

## WINTER WONDERLAND

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

There will be lots of Christmas Craft and Food stalls, activities, a winter window display, light sculpture....and free gifts! Also you will be able to vote for your local priorities which help GAMP decide on where we spend £120,000 in YOUR local area!

Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: 'A really vital part of the Winter Wonderland Event is to encourage local people to vote for their most important priorities - the things that you think matter the most to you and your community – the results will give the GAMP Board members a steer when they look at deciding what priorities we should be working on for the area next year.

GAMP has an Area Budget of £120,000 to spend on local projects - so it's really crucial that you take this opportunity to tell us what you feel is important.'

So, if you want to get into the festive spirit, buy a few gifts for Christmas or want to have a say on where GAMP spends its budget, why not come along to our Winter Wonderland?



## **Newtonians Changing Life Styles for a Healthy Heart**



Lifeline Community Action (LCA) which supports children, young people and families in need of financial support in Newton Aycliffe is to celebrate the success of its scheme to get people to



live healthy heart lifestyles. The Aycliffe charity hosted celebration event on Wednesday 11th November with participants who are two months in to their journey to healthier hearts. LCA was awarded a grant of almost £10,000 by national charity, Heart Research UK and Subway Stores to fund a year-long project promoting healthy heart initiatives The charity is based at Western Area Community Centre, and is attracting people from all over the

town. Now in its second stage, the project, which ends in September 2016, has already seen success stories such as people quitting smoking, losing weight and participants learning how to eat healthily on a budget.

### R.E.M.E. Meet

Association South Branch, REME West monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 25th November at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and exserving military personnel welcome

## **Christmas Memorial** Service at St. Clare's Christmas is fast approaching

and although those whom we love but see no more are in our thoughts each and every day, it is often helpful at this time of year to come together with others and spend some time in thought and prayer supporting one another and holding our loved ones before God. It is for this reason that the Parish of Great Aycliffe will be hosting a Memorial Service in St Clare's Church on Sunday November 29th at 4:00pm. We extend an invitation to

ALL who wish to remember those whom they love in this way, to join us at this service there will be an opportunity

to write your loved one's name upon a star and hang it on our Christmas Tree, to sing Carols and to light a candle for your loved one as their name is read out. After the Service you are again warmly invited to join us in the Church Hall for light refreshments and/or to take the opportunity to see your loved one's name in our Memorial Book set out in the Library. If you require any further information please contact Pam Lovelass on 316841 or Rev Debbie Loughran on 310767.

# **TWENTY IS PLENT**

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On Monday, Wednesday and Friday last week, Student Councillors from Sugar Hill Primary School policed the road outside of school, together with a special guest

With placards designed and made by children of the school, and wearing high-visibility jackets, we were on duty on mornings and afternoons. We did this to try and stop people parking on the vellow lines and from going over the new 20 mph limit, which has been imposed near the school.

There are lots of parents and children crossing the road at these times of day and cars parked illegally will make this more difficult. Hopefully the outcome will be positive. By Ellie Green, Sugar Hill Student Councillor, aged 10









Saturday 21st November - "Revenant" Sam Hauxwell Review: "The blistering set takes in AC/DC, Saxon, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Ozzy, Scorpions, Metallica, Rainbow, Guns 'n' Roses etc . . . not always the usual choices but a mixed bag of METAL mayhem!!!

OF INE TAL maynem!!! The Frigate is a fantastic bar to see any live act, but when Revenant come knocking at the door, it's a different experience altogether. What makes Revenant stand out from the rest is the years of experience and musicianship put into play during their live performances. Arguably one of the greatest local bands I've ever seen, they never disappoint their audience which is full of bikers and a loyal following.

A loyal following. Revenant have a fantastic setlist, which is even enjoyed by those that wouldn't consider themselves metal fans, I personally wouldn't have ever thought of myself as a metal fan but coming from the Frigate on Saturday night, I found myself singing their setlist long after they'd finished their mind blowing performance. Black Sabbath, Rage Against the Machine, and Metallica are just some of the bands they cover song from, chewing it up into their own sound and spitting it back into the audience's ears as a kick-in-the-balls stamp on their live covers.

#### Saturday 28th November - "Avatar"

For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034 Free Function Room - Free Disco/Karaoke

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new Poundworld, located at the former Poundstretcher



opened at 10am by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe,

Dalton, and the opening

was attended by a large

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Councillor Mrs.

