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## 3M AYCLIFFE SCORES A 'BEST FACTORY' DOUBLE



Victorious 3M Aycliffe representatives at the awards ceremony – l-r: Fraser Shearer, Value Stream manager; Alan Wearmouth, European Quality manager; Colin MacLeod, site manager; Craig Wood, Value Stream manager and Andrew Wall, Technology manager.

The 3M manufacturing plant at Aycliffe has won a national Best Factory Award for the second year running. In 2014 it took the top honours in the Health and Safety category of the awards programme, organised by Works Management magazine in partnership with the Cranfield School of Management. This year it was judged top in the category for Best Household and General Product Plant, which, as well as health and safety, covers every aspect of the operation from quality and service to productivity and financial performance. 3M Aycliffe, which manufactures respirators for worker safety and products for the vehicle aftercare market, was the only category winner to have triumphed two years in a row.

"It's tremendous recognition for the plant and all of our people," said site manager Colin MacLeod. "Our success is down to each and every one who works here. "Being part of this awards scheme is a great way to benchmark ourselves externally against other companies throughout the UK and to learn from each other." Dr Marek Szwajkowski, director of the Best Factory Awards, commented: "We read a lot about the poor performance of UK manufacturing, especially the productivity gap. However,

a visit to this year's Best Factory Award winners quickly eradicates such misconceptions about the state of UK manufacturing. "The best plants have been continuously improving in terms of delivery, quality and, importantly, productivity. The Best Factory Award winners provide the benchmark of manufacturing excellence

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## DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU VACCINE SAYS M.P.

On 14th October MPs and Peers were invited to attend Westminster Flu Day, a flu vaccine clinic held in the House of Commons, to encourage their constituents to get this season's flu vaccine in line with Government recommendations.

Parliamentarians who would not be eligible for a free seasonal flu vaccine on the NHS made a £10 donation to the Carers Trust. £10 is equivalent to the cost of a private vaccination.

Around 51% of at-risk people and 27% of people over the age of 65 in Durham were not vaccinated against flu last year, even though they were eligible for a free flu vaccine on the NHS. This compares to around 50% nationally of at-risk patients and 27% of people over the age of 65.

Phil Wilson MP said



"Seasonal flu is a highly infectious illness that can lead to serious complications or even death. I would urge everyone who is eligible to receive a free flu vaccine on the NHS to go and get vaccinated."

Jane Ellison MP, Public Health Minister added: "This is a great opportunity for MPs and Peers to find out who in their communities is eligible for the vaccination and encourage greater take up. MPs can play a really helpful role in raising awareness in their constituencies". Each year, flu can put

a considerable burden on NHS resources, with numerous GP consultations and hospitalisations. The timing, extent and severity of influenza seasons is unpredictable and intermittent epidemics can cause significant illness and mortality.

The Department of Health (DH) recommends free flu vaccinations in England for those aged 65 or over; and for people with certain chronic conditions such as chronic respiratory, heart, liver, neurological and kidney disease; diabetes; weakened immune systems; splenic dysfunction; as well as people living in long-stay facilities such as nursing and residential homes; carers of elderly or disabled people; pregnant women; children aged two, three and four; household contacts of immunocompromised individuals; healthcare professionals are also encouraged to have the vaccination.

Almost 50% of people with a serious medical condition, 30% of people over the age of 65, 60% of preschool children, 45% of healthcare workers, 55% of carers known to GPs and 55% of pregnant women did not have a flu vaccine last year nationally, despite the fact that the consequences of not having a flu vaccine for these groups of people can be serious.



## Ladies Xmas Shopping Day

Hart & Lane will be doing a Ladies Christmas Shopping Day at Redworth Village Hall on Saturday 31st October from 10.30am until 4pm.

The event will include a selection of jewellery including fresh water pearls, semi-precious gem stones, silver and fashion jewellery. There will also be a selection of ladies' accessories: hats, scarves and wraps - as well as gifts, Christmas decorations etc. Tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

## THANKS TO STUDENTS

On behalf of the residents of Middridge, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Greenfield College students, our Community Police, GAMP, the Newton News and our County Councillors for the wonderful sculptures which were placed on our village green to encourage motorists to slow down through the village. They not only had the desired effect (motorists were seen to wave and sound their horns at the lifelike figures) but the students had created works of art which looked really impressive and were enjoyed by us all. We very much hope to see them return as soon as possible.

A special word of thanks to our Community Police Support Officer, Michael Hutchinson, whose idea got the project off the ground. Unfortunately for Middridge, Michael is leaving us to become a Police Constable but his attendance at our PACT meetings and his invaluable support have been very much appreciated and he will be missed. We wish him all the very best for the future and welcome his replacement, Chris Noble who will be attending our next PACT meeting at 6pm Monday 2nd November.

Anne Clarke

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One of the unique features of this band, is how they appear to move seamlessly from the likes of an absurd version of Technotronic's 'Pump Up the Jam' to Tony Rice's bluegrass classic 'Freeborn Man', or from Jay Z's '99 Problems' to Kelly Joe Phelps masterpiece of folk 'Window Grin'.

They have this same incredible ability when it comes to gigs and venues. Within the space of a week they can play a bar in Newcastle, then 'Bulldog Bash' (the biggest Hell's Angel's organised festival in Europe) and finish off the week appearing on BBC TV's 'Don't Tell the Bride!', and amazingly not look out of their depth at any of them. In the last year they have played The Cluny twice, The Sage Gateshead three times and made their second appearance at the prestigious Americana Festival.

**Saturday 30th October - "Tommy & The Oddballs"**

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## Woodham Burn Primary Takes Over Pre-School



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the school. This means that Woodham Burn School now takes children from 3 - 11 years and is able to build on the excellent relationship that has always existed between school and pre-school to ensure that the very youngest children get

the best possible start to their academic career. During the last Ofsted inspection the foundation stage provision at Woodham Burn was judged to be 'excellent' with children making very good progress indeed. Governors and staff at Woodham Burn are working hard to ensure that the nursery provision, already judged 'good' by Ofsted is of the same high standard and a great start has been made by all concerned! As shown in our photograph, children and staff are particularly enjoying using the large and well-equipped outdoor area which surrounds the nursery and provides fantastic learning opportunities for all.

## Labour Party Social Evening Raised £435

I would like to thank Charlotte Altringham, Samantha Ashcroft, Conner Bennet, Lydia Hayman, Alfie Knight, Katie Oliver, Lucy Ryans and Joe White who performed on 10th of October at the Navy Club, local Labour branch fund raising social evening. Our local talented young performers were absolutely fantastic, they gave up their time to entertain us and they delivered - note and tone perfect! Big thanks to John Melvin and his sound engineer without whose dedication, time, guidance,

tuition and support none of this would have been possible. Thanks to the Navy Club for providing the venue, also the management and staff whose hospitality is very warming. Special thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, provided and helped with the buffet savoury, desserts and nibbles. We all had full tummies for sure - bless you all. The Raffle was superb with loads of contributions, the great variety of prizes are a tribute to all concerned. The first prize was a bottle of whiskey donated by Phil



Wilson MP.

Big thanks to everyone who came along and for taking part in this fund raising Social Evening. I was

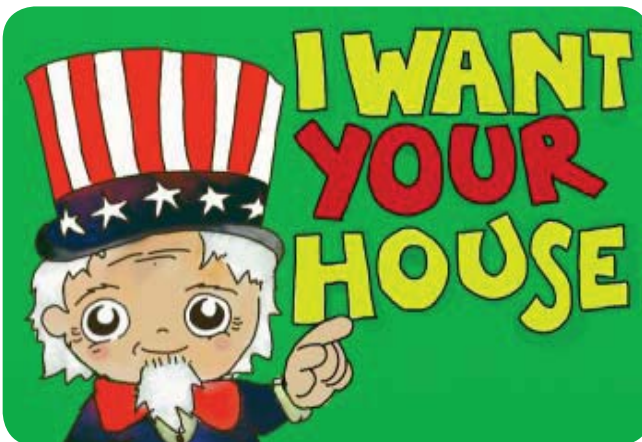
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## ACORN Halloween Spooktacular

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A superb evening out with a ticket price of only £1 per person will ensure a sell out event so get yours early.

The ghoulish festivities begin at 6pm. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets available while stocks last from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and Christine on 07902 906144.

*Be there if you dare!*

## Horrors at Sampson Place



Brian and his wife Eleanor in one of the outdoor displays

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From Wednesday 28th until Hallowe'en Brian Nichol is opening his garden and house for a Scary fundraising event in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance.

Each year he spends a solid 4 weeks preparing for this Hallowe'en event with a vast amount of scary objects he has collected over the years to thrill visitors.

