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# **Planners Prejudice Future** of Woodham Golf Course

The future of Woodham Golf Course is uncertain following County Durham Council's negative response to the new

development proposals.

Hall Construction Services

Ltd submitted new plans to the Council in July 2015 to make major improvements to the golf course and clubhouse, supported by revenue from a proposed small housing scheme, which are vital to securing the venue's future. Newton Aycliffe-based Hall

Construction, re-opened Woodham Golf Course in Newton Aycliffe in 2014, after its closure in November 2013 when previous owners Washington Developments ran into financial difficulties.

In 2012 the previous owners secured planning permission for the construction of 50 executive family homes, a 75-bed, fourhotel with conference and spa facilities and landscaping.



Neville Hall with his daughter Samantha

Following extensive consultation with local residents, golf club members and local councillors, the new plans significantly reduce the area of development and impact on local residents from the previous planning application, and do not include a hotel. There is strong local support for the proposed scheme.

Neville Hall, Director at Hall Construction said that: "Despite local support, Durham County Council are not supporting the scheme is a hotel is not

included. We have demonstrated there is insufficient demand to sustain another hotel in the area. The scheme will still deliver significant benefits for the locality and secure the future of the golf course.

Extensive work is required to the course in order to secure its long term future, which will be funded from the proposed development. This includes a complete overhaul of the inadequate drainage system, which sees the course closed around 70 days a year.

course is currently making and requires loss improvements to additional members in order to be a viable business. A successful outcome to the new development proposals is needed if the club is to remain an ongoing business to the benefit of the local area and

community.

The golf course and clubhouse currently has 25 employees and supports a supply chain of 48 separate businesses. The development could create up to 15 additional jobs at the club and a further 45 construction jobs throughout the construction

The proposed development will also deliver valuable benefits to the wider community including the safeguarding of the clubhouse, a commitment to the transfer of the Agnew Plantation to Great Aycliffe Town Council and the introduction of public access around the golf course.

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In reply to last week's anonymous letter there was absolutely no mis-representation of any facts by me. Prove otherwise, but don't accept my word check with the Town Clerk.

The majority of anonymous letter writers are mild or pronounced paranoiacs, suffering from a condition that is not easy to detect. It is a state of mind that has a distorted concept of reality. What the supposedly anonymous letter writer does not realise is that, it is their personal subconscious habits, which are so ingrained, their little peculiarities that are so difficult to suppress, which leaves behind a trail, leading to identification.

I know who wrote the letter, the mere fact that they choose to attack anonymously shows not only their cowardliness, but fear that if identified their true character and motive would be exposed to the public. So that there is no misunderstanding, I assure residents I will continue to oppose this individual's devious and corrupt ways of thinking also his acting and willingness to sell the town's interests down the river.

Cllr Arun M Chandran





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good night, a daaaaamn good night.

The first set is designed to listen too, while you get comfy in your surroundings, the subliminal messages gradually turning you to drink, loosening your resolve, you may want to get up and dance and that would be great, but stick around for the second set as we know you will definetly feel the need to

dance as the energy ramps up.

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Saturday 21st November - "Revenant"

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### **Golf Course Application**

The issue over the future development of Woodham Golf Course seems to indicate a lack of co-operation and vision by the County Council Planning Department.

Neville Hall. Steven and Directors of Hall Construction, a family owned Aycliffe construction business, have invested heavily in the purchase and improvement of the golf course, over the road from their Company HQ.

They took over a loss-making facility and are trying hard to bring the

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course to a very high standard. Included in plans FDTT their

has been the opening of the clubhouse and restaurant to the general public which is now a hive of activity for weddings, Christenings and other social events. The clubhouse has hosted numerous local charity functions and the free use of the course has given to community

The planners don't realise what an asset the course now presents and appear to be blocking the new owner's plans for the future, forgetting the

the course would bring to the local economy and the County coffers.

Houses on Golf Courses are common, desirable and the revenue from sales would pay for substantial improvements to the course which in turn would attract more golfers

The club has already built up the membership with various incentives. Juniors, under 11, have free membership and has increased from 10 to 93 members. The planners forget that the Hall

brothers bought News the course to keep it from keep it from being lost and developed as

something quite different probably housing.
The small number of houses

they propose to build is only to make sufficient money to improve the course with no personal financial gain envisaged. Halls have spent over £100,000 in preparing the application plus countless hours of personal time. They have held public consultations with general approval for their plans. The planning officers need to stop delaying progress, see the bigger picture and help Halls Construction fulfil their dream for Woodham Golf Course and our town.

# COUNCIL

West Ward councillor I have requested to have shrubs removed from the car park in Silkin Way and Stephenson Way area, The reason being they were not looked after and left very untidy with a lot of self seeded saplings starting to grow, spoiling the shrubs and

by Durham County Council Officer Colin Curry, work, started and the shrubs were removed and top soil placed ready for re-planting of bulbs

to County Thank you to County Councillor Brian Stephens, and Colin Curry, not forgetting the staff that worked out in the

Alderman George Gray,

# TIDY UP

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West Ward Councillor

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# **Car Parking Problem Eased** at Aycliffe Village School

Parking in Aycliffe Village has been a problem and a cause for concern for a number of years. Action Groups have looked at ways of tackling the issue through a number of ways. These have included: walking buses; cycle or scoot to school weeks and other schemes aimed at promoting responsible use of cars in order to improve resident parking on the streets around the school. In the summer of this year, I

approached Adam White of Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership, GAMP, to see if a grant was available to improve the parking capacity in the school grounds in order to alleviate the issue by reducing the number of staff cars parking on the streets outside the school.

An application for funding support was made to GAMP and through the was made Neighbourhood Budget allocations of Councillor's Jed Hillary and Sarah Iverson, coupled with a contribution of £1,000 from the school the project was able to commence. The Car Park alteration was carried out by GLW Grounds Services, who did an excellent job transforming the areas to be used to accommodate the cars. The work has already had a significant impact on the number of cars parked on the street outside the school.

Here are some photographs of the car parks in school that have been extended as a result of the neighbourhood grants from Councillors Iveson and Hillary.
Cars outside school have

### **Fewer Bonfire Night Problems** This Year

Bonfire night statistics collected by County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service show a decrease in the number of incidents attended by the Service compared to last year. The CDDFRS control centre and operational crews coped well throughout bonfire night taking 128 calls (up 7 per cent on 2014) and attending 67 incidents (down 17 per cent on 2014), 35 of which were fires (14 fewer fires than 2014).

