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Poundworld Opens New Aycliffe Store in November

Poundworld has confirmed it will open in Newton Aycliffe in November. The new store will be situated in the Town Centre at the former Poundstretcher unit. The opening is part of a planned redevelopment for the town centre transforming the town as a retail destination, providing a hub for Aycliffe's rapidly growing residential and business community. Family-run Poundworld started on a Wakefield market stall, and pledges to help shoppers save big on their favourite household names including Cadbury's, Johnson's and Colgate. With over 5,000 products at £1 each, savvy Poundworld shoppers can take advantage of consistently great deals on thousands of leading brands to drive down the cost of their weekly shop. The huge 5,000 square foot store will stock everything from cleaning products, health and beauty items, stationery and DIY to toys and pet care products.



Area Manager Tracey Readman said: "We're thrilled to announce the news we'll be opening in Newton Aycliffe. Previously locals would have to travel to Darlington or Bishop Auckland to shop with us. We're excited to open our doors to shoppers." Bryan Haldane, Aycliffe Town Centre manager said: "the owners and management of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre are delighted to welcome Poundworld's new store as the latest addition to our ever

growing retail offer." The fast-growing value retailer, recently the subject of popular BBC1 documentary 'Pound Shop Wars', has over 300 stores nationwide and plans to open a further fifty stores in the next year.

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Town Council holds its annual Fireworks Display on Thursday 5th November on the Oak Leaf Sports Complex field. Due to safety concerns the Council took the decision to only allow residents of the Parish of Great Aycliffe to attend the display, therefore the event will be pre-ticketed. The Fireworks Display will be a FREE family event, anyone wishing to attend the display must have a wristband, if you still haven't got yours, residents will have one final opportunity on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 between 4.30pm until 8.00pm, at Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Please remember to bring proof of residency in the form of a utility bill or driving licence.

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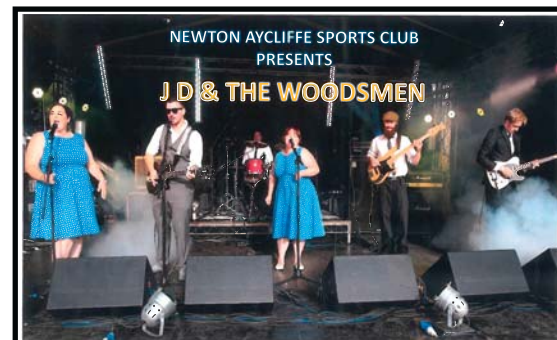
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He has removed nettles, shrubs, pruned bushes and removed plastic bags, bottles, tin cans and large amounts of rubbish.
The work was taken on by David giving his time and energy totally unpaid! He has created a walkway which is now accessible to the general public and is a pleasure to walk.
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REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER 2015

PLEASE NOTE:

In order that the **Annual Remembrance Day Parade** can take place the following roads will be closed for short periods when the parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

**Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road,
Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.**

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00 a.m. until approximately 12.30 p.m. for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Great Aycliffe Town Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

Sunday, 8th November 2015

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short Service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

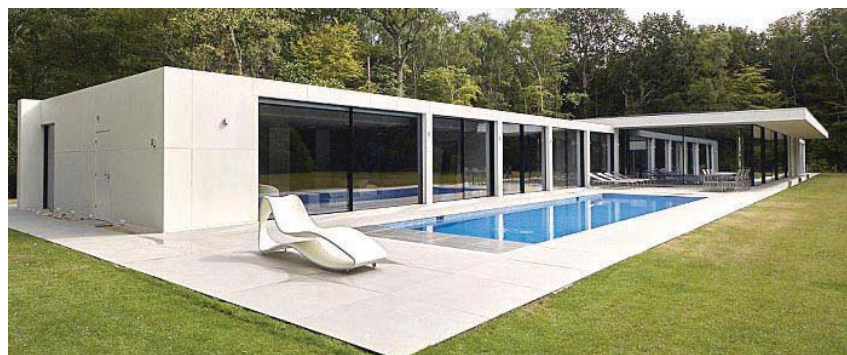
At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Lt. Col. Nick Moore, MBE, CEng, MIMechE. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

Aycliffe Village Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 8th November 2015 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

Aycliffe Company Featured on Popular T.V. Programme



An Aycliffe steel firm has helped to construct the biggest house ever to feature on Channel 4's popular TV show Grand Designs. SCH Site Services provided the steel for the 60-metre long bungalow which left presenter Kevin McCloud almost speechless.

McCloud, who has presented the show since it first aired in 1999, appeared stunned by the sheer scale of the project when he arrived to view the steel frame, which was fabricated in Newton Aycliffe and transported to the site in Sussex.

SCH managing director Gary Finley said: "We ended up spending three days on site, but only because we were delayed

by the film crew. 75% of the building was erected on the first day, but then we were held up for nearly a full day waiting for the film crew to arrive.

The Grand Designs project, was one of a number of interesting contracts SCH has been working on over the last year. "We've had a varied year with some interesting projects in different parts of the country," added Gary.

The colourful portfolio of projects enabled SCH to record a £4.5m turnover earlier this year.

Formed in 2006, SCH first operated as a crane hire company with four mobile cranes and four drivers working for local companies,

but it grew into steelwork and in 2011 recorded a turnover of £325,000.

After moving into new premises in 2012, sales grew to £2.2m and then £3.43m before hitting £4.1m in 2013, £4.1m in 2014 and £4.5m this year, while staff numbers have also doubled to 40 in the last four years.

As well as Sir Robert McAlpine and B&K, SCH also boast Wates Group (formerly Shepherd Construction), Robertson's North-East, Hall Construction, Peikko and Balfour Beatty among their client list. For more details about SCH, go to www.schsiteservices.co.uk or call them on 01325 327149.

AYCLIFFE BREWERS INTRODUCE NEW BEERS

Newton Aycliffe's own craft brewery – The Steam Machine – is continuing to grow at an exciting rate. Despite the high demand, they are still finding time to innovate and experiment with a diverse range of ingredients. This month they are delighted to finally release two new beers: New Age Brown Ale 6.5% and Red IPA 6.5%.

Nick Smith, the brewery's co-founder said, "Those who drink our beers will know we take inspiration from anywhere, but with the New Age Brown it's a bit more personal. Excluding the obvious example from Newcastle, the North East has a rich tradition of strong brown ales – many of them were even stronger than ours! These beers are mostly lost to history now, and those that have survived have become far weaker as a result of rationing restrictions in both World Wars."

The new beers are the first that Steam Machine has added to its core range since they began trading in the summer of this year. "We are known for using a lot of New World hops, and the Brown will be no exception. The dark chocolate notes of British specialty malts contrast really well with the sharp tang of passion fruit from some of the best American hops. The Red IPA is also a mix of old and new – Indian Pale Ales have a legendary status in the beer world, and a history going back centuries. We've taken influence from the sweeter malt-rich IPAs of the American East Coast, but have used a traditional British yeast. Craft beer drinkers and retailers who have tried the



Nick's wife and co-founder, Gulen, with the bottled beer

prototypes have been just as excited as we are about the releases."

When asked what's next on the cards for Steam Machine, Nick said: "For December we'll have our winter special – a rich stout brewed with black molasses. It's our strongest beer yet at 10%... it's definitely one for

sipping."

Those wishing to sample Steam Machine's New Age Brown Ale and Red IPA can purchase bottles from Woodham News from this week, with other venues and stockists of Aycliffe's craft beers following suit shortly after. Any other retailers wanting to sell the local product should contact Nick on 07415 75 99 45 or info@steammachinebrew.com

Dinner Lady Retires After 25 Years Service

Woodham Academy said a fond farewell at the end of October to one of its longest serving members of staff. Judith Douthwaite has been a lunchtime supervisor for over 25 years and has therefore provided support and assistance to thousands of students who have passed through the school in that time.

Woodham Academy's Headteacher, Christine Forsyth added, "Judith's dedication and commitment to looking after pupils over so many years is a tremendous achievement. It is a privilege to thank her for her service and all at Woodham wish her well in the future."



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Saturday 31st October - "Gatecrashers"

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Saturday 7th November - "Uncle Gilbert"

Riffs Online Review: "An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill and Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance - as did all the other punters in the venue tonight. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right - this band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league".
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Aycliffe Business Park's Annual Awards Dinner

The Managing Director of Ebac, one of the region's leading manufacturing companies says there is a "real sense of growth" on Aycliffe Business Park following a number of exciting developments recently.



Pamela Petty's firm Ebac, which is bringing washing machine manufacturing back to the UK, says there's a positive mood around.

She wants to see Aycliffe businesses shout about their success at this year's 'Make Your Mark' event – a black-tie awards ceremony in November.

"We're a middle-sized business and we're big and ugly enough to look after ourselves, almost wherever we're based. But I think it's important that we nurture some of the smaller businesses and help them in whatever way we can, because potentially they're the big employers of tomorrow and they need to be able to grow and take on more people."

Mrs Petty vice-chair of the Aycliffe Business Park Community Steering Group is organising its second annual business awards event, at the Xcel Centre on Thursday 26th November. Ebac has won a number of awards in recent years, and Mrs Petty is urging businesses to get involved by nominating themselves and others for the 11 awards up

for grabs.

