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Proposals Finalised for Great Aycliffe Plan
Residents Need to Show Approval



A drop in event held last Thursday at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, to inform residents about progress on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan and to launch the next stage of the consultation process, was very successful. A steady stream of people visited throughout the evening with many spending time talking to the people involved and asking a range of questions. Valuable feedback was received on a number of items including the results of the Heritage and Character Assessment which is being collated. The 'Your Issues, Our Proposals' consultation was launched at this event, which is the next key stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process. After lengthy investigations on your comments from the original town-wide questionnaire, a number of options and proposals have been developed for your consideration. The full document has been included in this week's edition of the Newton News and we value your comments. There are a number of drop off locations throughout the Town where you can leave your completed forms. In



Newton Press printing the GANP Document

addition you can find an electronic version of the survey via the following link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreatAycliffeNP> or by visiting the Town Council's website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

Dear Sir,
May I through the Newton News give my personal thanks to my special friend Joan Clark who has just stepped down as Chairman and Trustee of the Agnew Community Centre for personal reasons. Joan has only been with us for a year but in that time has been

the driving force in gaining grants and initiating many projects with her skill, drive and passion.

Joan shared with me many dreams for the Agnew and some of those are still in the embryo stage but will stand in the future as her personal testimony to our Community

Centre. It is with great personal regret and sadness to have Joan leave us without the opportunity to see our shared dreams come to fruition.

I wish her happiness in the various volunteer work she does and in her personal life.
Ron Mitchie,
Secretary, Agnew C.C.

Greenfield SOLE Room - One of Seven in the World



learnt how to use the computer and Internet by themselves.

He launched our new learning space in February 2014, funded through his 2013 TED Prize. Designed to be very different to a normal classroom, the room has an 'outdoor feel' - including artificial grass - and unusual seating and decoration to make it an attractive and social space to spend time in.

If you, your school, college or workplace would like to take part in a SOLE session in our Room 13 please contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Greenfield Arts at Greenfield Community College is the proud host of the SOLE Room 13 space, one of 7 in the world. We work with Greenfield Community College students and Professor Sugata Mitra, who won the TED prize in 2013 to explore self-organised learning.

Professor Mitra recently visited the space to see how our ground-breaking research was getting on. Two local primary schools visited to take part in SOLE sessions, Byerley Park Primary and Etherley Lane Primary. Professor Sugata and he gave them a real challenge and asked an A Level Humanities question! "Explain why traditional measures of economic activity such as GDP do not reflect the quality of life in a country."

Byerley Park have been taking part in SOLE's sessions with us for over 9 months and the group were asked what they think of Self Organised Learning and how it works for them, saying "it's all about trust".

Greenfield is one of two schools in the UK (the other is George Stephenson High School in North Tyneside), alongside five other sites in India, that is part of the on-going research over the next three years into how children learn using the Internet in groups, called SOLE. (Self-Organised Learning Environments)

TED Prize 2013 winner Professor Mitra set up his first 'hole in the wall' experiment 15 years ago, knocking through a wall in his office

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Thursday 5th November 2015

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7.15pm - Fireworks Display

This event is FREE, however those wishing to attend must apply for a wristband.

To be eligible for a wristband you must:

- Reside in the Parish of Great Aycliffe
- Supply proof of your address with a utility bill or driving licence

One person may apply for their families wristbands, please note limited number of wristbands are available.

You will be able to apply for your wristbands by bringing the above documents to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on:

- Saturday 17th October - 10.00 am until 3.00 pm
- Tuesday 20th October - 5.00 pm until 8.30 pm
- Wednesday 21st October - 10.00 am until 1.00 pm
- Thursday 22nd October - 2.00 pm until 6.00 pm
- Saturday 24th October - 9.00 am until 12 noon
- Monday 26th October - 1.00 pm until 3.30 pm

FIREWORKS SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

Children of Great Aycliffe are invited to enter the Annual Fireworks Safety Poster Competition organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council. The Competition will be divided into the following age categories:

Pre-school/Nursery
Reception - Year 2 (ages 4 - 7)
Years 3 and 4 (ages 7 - 9)
Years 5 and 6 (ages 9 - 11)
Years 7 and above (ages 11+)

Any medium may be used in the creation of the poster, i.e. crayon, paint, felt tip, collage etc., and to a maximum size of A3. The theme of the poster should be fire and firework safety.

Please note that all entries must be received at the **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, no later than **5.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2015** and should have written **clearly on the reverse of the poster**, the child's **name and home address if made at home, or, school name plus age and school year/class of the artist if made at school.**

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe will present gift vouchers to the value of £20.00, £15.00 and £10.00 (1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively) in each of the age categories at a presentation in the Function Room of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Thursday 19/11/15. Winners will be notified by post by Tuesday 10/11/15.

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PCP, had this to say: "Having grown rapidly over the last few years, we at PCP feel it's essential to focus our service provision on what our communities need to enrich their wellbeing in a broader sense. This will be our first piece of engagement work in this area and we're hoping it will give everyone a chance to feed in to the future direction for PCP." All residents are warmly invited to fill in the online questionnaire available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D8FBXPY>

New Organisation Launched



Thursday 1st October 2015 marked the beginning of a new chapter for our charity organisation. Newton Aycliffe MIND ceased and The Hub of Wishes began. The re launch saw an excellent turn out from the community and our centre was opened by The Mayor of GATC Mary Dalton and MP Phil Wilson.

The Hub of Wishes was dedicated to the memory of our former manager Muriel Gordon, and her husband David Gordon and members of her family unveiled a plaque in her memory.

The day was a great success and Chairman Peter Hillary spoke of our future plans to make our organisation stronger and more successful as we are now running independently.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite new members to come along for a cuppa and a chat we are also looking to recruit new volunteers for more information drop in or phone 01325 300121

May I thank everyone who has supported us in the past and hope for continued support in our new venture Vicki Lawrence CEO Joanne Howe AEO



Death of Butterwick Hospice Founder

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mrs Mary Butterwick OBE, who founded Butterwick Hospice Care in 1984. Mrs Butterwick, aged 91, who had been frail for some time, died peacefully in the Hospice on 1st October. Butterwick Hospice Care Chief Executive, Graham Leggatt-Chidgey said: "As conscious as we are that



we have lost our Charity's Founder, Mary was also a much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother and our thoughts are particularly with her family at this time. Although Mary had not been actively involved in the direction and management of the Hospice for some twenty years, she always maintained a keen interest in its work. She leaves behind a magnificent legacy arising from her vision, personal sacrifice and tenacity in establishing the Hospice 31 years ago which will continue to benefit the local population for many years to come. We are placing Memorial Books, for members of the public wishing to record their personal condolences, within the Hospices in Stockton and Bishop Auckland which will be available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday."

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Film Show

The next "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 13th October, features the musical "YOUNG AT HEART" starring Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Gig Young and Ethel Barrymore Songs by such as Gershwin, Porter and Johnny Mercer like "Just One of Those Things" "Someone to Watch over Me" "One For my Baby" "Ready Willing and Able" and, of course "Young at Heart" make this film memorable, and top it off with the beautiful "You My Love". This is a Feel Good film for the incurable romantics, and who wants curing of that. 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.

Parliament Recognises S & D Railway Anniversary

Looking Forward to the 200th Anniversary

On Wednesday September 16th, 2015, Parliament recognised the importance of the Stockton and Darlington Railway to the world, and looked ahead to its 200th anniversary in 2025.

