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**Town's Rotary Club Install Defibrillator in Tesco's**  
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Rotarian Jill Thompson (centre) hands over the Defibrillator to Tesco Customer Service staff Joe Riley and Shirley McCormick

The Rotary Club is spearheading a campaign for better access to emergency treatment for heart attacks and sudden cardiac arrest in Newton Aycliffe. They are organising Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training and have bought a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) from their charitable funds. After taking advice from the Ambulance Service and the British Heart Foundation they are pressing on with their ambitious project. According to the British Heart Foundation, without help a person could die in minutes from a severe heart attack or a cardiac arrest. Every minute without CPR and/or Defibrillation reduces survival rate by 10%. People think they know how to administer CPR but are often too afraid to try or feel out of practice. The modern PAD's assess the patient, talk to the lifesaver and only gives a shock if required. They are simple to use by anyone without training. A life could be saved while waiting for an ambulance. Tesco are always ready to help the community, and offered to house the defibrillator in their store (saving money on vandal proof casing) and also provide training rooms as required. Being central and open almost 24/7 the Rotary Club felt it the ideal location for the defibrillator. An official handover and information event is planned for September, at the store where names can be taken for CPR training. A spokesperson for Rotary said "We have lost 3 respected and long standing members of our club this year from heart problems. What better legacy to leave the community they served than a defibrillator which can save lives".

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## PCP Launches New Classes for September

PCP is launching a new range of short classes covering cookery, local history and keeping fit, beginning this September. Come along to try something new!

### Family Fake a Takeout

6 weeks starting Friday 11 September 3.30-5.30pm (£25 for adults, £10 for children)

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### Cup Cake Masterclass

6 weeks starting Thursday 10 September 1.30-3.00pm (£25)

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### Local History

6 weeks starting Saturday 12 September 10.00-11.30am (£20)

Come along to enjoy exploring County Durham's role in Britain's economic and industrial history with like-minded locals.

### Flower Craft for Beginners

6 weeks starting Wednesday 9 September 1.30-3.00pm (£25)

Find your inner florist with simple yet striking flower arrangements to take home with you. Materials provided for the first week only.

All attendees will receive a free hot drink from the Mall Coffee Shop to enjoy after the session. To book your place please contact the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234. Payment will be required in full prior to the class commencing. PCP reserves the right to cancel courses (providing a full refund) where there is not enough interest.

**STOP PRESS** ... coming soon ... Cooking on a Budget, Gentle Exercise and Buggy Pushing Fitness, keep any eye out for further details in the Newton News over the coming weeks! For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234 Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

## School Club Painting Class



Local Illustrator and Textile artist, Sharron Bates recently taught 34 children to paint on silk in one day! The silk painting day was held at Woodham Burn Out of School Club, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 19th August.

Sharron said: "Silk Painting is an accessible and fun filled process. During the carefully guided activity, the children produced their

very own vibrant painting on heavy weight habotai silk, using either their own drawings or stencils.

This silk painting day was designed to encourage active, hands-on learning and creative thinking.

The children learnt how silk is 'stretched' for painting and how to apply gutta and silk dyes. At the end of the day 34 children each produced a beautiful piece of their very own art on silk!"

Manager Kendra Green said the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and many parents were over the moon with their children's artwork.

Sharron also hosts evening silk painting classes for adults at Greenfield Arts in



Newton Aycliffe. The next round of classes begin on Wednesday 30th September. Please ring 01325 379048 for more details.

## Father Delivers His Own Baby Son

### Baby Born in Car on Business Park on way to Hospital



On Thursday 13th August Kayleigh Randall was on her way to Darlington Hospital for the birth of her third child when the baby suddenly decided to be born. In the car was her husband David, Mam Karen, and Dad Michael, who was driving. The car had to be stopped on Durham Way on Aycliffe Business Park for the new baby weighing 9lbs 14ozs to be delivered by his father.

The ambulance was called and arrived five minutes later to take Kayleigh and her child to Hospital where they were examined and declared well and no worse for the emergency delivery. Mum and baby son, named Leelan, are both fine with her husband and the grandparents quite relieved over the unusual birth and pleased they were able to cope with the sudden birth.

## New Activities Coming to NAY&C Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre are pleased to announce two new groups coming in September.

Saturday 5th September 9.30am sees the launch of Slimming World. Slimming World's highly effective approach to weight loss is empowering and enabling. Our support – online and in group – is based on a deep understanding of how you

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Age UK County Durham are launching a new intuitive called Come Eat Together. Age UK will be hosting a Monday Carvery on September 14th 12pm to 2pm. This is a great way to blow away the Monday blues and treat yourself to a delicious two course meal for just £5 per person. This event is open to anyone over the age of 50. This is the first event of many so please look out for further dates. Please call 0191 3746577 for further information and to book your place.

Also on Wednesday 9th September 9am to 2pm Livin are hosting a Jobs Fair with large local employers in attendance with real on the day vacancies. The Job Fairs have always been a great success with many people gaining employment through them. For further information please contact futures@livin.co.uk or visit www.livin.co.uk/futures

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**AYCLIFFE COUPLE'S 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



Geoff and Mary Holter and their son Graham with Mayor Mary Dalton

Geoff and Mary Holter of Alington Road received a visit from the Mayor Mary Dalton on their 60th Anniversary on Thursday 20th August. Geoff from Bexhill, Surrey met Mary in Ripon while he was serving in the Royal Signals as a Regular soldier. Mary, from Trimdon, was working at the Teacher Training College there and was out shopping in the City Centre. They went for romantic walk down by the riverside and it wasn't long after they were

wed and living in married quarters on an Army camp in Nottingham. The couple were parted when Geoff was posted to Libya for three years and Mary returned home to the North East. They have two sons, Graham and Keith, with two grandchildren. After leaving the Army the couple set up home in Newton Aycliffe when Geoff took a job with Bell Accordians on the Industrial Estate where he was trained to repair these instruments. When Bells closed Geoff

continued the business under his own name in Darlington until he retired at the age of 76. Mary worked at Fine Fare, a shoe shop and until she retired was a baker at Peters. She admits to being a "home bird" and enjoys looking after her house and family. Geoff is a long serving member of the military "Fellowship" which meets monthly at the RAFA Club. He also enjoys Coarse Fishing. The family got together for a celebration meal at a Darlington Restaurant last week and Graham, who lives with his parents, took them for lunch on their anniversary day when they also received a congratulations card from the Queen.

**War Hero from Aycliffe in Unmarked Grave for 96 Years**

*Local History Society research his life story and obtain official Headstone*

Edward Henry Pratt was born in Cockerton 1889 and married Margaret Louisa Watson in 1908, they had 3 children, Nicholas 1911, Sidney 1913 and Marjorie 1916.



He joined the 5th Battalion DLI, 25th October 1915 and was sent to France February 1916. He was shot in the leg and neck and was sent home to recover for 3 months and was sent back to France on 15th June 1916.

He received a gunshot wound to his right shoulder on 16th September 1916 and was returned home until 21st March 1917 when he was sent back to France.

The trench he was in was bombed and he was struck by heavy trench support timbers, part buried and partially paralysed.

He was discharged from the Army in May 1918 as unfit for further service and he returned home to his family living in the Orlands, Aycliffe Village. He died from his wounds in Greenbank Hospital Darlington on 15th September 1918 and due to the family's poverty was buried in an unmarked grave in Darlington West Cemetery. Sadly his widow died 4 years later and the children were sent initially to live with Aunts and Uncles and they grew up not knowing the story of their parents.

He lay forgotten until Aycliffe Village Local History Society researched his war record and traced not only his grave but living grandchildren in Darlington who knew nothing about their grandfather or grandmother.