Of the 128 calls taken by Control, 73 per cent were received between 4pm and 9pm. Comparing the figures to last year the breakdown is as follows:

Stuart Errington, chief fire officer for County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We are pleased that year on year more people are following our advice and attending organised firework displays; a much safer and economical way to enjoy bonfire night.

"It is a tribute to the hard work of our staff and our partners, including the local authorities and police, that we have been able to continue to drive down these incidents and keep



reduced significantly with eight extra parking spaces having been created within the school grounds. One local resident remarked that 'It was lovely to be able to park outside her own house again!' and Mr Haigh, a parent of former pupils to the school, also remarked that 'The reduction in number of cars out on the street was a big improvement. is hoped that the

improvements made will be a long term solution to a long term problem and reduce the number of incidents caused by inconsiderate parking permanently.

I would like to thank Mr White for his help in submitting the bid and for the very generous grants from both Councillors in order to allow the project to become a reality.

J.P. Gargan, Head Teacher,







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The Christmas Open Meeting will take place on Monday 30th November when Area Demonstrator, Don Billington, will entertain with an evening of flower demonstrating entitled 'A Christmas Grotto'.

There will be a variety of stalls to peruse and the bar is open!

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who attend.

Over the years Inner Wheel have made donations to charities too numerous to mention.

businesses and those

fundraiser for the year and proceeds of over £1500 this year are to be divided between charities involved in

cancer sufferers.

Inner Wheel is part of an International organisation for women and part of the Rotary family.

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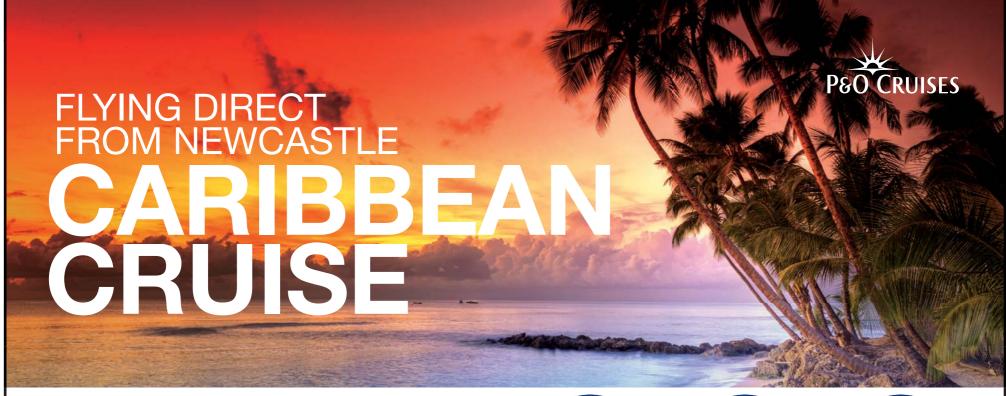
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took This place at Aycliffe based their Headquarters on Thursday 5th November. His Royal Highness was formally welcomed to Roman by Managing Director David Osborne and Chairman Gerald Osborne. He was given a tour of the

Roman of Aycliffe, the showroom and factory, market meeting members of the workforce on the tour including Roman's longest serving member of staff Deborah Green who has been with the company for 25 years.

> Roman has gone from strength to strength since it was founded in 1985 by Gerald Osborne. Since then Roman has achieved a very strong position in the Market Place by consistent and creative product innovation and has produced significant growth across all UK Market sectors and in the past 5 years, strong growth in International Markets. Roman is currently active

> in 28 International Markets

and has supplied products



Left to right: Managing Director David Osborne, his wife Lorraine, Mrs Pamela Osborne, Chairman Gerald Osborne, Phil Wilson, MP, County Council Chairman Jan Blakey



for Projects in over 48 Markets across the World from Newton Aycliffe. Roman is a reputable and well established UK Brand, who supplies showering products to some of the most prestigious hotels all over the World. Subsidiary businesses are now well established in Malaysia and Ireland.

Roman has recently invested significantly in their manufacturing facility over the last 12 months. They are constantly developing enhancing and their manufacturing processes and this huge investment has added improvements to ensure their efficiency and speed is accurate for the increased volumes of products that are being produced in their North East factory.

Roman to this day still remains a family owned

business and is now the UK Market Leader. employing 180 over staff. Roman's extensive range encompasses high quality shower enclosures, contemporary wet room panels, ingenious screens, low level shower trays and a range of luxury accessories. Roman offers something for every sector, from an affordable price sensitive range, through to the most exclusive, designer and luxurious bathrooms in the World. Managing

Roman's Director, David Osborne "We are commented: exceptionally proud to have HRH The Duke of Kent to come and share our 30 year milestone with us. We are delighted that Roman has continued to grow and transform into the leading shower manufacturer that we are











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#### **CHRISTMAS CABARET**

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Newton Aycliffe based manufacturer, Ebac welcomed His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent to open their new washing machine production line on 5th November. This followed his visit to Roman on the same day.

the same day.

The line, which will produce the only British-made washing machines, has been developed with support from a £1m Regional Growth Fund (RGF) grant from the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills and a £6m injection from the company's own funds.

Work to establish the production line follows five years of planning and ongoing research and development, which includes the views of thousands of consumers.

The company aims to secure and double its 200-strong workforce as it expands its product range, having previously rescued the Norfrost domestic chest freezer brand from administration and restored the UK-based manufacture of that product group.

Ebac has been at the forefront of dehumidifier and water cooler manufacturing for more than 40 years and 20 years respectively and is gearing up its production for the busy winter season. With the recent launch of the Norfrost by Ebac chest freezer range the washing machines are the next step in Ebac's 10 year strategy to become a recognised home appliance brand in the white goods sector.

The Chairman of Ebac, John Elliott MBE, welcomed His Royal Highness to the factory. Mr Elliott said: "We are honoured and delighted that His Royal Highness is taking the time to visit the factory to open the washing machine production facility, which will bring manufacturing of these appliances back to the UK.



#### Wrong Species

A number of readers contacted us to correct the type of butterfly we featured under "Readers' Photographs" last week

It was wrongly captioned as a Red Admiral when in fact, according to our nature lovers, it is a small Tortoise Butterfly. "It is so important that UK manufacturing receives support and recognition for the vital role it plays in the economy.

"Ebac is very proud of its heritage as a manufacturer of dehumidifiers and water-coolers and this next stage of its history has received a real boost with interest shown by the Duke and his support for British manufacturing."



MP Phil Wilson with John Elliott founder of Ebac.







