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Former RAF Sgt. Receives French Legion of Honour

John Twigger (92 years) of Alnwick Grove, Woodham has been awarded the rank of Chevalier in the Legion of Honour, from the President of France, in recognition of John's part in the liberation of France during the Second World War.

John, a Sergeant in the RAF Police, was in the Normandy Landings in June 1944, aged 21. He rode a motorcycle, but one day the Ambulance Driver took ill and John was asked to take his place, but could not drive. He was given a few turns around the field with an instructor and then told to get on with the job taking wounded men to hospital.

It was during this period he met his future wife Connie who was a telephone operator in Brussels. They had a wartime romance which turned into 65 years of marriage.

He is very proud of his late wife and loves to show a letter she received from Field Marshal Montgomery, Commander of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, thanking her for her service. John was born in Sutton Coldfield and started his working life as a grocery delivery boy before becoming a salesman. He started his own business as the first person to import Saunas from Finland, holding the UK franchise for Ranta Salmi.

Among his clients were VIP's and celebrities, including Shirley Bassey and the Rothschild family. John worked until his 80th Birthday and eventually settled in Newton Aycliffe near his son's family. He is still very active and enjoys socialising with former



John proudly displays his French insignia soon to be added to his ribbon of medals

military colleagues.

John is extremely proud to receive the title of "Chevalier in the Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur". Newton News is proud to record the presentation of this high French award and sends congratulations on behalf of all our readers.

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A cordial invitation is extended to all residents to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Wednesday, 11th November 2015 at 11.00a.m. in the Town Centre. This is in addition to the Remembrance Sunday Service on 8th November. Anyone wishing to attend this Service should assemble outside of Boyes / Wilkinson's in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45a.m. on the 11th November.

A short Service will be led by Revd. Deborah Loughran.

New Country Village Nursery's Open Day

Bishopton Redmarshall CE Primary School is opening an early years foundation stage nursery in January 2016. The school has undertaken extensive renovations to

the nursery classroom to create a bright, spacious, custom-designed learning environment in which every child will be encouraged to achieve their full potential.

Places for 2 year olds at Stephenson Way



From February 2016, Stephenson Way Academy will be enrolling 2 year olds into their thriving Nursery unit. Interested parents should contact the school as soon as possible as it is anticipated that these places will soon be taken. For more information contact the school office 01325 300324.

An open day is on 10th November 9am till 4pm. Parents and carers of young children of nursery age or below are welcome to visit the nursery to experience the facilities on offer and to meet the professional teaching staff. Based within Bishopton Redmarshall CE Primary School, the nursery will benefit from all the excellent indoor and outdoor facilities the school has to offer, whilst also providing the nursery children with access to school meals and an out of hours club. The nursery will initially provide childcare for around 12 children and will have scope to provide further places in the future. It will welcome children from the term after their third birthday when they qualify for 15 hours of funded childcare.

The initial 15 hours will be organised to suit parental needs. Places may be available for children from their third birthday by arrangement and subject to a competitive fee until they are eligible to receive their funding. The nursery prides itself on providing a service which will enable parents and carers to work and live their daily lives, therefore, the long term plan is to offer a choice of half days, full days, extended care or

selected days a week. Perfectly located for Bishopton, Redmarshall and the surrounding villages, the nursery will provide a well needed early years education provision for young children within the school catchment area. Due to its location between Stockton, Darlington and Newton Aycliffe it will also prove to be an ideal choice of nursery care for people commuting to and from work. The national childcare voucher scheme is already in place across the federation of schools and are welcomed at the nursery. Following the announcement, Local Labour MP, Phil Wilson added "It is good to see a well-respected school within a rural belt community focusing on early years education, ensuring parents and carers of young children have easy access to such facilities without having to travel long distances". For more information or alternatively to organise a visit by appointment, please contact 01740 630339 or adminbr@brandh.darlington.sch.uk.

Hallowe'en Spooktacular

Popular community group ACORN held a successful Halloween party at Newton Aycliffe leisure centre on 31st October.

Families enjoyed a disco, food and games including Limbo dancing in a great venue. Due to the success of the annual event, tickets were sold out quickly and left many people unable to attend. To address this problem ACORN are considering using a larger venue for next year's event.

Meanwhile plans are progressing for the Great ACORN Christmas Party to be held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on December 12th.

If anyone would like to get involved in our group please come along to our monthly meetings, held in the upstairs lounge of the Phoenix club on the second Thursday of each month except August. Ken Robson, Chairman of ACORN, 01325 321471.

OUR M.P. ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY NETWORKING



Over 60 people, groups and elected members turned up to a charity and community networking event organised by Phil Wilson MP for Sedgefield, at St Aidan's Church Hall Trimdon last Saturday.

Phil is a big champion the charity, voluntary and community sector but has been concerned about how austerity and funding cuts is impacting the many organisations in his constituency. His office conducted a piece of research about the sector.

The report was launched at the event and including findings such as 75% of groups were finding it harder to get funds now than before, that 81% knew where to get funding but 69% needed support in getting those funds. The report also highlighted a mismatch between the needs within communities both reported and statistically and the core activities of some of the charities and groups. It suggested that groups should look at more targeted work and develop better joint working and collaborations. "The feedback from the event has been excellent" says Phil.

"We wanted to bring the charities and the community together, to offer them practical support and we also make some recommendations for how the groups might develop in the future. I think we achieved all of this and more. Many people said they would like to continue to meet so we will look at how this might be possible. I am also looking into possibly developing a toolkit so other MP's can replicate this in their own areas."

Lindsay Johnston of Bishop Middleham Hall, said of the event "There was a really encouraging attendance, and possibly the start of community groups combining efforts and sharing knowledge and experience. The atmosphere was good and there was a tangible feeling of all the organisations and the community groups wanting to work together, that we're

all on the same side and all wanting to do the best we can."

Barbara Gubbins, CEO of County Durham Community Foundation said of the event "It's brilliant that Phil's taken the initiative to do this. It's exceeded my expectations in terms of numbers which is positive but it also highlights the need to do this kind of thing more" she went on to say "As an organisation, at this time we need to be more in touch on the ground than we are and I'm committed to doing more of this" Lauren Crawford, said "It was really good to network and find out what's out there and to meet people" "I'm interested in volunteering in IT and it's been great to work out how you can offer your services to the community" To find out more about the research, or sign up to future events, visit Phil's website www.phil4sedgefield.co.uk

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Charity Hallowe'en Disco at Planet Leisure Raises £868



Hollie Williams, aged 10, along with her family and friends, raised £236.74p on 23rd October for the Caudwell Children's charity from a collection in Tesco's. Angie, Hollie's mum said Tesco staff were very helpful and wants to thank them and all customers who donated. "Special thanks to Graham, Lynda, Craig, Nathan, and Callum who were "awesome" as Hollie and Thomas would say. Thanks to Walkers Butchers for



donating quiches, a very good shop with very friendly staff". £556.70 was then raised on Friday the 30th with a Disco held at Planet Leisure and £236 from Tesco collections, a £75 cheque and a £25 raffle prize from the Rotary Club, making a grand total of £868.44p.

Thanks to the Caudwell Children's Charity volunteers and Paul Gittins for the Disco at a reduced price, Love Thy Cupcakes - fancy cakes, Barbara head cook from Broom School and Philip Smith (chef) for biscuits, flapjacks, cakes and other treats.

A very big thank you to Angela Williams for organising the whole event almost single handedly despite having severe health issues herself, so that she could help children with



serious medical problems. After all this Hollie needs to go into RVI hospital again for urgent treatment lasting two weeks. Her mum will stay with her throughout and says she will miss her son and husband, but as long as Hollie gets better they are happy.

AWARD FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER

Hardworking town volunteer, Dorothy Bowman, receiving the Health and Well-being Award at the County Durham Volunteering Awards held at Hardwick Hall.

Dorothy volunteers with several groups in Newton Aycliffe, including New Friends, New Places, New Pathways Together, and the Junior Neighbourhood Watch. She always gets things done, and was instrumental in providing the Aycliffe Community Bus that is used by local groups. Her work and campaigning led to the creation of two multi-purpose Play Areas for young children.