At the request of Phil Wilson MP, with the support of Helen Goodman MP, an adjournment debate was held in the Houses of Parliament to celebrate its 190th anniversary. Phil said: "The Stockton and Darlington Railway was important to the economic success of the North-East and to community pride in 1825, and with the right support and action, this world-class heritage site can be as important again. Work has already begun, with huge community support, to rescue the remains of the line and give it the international recognition it deserves. Over the next ten years, culminating in the bicentenary in 2025, there are aspirations to create a long-distance walking route along the original line. This will link up a number of excellent museums and provide heritage-led economic regeneration for the area. In that same year, the Tees Valley hopes to be awarded the capital of culture accolade."

Helen Goodman spoke to argue for Shildon's claims to be recognised for its importance and that of Timothy Hackworth to the story. Jenny Chapman MP spoke on behalf of Darlington and Alex Cunningham MP spoke on behalf of Stockton. Junior Minister Tracey Crouch praised the 'fantastic' work of volunteer groups such as the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway to preserve the track bed. She gave every indication that we have government support for what we are all trying to do, and that there would be support for another debate in ten years' time for the 200th anniversary.

She said: 'It is great that so many local people are engaged with this fantastic site and realise that it may well have importance far beyond their local community... I congratulate all those involved in the 190th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway and wish them every success with their efforts to celebrate, preserve and promote this important aspect of our national story'. Next week the Memories section of the Northern Echo (Saturday's edition) will look at 'The First Five Miles' - a new book and guided walk about the Witton Park end of the line. The book will be launched next Saturday with an accompanying exhibition. Councillor Trish Pemberton, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway who asked Phil Wilson and Helen Goodman to arrange the debate said: "I cannot tell you how happy all of this



makes me. All the community groups working so hard to preserve and protect and interpret the line now have recognition at the highest levels in parliament which will help us achieve our long-term goals for the line. The economic regeneration it will bring should benefit everyone in our local area, as well as Darlington and Stockton. Anyone interested in getting involved in one of the groups can contact me and I will point you in the right direction. There is a huge amount to do over the next few years and there

is something for everyone. Shildon's long established Local History Society and the Brusselton Incline Group will be at the heart of it".

Table Top

Heighington Scout Group are having a Table Top Sale on Saturday 7th November. 10am - 2pm. Bacon sandwiches, soup lots of great stalls and crafts. 50p entry includes tea/coffee. Tables available £7, to book please contact vcraggill@live.co.uk

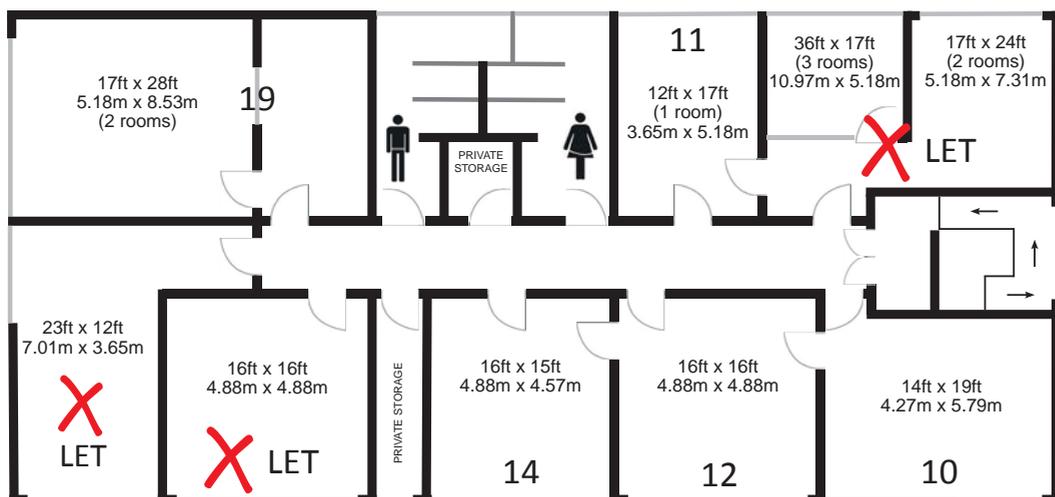
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Students Coach in USA Summer Camp



Over the summer, four Woodham Academy students embarked on an opportunity of a lifetime, they spent 3 weeks on and American summer camp. They stayed at Camp Cody, on the shores of Lake Ossipee, in New Hampshire, USA, where they volunteered their time to help coach young campers from all across America, as well as experiencing some American Culture! Students were asked to apply for the four positions to go to Camp Cody. They are asked to complete a formal application and attend an interview, and those successful candidates embark on a training programme to teach them new skills and help assist them whilst out in America. This is the 7th consecutive year that Woodham Academy has sent students over to Camp Cody. The students found themselves immersed in camp

life within a few hours of being on site, working with their fellow 'Counsellors in Training' and experienced Counsellors to support in the delivery of high quality sports coaching sessions as well as assisting with campers at night time. Danny Ketch, who led the trip to Camp Cody commented, "Our students have been fantastic at Camp, they have made a great impression on the staff at Cody, their peers and more importantly the children that they helped with. We are very proud of how well they represented the school and themselves." The travelling group finished their 3 weeks in America with an afternoon in Boston, seeing the sights and squeezing in a bit of last minute shopping! Although it was difficult for students to leave their 'Cody family' behind, they all hope to return next summer.

Labour Party Needs Younger People as Councillors

Dear Sir,
In January 2013, The Communities and Local Government Select Committee, reported "many younger people were reluctant to stand in local elections - average age of a councillor being about 60".
So what can we do to attract younger members to mainstream political parties? Of course with age comes experience; but with age also comes death! The problem in Newton Aycliffe is not that we have a dominant Labour Party; we have cemented that dominance with good governance. The problem is that we are all growing old together. The surge in Labour Party affiliate membership (those who wished to vote in the Labour Party leadership election) led to some becoming full members, but few are interested in spending two or three evenings a week closeted in meetings with their elders.

One needs to ask is it rational to expect youngsters to want to spend their evenings discussing financial planning. Or to assist and empathise with upset constituents complaining about cars parking on grass verges. Realising that that is a battle long lost, however distressing. Putting one's head above the parapet is not every ones idea of public service.

The Select Committee considered increasing councillor allowances, to attract prospective councillors. That would not be popular with the electorate. For those interested in serving their town, here is how things work. The town is divided into three, for electoral purposes viz. Aycliffe East, North and West. Those are the town's County Council boundaries.

There are branch meetings nearly every month. Each area is also subdivided into Town Council wards. There are Town Councillors (30) and County Councillors (7) elected every four years. We are paid an Attendance Allowance. Town Councillors receive about £70 a month. County Councillors receive about £300 a week, plus other benefits.

County Councillors become increasingly anxious about reselection. Some who join the Party just wish to be a member having no wish to attend branch meetings nor stand for election. I am the current Aycliffe East Membership Officer. This role has never been considered to be of any importance. There has never been any genuine desire to attract new members. I wish to change that.

If you wish to join the Labour Party and you live in the East, please contact me and I will guide you, personally paying 50% of the first years subs for the first two bona-fide younger townspeople who join us. Why has the membership been allowed to decline? I offer an honest opinion about that.

It has never been in the interests of councillors to attract new members. Too many new members would

mean that when it came to selection time, the few families and their acolytes that dominate the meetings of a dozen or so members (some only turning up for selection meetings) could face a problem reselecting themselves. This has led to stagnation.

We are mostly aged 65 and older. Eventually there will be a vacuum; we were unable to muster sufficient candidates to stand for our Party in the seats contested throughout the town in the last GATC elections. Before I retire as a councillor - and I do not regard myself as being particularly good, certainly not in the Council Chamber - I would like to see a situation where candidates are selected only on merit and not blood lines.

Where it is not considered to be acceptable to have a (or nearly) full-time job - without

making your intentions clear to the electorate pre-election that you intend to keep that full-time job. Then let the voters decide on the voracity of being a County Councillor earning a further £300 a week.