"What I like best about awards is that you can come back into the factory, and tell all the staff here that there's recognition for all the hard work that we do," she added. "It's nice for your customers, suppliers and bankers to see an independent voice saying how well you're doing, rather than us telling them."

"It's also nice to take a step back sometimes. We're all faced with challenges every day. You focus a lot on your everyday business, so it's good to just to take that step back once a year and give yourself a pat on the back."

"For us at Ebac, I'm really looking forward to next year, or the year after, when we will really be able to start shouting about our washing machines."

Subsea cable protection specialists Tekmar Energy piped Ebac, Finley Structures and Merchant Place Developments to the top award at Make Your Mark last year.

And even though Ebac won the Manufacturer of the Year award in 2014, Mrs Petty added: "It was a very strong shortlist for the top award, and that's because there are some brilliant companies on Aycliffe Business Park."

"The strength of the categories surprised us a little, with it being the first time we did the awards, so we're looking forward to what this year's event will throw up!"

The categories at this year's Make Your Mark awards are Apprentice of the Year, Apprenticeships, Company of the Year, Employer of the Year, Engineering & Manufacturing, Export, Heart of the Community, Innovation, Best Newcomer, Service Business of the Year and Best Small Business. Businesses can enter online at www.aycliffeawards.co.uk. Tickets for the evening itself, priced from £29.95, as well as sponsorship packages are also available from www.aycliffeawards.co.uk or by emailing hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk

"SHOULD OUR MP RESIGN?"

Dear Sir,
Our Labour MP, Phil Wilson has published his survey of local businesses on their attitude to the European Union and concludes that 86% favour continued membership while 75% of those wanted change. Given that most people I talk to have a preferred change that they consider to be a RED LINE, and that at a recent visit to the European Parliament the Germans and the French both said that further Political and Fiscal integration was their Red Line [the French President going as far as to say that members who did not want more Political and Fiscal union should leave the EU] it is unlikely that any local or national businesses would agree to a change that meant increased integration to support the failing Euro. I wonder if Mr Wilson asked the respondents if they

thought Britain should join the failing Euro? If he had I bet there would have been a 99% NO response.

What was evident from the speeches at the European Parliament was that the German Chancellor and the French President had decided on more Political and Fiscal union and that the rest had better support them! However, a new Euro-Sceptic government has been elected in Poland and other states have closed their borders to illegal migrants despite the Germans having declared a Europe wide open border policy. There may soon be no European Union for us to leave. Its undemocratic actions and institutions are being seen for what they are. The EU as it stands is undemocratic, the immigration policy has been decided (and has been thrown into turmoil) by the Germans ALONE. It was the Germans who negotiated the Euro bail out for Greece, this, despite the Greeks having signed up to cancelling similar German debts in 1953. As one Greek said recently, the Germans should not be lending Greece money, they should be paying Greece War Reparations!

As far as the in/out referendum goes, we know that the Establishment Parties want to scare us into staying in by threatening the OUT supporters with unemployment etc. This is what the Establishment did during the Scottish Independence Referendum. However, the Tories, Labour and Lib-Dems all shed crocodile tears about the demise of our steel industry and blame steel dumping by China when the true cause is the lack of a level playing field in Europe due to green taxes and European countries 'illegally' protecting their own

steel industry. Only when we are out of the European Union can we decide for ourselves how we protect our industries and jobs.

The fact is that all the political parties (except only UKIP) are scared to pull out of the European Union. They will have nobody to blame when their policies fail. They are scared to govern an Independent Great Britain; better to give Taxpayers money to the unelected European Commission (which is more corrupt than FIFA allegedly is, and cannot get any auditor to pass its annual

accounts).

At least Mr Wilson has nailed his colours to the STAY IN mast [at least for the near future]. This could change under the new Labour Party leadership, indeed if he comes down on the wrong side he could risk de-selection! How undemocratic is the situation he is now in? Those who voted for him on Labour General Election Manifesto now have a right to know if he, like Jeremy Corbyn, has torn up that Manifesto. What does he now stand for? Should he not now resign?
Alastair P.G.Welsh.

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Gestamp Tallent Celebrate Prestigious Apprenticeship Award

Newton Aycliffe-based Gestamp Tallent Ltd, one of the world's leading manufacturers of chassis and suspension products for the automotive industry, was recognised for its commitment to apprenticeships last night at the twelfth North East Regional Apprenticeship Awards, organised by the National Apprenticeship Service.

The company, which currently has over 50 apprentices working in engineering, maintenance and tool-making within its 1,300 strong workforce, was awarded the BAE Systems Award for Large Employer of the Year at the awards ceremony held at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle.

Training Controller David Pearson, said, "We are delighted to have won this award as apprenticeships are fundamental to our business. Our apprentices have exceeded expectations, in terms of commercial benefits to the business and increased loyalty. "That is why a lot of our apprentices have enjoyed good progression within the

company and have worked their way up to senior positions, forming the backbone of the business."

The National Apprenticeship Awards celebrate the success of the country's most exceptional apprentices and apprenticeship employers. The awards challenge top apprenticeship employers and apprentices across England to come forward and show how apprenticeships have made a real difference to their organisation and careers. Anthony Knowles, Head of Employer and Delivery Services (North East) for the National Apprenticeship Service said,

"Apprenticeships deliver for businesses, individuals and the economy. They enable people to gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed, in some cases up to degree level, while working and earning. For businesses, hiring apprentices is a productive and effective way for them to grow their own talent by developing a motivated, skilled and qualified workforce."

"The National Apprenticeship



David Pearson & Hannah Potter, Gestamp Tallent Ltd.

Awards enable talented apprentices and committed employers to receive the recognition they richly deserve. They not only help celebrate the achievements of apprentices and businesses, allowing them to gain the credit for investing in their own futures, but they

drive up quality and encourage others to get involved.

"Today's winners are the best of the best in the North East and I would like to congratulate them on their achievements. They deserve to be rewarded for their efforts. There has never been a better time to become an apprentice or employ one."

Businesses and apprentices fought off tough competition to win this year's coveted awards. This year's winners for the North East are:

- McDonald's Award for Intermediate Apprentice of the Year: Ryan Davies, South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust;
- Highly Commended: Ryan Hepple, TW Steam and Heating Ltd
- EAL Award for Advanced Apprentice of the Year: Matthew Collins, Proctor and Gamble.
- Highly Commended: Victoria English, Caterpillar Peterlee Ltd

The Nuclear Decommissioning Site Licence Companies Award for the Higher Apprentice of the Year: Nathan Charrada, Proctor and Gamble.

Highly commended: Bethany Cross, Northumberland Fire and Rescue

• City & Guilds Apprenticeship Champion of the Year: George Ritchie MBE, PX Limited

Highly Commended: Stephen Gowland, ILS solicitors

• EON and The National Skills Academy for Power Medium Employer of the Year: Sotech Limited.

• BAE Systems Award for Large Employer of the Year: Gestamp Tallent Ltd.

• Highly commended: Caterpillar Peterlee Ltd

• EDF Energy Award for Newcomer SME of the Year: PROPS North East.

Following the regional ceremonies, the winners from each category in all 11 areas of England will have their entries sent for national judging, and three from each category will be selected as national finalists. The apprenticeship employer entries that were judged to be the very best of the best will have the additional honour of featuring in the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list, which will be produced by the National Apprenticeship Service.

The national award winners and Top 100 Employers will be revealed at a ceremony held in January 2016 at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Visit apprenticeships.gov.uk or call 08000 150 600 to find out more about apprenticeships.

FIRM DEFIES RECESSION TO BREAK TEN YEAR RECORD

LEADING consulting engineering firm Morgan Tucker marked their tenth year in business at a special event in Newark recently. Held at the historic National Civil War Centre, founder and managing director Matthew Tucker was joined by local dignitaries and guests in celebrating the firm's landmark year- which has also been their most successful year to date.

Since its inception in 2005, the firm has secured more than 2150 contracts worth more than £11m collectively. Morgan Tucker now manages more than £3bn worth of construction projects worldwide and has grown to 125 members of staff across eight offices.

Speaking at the event, Matthew said that the firm had reached a key milestone not only in business terms, but in achieving its expansion targets.

"We are delighted to be celebrating our ten year anniversary," said Matthew. "It is an exciting time for us in terms of growth and strategic development"

"Receiving the £1m investment from Foresight Group earlier this year has enabled us to make a key acquisition and recruit industry leading professionals to drive our expansion strategy."

"We are currently undergoing a management restructure which will see the creation of an executive group, with some of the industry's leading names set to join us in the coming months. We have also created five regional director roles to expand our services across a wider number of sectors in the



Matthew Tucker (centre) with directors and staff

UK and abroad in Oman and the Czech Republic.

"This current restructure is as significant for us as winning the London 2012 Olympic Park contract."

Matthew launched the business in 2005 in his spare room. He recruited his first member of staff later that year and moved to his current Newark headquarters in 2013. Morgan Tucker was appointed to design and deliver a construction logistics facility for the London 2012 Olympic Park – one of the biggest of its kind in the world. It was a catalyst project for Morgan Tucker's client base – and it catapulted the business into the UK spotlight.

Tom Thorp, director at Foresight Group said: "The Foresight Nottingham Fund has been an investor in Morgan Tucker since March

this year and are pleased with the way that Matthew and his team have set out their strategic growth plans for the business over the next five years, building on a strong platform established over the last 10 years.