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# **Amber Rewarded for Voluntary Commitment**



Amber Dolby (centre) has received several awards this year for her contribution to sport, mainly for helping others. Amber has been an excellent and committed leader within Greenfield Junior Tennis Programme for over 2 years. She has also given many hours in school

and in the community.

Ian Wilkinson, Head Coach

of Greenfield TC said, 'It has been a privilege to have Amber's regular help. Her enthusiasm, humour and pleasant manner is well received by young players, parents and other volunteers. Amber was awarded the Sport Special Achievement Award and Sport and Physical Achievement Award,

Sedgefield 2015 for Young Volunteer of The Year. awards Greenfield were
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Person including the and Sports Personality of the Year, 2015. Funding GAMP supported Summer Tennis from the Programme and holiday activities.



#### **Volunteer Cook**

Volunteer needed on a Tuesday morning to cook lunch for a small group of elderly people at Western Area Community Centre.

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all facilities. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967

#### Wrong Date

St. Joseph's RCVA Primary School apologise for the wrong date last week and invite readers to join them on Tuesday, 17th November at 6pm for an Open Evening to show who they are. Everybody is welcome!

#### **Nature** Reserve AGM

Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve AGM will be held on Thursday 26th November at Greenfield Arts Centre at 6pm.

Any interested member of the pubic, are welcome to attend. Contact Secretary on 07779 090842 for more information.

# **Flytippers Fined £1500 for Dumping Rubbish at Aycliffe**

Two Flytippers have been ordered to pay more than £1,500 after being caught dumping rubbish by Durham County Council's cameras. Martin John Edge, 59. and Michael Benjamin Francis, 26, appeared before magistrates after being caught as part of Operation Stop It.

And now both are hundreds of pounds the poorer after Edge pleaded guilty to leaving builders' rubble in a layby, and Francis admitted abandoning a bed base, household waste and black sacks.

Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager Ian Hoult said: "This type of offence causes a wide range of problems and as a council we know it is important to members of the local community that we take positive action to reduce the

impact of fly tipping." Between April 2014 and March 2015 Durham County Council spent £432,562 dealing with over 6,800 incidents of fly tipping.

Ian said: "We are committed to tackling crimes which blight our environment, such flytipping, dog fouling, ering and antisocial littering behaviour.

"Environmental crimes have a serious impact our communities and where people live and we remind everyone of their responsibilities when comes to disposing of waste properly.

Both Edge and Francis were caught using a hidden camera at land on Heighington Lane in Newton Avcliffe, which was purchased by six county councillors – Joan Gray, John Clare, Eddie Adam, Kate Hopper, Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary - using Members Initiative Funds.

Martin John Edge, 59, from Barton, pleaded guilty to dumping builders' rubble and waste. During an interview under caution Edge admitted to leaving the waste but said that he didn't do it intentionally because he needed the toilet at the time and the rubbish was in his way.

On June 13, the covert camera filmed Michael Benjamin Francis, 26, of Butler Road, Newton Aycliffe, dumping a bed base, household waste and black sacks. He pleaded guilty and in mitigation his solicitor said the 26-year-old overhead linesman had recently lost his father and was clearing his house for his sister to move into.

Francis was fined £200, ordered to pay £328.90 costs, a court charge of £180 and a victim surcharge of £20.

Operation Stop It was launched in November 2014 and sees Durham County Council is working in partnership with

it Durham Police, Crimestoppers and the Environment Agency to target those who illegally dump waste.

Since the campaign started it has resulted in a 31% decrease in flytipping in the county.

To report flytipping call 03000 26 1000 or visit www.durham. gov.uk. Alternatively contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

#### Co-op Appeal

Dear Sir.

Co-operative Funeralcare is appealing to the community for help with their "Kisses For Christmas" project again this

year.
They are asking for donations of essential goods such as tinned or non perishable food, tea, coffee and new toys toiletries and bedding which could make a difference to the lives of children and adults who may find themselves homeless or living in poverty in our area this Christmas.

Any items donated, no matter how small, will be gratefully received at our funeral home Macmillan Road and will be passed on to The Salvation Army for distribution in the week before Christmas. For further details please call

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### M.E.P. VISITS INEOS & INOVYN Woodham Holiday Club

and INEOS Compounds have this week hosted a visit from North East Labour MEP Paul Brannen at their shared site at Newton Aycliffe.

The visit coincided with a week away from Brussels for all MEP's known as their "constituency week". The visit was organised as part of a fact finding exercise to demonstrate the importance of manufacturing in the North East, with particular emphasis on a European-wide voluntary initiative across the whole of the PVC industry known as VinylPlus. The Newton

Avcliffe The site operates two distinct businesses; INOVYN and INEOS Compounds. INOVYN is a newly created Joint Venture between INEOS and SOLVAY that produces PVC resins for a wide range of applications including pipes, profiles, cables and flooring. The INOVYN operations at Newton Aycliffe are strategically important as the only remaining site that



suspension PVC in the UK, having been in continuous operation since 1947.

INEOS Compounds has made significant investments in its operations at Newton Aycliffe during 2015. Each year, INEOS produces thousands of PVC formulations at the Site, known as PVC compounds, under a multitude of colour combinations. It has 4 production halls, 19 lines compounding

dedicated unit for the production of exceptionally high quality grade PVC for use in life-saving medical device applications.

Commenting on the site visit, Mr Brannen said: "It was really interesting to hear about the history of the Site and good to see that it is still going strong today.
"I heard how the plant has

recently received a €5m investment and created 35 jobs. It is a North East success

PVC that there's a good chance that 1 in every 3 of all PVC window frames produced in the UK will be based on resin supplied from Newton

Aycliffe.
"It was also positive to hear the good work going on to improve environmental sustainability. such as increased reuse and recycling of materials."

For further information please contact the INOVYN Press

#### HAVE YOU **GOT NEWS** FOR US?

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Popular community holiday programme 'Education Enterprise' delivered another successful club this half term at Woodham Academy with over 70 children attending across the week.

All children had a fantastic time participating in a variety of sports including; football, dodgeball, cricket, tennis, basketball and many more. Friday was a Halloween extravaganza with children attending in fancy dress, all children made a huge effort and looked amazing getting involved in face painting, apple bobbing, broom stick racing and a cinema special.

Our next holiday programme is running February half term, week commencing 15.02.16. If you require any more information please contact Sarah Blakey on; 07825 459384 please visit our website; www.educatonenterprise. co.uk and like our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/ educationenterpriseltd to keep up to date with information, photographs, competitions and much more.