She also set up the New Friends New Places group to provide a safe warm venue for older people to meet and enjoy a range of social activities. Dorothy recently established New Pathways Together, a group for people suffering from Dementia. She is an inspiration, working endlessly to support the health & wellbeing of others.

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Donna Craggs is organising her first charity fundraising event at Woodham Golf and Country Club in aid of Marie Curie and Butterwick charities. The event is on 27th November at 7pm. Tickets are £8 each and include a cold buffet. Having lost friends and relatives to cancer in recent years she wanted to do something in memory of those who have lost their battle to cancer and also support the charities who do such an amazing job of looking after them. Don has the talent of two amazing young singers and a great local band "Northern Boyz". There will be a raffle and a tombola with some amazing prizes, generously donated by local organisations. If anyone would like a ticket they can call Donna on 01325 310574 or email: donna.craggs10@gmail.com

Aycliffe Company Continues its Expansion Drive

Aycliffe-based Stiller Warehousing and Distribution has invested heavily in relocating its pallet distribution operation within its main site on Aycliffe Business Park. It has also taken on four new forklift drivers and three office employees as part of a restructuring which has enabled it to cope with an increase in demand.

Its overnight Palletline operation involves Stiller handling more than 1,600 pallets every day, carrying goods ranging from food stuffs and packing to cookware, building cladding and shopping trolleys. Palletline had previously been run at a leased site a mile away.

After the family-run firm moved its pallet storage facility into its new warehouse - it created room to relocate its Palletline operation. More than £1.1m has been invested in the new warehouse and relocation of its pallet distribution operation, enabling Stiller to consolidate its two main operations into its head office site which has increased efficiency and improved communication.

"It has given us more room to grow and meet demand," said the firm's Commercial Manager Matthew Stiller. "Goods come off overnight, between 2am and 6am, from national trunking vehicles which can take up



Left to right: Josh McCartin, Ryan Bailey, Steven Stones

to 52 pallets, and they're off-loaded, sorted in the early hours of the morning when everyone is tucked up in bed, and loaded onto smaller urban delivery vehicles which can take between six and 26 pallets.

Between 3pm and 6pm they bring customer's goods back, to be sorted again onto trunking vehicles and sent out to destinations across the UK overnight." Stiller has appointed three new office staff, including distribution co-ordinator Steve Stones, from Darlington, and 23-year-old distribution clerk Josh McCartin, from Newton Aycliffe.

Former business admin apprentice Ryan Bailey, 22, who has been with Stiller for more than three years, has been promoted from transport operator to shift supervisor.

It used to take about 35 to 40 minutes for the trucks

to come in and off-load, and drivers would often get stuck in a queue, but now Stillers have a one door in, one door out operation which has halved the amount of time it takes for drivers to get in and off-load.

Stiller's latest outlay takes overall investment in the last two years to £5.6m after the firm purchased a fleet of 12 new vehicles in 2014, including two 12-tonne vehicles, two urban trailers and four long double-deck trailers, and brought in five new Iveco trucks earlier this year to accommodate a new £5m-a-year distribution and storage deal with worldwide food packaging firm Coveris Rigid.

When bosses at an Aycliffe plastic component manufacturer decided to hire their first ever apprentice they didn't have to look far to find someone to fit the mould.

Formula Plastics managing director James Goodliffe approached South West Durham Training, who put forward a strong shortlist. After a round of interviews, the successful candidate for the advanced apprenticeship at the firm actually came from their own shop floor.

James explained: "This is our first ever apprenticeship after nearly 20 years in business, and reflects the continuous growth we are enjoying. We have a great team here and this appointment demonstrates our belief in developing skills of all staff to their full potential."

"We chose to work with South West Durham Training as they were clearly the best training provider to meet our needs. When we advertised the role internally we thought perhaps a member of staff would put forward a son or daughter, so were pleasantly surprised when one of our injection mould operators, Simon Hocking, applied himself."

"Simon really stood out; he has been with us for 18 months, has very good GCSEs, has a good work attitude and has shown real drive and spirit by applying for the position. I'm enthusiastic to see Simon develop within the business

with the aid of the skills being developed together with South West Durham Training."



New apprentice Simon Hocking with Formula Plastics MD James Goodliffe and Lee Childs, South West Durham Training

The Aycliffe Business Park manufacturer, which employs 55 staff and turns over £3.5m, is predominantly engaged in the automotive sector as a second tier supplier to leading manufacturers. Products it makes include dashboard components and engine compartment housings for the Nissan Qashqai and Juke.

The Government has set a target of creating three million new apprenticeships by 2020 in a bid to boost skills and end youth unemployment.

In September the engineering training provider, a subsidiary of Bishop Auckland College which employs 27 staff and has over 350 trainees, also welcomed new apprentices from Hitachi, Cummins, Glaxo, 3M, and Cleveland Bridge. All are on engineering/manufacturing programmes with bespoke elements required by their employer,

including hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical, fabrication and welding. Simon, 22, from Newton Aycliffe, whose new role will include machine setting, robotics and the automation of the manufacturing process, will qualify with an Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering Manufacture after three-and-a-half years.

He said: "As soon as I saw the position advertised I knew I had to put my name forward for it. I've been at Formula Plastics for almost two years now - it's a fantastic company to work for and this was the perfect opportunity to grow and gain experience in the business. My goal is to become an important member of the team and secure a good future. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to prove myself; I look forward to seeing where I can go."

For more information on South West Durham Training visit: southwestdurham.co.uk

HOTEL HELPS LOCAL DISABLED BOY



The Eden Arms have raised cash for a local lad with an incurable disease. The Challenge was an 85 mile circular walk of The Peak District National Park in Derbyshire. This was completed carrying all food and kit and using maps to navigate as no roads could be used and the walkers needed to be completely self-sustaining. The route started in Hope and went north to Hathersage and Baslow then back down to Tideswell to complete where they started. The expedition took 5 days the Manager Maurice Simpson, his brother Charlie and close friends Mark Ward and Jason Craig. The kit was carried between them in a team effort and they camped in the open each night.

In all £175 was raised through cash sponsorships and on the Just Giving website.

"As a major employer in the area it was a good opportunity to raise awareness of Kyrán's condition, Juvenile Batten Disease, which is a rare genetic neurodegenerative illness" said Maurice.



Poundworld a Boost for Aycliffe

Dear Sir

I would like to state how thrilled I am to hear that a new Poundworld store is now opening on the town and this will have many benefits to the town and its population. It has been long overdue for a store like this in the town and this will create new jobs as well as attract a lot of people near the town who will be able to save money in the long run by being able to buy top brand goods at a much cheaper prices.

Considering the town centre needed a store like this it will only prove a huge benefit for the town when it attracts more people into the town centre, creating more business for the store itself and other shops.

Gareth Willmer

DRAGONFLY IDENTIFIED

Dear Sir,

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Agnew Centre E.G.M.

This is formal notice of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Agnew Community Centre to which the general public are invited. Recently for various reasons the Centre has lost its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and these positions have to be filled along with the election of new trustees and changes to the constitution. The date for the EGM is Wednesday 25th November at Agnew Community Centre at 6.30pm. Nominations for the vacant positions need to be sent in as soon as possible with the consent of the nominee. Pending the outcome of EGM the centre is currently being run by Jane Johnson, E-mail: agnewcentre@gmail.com Tel: 01325 321504

Fishing Tackle Shop Opens in Aycliffe



Town Mayor to Open New Poundworld Store

Poundworld has confirmed it will open its first store at Newton Aycliffe Shopping Centre next week. Opening on Thursday 12th November at 10am, the ribbon will be cut at the new store by Councillor Mary Dalton, Mayor of Great Aycliffe. Situated at the former Poundstretcher unit close to Aldi, the arrival of Poundworld has created 30 new jobs. Poundworld is part of a planned redevelopment for Aycliffe Town Centre transforming the town as a retail destination, providing a hub for Newton Aycliffe's rapidly growing residential and business community. The family-run company that started on a Wakefield market stall pledges to help shoppers in Newtown Aycliffe save big on their favourite

household names including Cadbury's, Johnson's and Colgate. With over 5000 products for the price of £1, 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 5000 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 commented: "We've put a lot of hard work in to making the store look great and we can't wait to open our doors to local shoppers. We'll be selling all your major brands with a number of huge savings on supermarket prices. We'll also have our new Christmas

range in store that is our biggest range yet." Mayor Mary Dalton said: "I am always delighted to see the opening of new stores in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre and would like to warmly welcome Poundworld to our town. I send sincere congratulations and best wishes from myself and members of Great Aycliffe Town Council to Poundworld for their future success in Newton Aycliffe." The fast-growing value retailer, that was 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. Poundworld currently has stores in Bishop Auckland, Darlington, Stockton and Durham.