Last year, one County Councillor even boasted to me that they had not followed up concerns that I passed on to them, because they only attended County Hall 'infrequently'. That is not acceptable!

We cannot always rely on this being a 'Labour Town'. We need to earn the respect of the electorate in this modern age. By joining us, you can make a real difference to our town. If I have enthused any of our younger readers, please contact me.
derek.atkinson.labour@gmail.com
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01325 301395

Care Home Raised £600 on Sponsored Walk



Aycliffe Care Home had a fantastic day out at Chester-le-Street Riverside raising money for charity. Peter Barron, a resident in the home, joined staff and family members on the walk.

Claire Gauden - senior carer said, "I did this walk to help raise awareness and for those who don't have family."

Deputy manager, Christine White said "It was lovely to see so many people of all ages joining in. I did this walk in memory of people I had the privilege of getting to know and care for along with their families and loved ones. I dedicated this walk to each and every one and can't wait for us all to do it again next year." We raised over £600.

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Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association is a registered charity which was formed in the late 1970's to raise funding to build a hall for the use of the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts who were about to lose their Hut in Finchale Road due for demolition. The 2nd Newton Aycliffe Scouts also needed somewhere to hold their meetings, although they had use of the church hall at St Clare's it was not always available. Parents and other interested

people joined together to raise the necessary funding which was £3000, this amount would enable them to obtain the grants to complete the build.

The first group and Committee included our very own Jean Rutter, among many other parents and friends and they worked tirelessly to help the Scouts raise the money required. The money was raised by various means; a mile of pennies, raffles, monthly dances at Brafferton village

hall, coffee mornings etc and Jean Rutter one of our long standing members has baked more cakes than Mr Kipling! Initially only the building was owned by the association on behalf of the Scouts, but over the years the land the Hall stands on, the car park and the grass area adjacent to the car park has been purchased as funds allowed. The premises would, if the association were to be disbanded belong to scouting groups who use the hall and not the Main Scouting body, be it BP Scouts or SA. The Scouting groups have the free use of the hall and the facilities.

It was decided to include a licenced bar within the hall, as the Scouts Hut at Wheatley Hill had used this idea successfully, using the profits from the bar as funding for the running and maintenance of the Hall.

In the main this has worked well, and until recently the members have done bar duties and general maintenance on a voluntary basis. There has been difficult times in the past and at one time members rallied round to pay the bar bill and gas bill to keep the venue open. Hopefully these days are long gone and the club is showing a healthy bank balance.

We have recently had to employ bar staff to cover the weekends, as we were unable

to cover the hall opening times using volunteers. The Association is now in the process of raising further funds as we would like to add a small extension to the hall to house separate toilets for the young people who use the centre, and a better kitchen area. We have recently extended the social club area to increase the size of the 'engine' that generates most of the funds to run the premises; we have also installed a new floor and windows in the hall to make it a pleasant environment for a variety of uses.

The hall is available for hire at very competitive prices: £25 for afternoon hire, £35 for evening at weekends. The bar area can also be hired when not in use and has proved a popular venue. We currently have a vacancy on Tuesday evening if any group or organisation is looking for a venue for their activities please call us to discuss your requirements.

If anyone is interested, we need positive thinking, active, self-motivated people to join our association. Membership is only £3 per year and if you can spare an hour or so once a week or once a month this would be all the better as there is always work to be done! Tel 01325 318901 (answer message picked up at weekends) or Secretary: 01325 321084.

Woodham Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge



Woodham Academy recently launched its Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge, an annual event for Year 9 students. This is a unique opportunity for parents and students at Woodham Academy to find out more about the career opportunities available on the Aycliffe Business Park and other local areas.

The school is delighted to work with a group of business partners including Ebac, Livin, Tallent, Palram, Thorn Lighting and South West Durham Training. Students will work closely with their link company over a 9 week period and as part of the

experience students will visit the company with which they are linked. The experience culminates in a final event on the evening of Wednesday 27th November, where a group of students will be required to present their research in front of an audience made up of local company representatives, parents, students and a panel of judges.

This is one of many events which forms part of the Academy's CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) programme.

Mrs. T. Taylor, Assistant Headteacher comments "It is important that our young

people are fully aware of the opportunities and choices that are available to them post 16. This programme is unique to Woodham Academy and allows students to gain an insight into the job and career opportunities in the local area".

Woodham Academy is proud that over the last two years, every single student has moved into employment, further education or training. Opportunities like the Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge play a crucial role in educating students and preparing them for making those important decisions when they reach Year 11.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE ROTARY CLUB

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Students' Sculptures Raise Awareness on Speeding



Representatives from Greenfield College, Middridge Parish Council, the County Council and the Police in Middridge for the launch of the speed awareness campaign.

Keep your eyes peeled! The speed awareness sculptures created by Greenfield Community Arts College students, from both the Aycliffe site and Sunnydale Campus, in the Summer holidays, funded by the Great Aycliffe Middridge Partnership and sponsored by the Newton News, were on display in Middridge this week to help promote speed awareness through the village.

Other sites in the area will also be used to highlight the problem of speeding motorists in built up areas. Artist Vicky Holborough worked with the Transition Summer School participants from Greenfield Community College to use their creative skills to create 'life like' figures that can be placed outside to alert motorists and encourage speed awareness and



improved road safety in our area. After the success of this project Greenfield are now working on more ways to

collaborate and support the local police to creatively explore community issues – look out for more activity in October Half Term!

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 21st October 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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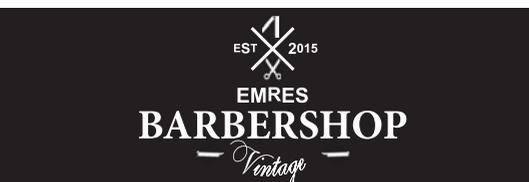
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STUDENTS RAISE OVER £1000 FOR MACMILLAN



In addition to the cakes and coffee on offer, the pupils ran a stall selling fresh produce which they had grown themselves in the school's new garden area. The children also held a competition where guests were invited to guess how many coffee beans were in the jar.

Last month children from Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School were busy raising money to donate to Macmillan Cancer Support, with the final total confirmed at over £1000. As well as hosting a coffee day, the children learnt why it is important to support charities and how donations of time and money are used. The event was organised and run by Y6 pupils and they fulfilled many roles to ensure the day was a success.

The work of Macmillan is now an integral part of the Y6 curriculum and children have benefitted from learning about

how and why it is important to offer support to others. Key learning tasks linked to the day included formulating adverts, generating fund raising ideas and planning an event. Throughout the coffee day parents enjoyed hot or cold drinks and had the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of cakes; the majority of which were donated by staff members or parents. The event was extremely well supported and visitors gave generously to the charity. To ensure the day ran smoothly, the Y6 children were on hand to greet visitors and help serve cakes and drinks to other children.

Brownies Help Refugees



After hearing about the refugee crisis across Europe and the rest of the world from Rev'd Debbie, the 6th Newton Aycliffe Brownies of St. Clare's Parish wanted to help in some way.

Rev'd Debbie explained that the refugees were cold, hungry, penniless and in desperate need of necessities. So, the Brownies collected men's clothes, dried & tinned food and toiletries (including nappies).

These will now be transported to the refugee camp in Calais, France. A big thank you to all the Brownies and their parents for helping with the collection.

Parking Problem Solved



Castlereagh Close residents called on local County Councillors Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper to try and resolve their street car parking problem. The Councillors carried out a number of site visits to establish the cause and this highlighted a number of issues such as too many cars for the narrow street, inconsiderate parking and lack of alternative parking.

After discussions with the residents a workable solution was identified which involved removing part of the green verge and extending the parking area to accommodate more cars. Resident Tommy Wright indicated this has improved parking and allowed cars wider access to get in and out of the street and everyone is pleased with the outcome.