"With both national and international growth opportunities that Morgan Tucker is working on now, this business will have some exciting times ahead, which we looking forward to joining them on as they grow their geographical footprint and client base."

Matthew added: "We have worked on some significant projects in the last ten years and survived one of the worst recessions in our lifetime."

"That is testament to the hard work and professionalism of the whole team at Morgan Tucker."

TOWN CENTRE UPDATE

Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane is delighted the new Greggs Store is opened and has become such a great success. The new modern look with its well-designed interior complements Coffee Pronto providing town centre visitors with two balanced food outlets.

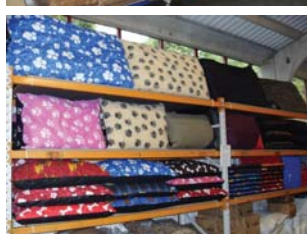
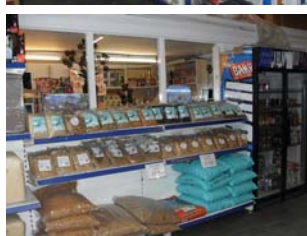
Bryan is also pleased to welcome Poundworld, opening in November and sees it as a great addition to the centre in time for Christmas shopping. Bryan told Newton News there would be further delay in demolishing Churchill House to ensure the clock tower will stand securely afterwards. It could be next spring before we see the start of work in this area including the transfer of the Library and refurbishment of the Leisure Centre. He assured us that despite recent reports six CCTV cameras are deployed in the town centre and will be extended to offer full 24 hour coverage.

Three modern flats above Greggs are available to let at reasonable rents - please contact the Estate Agents, Northgates for details. Plans are in hand to celebrate Xmas in the centre with a top entertainer and Christmas trees are already in place.

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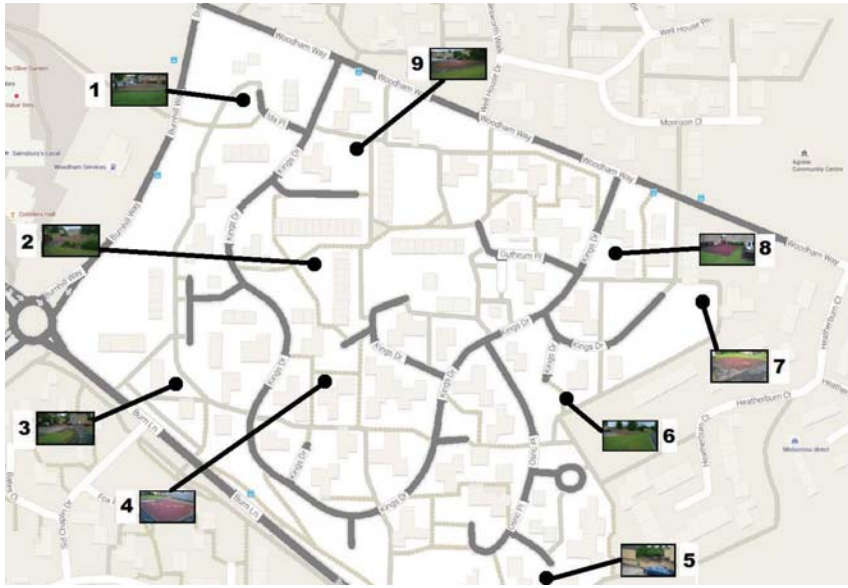


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Proposed Improvements on King's Drive Estate



Fawkes Talk

On Wednesday 4 November at 7pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Arthur Dodds will speak on the 'Gunpowder Plot with reference to Local Families'. All are welcome members £1 non members £3 to include tea/coffee/biscuits. Enquiries 01325 3010923.

Earlier this year, County Councillors John D Clare, Joan Gray and Mike Dixon did a walkabout on the King's Drive estate. On the estate are nine areas of red tarmac (see map), formerly play areas, now derelict, which we felt were looking tired. Three of the areas (2, 3 and 8 on the map) belong to Livin, and we are delighted to tell you that we have contacted Livin,

who are considering how they might improve their areas. Of the six areas owned by Durham County Council, there is one very large area (plot 6 on the map) which we will have to leave until another time. However, we are currently consulting with residents on our proposals:

- (a) to replace the red tarmac/gravel with grass (in areas 1, 4, 5 and 7).
 - (b) to put in a dropped-kerb to make one area (9) accessible as an overspill parking area.
- This is a fairly large scheme, which will cost £22,000 out of our Neighbourhood Improvement budgets. We believe that the work will significantly improve the aspect of the King's Drive estate. We hope that the changes will support the efforts of those who wish to make the estate an attractive area of which residents can be proud. You can contact us to tell us what you think about our proposals, but please make it clear whether or not you are a resident of the King's Drive estate:
- john.clare@durham.gov.uk
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joan.gray@durham.gov.uk
T: 03000 268 713
mike.dixon@durham.gov.uk
T: 03000 268 706

Bridges to be Replaced

Dear Sir,
I am pleased to confirm that two new bridges are currently being installed at the Honister/Garburn end of West Park with the middle Kirkstone Bridge to follow immediately. Cllr Hopper and I met with John Reed DCC officer and discussed the replacement of all three bridges. We identified that DCC had allocated £52.5k as part of the highways budget for the replacement/improvement of footways across the whole of, what was known as the old Sedgefield Borough area. During these discussions Cllr Adam and Cllr Hopper secured £50k of this budget towards the replacement of two of these bridges. Also with the support of 400 residents who signed a petition to keep the third bridge open, will continue to seek additional funding for the replacement of the Whinlatter Bridge when the 16/17 budgets are set in April 2016. Cllr Eddy Adam

Film Show

The next "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, features the powerful, exciting drama "ELMER GANTRY" starring Burt Lancaster (Oscar Best actor), Jean Simmons, Arthur Kennedy, Shirley Jones (Oscar best supporting actress) and Patti Page.

A Charismatic con-man stumbles on a Christian revival meeting and sees that he can hustle money there more easily than in saloons. He also falls for the saintly Sister Sharon but the past is going to catch up with them both. 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.

Horndale Scarecrow Festival



During the final week of the first Autumn Half-term, pupils at Horndale County Infant and Nursery School, Newton Aycliffe, took part in a variety of Harvest activities leading up to their Autumn Service for parents. Staff and pupils made their own life size scarecrows on their own chosen theme from their favourite stories such as 'The Scarecrows Wedding' to their favourite film characters the Minions and even a scary

Halloween theme.

Pupils had great fun making the scarecrows from scratch using a variety of materials. They had to use lots of different skills such as measuring, cutting, stuffing and even sewing! New Head Teacher Craig Brown, said "It was wonderful to see the children using such a wide range of skills as a team to make an end product that they can be proud of. The language pupils were using

was excellent and they have been talking all week about what fun they have had as well as learning lots along the way!"

Parents saw the scarecrows up close and personal at the Early Years and Key Stage 1 Autumn services where the children sang songs and read Harvest poems. More images of the scarecrows and the children at work can be seen on our new school website: <http://www.horndale.durham.sch.uk>

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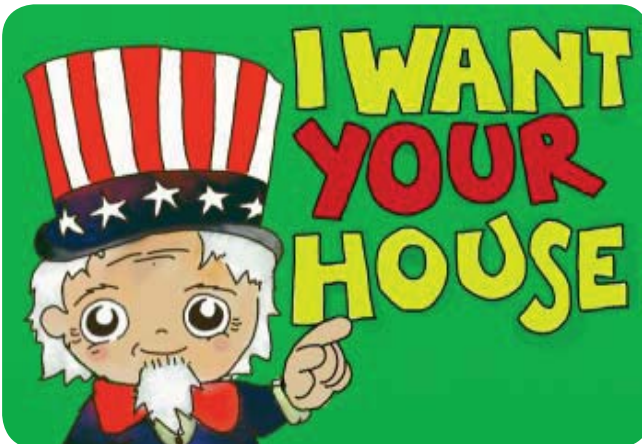
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DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTH EAST

A devolution agreement that will transform the North East economy and bring new opportunities for businesses and residents will be agreed today (Friday 23 October).

Members of the North East Combined Authority and the Government will sign the agreement to devolve significant powers, funding and responsibilities to the region.

The move will represent a major change to the way in which decisions will be made in the future about transport, investment, funding, skills training, business support, housing and strategic planning.

The North East Combined Authority and a new elected mayor – to be elected for the first time in 2017 – will take control of the new devolved powers.

CLlr Simon Henig, chair of the North East Combined Authority, said: “This is an important day for the North East. The agreement being signed today will bring significant economic benefits and opportunities for businesses and residents.

“Those living, working and doing business here in our region represent our greatest asset – and through this agreement we will invest in the people of the North East and support business to grow and thrive.

“We want to enable people to get the skills and training needed to get jobs, we want to create reliable and efficient transport networks to provide access to those jobs and we want to ensure people have good quality homes in areas they want to live in.

“We will also invest in and work with the business sector to ensure we understand and meet business needs.

“And we will work to support competition on an international stage and attract new business and investment into our region to enable our economy to grow.

“This agreement marks the start of a new way of working in the North East which should not only benefit our regional economy but that of the whole country.”