#### **SPOOKY HOUSE RAISES** £1037

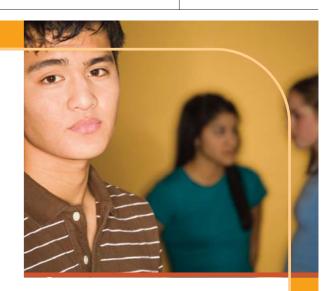
Aycliffe couple Brian and Eleanor Nichol have donated £1.037 to the Great North Air Ambulance, proceeds from turning their home and garden into a Hallowe'en "Spooky House" and inviting visitors to be scared. Over 700 turned up paying a small admission charge for charity. Brain spends a month transforming his house into a horror scene using numerous scary props.

Brian said "It was wonderful to see the reaction from children who in the main laughed at what they saw it was the adults who were more scared!"

He has run the event for four vears and will repeat it in 2016. The couple are now considering producing "Winter Wonderland".



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### ADDITIONAL GARDEN CAKE SHOP ADDS SWEET TOU **WASTE COLLECTION**

collection will be provided to County Durham residents who sign up for the service in

Durham County Council is introducing the collection towards the end of the season following feedback from residents who used the service this year.

It means those who sign up for the service in 2016 will receive a total of 17 collections. between spring and autumn, for the same annual fee of £20. The subscription fee was introduced this year in order to enable the council to continue

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LEISURE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

the 190,000-plus eligible properties in the county. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet

member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships at Durham County Council, said: "We're pleased to be able to offer residents an additional collection in the 2016 garden waste collection service.

"The last collections this year took place in mid-October but many residents told us they would have found it helpful to have an additional collection towards the end of the season. 'We've therefore decided to offer an additional garden hope will improve the service for existing customers and encourage others to sign up." waste collections do not take place during the winter months because there is less waste produced. However, people can still take any garden waste for composting at their local household waste recycling centre.
For information on garden

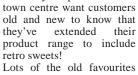
waste collections go to www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 03000 261 000. Details the waste collection service, including how to sign up, available later this month.

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compiled by County Councillor John Clare



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Despite the awful weather community came together in large numbers mark Remembrance Sunday on 8th November at the War Memorial at St. Clare's Church.

Our Town Band led the large parade of civilians, forces personnel and uniformed organisations congregating with residents in the natural auditorium our Town Centre roundabout affords. As per tradition the short outdoor Service contained the last post, two minutes silence and reveille with followed wreath laying by Civic dignitaries including our MP and Mayor.

Our Town Band, conducted by Mike Priestley, accompanied the hymns everyone present acknowledged their superb musicianship. Numerous comments showed how much we appreciate their presence on this occasion and how lucky we are to have such talented brass band players.

The high standard displayed by these musicians added so much to the splendour and emotion of this occasion. The Service itself was

conducted by Rev Elizabeth Bland a fairly recent newcomer to the Parish Church and her address was succinct, pertinent and heart-warming. She spoke of the extra poignancy of

vear's remembrance the 70th Anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War. Elizabeth spoke of the importance of winning the peace and the need for everyone to have peace in their heart - "in the name of the Prince of Peace - our Lord!

Young people involved in the prayers and our Mayor Mary Dalton read the first lesson with the Reviewing Officer, Lt. Col. Moore MBE, reading St. Paul's Letter to the Phillipians.

Remembrance Sunday in Aycliffe was emotional and respectful to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It also brought to mind the work of the British Legion, the Poppy Appeal and all who care for those who suffer as a result of war and bigotry



Junior School received £500 grant from cereal maker Kellogg's after completing an online training course to enhance their existing breakfast club.

The free training course, developed by Northumbria University, gives practical support and advice on how to run an effective breakfast club covering aspects such as child nutrition, food hygiene, advertising and how to access other sources of funding. Kellogg's offers the training

programme following the outcome of a national audit of school breakfast clubs across the UK which examined the challenges schools face in sustaining their clubs. The findings revealed that although 85 per cent of schools had a breakfast club, 45 percent of these admitted funding was the single biggest need for the future of their club.

Kellogg's supports breakfast clubs across the UK with training, cereal donations and funding so that schools can run a sustainable pre-school club. To apply for a grant schools can visit www. breakfastsforbetterdays.co.uk



Mrs. Jane Wilkinson said: The funding is fantastic but the handy tips we picked up through the training course were priceless. We are looking forward to using the grant money to subsidise breakfasts for the children as well as buying some new crockery and play equipment crockery and play equipment for the club.

"It's so encouraging to see companies like Kellogg's supporting breakfast clubs like ours as it means we can carry on providing this great resource for our children and families.'

Kellogg's started its breakfast club programme in 1998 when there were barely any breakfast clubs in the UK Today, 85 per cent of schools now run a club.

April Armstrong, Corporate Social Responsibility manager, at Kellogg's, said "We believe all children should have the opportunity to start the day with breakfast, and we're really proud of what we have achieved through our breakfast club programme, helping to support 2,500 clubs with training, funding and cereal donations.

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### **OPEN EVENING FOR DofE CANDIDATES**

Durham are seeking new people to take on an seeking internationally recognised challenge.

After a summer of success that saw teenagers and young adults completed their bronze. adults completed their bronze, silver and gold level awards, staff at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, which is run by Durham County Council's One Point Service, are ready to welcome those who will take on the scheme as it celebrates its diamond anniversary in

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has been running at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre for over 20 years, helping and supporting young people to gain valuable experience, build confidence, make new friends and take on new challenges.

"The experience gained has shaped and changed the lives of many young people from

do more amazing things and influencing career choices, and leisure activities.

The Award is open to all young people aged 14 to 24-yearsold, with a minimum age of 14-years-old to participate at bronze level, 15-yearsold for the silver level and 16-years-old for gold level.

complete an award individuals must demonstrate regular volunteer work, skills and physical activity over a minimum of three months - as well as plan and take part in a

group expedition.

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre is holding an open evening for anyone in the area who is interested in taking part in its Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme on November 15th at 6.30pm. For more information call Alison Ghent at the One Point Hub in Newton Aycliffe on 03000 261 118.

Or for details on joining a Duke of Edinburgh group elsewhere in County Durham

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### **MP Visits Aycliffe's Award Winning Charity**



MP Phil Wilson with Angie Hutchinson of DISC.

Our MP Phil Wilson learnt how National Lottery awards to Newton Aycliffe-based charity DISC have allowed it to deliver innovatives across the North of England to improve the lives of hundreds of people. He met Angie Hutchinson, Director of Children and Young People's Services during a visit to the charity's headquarters. Phil said: "I am delighted

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to visit DISC, a beacon of excellence that helps to inspire individuals, their families and communities to overcome incredibly difficult circumstances to achievimprovements in their lives". achieve Angie Hutchinson said: "As the MP for our headquarters' constituency, we're delighted to meet with Phil to discuss

some of our projects.

