flowers

and plants. The wildflowers at Sniperley were part of the city's entry into the national RHS Britain in Bloom competition so we hope that what has impressed commuters will have also impressed the judges."

Some examples of comments from the public:

"The floral displays are a credit to the environmental teams providing them. These displays brighten your day. Well done Durham and please continue to provide these displays."

"I don't know who is responsible for sowing the wildflowers around the roundabouts and verges in Durham but I want to say how totally stunning they are!"

"I work near Pity Me and am loving that wildflower roundabout on the A167. When I'm driving home past the roundabout those lovely blue, red, white and yellow wildflowers never fail to lift my spirits."

"I totally love your 'hay field' on A167. They are beautiful and great for wild life. Hope you do them next year too."

"Love the roundabouts where you're encouraging growth of wild flowers. Just beautiful!"

(Regarding the A688 Bishop Auckland) "I honestly don't think I've ever seen a more stunningly attractive roadside scheme done by any council ever (not that I've seen them all!)"

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# SCHOOL CLUB VISIT FIRE STATION Changes at Greenfield Arts



On Wednesday 12th August, during the summer holidays Woodham Burn Out of School Club visited Newton Aycliffe Fire Station. Jim and Adam were our tour guides showing us around the station, explaining what their duties are and what the team do on shift. Jim was kind enough to call head office in Durham so that we could see how they receive an emergency call out. After looking around inside the station we went into the car park so that Jim and Adam could

show us each section of the fire engine, which the children were very excited about. After showing us all the different equipment and explaining what

it was used for the children had the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine whilst Jim and Adam explained about the breathing apparatus and the

gadgets in the front. After listening carefully to all of the information each child had a squirt of the hose, some aiming it as high as they could, with Adam's help. During the visit we were also lucky enough to be shown around the new purpose built unit where the fire officers stay when on long 24 hour shifts, this included a tour around the living room, kitchen, dining room. Before leaving Jim reminded the children about the importance of having smoke alarms in their homes and checking them weekly. He also explained to the children that if they didn't have smoke alarms in their homes their parents/carers just need to contact their local fire brigade and they will fit them for free. The children had a wonderful time and everyone from the School Club send a huge thank you to Jim and Adam for such an enjoyable and educational visit. If you would like to find out more information about the club please contact 300080 or email woodhamburnoutofschool@gmail.com

We are very sad at Greenfield Arts to say goodbye to our wonderful Gallery and Programme Assistant Anna Cole, who is leaving us at the end of August after three and a half years as part of the team. In her role she has developed a high quality gallery programme, bringing stimulating and thought provoking exhibitions to the space and supporting it with educational activity. She has also set up the Shed space and assisted with projects, learning programme, holiday activities and more. Anna has loved working as part of our small team at Greenfield Arts to achieve a lot. She has been inspired by many projects, connections and developments with local primary schools including as part of our Cutting Loose project, gallery activity and live performances. She has decided to train to be a Primary teacher. Anna will do a marvellous job in Primary education, finding creative, interesting and innovative ways to inspire



Anna Cole



Sophie Lewis

the children (and staff) to want to learn. We wish her all the best and will miss her lots - thank you for all your hard work and for being a brilliant team member! We are excited to welcome Sophie Lewis in her new role of Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator. Sophie has a background in dance and digital media and believes strongly in providing learning opportunities for everyone to help realise their potential. In her new role Sophie will run our learning and holiday programmes, work with artists to continue the high quality gallery programme and work with tutors and hirers to continue to make our centre thrive and our programme reach many. Sophie can be contacted on info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or 01325 379048, alongside our Community Arts Administrator Laura Towns and Director of Arts and Creativity Katy Milne. Greenfield Arts is open Monday - Thursday 10am-9pm, and Fridays 10am-4pm.

## MEYNELL'S FUNERAL PLANNING OPEN DAY

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people interested in learning about the benefits of the Dignity Funeral Plan. The Open Day is on Tuesday 1st September between 10am and 2pm and their friendly and approachable staff will be available to answer any questions that people may have. Light refreshments will also be available. "One in five of the funerals we conduct have already been pre-arranged and paid for," explained Amanda Conway Funeral Manager. "People often purchase a funeral plan to make sure their loved ones don't have to make difficult decisions about their funeral arrangements. Other people purchase a Dignity Funeral Plan from us so that they can make provisions towards their funeral costs at today's prices. This means that, in these times of financial uncertainty, their loved ones are saved from paying for the majority of the funeral." Funeral plans were first introduced in the UK in 1985 and to date, over 1.1 million people have purchased a funeral plan from a registered FPA provider. Amanda Conway continued: "We are inviting people who are interested in finding out more about funeral plans to come to John Meynell where my colleagues and I will be available to answer any questions you may have." People attending the funeral plan open day will receive a discount voucher entitling them to £100 off the Dignity Funeral Plan, making it even more affordable to plan for the future. John Meynell Funeral Service have been arranging and conducting funerals since 1910. They provide a 24 hour service and part of Dignity, a British company that has funeral directors in towns and cities all across the UK. For further information please contact Amanda Conway 01325 301405

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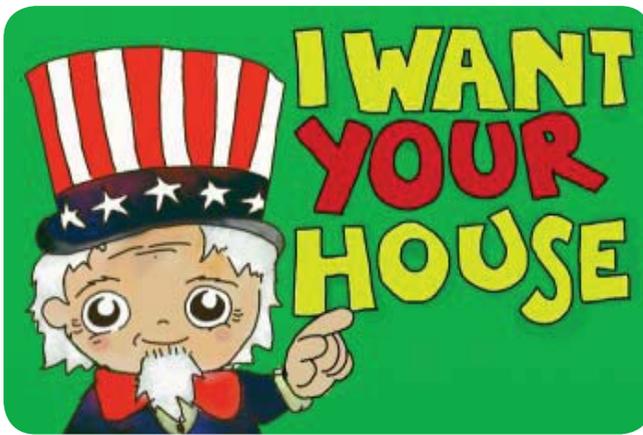
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# Finley's ROF 59 Activity Centre Now Open

## Great New Recreational Facility for Aycliffe

Former World War II munitions factory, on Durham Way South, Aycliffe Business Park has been transformed to provide a 21st Century activity centre for thrill-seeking people of all ages.