The agreement will see:

- Up to £1.5bn pumped into a new North East Investment Fund. This will be targeted towards boosting economic growth and supporting the region to compete in international markets. It will include an initial funding allocation of £30m a year over 30 years.

- The creation of an Employment and Skills Board to manage an overhaul of post-16 skills training and employment support in order to get more people into work, increase productivity, improve the life chances of young people and address the skill shortages experienced by North East employers.

- From 2017, a new devolved approach to business support, which will simplify and strengthen the support available for business growth, innovation and global trade in the North East in order to deliver the ambition set out in the North East Strategic Economic Plan to create 100,000 jobs.

- The establishment, in partnership with the NHS, of a Commission for Health and Social Care Integration. This will look at the potential for further integration of health services – including acute and primary care, community services, mental health services, social care and public health – in order to strengthen services, improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities.

- An ambitious target to increase the number of new homes in the region. This will include the creation of a North East Land Board to identify potentially suitable locations for housing or economic development and the devolution of some statutory planning powers.

- Devolved responsibility for the region’s transport budget along with responsibility for transport delivery, including infrastructure improvements and the development of smart ticketing across public transport networks in the area.

The agreement is a first step in a progressive process of devolution, which paves the way for opportunities for further devolved powers and responsibilities to the North East.

Final agreement remains subject to the Government’s spending review and the legislative process and is also conditional upon further public consultation and the agreement of the seven local councils which make up the combined authority.

Chancellor George Osborne said: “This announcement shows that our revolutionary plans for devolution are gathering an unstoppable momentum.

“The civic leaders of the North East have worked incredibly hard to reach this point and as a result today we are signing this historic agreement which will give the area significant new powers and investment.

“Once again the Northern Powerhouse is leading the way in our ambition to take power out of London and give it to the people who know their areas best.”

Northern Powerhouse Minister James Wharton said: “Our long-term economic plan seeks to rebalance growth and build a Northern Powerhouse. By ending the ‘one size fits all’ approach of the past, we are giving local people the powers they need to boost jobs and skills.

“Today’s deal means the North East is leading the way, with significant new powers and nearly £1billion of Government investment over the next three decades.

“This will enable the region to compete nationally and on the international stage. I look forward to seeing how a future Mayor and combined authority work with the business community to make their ambitions a reality.”

On behalf of all of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in the region, the North East and Cumbria CCG Forum welcomed the opportunity to explore improving health outcomes of patients and reducing health inequalities by considering greater integration, deeper collaboration and devolution across the North East Combined Authority area.

Dr David Hambleton, chair of the NECCCG Forum said: “Linking with the broader plans for devolution of power to the North East Combined Authority area, we are keen to explore how the NHS can play its part in shaping our future locally”

WOODHAM STUDENTS REACH FOR THE STARS



Have you ever caught yourself gazing at the stars or wondering what goes on amongst the planets in space? You’re not the only one, as astronomy has become a hot topic more recently surrounding the discovery of yet more planets and planned trips to space becoming a reality.

One school recognising the interest in astrophysics is Woodham Academy which is introducing the option to study Astronomy as part of its More Able Academy. The school has identified that an increasing number of students are focussing their attention on science and will now offer its students the chance to study the topic alongside their other GCSEs. Woodham’s More Able Academy gives students the opportunity to stretch and challenge all aspects of learning, raising achievement and increasing aspirations while obtaining further qualifications.

Andrew Bell, deputy

headteacher said: ‘This is an exciting opportunity for all the students involved, providing a stimulating programme of weekly and one-off activities.’ The course will begin in November, starting with an educational visit to Wynyard Observatory where students can expect to learn how to use a variety of telescopes and understand the theory behind the formation of stars and planets. Mr Raitt, course leader explained how the subject will enrich students’ learning. Mr Raitt, said: ‘We have also invited Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, a respected Astrophysicist from the University of Cambridge, to visit our students and deliver workshops so that they experience the world from a different perspective. Classes will be varied and challenging which is exactly what our students enjoy.’ Me Bell concluded, ‘We are thrilled to offer Astronomy at Woodham Academy, watch this space.’

Transfer of Youth & Community Centre

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

This means that the Association (made up of volunteers) will be responsible for all future bills and repairs for the building following the signing of the lease. This is also known as Asset Transfer.

As part of this 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. We would be grateful if you would be willing to share your views with us by answering this short survey. You do not need to give your name or address.

You can pick up a copy from the centre or if you would prefer to receive a copy via email please send a quick message to info@nayc.co.uk and we will happily send you an electronic copy also you can fill in a copy at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XT9DRQX>

**Thank you for your support
Vince Crosby
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Management Committee**

COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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

COUNCIL

- Despite what you might have heard in the press, DCC will only enter into a devolution agreement with a mandate from the people – the *only* council so far to say so: bit.ly/DCCdevo
- My account of last week’s DCC Cabinet Meeting – some important decisions were made: bit.ly/DCCCabOct15
- County Durham Plan Update: bit.ly/CDPOct15
- Focus – DCC update on Welfare Reform and Poverty: bit.ly/DCCWROct15
- Small Business Saturday bus coming to Durham, Friday, 6 November. Small businesses are invited to the event, 12- 3pm, to hear about the support on offer from DCC: bit.ly/SBSNov15
- DCC winter vehicle checks for motorists: bit.ly/DCCcheck
- Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Pool will be closed 10 November to 7 February whilst improvements costing £1 million are made; pool users can go to Woodhouse Close or Durham – ask at reception for details.
- One of our new dog-dirt bins in Woodham has been stolen – and the story made the Northern Echo: bit.ly/StolenBin
- First local fly-tipping conviction – watch out! on.fb.me/1LNMrN4
- Churches and faith groups are invited to attend the GAMP ‘Engaging with Faith Communities’ event, Friday 4 December, 10:30am-2pm at the Xcel Centre: gampaap@durham.gov.uk or phone 01325 327441.
- More dates to get GATC wristbands: bit.ly/GATCFDOct15

COMMUNITY

- Some local Hallowe’en events: bit.ly/AycliffeHalloween15
- Congratulations Aycliffe Business Park on a very successful Oktoberfest with 1500 delegates: bit.ly/ABPOktoberfest15
- Hardwick Park wins Keep Britain Tidy award: bit.ly/HPKBT15
- @beamish_museum will stay open daily this year until Jan 3rd (instead of closing Mon/Fri as usual during the winter season)!
- ‘House of Durham’ showcases North East manufacturing excellence: bit.ly/DurhamHouse
- £150 grants available for National Tree Week planting: bit.ly/NTWgrants
- Tesco Local Community Scheme (5p bag money) open for bids: bit.ly/TLC5pscheme
- My report on our MP Phil Wilson’s CVCS Networking Event: bit.ly/MPCVCS
- Keeping fit on a limited income – some ideas: bit.ly/NAExercise
- Don’t forget to get your tickets for the @AycliffeBizPark 2015 #MakeYourMark event, 7:30pm, Thursday 26 November at the Xcel Centre: aycliffeawards.co.uk/
- Pioneering Care Centre Christmas Fair, Saturday 28 November 10am -1pm.
- Last Thursday the Friends of the S&DR agreed *not* to change their name ... but they did set up as a CIO to save the line: bit.ly/SandDR
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/Roadworks23Oct

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AYCLIFFE CENTRE RECEIVES INVESTOR IN PEOPLE AWARD Autumn Fair

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre has been awarded the Investors in People Standard, demonstrating their commitment to realising the potential of their people. Investors in People is the UK's leading accreditation for business improvement through people management, and provides a wealth of resources for businesses to innovate, improve and grow, with a focus on good people making great business. Paul Devoy, Head of Investors in People, said: "Achieving the Investors in People Standard is something

that any organisation should be truly proud of. Working with Investors in People inspires and enables leaders, managers and employees at all levels to build their skills, improve their performance and achieve their potential. We'd like to congratulate Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre on their achievement." Steve Burrows, Managing Director of Investors in People North of England said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre and I would like to congratulate the team on

their success. We believe that good people make a great business and as a proven organisational development framework, Investors in People is designed to help organisations and their people to realise potential, enhance performance and meet goals. With their accreditation success, Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre is certainly working to realise

their people potential." Commenting on the award, Rebecca Metcalfe, Finance Officer said: "This is a tremendous achievement for us here because we are a relatively small team. This was something that the Board of Trustees wanted to achieve and we have realised that dream by implementing new policies & procedures and implementing robust job

descriptions and employee handbooks. The team are a lot more cohesive in the last 12 months as they realise the goals that the Centre have and their role in achieving them. Without the team of staff and volunteers behind the Board of Trustees I believe it would not be the success that we are constantly striving towards. This has not been an easy task all of the time, however I

have felt the support from the team by working closely with them and in turn supporting them to realise their full potential. We are extremely proud of our achievements as a team and I know that this will continue in the years to come." For more information about Investors in People please visit www.investorsinpeople.co.uk

Aycliffe Care Home are to hold their annual Autumn Fair Saturday 5th December, there will be raffles, tombola, crafts, cakes, refreshments and much more. Come along for a fun afternoon 1.30-4.30pm all welcome! Funds raised to go in residents' comfort fund towards a new lounge television. On Tuesday 8th December we are having a visit from a real reindeer at 10.30am.