Call between 6 and 8pm to get the full effect with moving monsters, ghosts, ghouls, skeletons, flashing lights all designed to give you a fright in a funny way. Everything is under cover and admission is only £1 and includes sweets for the children and a Tombola to raise cash for the charity.

## SCARE FAIR

Come along to a Spooky Themed Fair on Saturday 31st October beginning at 10am in St. Clare's Halloween Hall.

There will be lots of scary stalls and treats (not tricks) galore. FREE Halloween craft table for all children to keep busy on and bacon butties, cakes, scones for all to enjoy. Why not enter our carved pumpkin competition? You may win a prize! Anyone in fancy dress will receive a chocolate treat. Something for everyone - we look forward to seeing you.

## Halloween Fundraiser

Baltic Training Services, a leading North-East IT apprenticeship provider based in Newton Aycliffe, have given an excellent opportunity to seven recent graduates with aspirations in the business world to help ignite County Durham's IT and training industry. Their first port of call is to help Baltic's IT apprentice, Jake Parker, a young 17 year old, who suffers from a disease called congenital myopathy, a form of Muscular Dystrophy. Tim Mawson, James Dentith, Katy Kennedy, Harriet Elenor, Vanessa Hedley, Amanda McCombie and Louise Reed have kickstarted a fundraising campaign 'Help Us Help Jake,' to raise the remaining funds to help Jake acquire a new special wheelchair to help further his educational aspirations. Jake's new wheelchair costs £3500 however the Government are only going to fund £800 towards the wheelchair. Baltic Training have kindly offered to donate the half the remaining balance, £1350, and their seven new graduates are going to

fundraise the remaining £1350. The graduates are hosting a Halloween Fundraising Day at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on Burn Lane (DL5 4HT) on Saturday the 31st October 2015, 11am till 2pm. There will be plenty of fun to be had by you and the family. A few of the exciting activities being held are a bouncy castle, a spooky halloween costume competition, a yummy sweet and cake stall, a fun pumpkin carving stall, great games such as mummified alive and apple bobbing, funky face painting, a large raffle full of excellent prizes and much, much more. Several of the great raffle prizes we have include afternoon tea for 2 at Headlam Hall; breakfast and a hotel room for 2 at the Mercure hotel; a round of football golf for 4 people at Knotty Hill Golf Centre and many more excellent prizes. Details of all the prizes are displayed on our social media accounts and you can find us on Twitter at #HelpUsHelpJake and on Facebook by searching Baltic Training Halloween Fundraiser so please come and have a look and see our regular updates of our great event.

We hope to see you at our event, it's going to be an exciting family day out to celebrate Halloween and support a great cause. If any one wishes to donate to Help Us Help Jake, our just giving page is <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/baltic-training-1>.

Dear Sir,  
I am starting my ninth year of fundraising and I have donated £1000 to the Young People's Supported Housing in Newton Aycliffe provided by DISC. Funds are now being raised to install a heart defibrillator at Simpsons Court, Newton Aycliffe. Many thanks to all the lovely people, where do they all belong?  
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UTC Principal Tom Dower addresses parents and students

The UTC's first Student and Parent event took place at the Xcel Centre on Wednesday afternoon, attended by families and young people interested in joining in September next year. They were able to talk to the Founding Members of the UTC, Hitachi, Gestamp Tallent and the University

of Sunderland to find out how they are supporting the new technical school and the career opportunities open to them in the future.

Tom Dower, Principal of the UTC, gave an introductory presentation and commented afterwards; 'I was delighted to meet so many young people who are excited about the world of STEM, engineering and manufacturing. I continue to be very impressed by the thought that they are putting into their future careers; my job is to give them the academic and technical education which will set

them up for their future. Our strong links with a wide range of companies mean that our students will understand the world of work and develop the skills which employers are looking for. Applications are going very well and I can't wait to welcome our first students in September.

Students were also able to meet ERIC, the humanoid robot, meet apprentices from Hydram and take part in a number of activities. The UTC is accepting applications for Year 10 and Year 12 next year with a first deadline of 1st December.

## More Able Academy

Last week saw the launch evening for Woodham Academy's new More Able Academy. This follows the success of Woodham Sports Academy, providing a bespoke package of extra curricular opportunities for the academically most able. Students from all age groups have chosen to sign up to the programme, completing contracts to demonstrate their commitment. Features of the programme include GCSE astronomy, guest speakers and enrichment

visits to colleges and universities in order to raise aspiration. In addition, as a way of developing students' cultural experiences, there will be a variety of residential visits, including London and European capital cities.

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**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**  
9:30-11am Disability gymnastics. Age 5+. Free



# Let's Get Cooking Club

Woodham Academy's Let's Get Cooking club is as popular as ever with record numbers joining this term. The club is an ideal opportunity for pupils of all abilities and their families to have fun whilst learning valuable life skills and gaining the confidence to cook nutritious and tasty meals from scratch.

Let's Get Cooking is a lottery funded programme aimed at establishing a national network of cooking clubs with the aim of teaching new cooking skills to more than one million children and their families. The network of clubs complements the recent re-introduction of practical cooking onto the curriculum for secondary school pupils, as they involve the wider community and encourage children and young people to cook at home and eat a healthy balanced diet.

The club is held on Wednesday evenings after school from 3.30 till 5.00pm and runs for 9 weeks each term. All family members are welcome to join. The club has already made some impressive dishes this term including fresh egg pasta using pasta machines, short pastry sausage rolls and a variety of home-made soups. This is a particularly exciting



time of the year. Firstly, club members will be searching the school site for free food such as herbs, blackberries and rosehips so they can make some smoothies or crumbles with what they find. Secondly, they are preparing for Woodham Academy's annual Christmas meal - on Wednesday 16th December. Friends and families will be invited to enjoy a 3 course

traditional meal. This festive evening gives pupils a chance to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained over the term. Members will be planning, preparing, cooking and serving the dinner with the guidance of Linda Vipond the Club Coordinator. During the festive evening pupils will be presenting a chocolate demonstration where they will be making hand crafted filled chocolates for guests to enjoy. There will also be a sale of food gifts that members have made during the term, and a raffle.

Linda Vipond commented, "It always amazes me how the students react when I tell them what we are making at the start of the session, for example soups they're not so keen on, but, by the end of the session they love the product that they have created and will go on to make it at home".

## AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL 2016 DATE FIXED

The dates for the 2016 Aycliffe Festival are Saturday 16th July until Saturday 30th July inclusive. That is an increase of 5 days, making the Festival 15 days long.

The idea of the Festival is that ordinary people from local organisations, residents' associations, or community centres, organise an event for everyone to enjoy.

It doesn't need to be a large event, one of our very popular events last year was the display of Angels at St Clare's Church but there were many events covering all areas including sport, music, dance, crafts and arts. Attendance ranged from many hundreds to just a handful, depending upon the type of event.

We need you to organise an event, bring your local community together, create lasting friendships and enjoy the process from the original idea to seeing the event to fruition.

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We will advertise in Newton News and other local press as well as social media, give you posters to display and booklets containing a list of all the events for you to distribute to your community.

The application forms have

been sent to everyone who organised an event last year. If you would like to organise an event or just discuss the possibility, please get in touch with Mrs M Robinson 01325 300700 or by e-mail to festival@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or through our website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

## Young Entertainers Wacky Workshop

If your young person is looking for something different to do during the Half Term Holidays, then why not let them try the Young Entertainers Wacky Workshop.

The workshop open to all young people aged 8 to 15 years, is at the Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, this coming Wednesday 28th October, from 10am to 3pm. They are a day full of crazy, fun games, music and lots of laughter.

Apart from playing games, all the young people will learn new skills, meet new friends, but above all will enjoy themselves.

Entrance to Leisure Centre £1. Bring along a packed lunch and a big smile. 07747 826324 for more information.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary Couple Met in the Co-op



Ces and Dot with the Mayor (seated) with daughter Julie and Granddaughter Kelly behind

Ces and Dorothy Stevens of Wallas Road celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday 16th October and received a visit from the Mayor Mary Dalton with a bouquet of flowers. The couple were both born in Willington and became sweethearts while working at the Co-op shop together on the grocery counter.

They were married at the Wesleyan Chapel and lived in Willington until Ces retrained as a machinist for Wilds of Aycliffe. He left after 10 years and worked for Eatons before being employed by the Town Council as St. Oswald's Park keeper.

When Dorothy came to Newton Aycliffe she worked full time and part time for GEC, moving to Union Carbide and Electrolux before retiring at 64. Ces has always been a fitness fanatic and is a member at the Leisure Centre. He delivered the Newton News for 12 years around Neville Parade which first started by helping his Grandson.