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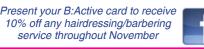


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treated to a face painter. while grown-ups nabbed themselves some fab from festive essentials Poundworld's exciting new

Christmas Shop range. Manager Tracy Store Manager Tracy Boggitt, said: "We're ecstatic about the fantastic response we've had from customers. Hundreds of people got their hands on some incredible deals on leading brands and seasonal items, including great Christmas products. 'Shoppers were queuing up long before our opening time at 10am on Thursday 12th, and from then on the pace didn't let up. The team here has done incredibly well and we're expecting a very busy opening weekend. We'd

## **XMAS FAIRS**

On Saturday November 21st, Middridge Village Hall 10 -12:30.

Gifts for all, from Christmas trees to Christmas tutus, from jewellery to jam, from cakes to crafts, from drinks to dog leads - skin care, beauty, art and food gifts - a really wide range of goods on sale from local craftspeople. Refreshments available and ample parking behind the hall.

Please come along and find original and different gifts not found on the High Street!

#### BUTTERWICK HOSPICE at Bishop Auckland would like to invite you to come along and join us at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December 2015, to be held at the Hospice from 12-4pm. We will have tombola, raffle,

mulled wine, Santa's grotto, games, stalls, face painting, cake stall, refreshments and much more. Entry price is adults £2 including a mince pie and Children £1.00 including a

surprise. Michael's Church. Heighington are holding a Fair on Saturday 28th November in

the Village Hall from 10am -2pm. Morning coffee and Lunches Father Christmas served. will attend. Admission 50p Children free.



Shopping Trip

The New Friends New Places club invite you to join them on their regular Sunday monthly outing to Clayes Garden Centre & Christmas Display followed by Eldon Square, Newcastle on Sunday 6th December. Leave St Clare's Church at 09.30am and Stephenson Way Cemetery Bus Stop at 09.40am. Cost £10 per person. Please note earlier time. Ring 01325 308094 / 07967 901477 to book. Please leave your name and telephone number

The club's AGM is on Tuesday 8th December at 2pm, Navy Club Burnhill Way. Everyone Welcome





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## Situations VACANT

### **GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Pre-School Assistant** Salary Scale – Point 6 - 8 – £7.0759 - £7.2095 (£13,614 - £13,871 pro rata) Post EY25 – approximately 35¾ hours per week

St. Oswald's Pre-School provides care and education during school term time for children from 3 years of age

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You should have a L2 or above relevant childcare years setting.

The successful applicant must apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Application forms can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700, e-mailing info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or from the Council's web site www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

#### **Closing Date for applications:** Friday, 4th December 2015

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Early Years Officer, Jackie Swainston on 01325 319880 or by email to jackie.swainston@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

## DANCE EXAM SUCCESS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL



Students at the South Durham School of Dance have achieved some remarkable results in their recent IDTA Freestyle Dance Exams, with all the students achieving the highest 'Honours' grade. The results were:-

Corking Bronze: Amv Honours; Charlotte Mardula Honours Silver: Anna Shaw Honours Gold: Alicia Simpson Maddison Honours; Mackinlay Honours 2nd Gold Bar: Abbie

Kennedy Honours **3rd Gold Bar:** Kira Watson Honours 1st President Award: Daniela

Winwood Honours For the younger children and

newcomers, some doing their very first exams and where the examination is either a 'pass' or a 'fail', they all did very well.

1st Rosette (3 to 5yrs) Eve Towler Pass, Lavla Bailey Pass 2nd Rosette (3 to 5yrs) Kacey Heathwaite Pass **2nd Rosette (6 to 8yrs)** Laycee-Lee Henderson Pass

Bronze: Alicia Simpson Honours; Gracie Bailey

Honours; Kacey Heathwaite Honours; Hollie O'Connor

Honours: Anna Shaw Honours: Kieva Towler Honours; Silver: Drew Shaw Honours;

3rd Gold Bar Kira Watson

4th Star Abbie Kennedy

President's Award 4 Daniela

Film Show

FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on Tuesday 24th November, features "Fried

November, features "Fried Green Tomatoes" starring

Jessica Tandy, Kathy Bates, Mary Louise Parker and

Mary Stuart Masterson. It is a

and friendship.

starts at 1-15pm.