The Society persuaded the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that he should have an official headstone and 16 months later it was put in position on his grave. A special Dedication Service is being organised as the least that can be done to honour a local man who suffered terrible injuries and died for his country.



He was then forgotten for 96 years until members of the Local History group unearthed his story.

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Brian Crawford Wilson  
Divisional Secretary SSAFA (Sedgefield)

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# CRACKING WEEKEND WITH THUNDEROUS RESPONSE

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association thank everyone who came to our Classic Car and Vintage Caravan weekend.

The weekend started with the arrival of the Classic Caravans on Friday, after setting up and having a catch up, some of the members joined the Scout supporters in our new bar/lounge area and had a relaxing evening. On Saturday they did the Aycliffe Walk seeing a little of our town which gave them all a healthy appetite for Saturday evening when they enjoyed a great BBQ as the rain started. They joined us in the bar to listen and sing along with the fabulous Keith Morrison who is an accomplished guitarist, singer and songwriter. His talent was met by thunderous applause from the storm outside that night with slightly quieter applause from the audience - thank you Keith you were very much appreciated.

The rain did not dampen anyone's spirits and after a good night's rest we were all back again to enjoy the display of classic cars. Unfortunately not as many turned up as in



previous years but a good and interesting display nevertheless.

There was a small hic-cup as when the caravanser's rose and went to use the facilities it was realised the cleaner had been and triple locked the building meaning access was denied to the toilets - a quick phone rectified this with expectation of being killed in the rush!

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association would like to thank the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Mary Dalton and her consort Michael who kindly came to



our social club on Saturday evening and returned on Sunday morning to officially open the car show, the

President of the Rotary Club Denese Cartwright and her husband Alan for judging the show and presenting



The Mayor and Consort opened the event

the trophies to the class winners. Also to Syd Howarth from Newton News who photographed the event and gave his support, Keith Morrison for the fabulous evening, Aycliffe Decorating and Paint supplies for donating some paint for the foyer, 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout group for catering on the day, The Navy Club for allowing the use of their car park, and to everyone who bought raffle tickets - we raised £86.00. Lastly but not least, Paul Jackson from The Northern Bygones Society for organising the Show.



Rotary Club President Denese presented the trophies

## Entertainment for Over 60's

Bethany House Care Home are having a live entertainment afternoon in the Bethany Centre (opposite) on Friday 4th September 2015 at 2pm. We would like to invite other Care Homes and anyone over 60 years old in the Woodham area to join us. Doors open from 1:30pm. A small cover charge of £1 will apply. For further information please contact Mandy on 01325 311782

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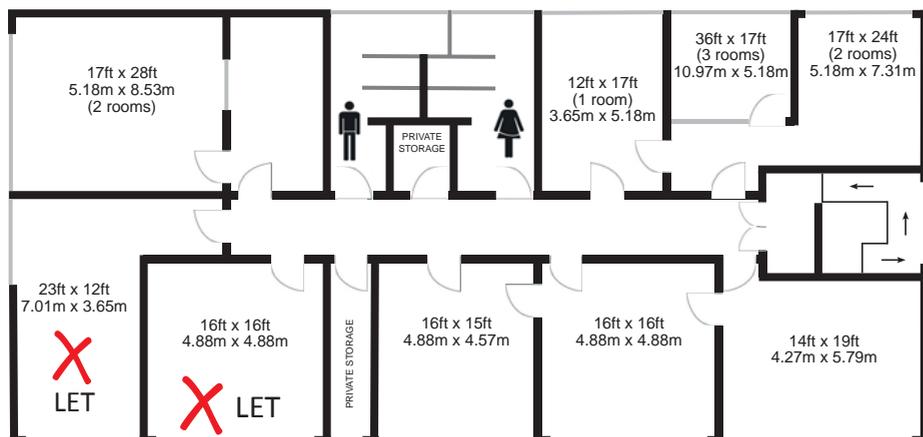
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# Please Come to my Halloween Disco for Children's Charity

by Hollie Alannah Williams age 10.



On October 30th the night before Halloween a spine chilling event will be held at Planet Leisure where everyone (including adults!) will have the chance to dress up in their Halloween costume and disco dance the night away. This is a charity event I decided to run because I can't thank the Caudwell Children's

charity enough as they have helped me in my illnesses. I am going to raise money for the charity so other children like me can have a once in a lifetime opportunity with their family.

I am also going to raffle just five children's tickets for membership of Newton Aycliffe Athena Gymnastic Academy. We are going to do a similar thing with my school, Vane Road, which has helped me and my brother, Thomas lots!

On the night, there will be a Cake Stall which will simply be to DIE for, a Spooktacular Costume Competition for ALL ages, great raffle prizes and much, MUCH more!

Why don't you contact my mother, Angie on 07501 464949 or on ankela22@sky.com or Planet Leisure on 01325 310989 if you want tickets or further information on this event.

All tickets are £4 each and any donation towards the event will be gratefully received. There are 150 tickets to be sold! Thank you!

# Fundraiser for Terminally Ill 21 year old Mother

21-year-old Jade Pateman, born in Newton Aycliffe, was diagnosed with cervical cancer in May and was told she only had two years to live. Despite this awful news this brave young mother's thoughts turned to her two-year-old son Oscar and other young women who might be at risk of the same disease.

She set up a petition on change.org calling for the minimum screening age to be lowered from 25 to 20 in order to catch this disease before it is too late.

"Jade and Oscar's Angels" is a charity set up two months ago by friend Tammy Allinson. Her son Callum Nicholson (12 years old) designed the website and facebook page.

Jade's plight has touched the hearts of everyone and last Saturday an event to raise funds was held at the Youth & Community Centre. Money has been raised by Imelda Woods who made and sold key chains raising over £200, Stu Furlonger Personal Trainer ran a Boot Camp and donated funds, Chubby Brown tickets have been auctioned and a BBQ all to raise funds for the charity.

The Youth and Community Centre was donated after the previous venue had double booked. A collection was taken for them and they donated it back to the charity. Organiser Tammy Allinson said: "All the staff were fantastic, very helpful and their kindness was overwhelming. The chairman Vince is such a generous man. We cannot thank them enough.

We also want to thank everyone who sold raffle tickets and made generous donations to our raffle and auction. We had 68 prizes and the items we had donated for our raffle are brilliant (1 being an overnight stay at Redworth Hall with use of facilities and a mini treatment - Deb Taylor from Ferryhill won this and is over the moon.). We have fantastic items for Auction Night. To name a few we have a 400 pound pizza oven, Cheryl Cole signed perfume, a year Netflix's subscription, Prada perfume. Eileen Pateman has secured signed donations from Ricky Gervais, John Bishop and Jason Mamford. Helen Pateman-Patrick has secured some fab donations for both the raffle and auction one being a signed "strictly" programme.

Yvonne Claude and Jessica Pateman have also worked hard securing donations for both raffle and auction. The fun day was a huge success to say it is the first time we have ever organised anything like this. It was an excellent team effort by family, friends and kind people who were touched by Jade's story. The time donated by people who helped was very, very generous and we would like to thank everyone who was involved in selling raffle tickets, securing donations and helping out on the day".



Simon & Jade Pateman, Minion Kevin Nelson and Madalyn Pateman-Patrick is Princess Bella



## Rehearsals for Sleeping Beauty

Following on from the success of last year's show Acorn Players will be performing Sleeping Beauty in November. Anyone who can Act, Sing or Dance and would like to take part in the performance would be made very welcome. Rehearsals start on September 7th at Woodham Academy and parts are still available. The last show was a sell out so watch this space for further details or contact Brenda Laight on 311816.