"It's appropriate that the visit is during our Diversity Month, and one of our flagship projects is the North East Gender Identity service that is based in Newton Aycliffe and works across the north east. It was recently awarded Investing in Children accreditation and is just one of a number of really important, life changing projects that we're involved with, not just within Phil's own constituency but across

the North of England". Other local DISC projects that were discussed with the MP included the Darlington Young Carers Service that supports young people and their families to reduce the impact of caring for a family member or friend, and the Skills4Success study programme that provides enhanced learning opportunities which was rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Ms Hutchinson added: "The support of the BIG Lottery has been instrumental in our success and we're able to learn from projects successes to help develop other initiatives in the parts of the country where we

#### **Entertainment** & Supper at Free Open Night

Community Centre Community Centre incorporating The Cubby is holding a Free Open Night inviting all local residents and their guests to attend and enjoy free entertainment and

This is an opportunity to see what your community centre can offer and meet the new people in charge.

Places have to be limited so please book at the Community Centre or ring 07873 190833.

# **County's Manufacturing Skill Inspires Student Magnates**

AN acclaimed project turning schoolchildren's creative flair into market-ready business ideas will draw inspiration from County Durham's world-class manufacturing base to launch this year's event.

Future Business Magnates (FBM) – run by Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham - has worked with dozens of schools with dozens of schools. pupils and businesses over the past decade to bring the world of commerce to life for

youngsters.

More than 30 businesses including Thorn Lighting, Dyer Engineering, Ebac, Hydram, Steelcraft, Atom Hydram, Steelcraft, Atom Bank and Durham University are supporting this year's competition, partnering the 20 school teams and judging the six challenges comprising the

House of Durham infographic commissioned by Business Durham, showing the host of everyday household products made locally, is the inspiration behind the theme for this year's FBM competition.

Over the next eight months, pupils aged 12 and 13 will work on ideas with their business mentor to get their manufacturing-themed product ready for market, with a glittering prize ceremony awaiting the winners in July. FBM and its sister FBM

Plus project – aimed at post 16 learners in local colleges being supported to set up their own companies – were both launched today (Nov 5).

Simon Goon, Business Durham managing director, said: "The world-class manufacturing base we have in County Durham is the perfect theme for this year's Future Business Magnates

programme.
"The feedback we get from pupils, teachers and business mentors taking part in this project is phenomenal – this is FBM's 11th year and it keeps going from strength to strength.

"Its aim is to inspire the next "Its aim is to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs by engaging directly with business leaders who have a wealth of experience in starting and growing their own companies and managing all the challenges that bring." own companies and man all the challenges that brings." FBM focuses on the skill sets demanded by the STEM subjects as the basis for pupils

Children will work on a series of six challenges, progressing their idea from the drawing through workshops with their business mentor, to the finished concept, real or virtual.

Last year's FBM winners Durham Johnston School will be taking part again this year. Their 'GlowFlo Eco Tap' tap which glowed red when wasting too much water saw its young inventors crowned Future Business Magnates with their business mentor Exposure Events.

The winning team were at the FBM launch event today (Thursday November 5th) at Newton Aycliffe's Xcel Centre to pass on winning tips to this year's teams, while FBM Plus will go live at the Taught in the Wood outdoor leadership training provider centre in Burnopfield today (Friday November 6th).
As part of its remit to spark

business enterprise, Business Durham is also supporting



the latest KickStart Weekend, organised by Entrepreneurs Durham, which brings Durham, which brings together scores of like minded creative young entrepreneurs at Durham University. They have 36 hours this

weekend to plan and pitch a business idea from the ground up to a panel of judges.
For more information

more

about Future Magnates go to http://www. futurebusinessmagnates.

To view the House of Durham infographic, go to www.businessdurham.co.uk/ houseofdurham

and to join in the conversation on social #houseofdurham media

#### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 25th November 2015

#### **Environment Committee Recreation Committee** 7.15pm

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

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings"





**Town Council** 

#### NOTICE OF VACANCY

In the office of Councillor

#### West Ward of Great Aycliffe Parish

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the resignation of Tom Twissell, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 26 November, 2015 (14 days after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to:

> The Returning Officer Electoral Services Room 1/104-115 County Hall Durham DH1 5UL

by TEN electors for the said Parish (Ward), an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

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### **COMMISSIONER SAYS LEAVE POLICE FUNDING ALONE**

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg has slammed the Government for miscalculating how much money Durham is likely to receive to Police County Durham and Darlington from next year. At present Durham Constabulary receive £80m from the Government for policing services.

The Government have recently announced a review to the way funding is distributed across all Police Forces. The latest information which was received Friday 6th November, shows that Durham would only receive £70m per year in future years. This represents a reduction of £10m per year which is 12.5%. This does not include any additional funding reductions as a result of this month's comprehensive spending review.

Mr Hogg said, "I am both angry and bewildered as to how the Government can say that we can police County Durham and Darlington with £10m less to spend each year. I have written to the Government in the strongest terms stating that they should abandon this whole process and leave the current funding formula alone as it is causing too much instability, not only for Durham but also for other Forces.

"Durham is the highest performing Police Force in the Country and this is what the public expect, however continuation of this is dependent upon the Government taking a sensible view as to the level of funding we need. Currently the Government's view totally lacks this common sense approach.

### **Brafferton Village News**

There's only two weeks to go before Brafferton's first Christmas market! All stalls are now booked, subject to final confirmation, so there will be plenty of choice for your Christmas shopping. If shopping isn't your thing why not come along to soak up the atmosphere whilst enjoying the refreshments that will be available . . . bratwurst sausages, hot chocolate, mince pies . . . all around the fire pit! The market will be set in the grounds of Cozy Coffee, a lovely hand built shepherd's hut nestled on the outskirts of Brafferton. Their usual delicious menu will be available. This includes freshly cooked sausage & bacon butties (with a very free range egg on top), homemade

cakes and crepes along with a selection of hot and cold drinks.

There will be opportunity to buy tickets for the Badapple Theatre Company production of Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol which is being hosted in the Village Hall on Friday 11th December along with tickets for our festive raffle. The prizes for this are looking very exciting! You can see the full list of prizes on our Facebook page. Many thanks to all the local companies who have so kindly donated prizes to help with our fundraising efforts this year.