MIDDRIDGE XMAS FAIR

Middridge Village Christmas Fair is on Saturday 21st November, 10:00 until 12:30. Coffee and mince pies etc on sale. Tables are provided and cost £5. If you would like a table, please call Marion on 01325 321753 - leave a message if I am unavailable. Please come and support our local crafts people!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS REQUIRED

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NEWTON NEWS

**FIND A
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a home**

*Could Buster be
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The team at Dogs Trust Darlington are desperate to find a forever home for Buster who has sadly found himself homeless once again through no fault of his own. The five-year-old Terrier Cross has enjoyed the love of a family for three years, but sadly due to a change in circumstances he was brought back to the centre in March, and since then hundreds of visitors have overlooked him. Supporter Relations Officer, Rebecca McKeown, says: "He is a sweet boy, full of personality so we are really surprised he hasn't caught someone's eye. It's always sad when a dog comes back to us and Buster really would make someone a perfect companion so we're hoping his new family walk through our door soon!" Buster loves getting out and about and thoroughly enjoys playing with his toys with his two-legged friends, but he isn't overly keen on the company of other dogs so he would prefer a quieter home where he can really build a bond with his new family. He doesn't like being left alone too much so will need time to build his confidence so he knows he's not going to be abandoned again, and he would be best suited to a home with older teenagers. **If you think Buster could be the one for you, please visit Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm, closed Wednesdays. Or to find out more, go to www.dogstrust.org.uk or call 0300 303 0292.** PHOTO: Buster has found himself homeless again through no fault of his own, after three years of being in a loving home.

Legacy Tackle opened to the public with a 10% discount off all in store orders until Saturday 14th November.

The owner is Mike Wright a very keen angler and England Under 21 trialist in 1996. He worked as manager of a 9000 sq ft fishing shop until recently and thought as his home town didn't have a tackle shop, he could offer fellow anglers an option where they don't have to travel out of town, Legacy Tackle was born. Mike's grandfather, Harry Palmer, was a bailiff for over twenty years at Aycliffe Pond, but he died in 2006, and this new venture is part of the legacy he left behind. It is a family run business, online 24 hours a day (website www.legacytackle.co.uk) and is here to offer value for money products and more importantly great customer service. They won't have everything in stock but will gladly work with customers to assist their special requirements. Legacy Tackle is based at Unit 30, Evans Business Centre, Durham Way South, Aycliffe Business Park. The shop opens Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm. Closed on Mondays. The firm aims to supply goods that any experienced or beginner angler will require: Groundbaits, Liquids & Additives, Pellets, Pumps, Pastes & Boilies, Floats, Pellet Wagglers & Pole Floats, Lines, Braids, Fluorocarbons, Terminal tackle, Luggage & Clothing, Keepnets, Landing Nets, Reels, Rods, Poles, Seatboxes, Chairs, Umbrellas and so much more. For further information contact me on 01325 327302 or email legacytackle@outlook.com

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



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Christmas Child, the campaign that aims to put smiles on the faces of deprived children in developing and war torn countries at Christmas time. The Regus Centre is a local drop off point for the 2015 appeal operated by international relief charity Samaritan's Purse. Newton Aycliffe residents are encouraged to fill shoeboxes with toys, stationery, small clothing and hygiene items which will be sent to children living in refugee camps, orphanages etc.

Richard Morris, UK chief executive at Regus, said: "We're delighted to support this very worthy cause which brightens up Christmas time for disadvantaged children, including those caught up in the Syrian crisis and those living in refugee camps. Boxes can be dropped off at the Regus Centre at Durham Way until the 18th November on weekdays between 8.30am - 6.00pm. Over 300 Regus centres in the UK are taking part. It is the third year that the company has given its support to the campaign. How to pack your Christmas shoebox:

Remember to make your box both fun and educational! All shoebox items should be new and can contain gifts such as: Toys: cuddly toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, skipping rope, small musical instrument. For boys: toy trucks and cars and for girls: dolls, hair accessories but no war-related items. Educational supplies: pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, stickers. Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, but no liquids. Other items: Sweets except chocolate and biscuits (sell by date before March 2016), gloves, scarf, cap, warm hat. No sharp or easily breakable items.

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HEALTH PROBLEMS FORCE VICAR TO RESIGN

Dear Sir,

As some of your readers may know I have been unable to fulfil my parish duties for a little while as I have been recovering from an operation which is taking longer than I ever imagined it would. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to everyone who has shown such love and concern for me in this challenging time. I sincerely hope to be out and about in full action again fairly soon.

Thoughts of health have been rather prominent in my mind of late. I have been advised that I need to take care of my body if I am to slow down the time until I might need a more serious operation. That certainly concentrates the mind! I have always been a fit and healthy person and in almost every way I am pleased to say I still am. But



we cannot escape our own mortality and that should always inspire us to think about how we live our lives. For me that means giving up my role as a full time vicar earlier than I had planned. I will be retiring early next year in the interests of my health. It means that my time in Newton Aycliffe will have

been a much shorter one than I had hoped. I could wish that circumstances had been different but there are many things in life over which we are not in control.

Once I am back in action I intend to make the most of my last few months in this job. Thank you again to everyone who has been so understanding and supportive.
Rev'd Chris Pearson
Team Rector,
Parish of Great Aycliffe

Dear Sir,

The letter by Cllr Chandran, 'Town Council Supports Tree Felling Notification' contained some misrepresentations:

(1) The Town Council copied its tree policy from the County Council, not the other way round.

(2) The felling was done by private contractors on private land. The work had been notified in planning application DM/15/01710/FPA, considered on 8 July 2015 by the Town Council Environment Committee meeting chaired by Cllr Chandran.
Observer
Name & address supplied

New Rotary Members



The President of the town's Rotary Club, Denese Cartwright, has inducted three new members recently, left Brian Winwood, right: Malcolm Masterman and Ron Eyley. Anyone interested in learning more about the Rotary International movement should contact Geoff Knapton on 01325 317848.

BAD DRIVING IN FOG

Dear Sir,

We now have the dark Autumn mornings and FOG. I am shocked and in some cases not really surprised by the number of drivers who either don't switch on their lights or use their lights incorrectly.

Then there are the one headlight vehicles and cyclists with no lights, it's not rocket science to check your lights are working or how to change a bulb, if you can't do it yourself get someone to help.

Using your lights when it is Foggy the Highway Code States; Rule 226

You MUST use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced, generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet). You may also use front or rear fog lights but you MUST switch them off when visibility improves. Some drivers only use sidelights and this is not enough.

Rule 236
You MUST NOT use front or rear fog lights unless visibility is seriously reduced as they dazzle other road users and can obscure your brake lights. You MUST switch them off when visibility improves. Some drivers switch them on their rear fog lights when there is only a slight mist, blinding the driver behind.
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ROTARY CLUB CHARITY NIGHT AT THE PHOENIX



Amy May, Evelyn Lodge and Debbie Taylor-Smith

A great night was had by all who attended the Rotary Club Charity Night at the Phoenix Club last Friday.

People enjoyed Bingo, music by Howard of Starlight Disco, home-made Pie & Peas, Tombola and a raffle. The entertainment was provided by Debbie Taylor-Smith, Evelyn Lodge and Amy May, three local singers who were absolutely brilliant, receiving great applause from an appreciative audience.