The Bride's Carriage Awaited



Former Woodham student Daniel West married Elizabeth Littlefair at St. John the Baptist Church at Eggescliffe on 17th October 2015. The couple met in Yarm and after a whirlwind romantic holiday in Barcelona David popped the question on bended knee. Lizzie a keen horsewoman longed for a horse and carriage to take her to the Church on her Wedding Day, but decided it was too costly.

However not wanting to disappoint his bride Daniel arranged for this special transport and when Lizzie came out of her house she was completely overwhelmed. The Reception was held at Redworth Hall followed by an evening celebration for over 100 guests.

The Best Man was Garry West, Bridesmaids: Caroline Wilkinson, Nicola Ledley, Sarah West, Helen Foulds, Becky Ledley and Charlotte Wilkinson. Ushers: Paul Wilkinson and John Ledley; Ring Bearers: Adam Ledley and Harry West. The couple spent their honeymoon in Aruba and on their return began their married life in Middleton St. George.



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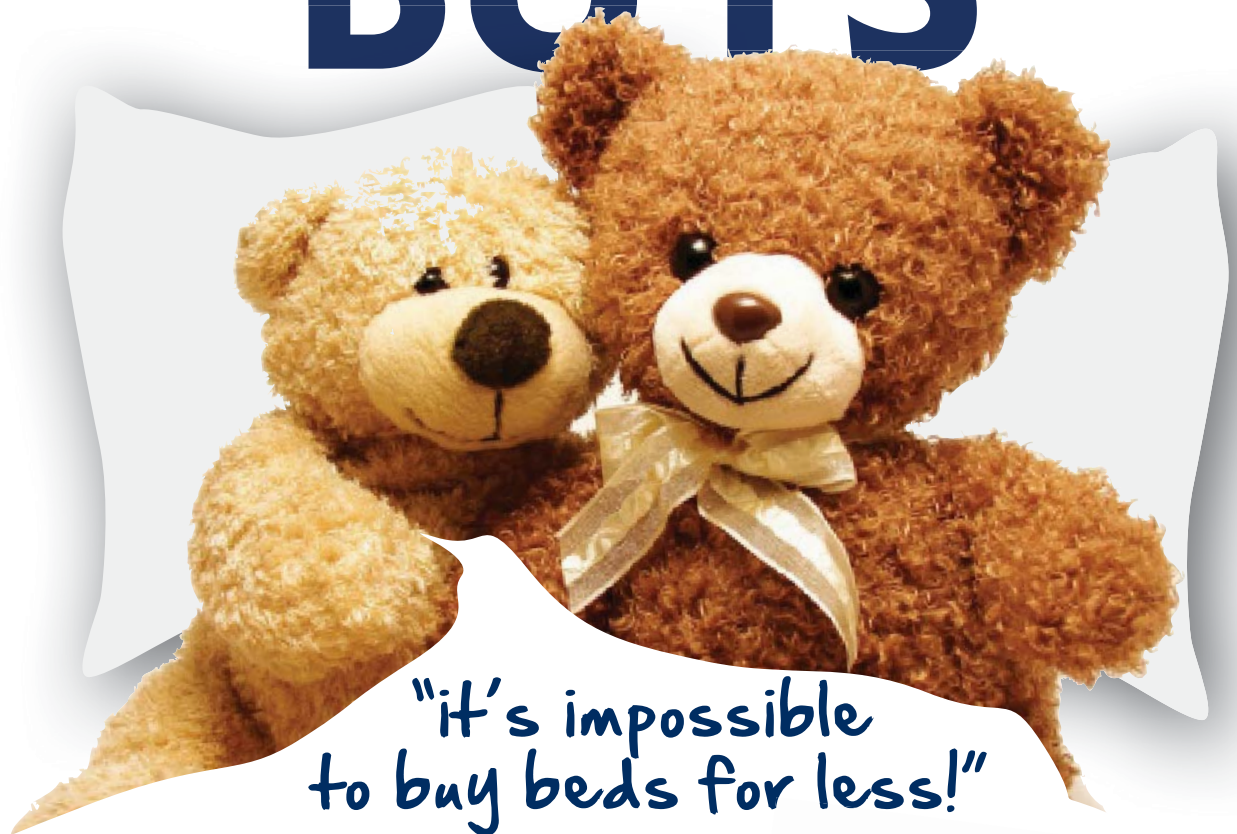
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National Planning Policy Framework & County Plan

Dear Sir
Readers will by now have received the latest consultation questionnaire on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan (GANP). I am one of the very few volunteer residents who have participated in the 'thematic group' meetings taking feedback from the initial questionnaires to the present stage. The process has taken an inordinate amount of Council officer, councillor and public time, and has no doubt cost the taxpayer a lot of money. Although I have been impressed with the quality and commitment of the people involved, and I think there is some value in the GANP, it has become abundantly clear that by far the more important documents for the town are the National Planning Policy Framework and County Plan. As is stated in the current questionnaire, a lot of points raised in the initial round could not be taken forward, because the GANP must comply with these other documents. Possibly the most significant point of all is that there were a lot of comments made (despite the fact that this question wasn't even asked!) to indicate that residents do not want the town to have a lot more urban sprawl, but this is not within the remit of the GANP. In fact, there is not much that seems to be within the remit of the GANP! It is also interesting to notice that, in response to the question 'Are there areas of land suitable for housing?', only 5 respondents mention

Copelaw, and the same number said Aycliffe Village, but we have responded by proposing to protect only Aycliffe Village from urban sprawl! However, I understand Copelaw is already earmarked for housing, whether the public likes it or not. By comparison, the Southern Club was the most popular, with 37 respondents, then Horndale Club with 22 and Elmfield School with 19. Interestingly, 19 respondents said 'none'! Copelaw ranked joint 16th! What does this tell us about the County Council's disregard for, or unawareness of, the wishes of the public? As for the County Plan, readers may recall that the draft version, which took years to develop and cost the taxpayers a fortune, was ripped to pieces by the independent inspector, Harold Stephens, much to the displeasure of the County Council, who were adamant that they were right and he was wrong. They then instigated a judicial review (presumably at significant cost to the taxpayer) and were euphoric when this resulted essentially in a re-inspection, on the assumption the re-inspection will reach different conclusions. Mr Stephens' report is heavy reading, but in the key point of his summary he wrote that the 'assessment of housing need' was 'too high', because of 'unrealistic assumptions about jobs growth and associated in-migration', as well as, essentially, over-optimistic calculation methods. He goes on to thoroughly and logically explain his reasons. Mr Stephens does support

'proportionally more of the development' in larger towns such as Durham City, Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe, which seems fair enough, but he also favours re-development of run down areas such as various pit villages, rather than building on green sites. Mr Stephens refers to concerns that 'DCC has constructed an elaborate and costly consultation exercise with little evidence of willingness to respond positively to contrary views or to simplify the process to encourage genuine public engagement'. I sympathise with those views. It seems that much more genuine effort has been made to involve the public in the GANP than with the infinitely more important and influential County Plan, and that is disappointing. It is also disappointing that the County Council seems unable to respond appropriately to constructive criticism. John Snowball
jsnow96980@aol.com

Mayor at Pink Day Event

Woodham Grange on Burn Lane are holding their annual Pink Day Coffee Morning this Saturday in aid of Breast Cancer - 10am-1pm Tea/Coffee with "pink" cakes, "Pink Bottle" Tombola and Pink Raffle. The Mayor Mary Dalton will be attending this event.

CLEANING COMPANY CELEBRATES 10th YEAR WITH GROWTH PLAN



Beverley Wardrop and company secretary Stan Dixon (centre) with senior area managers Carol Milward (left) and Dawn King.

Diamond Commercial Cleaning, based at Technology Court on Aycliffe Business Park, is celebrating 10 years in business by appointing two senior managers as it looks to create new jobs and increase turnover. It was launched with a team of 12 and a client base of six companies. It has since grown significantly, doubling turnover to £400,000 as 53 staff cleans for 80 clients across the North East. Managing Director Beverley Wardrop wants to drive the company forward after promoting two of her cleaners to senior area manager positions, as part of long-term plans to create 10 new jobs and boost turnover to the £500k-mark. "We're very proud of the fact we've reached the 10-year milestone, which is testament to the professional service we provide" said Beverley. "We've

earned ourselves an excellent reputation in commercial cleaning, from small offices up to large factories, building our business on customer service and high standards". Diamond Commercial Cleaning recovered from a major blow in 2010, when she lost nearly half of her business. She explains: "One of our clients moved to India and at the same time one of our big contracts went to the Netherlands. Overnight we lost £120,000 a year, more than half of the business. "But we managed to pull it back bit-by-bit." Beverley now aims to develop the company further after promoting Carol Milward and Dawn King from cleaning supervisors to senior area managers who will be looking after key accounts as well as staff. Her aim is to take on another 10 cleaners over the next 12 months and increase

turnover by another 25%. Diamond Commercial Cleaning works for small offices, which only requires a couple of hours a week, right up to large warehouses, medical centres, engineering and manufacturing companies. The firm also cleans a leading North East aviation company, and is on the NHS supplier list, including the breast clinic and doctor's surgery at the PCP in Newton Aycliffe. "All work is carried out to a

high standard with quality and health and safety audits carried out on a regular basis, which is why most of our business comes through recommendations." Diamond Commercial Cleaning is NHS approved and all work is COSHH assessed. Managers and supervisors are trained in first aid and staff are trained to NVQ level 2. Contact Diamond Commercial Cleaning on 01325 301000, by email to info@dcne.co.uk or go to www.dcne.co.uk