Dorothy loves gardening and enjoys knitting and reading. The couple have a daughter Julie and a son, Paul who tragically died at the age of 33 playing football. The couple dote on their grandchildren Daniel and Kelly and they are excited that a great grandchild is on the way.

A celebration Dinner for family and friends was held that evening with 58 people attending with a surprise arrival of a friend who was an Usher at their wedding. Ces and Dorothy then departed for a holiday in Sharm el Sheik for 2 weeks of sunshine.

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# Aycliffe Charity Wins £10k Grant for Healthy Heart Venture



Lifeline Community Action, has been awarded nearly £10,000 by national charity, Heart Research UK and SUBWAY® stores to fund a year-long project promoting healthy heart initiatives.

Lifeline Community Action (LCA), based in Silverdale, Newton Aycliffe, is a charity that supports children, young people and families in real need of financial support, and the project, 'Health Drop In', which is launched last month, aims to promote practical and educational activities that will promote the healthy heart message within the local community.

The project aims to reach people living in Newton Aycliffe including families, adults and carers. Silverdale is situated in a deprived area of Newton Aycliffe where some residents struggle financially and experience a lack of support. The project intends to address their health and wellbeing through drop in sessions that will teach

them how to live healthily on a budget.

Sessions will run on a weekly basis throughout the project, covering different aspects of healthy living including: nutrition, exercise and educating on the dangers of smoking.

Other classes include food and nutrition facts, practical cookery sessions, details about local walks and family activities, such as ball games and picnics, and educational information sessions about the impacts of smoking.

Alwyn White, a Trustee at Lifeline Community Action, said: "Lifeline Community Action are delighted to run Healthy Heart sessions. Not only will it educate us all on how to look after our hearts better, but we're also looking forward to meeting new friends and having lots of fun during the course."

Lifeline Community Action hope that the project will directly tackle some of the issues faced by the

community through helping families to eat healthily and be more active, tackling obesity, lifting peoples' mood and reducing depression. The aim is also to help build their confidence by giving them an opportunity to make new friends.

Barbara Harpham, National Director of Heart Research UK, said: "It's great to see local charities taking a proactive approach to improving the lives of the local community. A healthy lifestyle should be accessible to everyone and it's encouraging to see Lifeline Community Action making it possible through this project."

Roger Cusa, Head of Marketing for the SUBWAY® brand in UK and Ireland, said: "The SUBWAY® brand is delighted to be able to help fund this worthwhile initiative which will help people in County Durham lead healthier lifestyles. SUBWAY® stores nationwide have enjoyed fundraising and it's great to see local community initiatives such as this come to fruition as a result of the money generously donated by our customers both in store and at fundraising events, like our popular family 5K series." You can also follow Heart Research UK on Twitter: @heartresearchuk or become a fan of our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Heart-Research-UK/10733061906> For further information contact Lucy Alexander on 0113 297 6205

## Local Design Studio Breaks into North Yorkshire

Established back in 2012, Creativehill originally began life as a one-man operation by Managing Director and former Greenfield Student Adam Hill. However, the company swiftly grew in the local area and after winning a Headline Award in 2014, Adam recognised that new premises were needed, in order to continue expanding the company.

"This expansion has been a long time coming, It's

exciting to be a local business and expand into new areas, and I feel that Creativehill has come a long way since its inception as a small, home-operated enterprise."

Creativehill have now expanded into offices in North Yorkshire, and are actively looking to hire further staff to continue growing the company. "Of course, we're still proud to be a Newton Aycliffe-based business," Hill adds, "and we're delighted to offer our services across North Yorkshire. However, whilst we're remaining dedicated to our local area, we've also started to pick up business further afield, which has been great. It means our reputation is growing, and that's always an exciting prospect!" Creativehill currently offer a wide range of design services for companies focusing around Creative, Digital and Print Solutions with offices in Newton Aycliffe and North Yorkshire. To find out more, visit [www.creativehill.co.uk](http://www.creativehill.co.uk)



## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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

### COUNCIL MATTERS

- Last chance to participate in the DCC Budget consultation: [bit.ly/DCCcutsConsult](http://bit.ly/DCCcutsConsult)
- DCC's Stop-It campaign against fly-tipping was featured on BBC TV's 'Caught Red Handed' - starts 21 minutes in: [bit.ly/StopitCRH](http://bit.ly/StopitCRH)
- Ticketmaster has sold out of tickets online for #LumiereDurham (12-15 November), and @GalaDurham and Customer Access Points are selling out. But more than half the artworks are situated outside the ticketed area & can be seen without a ticket.
- Now is the time to tell your local county councillor of any accumulations of litter which are revealed as trees and bushes shed their leaves.
- DCC Neighbourhood Protection Report: Newton Aycliffe – September 2015: [bit.ly/DCCNPsep15](http://bit.ly/DCCNPsep15)
- GAMP is funding a Scoot Park at Horndale – like in this video: [bit.ly/ScootPark](http://bit.ly/ScootPark)
- GAMP's new Employability Network was a great success; the next meeting is in December at the Pioneering Care Centre: [bit.ly/GAMPENSep15](http://bit.ly/GAMPENSep15)
- On Monday 26 October Cllrs Joan Gray, Mike Dixon and John Clare are holding a Ward Walkabout in the Byerley/Chase/Greenfields area. Meet Lascelles Avenue 2:15pm.
- On Tuesday 27 October, Cllrs Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper are holding a Ward Walkabout in the Beechfield/Oakfield/Ashfield area. Meet Beechfield 9:30am.
- My report on the Town Council's Environment and Recreation committee meetings: [bit.ly/GATCEROct15](http://bit.ly/GATCEROct15)
- GATC Fireworks wristbands still available: [bit.ly/GATCFWOct15](http://bit.ly/GATCFWOct15)

### COMMUNITY MATTERS

- Lots to do for Children & Young People in Newton Aycliffe this half term: [bit.ly/HTActivities915](http://bit.ly/HTActivities915)
- Celebrate Science activities, Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 October, 10am-4pm, FREE: [dur.ac.uk/celebrate.science/](http://dur.ac.uk/celebrate.science/)
- Wild Animals Family Fun Day – Bowes Museum, Tuesday 27 October, 11am-4pm. Normal admission fees: 01833 690606
- Durham Constabulary is officially the best police force in the country! [bit.ly/DurPoliceOct15](http://bit.ly/DurPoliceOct15)
- PCC Ronald Hogg's "Real Life Superheroes" (Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coastguard etc) Family Fun Day, 31 October, 10am-3pm, at Sedgefield Racecourse: [bit.ly/RHSSuperheroes](http://bit.ly/RHSSuperheroes)
- Locomotion Museum @NRMSHildon welcomed its 2 millionth visitor last weekend!
- After 55,000 visits, the Yves Saint Laurent exhibition at @TheBowesMuseum has been extended until 6 November: [ow.ly/TroLu](http://ow.ly/TroLu).
- The Cubby site has been sold to develop as a drive-thru restaurant: [bit.ly/CubbyBreaking](http://bit.ly/CubbyBreaking)
- Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community centre has achieved Investors in People status – congratulations
- September's unemployment figures remain dire: [bit.ly/Unemployment915](http://bit.ly/Unemployment915)
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: [bit.ly/Roadworks16Oct](http://bit.ly/Roadworks16Oct)

## DUTCH COLLEAGUES VISIT GREENFIELD ARTS



Greenfield Arts were excited to host a visit from the Netherlands recently for colleagues there to see our Room 13 School in the Cloud. We worked with Summer School students from the Aycliffe Site and Sunnydale Campus from Greenfield Community College to explore the big question "what makes us human?" who enjoyed their first of many reunions since the Summer.

The visitors were impressed with the self-organised learning and the feedback from the groups was really interesting. The year 7's then did some evaluation and reflection of their first few weeks at Greenfield Community College and celebrated the great things about Greenfield with our visitors.

We will be taking part in a National Conference in January in the Netherlands to share our work with educators from across the country there and to share our findings from our international educational research.

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# Gold Award for Stephenson Way Academy



Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School have just been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for physical education and school sport.

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition, physical education and sport. OfSTED use the Mark award as part of their inspection framework and schools can use the assessment criteria as a way of improving standards

within their school. The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is now in its 4th year. Miss Whitfield, sports leader at the school, said "Stephenson Way was

awarded the bronze mark in 2012, the silver mark in 2013 and 2014 and we are extremely proud to have been awarded the Gold Mark this year!"

## Brafferton Village News

Friday 13th November is Family Games Night at Brafferton – free entry, everyone welcome.