All the entertainment was provided free of charge. The Club gave their premises and facilities free and over many years have always supported Rotary Charity Nights.

"Sue and Paul Land, Tommy Sutton and all the staff were wonderful and we can't thank them and the entertainers



Howard - Starlight Disco

enough for their help and support" said President of the Rotary Club Denese Cartwright.

The proceeds from this event is for community defibrillators which Rotary is helping to provide in prominent public places.

One of the life-saving machines was recently

installed in Tesco's and Honest John is funding another for Simpashire area. The aim is to have them sited in places all around the town to give immediate access to people who suffer heart attacks. Every minute saved in using defibrillation helps the survival rate.

TOWN' CANCER GROUP TRANSPORT TO MEETINGS

Great Aycliffe Cancer Group are now offering free transport to their monthly meetings for those patients too poorly to drive or who don't have transport.

The monthly meetings are held at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre.

Transport is offered to members new and old free of charge funded by the group. We will be operating a small mini bus

through the Town as well as a few other pick up points such as Bishop Auckland, Darlington and surrounding areas. Please contact Allison for more details on 07762 258696 or allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk

Our website is up and running and you can find out what our group does, on www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk

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compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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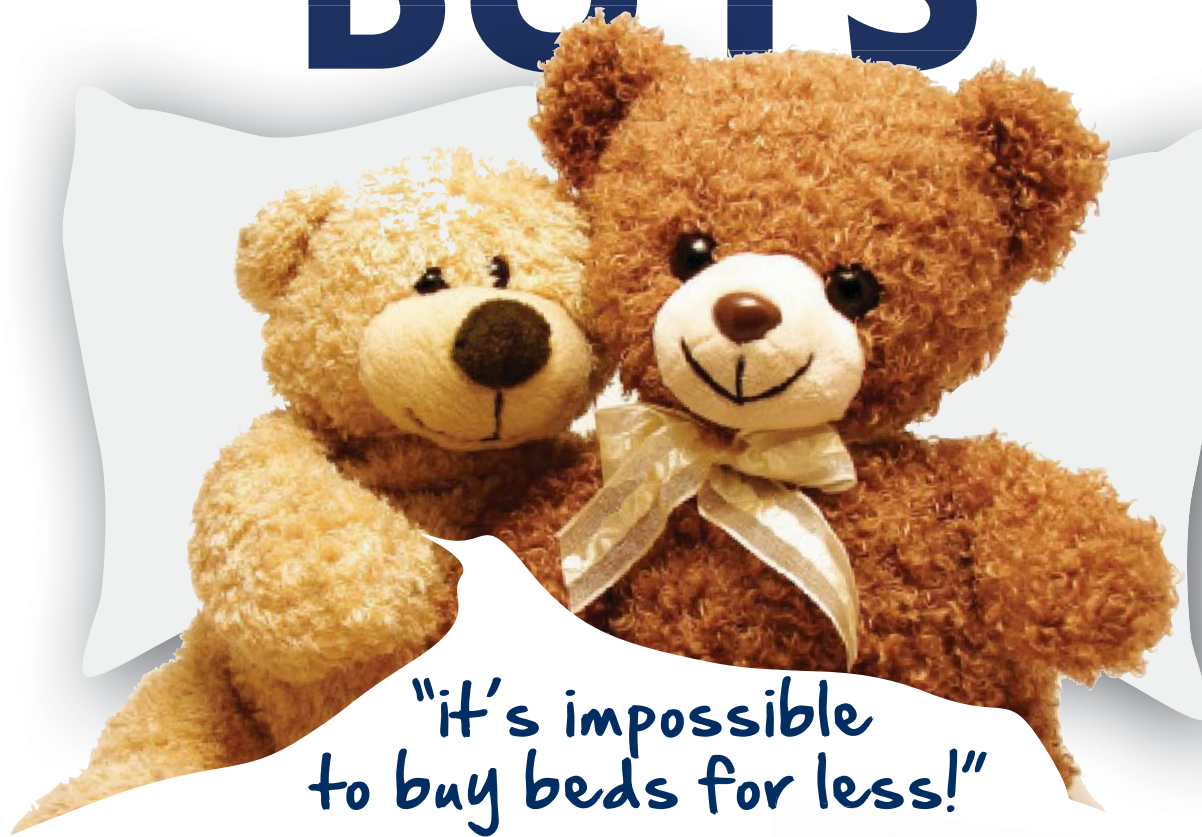
COUNCIL

- All tickets for #LumiereDurham, 12-15 November, have now gone but don't worry, you don't need a ticket anywhere after 7:30pm and 20 of the 30 artworks are outside the ticketed area – so plan your evening here: ow.ly/U8DSE
- 9 November, 6-8pm: NECA Devolution Consultation Event, County Hall, Durham: RSVP by 5 November to 03000 263600: bit.ly/NECANov
- Meanwhile, the rejection of bus reregulation plans may threaten the transport proposals in the government's Devolution offer: bit.ly/ReregDefeat
- Last chance to contribute to the consultation on controversial DCC Home to school/college transport consultation: bit.ly/DCChstrans
- My account of last week's DCC Full Council meeting: bit.ly/DCCOct2015
- County Councillors John D Clare, Joan Gray and Mike Dixon are proposing an improvement scheme on the Kings Drive estate – please comment: bit.ly/DCCKDNA
- There will be an extra, later collection of your brown bins next year: bit.ly/BrownBins
- Fly-tippers beware: bit.ly/DCCFly
- Jude Kirton-Darling's weekly update on her work as our MEP: bit.ly/JKD31Oct

COMMUNITY

- This week is National Consumer Week (2 - 6 November) – for advice about the Consumer Rights Act 2015 call Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06. To contact Durham County Council's Consumer Protection team call 03000 261016
- New funding opportunities for small groups: bit.ly/SGFunding
- The latest newsletter from Ron Hogg, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner: bit.ly/PCCOct2015
- Healthwatch County Durham ebulletin for November: bit.ly/HWCDNov2015
- Latest Durham Countryside newsletter: bit.ly/DCAut2015
- Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre newsletter: bit.ly/NAYCCOct2015
- SEND October newsletter: bit.ly/SENDOct2015
- Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support Group NE England, 7-8:30pm, 16 November 2015 - Tree Tops Children's Occupational Therapy: bit.ly/SPDPSG915
- 13 November, Charity Auction Night in aid of Jade & Oscar's Angels: tickets £4 from 07792 474638
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/Roadworks30Oct

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Heighington Matters

Following the success of our 'Refreshment Fridays' during August, Heighington Village Hall Association repeated the formula during the October Half Term.

On Friday 30th we opened the hall from 11am to 3.00pm and served homemade soup, corned beef and apple pies, quiches and a variety of cakes. We also offered a choice of sandwiches made to order. All washed down with tea or coffee.

We were delighted to welcome people, not just from the village, but from Darlington, Redworth, Shildon and Newton Aycliffe and the Association would like to thank them all for helping to make our October 'Refreshment Friday' such

an enjoyable and successful occasion. We will definitely repeat the formula in 2016. In the meantime, on Saturday, 14th November, we can offer a great night out when renowned singer-songwriter, Gareth Davies-Jones, will bring The Seam to Heighington Village Hall. The Seam provides an inspiring and entertaining evening of live acoustic music which Bob Harris of BBC Radio 2 says is, "very beautiful music . . . I can thoroughly recommend."

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12.50, which includes a Pie and Pea Supper. There will also be a Bar. Tickets are available from 01325 307040.

Valerie Bedocs

How to Spot & Stop Scams

Residents in County Durham are being warned to be on their guard against scams.

Durham County Council's trading standards team is supporting a national campaign aimed at helping residents to spot potential scams and avoid falling victim to them.

New national figures show that more than 22,000 reports of scams were made to the Citizens' Advice Consumer Helpline in the last 12 months.

But the figures don't reflect the many more people who may have fallen victim to a scam and failed to report it. To help people in County Durham spot the warning signs, leaflets are being made available in libraries, customer access points, Citizens Advice Bureaux and housing association offices with advice and information on common scams.

Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection at Durham County Council, said: "People are seeing their money go down the drain as con artists rip them off by promising lottery wins, work on their home or a new job, only to find there is nothing at the end."

"We are warning people to be on the look out for rogues looking to make a quick buck at their expense and reminding them that scams are crimes so it is vital that they are reported."

Through the national campaign, consumers are being reminded that scams come in all shapes and sizes, including adverts, people knocking that the door, emails, letters, phone calls, texts and over the internet.

People are being warned to look out for key signs that something is a scam, such as being contacted out of the blue, being asked for money up front or being asked to keep things secret from family and friends.

People can get advice or report suspected scams by contacting the Citizens' Advice Consumer Helpline

on 08454 04 05 06.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN SCAMMED

• Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to help stop it happening to others.

• Often you can't always get your money back if you've been scammed, especially if you've handed over cash.

• If you've paid for goods or services by credit card you have more protection and if you used a debit card you may be able to ask your bank for a chargeback.

• Get advice and report it to Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06 or online advice at www.adviceguide.org.uk

SIGNS OF A SCAM

• The call, letter, e-mail or text has come out of the blue.

• You've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about.

• You didn't buy a ticket – so can't win.

• They are asking you to send money in advance.

• They are saying you have to respond quickly, so you don't get time to think about it or ask family and friends before you decide.

• They are telling you to keep it a secret.

• They seem to be offering you something for nothing.

• If it seems too good to be true – it probably is.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF BETTER

• Never give out contact details like your name,

phone number or address to strangers or to people who should have this information already.

• Never give financial information or details of your identity, bank accounts or credit card to strangers or to the businesses that should already hold your details.

• Shred anything with your personal or bank details on – don't just throw it away.

• If in doubt, don't reply. Bin it, delete it or hang up.

• Persuasive sales patter? Just say: "No Thank You."

• Resist pressure to make a decision straight away.

• Never send money to someone you don't know.

• Walk away from job adverts that ask for money in advance.

• Ask friends, neighbours or family about whether an offer is likely to be a scam.

COMMON SCAMS

Lotteries — A phone call, text or email proclaims a huge lottery win – even though the receiver hasn't bought a ticket. In order to collect winnings you are asked to send money to cover "processing" or "administration" costs.

Phishing — an email (or Vishing for phone calls) pretending to be from your bank asking for you to update, validate or confirm details so that scammers can access your account.

SMShing - mobile phone text messages lure you onto fraudulent websites or invite

you to call a premium rate mobile number or download malicious content via the phone or web.

Electricity meter credit – people on pre-payment meters are offered cut-price electricity but end up paying for their energy twice.

Criminals use cloned keys to top up energy credit illegally. You end up paying for the energy twice – first to the fraudsters and then to the company at the correct rate.

Pyramid selling — This is an illegal trick where you are told you can earn money by recruiting new members to a money-making venture. In reality only a tiny minority make money, everyone else loses

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Brafferton Village News

Just a reminder that on Friday 13th November we are hosting a family games night. There will be the option of ordering a fish and chip supper (cash payments only) and you can bring your own drinks, otherwise tea and coffee will be available for a nominal donation. We will be playing games such as Beetle Drive, Bingo (£1 a go) and "Play your cards right". Everyone is welcome, whether you live in the village or further afield.

You will also be able to buy tickets for our festive raffle and for our Christmas Production of Badapple's Farmer Scrooge's (Yorkshire) Christmas Carol, which is being performed on Friday 11th December. These will also be available at our Christmas Market, on Sunday 29th November in the grounds of Cozy Coffee. More details of this will be shared in coming weeks.

You can find us on Facebook to see more about the village's upcoming events at www.facebook.co.uk/BraffertonVHA.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Stephen Aldred took this dramatic photo of the Woodham Pond.
If you have a favourite shot of Aycliffe please submit to syd@newtonpress.net.

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New Consumer Rights

Residents in County Durham are being made aware of new laws protecting them when buying goods, including digital content, as part of a national campaign.

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 gives shoppers more protection and makes it clearer and easier for them to understand their rights and buy with confidence.

The act includes new legislation which, for the first time, gives people the right to have faulty digital content, such as online films and games, music downloads and e-books, repaired or replaced. Durham County Council is raising awareness of the new rights as part of this year's National Consumer Week, which took place 2nd - 6th November. As is often the case Newton News received this information too late for it to appear in our last issue.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We want residents to make sure they know their rights, whether buying goods or services in person or online. Our Consumer Protection team works hard to safeguard

people and it is important that they are aware of this important, extra protection. We would advise anyone with concerns about anything they have bought to contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline in the first instance."

- What should happen when goods are faulty
- What should happen when digital content is faulty
- How services should match up to what has been agreed
- Unfair terms in a contract
- What happens when a business acts in a way that is detrimental to consumers
- Written notice for routine inspections by enforcement agencies such as Trading Standards
- Greater flexibility for enforcement agencies to respond to breaches of consumer law

For more information or advice about the Consumer Rights Act 2015 call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06. To contact Durham County Council's Consumer Protection team call 03000 261 016.

W.I. in Celebratory Mood



Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute members celebrated their 15th Birthday with a lovely meal organised by the committee, and a good time was had by

everyone. They just can't stop the celebrations as last week members, along with their families and friends celebrated WI's 100th year by nearly taking over the

whole of the ELACHI Indian restaurant in the Town Centre. We would like to thank the Manager and his staff most sincerely for helping us to enjoy the evening; also to members of Bishop Auckland Hospital Radio who tested our knowledge with the Quiz they arranged for us! Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th November 2015 @ 7.15pm in St Clare's Church Hall. For more information please contact Lyn Swift 314805

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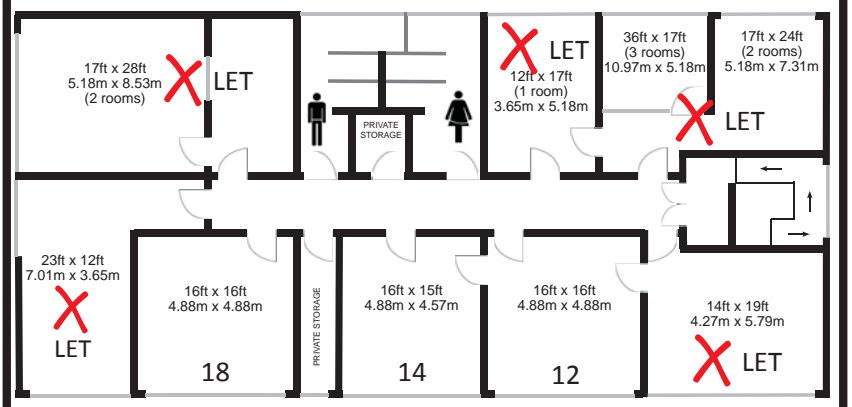
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AYCLIFFE FC WIN 4-0 IN FA VASE MATCH



Newton Aycliffe progressed into the second round of the FA Vase with a convincing 4-0 win at highflying second division side Chester Le Street. Aycliffe were never troubled & progressed into the second round. This was despite missing a couple of regulars. However man of the match Ashley Coffey had an excellent game as a stand-in central defender.

Aycliffe were on the attack from the start & took the lead after just 10 minutes when Dennis Knight was brought down in the box & scored from the resulting spot kick.

Just before the half hour Alan Harrison made it 2-0 with a header after Matty Moffat won the ball & crossed from the right wing.

Within two minutes it was Moffat himself scoring, firing home a strong shot from close range after a flick on from Knight.

Aycliffe scored their fourth

within a minute of the second half starting with Moffat scoring his second with a header.

Chester-le-Street came close to pulling a goal back on 53 minutes but saw a 25 yard free kick tipped over the bar by James Winter.

Moffat almost got his hat trick in the closing minutes when he was played through but saw his shot well saved. Aycliffe kept pressing until the final whistle & skipper Paul Gartwaite's long range shot hit the crossbar in added time.

Aycliffe have only lost once in their last 14 games and that was the FA Cup replay at North Ferriby, three divisions higher than Aycliffe. They now have games away at Morpeth and West Auckland in the league and Penrith in the League Cup. They return to Moore Lane Park on Tuesday 17 November when Ashington will be the visitors for an Ebac Northern League Division One fixture.