Eddy and Kate said that, although this can be an expensive solution it has made life more bearable for the residents concerned and feel they have delivered a value added parking solution.

AYCLIFFE UTC TAKING YEAR 10 & 12 ENTRIES READY FOR SEPT 2016

UTC South Durham is recruiting now for entry into Years 10 and 12 in September 2016 when it opens. Parents and students can find out more at the UTC's Open Days on 14 and 17 October 2015 at the Xcel Centre, Aycliffe Business Park. Further information about the application process

and the open days is available on www.utcsouthdurham.org. Tom Dower, Principal Designate of UTC South Durham, said: "I understand parents' worry about their children finding a job when they leave education. UTC South Durham, like other UTCs around the country, will

prepare young people for the workplace. But the UTC is about more than just finding a job. It's about making sure that young people understand the wide range of roles, types of organisation and sectors available to them and are making informed choices

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

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- If your child is starting secondary school in September 2016 you must apply for a place by the end of October: ow.ly/T1oKq
- New DCC Families First teams are being set up to support children, young people and their families across County Durham: ow.ly/SSJqV
- A scheme for 20mph speed limits on roads near schools in the county has launched: ow.ly/T12wK
- Durham Humanitarian Support Partnership 'Position Paper' on the refugee crisis: bit.ly/DHSPReport
- Business Durham is gearing up for Oktoberfest, the North East's premier engineering & manufacturing trade show, Xcel Centre, 22 October: www.bit.ly/1YQFvNS
- Consultation on the latest stage of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan: bit.ly/GANPConsult
- Moving On is a FREE charity service which works with 16-25 year olds living in County Durham who face homelessness and need support to live independently: www.movingondurham.org.uk/
- Food Durham Annual Report: bit.ly/FDReport2015
- HealthWatch County Durham October newsletter: bit.ly/HWCDOct2015
- Hardwick Park Autumn Newsletter: bit.ly/HPAut2015
- Shildon Model Railway Club Autumn Exhibition, 10-11 October, 10am-5pm, at Locomotion Museum, Shildon: bit.ly/LocomotionOct2015
- Thursday 15th October is International Credit Union day. NE First Credit Union meets in St Clare's Vestry every Thursday morning 10am – 12noon: nefirstcu.co.uk
- Please help Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre prepare for Asset Transfer from DCC: bit.ly/NAYCCSurvey
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/Roadworks2Oct

NEWTONIAN CONTINUES SUPPORT OF CHARITY

A meticulously planned black tie Dinner & Ball meant to bring the curtain down on a fundraising campaign has spurred a Leukaemia suffering Newtonian to keep on raising money for the charity Bloodwise (formerly Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research). Paul McGeary was diagnosed with Leukaemia in November last year and through a series of campaigns and events organised by himself, family and friends, a target of £10k was exceeded in August when the #NotOneInch

group tallied up a superb £13k total. The charity ball was the brainchild of four Durham ladies – affectionately tagged the Heathers Ladies – Aimi Gibson, Hayley Whitehill, Jeanette Holgate and Melanie Winship-Lee, a former colleague of Mr McGeary's at Sedgefield Community College. The event was held at Durham's Ramside Hall last Saturday evening. 200 attended the event, compered by comedian Brendan Healy and included dinner, games, raffle, auction,

singing entertainment and a disco.

The Heathers group presented Bloodwise with a cheque for £6,200, bringing the #NotOneInch group total to a staggering £19,277. Paul McGeary said, "I am truly humbled by the efforts of the four girls and the amount raised double the amount expected. It is a testament to their hard work and dedication. "The evening went seamlessly and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves into the late hours."

McGeary now plans a small campaign to bring the total over the £20k mark before the year is out and in 2016 will be calling upon volunteers and ideas as the charity pushes to raise £25k.

Anyone with any fundraising ideas is welcomed to contact Paul on 07703 732342 or email at mcgearypaul@hotmail.co.uk A justgiving page remains open for donations and can be accessed at www.justgiving.com/Paul-McGeary2



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Hair Cut to Make A Wig for Cancer Victim



Ashley Hancock, 9 year old Vane Road pupil, had her long pony tail hair cut off for charity last week at Stephen Russel's Salon in the Town Centre. Ashley told Newton News: "I decided to cut my hair and donate it to the Little Princess Trust and make a girl suffering from cancer happy. I know they go through a lot and I wanted to give my hair to make a wig". Ashley sends her thanks to the hairdressers at Stephen Russel and everyone who has donated sponsorship money.

100% Attendance for Greenfield Student



Christopher Waters attended Greenfield Community College (Aycliffe Campus) from September 2010 until July this year, without ever having a day off. On Monday evening Christopher and his family were invited to attend a presentation at The Riverside Stadium Chester-le-Street to celebrate this fantastic achievement. They were joined by Executive Head Teacher, David Priestley and Assistant Head, Melanie Stubbs, who were proud to join Chris and his family as he was presented with the award from Karen Wight from Metro Radio. Chris gained six GCSE grades at C or above and has achieved his ambition to attend Askham Bryan College in York to study a Level 3 Course in Agriculture. From the day Chris started at Greenfield it was obvious that agriculture would be the career he would follow, and five years later, while the rest of his friends were making the most of the extended break in July and August, Chris was busy helping his dad to shear the sheep and manage the land. At one busy point he was actually sorting over 100 sheep in a day before rushing home and scrubbing up for the big school prom. And yes, you guessed it, he arrived in true farming style on a gleaming tractor!

Next week Chris will sit his driving test to drive a tractor, quite an achievement for a young man of 16.

At Greenfield we are so proud that every year we have at least one young person who gains this award. We know that good attendance is essential if students are to achieve beyond their potential. This has certainly paid off for Chris and we send him our warmest wishes as he embarks upon the next stage of his life.

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County Durham Furniture Help Scheme Open Day School Club Lesson from Tesco's



The Open Day was held this week at their Chilton premises. The Award winning scheme provides access for all to recycled and reused furniture and was originally purely run by volunteers founded by Chris Palmer of Newton Aycliffe. It is now a frontline charity delivering County wide welfare assistance and concentrating on recycling, volunteering opportunities and skills training.

Changes over the last six months saw Chris Palmer take his well-deserved retirement and Ray Brown become Chairman of the Trustees. Steve Mitton as CEO oversees the headline commercial development of CDFHS, business, training and employment, ably backed by Lee Heightley looking after sales and day to



day operations.

In conjunction with Durham County Council, Business Durham they have consolidated the warehousing into three units increasing the floor space to 18,297 sq. ft. The turnover has grown

steadily and to the end of March this year totalled £347,000. The first six months of this new financial year have seen deliveries of domestic goods alone top £100,000. CDFHS are delivering Welfare Support now

directly on behalf of Durham County Council, taking service to those needing the most support, who are pointed to us by a referral mechanism. Staff and work experience placements from a variety of providers grew to a high point of 75 in May. Part of the strategy is to develop partnerships such as NE First Credit Union and Cornforth Partnership. Every penny of our turnover has to be accounted for and our



financial management has been restructured to match and support aspirations and legal responsibilities. CDFHS has a retail venue in Chester le Street and works with Steve Wright the owner of Silver Fox to introduce a dozen local unemployed to this new venture.

We have formed a close association with NE First Credit Union firstly to test the response to our joint service offering and we worked together in the shop environment and from later this year have agreed to have a permanent collection point at CDFHS which will allow staff, volunteers and customers to access affordable loans and encourage savings.

We started providing a range of bed and now assemble new-ones on site.

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School Club Lesson from Tesco's



The children from Woodham Burn Out of School Club visited Tesco to take part in a 'Farm to Fork Trail' to find out where our food really comes.

The session was organised by Richard a member of the Tesco staff team who greet us on arrival at the store.