We will be having games such as beetle drive, bingo (£1 a go) and "Play your cards right".

Bring your own drinks. We will be having a fish and chip supper which you can order on the night (cash payment only). Our festive raffle tickets will also be on sale.

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES WORLD MATHS DAY

Half term activities are being held in a number of leisure centres across County Durham this October.

Children up to 16 years old can enjoy a range of activities at their local Leisure Centre between Sunday 25th October and Sunday 1st November.

Sessions, organised by Durham County Council, include a range of pool activities such as lifesaving, aqualearn crash courses, aqua fun, splash tots, rafts and floats, pool fun and waves, splash and slide sessions.

As well as pool activities, children can enjoy sports sessions including sports camps, football camps, dodgeball, multi-skills, mini tennis and dance workshops. There is a session to suit every child and it is a great way for children to be active, have fun and meet new people.

Costs range from £2.30 for a toddler time session to £23 for a week's aqualearn crash course.

Customers can book activities by contacting their local Leisure Centre. For more information and timetables visit [www.durham.gov.uk/youngactivities](http://www.durham.gov.uk/youngactivities).

Leisureworks and 1Life are also offering a range of children's activities over the half term break. For more information or to book visit [www.leisureworks.net](http://www.leisureworks.net) or [www.1life.co.uk](http://www.1life.co.uk)



Sugar Hill Primary school recently participated in the annual World Maths Day. Theme of the day was 'time', so teachers and children came into school dressed up as literary characters with links to the word or the concept of time. There were several rabbits from Alice In Wonderland (who were not late for their very important date!) and the Big Bad Wolf was also popular.

Doc Brown from the Back to the Future films also made a couple of appearances. Children and staff took part in time-related activities throughout the day and found many different fun ways to enjoy maths and how time is important in everyday life. All agreed that it had been a great day and definitely time well spent!

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business, livin, is one of 48 housing providers taking part in the national social housing rents campaign, which is offering five prizes of £1,000 in shopping vouchers between

them.

As part of the campaign, which is run by Bacs Payment Schemes Limited (Bacs), the not-for-profit organisation behind Direct Debit in the UK, livin tenants signing-up to pay by Direct Debit will be entered into the prize draw. For all those who already pay this way, the good news is that they will automatically be in with a chance of winning the vouchers.

Arranging to pay rent by Direct Debit is livin's preferred method of payment, therefore in addition to this it will be running a quarterly draw to win one of three shopping vouchers worth £150, £100 and £50.

Not only could signing-up to Direct Debit land the windfall, but paying this way is convenient, simple and offers peace-of-mind that rent payments won't be forgotten or missed, plus payments are protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee in the unlikely event of an error.

To be in with a chance of winning, tenants simply need to switch to pay their rent by Direct Debit by 30 October 2015 by returning a completed Direct Debit Instruction form by post, signing-up online at [www.livin.co.uk](http://www.livin.co.uk), or by contacting Customer Services on 0800 587 4538 to arrange over the phone.

Bacs' housing sector specialist, Dawneth Perry, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to win £1,000 in shopping vouchers, but time is running out. Simply switch to the ease and convenience of paying rent by Direct Debit before the end of October and you could be celebrating. Good luck to everyone taking part."

## New Head Teacher at Horndale School

Welcome to the world of Horndale Infant & Nursery School. My name is Craig Brown, the new Head Teacher at Horndale following the retirement of Mrs Courtney earlier in 2015.

I started my role on the 1st September and I have absolutely loved getting to know the staff, parents and more importantly the children. It is an exciting time at Horndale as we are working harder than ever to help your child to continue their learning journey.

This is the first time I have worked in County Durham and the support from the council and local community has been second to none. I previously worked for schools in North Yorkshire where I started my teaching career. My first

school, Carnagill, allowed me the chance to progress to become a senior leader. I then moved on to become Assistant Head Teacher of Colburn Primary.

When I am not at school I love tinkering around with cars, gardening and being outside! I still enjoy playing sport when I get the chance such as football, cricket and inline hockey! My favourite thing to do when I am not busy is to take my family out for a walk by a river or in a forest. Geocaching is great fun, I highly recommend it! We love to explore, take photographs and come home muddy! My wife, Sarah, is also a teacher and we have two children, Noah, age 5 and Rose aged 18 months.

My vision for the school is to continue to build on all that has been achieved so far with a detailed strategic plan and to ensure Horndale is a place of excellence where all pupils are able to reach their full potential. I am passionate about involving the local community and ensuring parents are able to celebrate their child's success through our new website, local press and our new Facebook page.

We have a bright future as a school and would welcome your thoughts and views as a 'Caring, Sharing, Partnership.'



## Bin Men Criticised on Untidy Collection



Dear Sir,

I am writing in relation to a telephone complaint which I submitted to County Council Street Scene on Wednesday 7th October. I was complaining about the way that my recycle wheelie bin and glass recycling bin had been left after emptying. Both bins appeared to have been thrown across the pavement, coming to rest so that they blocked a pedestrian right of way. I am certain the bins had been left like this by the bin men and not been subjected to abuse by third parties, because I saw the refuse truck pass the house and immediately noticed that the bins had been left as described.

As far as I am aware no remedial action was taken

in relation to this matter between my telephone call at lunchtime and 8pm when I recovered the bins and moved them away from the pavement.

I was not contacted nor visited by Street Scene although I was led to believe that my details would be sent to one of the roving supervisors.

This is not the first time I have contacted Street Scene regarding the apparent abandonment of my bins, but this has previously been because the bins have been left in the roadway.

This last incident was the final straw. The path and steps were blocked by the bins, completely obstructing a public right of way, as shown in the photograph. Steve Butterworth JP



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## GROWING OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT LAUNCHED BY PCP

An exciting new Community Garden and Lunch Club project was launched by PCP on Wednesday 7th October. Growing our Community will offer weekly gardening tutorials at the Pioneering Care Centre and a monthly activity and lunch club at Woodham Community Centre during the next year. Recent refurbishment funded by GAMP has improved access to plant beds in the PCP community garden, so it is hoped that this project will benefit a wide cross-section of the community.

The celebration launch event was attended by 30 guests from the local community including Mayor Mary Dalton and Consort Michael Dalton, PCP Chair Melanie Fordham and GAMP Coordinator Brian Riley.

Liz had this to say about the launch event and work done so far in the community garden: "We're really excited about the new project working in partnership with Woodham Community Centre and pleased to have had such excellent support at the celebration launch event. We hope to bring in groups from across the community to benefit from our new facilities. Growing our Community, a partnership between PCP and Woodham Community Centre and funded by GAMP, will give



left to right: GAMP Coordinator Brian Riley, Mayor Mary Dalton, Consort Michael Dalton and PCP Community Learning Coordinator Liz Godfrey.

local people the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing". The two events offered by the project are free gardening workshops at the Pioneering Care Centre on Wednesdays from 1-3pm and a monthly activity and lunch club at Woodham Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month. Participants will gain 'hands on' experience in clearing the community garden at PCP, sowing seeds, understanding soils/

composting, growing vegetables, cultivating fruit/herbs and much more! To find out more about how to get involved, please contact Liz Godfrey at the Pioneering Care Centre. Address: Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Tel: 01325 321234 Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

## AYCLIFFE WORKER'S BOOK ON ARMY LIFE

Ian Varty who works for Compound Photonics, at Aycliffe has published a book 'From Denim to Khaki' which started as a one off. He quickly found out it would lend itself to a Trilogy. It is fiction, but based on facts that he experienced, with others he served with. It details the life of a young man, joining the army straight from school at 16 and follows his career from the 'Cold War' of the 1980's, up until the Afghanistan conflict.

Ian was born in Sedgfield, lived in Ferryhill, then left with his parents when his dad joined the Army. Ian joined the Army and served 23 years before leaving in 2003 and settling in West Auckland.

With the death of his father in 2010, Ian began to question why are we here? His dad had been a big influence on his life, and he wanted to recount the memories he held.

This led him into the world of publishing, to try and show some of the hardships that face the modern soldier. Pre-Order on Amazon £3.99 for the kindle e-book version. a paperback version will be available soon - £7.99.

## Free Family Event to Celebrate Superheroes

Local people will have the chance to find out more about the work of our real-life superheroes, at a family fun day hosted by Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner.

To be held on Saturday 31st October 2015 at Sedgfield Racecourse, the event is FREE, with free parking, attractions and activities.

Ron is encouraging young people and their families, throughout County Durham and Darlington, to attend. He said: "There are hundreds of superheroes in our communities and, quite often, their work goes unnoticed. I want to celebrate them and give people the opportunity to see the vast range of work that they do, every day."