NAYFC GOAL FEAST! HEIGHINGTON AFC

Under 17's travelled to Seaburn FC and recorded an impressive 1-15 result. Goalscorers - Corey Denton (5) Jimmy Cameron (3) Kieran Mcwaters (2) and one apiece from Harry Laverty, Josh Reay, Zac Smith, Lewis Scott, Jack Race.

Under 16 Eagles beat Stockton West End 6-1 in the Challenge Cup. A great team effort and well deserved.

Under 14's travelled the short distance to meet Darlington RA Locos in the Cup. In a tense end to end game, Aycliffe came out on top 4-5. Great game. Goals from Cameron Nicholson (2), Chloe Ryan (2) and one from Matty Ramsey settled matters.

Under 13 Eagles hosted Redcar Blues in the Cup and triumphed with a fine 9-3 victory. Well done boys!

Goals from JK, Tyler, Baker (3), Liam, Adam, Jake and Ellis. MOTM went to Baker.

Under 13 Falcons 5 - 8 Billingham Synthonia. After going a goal down early on, a hat trick from Cole Harrison and goals from Cameron Cook and Jack Birbeck put the Falcons in the driving seat. Last 10 mins was then level at 5-5 but Billingham found an extra gear and scored 3 late goals. MOTM went to Cole Harrison.

Under 12 Falcons played host to Nunthorpe Athletic in the Challenge Cup and found themselves 1-0 up inside 5 minutes with a well taken goal by Dylan. The boys created some good chances but it was Nunthorpe who scored next with a quick counter attacking goal. The boys quickly re-took the lead through Dylan. With half time approaching we added the killer 3rd. A great effort from Kane hit the bar and fell to Jacob to tap home. 3-1 ht. Second half was very comfortable, with Declan bossing the defence. The midfield were creating chance after chance. Finally Jacob added his 2nd of the game and shortly after he completed his hat-trick. Final score 5-1.

Under 12 Eagles St Marys Aces 1-7. The boys gave it their all but the better team took their chances. Kian Cook scored after a well worked move down the left.

Cup duty as the **Under 11 Eagles** hosted TIBS in a great game. Leo Umudi, Brennan Fitzpatrick and Kieran Walton made it 3-2 at

the break. TIBS made it 3-3 and took the game to extra-time. Eagles missed a last minute penalty which proved costly as the visitors won 3-5. Georgia Johnson was awarded MOTM.

Under 10's were away to Greatham and found themselves 1-0 down at HT after dominating throughout. Same again in the second half as they went down 4-1. Man of the match Finley netted for the U10s. A fantastic effort from the lads, just a reminder how football can thrill you

and break your heart in the same moment. The second game was entertaining with Aycliffe fielding a changed side. Aycliffe were constantly under pressure with some great defending, but as the midfield tired Greatham eventually went a couple ahead. Second half saw Finley in as goalkeeper and to give Aycliffe credit they battled for everything with another solid performance from Samuel. The game ended Greatham 5 U10s 0. MOTM went to George.

Darlo in 2nd Place

The league campaign is well under way now and it's not going too badly. Darlington currently sit second in the league, three points behind leaders Blyth Spartans. I think most fans would be happy with that. Our last league game against Mickleover wasn't the prettiest of games but a determined Darlo eventually ran out 2-1 winners.

Similarly the FA Trophy game against Mossley last Saturday, as ever, it was good to have a catch up with some of their fans, was a hard fought game that could have gone either way, especially when Mossley rattled the crossbar early on, but we eventually won 3-2 and face an away tie to fellow league team Sutton Coldfield on November 14th. A tough tie against the team currently 12th in the league.

Our next league game is home to Buxton United this Saturday. Buxton beat us 2-0 at their place on the first game of

the season, so we'll be hoping for a reversal of that scoreline in order for us to keep the pressure on Blyth. Kick off is at the good old fashioned time of 3pm whilst admission for the game is £10 adults, £7 concession and £4 child.

The Newton Aycliffe Darlington FC Supporters group will be meeting next Wednesday, 11th November, in the Iron Horse at 7pm.

We are always looking for new people to come and join us. We are a social group of Aycliffe based Darlington fans who get together to praise, criticise and generally chat about anything Darlo related. If that's something you'd like to do then pop along, we'd love to meet you.

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Huntsman Top League

The Huntsman were back in action last Sunday at home to Willington Cottles, following the 6-0 victory against the same side a week earlier. Neil Dodds was forced into two changes from that side; as Callum Farley and Mike Sproates were recalled for the absent Connor Halford and Lee Redpath.

It appeared as though the home side were going to pick up where they left off the previous week, as they pressed high early on. That pressure was rewarded when a Cottles' clearance was collected by Ryan Mercer, who danced past three, before slipping in Cal Farley to drill low into the opposition net.

The Cottles' response was immediate however, as a long defensive clearance allowed Callum Smith a free run at goal, and the striker made no mistake in dispatching the opportunity.

The home side really struggled to get to grips with the game following that, and it appeared as though the first half would end in a stalemate. However, Mike Sproates broke quickly down the right-hand side and his attempt at goal was met by the head of his brother Shaun to restore the home side's advantage.

Two soon became three, as another great piece of work from Mercer found Shaun in a wide area. He cut inside, and his square ball was met by strike partner Reed Molloy who lashed home

to continue his great goal scoring run and give the home side a flattering 3-1 half time lead.

The second half was a none event, with only a smattering of low key chances Huntsman chances, and Man Of The Match Nathan Wintour in goal equal to anything that Cottles had to offer. The 3-1 victory leaves The Huntsman top of the league on goal difference ahead of rivals Coundon.

Next up for The Huntsman is an away tie against Willington Queen's Head this Sunday in the 2nd Division League Cup.

Under 8's maintained their 100% start to the season with a battling 1-0 win over Leven AFC Juniors. Theo Callaghan scored the only goal of the game after a lovely move involving Layton Collier & great wing play and delivery by Jay Bulch, with Theo finishing clinically as usual! There were chances to put the game to bed but Heighington saw the game out with a great defensive display from Man of the match Tyler Woodward and some good saves from Oliver Paylor.

The second game saw Heighington win 5-2 with goals from Tyler Woodward (2) Jay Bulch, Theo Callaghan & Layton Collier. Tyler Gibbon in the Heighington goal was man of the match with some great saves.

Under 11's were away to Middleton Rangers in a very physical game. Both teams competed very hard but no one could break the deadlock before half time. In the second half Heighington went close early on with Owen Evans bursting through the defence only to watch his attempt chip the keeper smash off the bar. Middleton then went ahead against the run of play and as Heighington pushed for an equaliser the home side hit Heighington on the break for there 2nd.

At two down Heighington had nothing to lose and played with 3 strikers and with 5 mins to go paid dividend when Thomas Connell pulled

one back. Heighington threw everything at a the home team but could not find the equaliser. A terrific battling display by the whole team.

Under 15's - Up against mid table Redcar Newmarket today at home. The early encounters suggested that the away team were more comfortable in possession, but it was the home side who took the lead through top scorer Adam Scott, who finished well after Roman had put him through on goal.

The away team then equalised after a speculative lob caught Timmy Furphy out in goal. They continued to press and it was no surprise that they went ahead 2-1 just before half time. After the break the home side were much more energised and had all the possession as well.

It was against the run of play that Redcar scored a third after a through ball caught out the defence. Even being 2 goals down the home team battered the Redcar defence, hitting the woodwork twice and forcing the keeper to make some cracking saves, but also the strikers squandering great opportunities.

A second goal was scored from a cross from Luke Prescott, which was headed into their own net with 15 to go which was final score, although a draw would have probably been a fairer result on the day. So a first league defeat of the season for Division 3 table toppers, and onto the Challenge Cup, away to Billingham next weekend.