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- DLI Military Vehicle Rally, Sunday 30 & Bank Holiday Monday 31 August, Free, 03000 266 590
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- North Pennines Virtual Museum: www.npvm.org.uk/
- Last month's environmental crime figures for County Durham: bit.ly/DCCEnvCr0715
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- Fancy learning a new skill? There's still time to enrol on DCC's autumn adult learning courses: ow.ly/R5vxq
- DURHAM 2sday - starting Tuesday 8th September, a new Business Durham networking event in the heart of Durham City: bit.ly/IP6qh7v
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- HealthWatch County Durham wants your views on transport to hospital appointments - please complete the survey. ow.ly/RbtDU
- HealthWatch County Durham - Volunteer Get-together, Wednesday 23 September, 10:30am-3pm, The Work Place, DL5 6AH. Phone 01325 375960 to book a place.
- DISC/ Job Centre+ / livin Jobs Fair, Wednesday 9 September, 9am-2pm, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
- Tree Tops Aycliffe Group (for parents of children with SPD, ASD, ADHD or DCD): Wednesday, 16 September, 19:00 to 20:30: bit.ly/TreeTops1609
- Sign up before 1 September to join CancerUK's campaign and become a 'Dryathlete' this September: bit.ly/CRUKDry
- Still places on FREE Colour your Life courses at @PCP in September and October, book now on 01325 321234: bit.ly/PCPCyL0915
- Vote for Vinovia (ie Binchester) in Heritage Weekly's poll to find the best Roman Fort to visit in Britain. http://bit.ly/1U6h02L

# Residents' Community Event on the Green



Aycliffe Community group ACORN held their annual Teddy Bear's Picnic and Funday on Monday 24th August.

The popular event attracted young and old from around the Great Aycliffe parish area clutching Teddy Bears and cuddly toys. Peals of laughter were heard across the Christopher walk green as children took rides on roundabouts or scaled the heights of the massive inflatable slide then slid down to the ground.



Sarah Picken and daughter Ellie transformed the fingernails of those present with assorted colours into works of art. Of course one of the first clients was ACORN Chairman Ken Robson who left with not one fingernail of the same colour accompanied by the chuckles of those attending.

Tombola proved to be a popular stall with a constant queue of people eager to purchase tickets in hope of winning one of the wonderful prizes donated by local people.



## Head Shave for Charity



Diane Plews (seated centre) with relatives and supporters

A local Dance Teacher "Braved the Shave" on Sunday 23rd August. Diane Plews, principal of Macadam School of Dance had her hair shaved off to support Macmillan's "Brave the Shave" campaign for cancer support.

Diane who has sported many crazy hair colours dreamt she had this done and the next day the campaign popped up on Facebook giving her the incentive to do it!

Diane said "Cancer affects so many of us, I've lost family and friends and we currently have one of our mothers fighting Breast Cancer so anything I can do to help is good! I can choose to do this many don't have the choice." Her target was £1,000 but it is currently £1,600 and donations are still coming in.

Diane said "I can't thank everyone enough for their amazing support, especially those who came along to the

studio to see it happen! Now all the kids have got to get used to no hair instead of a change of

colour!". Donations can still be made if you search Diane Plews on the 'Brave the Shave' site.

## Helping Mum Leave Lasting Memories

Honest John is raising cash to help Jade Pateman, a 21 year old mum, just diagnosed with terminal cancer, who wants to enjoy the remaining time with her 2 year old son Oscar so that he has lasting memories.

Jade lived in Newton Aycliffe all her life until a recent move to Shildon but all her relatives and friends are uniting to ensure she and Oscar enjoy some happy times together.

This story has touched many hearts in Newton Aycliffe and various events are being planned to help swell the funds.



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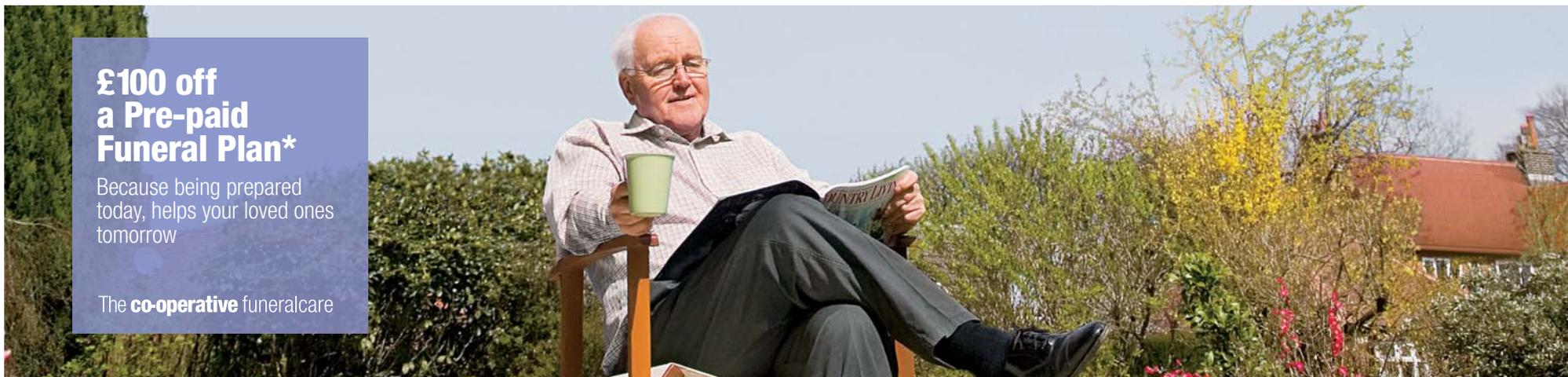
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## New Pre-School Class Starts at Woodham

Marie Walker created Wigglets in June 2007 inspired by her son and twin girls. She wanted a class that was lively for toddlers and pre-school children where they were on their feet and using the abundance of energy they have.



Marie also wanted to create a class that was fun for both the child and the adult, you don't have to use children's music all the time, so while introducing the children to lots of different types of music this also means the adults join in to, I use anything from Queen, to Glen Miller, from World music to Classical. Children as they develop have fantastic imaginations, so Wigglets use that to help

them learn about the world around them within musical fun. The classes are always structured the same to allow children's confidence to grow, we do singing, action songs, imaginative movement, instruments, nursery rhymes and a lovely

calm down time at the end, but the content within each class varies every week. Every term I have a different theme, for example weather, transport and jungle, I also do some one off special themes like, magic, dinosaurs and sport, I use lots of props to help feed the imagination and enhance the fun.

Parents love the sessions as much as the children Jen from Stockton said in a review about Wigglets "Wigglets is wonderful! Marie magically transforms the class into themed fun for child and mum. Her enthusiasm, never ending source of props, music and movement stimulates imagination, creativity and expression. Wigglets has been an essential part of our weekly routine for over 3 years, my girls love it and I secretly cannot wait to see what music we will be dancing around the room to each week!"

All of this adds up to the ideal opportunity for the child to learn and improve so many skills both socially and physically.

I have six classes at the moment covering Sedgfield, Stockton and Darlington, I have also taken Wigglets into Surestart centres and private nurseries. I'm starting a new class on a Monday mornings at 9.30am on the 14th of September in Woodham Community Centre.

The large hall is ideal and

the volunteers who run the centre were so helpful and passionate about providing a good range of activities for the community it was the perfect choice for Wigglets. The sessions are £3.70 for the first child and £2 for siblings over 12 months (siblings under 12 months are free). Places must be booked in advance as the numbers are limited per class. You can book by phone on 07925 129 272 or email [wiggletsmusicanddance@gmail.com](mailto:wiggletsmusicanddance@gmail.com).

## Parent and Toddlers Group

A Parent & Toddlers group is held at St. Elizabeth's Church (near the Huntsman pub Woodham) which includes carers of children, birth to pre-school.

Every Tuesday 12.45pm to 2.30pm with lots of new equipment and toys. No entrance fees!