The children had the opportunity to be hands on during this educational visit and were eager to start. The children began by making fresh bread and learning about the ingredients they were using.

Once we had made the bread dough the children created their own bread rolls, we then places the rolls onto large trays and wheeled the trolley though Tesco to the bakery. Whilst we were in the bakery Richard told us all about the equipment they used and the processes they follow.

Next we headed to the fish counter to find out about the different types of fish sold and to look at them more closely. The children were shown behind the scenes of the Tesco store looking in the giant freezer, storage areas and staff areas.

A very BIG thank you to our Local Tesco Store and especially Richard for a fantastic visit, the children thoroughly enjoyed the session. The children loved the bread rolls which they ate for tea and we also had enough left to take home.

To find out more information about Woodham Burn Out of School Club please do not hesitate to contact Kendra on 01325 300080 or visit www.woodhamburnoutofschoolclub.co.uk

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Madathlon Team at Kielder DOG DIRT Sports Academy Induction



Kielder is billed as Britain's most beautiful marathon, and when you arrive there it's hard to argue with that. Set within the manmade forest is Kielder Water and it's around this huge reservoir that the 26.2 mile course runs. Over the previous weekend hundreds of competitors took part in various events including the 10k, half marathon, run

bike run duathlon, and the marathon itself. Volunteers from our local charity, Madathlon attended. Saturday saw Madathlon's Edd Gardiner and his team, Emma and Tricia, along with Helen Richardson and her team, Katie and Terry take part in the run bike run. An event covering the whole route with the first 11km run by the first team member, with the next 25km on the bike tackling tough terrain and plenty of hills! The third team member ran the final 6km to the finish line. Both teams put in a huge effort and did amazingly well. Sunday was the turn of the marathon runners, Dave Carr and myself (Rob Shields). We have both previously completed this marathon so had a good idea what to expect although I'm sure there were more hills than I recall! It was a challenging 26 miles but we dug deep and crossed the finish line together. Madathlon would like to thank everyone one for their continued support. We are currently working to provide defibrillators in the local area so all money raised is going towards potentially life-saving equipment. For more information on what we do find us on facebook and twitter or email us Madathlon@hotmail.com



Dear Sir,
As a follow-up to Jackie Connell's letter about the amount of overflowing dog poo bins in Aycliffe, I would like to make the Council aware of an incident which occurred on Sunday evening near Woodham Park. Whilst out power-walking with my friend Michael, deep in conversation, I trod on a rogue bag of faeces and slid over. The bin was already full, so dog walkers had been leaving the extra bags nearby. The whole ordeal was humiliating, and I needed to wash my cream cardigan twice. Luckily I did not injure myself, but it could have been a lot worse, especially if my friend hadn't been there to help me. I would like to say a big thank you to him, and hope the Council will take more care in emptying these bins in future.
S. Jordinson



The night of Tuesday 15th of September will live long in the memory for Woodham Academy year 7 students as they were inducted into Woodham Sports Academy and presented with their Academy contracts. The night itself was a huge success with students

and parents attending with pride as their sons and daughter received the recognition of their sporting talent. The contract signing means that students and the academy have roles to fulfil both for sporting performance, academic performance as well as behaviour. Academy Director, Mr Clough, says "The sporting contract is important as it gives students clear boundaries to work within for achievement in their subjects, maintaining high performance levels as well as following the academies behaviour policy. We believe that through sport we can target students to improve academically as sport instils certain values and beliefs that

are needed to be successful". Woodham has already seen the benefit of the Sports Academy as over 250 students have attended extracurricular clubs in the last two years. Not only have sporting academies flourished but so have students' results and achievements. Woodham Academy now has students who compete regularly at regional, national and international levels. What is more, year 11 results have been outstanding with 87% of students achieving 5A*-C including English and Maths. This is proof that sport is having a positive impact on students' achievements, aspirations and drive to succeed.

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Aycliffe Running Club



Redcar and Cleveland Council staged their 33rd annual half marathon. The course is flat, fast and traffic free starting and finishing on Majuba Road, Redcar. Despite the hot conditions, the club produced some good performances. First home for the club was Dez Fielden in 1:18:05, followed by George Dixon in 1:26:03 and Paul Stretton in 1:37:02. Dave Blewitt was next finisher in 1:41:00, followed by Jason Dixon in 1:43:04. Jodie McMaster was the first female finisher for the club in 1:49:01, followed by Trish Kay in 1:52:02 and Michelle Dixon in 1:53:20. Penny Johnson was pleased with her time of 1:53:50, which was almost 4 mins faster than last year's time and Angela Barrett was only 2 secs slower than her GNR time in 1:59:15. Bev Phillippo was next to cross the line in 2:05:29, followed by Susan Clark in 2:14:59, which was a PB and finally Craig Robinson finished in 2:26:46. Yvonne Williams chose to run in the Beacon 5K, a new event which starts a few minutes before the main race. Yvonne surprised herself with her time, knocking nearly 2 minutes off her last 5k of 3 weeks ago, recording 27:52. Finishing 3rd in her age category. On the same day John Surtees ran in the Prudhoe Miners 10K finishing 5th in the excellent time 37:49, whilst Colin Gibson was the only representative from the club to compete in the Tanfield cross-country finishing 531st out of 590 runners in the time of 56:21. Lee Wren won the Hackworth Parkrun in 20:17 and the following day competed in the Acorn 5K Trail Race at Acklam

and finished 5th in 20:29. Lee took his son Caleb along for the fun run and he also finished 5th. In the Sedgefield Parkrun John Surtees finished 1st in 18:32 and Eve Doe recorded a new PB of 33:32. Why not join us in our circuit training sessions every Tuesday evening between 6&7 pm non-members welcome. For more information about Aycliffe Running Club and their training sessions visit ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk

DISC & Honest John Now Open Weekends

DISC Furniture Scheme is to open weekends on Saturdays 9am - 5pm from this week and also Sunday 11am - 3pm next week. Honest John will also open, making his fundraising stall available to donors and buyers. This will be good news to those who have difficulty getting to this venue during the week. Honest John has donated £1100 to Jade & Oscars Angels; £500 to Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club, £450 to The Acorn Players, £400 to Newton Aycliffe Under 18's FC, and £300 to New Pathways Dementia Group. Honest John thanks all who donate goods for him to raise this cash and is currently raising money for DISC who help those in need with furniture.

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Few Spectators for Town's FA Vase Game



Three second half goals against a tough Barnoldswick Town team secured Aycliffe a place in the First Round Proper of the FA Vase. They will play away at Northern League Second Division side Chester-le-Street on Saturday 31st October. Once again Aycliffe took some time to get going on Saturday and had to survive a disallowed goal early in the second half. After 51 minutes Dennis Knight broke the deadlock with one of his speciality free kicks giving the keeper no chance. Similar to the FA Cup win at Barnoldswick's league rivals, Nelson, Knight's goal gave Aycliffe the spur they needed to get more. Fifteen minutes later Paul Garthwaite's tireless running paid off allowing him the opportunity to chip the ball into the visitors' net. The third came in the last minute with sub Jordan Laidler side footing the ball home.

Barnoldswick saw one player red-carded, several yellows & were annoyed at a disallowed goal, ruled offside. However, Aycliffe were well worth the win and deserved to progress. With the amount of Cup matches played in recent weeks Aycliffe have fallen behind on their league programme and will be looking to pick up points over the next few weeks in the six league games scheduled before the next round of the Vase. The biggest disappointment for Aycliffe was the meagre crowd which turned up for the FA Vase game. Just 81 spectators came to see our town's team play in a major national competition. That was a huge blow, especially to the hard working committee who had spent hours getting the pitch ready for the kick off. Hopefully, spectators will return sooner rather than later.