ROF 59 is a £1.1m, 70,000 sq. ft. mixed-leisure complex and opened its doors last week, creating 20 new jobs.

Owners Finley Structures have brought the former ammunition factory back to life with a 10-month overhaul to produce a superb entertainment venue.

It consists of a Climbing Centre featuring 20 walls - one standing 20 metres tall - and a series of adventure walls. For adults ROF 59 features a plush new bar/lounge, called "The Bunker", as well as a fine-dining restaurant named "The Blitz".

Finley Structures joint-managing director John Finley said: "ROF 59 has been designed for young people with adults in mind, as we're sure parents will get as much enjoyment out of the activity centre as their children. This is an exciting new development for Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas, and we'd like to think we're offering something completely different."

"There is literally something for everyone. The climbing area consists of 20 different walls for people of all ages and abilities, including the tallest climbing wall in the country - for the more experienced climbers."

John says they have taken their time to appoint experienced people to manage the activity centre, managed by full-time professional people.

He added: "We also want to create a safe environment, and want to make ROF 59 a comfortable environment for parents as well as an exciting place for youngsters. That's why we included the bar/lounge and restaurant so there's a nice, comfortable place for them to sit and relax. Three full-time chefs have drawn up two exciting menus - one for the afternoon and one for the evening - as they want the restaurant to be a place where people want to come for a quality meal, whether their children are in the activity centre or not."

ROF 59 (Royal Ordnance Factory 59) has been built on the site of the former Presswork Metals factory, which stood empty for more than six years. The huge munitions factories in Aycliffe employed 17,000 workers, mostly women, between 1941 and 1945 and was an important part of the country's war effort.

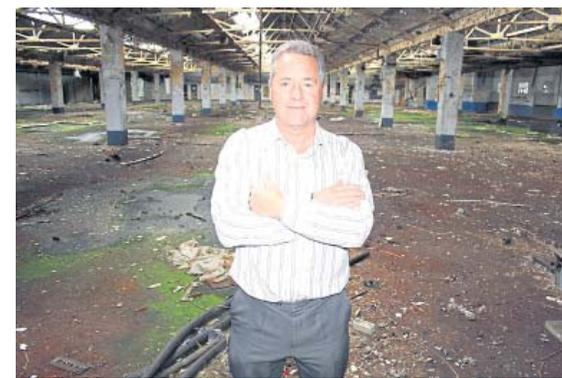
As part of the second phase of ROF 59's development, several items of Aycliffe Angels memorabilia will enable the town's proud history of the munitions-making factories to live on.

Part of an old railway line, used to transport the munitions to the main railway line which was uncovered during foundation works, will be incorporated with other memorabilia and archive photographs.

For more details about ROF 59 or to make bookings, call 01325 728222, email hello@rof59.co.uk or go to www.rof59.co.uk



Finley Structures joint-managing director John Finley outside the new £1.1m ROF 59 activity centre on Aycliffe Business Park



The old factory before work started on the new leisure facility



John Finley stands proudly inside the refurbished building.

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# Aycliffe Tekmar in Global-Leading Project

Work to install the latest generation of Tekmar Energy's pioneering TekLink cable protection system (CPS) has started on what is poised to be one of the world's largest offshore wind parks, the Gemini project in the Dutch North Sea. Tekmar's contract with the Dutch maritime contractor Van Oord, involves the subsea specialist implementing its 6th generation TekLink® cable protection system (CPS). The scope of work includes Tekmar supplying its TekLink cable protection system to protect both the inter-array and export cables along with the company's polyurethane Bellmouths to ensure a seamless

connection to the offshore substation J-tubes. Installation has already begun as a result of the company building and delivering all of the systems ahead of schedule. The industry-proven TekLink system has revolutionised the connection of subsea power cables into fixed structures with the sixth generation system building on the successful track record of its predecessors. The latest system has been rigorously trialled on Tekmar's TekTower, a foundation-like test and training facility based on site at its cutting-edge manufacturing hub in

Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Jack Simpson, senior manager of offshore wind at Tekmar, said: "The Gemini project is a great example of industry collaboration. Involving our client Van Oord in training and in the demonstrations of our product, underpins our focus on delivering added value and our commitment to continuing to develop best-in-class cable protection systems for the market that are the most effective in terms of performance, QHSE, cost and operational efficiency. "Gemini is also a significant project for Tekmar because it represents the fourth project that we have worked on with Van Oord while it is the first to install our 6th generation TekLink. The advanced system evolved from previous generations through a combination of holding product demonstration events for clients and gaining valuable feedback as well as lessons learned from our experience on more than 38 offshore wind projects representing over 4,500 cable protection systems around the world." The Gemini offshore wind projects, comprising two wind parks and 150 turbines, is located 85km off the coast of Groningen and is the biggest project of its kind in The Netherlands. Once operational, it is to be one of the world's largest wind parks in terms of size and production. The project partners behind Gemini include and the Dutch contractor Van Oord. Canadian independent renewable energy company Northland Power (60% project interest), wind turbine manufacturer Siemens (20%), Dutch maritime contractor Van Oord (10%) and renewable energy, waste and raw materials company HVC (10%).