We look forward to meeting you - friendly mums are here to greet you if you are alone.

More details from Chris on 01325 318430 or Norma on 312930.

## Become a PCP Member

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday 28th September from 11.30 am until 12:30 pm at the Pioneering Care Centre.

For over 17 years PCP has proudly delivered high quality accessible projects and activities aimed at improving the health, providing access to services and reducing social isolation.

As well as managing the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe PCP delivers a wide range of projects across the North East supporting the Charity's mission of Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All.

If you would like to come along to discover the impact PCP has had locally and hear about some of the key achievements, please contact Kath Ferry on 01325 321234 or email: [kath.ferry@pcp.co.uk](mailto:kath.ferry@pcp.co.uk) no later than 16/09/2015.

Finally if you would like to support the work of the Charity by becoming a member please contact Carol Gaskarth on 01325 321234 for an informal chat. PCP services and projects are developed to meet the needs of communities so we actively encourage local people and stakeholders to become members and help shape our future direction.

## P.A.C.T. Meeting

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## PACT ON-LINE

Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team are to hold an online PACT event on Facebook on Thursday 03rd September at 6pm. Members of the team will be available to answer questions and offer advice.

The team will be able to be contacted either by commenting on the post notifying that the session is live or by sending us a private message on Facebook. Please feel free to contact the team during this time and be part of this event.

PCSO 7430 Gavin Laycock  
 Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team  
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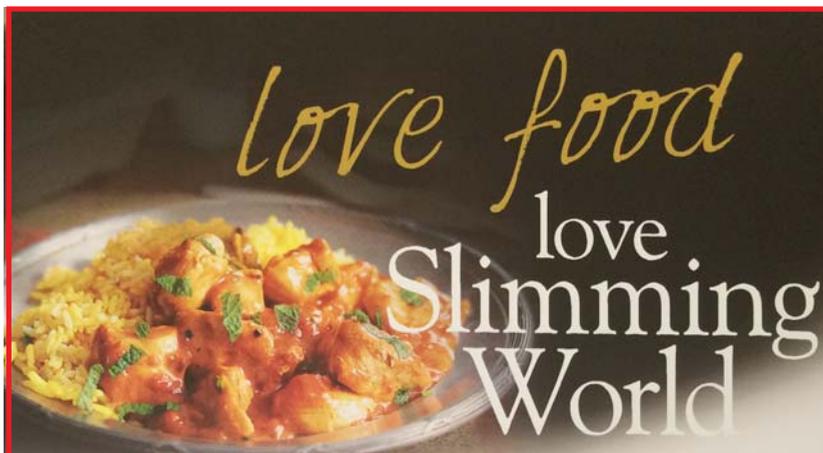
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## Enjoy a Film and a Cuppa for £2

There will be a "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 1st September, featuring "BIRDMAN OF ALCATRAZ" starring Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden, Edmond O'Brien and Telly Savalas. It is the rather fictionalised story of Robert Stroud, a rebellious American jailed for murder who becomes famous for his way with birds, his knowledge of them and their diseases. It is one of the less obviously feel-good films but it is a powerful drama with tremendous performances, especially by Lancaster. 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.

## Sign up for Adult Learning this Autumn



Need to learn new skills, find a new career, gain qualifications or build confidence? There's still time to sign up for an autumn adult learning course. Durham County Council's Adult Learning and Skills Service has places available

at hundreds of courses at community venues around County Durham.

Programmes range from informal tasters to Level 4 accredited programmes, with some courses available online so people can learn at a time and place that suits them.

Classes include maths and English at all levels up to GCSE equivalent, computer and technology courses and vocational qualifications in subjects including childcare, health and social care and business and administration. The service also offers apprenticeships at intermediate and advanced level in a wide range of employment-related areas including business administration, ICT, supporting teaching and learning in schools and customer service.

Colin Ellison, Adult Learning and Skills Service learning delivery and curriculum manager, said: "Our courses are very popular with a wide range of people - from learners who are looking to gain extra qualifications to those who are simply looking for a new pastime or the chance to make new friends."

"In fact, a recent survey of our learners found that 98 per cent would recommend the service to their friends and family. Our apprenticeships were given an 'outstanding' rating by Ofsted, with the service overall being rated as 'good'."

The Autumn Learning Guide is available to download at [www.durham.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.durham.gov.uk/adultlearning) or you can also pick up a copy at your local library or Customer Access Point. For further information on courses and how to enrol, contact the Adult Learning and Skills Service on 03000 266 115 or email [aless@durham.gov.uk](mailto:aless@durham.gov.uk)

## Town's LCA Charity Helps 200 Residents

Lifeline Community Action has supported over 200 people in just eight days by meeting their individual needs. Last week a Food Giveaway supported over 100 people with essential food for those who did not have enough money to feed themselves or their families. Then we took 45 children, young people with adults joining in the fun and activities at the Jonas Centre in the Yorkshire Dales surrounded by beautiful scenery, rivers and waterfalls.

The care-free activity centre allowed the adults time to slow down away from busy lives; the children enjoyed playing games, the bouncy castle and playing with their parents and friends.

The holidaymakers stayed for almost a week in Scandinavian styled self-catering log cabins without any worries or stress. They have thanked the volunteers for making this happen as without this they could never have experienced a holiday.

Some quotes were: "Me and the children are very grateful for this holiday,

it has given us family time to bond with each other'.

"We are very grateful for the family break we could never have experienced it without your support'.

"This holiday was great but the best part was being able to have fun with everybody' "It has been great to see the Jonas Centre full of activity and smiling faces. Thank you to the funders for making this possible"

A few days later we had a fabulous day trip to Newcastle to visit two of the North East's famous museums. It was a big success with 54 people filling the coach. There was plenty to see and do with over three floors in the Discovery Museum focusing on Newcastle and Tyneside's maritime scientific and technological inventions.

The Hancock Museum was also enjoyed by all viewing the world under one roof and growing collections of the Natural History of Northumbria.

In such high spirits everybody took to singing with joy travelling home in the coach.

## Get Speedy Healthcare Advice on Bank Holiday

The NHS is reminding people in Cumbria and the North East where they can access expert, confidential and quick health care advice over the August bank holiday.

People of all ages can save time in the waiting room by visiting their pharmacist for advice and treatment on a range of common illnesses or injuries.

Pharmacists are highly trained and fully qualified to give advice on all sorts of health issues including coughs, breathing problems, bites and stings, colds and sore throats.

They are easy to access, often locally based, you do not need an appointment and they are often open longer hours.

It is also helpful to ensure you have any prescription medication you need and a well-stocked medicine cabinet, for when GP practices are closed over the August bank holiday. This includes pain relief, anti-diarrhoea medicine, plasters bandages, thermometer, antihistamines and antiseptic cream.

Sheila Lister, Head of Primary Care for NHS England, said:

"Your local pharmacy can

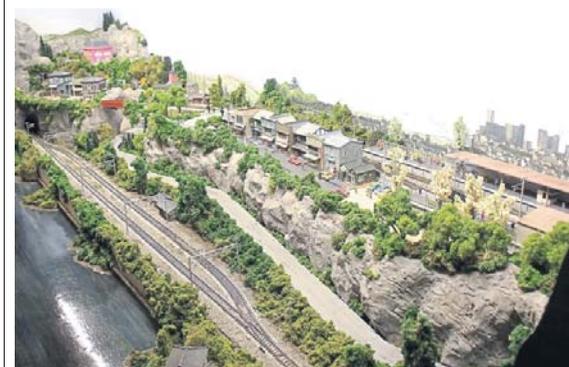
help you with more than you might think. Pharmacists offer expert, confidential advice and treatment for many minor health problems.

"As most GP surgeries will be closed on Monday we would also encourage patients to order any medication they need in plenty of time, so they have a good supply during the bank holiday."