"I am delighted to be hosting this event, which will enable local organisations, large and small, to showcase what they do. Residents will be able to find out more, meet our superheroes, and enjoy a fun day out for families too."

Emergency services, including the police, fire service, mountain rescue and coastguard are attending, as well as the stars of the Police Interceptors, currently showing on Channel 5. Activities will include meeting the police and fire dogs, the Durham City Safety Bear, displays and fun things for kids, including a fancy dress competition. Ron said: "As well as the fun element of the event, adults will also have access

to displays with community safety advice, and the support services available to them, particularly for victims of crime. There will be lots to do and see, and I really encourage residents

to come along and get involved." More details can be found at: [www.durham-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk) or search for Durham Police and Crime Commissioner on Facebook.

## School Sell Poppies



School Council members above with Mr Preston

School Council members from St. Joseph's School will be helping to raise money for the Royal British Legion. They will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise during break times to pupils and after school to Parents.

"As a school we feel that Remembrance is a very important occasion and always do all we can to commemorate the great contributions service men and women have made."

The Royal British Legion held its first poppy appeal to help those returning from the First World War. Money from the appeal is used to provide support for bereaved families, help wounded service men and women, assist younger veterans with finding accommodation and other employment and to support older veterans needing age-related care.

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## Heighington AFC Boys Match Reports

**Heighington U8s** continued their impressive start to the season maintaining their 100% record away to Billingham Juniors. The boys ran riot winning the first game 11-0. 4 Goals from captain Joe Neild, 2 a piece for Ty Woodward, Jay Bulch and a hat trick from Theo Callaghan. Layton Collier and Thomas Graham grabbed an assist or two each, whilst Harvey Yale and Kenzie White played well when brought on. Oliver Paylor didn't have much to do but kept concentration well throughout. The second game Heighington won 3-1 goals from Theo Callaghan (2) and Layton Collier won the game. Tyler Gibbon, Harry Surman and Maddox Marcus all continued their good recent form.

**Heighington U11s** were away to Redcar this week. The game was evenly matched with a fast pace. Heighington were unlucky with their chances with 2 shots hitting the post within first ten minutes. The boys quickly gelled as a team and after the first goal, the boys got stronger and played

with everything they had. The goals kept coming and this was down to fantastic team work and passes. The game ended 5-1 with 4 fantastic goals from man of the match Owen Evans and 1 from Callum Fraser.

**Heighington U15's** made their longest trip of the season to play Fishburn Park just north of Whitby. Things started badly when after just two minutes we conceded an own goal from a speculative cross. The away retained their composure and worked hard and were rewarded when Adam Scott levelled. Things were to get better before half time when Adam Scott grabbed a second. In the second half Heighington exercised more control in the match and were restricting the home side to only the odd attack. It was no surprise when Heighington added to the lead when Roman Alves finished neatly. Heighington were now in total control and added goals from Todd Steed and a hat trick for Adam Scott. A 5-1 victory to keep the team on top of Division 3, with MOM going to Lucas Thompson who was soild throughout.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

### Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 2015**

commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

'At this meeting the Finance Manager will be discussing the future budgets together with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Councillor R.S. Fleming'.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting – we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700  
e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## NAJFC HAT TRICK WEEKEND



Loads of goals at Sunnysdale this weekend and plenty of hat tricks for the players to savour, here is the Newton Aycliffe Juniors weekly round-up.

The **Under 7's** were at home to Leven who proved to be a good passing side. Despite best efforts from the Aycliffe boys they could not break Leven down and suffered losses in both games. Isaac and Rickheim got the home goals today with plenty to build on for next week.

The **Under 8's** travelled to play Mount Pleasant for what was to be a tough game. A brilliant early penalty save from Lucas in goal was followed by some great football from the Aycliffe team. However Mount Pleasant took a 1-0 lead in to half time. The equaliser came quickly from Harvey before Aycliffe fell 3-1 behind. Rhys scored a penalty to half the deficit before Harvey completed the comeback and the game ended 3-3. In the second game Emrehn scored but Mount Pleasant won this one. Men of the match for these games were Lucas and Jack.

The **Under 9's** were away to Seaton Carew and after a good start to the season they suffered a setback this week as they lost 2-0. The goals came against Aycliffe in the first half and despite improvement in the second half there was no breakthrough. Reece was named man of the match.

The **Under 10's** TJFA side continued their unbeaten start to the league season with a 5-1 win against Bishop Auckland. A dominant first half saw the Juniors march to a 3-0 lead. Jacob got the first and Lucas added two. In to the second half and Charlie assisted goals for Lucas to complete his hat trick

and then Harry. A late penalty was conceded to finish the scoring. In the second friendly game Evan got two goals with Tom and Zack adding one each in a 4-0 win.

The **Under 10's** Russell Foster league side went in to their game needing a draw to secure top spot in the league for the first part of their season. All looked to be going to plan as goals from Bo and Noah gave the juniors a 2-0 lead. However Catchgate Community Tigers then got in to their stride and scored 5 unanswered goals leading to a 5-2 defeat. The boys finish the season in second place and will move up to Division 5 for the winter league after a great effort with 9 wins from the first 11 games.

The **Under 11's** travelled to Normanby and continued on from their battling performance last week. They moved in to a 4-1 half time lead with goals from Lewis (2), Rob and Sammy. In the second half Cayless and Turnbull joined the score sheet as a 6-2 well deserved win was earned.

The **Under 12's** grabbed a boat load of goals beating Redcar Athletic 15-0. The visitors had travelled for the game despite having a depleted squad and showed wonderful attitude and team spirit. Man of the match Zack led the way with 5 goals, Dylan got a hat trick, there were braces for Adam, Ethan and Jermaine with Kyle adding one more.

The **Under 14's** had a brilliant derby win against Newton Aycliffe Youth winning 7-1. They started brightly and found themselves 2-0 up in the first twenty minutes. The effort continued in the second half as the juniors moved the ball well and were committed to

all challenges. Such a strong performance was rewarded with five more goals to complete a memorable 7-1 win. Scorers were Martin and Teesdale with one each, Hynes getting 2 and Burrows grabbing a hat trick.

The **Under 18's** Red had a hard day and suffered defeat on their travels against Spraire Lads. It was a team the Aycliffe side had not faced before and goals from Ryan Peart (2) and Lewis Race were not enough to stop a heavy defeat. Man of the match was goal keeper Arran Taylor.

The **Under 23's** travelled to Stokesley, they went behind but an Oliver goal after good work from Howe levelled things and it was 1-1 at half time. They then took the lead after Slater's free kick was hit low in to the box and Oliver was first to react and get the goal. With the game drawing to a close Stokesley first drew level and then nicked a late winner. It was a disappointing way to lose after such a good overall performance, man of the match was Jack Oliver.

## LEGAL EAGLES SUPPORT HOSPICE MOVEMENT

Staff at a North-East firm of solicitors are offering cut price Wills this month as part of a fund raising drive for the Butterwick Hospice. For a limited time, Hewitts Solicitors, based in Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, will compile a standard Will at a special discount price - with all the proceeds going to the hospice.

Last year the firm, which also has offices in Darlington, Aycliffe, Crook and Stockton, raised more than £2,000 for the Butterwick's work.

Hewitts has reduced the price of a standard couple's Will to £125 plus VAT and to £95 plus VAT for a single Will.

For added peace-of-mind, when the document is complete the original copy will be held by Hewitts for safekeeping at no extra cost.

The special deal is only available from Hewitts' office in Bishop Auckland and, with a limited number of Wills available, Alistair said: "I would urge people to get in touch as soon possible to avoid disappointment."

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

### AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

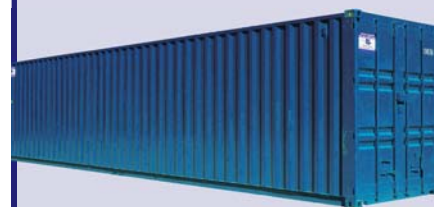
A meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER 2015  
at 6.00pm**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend. The Public entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings. Agendas and Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.  
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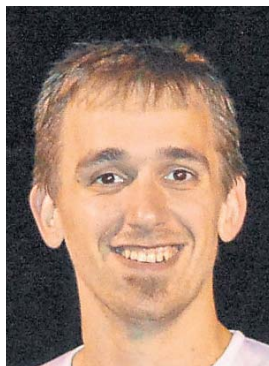
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## Greenfield Tennis Success



Joe Childs



Shaun Macintosh

The 5th Annual Men's Singles Championship attracted an entry of youth and experience. Shaun Macintosh maintained his unbeaten record by winning the Open Event for the fourth year running. Joe Childs, playing in the event for the first time lost his first match but won the Plate Event. Both events were extremely competitive. The Club A Team finished the season in fourth place out of eight clubs in Cleveland League Group 4. The Club B Team also finished in fourth place out of seven clubs, the highest position they have achieved in Group 6.