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 oil & gas and renewable energy industry. For more information about Tekmar, please visit - www.tekmar.co.uk



# Horndale R.A. Trip to Preston Park



Last Wednesday Horndale Residents' Association travelled to Preston Park via Stockton Riverside. We started the day boarding 2 vintage buses supplied by the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society the first bus was the Adensfield as seen on TV show Heartbeat and the 2nd was the Newtonian known to many for being our town bus for many years. We boarded the Tees Princess Sail Boat at Stockton and travelled to Preston Park where some people

disembarked while others stayed on and continued to Yarm and then back to Preston Park. Everyone enjoyed a tea/coffee and a cake or scone on the boat. The children loved seeing river wild life and playing in the parks and exploring Preston Hall and I think the old fashioned sweet shop was popular particular with the adults. This event cost £3 and £8 depending how long you stayed on the boat. This excellent price was made possible with funding by the Big Lottery and GAMP your local Area Action Partnership true evidence of partners working together to create a better community. The Bus Preservation Society does a fantastic job maintaining and rebuilding these old buses for the future. If anyone is interested in the society visit [www.aycliffebus.org.uk](http://www.aycliffebus.org.uk) Philip Clark Chairman

## SHOPPING TOGETHER SERVICE

Dear Sir, Following on from the success of "New Friends New Places" and the "New Pathways Together" Dementia Awareness group I am going to launch a "New Shopping Together Club" starting Friday 28th August. Residents from across Newton Aycliffe will be picked up from their homes taken shopping and then dropped off again at their homes. I hope to visit sheltered housing groups where I am sure residents will welcome this new service. Everyone will be helped by volunteers and during the school holidays young people will help them to carry out what I hope will be a successful fortnightly service. After shopping the residents may like to go for a coffee etc. There will be a small donation to the club. For further details ring 308094 or mobile 07967 901471. Dorothy Bowman

## Poor Maintenance of our Town Centre

Dear Sir, My wife and I recently visited Stockton Town Centre which like our own town centre had extensive refurbishment and done to a very high standard. However that is where the resemblance ends as Stockton is maintained to a high level of cleanliness. The new paving is spotless and free of stains and bins are emptied regularly to prevent build-up of litter. Then we have our town centre which is the opposite with rubbish everywhere and

stains on new paving and looking awful, particularly in the covered area down near Coffee Pronto. It boils down to the fact that Newton Aycliffe Town Centre is neglected which is the opinion of many people I have spoken to and surely the shop tenants, on the basis of what they pay, deserve a better deal. We as residents also deserve a clean place to shop and to be proud of! R. McNeal Tunstall Road

# Roadworks Information

A1(M) Junction 59 Aycliffe to Junction 60 Bradbury (southbound) Hard shoulder resurfacing Closure 8:00pm - 6:00am) 17th September - 3rd October.  
A1(M) Junction 60 Bradbury Roundabout resurfacing, Closure (8:00pm - 6:00am) 8 February - 20th February 2016.  
A1(M) Junction 58 Burtree Interchange to Junction 59 Coatham Mundeville Interchange Electricity

cable removals. Overnight closures and diversion on to Durham highway network via A68, A6072, B6444, A167, 10th October 10pm-to 11th October 6:00am.  
A167 Aycliffe Business Park - Gretna Green Pub, Grass cutting Lane closures 22nd September.  
A167 St Andrew's Way roundabout - Forrester's Arms, Coatham Mundeville Grass cutting, Lane closures 23rd September.



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# Greenfield Help Police Project



During a transition Summer School at Greenfield Community College, students moving into Year 7 at Greenfield are supporting the local Aycliffe police team to improve awareness of speed issues in the area. Concerns were raised by residents in meetings with the police, who then approached Greenfield Arts to work

together on creative ways to respond to the concerns. Thanks to funding from GAMP AAP and sponsorship from the Newton News young people have been working with artist Vicky Holbrough to make human like figures that will be displayed near the roadside around Aycliffe soon. Look out for one modelled on

PCSO Hutchinson!

The group of students from Greenfield spent the day with Vicky this week as part of their Summer School activities, preparing them to start in Year 7 in September. It has been great for them to be a part of this community project, working in partnership with the local police and understanding the important role that Greenfield plays in the community. After the success of this way of working we are now working on more ways Greenfield Arts can collaborate with the local police – look out for more activity in October Half Term!

## COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

The bit.ly links are shortened weblinks; type them into your browser to go to the relevant webpages

- Killhope Victorian Day Out, Sunday 23 August, Adults £8.20, Children under 16 £4.50 (gives admission for 1 year): 01388 537 505
- Weardale Agricultural Show, St John's Chapel, Saturday 29 August, Adults £6. Children £3: bit.ly/WShow2015
- Durham Flower Festival, Houghall, Saturday & Sunday 29-30 August, 10.30am-5pm, Adults £5. Children under 16 free: bit.ly/DFFO815
- DLI Military Vehicle Rally, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday 30-31 August, Free: 03000 266 590
- Last chance (until 31 August) to see Magna Carta, Palace Green Library, 10am-6pm daily, Adults £7.50. Children £6.50. Book at bit.ly/MC-tickets, 0844 844 0444
- Raby Castle (Gold Award) & Beamish Museum (Best Told Story) were awarded Visit England tourism accolades last week
- The silver swan in Bowes Museum has been named by the Daily Telegraph as one of their 50 hidden-gems-to-peek-out-this-summer: bit.ly/1Jmuezq
- DCC is providing 'English for Work' and 'Maths for Work' courses at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, starting September: phone 03000 266115 or e-mail alls@durham.gov.uk
- Want to volunteer at #LumiereDurham? Find out more at an event on 16 September in Durham Town Hall: bit.ly/1EXnChC
- Taxi licensing consultation ends 26 August – give your view here: bit.ly/DCCTL
- July's Neighbourhood Protection Team Update: bit.ly/DCCNW0715
- Forthcoming local roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/Roadworks1408
- Opportunist crime is up – lock your sheds and cars! bit.ly/WoodhamPACT0815
- HealthWatch County Durham asks what access to Dental Care you will need this Christmas: http://ow.ly/R58rl
- Our MP Phil Wilson wants to find out the views of his constituents around assisted dying prior to the debate in Parliament: www.phil4sedgefield.uk/surveys
- AgeUK 'Come Eat Together' at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre and the Oak Leaf: 0191 3746577 bit.ly/AgeUKmeals

# Cubby Summer Fair



The Cubby Committee would like to thank all the public that took the time to come to our Annual Summer Fair last week. Special thanks to Christine for organising the tombola and the men who provided the Shows, Bouncy Castle and slide. The disco music gave a good sound to the occasion as did Harry Potter and the fabulous face painting. The staff had had a really good day and thanks everyone for their support.