Pharmacy opening hours in the Cumbria and the North east can be found on the keep calm website.

For information on walk-in centres, urgent care centres or minor injuries units please visit the NHS Choices website. Patients can type in their postcode on the website to find their nearest services. Aycliffe's nearest pharmacy open on Bank Holiday Monday is Tesco's from 11am - 4pm.

## MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION WILL AID YOUNGSTERS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY



Railway Modellers from as far away as Whitchurch in Shropshire will be bringing their layouts to the seventh annual exhibition organised by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe to be held at the Youth Centre, Burn Lane Newton Aycliffe (opposite Tesco) on Saturday 19th March 2016

Nineteen layouts have been confirmed in a variety of scales from "n" to "1" depicting railways from Great Britain and Europe and from Edwardian splendour to modern image. A special visitor will be a "Thomas the Tank Engine" layout. The exhibition also has attracted nine trade stands and presentations from three preservation societies. Doors open at 10am.

Refreshments will be available all day and there will be a tombola, free car parking and full disabled access will be provided.

Entry is £4 for adults, 50p for accompanied children and £3 for concessions.

"With six months still to go, it's clear that our next exhibition could well be one of our biggest and best yet" said Rotarian John Burrows this week.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the "Heel and Toe" charity caring for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy across County Durham and Darlington.

Further information is from John Burrows

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# Exceptional Student

Woodham Academy student, Corin Latham, celebrated a perfect set of GCSE results, achieving a top A\* grade in 12 subjects: Mathematics, English, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, History, Art, Religious Education, PE and General Studies. Having attended Newcastle University's mini-medical school during her time at Woodham Academy, Corin is well placed to fulfil her dreams of studying medicine at university. Next year she is going to Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College where she plans to study Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry, together with Fine Art. Corin's GCSE painting was a highlight of Woodham Academy's summer Art Exhibition and included a number of anatomical drawings of animals linked to her interest in Science, as well as a stunning seascape based on artist Maggie Hambling's work. Corin says "The teachers' feedback and support throughout my time at Woodham Academy



really helped". Her mum, Susan Latham, says "I'm incredibly proud. What an achievement!"

Stephen Russel Hair and Beauty in the Town Centre are celebrating raising £985.00 for Cancer Research. The team decided to undertake Helvellyn in the Lake District some 2,600 feet. All the money raised was donated by family friends and clients of Stephen Russel. The climb was very tough, but the hard work paid off and they raised a great some of money. The walkers also felt a great sense of achievement in finishing. "Our clients support never ceases to amaze us and we could not have done it without them" said Stephen in expressing his thanks to everyone.

# Open Bank Holiday Monday

The Cubby is open as usual on Bank Holiday Monday. Drop in for a cuppa and hot or cold snack.

# BRONZE AWARD & NEW SATURDAY SLIM CLUB

Jo Mackintosh from Newton Aycliffe has won a brilliant bronze award for the exceptional work helping 50+ people in the area lose weight every week and will launch the first ever Saturday group in Newton Aycliffe in early September to reach out to more people.

Jo became a slimming consultant in January 2014 and says: "I am delighted to have received the 'Bronze' award on behalf of the Jubilee Fields - Shildon group. I feel passionately about helping people to transform their lives by losing weight in the same way that I did when I lost 4½ stone with Slimming World in 2013."

"Losing weight made me feel happier and healthier and gave me so much more confidence. I became a Consultant because I wanted to share that feeling and help other people to achieve the same success I had myself. As a working mum of two I know how hard it is to make groups during the week, and because Slimming World wants to make our groups as accessible as possible, I am absolutely thrilled to be given the opportunity to launch the first ever Saturday morning group in Newton Aycliffe".

Jo who was educated at Byerley Park and Greenfield believes she has a fabulous job making great friends with members.

27.4% of adults in County Durham are suffering a range of weight-related health problems from diabetes to heart problems and feelings of low self-worth that impact on their working and

personal lives every day. So anything that helps people to lose weight by adopting healthy eating habits and becoming more active is making a difference – both to themselves and future generations of children, too." To join the Newton Aycliffe group, which is held every Saturday at 9:30am at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, either pop along or give Jo a call on 07540 098529.



Joanne before



Joanne after

# Local Band Perform Nationally



Midnite Blue Band were first to entertain at Tesco's "Rock the Shop" event recently. The musicians were Jeff Spence, Vocals and Harmonica, Willie Holdsworth, Bass, Kev Teasdale, Drums, and James Fallon, Guitar. They are playing locally and nationally, with bookings at The Mulberry Club in Twickenham this week, followed by Blackpool, Morecambe and two spots at the Colne Blues Festival next weekend. Contact: 07814 965724. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/midniteblueblues?fref=ts>

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**Closing Date for Applications:**  
Noon on Friday 11th September 2015

**Date of interviews:**  
Tuesday 15th September 2015

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# Liniv Could Not Deal with Leak for 5 days!

## Stressed Pensioner Calls MP

An incident occurred last week where a lack of consideration for vulnerable people was allegedly demonstrated by Liniv.

A 78 year old lady living in a bungalow in Sharp Road reported her toilet pan was overflowing when flushed. This was on a Thursday and she was told nothing could be done until the following Tuesday as it was not considered to be a priority. She was told to turn the water off and wait!

Meanwhile the water had also flowed into her next door neighbour's house and was causing quite a bit of stress to both pensioners.

The lady contacted Newton News and our MP Phil Wilson who moved quickly

by contacting Liniv. A plumber was sent out immediately to solve the problem.

The elderly lady and her neighbour are grateful for our MP's intervention and wish to thank him.

However Liniv's version of events differs and their Contracts Manager told Newton News:

"The repair was reported at approximately 8am Thursday 20th August 'Water constantly running in cistern'. The repair was issued after arranging an appointment with the tenant. Following a further call from the tenant the appointment was brought forward and attended to on 20th August in line with Liniv's procedures."

# Two Aycliffe Angels Return to Former Munitions Factory Now a Leisure Facility



Instructor and children at the fun climbing wall, designed by Gary Finley (right) shown here with our MP Phil Wilson and his father John and sister Julie..

# UNBEATEN RUN FOR HUNTSMAN F.C.

The Huntsman's solid start to the 2015/16 continued on Sunday, with a convincing 9-1 victory away to BA Bay Horse. A 20 man squad provided a major selection headache for Manager Neil Dodds, who in the end opted for an unchanged side.

A fast and high intensity start was rewarded 10 minutes in when Reed Molloy was slipped in and the top scorer finished coolly into the bottom corner to give the visitors the lead.

One soon became two and it was Molloy again who bagged his second of the game following some good work in midfield.

Bay Horse responded and a defensive mistake allowed them a great chance down the right hand side which ended in the opposition striker making no mistake, looping the ball into the top right corner to make it 2-1. The away side didn't panic however, and it was Dave Neale who popped up in the box with a powerful header to give the visitors their two goal cushion back.

A great piece of work from Cal Farley on the edge of the opposition box led to a free kick in a dangerous position. Up stepped Molloy who bent

the ball round the opposition wall to give the visitors a 4-1 lead at the break.

You could forgive The Huntsman for taking their foot off the pedal after the break; however they continued to press forward and were rewarded with another goal as Mike Sproates scored his 2nd of the season with an excellent near post header.

It was then man of the match Molloy's turn again to grab his fourth of the game and 9th of the season, smashing the ball high into the opposition net from close range.

6 quickly became 7, as a floated in corner was nodded back across the box where Dave Neale was waiting with one of his trademark back stick runs to head home.

Sproates then added another curling in the bottom corner, before Anthony Harrison came off the bench to calmly complete the rout with a finish from just inside the box.