ACORN Residents Meet

ACORN hold their November monthly meeting on Thursday 12th November at the Phoenix Club upstairs lounge. Guest speakers to be confirmed. Commencing with little ACORNS meeting from 5.30 at which recent events such as the Spooktacular Halloween Party and future events including the forthcoming Community Christmas Disco will be discussed, the meeting will then lead on to the main ACORN meeting at 6pm. It is expected that following the success of the Forbidden Corner outing, plans will be discussed for future excursions. ACORN will be asking for suggestions for venues to plan the next season's trips. ACORN has had a full program of events, Fundays and outings throughout 2015, however we wish to build on that success with fresh ideas and thoughts so feel free to bring new ideas forward. With the Pantomime season fast approaching we look forward to our annual trip to the Gala Theatre in Durham tickets for this event will be available at the ACORN meeting. Meetings are attended by police, local councillors and representatives of livin housing when available. ACORN continue to work on community projects and events of interest to its members. We continue to welcome new members from around the Great Aycliffe area. We welcome speakers from other organisations particularly those with an interest in investing and improving our already fantastic town. Ken Robson (Chairman)
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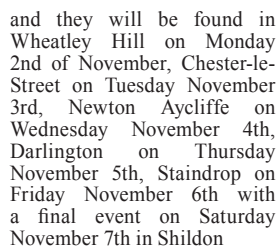
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To reward the children for all their hard work, the top three schools each got their own display from the 3 Sixty stunt bike team. Throughout the year, the pupils have been enjoying fancy dress walks to school

with the theme decided by pupils writing about which hero or villain they wanted to accompany them. As well as being escorted to school by everyone from Spiderman to Jedi Knights and a hobbit to a First World War soldier, the pupils have also enjoyed special assemblies on the benefits of healthy and environmentally friendly ways of getting to school. The events were the culmination of Durham County Council's annual MEGA Motion project which comes under the wider Local Motion campaign promoting sustainable transport throughout south Durham. The campaign aims to encourage children to walk, scoot or ride to school to make them aware of the health and environmental benefits from an early age.

Cllr Neil Foster, Cabinet member said: "Congratulations to all of the schools taking part and well done to our winning MEGA



Notes to editors: Picture shows pupils from Stanley Crook Primary School enjoying their stunt bike show by the 3 Sixty team.

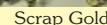
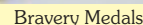
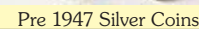
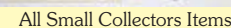
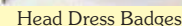
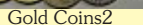
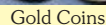
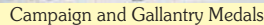
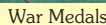
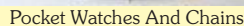
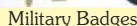
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John Williamson took the above photo of the Train Turntable now ready at the Hitachi factory on Aycliffe Business Park

Small Businesses Event

Ahead of the national campaign day to promote small businesses on December 5, the Small Business Saturday tour bus will be coming to County Hall, Durham on Friday, 6 November. Small businesses in County Durham are being invited along to the event, between 12pm and 3pm, to find out more about the campaign, meet other business owners and hear about the help and support on offer from Durham County Council.

As well as the council's Economic Development team, who can help small retail businesses access funding to improve premises and for training opportunities, businesses will also be able to meet a range of other organisations who can support their firm. Representatives from across the council's business related services will also be on hand to answer questions on such topics as business rates, apprenticeships, supplier opportunities, planning, and IT and internet connectivity. The council's ongoing support of Small Business Saturday will include various events on and around the day with further information available at www.durham.gov.uk/sbsdurham.

This will include the return of free parking at all council-run car parks after 9am on December 5 to encourage people to come and visit the small businesses in their area and support their local high street.

CLr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Small

businesses are the lifeblood of the county's economy and it's vital that the council continue to help them to thrive. With our ongoing support of Small Business Saturday we're aiming to not only ensure help is available to the businesses themselves but to make sure that residents across the county know about the amazing local businesses on their doorstep." Small businesses who would like attend can book their place by contacting the Community Economic Development Team on CED@durham.gov.uk or 03000 266967.

Great North Runner Helps PCC Options Club

One participant in the Great North Run has raised over £500 in just 11 days for Options, a group for disabled adults at the Pioneering Care Centre. Chris Wright, an A & E Nurse Manager for NHS Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, chose to give the money to the Options group on the recommendation of his mother Maggie Wright, who works in the Centre as a CBT Therapist. Altogether Chris raised £529.40, which will



Members of the Options evening social club with runner and donor Chris Wright (fifth from the left).

go towards future trips and activities for the group. Linda West, Options Project Officer, was thrilled to welcome Chris to meet members of the Options evening social club:

"We're very lucky to have such a lively group with new members joining all the time. Each year we try to do different activities and trips for our members to give them something to look forward to and this donation will be a huge help in supporting our work. It's wonderful to think that there are such good-hearted and generous people

in our community. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Chris for running the Great North Run for us and welcome him back to visit in future".

Options is a user-led project for disabled adults that promotes independence, choice, equality and integration and is managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership. So far this year, the group have travelled to Redcar, Darlington, Durham, Middlesbrough and the East Midlands, with another weekend away in Keppleway in the Lake District coming up this November.

£150 Grants for National Tree Week

Community groups, schools and parish councils in County Durham are being invited to apply for up to £150 to plant up as part of National Tree Week.

The UK's largest annual tree celebration, which marks the start of the winter tree planting season, this year runs from November 28 to December 6.

CLr Eddie Tomlinson, Durham County Council portfolio holder for assets, strategic housing and rural issues, said: "The Tree Council organised the first National Tree Week in 1975 and now up to a million trees are planted nationally each year as a result of this campaign."

"Durham County Council has taken part since 1979, encouraging people to plant trees and raise awareness of the importance of properly caring for and maintaining them. Tree Week grants have proven a great success in previous years and the money available this year is a great opportunity for the people of County Durham to enhance their local landscape."

Funding for up to 100% of a well-planned planting project, up to a maximum of £150, is available to parish councils, community groups and schools that wish to take part in National Tree Week. Grants of up to £150 are also available for individuals or organisations to plant individual large open-grown trees, hedgerow trees and field corners of up to 50 square metres. To be eligible a scheme must not be in a private garden or within the curtilage of a residential property.

Anyone who wants to apply for a grant should contact Durham County Council's landscape and arboriculture team by calling 03000 267 133 or emailing treeofficers@durham.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is Friday 13 November 2015, however early bids are encouraged as grants are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Love Dove Me Do



Newton Aycliffe resident Joanna Davies is starting her own business thanks to the GAMP AAP "Step into Business" scheme.

Joanna has always kept birds and started "Love Dove Me Do", a dove hire business catering for all special occasions, as a way of turning a hobby into a business. Working with staff at South Durham Enterprise Agency, Joanna was able to put together a business plan in order to access the GAMP scheme. This provided grant funding to purchase essential equipment in order for her to start her business. Joanna said "I am so happy to be starting a business hiring fantailed doves in decorated cages. The idea

came about when I rescued three fan tailed doves which were covered in oil. I took them in, nursed them back to health and it started from there!"

Steve Robson, chief executive of SDEA commented "It's brilliant to be able to support, with the assistance of the AAP, small, quirky and innovative businesses to get off the ground. Joanna has a great little business idea and I'm sure it will take off."

Brian Riley (GAMP Coordinator) added, "It's great to see Aycliffe residents develop new businesses in the GAMP area, we hope that Joanna's fledgling Business continues to fly high and we wish her every success for the future".

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Huntsman FC Hit Six!

Following last weeks postponed Heart Foundation Cup game against Gainford, The Huntsman were back in League action on Sunday away to Willington Cottles. A Number of regular were missing due to the derby which forced manager Neil Dodds into several changes as; Connor Halford, Carl Bates, Shaun Sproates and Nathan Wintour all came into the side.

The first goal came as an early ball from goalkeeper Wintour found Ryan Mercer on the left hand-side. He hit a long, arcing cross field ball to Reed Molloy, who produced an excellent turn before firing high into the Willington net.

The Huntsman struggled to make possession count following the early goal, and it appeared as though they would enter the break with a 1-0 lead. However, Dave Neale picked up the ball just outside the opposition half and his effort forced a mistake from the Willington Keeper to make it 2-0 at halftime.

The goal before halftime certainly appeared to galvanise the away side, as only a minute after the break, a great piece of work down the left from Molloy provided Shaun Sproates

with a tap in from close range.

It was a case of roles reversed five minutes later, as this time Sproates' superb left wing cross found Molloy at the back stick, and his looping header hit the back of the net.

The fifth goal came courtesy of a penalty, when man of the match Connor Halford was hacked down in the Willington box. Up stepped substitute Anthony Harrison, whose penalty was fired low in the bottom right hand corner.

The Huntsman continued to dominate and hit the post and bar before the Willington keeper expertly turned away a Lee Redpath pile driver on the half volley from all of the thirty yards; but the scoring was completed when a deep corner found Dave Neale, who made a trademark back post run and his header beat the Willington Goalkeeper via the post.