## Only the Best Used Furniture Taken by CDFHS

Dear Newton News

I'm just writing this to let other Newtonians know that the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme (CDFHS) doesn't always accept 'used' furniture. Knowing that we were getting delivery of a new sofa this week, my husband and I telephoned various charities to see if they wanted our old one, a three-seater sofa, armchair and footstool. In fairly good condition, but obviously not that wonderful - otherwise we wouldn't have had to get a new one! Anyway, for various reasons none of the charity shops wanted them, so we drove to Chilton

after seeing the write up in the Newton News about CDFHS. In that article, they had said that they are employing people to 'renovate' used furniture. Now, we have waited in most of the day, they gave us the times between 9.00am and 2.00pm. Two men duly arrived at 1.50pm, only to look at our suite and claim that the spring had gone in the sofa - it hadn't, it had been replaced at the princely sum of £2 a while ago by my husband - so they wouldn't accept it, saying that they couldn't mend springs. This I find hard to believe, after all, the suite was

perfectly sound except for a bit of wear on the cover of one end of the sofa. I'm sure that someone in need would have been able to make good use of it with perhaps the addition of a 'throw' to cover any small defect.

My husband is now in the process of cutting the whole thing up to take to the dump. We're quite disgusted that they didn't make this clear when we offered the donation. All I can say is that it was the first - and last - time we will donate anything to this organisation. Mrs Jill Stevens Marshall Road

## Reply from the Furniture Scheme

Our driver and one operative went in to the home in Marshall Road, the metal spring was protruding outside the seat cushion and clearly would be a hazard in any home if it was re-used. Our crew man explained this to the customer politely (he is one of our long servers) and we had sadly to decline the offered furniture donation. We have refurbishment facilities as the correspondent stated, but not one to cover this arising. CDFHS is growing and we are striving to raise our standards beyond any previous reputation to benefit the hundreds a week visiting or donating happily to us.

We do have to say 'no' to donations on occasion and we find that this is not good news to a well-intentioned donor. If

we tried to pass on this item, our issue would then revolve around another complaint in another home elsewhere in the county. Worse still it could be a Trading Standard or hazard issue. CDFHS is fully committed to providing the best possible goods for clients in disadvantaged or economically demanding times. We must comply with legislation and the County Durham Furniture Forum MOU. We would refer potential donors to look up www.durham.gov.uk/reuse I trust this clarifies and informs a little in respect of re-use, I will be more than happy to visit the couple concerned to explain. Steven Mitton Chief Executive Officer CDFHS

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# CANCER SUPPORT GROUP SOUTH SHIELDS TRIP

Firstly I would like to thank Honest John for presenting our group with a cheque for £400 which will help so many sufferers from facing Cancer alone in our local community whether it is to take them out on a day trip to just taking them for a meal.

Some people just don't have anyone to help them so they would do without. The next group meeting is on Thursday 3rd September at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre starting at 6pm until 7.30pm. The Guest Speaker is from the British Red Cross who as well as help with mobility aids provide health and social care support like transport to and from hospitals, and home help. For more information about our Cancer Support Group please ring Allison on 07762 258696 or if you are a business and would like to help raise funds please call.

We are a mixture of ages and it's not a doom and gloom group - we just want to make sure each patient gets the right professional help as well as helping them to get their confidence back and give them help and support.

Bring someone with you if you feel you can't come on your own, we would make sure you are not sitting alone and left out.

Groups like ours are very rare because we cover all cancers which are now so varied.

We have just enjoyed a trip to South Shields and sat eating fish and chips watching the great Billy Ocean. It was lovely to see everyone smiling as for some it had been such a long time since they attended an event.

Allison White

# Shed Heads Recruit Artists



Greenfield Arts staff & Shed heads Left to right: Sophie Lewis, Katy Milne, Anna Cole, Vicky Holbrough, Sophie Gowling, Jessica Moore

Our fantastic Shed space at Greenfield Arts has attracted some new attention recently. The Shed, which was funded by GAMP AAP and includes a range of digital design and enterprise equipment, has already built up a great team of artists (our "Shedheads") who are using the space to create work and work with local young people. We are pleased to be expanding this with new artists and creative people.

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is also running courses at Greenfield Arts in the new term, in Silk Painting and Wet Felting as she is keen to share her skills with others! New artists are always welcome to access the Shed via our membership scheme, and the Shed can also produce products on a small scale for local businesses and the community, such as mugs, magnets and mouse pads. For more information visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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# Tesco Rock the Shop!

Tesco staff "Rocked the Shop" last Saturday to raise money for British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK.

Throughout the weekend they raised over £500 for these charities from the kind donations by customers. The event would not have got off the ground if it wasn't for the charitable contributions from local businesses and artistes who entertained everyone.

These included Hungry Hog Kitchen, Ian's Ice Cream, Liminalight Entertainment - Music Systems, Bouncy Castle, Midnight Blue Band, Jamie Farrell Band Underwood Charlotte Altringham, The Rotary Club, Stillers Transport - Trailer for the Stage and Becky Laheney Face Painting.

Manager Helen Maynard hopes all who attended enjoyed the event organised for adults and kids and, all at Tesco Newton Aycliffe thank you again for your kind donations.



Town's Rotary Club shown here with Tesco Manger Helen Maynard and Joe Riley helped with a collection



# REME Meet

REME Association South West Durham Branch, monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 26th August at the Scout Centre Bluebell Way. All serving and ex-serving military personnel welcome.



# Aycliffe Company Wins Best Online Retailer 2015 Award

There were celebrations on the Aycliffe Business Park in Newton Aycliffe earlier this week when Modern Rugs was awarded the title of 'Best Online Retailer 2015' by Interiors Monthly Magazine. The awards which are now in their seventh year cover the UK's interiors and flooring markets, and are voted for by the Magazine's readership. Speaking about the win Martin Tragen - Commercial & Finance Director said; "We are extremely proud to have won this award alongside well-known interiors specialists such as John Lewis and Barker &



Ben Dale founder of Modern Rugs (left) and Martin Tragen (right) at the firm's HQ after receiving their 'Best Online Retailer 2015' award.