AYCLIFFE JUNIOR FOOTBALL

It was a busy weekend of league and cup action for Aycliffe Juniors this week. The under 8's advanced to the next round of the cup with a home win against Leven. There was some great football on display and goals shared between Rhys Galloway, Jake Smith (2) and a Harvey Lee hat trick leading to a 6-0 win. The second game wasn't as dominant and goals from Jake Smith and Jacob Galloway couldn't stop Leven winning this one 5-2. Men of the Match were Harvey Lee and Jack Lewis. This squad were looking sharp too in their kits kindly sponsored by Red Hot Heating (as pictured).



Under 9's were also in the league cup and progressed courtesy of a win at home against Greatham. Thomas scored in a quiet first half for a 1-0 lead at the break. In the second half the quality increased and when Reece's shot was parried away Lewis volleyed the second goal in to the net. Reece then scored himself after good work from Parker before Thomas completed a great hat trick with the fourth and fifth goals. Solid defence and quality goal keeping kept Greatham out and the game ended with a 5-0 win. Under 10 Russell Foster league team got another win after a hard thought game against Washington AFC Puma's. This was their eighth successive victory and should secure promotion from this division in the first of this league's mini seasons. Bo scored a hat trick, Evan got one from distance and Taylor drilled home a free kick to secure a 5-2 win. Herbie was the parent's man of the match with a fine display in goal and Bo took the players award. Under 10 TJFA side had a home draw in Round 3 of the league cup against near

neighbours Shildon. After a slow start Zack hit four goals in a superb Aguero style ten minute spell which gave a significant half time lead. Lucas added the fifth before a well struck Jake free kick hit the net for the sixth. Shildon's late consolation goal made the final score 6-1. The second game was a lot more even but good Aycliffe finishing led to a 6-2 win. After a challenging game last time out the Under 14's had an away trip, in the cup, to Stockton who are two leagues above the Aycliffe side. A spirited performance which was vastly improved from last week and included strong debuts from Tom and Lee wasn't enough for a win but showed promising signs for the weeks ahead. Under 18 Reds went through to

the next round of the challenge cup as Lewis Race and Ryan Peart scored in a 2-1 win at Shildon. The Under 23's couldn't build on last week's win and lost out at home against Norton and Stockton. Still missing players through injury they started sluggishly but created the best chances of the first half with Jack Oliver and Michael Howe's shots being well saved and the first half ended goal less. In to the second half and the failure to dismiss an away defender for striking Aycliffe captain Jack Slatcher seemed to unsettle the team. Three goals were then conceded with no reply and despite the hard working performance from Man of the Match Joe Young the others did not match this effort and they slid to a 3-0 defeat.

HEIGHINGTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEWS

Heighington Under 8s travelled to Thirsk Falcons this week in the 2nd round of the league cup. The boys advanced to the next round with a dominant 9-1 victory, Captain and Man of the Match Joe Neild bagged 6, Jay Bulch netted a hat trick, whilst Tyler Woodward, Layton Collier and Thomas Graham all had fantastic games. Oliver Paylor in goal had little to do but kept concentration well throughout. The second game Heighington drew 1-1, the goal coming from Layton Collier. Huge positives from this game, with Maddox Marcus continuing his impressive form in goal, Tyler Gibbon and Harry Surman showed some lovely touches, Harvey Yale was back to his old self and Kenzie White put in a man of the match display. Heighington u11s were at home in the Challenge Cup against division 2 side Trimdon. From when the whistle was blown it was obvious our boys were up for a win with two chances missed within the first 5 mins. The game was very fast paced and once the first goal went in, there was no stopping our boys resulting in a 9-1 win. Fantastic team work from all who played out of their skin. A faultless performance from all of the players including a hat trick from Callum Fraser and Owen Evans, 2 goals from Brandon Pape and 1 from

Alistair Garrow. Heighington Under 15's were at home to Division 4, Whinney Banks in the Challenge Cup first round. The away side scored first after a scrappy start to the match, but the home side were soon level when Adam Scott scored. There were further goals for Broden Forster and Ellis Plews. After half time the home side really stepped up there play and scored another 7 goals, conceding 2 themselves. Second half scorers were James Le Poidevin (2), Todd Steed (2), Adam Scott a further 2, and Captain Jamie Stapleton. MOM was Hat-trick hero Adam Scott

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AYCLIFFE 2ND XV FIRST DEFEAT

The latest game for the reincarnated Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club saw a step up in the quality of opposition with a combined Darlington 2nd and 3rd visiting Moore Lane. There were two more debutants in Adam Batley and Mark Wilson. Due to a shortage of referees, one of the Darlington players refereed the first half and Stuart McIvor officiated the second. For once Aycliffe did not concede a try in the first minutes, but the visitors had some quick backs and scored first. Aycliffe struck back with the best score of the game: Michael Welsh picked up from the back of a scrum and made ground before offloading to Michael Dunn, who fed Gareth Parsonage on the burst. When Parsonage was tackled, McIvor was on hand and found Dunn with a one-handed offload. Dunn released Connor Blakey into space and scored the try. Aycliffe's defence was under pressure, but the back three of Wilson, JJ Rudge, and Matt Parsons put in good tackles. The dam broke and Darlington scored three more tries, but Aycliffe could easily have scored two or three

of their own. Break 24 - 5. Aycliffe began the 2nd half in fine style as substitute David Judge and Darryl Pettit split the defence and Pettit scored in the corner. Darlington struck back with a score, but Aycliffe scored again with

Batley scoring against his former team-mates. With Aycliffe a man short due to injury, the lack of fitness told as Darlington scored 3 tries in the last 10 minutes to give them a flattering 64 - 15 victory.

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Every year, in the UK billions of pounds are spent on presents, food and decorations during Christmas. Prepare yourself and your budget for this Christmas, stop building credit card debt and find freedom in your finances with the LCA Money Course.

The course is free and runs for about three hours, introduces delegates to a simple system that is effective at keeping household finances on track and families living within their means.

Many families have attended the LCA money course this year alone with families learning to think about their budget in new ways and more importantly, sticking to it! Utilising the LCA system, many now have the confidence they need to save, budget and prevent debt.

"It has dramatically changed

the way we look at our finances, budgeting and saving. I now feel confident that I can provide for my family and even save for a holiday in the future!" said Robert.

Not only is this course a great tool for strengthening your budget, it is also about actively preventing the build-up of debt and stopping the on-going issue of poverty in our community. The system is a fun and effective way for your family and friends to engage with finance, no matter their experience. The course is open to everybody, as it is about bettering your understanding of your finances and recognising income and expenditure.

"I thought I was pretty good with my money, but after going through the LCA Money Course, I found loads of simple ways to be so much better! I know exactly where my money is going; I'm in control of my spending, I'm saving and I now know how to manage my finances work for me.

I can afford to put more aside for my wedding next year, and now I can pay for everything upfront, without resorting to credit!" said Sally, LCA Money Delegate

Join LCA during the month of October and together we can prevent poverty! If you are, or anyone you know is, struggling with finances then don't wait - call LCA Helpline on 07936 431262 or e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com for more information.

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Youth & Community Centre Consider "Asset Transfer"

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre are working with Durham County Council to take on a long term lease of the Centre in order to keep the facility available for our community well into the future.

This means that the Association (made up of volunteers) will be responsible for all future bills



Acknowledgement

BAILEY, Florence. The family of the late Florence, (Flo), would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind words, support and cards received since the loss of Flo. Thank you to everyone who attended the Funeral and for donations to Cancer Research UK in Flo's memory. We would also like to thank NHS staff, especially Bewick Crescent Surgery, Ward 51 DMH and the Respiratory Team for the care they provided during Flo's illness. Special thanks to everyone at Bethany House Care Home for caring for Flo at the end of her life. Thanks also to the staff at the Co-Operative Funeral Service, Newton Aycliffe for a professional and personal service which was a great comfort to us at this sad time.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: CALL FOR EVIDENCE DEADLINE EXTENDED

People in the North East are reminded that they are invited to take part in a review of public transport. The review is looking at the accessibility and availability of public transport in the area, and in particular whether people face any problems which prevent them from getting to work, school or college.