3 wins from 3 and 19 goals scored is a great start to the season. Next is a trip to Witton Gilbert in the County Cup on Sunday 6th September.

By Craig Woodhead

Aycliffe Angels Joan Davies (89) and Vera Stobbs (91) were Guests of Honour at the Open Day last week of the new leisure facility "ROF 59" on Durham Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

This remarkable £1.1m amenity was a former ammunition factory in the second World War and was bought by Finleys Steel of Aycliffe to provide this exciting themed centre for recreation, dining and social activity for all ages.

It houses the largest and highest climbing provision in the country and will attract everyone from beginners to experienced rock climbers who will hone their skills at Aycliffe

Undoubtedly the young people of the town will also make good use of this indoor climbing centre for fun. ROF 59 is an ongoing project and in the coming weeks will open trampolining and other activities in the 65,000 square foot premises.

The Blitz Restaurant is already attracting regular clientele with its high quality food obtainable at very reasonable prices served by top chef Arturas Lapinskas formerly of Rockliffe Hall.

The Bunker Bar is tastefully designed and will complement the restaurant and provide a good night out for anyone seeking something a bit different from the norm.

Joan and Vera had a great time as the centre of attention, photographed and interviewed for radio and television.



Restaurant Manager Kim Fryer serves a scrumptious meal for an Hitachi employee



Dan Walls of Illumination Wall Art has been commissioned to paint the murals at ROF 59



Aycliffe Angels Joan Davies and Vera Stobbs



The Finleys with our MP, Vera and Joan



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# Neighbourhood Plan for Aycliffe Update

As you may be aware, Angela Corner the Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer employed by the Town Council to undertake the preparation of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, left on the 4th August to take up a permanent post in Middlesbrough.

Chrissy Walton will be the main officer for the Neighbourhood Plan, with technical assistance brought in where required. If you would like more information, you can contact her on 01325 300700 and she will be happy to talk to you.

The next stage in consultation is being prepared - 'Your Issues, Our Proposals' - and will be widely available towards the end of October, when residents will have a further opportunity to comment.

Diary date - On Thursday 1st October there will be a Neighbourhood Plan consultation and update drop-in session, open to all residents and businesses, at the Youth Centre from 4pm - 7pm. More information to follow.

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**Disappointing Aycliffe Loss Young People's Yoga Aycliffe Running Club**



After three successive wins Aycliffe went down to a single goal loss at Seaham Red Star. It was a disappointing result for a team who had made an impressive start to the season. Red Star's goal came after just 5 minutes when Liam McBryde headed on for Nicky Kane who sent his shot across James Winter's goal and into the bottom corner. Aycliffe had numerous chances to equalise starting with an effort just three minutes after the goal with Dennis Knight trying to chip the Seaham keeper who was able to stretch to get a hand on the ball. Knight had a penalty appeal turned down on 21 minutes after appearing to be tripped in the box. The second half saw many more chances for Aycliffe but despite the forwards' best efforts they were unable

to find the net. Aycliffe now have a tough away league game at FA Vase winners North Shields on Wednesday 26 August before returning to Moore Lane for the FA Cup tie against Morpeth Town. The "Highwaymen" currently lead the Ebac Northern League having played three wins and a draw in their first four games. However, with the prize being a first ever appearance in the First Round Qualifying of the Emirates FA Cup Aycliffe will want to give it their all. The winners will travel to either Brighthouse

**FIXTURES**  
**Saturday 29th August v Morpeth Town**  
(home FA Cup) 3:00pm  
**Wednesday 2nd September v Bishop Auckland**  
(away) 7:30pm  
**Saturday 5th September v Jarrow Roofing**  
(away) 3:00pm

Town or Atherton Collieries on 12 September. Admission on Saturday is adults £6, concessions £4. For FA Cup games our usual policy of under 12's being free does not apply & so they will pay £4.

Greenfield Engineheads, a group of young people who make things happen and have developed self-organised learning in Room 13, has been working hard to organise Young People's Yoga session to be held at Greenfield Arts Centre. The group found it was something that isn't currently offered to the local young people and is a great way to increase positive well-being in the community. They were tasked with putting their idea forward to local providers and have successfully raised funds in partnership with GAMP AAP and PCP. The group decided Dru yoga was the best style for this particular project as it

is suitable for all abilities and ages. It works on mind, body and spirit; improving strength and flexibility, building a heightened feeling of positivity, and deeply relaxing and rejuvenating the whole body. This will be a great way to decrease stress in young people and help them find an alternative outlet. Free sessions are suitable for ages 11 + and will begin on Wednesday 16th September 3:30pm - 4:30pm and continue for 6 weeks. Blankets and mats will be provided by the centre. No experience necessary. Contact us to book a place at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call us on 01325 379048.



Wynard Woodland Park was the venue for the penultimate event in the Summer Tees Trail series of 5K races. It was a pleasant late summer evening, but the slightly long course and the horrendous climb in the form of steps towards the end, made it a testing race and this was reflected in the generally slower times. Relative newcomer to the club, Richie Wade showed his worth and was first home for the club in 6th place in the time of 19:18. Martyn Knox, getting into his stride after injury was next to finish, 35th in 22:33, followed by John Burnside, 41st in 23:01 and Dave Blewitt, 47th in 23:21. Paul Stretton was next to cross the line, 51st in the good time 23:21, followed by Alan Wilks who was once again 1st M/65 and 55th overall in 24:17 and Cyd Upton, 62nd in 24:46. Susan Milburn had a strong run and was 1st F/55 and 81st overall in 26:04, followed by Kelly Smith, 97th in 27:18 and Trish Kay, 99th in 27:23. Super fit Penny Johnson ran up all the steps and was rewarded with the time of 27:27 in 100th position, followed by Yvonne Williams, running well to finish 163rd in 33:15 and Ray Todd, 166th in 34:26. On the same evening six of our athletes took part in the Durham Summer Cross Country Relays. The men's senior team finished an excellent 15th out of 74 teams. Total time 31:43. The senior women's team also put on a good show, finishing 18th out of 26 senior women's teams. Total time 40:52. The results were as follows :- Men's team - Mark Wade 10:32, Dez Fielden 10:27, John Surtees 10:44. Women's team - Michelle Jane 13:51, Michelle Zamir 13:27, Tracy Surtees 13:28. The following runners achieved PBs in the Sedgefield Parkrun. Denise Evans 29:32, Diane Nicholson 29:33 and Eve Doe 34:28. For more information about Aycliffe Running Club and their training sessions visit ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk

**Apprentice Joins Dance Academy**

Aycliffe Dance Academy is pleased to welcome new apprentice Chloe Hutchinson to the team. The Academy has been delivering dance and fitness classes in Newton Aycliffe since 2010 and is continuing to grow from strength to strength. Emma Cox, the Dance Principal is keen to expand the school giving local children in the area opportunities to learn and excel in the performing arts industry and is thrilled to have Chloe on board as her first apprentice. She will be working alongside Emma and Lifetime Training coaches to gain a Level 2 Qualification in Fitness Instruction along with many other dance and exercise qualifications. Chloe has just completed her education at Woodham Academy and after receiving excellent GCSE results is ready to start the next chapter in her life. She has always wanted to be a dance teacher and is delighted to be given the opportunity to achieve her



Emma (left) with new apprentice Chloe

dreams. Chloe has been a dedicated member of the Dance Academy since 2010 and has assisted and taught many of their dance classes over the years. She is well loved by all of the children at ADA and is well known for her hard

work and commitment to the dance school which made her the perfect apprentice candidate. Everyone at ADA would like to wish Chloe the best of luck with her apprenticeship and the rest of her teaching career.

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*Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees*

**Wednesday 9th September 2015**

**Policy & Resources Committee, 7.15pm**

**QUESTION TIME**

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, and its Committees.