Stonehouse. This achievement reflects the enormous efforts put in by our founder Ben Dale, and all the team at Aycliffe, who

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## Aycliffe Girls Shine in County Athletics

With the 2015 outdoor track and field season in full swing, Newton Aycliffe lass Rachel Bennett has carried on where she left off with her indoor success! This started in May as she claimed the sprint double (u15g 100m +200m) at the North East Counties track and field championships.

Rachel then added the Durham County schools junior girls (yr8+9) 100m title, in time that equalled a record that had stood for over 40 years, which gained her selection for the English Schools Championships. These took place in July at Gateshead International Stadium and entry standards dictate that only the most elite athletes in each age group participate.

Competing from the lower end of the age group (Yr8) and having only just celebrated her 13th birthday a week previously, Rachel excelled to qualify for the final which required a pb in the semi - finish to ensure her progress. Understandably from someone so young a combination of nerves and fatigue meant Rachel found the medal positions a step beyond her this year as she went on to finish in 7th place however will return with higher expectations in 2016. Nevertheless Rachel's 2015 season continued at a blistering pace as she has went on to claim the Northern Championships u15 100m gold and 200m silver medals beating the best athletes from area's such as Yorkshire, Manchester, Liverpool, Derbyshire, Humberside and our own North East counties in the process.

Rachel also went on to revise her 100m pb yet again to currently lead the U.K u15 rankings and will be contesting the National age group championships on the 29th August in Bedford. Another Newtonian enjoying medal success this season has been u17w Courtne Mills who has revised her 100m, 200m and 300m personal bests which has enabled her to claim 300m bronze at the NE champs, 200m silver at the Durham county schools champs and another silver at the Northern inter county schools championships (200m).

## Folk Festival at Sedgfield

The annual Sedgfield Folk Festival takes place on 4th, 5th and 6th September.

This year they are privileged to have the winner of the best group for the BBC2 Folk Award, the Young 'Uns, and also the best female vocalist, Nancy Kerr, along with her husband James Fagan.

They will be performing at Sedgfield Parish Hall together with an array of top acts. Details can be found on our website [www.sedgfieldfolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.sedgfieldfolkfestival.co.uk) or by calling the Festival Office on 01740 621347.

## KIDZ FLIX

The summer break is nearly over and the children's team who lead KIDZFLIX would like to say a big thank you to all of those who have attended. This week (21st August) we can enjoy SHAUN THE SHEEP and end with a swashbuckling PIRATES ADVENTURE WITH SCIENTISTS! on August 28th at 2pm. Saturday movies will then resume on 5th September - SPONGEBOB, SPONGE OUT OF WATER. Films begin at 2pm in St. Clare's Cinema room and everyone is very welcome. Come along we still have plenty of ice-creams, lollies, sweets and candy floss to share with you!

## Woodham Couple Win Allotment Competition



Kathy Booth, Hugh & Margaret Pritchard

Middridge Village Allotments Association held their annual social on Sunday 16th September. It was very well attended by members and their families who enjoyed a sunny afternoon of chat, quizzes, food and drinks.

The Best Kept Garden Competition was judged in July by Councillor Joan Gray from Newton Aycliffe and the winners this year were the lovely couple, Mr and Mrs Pritchard from Woodham.

The certificate was presented by Kathy Booth, Allotment Secretary. Hugh and Margaret have only had their garden for two seasons and have never had their own allotment before. Margaret celebrated her 80th birthday in July, Hugh will be 80 in September and were married last year. It just goes to show you are never too old to garden. The Allotmenteer's from Middridge congratulate them on their achievement.

If you'd like more information about having an allotment please contact Kathy Booth on 07530 899874.

## Newtonian U/13 800m Champion



Adam Ord, aged 12, a Greenfield pupil, finished strong in the last 200m to win GOLD and the Northern Championship U13 800m title at Middlesbrough Sports Village last weekend. Well done Adam! Many thanks to Durham Harriers, and particularly his coach George Reid, for the amazing amount of time and effort put into training and supporting this success!

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**Aycliffe Running Club**



Last Sunday several runners from the club took part in the Scorton Feast Memorial 10K. This new multi-terrain event was organised to raise money for Target Ovarian Cancer and Herriot Hospice Homecare. Two of our members got prizes, Dez for coming in 1st in the 31-50 age group and 5th overall in the time 36:50 and Susan Milburn for being 1st lady over 55 and 42nd overall in 50:16. Dave Blewitt was next finisher and was pleased with his time of 44:45 after being injured, in 22nd position followed by Steve Smith 26th in 46:22 and Penny Johnson, 55th in 53:25. On the same day four Aycliffe athletes chose the Billingham Ray Harrison Memorial 10K for their event. It was a hot and sunny morning throughout the race, but this didn't stop the runners giving a good account of themselves. Mark Wade was first home for the club, 26th in 37:52, followed by Richard Campbell, 65th in 42:36, Trish Kay, 141st in 50:21 and finally Susan Clark, knocking a massive 97secs off her Darlington 10K. Her time was 62:19 in 209th position. The results for the Pinchinthorpe Tees Trail 5K race have finally arrived. This course is more or less one big climb and one big descent but otherwise conditions were ideal for running and there were some good age grade wins for the club. John Burnside was first finisher for Aycliffe, 37th in 20:45 and 1st M/55, not bad considering he's nearly 60. Followed by Cyd Upton, 47th in 22:12 and 1st F/50 and Alan Wilks, 52nd in 22:36. Paul Stretton was next to cross the line, 55th in 22:50, followed by Julie Spring in her first trail race, 132nd in 30:02 and Ray Todd in his first outing for months because of injury, 153rd in 32:13. Mark Wade won the Hackworth Parkrun in 19m30s. For more information about Aycliffe Running Club and their training sessions visit [ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk)

**Hit & Miss Darlo FC!**

Darlington's league campaign began in a very hit and miss fashion. Last Saturday saw us slip to a 2-0 away defeat at Buxton. The result was disappointing enough in itself but Adam Nowakowski was injured after just eight minutes following a clash of heads. Following lengthy treatment he left the pitch to be replaced by David Dowson. We hope Adam makes a swift recovery. In contrast, our first home game on Tuesday night, against Frickley Athletic, was rather good.