The tennis facility has had an upgrade to the floodlights, which are now even brighter than before. It is possible to play throughout the winter on evenings and weekends.

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## BUSY WEEKEND FOR TOWN SWIMMERS

On Saturday 17th October two of Sedgfield 75 ASC's "A" Squad swimmers competed at the Sunderland Short Course National Qualifiers gala at the Sunderland Aquatics Centre. Hannah Featherstone aged 16 competed in two events on the Saturday morning. In the 200 metres freestyle a strong swim meant Hannah took the gold medal in a time of 2.01.85. Then in a fast paced 50 metres freestyle Hannah was narrowly pipped into the silver medal position which she swam in a time of 26.60. Matthew Bradley aged 17 had five swims over the course of the Saturday. He competed first in the 50 metres butterfly taking the bronze medal position with a personal best time of 26.49. Matthew then swam a good 200 metres breaststroke where he again took bronze medal position

in a personal best time of 2.23.75. Matthew then took the gold medal in the 50 metres breaststroke in a time of 29.91 and achieved another personal best time. In the 100 metres freestyle Matthew was just knocked into silver medal position swimming in a time of 52.24 seconds. Matthew's final swim was the best swim of the day for him where in the 100 metres individual medley he went sub one minute taking the gold medal with a time of 59.58 seconds and another personal best time. Matthew achieved two short course national times one in the 50 metres breaststroke and the other in the 100 metres individual medley.

Matthew and Hannah on Sunday 18th October were honoured to have been selected to represent the Northumberland and Durham ASA at the National County Team championships which took place at Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield. Hannah and Matthew both swam in the 100 metres freestyle and 4 x 50 metres medley teams. Matthew was chosen as the boy's team captain having been selected to represent the County Team every year since he was twelve years old. He was very honoured to be Team Captain in his last year of being able to compete in the event. The team all swam well and finished in 4th place out of a total of twenty teams. John Moore was very proud that two of his senior swimmers had been selected to represent the county team again and very pleased that Matthew and Hannah performed so well over the course of the weekend.

## Honest John at DISC

**New opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm ONLY.**

More Time Furniture Shop will be open every day until further notice. Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm. For those who cannot leave donations for Honest John during the week, please contact John on 316630 to arrange a convenient time and place. (Sorry, but John cannot accept electrics, clothes, toys or books on Saturdays).

### APLOLOGY

John would also like to apologise for last Sunday, he was advertised as open, but had to close due to unforeseen circumstances.

## FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDS

A local project aimed at engaging girls aged 13+ into sporting activities has got off to a flying start at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

The Us Girls after school programme had its official launch at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre with schools from across the area attended, including; Whitworth Park, Woodham Academy, Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College and Greenfield's Aycliffe and Sunnydale Campuses, which meant that over 60 young females participated.

Us Girls is a physical activity programme for girls aged 13+ delivered by Sedgfield School Sport Partnership in the Sedgfield area. The project currently has sessions running in Newton Aycliffe, supported by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), and delivers a wide range of activities to engage more girls into sport.

The launch event involved the girls finding out about the Us Girls clubs available to them, explaining why sport and activity is good for you and also discovering some worrying statistics for female participation rates.

By age 14, only 1 in 10 girls are doing enough physical activity to benefit their health as stated by the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation. However they also discovered that '74% of girls say they want to do more physical activity'. Which is why Us Girls is the perfect programme for these young girls, to attend a club every week and participate in fun, physical activity.

The girls participated in activities such as Zumba, volleyball, dodgeball and rounders, which were all delivered in a fun and non-



serious environment to music. After trying all four activities the girls then worked with other students and their teacher to plan their 6 week afterschool club which will be delivered at their school. As a team the girls got their own say and organised all key aspects of the club such as the day and time and also what activities will be delivered at their club.

Us Girls was recently shortlisted for 2 Street Games National Awards – Us Girls Project of the Year and Young Coach of the Year (Kelly Howe). Unfortunately, the project did not win the awards; however, as it was shortlisted it received recognition as being in the top 3 in Great Britain.

The Us Girls Programme allows the girls to socialise, get fit and have fun with their friends in a relaxed environment, which allows them to attend the club week after week. All the clubs are youth led, so the girls get to decide which activities are delivered each week and also receive rewards and regular trips and festivals for their dedication and participation. Sessions delivered include; multi-sports including dodgeball, benchball, rounders, netball and volleyball.

Girls can also attend their local Us Girls Community Clubs, details of times and venues are listed below:

**Us Girls Aycliffe  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE  
LEISURE CENTRE  
Monday 7-8.30pm**

Kelly Howe, Us Girls Coach, said: "Sedgfield School Sport Partnership is about providing high quality sport opportunities within schools and in the community, the Us Girls programme is about engaging girls into informal sporting activities that they would not normally do. The Club runs along the lines of Fun, Fitness & Friends."

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please contact Us Girls Coach Kelly Howe via: Email: kellyhowe@sedgfieldssp.

org.uk Office: (01388) 722317  
or Mobile: 07930 316310

## BIATHLON WINNER

Woodham Academy student Jake Mendelsohn (12) competed in his first biathlon entering the under 14 boys category at the Yorkshire Biathlon on Sunday 4th October in a field of 11.

The Biathlon involved a 1600 metres run and a 100 metre swim. Jake, who also plays for Sedgfield Water Polo club, won the event and will hopefully now go on to compete in the National Biathlon Championship and also the Schools' Biathlon Championship.



## Pool closure notice

Durham County Council will shortly be carrying out essential maintenance to the facilities at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, which regrettably means that the pool is scheduled to close for the period of Monday 16 November 2015 to Sunday 7 February 2016. When the pool reopens visitors can expect improvements to the changing rooms and pool side areas.

If you would like to swim you are welcome to use the facilities at any one of our other leisure centres. Your nearest facilities are:

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money of £20,000 again this year.

The Durham National is a Class 3 Handicap (3 miles, 6 furlongs) race that will take place at 3:00pm, sponsored by Sean Magee, a horse racing journalist who has a keen interest in the Durham National at Sedgefield. The

decision to move the once April fixture to a later time of the year, when the track is at its best, proved to be a popular decision with an increase in entries.

Last year Royale Knight, trained and ridden by 2014 Grand National winning combination Dr Richard Newland and Daryl Jacobs took the Durham National crown, the second Durham National win for the Dr. Previous winners also include winning horse Rubstic, trained by Stephen Leadbetter, who took the Durham National title for three consecutive back in 1978 and went on to win the Grand National in 1979. Jill Williamson, Executive Director at Sedgefield Racecourse said; "We are delighted to see the return of the Durham National this October, a highlight of our racing calendar. With previous winning horses such as Red Alligator who went onto win at Aintree in 1968 for Denys Smith and last year's Grand National winning trainer Dr. Richard Newland, the race is an exciting watch and proves to be extremely



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# NAYFC FOOTBALL ROUND UP

**Under 17s** were away to top of the league side Sunderland Millfield and with both teams holding a 100% record something had to give. In a superb game it was the U17s who triumphed in a fine 2-7 away win. A great win with the most pleasing aspect - hard work and effort that every player put in for each other to beat a good unbeaten physical team. Goals: K.Mcwaters (2), C.Denton (2), J.Cameron, R.Barass, Z.Smith. MOM went to Kieran Mcwaters.

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performance. Cameron Copeland netted after 5 minutes and they should have been 2 or 3 nil up conceded an equaliser through a good finish. The visitors made 1-3 before a Cameron Copeland free kick reduced the arrears. The Falcons were then second to everything and allowed Hardwick to grab another three goals to win the game. Final score 2-6.

**Under 14 Girls** triumphed in a pulsating derby with Bishop Auckland Girls'. A Chloe Ryan double soon made it 2-0 only for the Baggies to storm into a 2-3 half time lead. Harsh words ensured that another brace from Chloe (almost identical) secured the points. Hard work, great for the neutral!

**Under 13** Falcons bagged another 3 points after a gutsy away performance. Cameron Cook opened the scoring in the first half with Cole Harrison, Spencer O'Sullivan and Freddie Cockburn adding goals in the second half. A hard working squad performance from all 15 lads with Cole Harrison deservedly picking up the MOM award for his hard work and effort. Final score: Norton & Stockton 2-4 U13 Falcons.