It is being carried out by the North East Combined Authority's overview and scrutiny committee and individuals and organisations are invited to submit evidence. The deadline for evidence to be submitted has been extended until Friday 30 October.

The committee is

particularly keen to find out:

- whether people can travel at reasonable cost, in reasonable time and with reasonable ease;
- the extent to which public transport gives adequate access to employment sites; and
- what alternative transport approaches could be considered that would support people in to permanent employment.

People are asked to provide evidence by email to overviewandscrutiny@sunderland.gov.uk

Anyone who is not able to provide information by email, or who has a general enquiry about the review, should contact the scrutiny team on 0191 561 1004.

and repairs for the building following the signing of the lease. This is known as Asset Transfer.

As part of the process we need to find out what services, activities and facilities residents need and how likely you are to use the centre in the future. Asset transfer refers to the shift in management and/or ownership of buildings or land from Durham County Council to the voluntary group running the centre..

This has been going on for some time in the county, known as Community Asset Transfer. Due to funding restrictions this has now moved to other centres like Libraries, Leisure Centres

and in our case the Youth Centre. For some time we have paid all utility bills, water rates and insurance for the building.

Durham Community Action has provided advice, support, and guidance to community groups across the county managing community facilities. This has helped many groups to take ownership and management of their facilities.

We would be grateful if readers would be willing to share your views with us by answering a short survey. You do not need to give your name or address. Alternatively request a copy by emailing us at info@naysc.co.uk

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Keith, Jemma and Mark Bailey welcome Emily Redshaw and Lisa Hayling (Sparkle Nails) to the team at the newly refurbished Hair and Beauty salon on the Aycliffe Business Park

Late Nights

Huntsman Stumble in Round of League Cup

The Huntsman welcomed 3rd Division bottom club Cockton Hill Club to Simp pasture Park on Sunday and were left humiliated as they crashed out of the League Cup at the first hurdle. David Neale replaced Lee Redpath who was unavailable and Anthony Harrison was rewarded for his 2 goals from the bench against the Rolling Mills with a start. Cockton Hill got out of the traps the quicker and were strong in the tackle, the Huntsman making mistakes all over the park. It was Cockton Hill who broke the deadlock after 10 minutes when the two centre forwards combined to slice open the defence before calmly finishing the one on one opportunity. The Huntsman continued to look lack lustre and an early double substitution was required to spark some life into them with Farley and Barnes introduced to give the midfield some bite. Man of the match Ryan Durr was providing some width from full back and top scorer Molloy went close when he headed a Durr cross straight at the goalkeeper; but they went

in at the break luckily only one down and were met by some harsh words. The second half started much better with tempo and bite added to their play. Neale and Molloy both went close with headers but it appeared as though they were never going to get the equalizer until the 70th minute when big centre half Stuart Ord met a Farley cross to head home to make it 1-1. The Huntsman never kicked on and sat back again welcoming Cockton Hill onto them, they could have quickly regained the lead had it not been for a superb save from Nathan Wintour who turned a point blank effort onto the bar. However Cockton weren't to be denied and a break down the left saw the ball squared to the centre forward who stroked home from 12 yards with what proved to be the winner. This week Huntsman welcome Shildon Timothy Hackworth to Simp pasture (KO10.30) which is their game in hand on the league leaders, a win will see the Huntsman go top on goal difference at this early stage in the season.

BEER FESTIVAL at the "TUB"

The Turbinia is running their second 'ocTURBerfest' from 22nd - 25th October. The last one proved so popular we have decided to make this one bigger and better. We start with 16 craft ales and 2 craft ciders, all chilled and served through handpumps. FREE entertainment all weekend, including Saturday nights band 'GROOVE TRAIN' & Sunday "BIG RED & THE GRINNERS" who are two of the best bands from this year's 'Stormin' the Castle' and have both played sell-out concerts at 'The Sage', Gateshead.

We are really honoured to have them both play at the Festival which will be held in both rooms, one with entertainment and juke box etc, and the other a quiet room just for the craic.

Thursday 22nd October - Preview day, all welcome
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Aycliffe Play Exciting Rugby

Newton Aycliffe RUFC visited the Headland in Hartlepool to play Boys Brigade Old Boys at their Friarage Ground. Aycliffe fielded a new front row, with Liam Kelly and Mark Affleck unavailable. Jeff Hodgson and Jamie Whelan both made their first starts of the season. Ryan Milford started at loose-head.

Aycliffe made a fast start, with the backline playing their usual brand of exciting rugby. James Thacker went under the posts within the first 2 minutes, slicing through the defence after some quick thinking from veteran club captain Warren Parsonage who took a quick tap penalty, putting the Hartlepool defence on the back foot. There was more decisive play to come, with all the backs sharing in a magnificent try for Luke Crossen, after he took a fantastic inside pass from stand-off James Cocks. The dominance of the backs was so evident the Hartlepool defence was left in tatters. From a solid set piece by the Aycliffe pack came a bullet pass from Warren Parsonage to Cocks. Hartlepool's defence, under the cosh for so long did not know how to react as they parted for Cocks to slip into the gap, before he sensationally stepped the fullback to score. Half time score 21-0 after Cocks kicked all three conversions.

The backline started where they left off with the ball moving quickly along the line to the openside wing. Crossen raced from his blindside wing to loop round and receive a lovely pass from Jonny Griffiths to score in the corner. For 20 minutes BBOB pressurised Aycliffe. Paul O'Donnell, Niall Kelly, Neil Morgan and Andrew Littlefair tackled like men possessed, thwarting wave after wave off Hartlepool's marauding forwards, who used the rolling maul to great effect.

With Aycliffe's scrummage under pressure from a well drilled BBOB pack, Bob Malvern came on and settled the ship. However, it was the sublime hooking skills of Jamie Whelan that moved the ball quickly away from the danger area, blunting BBOB's attacking edge at the set piece. BBOB's purple patch wore down and the Aycliffe defence

enabled them to score two drive over tries, which were well deserved, making the score 28-10

Ben Walton making his debut for the club and Dan Montgomery entered the fray. Walton made an immediate impact making a 50 metre charge from a pick and run from Andrew Littlefair who offloaded the ball as he got tackled. Walton almost made it all the way, however he was caught two metres from the line. Littlefair supported him and received a pass to fall over the line unopposed. James Cocks kicked 5 out of his 6 conversions. NARUFC 40 - 10 BBOB. Aycliffe Rugby sponsored by S Cars and The Mortgage Advice Centre. Aycliffe 1st hope to continue their unbeaten run away to West Hartlepool TDSOB this Saturday ko 3pm.

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Obituary

John MacMillan



We are sad to announce the sudden death of John Macmillan. A loving Husband, devoted Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Forever in our hearts. Service to be held at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday 14th October at 2.15pm.

Coral Sykes



Peacefully passed away on Monday 5th October after a short illness. Dearly loved Wife, Mother and Nanna. Ceremony to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 14th October at 3.30pm and afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club. No flowers please, donations in lieu if so desired, can be made at the Service to be given to Maggie's Cancer Centre. At Coral's request, black attire not required.