In the drizzle of Bishop Auckland, Darlo put in a good, strong performance and emerged worthy 3-0 winners with the goals coming from, man of the match, Tom Portas, Nathan Cartman and new captain Kevin Burgess. Despite the weather Darlington played really well with notable performances from Hunter, Burgess and Cartman who for a little striker can really upset defences, no matter how big they are! It was also good to see Graeme Armstrong get a good run out following his big injury in the play-off final. Next up is the home game against Barwell on Saturday, who are a few places ahead of us on goal difference, followed by a trip to Workington (Borough Park, CA14 2DT) on Tuesday night. Both will be very difficult games but good tests for this squad. I am very pleased to announce that the group will

this season be sponsoring Brian Atkinson's kit. As an Aycliffe lad it seemed fitting that he should be our first sponsorship. The next meeting of Newton Aycliffe Darlington FC supporters group takes place on Wednesday 9 September, the day after our home game against Ramsbottom, at 7pm in the Iron Horse. As ever all are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing new faces. Keep the faith.

**Woodham Academy Sports Leadership for Primary Students**

Woodham Academy Sports Leaders helped to run a fantastic event in conjunction with Sedgefield School Sports Partnership at Sedgefield Community School on June 30th. The Year 8 & 9 students demonstrated confident sports leadership skills to run Boccia, Basketball and Athletics to primary pupils from across the Sedgefield



and Aycliffe area. The Academy students had responsibility for organising the primary students and equipment safely, whilst using their knowledge to explain and demonstrate each specific event. The sports leaders also confidently scored each event, before giving medals out to the winning students and teams. A fantastic day was had by all and the Woodham students commented on how they enjoyed having responsibility for their own events. Woodham Leadership Academy is run in partnership with the Tony Blair Sports Foundation. It gives students access to bespoke Tony Blair Sports Foundation 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."

**CRICKET SCOREBOARD**

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, were well beaten by 63 runs at home to Yarm 1st XI in the 2nd division of the NYSD. Asked to bat first, the visitors scored 187 all out after 48.3 overs with acting Aycliffe captain Luke Telford the pick of the bowlers finishing with an excellent 5 for 20 and Colin Myers chipping in with 2 for 31. In reply Aycliffe were soon in trouble at 52 for 5, but a steady innings of 36 from Michael Howe and 23 from Colin Myers, briefly gave Aycliffe hope. However despite an unbeaten 21 from Tom Wickins, the home side were eventually bowled out for just 124 from 39.4 overs. In mid-week the first team were desperately unlucky to lose away at Redcar by just one run in the semi-final of the NYSD 15/15 cup competition. The home side were asked to bat first and Aycliffe did well to restrict them to 112 for 8 in their 15

overs with John Cavanagh the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 21. In reply Aycliffe lost wickets at regular intervals and despite good innings from Luke Telford (34), Tom Young (16) and Ben Nicholson (12 not out), they just failed at the death when they lost their last wicket off the final ball of the innings. The second team game away at Saltburn in the NYSD 3rd division was cancelled as Saltburn's ground was waterlogged and deemed unfit for cricket. The under 15's lost by 22 runs away to Sacriston in the semi-final of the league cup. The home side were asked to bat first and raked up an imposing total of 125 for 6 from their 15 overs, with Dan Bowmer the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 15. In reply all-rounder Bowmer carried his bat for a superb unbeaten 51 and with good support from Ryan Patrick, who smashed a rapid 18, Aycliffe finished their innings on a respectable 103 for 8.

**MIND AGM**

Newton Aycliffe MIND hold their AGM on Tuesday the 8th September at 2 pm. Everyone invited. Aycliffe Mind Silverdale House 10-11 Silverdale Place Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ Tel 01325 300121

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**Wednesday 2nd September 2015**  
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**Recreation Committee**  
**7.15pm**

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**ACORN TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**

Following on from the July super successful Animal Fun Day ACORN Residents Association are holding their annual Teddy Bears Picnic on the green at Christopher Walk on 24th August. Featuring a large Inflatable slide, Roundabouts, Hook a Duck, Tombola, Jet and Ben, Nail Painting, Neighbourhood Police Beat Team, Inflatable Bouncy Castle, Fire and Rescue, Harry Potty face artist and Professor Nincompoop. Photo opportunities with mascots, Sid the ACORN Squirrel, Spotty Dog and Hay Corn the ACORN horse. Come along with your favourite Teddy Bear and join in the fun from 11am till 3pm. The ACORN team

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to make tailgating socially

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"Driving too closely to the  
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Aycliffe WMC 'The Big  
Club' the event was well  
attended and attracted  
people from across the  
region, including other local  
constituencies of Durham  
and Bishop Auckland.  
During the evening Ms  
Kendall spoke passionately  
about the importance of  
Education, and gave a special  
emphasis on the importance  
of the early years.

One of the main causes Ms  
Kendall has been building  
her campaign around is  
ending inequalities which  
occur before children  
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**In Memoriam**

**Mark Fletcher**



21st August 2012  
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**Kath Wheatley**



27th August 2011  
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**RAYMOND SPARKS** 17/5/1946 to 23/8/2013. In memory's garden we meet every day. Linda xx

**Shildon Club Helps St. Clare's**



Shildon Model Railway Club held a 2 day Exhibition last weekend in St. Clare's hall in aid of the Church Roof Appeal. The members of the church wish to acknowledge this kind gesture from members of the Model Railway Club.

**New Deputy Head Teacher at Woodham**

Woodham Academy is delighted to announce Andrew Bell as new Deputy Headteacher from September 2015.



Mr. Bell replaces Jonathan Lumb who is to become the new headteacher at the Education Village, Darlington. Andrew joined Woodham Academy in September 2014 as Assistant Headteacher, having previously worked as Director of Sport at Framwellgate School in Durham and teacher of PE at Astley Community High School in Seaton Delaval. Mr. Bell told us "This is a really exciting time for Woodham Academy, with many new developments on the horizon. I am looking

forward to helping all of our students achieve their highest potential."