Another excellent performance, especially the three youngsters: Molloy grabbing his 15th and 16th goals of the season while Mercer and Halford were constant threats throughout. The Huntsman face the same opposition this Sunday at Simpature Park (10.30am) aiming for a similar result.

AYCLIFFE JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Another fantastic weekend of football for the Aycliffe Junior teams with some great comebacks and thrilling high scoring draws, as well as wins across the age groups.

Under 7's were up against Darlington RA Locomotives and the whole squad played really well. Goals from Harry and Ashton were earned from a great team effort, Darlington added two of their own so the first game ended 2-2. The Aycliffe side dominated the second game with good passing and movement. Goals were shared between Harrison, Oskar and Roman in a 5-2 win.

Under 8's made the trip to play Barnard Castle Tornados who were known to be a good team. Aycliffe started brightly with both Niall and Harvey forcing saves from the home keeper. They found themselves 2-0 down before a great team goal was finished by Rhys to make the score 2-1 at half time. Harvey equalised soon after the break but continued pressure could not force a third at this stage. Barnard Castle broke and took the lead but it was Harvey again who struck his second to level the game 3-3 with the

last kick of the match. In the second match Jack (2) and Emrehan scored in a 6-3 defeat. Men of the match today were Niall and James. Under 9's were involved in a thriller at home to Leven. Finding themselves 1-0 down after only two minutes, they quickly drew level when Jason scored a great goal. Just a few minutes later Charlie scored to put Aycliffe in the lead, further shots struck the post on three occasions before half time. Leven started the second half well and their two goals had them back in front, but man of the match Jason equalised a second time to end the game 3-3.

Under 10 TJFA team took a familiar trip to Stockton Town. They dominated the first half with all the football played in the Stockton half of the pitch. Despite the dominance it was only a 1-0 lead at the break after Zack's goal. The second half was more even but the lead was doubled when Lucas finished Charlie's through ball and the game was closed out from there finishing 2-0 to Aycliffe. Zack scored a screamer on the turn in the friendly game and this one ended 1-1, with the Aycliffe team depleted by players leaving to attend the Wear-Tyne derby!

Under 11's hosted Wynyard Village and Cayless went close to opening the scoring as the home team started strongly. Wynyard took the lead against the run of play, before Turnbull got the equaliser. With the game at 1-1 Wynyard again broke and added a second, Turnbull though was on hand to equalise again. Aycliffe were bossing the game at this stage but conceded again to set up a great finale. With the game coming to an end a fantastic long range free kick from Hillman drew the game level at 3-3 to earn a deserved draw for the home team.

Under 12's lost out in their derby game at Newton Aycliffe Youth Falcons. They started slowly and found themselves two goals down before Dylan Howe finished a fine run from midfield with a goal. A third goal was conceded before the break and at half time it was 3-1 to Aycliffe Youth. There were some good moments from Dylan S and Zack in the second half but two more goals went in and the game ended with a 5-1 defeat. Man of the match was Jamie who made good

defensive decisions and never gave up.

Under 14's played away at second in the league Cleveland Juniors, it was an even start to the game before the home team took the lead. This lead was quickly wiped out by Hynes' goal but Cleveland then restored their lead with two further goals before half time. In to the second half and despite an increased effort from Aycliffe a fourth goal was conceded and they faced a 4-1 deficit. This Aycliffe team have developed a great battling spirit and they pushed to get back in the game which is just what they did with goals from Burrows and a second from Hynes making it 4-3. The equaliser could not quite be found as time ran out on what would have been an amazing comeback, the game ending in a 4-3 loss.

Under 18's Black won 5-2 away at Stranton FC. Things did not start well as Stranton bossed the game through their talented central midfielder and took a 2-0 lead. A change in formation and better application from Aycliffe brought the game back to level terms at 2-2, after a penalty scored by Scott and a goal from Pugh before the interval. Pugh added another soon after the break and Aycliffe had a lead for the first time. Taylor adding the fourth before Pugh completed a deserved hat trick to complete the scoring.

Under 18's Red faced league leaders Ferryhill Town at home and battled hard to earn a draw. Ryan Peart and Jamie Lovegreen scored the Aycliffe goals.

Aycliffe Junior Swimmer Improves British Ranking

Niall Coulthard age 12 student at Woodham Academy and a Sedgfield 75 swimmer was selected to support the North East Region at the National English School Divisional Championships short course in Leeds over the weekend on the 3rd and 4th October.

Niall is currently North East Region double champion in both 200m & 100m freestyle and due to his success secured his place to join his fellow swimmers from the North East Region at this competitive event.

Niall was selected to participate in 4 events against other Regional top swimmers from various regions in England. He achieved 2 personal best times on his individual events in the 200m Freestyle by achieved a new time of 2:11:54 coming in 3rd and on his 100m Freestyle achieved a new time of 1:01:83 again coming 3rd. He also supported the Boys relay team events in both 400m Medley and 400m Freestyle. The boy's team did well on both events achieving 4th in the Medley and 3rd on the Freestyle. At the end of the 2 day



competition the North East Region finished overall winner and were presented with the winners' trophy. This was well received as all the team who worked hard to secure best results over the 2 days on individual and team events. Niall came away with 3 bronze medals and improved his British Rakings for his age group to 3rd place for the 200 meters freestyle and 6th for his 100meters freestyle in Britain.

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National Recognition for DISC Charity

Aycliffe based organisation Developing Initiatives Supporting Communities (DISC) has been accredited with the nationally recognised quality mark for organisations which provide support to individuals to make informed choices about their learning, work and life goals – the Matrix Standard. A charitable organisation, DISC, which employs 450 people, has been working for over thirty years to help people realise their potential. DISC helped over 12,000 people in 2014/5 and it wanted to ensure that these clients were receiving the best information, advice and guidance possible. The organisation decided that the Matrix Standard would help it to ensure that everyone has the support to realise its potential.

Liane Taylor, Assistant Director of Service Employment & Social Enterprise at DISC, said: "It is essential that impartial and high quality information, advice and guidance is embedded within everything we do. The Matrix Standard supports us to continually improve our services by

benchmarking against best practice and ensuring we measure the impact of the services we provide, which supports us drive up standards. It's fantastic that the assessment recognises the strong culture within the organisation, and the dedication of our staff who always go the extra mile to meet the needs of our service users".

DISC gained accreditation to the Matrix Standard in 2006 and receive visits from assessors every three years to review progress. Matrix assessors praised the work carried out by DISC since their last visit, commenting: "There is a genuine desire to provide the highest standards of support to help service users and to provide them with a positive experience."

Ruth Regan, MD at Assessment Services Ltd said of the achievement: "This matrix Accreditation is another example of how the matrix Standard is proving effective for all types of organisations, helping them to provide a more professional service offering and to strive to be the best in their sector."

Town Author Writes Children's Christmas Tale for Charity

An Aycliffe author has written a children's Christmas book to raise money for the NSPCC charity entitled, 'The Child Who Saved Christmas', Steven Corner, 44, plans to raise £500 for the children's charity by December with sales of his book. The story is about the evil Yggdrasil, a Nordic Tree God, who craves the magical powers of Santa Claus. The aim of Steven's book is to encourage children to return to reading paperbacks instead of online versions.

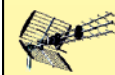
Steven, an electrical and electronics engineering lecturer at Darlington College has already written two other books, 'The Whispering Pegasus' and 'A Dream from the Somme'. Both of these titles are available to read in local libraries around County Durham.

He is now working on his next book, entitled 'The Giant's Tooth', a true story about a climbing accident that occurred on the French Alps in 2011. Steven hopes to work with a climbing charity on this project as well as Britain's top mountaineer, Alan Hinkes.

The Christmas story is his first book for the NSPCC and hopes to be working with other charities in the future. Each of the characters are based on real life people who

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Mr Collins will replace the current Chief Executive, George Garlick, who retires at the end of January 2016, following his 60th birthday.
Council Leader, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "I would like to congratulate Terry on his appointment and to pay tribute to the high calibre of the candidates involved in this process."
Terry Collins joined Durham County Council in 2009 when it became the new unitary authority, as corporate director of neighbourhood services. He was educated at the Sacred Heart School in Redcar before moving on to study Sport and Recreational Management at Longlands College, Middlesbrough. He later completed a Master's degree in Business Administration at the

University of Teesside. Speaking after today's announcement he said: "Local Government continues to face very testing times but in Durham we have worked with residents and partners to face these challenges together. "I look forward to continuing to work hard with everyone involved to find innovative answers to the difficult questions which continue to come our way."
Cllr Henig continues: "Terry

brings huge experience, enthusiasm and strength and I have every confidence that these qualities will help us as we look to save a further £100m from our budget in the coming years." The appointment process has been overseen by a cross-party Chief Officer Appointments Committee (COAC). The committee membership can be seen here: <http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=568>

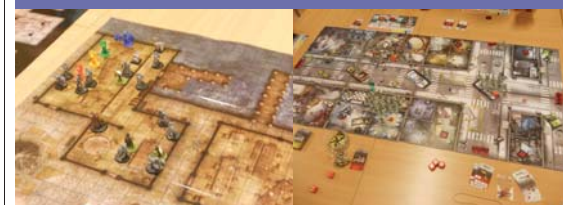
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The dates for the 2016 Aycliffe Festival are Saturday 16th July until Saturday 30th July inclusive. That is an increase of 5 days, making the Festival 15 days long.