In Memoriam

VERA REED 1922-2015. (14th October 2015). Our first year without you, we miss you each and every day. We couldn't keep you any longer, life's not made to stay. Our memories are magic, we really had a blast. But it was time and you are at rest and with your Frank at last. Much love from your family, near and far xxxxxx

CORAL SYKES To the best Wife, Mum and Nanna there ever was. We love you to the stars and back and always will. Whoever you hold in the heart of you is forever and always a part of you. George, Zoe, Richard, Zena, Tony, Jasmin, Maisie and Harrison xxxxx

RAYMOND BARKER 10th October. Always missed, but never forgotten. Lovingly remembered by all the family xxxxx

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Love you loads,
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Jayden Reece Lawrence



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Thank You

WE WOULD like to thank all our family from near and far and close friends who all came together to celebrate the 60th birthdays of Willie Gray and Ian Nesbit. Thank you for all the cards and gifts; thank you to Walkers Butchers for the fantastic buffet food and to Emma, Sheena, David, Judith, Trinity and Seren for helping set it up; thanks to "Love Thy Cupcake" for the amazing cakes; thanks to DJ Dave for great music. Good night had by all. PS: Sorry, if I watched too much rugby xxxxx

RAFA CLUB To the organisers of the Soul Nights held at the RAFA Club: The committee of the Newton Aycliffe RAFA Club would like to thank the organisers of the Soul Nights that are held on the first Saturday of each month, for their kind donation towards the door takings (£440) to the RAFA Club as their chosen charity. This is greatly appreciated and the club looks forward to hosting many more Soul Nights.

BLACKETT Ron and Lynn would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came together to celebrate Ron's 60th birthday. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts. Thank you to Amanda for the excellent buffet, our Leslie for the fab photos, John Melvin for the great music and Mam, Angela and Linda for the lovely cakes. Thank you also to Julia, Laura and Lisa for helping to set it all up. A great night was had by all xxx

PAGIATIS & LEONARD. Congratulations Nick and Mel on your Engagement 30th September 2015. All our love Mam, Dad and Jed.

Isabel Newton



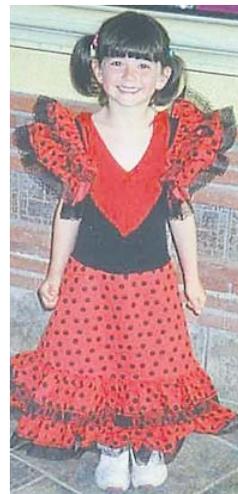
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Lisa Hannah



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Lisa Hannah



Happy 18th Birthday
11th October 2015
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7 Second Win for Aycliffe Martial Art Fighter

Mikey Hogarth, Coach at MMA All Out and member of CrossFit All Out, won his third professional MMA fight by guillotine, after just seven seconds of the first round. Mikey said "as always I trained hard for the fight and felt really strong". The fight was part of the Made 4 The Cage show held in the centre of Newcastle on Saturday 26th September. Mikey is now looking forward to training,



coaching and watching some of his students fight in the near future. He is appealing for new members who are looking to compete, to get in touch and is offering the month of October free. Mikey has years of experience having 50 boxing fights, 14 semi-pro MMA fights and 3 professional MMA fights. He says "I live for training and I want to share my knowledge and experience with others who are willing to put the time in and learn. After my success in MMA I want to put my energy into We are looking for more

people who are committed to the sport and willing to put the time in to progress enough to get them to competing level." Terry Anderson, owner of CrossFit All Out said "In all the years I've known him, Mikey has always trained hard for his fights and won this fight in an amazing 7 seconds, due to his strength and skill. As always, he had a great supportive team around him and we look forward to seeing what new talent Mikey can bring up to competitive level." MMA All Out classes are held at CrossFit All Out, Northfield Way on Tuesday and Thursday 8pm and Sunday 5pm. For more details please contact Mikey directly on 07791 675070.

N.A.Y.F.C. FOOTBALL RESULTS

Under 14 Girls' v Norton - A 7-2 home win ensured the promising Under 14 Girls' kept the pressure on top of the table Lumley. Goals from Chloe Ryan (4), Becky Potter, Lily Mansfield and Lottie Hall saw off a determined Norton side.
 Under 13 Falcons 6 - 3 Heighington. An excellent team performance from the lads. A local derby added with the fact Heighington were top and the Falcons second on goal difference meaning a big game and all to play for. After going a goal down the lads showed fantastic resolve and belief that got them their rewards. Fantastic goals and work rate from all 15 lads. 3 wins out of 3 and now top of the League.
 Under 11 Eagles were on 2nd round cup duty at Stockton Town Blues. Leo Umudi cancelled out an early Stockton goal to make it 1-1 at the break. Second-half saw Kieran Walton score from 25 yards for 1-2. Then a silly goal for 2-2. Extra time loomed before Brennan Fitz glanced a header into the back of the Stockton net. James Sear pipped it for MOTM. Stockton Town Blues 2-1 Under 12 Eagles. League cup action saw the Eagles trail 2-0 at half time. Second half the boys battled really hard and got themselves back into the game following a fantastic strike by Aaron Ross. Last minute saw a great save by the Stockton keeper to keep them in the cup. Well done lads. Man of the match was Aaron



NAYFC Under 11 Girls

Ross. Under 10s were at Thornaby for a Cup game and lost 2-0 but certainly were unlucky. Fantastic effort from the boys - just wish they could get the win they so deserve. MOTM: Finley Bradon. Second game saw a complete change of team and they produced a fantastic game of football - it was exciting end to end stuff with Thornaby edging ahead with two good goals. Aycliffe reacted superbly and came back strong hitting the post

several times making thier goalie pull off some great saves and eventually Harry (J) Smith powered in a fantastic shot to make it 2-1. Eventually beaten by the whistle! Fantastic performance boys. MOTM: Matthew Mitchell. The Under 11 Girls' were in fine form with two high scoring wins against St Cuthberts' Amazines then Velocity Devils. There was plenty of opportunities for the more defensive players to push forward. Final score

against St Cuthberts' 11-0 Hattie 5, Olivia 2, Alex 2, Kate 2. Next up the Devils, playing as a team we looked like scoring every time we got into the opposition half. the defence looked composed taking a touch and finding a team mate everytime. Again, the opportunity to play girls in different positions, saw the goals flow. FT 11-0 Kate 5, Hattie 4, Olivia 1, Ocean Tia 1. Two tough games at a misty Peterlee for the Under 10 Girls against Washington and Durham Cestria respectively, both ending in 0-5 losses. There will be easier days than this but the girls all played with spirit and a smile. Under 16 Falcons 4-7 Stockton West End. The Falcons put in a good performance in this Cup match, scoring first though Liem Walls which shocked the higher league side. Stockton soon equalised, then in the second half went on to score another two, the Falcons netted goals from Kallum Cook and Liem Walls (his second) Stockton sealed victory in extra-time before the Falcons grabbed a 4th though Sam Pearson. Stockton nicked a 7th with the last kick of the game.

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Described as tranquil, peaceful, invigorating, inspiring, picturesque etc., England's most beautiful marathon is no bus ride and this was perhaps reflected in the fact that only two members of the club were prepared to take on the challenge. Dez Fielden completed the course in 9th position in the great time of 3:06:16 and super triathlete finish the course in 4:30:04. In the first race of the NYSD cross country season at Caedmon School, Whitby, Aycliffe ladies had a full team for the first time in years. There was no mud on the course this year, but with such a big field there was some bottlenecks in the woods leaving some runners waiting to get through. First home for the club was Jodie McMaster, 42nd in 27:55, followed by Penny Johnson, 51st in 28:53 and Michelle Dixon, who both bettered their time of last year by about a minute. Next to cross the line was Diane Savage, 79th in 34:04. The ladies team finished 10th. In the men's race Lee Wren was first home for the club, 61st in 38:18, followed by Jason Dixon, 104th in 43:46 and Colin Gibson, 127th in 48:26. Mark Wade competed in



the Coniston Trail Race and finished a commendable 2nd in 44:11. Circuit training sessions are held on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm; non-members welcome. For details visit ayclifferunningclub.co.uk

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