**A Taste of Life During Roman Times**

A popular re-enactment of life in Roman times is set to wow crowds once again this Bank Holiday. Roman forces will meet native tribesmen in live combat at Binchester Roman Fort on August Bank Holiday Monday. Various re-enactment groups will use archery, slingstaves and a full scale replica of a Roman artillery catapult, known as a ballista, to entertain crowds and give an insight into what life was like under the control of Imperial Rome. Artisans and craftspeople will showcase their wares in a tented street market and guided tours of the new excavations will be available. Dr David Mason, principal archaeologist with Durham County Council, said: "Last month's event proved very popular and we had some wonderful feedback from families which came along. "In addition to seeing aspects of Roman life and combat, wonderfully recreated by reenactors, this will be the last opportunity this year for people to view the spectacularly well-preserved remains. They form part of the regimental bath-building which has walls still standing to a height of more than two metres above Roman floor level." The fun begins at 11am

and is repeated at 2pm on Monday, August 31. Adult entry is £5 with concessions £4 and children £3 (Under 4s are free). The event is run by Durham County Council's Archaeology Section, supported by staff of Archaeological Services at Durham University and volunteers from the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland. Members of Nordmanni Living History Group thrill the crowds with their fighting skills at last month's event.

**OPTIONS SUMMER FESTIVAL AT THE PCP**

The first Options Summer Festival takes place at the Pioneering Care Centre this Thursday, August 27th and we invite you to come along. The event is open to all and will feature a 12-hour sponsored Danceathon, coffee morning from 10.30-12noon, stalls, a tombola, carnival games including hook-a-duck and wet sponge throwing, free health checks and much more. The festival is being organised and run by the members at Options, a day service for adults with Learning and Physical Disabilities based at the Pioneering Care Centre. Members will all be taking part in the mammoth 12-hour Danceathon from 8:30am-8:30pm, so please come along and show your support. You can even join in the dancing or sponsor us on the day! All money raised will go towards activities at Options promoting independence, choice, control and wellbeing.

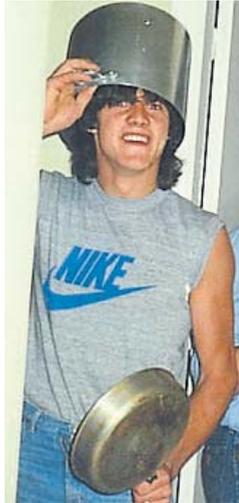
**Birthday Remembrance**

**MOLLY ELLIOTT** 20th August. Happy Birthday to a special Mam. Love and miss you. Barbara and Rob xxx  
**MOLLY ELLIOTT** 20th August 2013. With an ache in our hearts we whisper low "Happy birthday, we miss you so". Love, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen xxxx  
**BERNIE BRAMLEY** 26th August 1947. To a special Husband. With a pain in my heart, I whisper low "Happy birthday Bernie, I miss you so". Your ever loving Wife Edna xxxxxxxx  
**JULIE SARAH REED** 19/8/73 - 8/11/99. Not a day goes by without a thought, a memory, a mad moment that we all had the privilege of sharing with you. It's your first birthday you're sharing with your Mam in Heaven, our loss, your gain. Love and miss you. Dad, Steven, Lara and families xxxx  
**JOHN ROLAND PHILLIPS** 21st August 1938. We never need a special day to bring you to our mind. For days without a thought of you are very hard to find. We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch. But God will take our greetings to the one we love so much. Words cannot heal a heartache, nor stop a memory of the one we loved so very dear. We all loved and miss you so very much. All our love on your birthday and always. From your loving Wife Lil and all the family  
**PETER REDDEN** 20/8/1971 to 24/2/2013. No cards to write, no presents to give, his memory we will treasure for as long as we live. Miss you loads. From all the family

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**Congratulations**

**Martin Shires**



**Happy 50th Birthday Martin**  
Enjoy your party. All my love, Lisa xxx

**Rachel Aspey - Double Celebration!**



**Congratulations** on gaining a BA (Hons) Degree (2.1) from Newcastle University  
**Congratulations** on your 21st Birthday (21st August 2015)  
Best wishes for the future.  
Love, Mum, Dad, Katharine, Grandma and Grandad Aspey

**Martin Shires**



**Happy 50th Birthday Dad**  
Have a fab day/night Lots of love, Ashley and Kyle xxx

**Lewis Brown**



**Happy Birthday 25th August 2015**  
Happy birthday to a very special Son and Brother on his 18th. Have a great day. Love always, Mam, Paul, Liam, Becci and Dave xxxxxxxx

**James David Skerrett**



**Happy 18th Birthday 25th August 2015**  
To a special Grandson, all our love today and always. Grandma and Grandad S. xoxoxoxoxoxo

**Martin Shires**



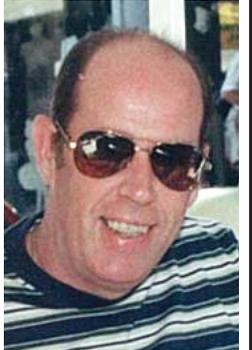
**THE BIG 50**  
**Happy** birthday Martin. All our love from Mam and Dad xx  
**Happy** 50th Martin. Love from Karen and Rob xx  
**Happy** 50th Martin. Love from Ian, Kathryn and family xx

**Lewis Brown**



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Love from Dad, Becci, Dave and all the family xxx