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Winwood Honours The examiner made some

lovely comments to the students and overall it is another amazing set of outstanding results for the Dance School and all of the students should be really proud of themselves. If anyone is interested in attending dance classes for Freestyle, Street. Acro and Flexibility, Rock n Roll, or Ballet and Tap, please contact Caroline Race on 07949 911642 for further details of classes and venues

## LOCAL ROADWORKS

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Works on Travellers Green for sewer installation are on-goin 23rd November to 4th December, on the A689 Rushyford to Bradbury, there will be two-way lights (9.30am - 3.30pm) for BT cabling work.

30th November - High Street, Aycliffe Village, two-way lights (9.30am - 1.30pm, manual control) for vegetation management. 7th-9th December, on the east side of Bradbury Interchange on the A689, lane closure (9.00pm - 6.00am) for BT cabling work. 12th-20th December on Station Road/Spring Road, Aycliffe Business Park, road closed for resurfacing.

#### **SSAFA Volunteer Vacancies**

**Division Secretary/Treasurer/Case Workers** Our reorganisation is complete and we urgently need volunteers to fill the above posts

Our volunteers support the local service and ex-service community within County Durham's division areas and are supported by the Branch Secretary.

The Division Secretary/Treasurer position would suit a retired/semi-retired person, but applications are welcome regardless of status! Experience

Division Secretary: A management background is desirable with good IT skills;

Treasurer: Experience in dealing with accounts and good IT skills;

Caseworker: Good interpersonal and communication skills. A driving Licence would be beneficial.

Applicants should contact the Branch Secretary on 0191 383 9452 or in his absence please ring 01325 314043 for further details.



Woodham Academy Washington Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 4AX Telephone: 01325 300328

www.woodham.org.uk Headteacher: Mrs. C. Forsyth

#### Lunchtime Supervisor (Permanent) NJC Points 5 – 11 (c£7.00 per hour - c£7.88 per hour) 8.75 Hours per week Term Time Only Term time hours - 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

Woodham Academy requires a friendly and reliable person to supervise and provide care for students at lunchtimes within the college building and grounds. This position will involve some working in the outside in a range of weather conditions.

Woodham Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure and references

Woodham Academy is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. Applicants with disabilities will be invited for interview if the essential job criteria are met.

For an application form, job description and person specification please contact the reception desk.

Closing Date 9.00 a.m. Monday, 30 November 2015.

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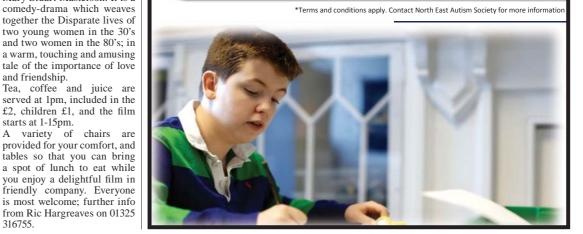
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## **NEW SUPER NURSERY OPENS** | Students Help Children in Need **ON AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK**



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Left to right: Haywood, Sarah and Adele

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Husband and wife team Adele Early Years

and Michael Reeve sold their She was born in Newton home to pursue their dream Aycliffe, still has family here and very proud to return and open Summerhill Nursery formerly known as Little Acorns on Durham Way North. It has been totally renovated to offer the most modern facilities in Nursery

> Summerhill wanted to create a welcoming space with a natural, home like feel so that children could feel relaxed, ready to take on all the wonderful activities on offer. They also want to ensure the space was flexible so that it could be changed easily in line with children's interests.

> There is a milk kitchen in the baby room which enables staff to respond to hungry babies calmly and quickly. The toilet and changing areas are located directly from nursery rooms

Summerhill boasts a beautiful central area, set under a glass roof, which is a flexible space that can be used for a wide range of activities such as music and movement or to hold events such as the forthcoming Holly Jolly Christmas event.

Staff includes a team of professionals who share a passion for providing exceptional childcare and education. Sarah Lewins is Deputy Manager and holds a data

Sarah Lewins is Deputy Manager and holds a degree in education and early childhood studies along with teacher status. She was born and raised in Newton Aycliffe and has 7 years' experience. Newtonian Haywood Gales is the nursery practitioner who has a degree in early childhood studies and delighted to be following her delighted to be following her lifelong passion working with

children. The nursery is open from 7.30am to 6pm. and the fees which are very competitive includes meals. formula milk, nappies and wipes. Discounts are available to parents woking on the Business Park. Tel: 312811. Website: summerhillchildrens

nursery.co.uk Michael and Adele have been

overwhelmed by the support offered by the people of Newton Aycliffe, especially those on the Business Park.