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 what the event was.

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.

We will help you with any questions or reservations you may have about organising an event, we can offer advice and funding, sometimes for the whole of the event (subject to terms and conditions).

We will advertise in the local press and 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.

Town Council Supports Tree Felling Notification

Dear Sir,
With regard to the article concerning trees being removed from the former police station site, I would advise that that site comes under the jurisdiction of the Police Commissioner. From The Town Council side I can assure residents that Great Aycliffe Town Council has a comprehensive Tree Management Policy in place which includes the requirement to publicise in advance in Newton News any intended work on Trees under the Town

Council's control on land that we own. Indeed only last week at our last Environment Committee meeting officers presented a list of works intended to take place (not all immediately but in stages) this was reported to Members and this list will be copied to every Council member as well as published in Newton News so that any tree works do not come as a sudden surprise to members of the public. The only exception being where the condition of trees presents

a real and present danger to the public, in which case Officers of the Council will act first and report second. Details of this are available on the Council's website and its reports, or contact the Council on 300700. I know from personal experience in the past, on the Council, how much of a shock it is to see apparently healthy trees suddenly chopped down with a big empty void left in its place it makes you angry. Hence we have what we hope it a clearly defined policy including replacement of trees actually removed where it is practicable to do so.

We did on the Town Council agree also, to ask the County Council to copy our policy of giving advance notice on tree works in the local press but that is for the County Council to decide on we cannot make them.

Arun Chandran,
Chairman Environment
Committee - GATC

SUPER SCARY SUNDAY AT ROF 59

It's that time of year again when the streets are filled with vampires and zombies and parents share bowls of sweets and treats to those who dare knock on their door. Of course we're talking about Halloween. Two local businesses really getting in to the spirit of Halloween are newly opened ROF 59 situated on Aycliffe Business Park and Woodham based Aycliffe Dance Academy. The two are joining forces to bring an afternoon of ghosts and ghouls for young and old alike.

If you're looking for an alternative spooky celebration this year then head down to ROF 59 on Durham Way South, DL5 6XN on Sunday 1st November from 2:30pm to 5:30pm for their Super Scary Sunday afternoon. Entry is free but some activities will be chargeable. From climbing the deadly heights and dancing in the Witchy Workshops to taking

part in the Creepy Craft Corner and Frightening Face painting, not forgetting Grizzly Games and the competition of Best Dressed, there are lots to take part in.

Please note that if children are wanting to Bounce or Climb, gym wear must be worn and an adult must be present.

Super Scary Sunday has been organised to raise much needed funds for ADA's portable dance mirrors. If you'd like more information about the event please visit Aycliffe Dance Academy on Facebook or Emma Cox 07908 162868.

Thank You

Olly Matthew Brown



Olly would like to thank everyone for all the gorgeous gifts he received on his Christening Day and thank everyone who attended the Service and made it such a special day.

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Jay McWilliam



Happy 13th Birthday
28th October 2015

So proud of the young man you have become. You're the perfect Son and big Brother. All our love Mam, Dave, Parker and Erin xxx

EMREHAN Happy 8th birthday. Love from Mammy, Daddy and Alara xxxx

MANDY PORRITT Congratulations and best wishes on your 50th birthday. Love from Eddy, Janet, Gary, Kelly, William and Buddy

SHELAGH MOLLOY (nee Kennedy). Happy 60th birthday to my wonderful Daughter on 27th October 2015. With love from Mam and all of the family

JAY McWILLIAM Happy 13th birthday to our gorgeous Grandson. All our love always, Nana, Grandad, Auntie Ashley, Ben and Lexi xxxx

JAY McWILLIAM 28th October 2015. Happy 13th birthday Jay. Lots of love from Grandma, Grandad and Uncle Ross xxx

JAY McWILLIAM 28th October 2015. Happy 13th birthday Jay. Lots of love from Auntie Rachael, Uncle Carlos and Louie xxx

LAUREN MORAN Happy 21st Birthday. So proud of you today and always. All my love, Mam xxx

LAUREN MORAN Happy 21st birthday to a very special Granddaughter. Lots of love from Grandma & Grandad xxx

JANE BARRON (Richardson) Congratulations on your life changing achievement Jane. Time to enjoy your life. Lots of Love, Mam and Keith xxx

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Youth Football Scores

Under 13 Eagles were 2-4 winners away at Skelton. Goals from Joseph, Lucas B and Tyler (2). MOTM went to Joseph.

The Under 13's Girls went down 3-1 against Farrington after Meg had put them ahead. A game for the girls to reflect on, wondering how they never came away with the points, but the effort and commitment was exceptional.

Under 13 Falcons triumphed 5-0 against Acklam. Well done to Cameron Cook (2) Spencer O'Sullivan, Cole Harrison and Freddie Cockburn on their well taken goals. McKenna Longstaff won the MOTM.

The Under 12 Eagles played away to Trimdon Town and took the lead through a great free kick by Aaron Ross. 1-1 HT. Adam Hicks finished really well for a 1-2 lead. Alas, the game ended very

surprisingly 5-2 to Trimdon. MOTM was Joey Howarth.

Under 11s played up at Sunderland against Sr. Dons Royals and came away with a superb 4-0 victory, which is 5 wins in 7 games. Goals from Dec, Leon, Jake and a great strike from our captain Jai.

Under 10s were at home for two games against Greatham and lost 0-4 in both matches. MOTM went to Isaac first and Samuel in the second match. First game for the **Under 9 Falcons** was a 4-1 win at home to Seaton Carew Lions. Goals from Cole Gaskarth, Dylan Stuart, Alex Beattie and Jordan McBride. MOTM goes to Dylan Stuart.

Second game the Falcons triumphed 4-0. Goals from Alex Beattie, Aidanlee Peacock, Jordan McBride and Dylan Stuart. MOTM went to Louis Baxter.

Aycliffe Running Club



Three ladies travelled to Northumberland for the Castle's Half Marathon. The route started and finished at Bamburgh Castle, the rest of the course on country lanes. The weather was good for running.

Trish Kay was going well until about 10 miles when her calves and foot started to play up and she was in pain, but she kept going and finished 93rd in the excellent time of 1:51:16 and was also 2nd F/50.

Angela Barret was next at 126th in 1:57:38 and Julie Hodds in her first outing for the club 142nd in an impressive 2:00:38.

On the same day several members of the club were in the NYSD cross-country meeting at Acklam Grange School. The ladies would have had a full team in their race, which was over 3.5 miles, but Michelle Scott twisted her knee on the first climb and wisely dropped out.

Michelle Zamir was first home for the club, 34th in a field of 97

in 26:29, followed by Michelle Jane, 48th in 28:03 and Susan Clark, 93rd in 36:40.

In the men's O/65 race which was incorporated in the ladies race, Ray Todd was the only finisher in the O/75 category in 38:22.

In the men's senior race, over 10K, Mark Wade was first home for the club, 29th out of 161 runners in 40:48, followed by Dez Fielden, 38th in 41:41 and Chris Griffiths 127th in 52:17. Cross-country specialist Colin Gibson was next to cross the line, 141st in 56:25, followed by Rob Nicholson, 149th in 57:47 and Dave Thompson, 160th in 65:14.

Aycliffe Running Club men finished 10th in the team race. In the Sedgfield Parkrun, Mark Wade was first with a new PB of 18:21. New PBs also went to Denise Evans, 29:23 and Julie Nisbet, 33:31.

Circuit training sessions are held on Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm; non-members welcome. For details visit ayclifferunningclub.co.uk

AYCLIFFE FC REPORT

Newton Aycliffe FC took their unbeaten league run to 8 games with a 3-1 win at Bedlington on Saturday. Goals from John Campbell & Matty Moffat secured the points. Aycliffe made a positive start with Dennis Knight taking a free kick after 2 mins which was headed wide by Stuart Banks. Bedlington immediately responded with Aycliffe keeper James Winter needing to make two good saves in the first 10 mins. After the quarter hour Banks came close when he volleyed wide from a cross-field ball.

The first goal came just before the half hour when a Campbell shot found the net with the help of at least one deflection. The action came thick & fast as half time approached with Andrew Green coming to Aycliffe's rescue on 41 mins with a header off the line. Three minutes later Campbell got his second with a 25 yard shot that gave the Bedlington keeper no chance. A lapse of concentration a minute later in the Aycliffe defence allowed the home side to pull a goal back.

The second half started slowly for Aycliffe but after an hour Knight headed over & 2 minutes later Banks was through one on one with the keeper but saw his shot blocked.

With 15 minutes left Ashley Coffey made an excellent run down the left wing getting a cross into the box. Paul Garthwaite, following in, took

a shot which was well saved by the keeper.

Aycliffe made it 3-1 on 77 mins when Zak Boagey won the ball in midfield. Driving forward he unselfishly squared the ball to substitute Matty Moffat who had a simple tap in to finish. Before the restart Bedlington had a player red carded with a second following before the final whistle.

Aycliffe now return to cup action with a home game against Stockton Town in the Durham Challenge Cup, followed by a trip to Chester-le-Street in the FA Vase on Saturday 31 October.

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