**Billy Wilson**



**Happy 60th Birthday 20th August 2015**  
Have a great and happy 60th birthday. Love love yer trillions. Joy xxx

**BILLY WILSON** Happy 60th Birthday, 20th August 2015. Have a great 60th birthday Dad. Cheers, your Sons Paul and Gav  
**SHANNON POOLEY** Happy 18th birthday to my beautiful Niece. Lots of love, Aunt Shali, Brian and Sam  
**SHANNON POOLEY** Our beautiful Granddaughter, all grown up. Happy 18th birthday. Love you loads, Gran and Grandad Raine  
**SHANNON POOLEY** To our granddaughter Shannon, happy 18th birthday. Lots of love, Grandma and Grandad Pooley xxx  
**SHANNON POOLEY** Happy 18th birthday Shannon. Enjoy your day. Love, Aunt Deb and Uncle Rob xx  
**SHANNON POOLEY** Congratulations to our beautiful Daughter on her 18th birthday, 21st August. Lots of love, Mam and Dad

**MARTIN SHIRES** Happy 50th birthday Martin. Love, Joan and Robert xx  
**MARTIN SHIRES** Happy 50th birthday. Love, Karen, Kevin, Kayleigh and Jamie xxx  
**LOUIS HURST** Congratulations on your "A" Level results and on gaining your place to Study at Nottingham Trent University. We are all very proud of you and wish you every happiness for the future. Love, Mum, Dad, Sam, Joe and all of the family xxxx

**Births**

**HARLE & RANDAL** congratulations Kayleigh and David on the birth of your new Son "Leelan". What an entrance to the world. So proud of you both. Love you, Mam, Dad and all the family xxxx

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## Aycliffe Win at Little Wembley



Newton Aycliffe FC progressed into the Preliminary Round of the Emirates FA Cup for only the second time in their history with an excellent 4-0 win over Lancashire side Nelson FC, whose ground is known rather inappropriately, as 'Little Wembley'. Aycliffe now face Morpeth Town in the next round on Saturday 29 August at Moore Lane Park. The Club will be hoping that as many Newtonians as possible can turn out to support the team in their cup campaign.

After three successive wins to start the season spirits are high at Moore Lane. Unfortunately the home game against Ashington scheduled for Tuesday 18 August was postponed due their cup replay. Aycliffe will want to take the momentum into the two away games at Seaham Red Star and North Shields before facing Morpeth. Against Nelson Aycliffe took almost half an hour to get into their stride with keeper James Winter called into action early on pulling off a great diving save after only 5

minutes. Aycliffe's first goal came on 28 minutes from a free kick by Dennis Knight hitting the top corner from 25 yards. Dennis might have had a second on the stroke of half time but his shot from Matty Moffat's flicked header was blasted over the bar. Aycliffe's second goal came just before the hour and came from a solo effort by Stuart Banks who dribbled through the defence from the right wing. Substitute Paul Garthwaite came close to making it three on 78 minutes after being played through but the keeper blocked his effort. Just 3 minutes later Moffat scored the third after being played through by Banks. The Aycliffe centre forward got his second and Aycliffe's fourth with 5 minutes left after he latched onto a loose ball and coolly shot past the advancing keeper. Sponsorship packages are now available for our FA Cup game against Morpeth. Please contact Yvonne Wood for details on 07500 866535 or at evycornet@gmail.com. Admission prices will be £6 for adults, £4 concessions. Children under 12 get in free with an accompanied adult. Scheduled games - Saturday 22 August - Seaham Red Star (away), kick off 3 pm, Wednesday 26 August - North Shields (away) - kick off 7.30 pm Saturday 29 August - Morpeth Town (Home) - kick of 3pm (Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round)

## AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB SUMMER RACE



Tracey Warrior at the Skoolzout Super Sprint

Getting August off to a flying start Michelle Scott entered the Gr8Events Sprint Triathlon at Ellerton Water Park. The event was made up of a 750m open water swim, 21k bike and 6km run. Michelle gave a strong performance finishing 2nd lady overall. Sat 15th August three of the clubs members travelled to Womersley to take part in the Skoolzout Super Sprint Triathlon. The race was a 400m open water swim, 10k bike and a 2k run. First home and coming in 4th senior male was Andrew Sedgwick in 34.02, Michelle Scott was first lady overall in 36.07 and Tracey Warrior 5th lady in 44.46. On the same day Melainie Rowland took on the challenging Bassenthwaite Standard Distance Triathlon. Mel gave a fantastic performance on this tough

course coming 8th in her age group in 3hrs 25mins. Wendy Bake, Club Coach

## HUNTSMAN MAINTAIN UNBEATEN START

The Huntsman FC continued their terrific start to the season, with a convincing 5-2 victory over FC Tow Law on Sunday. Manager Neil Dodds named a virtually unchanged side from the victory over Kirk Merrington, with Ste Williams replacing Carl Bates at right back the only adjustment. Following a quiet opening period to the game, Anthony McDonald fired in a deep free kick into a great area and Reed Molloy leapt best glancing his header into the far corner to make it 1-0 to the home side. Ten minutes later, it was Molloy again, who notched his second of the game and 4th of the season, with a great piece of individual skill. A well weighted through ball allowed him to spin the defender before applying a cool finish into the corner. However, barely two minutes after going two goals up, a momentary defensive lapse allowed Tow Law to draw level. A good bit of work down the right hand side, allowed Readman to score his first of the game.

Tow Law got to grips with the game following the break and were rewarded when McDonald brought down their striker in the box for a penalty. Up stepped Readman, who calmly dispatched from the spot to pull the visitors level. No sign of panic from the home side, and it was star man Molloy again who drove down the left hand side before crossing, and the ball deflected into the Tow Law net. One for the dubious goals panel one would suspect. Three quickly became four, as a gut busting run down the left flank from Bryan Durr enabled a tap in at the backpost from Michael Sproates for his first of the season. The home side never relented and Callum Farley capped an energetic display with a goal; closing down the keeper and calmly tucking the ball into the bottom corner. Early days so far, but two wins from two with ten goals scored is a magnificent start. Next up is B.A Bay Horse away this Sunday.

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**Family Trip**

A Family trip to the Discovery Museum Newcastle is on Wednesday 26th August costing £4 per seat. Leaving Silverdale at 10.00am and Wilkinson's Bus stop at 10.15am. This is the third of our very successful family trips. For people who do not wish to go to the museum why not spend a day in Newcastle sight-seeing, shopping or whatever? Ring Dorothy on 308094 / 07967 901477 leave your number and a message please.

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