### **AYCLIFFE** DEMENTIA SUPPORT

At the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place "New Pathways Together" hold a Memory Cafe on Tuesday 24th November at 10am with tea. coffee and biscuits. The Alzeimers Society will be represented to give help and advice. Come along and have a chat. Ring 01325 308094. Mob: 07967 901477.



13th November saw the return of the annual Children in Need fund raising event at Woodham Academy. We have raised money for the past 10 years, organised by Jenny McLean, Student Welfare Officer. The whole school participated with concerned alternatic function with sponsored silences, fancy dress and the sale of raffle tickets to win a Pudsey cake made by resident Chef Linda Vipond. In addition other treats were made and sold by students during break and lunch time.

The day was a resounding success, allowing a day of

### **Brass Concert**

The Durham Miners' Association Brass Band, fresh from featuring nationally on the World at One on Radio 4 is performing in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday 21st November 2015 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, or £7.50 for concessions and are available from Chris Enzor, 01325 710362 or at the door. Light refreshments provided. The programme will be a varied with something to suit nearly all musical tastes

fun to be both constructive in terms of raising money and awareness for Children in Need. it started with a guest appearance from Pudsey himself who welcomed the students into school, joining yr7 students at assembly time. He was so impressed with our students he decided to stay for the yr7 disco at lunch time. The students said it's the best disco they have ever been to. Throughout the day, students braved the cold dressed in their pyjamas and onsies. All

Y7 students were encouraged

to take part, some organising

sponsored silence and fancy dress such as batman, fairies and Elsa from Frozen. Yr11 students Thomas Gallagher and George Slatcher braved the cold weather dressing as the 118 men.

The students made a massive effort in both raising money and a positive attitude towards the event. As a result the students, teachers, staff and other contributors managed to raise a very impressive amount of money. Thank you to parents for supporting the charity and providing fantastic costumes



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## OPEN EVENING

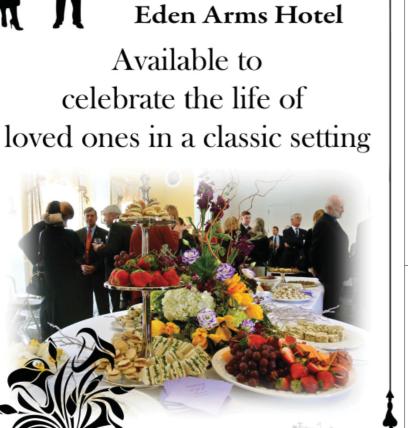
TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2015 | 6.00PM

KEY NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR · MEET STAFF FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS SEE THE OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

- · MEET CURRENT STUDENTS
- · PICK UP 'PROSPECTUS 2016/17'
- APPLICATIONS OPEN ON THE EVENING







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election.'

Following the resignation of Councillor Tom Twissell in West Ward, ACORN Chairman Ken Residents' Robson has decided to stand for the vacant seat on Great Aycliffe Town Council.

Ken has already presented the necessary signatures calling for a By election in the West Ward of the Great Aycliffe parish. Notice will go out next month and if contested, the By election will be held on Thursday 21st January 2016.

This is the next logical step into a sphere of influence within the community dominated by the Labour party, however Ken has decided to stand as an Independent. He explains that in his view it is not a healthy balance to have a political party dominating the Town council with no effective opposition to stimulate and offer constructive debate.

Although not opposed to those policies introduced by the controlling Labour group. Ken believes that as an independent Councillor he would be able to be outspoken on those issues which may be of concern, and not silenced by any party

whip. Ken hopes can rely on residents who already support other groups which he has successfully led in recent years and of course friends, local people and those who he has come into contact with during his 50 years in Newton Aycliffe. Cllr Arun Chandran who as

Secretary of the controlling



was the mastermind behind labour's recent bv election successes, and who persuaded Tom Twissell to finally step down rather than continue attending only once every six months whist claiming his allowance, said "Tom realised it was in the public interest to make way for someone in the community to step forward and fill the role." Arun added, "speaking purely personally, we have 25 Labour Councillors out of 30 on the Town Council, in the recent by elections we had two outstanding

candidates, if Ken Robson was the only one standing and was elected unopposed it would, in my opinion save the Council Tax Payer money and I have no doubt he would make an excellent Ward Councillor but it is a matter for the local Labour Party Branch to decide if it wants to put anyone up for



Dear Sir,

and in the future.