**Under 12** Eagles hosted unbeaten Stockton West End. The Eagles were asked for 110% effort and they gave it! They were winning battles all over the pitch. Stockton didn't know what hit them. First half ended 0-0. Second half saw the Eagles take the lead through Adam Lowe. Stockton managed to get a goal back but the boys battled on and got their reward as Rhys Wilkinson finished in the corner. The Eagles hit the crossbar and post from free-kicks but held on for the well deserved win. MOTM was Evan Thompson. Final score: 2-1.

**Under 11** Eagles played host to Boro Rangers and soon found themselves 0-2 down and deservedly so. James Sear then netted after a lot of pressure. Half-time 1-2. The boys then gifted Boro a third, this was closely followed by a fourth. Boro Rangers deserved there 1-4 win. Brennan Fitzpatrick was MOTM.

**Under 11** Falcons were up against HFC Hoops and came away with a brilliant 3-2 win with only 9 players. Some brilliant defending all round allowed Dec, Jake and Leon to net for the Falcons. 4 wins in 6 games now as the boys dug deep. Man of the match went to Hayden.

**Under 11** Girls started with a fine 3-0 win against Leam rangers. An excellent goal from Hattie and two goals from Kate and the points were secured.

Next up Spraire Lasses and a first goal of the season from Macy was followed by Ocean Tia, Olivia, Hattie (3) Kate and Alex with 2 each. Games aren't won without clean sheets and that was down to Faith, Emily, Neve & Grace FT 10-0.

The battling Under 10s were away to Ferryhill and prepared for a tough game. A very controversial goal saw the home team take the lead in the second half. This affected the boys as heads went down and two more Ferryhill goals followed. Oliver then rifled in a great goal, quickly followed by a good cross to Isaac in the box but his effort was saved in the last minute. Final score a 3-1 defeat. The boys gave everything and were gutted! MOTM went to Jamie. Second game finished with a 5-0 loss despite heroic efforts from striker/goalkeeper Matty who

was magnificent. MOTM: Brooklyn

**Under 10** Girls were up against Plains Farm and despite a solid start a cross found their striker unmarked for 1-0. The goals continued to flow but the girls continued to play football. Full time 0-9. Finally a more competitive game v Lumley, Alysha was determined to keep a clean sheet, as half time beckoned Brooke broke free and gave the keeper no chance HT 1-0. Into the second half and chances continued to be created but Heidi, Ebony and Keira just couldn't find the target still Lumley looked

dangerous but Niamh, Phoebe, and Eden coped very well with each effort, the final word was left to Brooke as once again she floated passed the defenders and found the corner FT 2-0.

**Under 9** Falcons hosted Billingham Utd Wasps. Trailing 1-0 at half time Cole Gaskarth notched a second half hat-trick. Final score 3-1. MOTM was shared between Cole Gaskarth and Dylan Stewart with a fantastic display. Second game ended 5-3 to Billingham. Goals from Aidan Lee Peacock and 2 from Ryan Usher. Louis Parnaby was MOTM.

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# Great Aycliffe Youth Council



The newly elected Aycliffe Youth Councillors held their first meeting last week and it was good to see so many enthusiastic young people working together with a common aim which is to put other young people’s opinions forward, make the town better and give young people responsibility for doing things which directly affected them.

Josh Blackburn said “I joined Aycliffe Youth Council in order to become involved in the town and to represent the youth. The Youth Council is a great idea because it allows the voice of youngsters to be heard. I would like to work towards my goal of eventually becoming chairman and become more involved with the Town Council”.

The aims of Aycliffe Youth Council are:

**To encourage participation in the democratic process.**

**To provide young people with the opportunity to share their ideas and priorities with Great Aycliffe Town Council.**

**To provide a way for Great Aycliffe Town Council and other agencies to consult with young people.**

Aycliffe Youth Council has a limited grants budget available for youth organisations based in the Great Aycliffe area. Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or email Christine.walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

Please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for.

The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or most recent balance sheets or most recent bank statement.

## UNBEATEN AT HOME

Aycliffe remain unbeaten at home this season with this win against Newcastle Benfield. As was the case with last week’s 5-0 win at Durham it wasn’t until the second half that Aycliffe took control.

Aycliffe went into the game without both high profile strikers Matty Moffat and John Campbell. However Alex Kitchen and Dennis Knight returned from suspension.

It was Newcastle Benfield who scored first, after 23 mins. A cross to Shane Jones found he Benfield forward with plenty of space and he made no mistake with his shot. Within a minute Aycliffe might have equalised but Knight’s free kick was saved by Benfield keeper Mark Cook. A few minutes later the home side were again on the attack with a good cross from Ashley Coffey finding Stuart Banks whose shot was blocked.

The equaliser eventually came with Coffey this time being on the receiving end of a cross. The Aycliffe forward’s powerful header from close range giving Cook no chance. Aycliffe started the second half in determined fashion and were soon rewarded with Banks scoring after 53 mins. Benfield came close to drawing level with 65 mins gone but a fantastic save from James Winter preserved the lead. Aycliffe supporters have become used to seeing some great saves from their keeper but his effort, diving to his right to reach Lewis Scorgie’s 6 yard shot, was one of the best.

The game was put beyond doubt on 73 mins when Paul Garthwaite fired home a powerful shot from the edge of the penalty area. These three points took Aycliffe’s total to 20 from 12 games. They sit 11th in the Ebac Northern League Division One but, thanks to the excellent FA Cup run, have up to four games in hand on some above them. An indication of how far the team have come on is that at the same stage last season they had only 9 points.

Aycliffe now play five consecutive away league games. They will though play at home on Tuesday 27 October against Stockton Town in the Durham Challenge Cup. That game was also scheduled to be away but has been reversed because of Stockton’s lack of floodlights. Admission is reduced for that game; adults £4, concessions £2.

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

Wednesday 21 October - Norton & Stockton Ancients (a) 7:30pm  
Saturday 24 October - Bedlington Terriers (a) 3:00pm  
Tuesday 27 October - Stockton Town (h) 7:30pm  
Saturday 31 October - Chester-le-Street (a) 3:00pm  
FA Vase - Saturday 7 November - Morpeth (a) 3:00pm

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## Meet, Play and Eat at Complex

Age UK County Durham’s award winning Come Eat Together project have launched an exciting new lunch for people over 50 in partnership with Oakleaf Sports Complex this month.

Meet, Play and Eat is an opportunity to meet new people, try an exciting new activity and enjoy a delicious lunch. Participants have already tried Arrows, a less strenuous form of Archery. Although tricky to begin with, there were a few bullseyes and plenty of laughs. This was followed by either fish and chips or sausage and mash in the warm and friendly bar.

Running on the first Friday of each month, all are welcome to come along for the affordable price £5.00.

Friday 6th November you can play classic table top games such as Dominoes, Shove Ha’Penny, Quoits and Bar Skittles. Other activities include Target Bowls, Table Tennis and Short Tennis. Booking is essential, so for more details and to book please contact the Come Eat Together Team on 0191 374 6577 or email cet@ageukcountydurham.org.uk  
Come Eat Together is funded by Big Lottery Silver Dreams.

## Thank You

**THE FAMILY** of John Macmillan wish to express their gratitude for the cards, flowers and kind thoughts. Many thanks to G. Fletcher - especially Barry for always being there when we needed him. Thank you to Andrew Barker for stepping in at the last minute and finding the right words. Also to Heavenly Scent and Eliza Bloom for providing beautiful flowers. We are also grateful to Sylvester and his team at The Foresters Arms for providing a warm friendly atmosphere and ‘truly scrumptious’ buffet. A total of £550 was raised to be shared between the Retired Greyhound Trust and The Donkey Sanctuary. All support has been very much appreciated, many thanks.