For full details of this event please find us on Facebook by searching BraffertonVHA. We look forward to seeing you

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and if you feel you would like to have a chance to make an active difference to people's live and learn new skills please do contact us for more information, our website is

### **Phoenix Club Enrols** 250 New Members

The Phoenix Club (Ltd) decided to disaffiliate from the Royal British Legion the interest has been overwhelming. Up to Friday 6th November, and since subscriptions started a month ago, they now have 1200 members, not including those who wish to pay their subscriptions this year to The

Royal British Legion.
Within those 1200 members, which includes ladies, are 250 new members. This is revenue the club has never had, as all subscriptions for The Royal British Legion went to their head office.

The club was still a meeting Remembrance on Sunday morning for people who were on parade and the usual sherry and whisky was on the bar for anyone to partake of a drink before facing the weather.

Next year's Remembrance Sunday will no longer be called The Royal British Legion Club but the Phoenix will probably still like their club to be the meeting place prior to going on parade and everyone is welcome.

Subscriptions will end on Monday 30th November and anyone who has not paid subscriptions to The Phoenix Club will not be allowed to use the club. Anyone who has paid subscriptions to the Royal British Legion can use our premises for one year only, but must join The Phoenix Club

next year. The club restaurant which is open six days a week for lunches. They also have an upstairs lounge available for functions, funerals etc. The licensee of the restaurant, who does all the catering for functions, is leaving so anyone interested in acquiring this business please contact Tommy Palmer club secretary on 01325 312876.

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Last week St. Joseph's School held an anti-bullying week. Every class in the school have been busy with activities and discussions about what bullying is and how to stop it happening. Art work has been produced by the children and they are displayed in classes. Two children from each class painted murals for all the school to see

On Thursday our local PCSO officers came into school to deliver an assembly to the children. Teachers talked about the fact that in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be repeated. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. Being unkind to someone day after day is bullying.

The children came up with

some ideas about how they can beat bullying:

• Look out for the other

- children in their class
- Tell a teacher or someone you
- trust what is happening

   Talk to the bully and tell them to stop
- If you can, ignore the bully
- If their friend is being bullied, go over and ask them if they would like to play with you or tell a teacher what you think is happening
  People who are being bullied

often feel very alone. It can feel as if no-one cares or even that other people are on the bully's side if they don't speak up. If they think their friend is being bullied. Speak to their friend, to a teacher/teaching assistant/dinner lady.

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area of the game produced plenty of ball for Aycliffe and the backs showed plenty of endeavour James Cocks bullied his way through the visitors defence and crashed over the line after ten minutes. What followed fifteen minutes later was possibly one of the best tries scored at Moore Lane in many a year. Chester-le-Street cleared their lines with a wonderful forty yard kick pinning Aycliffe back deep in their own half a beautifully worked lineout saw the forwards drive the opposition back ten metres before scrum half Nick Coates, fed Cocks who unleashed the backs glorious passing and movement saw Jonny Griffiths receive a long pass from Gareth Parsonage forty metres out he danced round the defence to splash down under the posts, what a team try! Cocks converted. A short while later Jonny again scored after great work by the forwards and a little bit of Luke Tinkler magic. Cocks again converted. Half

**RUGBY TEAM 9 WINS FROM** 

time 19-0 Aycliffe kicked off and it wasn't long before replacement James Thacker Adam Gascoigne to slide between the defenders to send a Tsunami of water on to the cricket field. The chat at half time fell on deaf ears for the next quarter of an hour saw Chester-le street get back into the game, territorially. The only thing that kept them scoreless was their refusal to attempt penalty kicks from thirty plus metres and Avcliffe's manful defence epitomised by a back row consisting of Paul O'Donnell, Captain Andrew Littlefair and John Whitehouse. All the other team members took up the shout of "Thou Shalt Not Pass" and the defensive line held tight no matter what Chester throw at them.

two of the visitor's errors and again reclaimed dominance. After more excellent lineout ball, the back struck at the heart of the Street defence after the attack was halted just outside the defenders 22 metre line. Craig Holmes drove on, with his team mates support they created great ball for the backs to unleash Thacker who stepped inside and somehow managed to beat four or five defenders

Aycliffe capitalised on one or

the season Coates Kicked the conversion.

Chester-le Street one final burst of effort and managed to cross the line but remarkable defence again saw a last gasp tackle by what appeared to be the full team, cause the ball slip to from the attackers hands and as quick as a flash "The Firsts" were back on the attack the whole team drove, rucked and ran the ball from their own try line up to Chester-le-Streets twenty two for Gascoigne to score his second of the game Coates converted Final Score 38-0 (9 wins from 9) Aycliffe looked splendid in their new match day training Kit Sponsored by Honest John, Smurfit Kappa and The Mortgage Advice Centre.

Aycliffe 2nd XV travelled to Houghton Le Spring 2nd XV The Boars. This being the 7th match for the newly formed team. Aycliffe's mixture of old boys and vouth were up against a strong experienced side who dominated the attacking play all game. However the tenacity of Avcliffe's defence kept the scoreline down to 42-0 to the hosts who converted all of their 6 tries.

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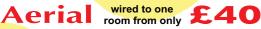






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#### **VICTIM SUPPORT** JOIN COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP

For the fifth month running new partners of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership GACAP were present at their monthly meeting at the Agnew Community Centre Monday.
Victim Support are the latest

organisation to become partners of GACAP. Nicola Stavers told partners about the work Victim Support do to help people in time of crisis. Nicola said she felt that there was an excellent link between the work victim support do and the support GACAP Partners offer.

Ron Mitchie was co-opted as Assistant Secretary with the specific responsibility of co-ordinating the partners information for the Web Site. It was awards galore too for three partners around the table. Ernie Temple was recognised for the work he does with the Durham Christian Food Bank that operates out of St Clare's

you feel is important.

Stephenson Sheena recognised for the work she does in volunteering and especially for the Baby Basic's work for Lifeline Community Action. Dorothy Bowman received yet another award as

a volunteer.

Dorothy Bowman advised that

Winter Wonderland

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and Greenfield Arts Centre will be running a FREE Winter Wonderland extravaganza on Wednesday 25 November, 5:30 - 8:00pm at Greenfield Arts Centre.

There will be lots of Christmas Craft and Food stalls, activities, a

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Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: 'A really vital part of the Winter Wonderland Event is to encourage local people to vote for

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GAMP Board members a steer when they look at deciding what

priorities we should be working on for the area next year. GAMP

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So, if you want to get into the festive spirit, buy a few gifts for

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Joan Clark, former chairman of the Agnew Centre and Trustee officer at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre had recently been co-opted as Vice Chairman for Western Area Community Centre's Junior Neighbourhood Watch. If you as an organisation or individual feel you may be able to support the partnership in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Joan on gacap001@gmail.com or by telephone on 07730 471487 Secretary Joan Clark:

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The walk around Newton

Aycliffe will take place on Saturday 21 November, starting at 11am from Newton Aycliffe Library. The walkabout will take in routes to the town centre. routes to the town centre and will conclude with refreshments at 12 noon. The walkabout is open to all ages and everyone is welcome.