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Peter Summerhill was  
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# NO DECREASE IN DRINK DRIVING

The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) have expressed disappointment at the findings of the latest long term review of drinking and driving data issued by the government which shows a stagnation in progress since 2010. Drinking and driving data from 1979-2014 shows there were an estimated 8,320 drink-drive casualties in 2014 in Britain, up from 8,270 in 2013. This is the first increase in casualties since 2002 (1). More importantly drink-drive related deaths have remained unchanged since 2010. Neil Greig, IAM director of policy and research, said: "While good progress has been made over the years, we are very concerned that we may have reached a plateau and are not making much progress in further reducing alcohol related crashes. "The new government has a great opportunity to set the

agenda right at the start of the new administration and top of their list should be a consultation on reducing the

drink drive limit in England and Wales to align with Scotland and most of the rest of Europe."

# Wedding Vows Renewed



Scott and Linzi Nicholls of Aycliffe renewed their wedding vows on Sunday

16th August at the Jonas Centre. They have been married for 15 years and wanted their vows to be more God centred. It was a very moving Service as they dedicated their lives to each other once again. They were surrounded by people that love them, many of whom contributed to this very special day.

# Wedding at St. Mary's



Corey Reed married Sharna Kelly at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 22nd August 2015. Corey is employed by McDonalds and Sharna is a Health Care Assistant at Darlington Memorial Hospital. The Bride's sister Louise was the Chief Bridesmaid and other bridesmaids were Corey's sisters Chelsea, Jessica and Kayleigh. The Best Man's duties were shared between Corey's Dad and Shane Kelly, Sharna's brother. Flower Girls: Alexis Reed, Scarlett Reed and Jasmine and the Page Boys were Adam and Harry. The couple will begin their marriage living at Kimblesworth Walk, Newton Aycliffe.

## Births

**SMITH, Graham and Rachael.** Many congratulations on the birth of little "Bradley", born on 12th August. A beautiful little Grandson for me and cousin for Millie. Love you all, Mam xxx

## Thank You

**MARTIN SHIRES** would like to thank all his family and friends for the fantastic cards and gifts he received for his 50th birthday. Thanks for helping to make it a night to remember

## Birthday Remembrance

**STAN EVERIDGE** 29th August 1938. No card to write, no presents to give. Just memories to treasure. From your loving Wife Ann xx  
**STAN EVERIDGE** 29th August 1938. Dad. In our hearts and minds forever. Love and miss you every day. Lynn and Jeff xx

**STAN EVERIDGE** 29th August 1938. Happy birthday Grandad. Miss you so much. Lots of love, Katie, Bradley and Sean

**BETTY WHEELER** Remembering a dear Wife, Mam, Nanna and Great Nanna on your birthday, 3rd September. Remembering not only today but every day. Miss you so much. Love always, Fred, David, Pam, Ann, Kevin and all the family xxxxx

**MARGARET ROSE THOMPSON.** 27/08/15. This day is remembered and quietly kept, no words are needed, we shall never forget. For those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen and unheard but always near. To those who have a Mum, love her while you may, because we wish with all our hearts that our Mum was here today. From all your loving family

**STEVE STEWART** Another birthday without you. Love you forever, Mam

**DEMI HESLOP** 1st September 2006. As I whisper "Happy Birthday Demi", the tears begin to flow and just how much I miss you, no one will ever know. For life is not the same since the day we had to part, but until you are back in Mammy's arms, you will always be in my heart. Happy 9th birthday baby girl. I miss and love you so much. Love always and forever, Mammy xxxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** 1st September 2006. Wishing our beautiful Sister Demi was here today, even just for a while. So we could sing happy birthday little sis and see your beautiful smile. We love and miss you always. Happy 9th birthday froggy legs. Love, Shannon, Daniel, Megan and Lola xxxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** 1st September 2006. We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch. But God will take our greetings to the one we love so much. Happy 9th birthday sweetheart. Love always, Grandma and Granda xxxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** 1st September 2006. Thinking of you on your 9th birthday Demi. Love and hugs, Great Gran xxxxx

**DEMI HESLOP** 1st September 2006. Thinking of you Demi on your 9th birthday. Love you, Uncle John, Auntie Glennis and Uncle Bill xxx

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## In Memoriam

### Karmen

30th August 2005  
Ten years

To us you were special, always in our heart. Thinking of you is easy we do it every day, but the heartache of losing you will never go away. Miss you. Love, Mam, Nadine, David, Daniel, Owen, Ronnie, Karen and family

**STANLEY WADE** 29th August. In loving memory of our dear Stan. One year since you left us and so dearly missed. You would be so proud of your Great Grandson, Kian. Loved always. Your Wife Jean, Kelly, Richard, Bryan and Kian. RIP with Wayne and Karen xxxxx

## Congratulations

### Mark Slade



**Happy 50th Birthday**  
Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

### Mark Reay



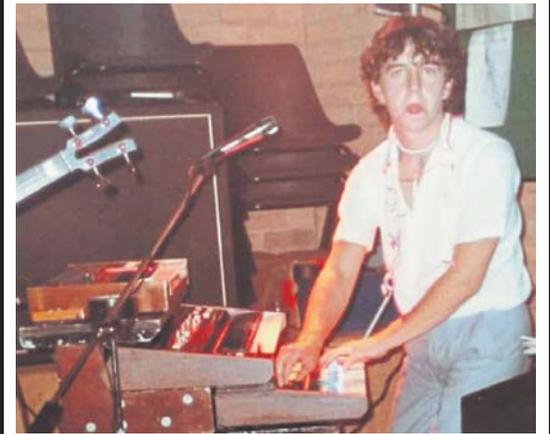
**Happy 40th Birthday**  
Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

### Ashleigh Cara Jones



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
enjoy your celebrations. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Carly, Benny and all your family and friends xxxxx

### Neville Jones - 30th August 2015



#### Happy 50th Birthday

Today you're turning 50, you're really getting on, We are going to party before this chance is gone, Soon you will be going grey, your joints will start to crumble, Your teeth will all start falling out, and all you'll do is grumble, Arthritis will stop your keyboard playing, to walk you'll need a frame, Your arms too short to read your texts, your memory just not the same, We hope you enjoy Ibiza, relaxing in the sun, Afterwards we'll party, with your friends we'll have some fun. So happy birthday Neville, for you we all adore, Let the good times rock and roll, and we hope for 50 more! Lots of love, Jo, Kids and all the family xxxxx

### Neville Jones - Happy 50th Birthday



... and we all thought you'd grow up to be a fireman!  
Lots of love, Mam, Deb, Gav, Ryan and Charlotte xxx

## Births

### Andrew and Wendy would like to welcome their 2nd Grandson



**Noah Richard Cassidy** born on 10th August weighing 8lb 5ozs to Katie and Neil, and a little brother to Joshua. All our love Mum, Dad, Clairey, Stuart and Jasper xxxxx

**JOSEPH FERGUSON** Fantastic "A" Level results. Have a brilliant time at University. We're very proud of you. Love you, Mam, Dad, Charlotte, Abigail, Nana and family

**CHARLOTTE FERGUSON** What an impressive set of GCSE results. You've done yourself and us proud. Love you, Mam, Dad, Joseph, Abigail, Nana and Family

**REBECCA DOYLE** Happy 18th birthday to Becky. Hope you have a great day and enjoy your meal. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Adam, Sarah, Craig, Noah and Peanut xxxxxxxx

**JOSEPH PENNINGTON** Happy 21st birthday. Love, Joy, Billy and family  
**KATY MAY PARSONAGE** 28th August 2015. Happy birthday. Love, hugs and kisses from Nana and Grandad Parsonage

### James Skerrett



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
Lots of love, Mum, Dad and Zoe xxxxxxxxxxxxx