**CANISAY** Thank you through the Newton News to Gemma for doing my nails beautifully, she was helpful and flexible with my appointment which I got at short notice. Gemma is based inside “All Cuts” Hairdressers at OneGym on the Newton Aycliffe Business Park. Tel 07714 228082. Thank you Gemma from Jo, I will be back

**BETTY BARRASS** The family of the late Betty wishes to thank the four ladies who helped my Mam to make her as comfortable as possible so that we could be by her side to say good bye. Many thanks to family and friends who attended the funeral; for the support you gave us; the Reverend Kevin Leavesley for a beautiful Service. A big thank you to Meynells, especially Geradeen and Tracey for all their help. The Legion for a wonderful buffet. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for Parkinsons UK, which totalled £252. My Mam would have been thrilled for her beautiful send off. May I thank you all once again. Betty’s Son Robert and family

## In Memoriam



**NEAL ANTHONY (Tony) EDWARD**, 26th October 2014. I never thought of losing you and maybe that’s what’s wrong, you always seem a part of me, that would go on and on. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day. It’s the heartbreak of losing you that never goes away. My love as always, Yvonne

**HARRIET BRUMWELL** Died 18th October 1993. We still miss you every day, but the memories will always stay. God bless. Love, Jeannette, Owen and Carl

**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 28th October 2007. Never more than a thought away. Sadly missed. Love, Pauline, Bruce, Michael and Stephen  
**CHRIS ELLIOTT** 28th October 2007. Treasured memories of a dear Brother and Brother-in-Law. Forever in our thoughts. Love, Barbara and Rob xxx

**KENNETH FORSTER** 27th October 1999. Treasured memories of my dearly loved Husband Kenny. Loved and remembered always. Val and family xxxxx

## Congratulations



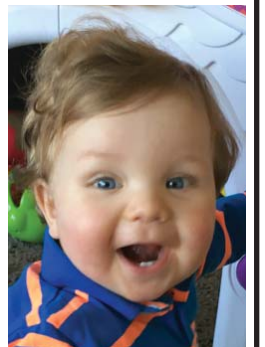
### John Kent



### Happy 70th Birthday 27th October 2015

To a wonderful Husband, Dad and Grandad. Lots of love, Pat, Jue, Kev, Jake, Ang, Lee, Caleb, Claire, John, Ollie, Arthur, Benni, Mike, Sam, Olivia and Harry xxxxx

### William Edward Porritt



### Happy 1st Birthday 28th October 2015

We look back to life before you, and wonder how did we fill our days? What did we do that was so important? Do you know, we couldn’t say. You brought meaning to our lives and fill our every waking hour. It’s like you have some hold on us, some magical, mystical power. Whatever it is, we love it and this is an opportunity to say how so very much we love you, enjoy your very 1st birthday. Happy 1st Birthday to our darling baby boy. We love you to the moon and back. Mummy, Daddy & Buddy xxx

### Lisa Nelson



### “BIG 40”

Happy birthday Lisa. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and all the family xxxxx

## Property

### Property For Sale: Hamsterley Road Newton Aycliffe Offers In The Region of £135,000

We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £135,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

A well presented three bedroom detached offered for sale with no onward chain. Situated on the popular Cobblers Hall estate, benefitting from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and off street parking leading to integral garage. In brief the property comprises entrance hall, ground floor W/C, lounge open plan to dining room, modern kitchen with integrated appliances, family bathroom, three double bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, garden to rear with patio and lawn, efficiency rating: D. For further information or to arrange a viewing please contact Northgate Estate Agents on 01325 315 869 or dl5@northgates.net

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# NEWTON NEWS

## FIND A DOG a home

Have you got a home for Harry?



Harry is a 4 year old beautiful Saluki crossbreed who found himself homeless after his owner unfortunately became ill.

Since being at Dogs Trust Darlington Rehoming Centre, Harry’s carers have been training him to walk nicely on a lead and have taught him some basic commands - his favourite is giving a ‘high five’! Harry’s hobbies include playing football and showing off his tricks and snuggling up to his teddy bears, including his Scooby Doo which is his favourite. As well as cuddles with his toys, he loves a cuddle with his two legged friends too and would quite happily curl up on your lap if he could fit!

Harry is sometimes unsure how to act around other dogs and can get overexcited but he’s a quick learner and does now have a few walking buddies at the centre, so he would benefit from continuing this training in his new home. That way he will be able to make the most of his new life and build a great bond with his forever family.

Harry could possibly live with a compatible dog but would not be suitable to live with other animals due to his natural chase instinct. He would happily live with a family with children aged over 11 years old.

**To find out more about Harry please visit Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm, closed on Wednesdays.**

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# Athena Win 38 Medals Desperately Seeking Supporters

After a very successful showcase at the Sage in Gateshead during Gymfusion 2015, Athena Sports Academy who train at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, once again had a very busy weekend. On Sunday 18th October, the club took part at the Deerness Floor Championships in Durham as over 600 gymnasts from clubs all over the North East met for

this annual competition, with Gymnasts ranging from Novice, Intermediates to Advanced, competing in Mainstream and Disability Categories. This competition increases in size every year so the amount of Gymnasts in some of the categories are quite high so it is quite an achievement to win a medal. It is also a really good opportunity for Gymnasts to

compete for the very first time, which many of our gymnasts did with some really good performances. The club was really pleased that they managed to win 13 Gold, 13 Silver and 12 Bronze medals throughout the day, of which 6 of these were won by the Clubs, Warrior Boys. After the competition had finished there was a lot of very proud coaches and parents all happy with what the club and their gymnasts had achieved during a very busy day. The hard work for the club doesn't finish there though as many of the gymnasts are now training for the higher, NDP Regional Competitions hoping that the end result is competing at National Level for the Club. The club are also getting ready for the Annual Christmas Showcase on Saturday 5th December which will be held at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

Athena Sports Academy are always keen to welcome new members to our Gymnast family, both girls and boys, so should you or if you know anyone who may be interested please contact Sam on 07800 847527 or 01388 605946 for more information about the classes that we offer at the club.

*The photo is of 3 Gymnasts, Halle May Race (Gold) Millie Parsley (Silver) and Kaytlen Carruthers (Bronze), who come from Aycliffe, getting the full sweep in their Category.*



After a few years flirting with relegation, Newton Aycliffe are back at the right end of the Northern League table. The club is creating history almost every week and there is a real sense of success within Moore Lane Park. The club's once vociferous and loyal support has become detached in recent seasons however. Club Secretary Stephen Cunliffe asks why in this plea to exiled Newtonians...

"Just three weeks ago, Newton Aycliffe created history by staging an FA Cup second round qualifying game, with 253 fans flocking to Moore Lane Park in the hope that their little town could etch its way onto the footballing map. The fact the club narrowly missed out is irrelevant.

Ok, so it's a far cry from the days when 350 people used to flock to Moore Lane Park for the visits of Hebburn Town or Chester-le-Street on a regular basis in the second tier of the Northern League, but 253 nonetheless was a positive sign that things off the field were making par with things on it. Last Saturday, the FA Cup heroes despatched Newcastle Benfield - stretching their unbeaten run to six - with relative ease, lifting them into the top half of the table. Should results in Peter Dixon's team's games in hand go their way in the coming weeks, the Newtonians could sit as lofty as third.

**Less than 80 people were in**

**attendance.** Aycliffe's average gate this season is just 107. The sixth lowest in the first division of the Northern League. Just four years ago, as the team cruised to the second division title, Aycliffe boasted the fifth highest attendance across both divisions.

**So where have the fans gone?**

The Darlington factor hasn't helped, but that's not the reason. There have been many occasions in the past two years when Darlington have been away from home, yet their Aycliffe-based support have neglected to make the alternative trip to Moore Lane. Sunderland were away from home on Saturday, and in truth, their fans would probably give up their tickets in favour of watching a winning team at present. Newcastle weren't even playing and you can't tell me Middlesbrough have taken back their share of Newtonians?! The whispers around the aisles of Tesco and the toilets of the town's watering holes is that it's down to the fact that there's not a single Newtonian in the team, so the team has lost its identity. I can tell you now, that goes for 95% of all teams at this level, so surely this cannot be the reason... can it?!

You can't tell me Bishop Auckland have a stable of players from the DL14 postcode. Shildon to my knowledge don't have a player from the town, and if they do, it'll certainly be a small number. I could go on; I won't, I think I've made my

point. I don't believe for one minute that if Peter Dixon altered his recruitment policy and picked players from a one-mile radius of Moore Lane Park, and sacrificed the club's league position and current form, that the crowds would come flocking back. Who wants to watch a losing team?! Ask those Sunderland fans...

The people of this town need to get behind the club. Get behind the badge. Players, managers, even us committee staff will come and go, but the team will always be there. And it needs your support now, more than ever. In order to continue to service a winning team, we need a winning support. Just look at the resurgence of both North and South Shields in the past season or two.

The club is on the brink of something special. Peter Dixon led us to our first cup final in the Northern League last year and our historical FA Cup run this season. We all know what he done for 'little' West Auckland in the FA Vase in recent years. Don't miss out on this fabulous roller coaster. We are offering good football, at affordable,

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## Ironman Number 5 for Aycliffe Tri Club

October 4th saw Aycliffe Tri Club member Rob Cherrie compete in IRONMAN Barcelona. Rob who fits his triathlon training around his job as a Fireman and a very busy family life, finished the endurance event in a fantastic 11 hours and 43 minutes.

Rob took the 2.4 mile sea swim, 112 mile bike and 26.2 mile run head on and was met with huge cheers and congratulations as he stormed down the finishers chute.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of Aycliffe Tri Club please contact the club



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