The walkabout will form a Community Audit and will hopefully help identify any barriers to walking contributing towards package of measures to improve the walking environment in the area. Anyone who takes part in the walk will be encouraged to have their say on how they feel the paths and walkways can be improved.

#### Health & **Beauty**

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# **Students Gain International Programming Recognition**

A new craze is sweeping Woodham through and students it has huge educational value. Students across the school have been participating in Code Combat activities. These involves playing an online role playing game (RPG) but instead of controlling your character the traditional gaming fashion with a game controller or keyboard, students have to write programs. Mr Woodham clan short Smith's is composed of interested students and is now 19th in the world and still climbing the global league table! Mr Smith, Director of ICT, said "The take-up has been fantastic! Lots of students are logging in at



home to complete further programming and up-skill". tutorials Students

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also have an opportunity to fight against Mr Smith's character by submitting

more efficient code than his in the multiplayer arena.

11 GCSE Vear **Computing student stated** "Code Combat is great! It benefits my Computing knowledge and it is a fun way of learning Python programming"

Computing department has also seen a significant investment in new technology this The week as old interactive whiteboards in two main computer suites been replaced with statemulti-touch of-the-art on motorised adjustable adjustable stands. Mrs Lind said "These touch screens are fantastic! The screens are really bright and the text is extremely sharp. They are perfect for interactive demonstrations. Children really enjoy using them to demonstrate their work to the rest of the group."

#### **Obituary**

JOAN TURNBULL of Newton Aycliffe, aged 87, died 7th November, peacefully in hospital. Beloved Wife of the late Ken; dearest Mam. Mother-in-Law, Nanna and Great Nanna. Funeral to be held Tuesday 17th November at 11.45am at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu would be appreciated to the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.

FAIRHURST On November 8th, peacefully at home in Guthrum Place, Newton Aycliffe, David, aged 47 years. Dearly loved Husband of Denise and a loving Dad and Grandad. Funeral on Tuesday 17th November. Friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 10:15am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired, for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Collection plate

at Crematorium.

KATH JACKSON Passed away on 7th November, aged 59. Beloved Wife of Tony; dearly beloved Mam of Roger, Gary, Christina and Caroline. Treasured Grandma. Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 16th November at 9.30am Would family and friends please meet at the Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired, to Cancer Research UK

#### **Congratulations**



#### Mark Beenham



Happy 60th Birthday To the most amazing Dad and Grandad in the world Have a fantastic birthday Lots of love from Pam Kev, Shelly, Jessica, Jennifer, Britney, Cheryl, Mario, Danny, Elle, Isabella and Boris xxxxxxx

#### In Memoriam

SERRY LESLEY Remembering you always. Love, J xx

ROBERT DOUGLASS (Bob) 12th November 2011. Deep in our hearts your memories are kept, to love and to cherish and never forget. Loved always, Grace and family NATHAN SOWERBY 16th

November 2006. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. Loved and missed always. Dad and

FLETCHER, Earle Raymond. FLETCHER, Earle Raymond. In memory of Earle, died 10th November 2006. So precious were our years together of a wonderful Husband, devoted caring Dad and a very proud and loving Grandad. Safe with Anthea and loved ones xxxxx

**GRANT EDGAR** 16th November 1985. We still miss you as the days and years pass. We still miss you as the pain and grief softens. We still miss you as new memories are made. We still miss you as we smile and laugh, today and every day. Always loved. Mam, Paul, Lee, and all the family xxx

THOMAS DUNN 10th November 2005. Dad. Love you and miss you always. Michael
THOMAS DUNN 10th November 2005. Miss you Grandad to the stars and back. Erin and Abbie

THOMAS DUNN 10th November. Missing you more with every year that passes. Your loving Wife, Margaret THOMAS DUNN 10th

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Happy 18th Birthday Uncle Lukas from Tyler, Marques and Leon xxxx Happy 18th Birthday 'lil Bro Love you lots from your bestest Sister. Naomi xxxxx

#### **Mark Spensley**



Happy 50th Birthday Mark always from Mam and Dad xxxxxxxxxxx

#### Michala Atterby



Happy 40th Birthday Love from Rich, Beth, Lois, Mam, Dad, Kirsty,

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HAPPY 40th "Princess Daddy!". Happy birthday Darren, the big 40! Lots and lots of love, Helen, Alfie, Martha, Delilah and all the rest of the family xxx

JANE PARSONAGE 9th November. Happy 60th birthday AMBER PARSONAGE 14th November. Happy 17th birthday. Love you always, Nana Jane and Grandad Bryan

Parsonage xxxx
ROB LAWSON 17th November. Happy 30th birthday. Love, Jane and Bryan Parsonage xx
LIAM BURNISTON Happy

18th birthday on 18th November 2015. All our love always. Nanna and Grandad xxxxx LIAM BURNISTON Happy

18th birthday to a fantastic Son and Brother. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Sophia, Dad, Claire, Chloe, Megan and Michael

LIAM BURNISTON Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love from Gran and Granda

KIMBERLEY SMITH Happy 11th birthday on the 17th November. With love from Mum, Grandma, Auntie Christine, Uncle Ian and Auntie

SANDRA WILSON Happy birthday from Muttley and Toby
BECKY COOKE Happy birthday big Sis. Love, Jo a

BECKY COOKE Sweetheart. Love from Mum and Dad **BECKY COOKE** Happy

birthday Princess. All my love. BECKY COOKE Happy

birthday Mum. Love, Tyler and Olivia KATIE DOUGLAS Happy

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Sedgefield Water Polo club held their Annual Autumn Festival for young players born under 14 and under 12 at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in front of a full spectator area.

In the under 12 section Sedgefield entered two very young teams and after some close games with Sheffield, Rotherham and Hummersnott School the two home teams played each other in the final and in a very competitive game the Orange team triumphed

The young players representing Sedgefield were Kyle Alderson 7, Isaac Mendelson 7, Lucy Li 7, Ben Alderson 10, Kes Mcewan 11, Ryan Jay Griffiths 10, Lewis Batey 11, Jonathon Jones 11, Jude Henderson 11, Rowan Henderson 10, Amelia Henderson 9, Charlie Mcewan 9, Bartosz Czajczynska 11, Liam Hughes 9, Zak Chafer 9, Max Byles 9, Anna Harrison 10, Isaac Boys 9.