2nd XV in Good Form

Newton Aycliffe 2nd XV continued their good form with a convincing win over Middlesbrough 4ths. Despite a number of players being drafted into the 1st XV squad, Aycliffe were able to field 18 players. The weather was excellent for open rugby, which suited the pace in the Aycliffe backline. Aycliffe took the lead when Mikey Dunn proved too fast for the visitors, but Middlesbrough soon fought back with a converted try to take the lead. Aycliffe's impressive stand-off Ben Walton put Aycliffe back into the lead with a try which was converted by JJ Rudge. The lead was further increased when Walton kicked the ball behind the defence, it seemed that the ball would roll dead, but Rudge was just quick enough to touch down before it crossed the

line. Another Rudge try followed. Just before half time Middlesbrough scored a try from a tap penalty. At the break the score was 22 - 12. The visitors were on top early in the second half as they kept the ball in the forwards. With 15 minutes left, another converted try reduced the deficit to 3 points. Aycliffe, with Terry Parsons and Ronnie Gilyeat working hard in the forwards, began to re-exert their dominance and, replacement Phill Sangster powered over the line for a try, which he converted himself. Sangster added another try with the final play of the game, and Walton's conversion completed a victory which was more emphatic than seemed likely minutes before. This was another good performance as the 2nd XV continues its successful rebirth.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Aycliffe Juniors welcomed November with a string of fixtures on Sunday morning. There were some great performances from Under 7's through to Under 18's.

Under 7's were in cup action against Darlington RA Spitfires. They stormed in to the last eight of the cup with a 5-0 win, playing extremely well with great passing and movement. The goals were shared between Isaac and Harry. The second game saw the Aycliffe side go one goal behind before Harrison got a hat trick in a 3-1 win.

Under 8's hosted Grangetown Boys Club in the cup and it was an exciting match. It was an end to end first half with both keepers making some great saves. The visitors scored two quick goals at the end of the half. Aycliffe could not beat the excellent Grangetown keeper despite enjoying possession at the start of the second half and the visitors took their chances and won the game 6-0. In the second game it was much closer and Niall Armstrong's goal earned a 1-1 draw. Emrehan was excellent in the Aycliffe defence and men of the match were Harvey and Will.

The Under 10 Russell Foster league team have a break before their winter league starts on 13th November. The TJFA team suffered their first set back of the season losing

1-0 away at Seaton Carew based Golden Flatts. They started slowly and conceded a goal in the first half which they could not recover from. Their best play was towards the end of the game but it was all to no avail on this occasion. In the second match six goals were shared between Lucas, Aaron, Zack (2) and Tom (2) in a 6-3 win.

Under 12's were away at Redcar Athletic and attacked from the start with some good passing football. Jermaine was on hand to start the scoring after a goalkeeping error and Aycliffe were 1-0 up. The game was then end to end but after a penalty miss Dylan H got the second and Zack the third for a 3-0 half time lead. The good

passing game continued and some resolute defending from the home team was eventually broken down as James scored before Zack's second and Aycliffe's fifth sealed the win despite conceding at the end of the game. Final score was 5-1 to Aycliffe with Jermaine man of the match for his hard work and determination throughout. Under 18's Red (pictured) faced a difficult test against Division 1 side Stockton Town in the Challenge cup and put up a great battle eventually losing 2-1. Lochie Scott scored and Ryan Wise was man of the match. The Under 18's Black had a disappointing day losing 4-3 at home against Spraire Lads again in the challenge cup.

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8 Games Unbeaten!

Newton Aycliffe 1st XV's recent away game to Seaham made it 8 wins from 8 in Division 3 of the Durham and Northumberland League.

Captain Andrew Littlefair scored the opening try and James Thacker the second both converted by Luke Tinkler. Adam Gascoigne scored in his favourite corner and Thacker doubled his tally with a neat interception on the halfway line and left several defenders in the claggy mud. Half time Aycliffe led 24-0

The second half played out much the same as the first to be fair, Seaham showed plenty of hard work and aggression in the tackle area but Aycliffe dominated the line out, thanks to a great performance from second row Neil Morgan, winning the majority of the balls thrown in from both sides. Nick Coates made the most of all the ball created by the forwards giving Gaz Parsonage an armchair ride at stand-off where he opened the doors for the backs to thrive despite the soggy surface.

Luke Crossen scored the first try of the second half which was again converted by Tinkler. The backs began to run everything and great handling created gaps in the Seaham defence resulting

in a further try for skipper Littlefair.

A few changes were made in the Aycliffe line up, Connor Blakey making his first team debut coming on at second row and Chris Richards coming on at inside centre.

Seaham scored a consolation try and very good it was too Seaham stand-off in a moment of Jonny Wilkinson like magic drew the Aycliffe defence to him before kicking the ball with unbelievable precision to the wide winger who caught it on the full to score the try. 36-5.

The Firsts weren't finished yet, James Thacker smashed Seaham's biggest player as he attacked the heart of the Aycliffe defence, he then drove him back five metres, ripped the ball off him, side stepped two defenders to glide over the line for his hat trick.

After more fantastic handling in the backs Luke Crossen crossed the line for NARUFC's eighth try of the game. Nick Coates kicked the conversion. Final score NARUFC 48 Seaham 5

Aycliffe's next match is this Saturday 7th Nov. at home to Chester-le-Street, KO 2:15pm. Aycliffe Rugby is sponsored by Beaumont Grounds Maintenance and S-Cars.

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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

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GEORGE SMITH 11th November 2011. Dad of Steven, Graham, John and the late Jimmy. Four years gone already Dad and it seems like yesterday. Lovingly remembered, Steven, Graham and John xxxxx

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ROY BRENNAN Died 30th October 2014. We can't have the old days back Ray, when we were all together, but special thoughts will be with us forever. Love, Mother-in-Law Mary

MARY KELLY 10th November 2014. It has been one year since you left and the hardest part was not losing you, it was learning to live everyday without you. You are missed more than words can say. Love, Brian, Leanne, Sarah, Angela and your Mam Helen.

Councillors Visit the "Old Darling"



Last week, Aycliffe County Councillors visited the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society. The visit was partly to mark a donation they had given the society to help restore 'The Old Darling' - a 1940 double-decker converted in 1956 to a tow truck, which became United longest-serving vehicle.

However, the visit was much more about supporting and publicising the Society, Aycliffe's only accredited museum and truly one of the town's success stories. Councillor Eddy Adam commented: "The Society is doing some fantastic work maintaining the local bus heritage, with volunteers using their skill and knowledge to restore the buses back to their original status, but they need support from the community to ensure their work is maintained."

Photo: Councillors with A&DBPS members Kevin Oakenshaw (Chairman), Ian Wiggett (Secretary) and Angus Buchan.

Birthday Remembrance

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RALPH NELSON 6-11-1950. Dad. Thinking of you on your birthday. All our love, Daniel, Kerri, Emily-Rose and Tristan

RALPH NELSON 6-11-1950. Thinking of you today Dad on your 65th birthday and every day. Love and miss you always. Lots of love, Tracy and Scott xxxxx

RALPH NELSON 6-11-1950. Happy birthday Grandad and Great Grandad. Love and miss you. Always in our thoughts, Beckie, Jordan and Brodie xxx

ANNE SMITH 11-11-1928. Sending all our love on your birthday. Kathleen, Jacqueline, Alison, Pauline, Trevor, Derek and Shawn xxxxx

ANNE SMITH 11-11-1928. happy birthday Nanna. All our love, Tracy, Daniel, Lee, Christopher, Beckie, Emily-Rose, Tristan and Brodie

ANNE SMITH 11-11-1928. To a special Nana and Great Nana. Miss you so much. You are always in our thoughts, even more on your special day. Happy birthday. Love always, Tracy, Scott, Beckie, Jordan and Brodie xxxxx

CHARLIE ROSSITER, 12th November 1941. Thinking of you on your birthday as we do every day Dad - together with Mam again. Loved and missed so much, Lesley and Tony xxx

DOREEN McCUE 10th November. Though we miss you everyday, it seems to hit us even more, because it is your birthday. We send wishes to heaven, carried to you upon a prayer, to the place you are now, with sweet tender love and care. Love always, Jimmy and all of the family xxxxx

Thank You

STEVENS Cec and Dorothy would like to thank our lovely family and special friends who spent the evening with us to celebrate our Golden Wedding. It was a brilliant night and thank you so very much for all your cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes. Special thanks to Julie, Kelly, Stacy and Annalise who decorated the tables and room, it was beautiful; to Woodham Golf Club for a delicious meal, as always. Our day was extra special because it was shared with so many lovely people. Our love to you all xxx

APOLOGY Newton News would like to apologise to Dorothy for abbreviating her name in the editorial about the Stevens Golden Wedding.