Pam Lovelass

Police are appealing information after a distinctive stole 2 ladies shoplifter fragrant box sets from Boots. Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe. The

I think he deserves thanks from us all for his long service and commitment to duty during this time. Alan is well known as a occurred Monday incident around 5pm on 16th November, when the male entered the store and pleasant and courteous manner is a pleasure to witness and his grabbed the items after being willingness to help out in any situation is exemplary. I would like to say a very big "Thank You" to him on behalf of challenged by staff.

The male is described as white, around 5ft 7inches tall, slim build with a shaved head, mousey coloured hair. He wearing a black was and white tracksuit top and black tracksuit bottoms and light coloured trainers. He is described as being in his late 20's and was carrying a black drawstring bag. The suspect has distinctive large gap between his front two teeth which police believe may make him distinguishable in the community. Anybody with any information

should contact PC Jamie Pitt on 101. e-mail: jamie.pitt@ durham.pnn.police.uk

## **CHARITY FAIR**

Innovations would like to invite you to their Christmas Fair to be be held at The Junction, 154 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland on Friday 27th November between 11:00am and 2:30pm. The fair will include a number of stalls including hand crafted

products, tombola's, raffles and refreshments. Everybody is welcome. Please come along and give us your support



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Aycliffe UTC on Schedule

next step in their education? You may

People on their Own this Christmas or you are single parent who is currently Not everyone looks forward to Christmas and this Christmas will soon be upon us. While

most of us will be making happy memories of time spent with friends and family, for some, this simply isn't the case as they will be spending Lifeline Community Action and members of Life Church

are committed to changing that again this year. We believe that no person should be on their own throughout the Christmas period unless they want to be. So if you are going to be alone

Dear Sir.

it alone.

finding this time of the year daunting because of financial problems then we'd love to hear from you. Lifeline Community Action

are offering a free traditional Christmas Lunch on Saturday 19th December 2015 at 1pm at Woodham Golf Course. We try to make the day a memorable one, filled with lots of friendship, fun and laughter and one of two surprises.

If you would like to receive an invite to this free event please let us know as soon as possible as places will fill up by phoning or texting 07936431262. You can even email lifeline. action@googlemail.com and we will get back in touch with you.

All of our services are completely confidential.

To those of you who are more fortunate? Are you in a position to support our Christmas Lunch event and really make a difference to someone's Christmas this year?

Join Lifeline Community Action and try to make Christmas a better time for all. We still urgently need donations to make it all happen. we also need transport so we can get people (particularly the elderly) to and from the venue and if we have any musicians that would be happy to come along to play a few Christmas Carols for us then this would

be very much appreciated. If anyone would like to help on the day then we would love to hear from you too. If you would like to help us out with any of the above please call us now on 07936 431262 we would love to hear from you.







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Agnew Community The Association regrets to inform all parties concerned that due to unforeseen circumstances the EGM that was recently announced to be held on the 25th November 2015 at the Agnew Community Centre at 6:30pm has used until further notice. 6:30pm has been postponed

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and will post revised date and time of the next meeting in the near future. Jane Tavlor Secretary

Do you know anyone for whom this might be a fantastic have employees, colleagues, friends or relatives

with teenage children. Please let them know about the UTC so that they can decide for themselves. They need to be interested in STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Students currently in Years 9 and 11 (that's 13-15 year olds) can apply for places this year.



# COMPLIMENTARY

### **GLASS OF PROSECCO**

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### University Training College opposite Xcel Centre is going well; the steelwork is going up fast and they are on track for opening in September 2016. On 25th November at the Hitachi facility, from 4.30-6.30pm a parent/student event is arranged when families can find more about

It has come to my attention that one of our town's most popular

policeman is retiring this month. PC Alan Thompson has been a "Beat Bobby" and a Neighbourhood Watch Officer on this town

"policeman for the people" and although this is one of his chief roles he has gone far beyond the call of duty many times. His

everyone who has taken him to their hearts throughout his years of service and friendship.

Good luck in your retirement Alan and we wish you and your wife

Gail, daughter's Kaitlin and Ellie much love and happiness, no

and in Aycliffe Village for as long as I have known him.

the UTC, meet the Founding Members (Hitachi, Gestamp and University of Tallent Sunderland) and see some of the technology to be used at the UTC. Places need to be booked on UTC website: www.utcsouthdurham.org/ news-and-events/events/ 1st December is the deadline

Work on site for the Avcliffe

for applications for students in

**MESSY AT** ST. CLARE'S

Messy Church at St. Clare's is

preparing for Christmas with an Advent Messy Afternoon. Please come along to register

from 3.30pm for a 4pm start with lots for everyone to do.