The Sedgefield Orange player of the tournament was Max Byles playing in his first tournament and the Green team player of the tournament making his debut in goal was

Jonathon Jones.
In the Under 14 section Sedgefield entered two teams A boys and a girls team. The boys team dominated throughout the competition against Sheffield, Rotherham and Hummmersnott School to

win the trophy.

Michael Hampshire was the tournament's outstanding player with his dynamic and high tempo play being too hot for the competition.

The Sedgefield girls team finished 4th in the competition and their outstanding player was Allysa Craggs.

The other players representing Sedgefield were Jake Mendelson 13, Haydn Craggs 13, Josh Batey 13, Joseph Boys 13, Damian Lawson 13, Hollie Turnbull 13, Kate Harrison 12, Crystal Elliot 12, Jessica Webb 12, Lauren Chatt 13, Poppy Stephenson 12 and Chris Jones 13 making his debut.

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### Water Polo Club News NAJFC Match Results NEAR WASHOUT FOR NAYFC

The Aycliffe Juniors football weekend got off to a great start on Friday evening as the club's first girls football taster session took place. There was a great turnout of 4-6 year old girls who trained alongside NAJFC coaches from various age groups. This was fantastically supported by our existing girl players Kiera and Chloe. Next week sees the session running at Sunnydale on the 3G pitch for 7-10 year olds 5-6pm on Friday 13th – so please just come along if you are interested.

On Sunday our earlier games survived the weather with late morning and afternoon kick off's washed out, the Under 7's had an away game at Shildon and came away 6-2 winners courtesy of goals from Harry, Kai and Isaac.

The Under 8's managed to get an early game in at Sunnydale. They faced Darlington 21st All Stars and it was a free scoring but tight game which ended 4-3 to the visitors. Rhys Galloway scored a superb hat trick which included a Ronaldo like free kick in to the top corner from wide on the left of the pitch. The second game ended in a 3-1 defeat, Harvey Lee got the goal but all deserve credit for their continued effort and hard work in terrible conditions. Men of the Match were Lucas Acuna Ocana and Jack Lowis. The Under 9's were away to Billingham Hornets they

battled well in wet and windy conditions. Reece scored first directly from a corner and Thomas doubled the Avcliffe lead soon after. Billingham though were tough opponents and had drawn level by half time with 2 goals on the break. Man of the match Parker put Aycliffe back in front with a well taken header after a set piece. Billingham again equalised and despite late pressure Aycliffe could not force the win and this one ended 3-3.

The Under 12's faced Saxon Juniors it was an end to end first half with Saxon taking the lead before Zack was alert to finish during a gaol mouth scramble to equalise for Aycliffe. After a barge in the box Dylan H's penalty was well blocked but Adam followed up to put Aycliffe in to a 2-1 lead. Saxon equalised just before the break and then early in the second half Adam beat his man and added a great finish to restore the lead. A late equaliser for Saxon finished the scoring and the game at 3-3. Men of the match today were Adam and Dylan S in what was a good team performance against a strong team.

The rest of the weekend was affected by the weather as heavy rain led to the postponement of the Under 10's, Under 14's, both Under 18's and the Under 23's fixtures.

the winner on Remembrance Sunday as matches fe as many of our fell victim in atrocious conditions leaving the Oak Leaf waterlogged. It was down to the away teams to provide the action. Richmond Town B hosted the Under 13 Falcons on a horrible

day, horrible pitch and against a 3rd place team in form and this match was always going to be tough. After going a goal down, goals from Freddie Cockburn and Cameron Cook supported by hardworking performances all round saw them pick up another 3 points. The Falcons showed guts and very respectful 1 minute silence for Remembrance Sunday was observed.

The Under 12 Falcons travelled to Mount Pleasant and were met with a heavy pitch. The boys started well and created a few chances, but the bounce of the ball wasn't going their way. Late in the half they finally got the break through, with a shot from Dylan being parried but Liam was on hand to tap home. A loss of concentration and the hosts equalised against the run of play. Ht 1-1.

Second half was really scrappy but a moment of quality won the game. A cross from the left was met with a side foot volley from captain and MOTM Will Mawston. The boys dug deep to earn a hard fought 3 points 6 wins on the bounce, but this was definitely the hardest

fought of the lot.
The Under 11 Eagles played away at Skelton Utd. Again conditions weather play a big factor in this one. 0-0 at the break. The second half showed Skelton wanted the ball more and the Eagles were bullied out of the game Skelton won the game 4-0 and deserved to take the spoils. Leon Patel went in goal for the second half and made some good saves keeping the goal tally down.

The Under 10s were Darlington Spraire Lads on a heavy pitch with long grass. Aycliffe started well and it was fast and exciting, it could have gone either way but Spraire broke through and scored. Heads dropped a little bit but still played with heart and desire and the most pleasing thing was the lads wanted to play good football. They ended up losing 5-0 but that didn't reflect the game MOTM went to Finley.

Second game was more of the same - solid work all round

# and great effort in midfield, alongside Heidi, helped by The weather proved to be

the lads did begin to tire and it showed when tracking back - losing sloppy goals. But to their credit they kept going and a couple of great goals from Samuel and Isacc got Aycliffe back in the game. But the tiredness started to show and we ended up in a 6-2 loss. Nothing but praise as it was a difficult morning, MOTM

went to Harry. Well done.
The Under 10 Girls travelled to Peterlee in torrential rain to Peterlee in torrential rain fully expecting it to be a wasted journey, but it was on! First up, Hebburn Town, both sides ignored the rain and played excellent football on a heavy pitch, Brooke worked her socks off creating several opportunities but the Hebburn defence stood firm. meanwhile at the other end Alysha makes 3 quality saves to get to HT 0-0.

Keira was moved up front

Ebony. Chances were created but they just couldn't get the breakthrough. Hebburn started to throw players forward but Niamh marshalled strong defensive line of Phoebe and Eden. As gaps opened at both ends Georgie and Ebony were winning the midfield, another couple of half chances but a fair result FT 0-0.

Next up, Norton & Stockton, the rain seemed to get heavier as did the pitch, but the girls continued on, substitutions were regular as the girls needed a breather from the pace of the game. The better chances went to N&S but we got to HT 0-0. The opposition lifted a gear which we held, but midway through the second half they grabbed 2 quick goals, but pleased to say no heads dropped, but N&S had the final day with 0-3 win.





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