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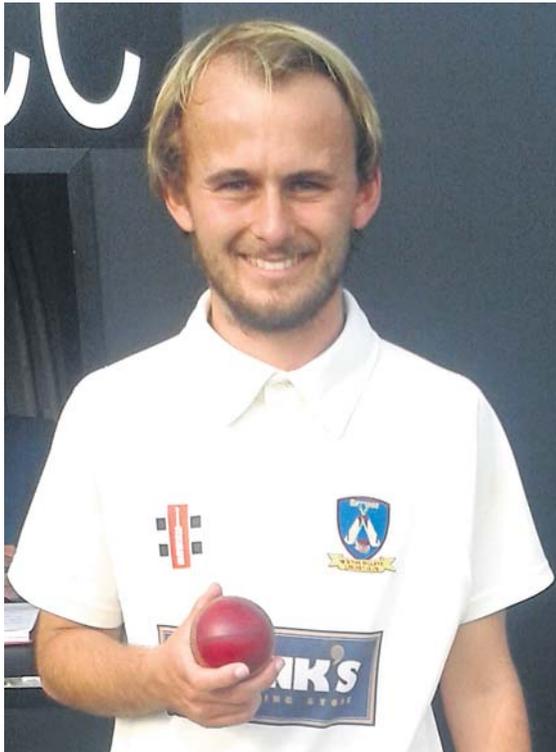
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# Aycliffe Bowler Takes all Ten Wickets for 4 Runs

## Holds Record in League's 122 year History

Saturday 22nd of August will live long in the memory for Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's Jack Slatcher as he became the first Aycliffe player to take all ten wickets in the same game when the 2nd team beat Yarm 2nds in the NYSD 3rd Division. His record breaking feat was completed in just 33 balls as he finished with the astonishing figures of 5 overs, 3 maidens, 10 wickets for just 4 runs. Although yet to be confirmed, it appears that the talented 20 year old swing bowler's figures were the best in the 122 year history of the NYSD League.

What is even more remarkable was that Jack (sponsored by Mr & Mrs



Greaves) only started playing cricket last season, but has quickly established himself as a competent opening bowler and is currently the leading wicket taker in the NYSD 3rd division. His total wickets for this season currently stands at 57, which is also an Aycliffe club record for the most wickets in a season by a 2nd team bowler. The game itself also produced other records

as Newton Aycliffe won by a 2nd team club record victory margin of 193 runs. Yarm won the toss and asked the home-side to bat first as Aycliffe scored an impregnable 226 for 6 from their 50 overs. Captain Adam Gittins top scored with an unbeaten 73 and in the process set a new 2nd team record for the most runs in a season with his total now currently standing at 518. Other contributions came from John Wardle (43), Patrick Howe (32), Joe Haines (21) and Danny Weldon 21 not out. Thanks to Slatcher's amazing bowling, Yarm in reply were very quickly skittled for just 33 after 10.3 overs. Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store, achieved their fourth straight win over Darlington RA 1st XI this season, this time with a comfortable five wicket away victory in the NYSD 2nd division. The home side were bowled out for 178 after 49 overs thanks to good bowling from both John Cavanagh (3 for 46) and Luke Telford (4 for 49). In reply opens Tom Young, who scored 45 and John Cavanagh (sponsored by CVO Fire) with 37, got Aycliffe to a solid start with a first wicket partnership of 69. Captain Chris Palmer then chipped in with 20 and an unbeaten 24 from Stephen Sweeney helped to see the visitors to victory with more than 15 overs in hand.

# HEIGHINGTON AFC BOYS REPORT

Heighington Under 8s returned from their 4 week break with a bang this week against Darlington 21st All stars Colts. The boys played 3 x 20 minute games. Maddox Marcus was taken off injured early in the first game, his replacement Jay Bulch netted the only goal of the game a brilliant solo goal finished expertly with his left foot in to the top corner. Man of The match award when to Layton Collier for a great game at left back

The second game was also a tight affair and at 0-0 Layton Collier was sent on for the injured Thomas Graham for a wonderful 3 minute cameo in which he scored twice. Man of the

match award went to Tyler Gibbon

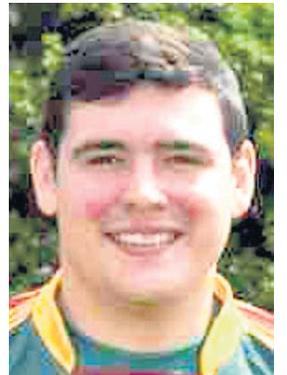
The third game Heighington ran riot winning 5-0. Thomas Graham grabbed 2 as did Skipper Joe Neild and Ty Woodward grabbed the final goal after a fantastic run and finish. Man of the Match went to the whole squad for this game. Heighington now have 2 friendlies before their season kicks off on 13/9/15 all the kids, coaches and parents are raring to go. All age groups are looking for new players, so if you would like to get involved with any of our teams please contact David Brassell on: 07870 777779 or david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk

# Rugby Opener vs Barny

Newton Aycliffe RUFC have confirmed their first team Captain for the coming season. Former Mowden Park forward Andrew Littlefair has been given the honour which he duly accepted and will lead his side out against visitors Barnard Castle this Saturday. Kick off 3pm at Moore Lane. Andrew was awarded the Newton Aycliffe RUFC's Players Player Trophy at the end of last season - the most prestigious award for any Aycliffe player to receive. He has brought a wealth of experience in back row play and leads by example. The club wish Andrew luck for the new season.

The season opener against Barnard Castle is the start of the Durham County Junior Cup. It is hoped the community of Aycliffe will come down and watch the boys in action. Refreshments will be available pitch-side. The Sports Club bar will be open to all supporters. So get down for some real rugby union action bring the kids, you never know they may be inspired to play!

The following day the club is holding a family fun day on bank holiday Sunday for the players and family and friends. Tickets are still available at £5 for adults and £2 for children. BBQ food is included in



the price as well as fun and games and bouncy castle. Any remaining tickets are available from the sports club bar.

The Durham Northumberland Division 3 league season starts the following Saturday away to Washington. Ko 3pm. Supporters are more than welcome to go and watch. In order to help the community of Aycliffe to follow the town's only rugby club you can follow their season on the club's website www.pitchhero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe You can also follow and like the club's Facebook page, Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club and we would love to hear from you. Aycliffe Rugby is sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service and The Mortgage Advice Centre.

# Darlo Learn from Defeat

After the wins of last week we went into the game against Workington full of confidence but ultimately lost 2-1 thanks to a fantastic late strike from the Reds' Conor Tinnion. However, we all knew that this league was going to be more difficult than the last and, hopefully, we will be able to learn from these defeats.

Our next game is on Saturday and it's another tough tie away to Colwyn Bay (Llanelian Road, Old Colwyn, Conwy, LL29 8UN) who came back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Salford on Tuesday night. The Bay and Workington are amongst those teams expecting to be challenging at the top end of the table along with Bank Holiday Monday's opponents, Blyth Spartans. Well no-one said it was going to be easy. The Spartans, at time of writing, are the league's pacesetters winning all of their opening fixtures and sit proudly atop the table on 12 points with Darlington in tenth on six points. A big crowd is expected on Monday for what should be a very good game. Kick off is at 3pm at Heritage Park (adults £10, concession £7 and children £4) see you there.

This week's FA Cup draw gave us a home draw against league opponents, Hyde United. The Cup game takes place on 12 September and just seven days later the two teams meet again at Heritage Park for the league fixture. Football, eh? It's a, well, you know.

The next meeting of the Darlington FC Newton Aycliffe supporters group will take place on

Wednesday 9 September, that's the day after the Ramsbottom home game, at 7pm in the Iron Horse. As ever, all are welcome. Keep the faith.

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