DAVID SMITH 25th September 1933 to 23rd October 2015 (of Honister Place). Pam, the Wife of the late Dave Smith would like to thank all friends and Dave's work colleagues for their wonderful support and beautiful sympathy cards received after my sad loss. God Bless Pam Smith xx

CORAL SYKES. Thank you to everyone who has offered help to the family following Coral's death. Donations made in lieu of flowers raised £500, which has been given to Maggie's Cancer Care in Newcastle. We appreciate your kindness. Thanks from George, Zoe and Richard, Zona and Tony

Obituary

MARY WALTON of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully on 26th October, aged 101 years. A dearly loved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral Service took place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 4th November at 10.15am

JOHN ROSS of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 28th October, aged 74 years. Dearly loved partner of Denise; much loved Brother, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be sadly missed. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday 10th November for 11.45am. Donations, if so desired, for I.T.U. Darlington Memorial Hospital

JOAN SPARK of Newton Aycliffe, suddenly at home on 29th October aged 80 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Joe; loving Mam of Janet and Jo-Anne; precious Grandma and Great Grandma. Family and friends please meet for Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th November for 1.15pm. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. No black clothing by request.

Congratulations

Dylan Howarth



Happy 5th Birthday
5th November 2015

To our little superstar, love you loads, Mam and Dad xx

Happy 5th Birthday

To our little Brother. Lots of love, Loren, Aimee and Kameron xxx

Marcus Richard Barron



Happy 9th Birthday

To my gorgeous Son. Love you and Lucy always. Mam xxxxx

Marcus Richard Barron



Happy 9th Birthday

Have a lovely birthday Marcus. How you've grown! Lots of love, Nan and Keith xxxxx

Marcus Richard Barron



Happy 9th Birthday

Have a lovely day Marcus. Lots of Love Auntie Anne, Dan, Chloe, Uncle Wayne xx

JAY McWILLIAM Happy 13th birthday, finally a teenager. Lots of love, Auntie Denise, Uncle Steve and Tribe xxx

JAY McWILLIAM To a beautiful Grandson, a teenager at last! Love Nanna & Nev xxx

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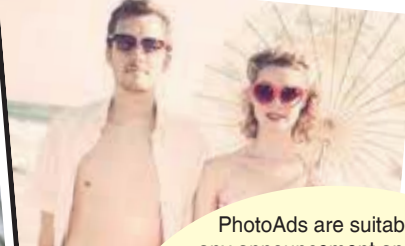


Happy 21st Birthday

10-10-10

to our beautiful Daughter on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Mam & Dad xxx

Bonny and Clyde Cunningham



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Running Club News

In the first event in the Stockton Winter Trail series of 5k races at Wynyard Woodland Park, Aycliffe veterans had a field day with five age category wins. First home for the club was Dez Fielden, 3rd in 19:10 and 1st M/40 followed by Peter Milburn, 10th in 20:45 and 1st M/55 and Richard Campbell, 11th in 20:48. Paul Stretton was next to cross the line, 22nd in 22:42, followed by Steve Smith, 27th in 22:57 and John Burnside, 31st in 23:19. Alan Wilks was 1st M/65 in 24:07 and 40th overall, followed by Cyd Upton, 45th in 24:26 and 1st F/50. Peter Smith, still recovering from a serious foot injury was next finisher, 63rd in 25:44, followed by Susan Milburn, 67th in 25:58 and 1st F/55 and Dave Mackenzie, 160th in 32:41. Sandra Collins was the only runner from the club to tackle the Jedburgh Half Marathon, which was part of the Jedburgh Running Festival. In a field of 357, runners Sandra finished 188th in the excellent time of 1:52:45. In the Sedgefield Parkrun, the following achieved new PBs: Thomas Scott 21:33, Beverley Phillippo, 28:21 and Denise Evans, 28:56. Fiona Walton ran it for the first time in 33:02. Circuit sessions are held Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm; non-members welcome. For details, ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk

Town Karate Instructor Back from Training in Japan

As some may recall I recently wrote of an upcoming trip of a life time for a Karate practitioner. My journey to Japan and Okinawa is now engrained in my memory as one of the most fantastic experiences of my life. The trip was arranged by Scott Langley Sensei, Head of the W.T.K.O (World Traditional Karate Organisation for Great Britain and Ireland), with 11 travelling to Tokyo and Okinawa to train with some of the world's best Karate Instructors. We started at Hakone near Mount Fuji where we took in the sites and recovered from jet lag. We stayed in a Ryokan (Inn), with its paper partitioning, tatami floors and futon beds. We immersed ourselves into the culture, eating local foods and wearing yu-kata (Japanese dressing gowns with slippers). Bathing was also a different experience, with a ritual to follow within a communal bath house, then soaking in a large and very hot bath with natural volcanic spring water. The experience was very similar to a Sauna, being both a relaxing and social event. We visited Mount Fuji, but due to Volcanic activity, could not get as close as we

wished although it was still an impressive site. We travelled back to Tokyo, again staying in a Ryokan. We trained at Keio University, which has major historical significance in the karate world as being one of the first places that Master Funakoshi, the founder of Shotokan Karate, started teaching in Japan when he left from Okinawa. We were welcomed by Ota Sensei, who instructed the students at the university and who was our main contact there. Ota Sensei led some of our training and introduced us to many other instructors. Our 5 days in Tokyo was over. Next was Okinawa. This was a contrast to the hustle and bustle of modern Tokyo. Although most of the old buildings had been destroyed during the Second World War, the feel of the place was much more relaxed. Naha, where we stayed has a touristic feel, similar to Blackpool and a little bit cheesy (In a good way). The restaurants we visited we second to none and we experienced many different ways of cooking including Teppanyaki, where the food was cooked in front of you on giant hot plates by very skilled chefs, who not only cooked the food, but entertained you with their juggling skills, plus Shabu Shabu where we boiled the meats in different broths before eating, Takiniki where we barbecued marinated meats on a grill in the middle of the

table. Kanpai was the Japanese equivalent of Cheers, which we used to toast our fellow Karateka and Instructors at these social events. Our training at Okinawa was at Senaha Sensei's private Dojo, which being a carpenter he constructed himself. He was a Goju Ryu 9th Dan Karate Master and instructed us in his traditional teaching methods. We spent two days learning breathing methods, Goju Ryu fighting drills and Kata (Self-defence techniques put into a series of movements). The training was over too soon, but we celebrated with a few cups of Senaha's Sensei's special homemade rice wine (Which would have blown my socks off if we were wearing them). We left Okinawa the next day and returned home, battered, exhausted, but buzzing. I cannot express enough my appreciation to our hosts in both Japan and Okinawa for their welcome and inviting us into their dojo's. If anyone wishes to train in traditional karate the please contact myself, Andy Bailey, Senior Instructor and Secretary at Newton Aycliffe Karate Club on 07999501379 or contact me via email at naanshinryu@gmail.com. We train at Neville Parade Community Centre on Tuesdays 7pm to 8.30pm and Thursdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm. All welcome from 7 years up. First lesson is free.

WINS FOR TOWN MARTIAL ART FIGHTERS



Newtonians Lewis Parker and Dave Ryan were both part of a local Mixed Martial Arts Show held in Willington last weekend. Both fighters who train in various martial arts won their bouts, Lewis by unanimous decision and Dave by KO again! (He also won his first fight by KO). Both lads trained very hard for their fights and deserve every bit of the glory! They train regularly with Dave Cunliffe, John Paul Cockrill, and Jack Roberts. Dave Ryan even made the trip over to see UFC veteran Davey Grant for extra training!

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