We begin with a short informal time together looking at how

we can begin to prepare for the birth of baby Jesus and what

excitement it brings. Activities will follow till around 5.30 when we will all

share a tea party. Come along and make a Christmas candle card, tree decoration all to

take home and have fun on our nativity hide and seek! We

welcome all to come along and spend some time in church at

the beginning of this special

The date to remember is Saturday 28th November

St. Clare's Newton Aycliffe.

Helen for any more details. There is no charge for Messy Church - a donation moneybox

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will be available for those

season.



# winter newsletter 2

## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As the festive season approaches it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my year so far as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council. I feel very humble and proud to represent the people of Great Aycliffe, and I have had the privilege of carrying out many and varied functions. Meeting people who live and work in the town and who volunteer their time to help others has been very rewarding. I have had the pleasure of attending local early learning centres in the summer to present the children with their certificates during their "graduation ceremonies". This was a real highlight of my year so far, as was the official opening of the new Hitachi Rail factory on the business park. The employment opportunities that this company will provide will be a major boost to the town. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many people so far, too many to mention them all but they all play an important role in our town.



Councillor Mary Dalton Mayor of Great Aycliffe 2015 - 2016

I would like to thank my fellow councillors firstly for electing me into this position, and the support they have given me so far and for helping me raise money for my nominated charities which this year are the Renal Unit at James Cook University Hospital together with other local charities. Thanks also for the support from the staff at Great Aycliffe Town Council who work tirelessly behind the scenes in order to make my job that much easier. My personal thanks must go to Christine Ryder, the Mayor's secretary for her work organising my diary and ensuring that I fulfil my engagements, and Mally Wilson my civic driver for ensuring I arrive safely at the various events. Special thanks goes to my consort, my son Michael for his unstinting support particularly considering his period of ill health earlier in the year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all season's greetings and I hope you have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mary Dalton

## **FORTHCOMING MAYORAL EVENTS**



## MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 20th DECEMBER 2015 Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton will be holding her Civic Carol Service in St. Clare's Church on the 20th December commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Mayor would like to invite you to join her on this Festive occasion. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Service in the Church Hall.

### MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2016

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner to be held at Woodham Golf and Country Club.

Music will be provided by John Melvin throughout the evening and will conclude at 11.30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £27.50 each. Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Mayor's nominated Charities:- Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital, Neville Community Centre and Guides / Scouts of Great Aycliffe.



## SANTA'S COMING

Check Newton News issue 18th December for routes and times of Santa's visits, also Newton Press Website or Great Aycliffe Town Council / Oakleaf websites (www.great-aycliffe.gov. uk) from mid December. Please remember, because Santa and his helpers don't know how many people will be out to see him, the times are only a guideline.



Santa will soon be touring our streets, Ringing his bell and giving out sweets. Sadly, some roads are a 'no-no', So be ready and waiting to hear his ho-ho At the corner if you can -Listen for the music from his van. Tell him how you've been good all year, As that's the news he likes to hear.

Whisper the gifts you'd like to receive, With any luck he'll deliver these. His reindeer friends will be having a rest, So a truck he will use, as that's next best. Rudolf and co will be out later that night With sleigh piled high, what a wonderful sight!

Our Santa teams wish you all the best Be happy, keep safe, at this Christmas fest.



Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that all of the boys and girls from Newton Aycliffe can

post their letters to Santa. When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to



Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa replies to about 800 letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, so he is very busy and has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.

We have been told that the post boxes will appear on Monday 7th December at the following locations:

- **6** Post Office Beveridge Way
- **6** Horndale Post Office
- **Solution** Solution State Stat
- **6** Woodham Post Office
- Joy Marie Hairdressers Aycliffe Village
- **6** McColls Newsagents

Simpasture

The boxes will disappear on Monday 21st December, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered right up to noon on 23rd December. Santa has a special e-mail address Santa@ great-aycliffe.gov.uk and the website address is http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html

## 2016/17 BUDGET SETTING UPDATE

### "Funding cuts and National Living Wage increases leave the Town Council with no choice but to raise the Council Tax next year"

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2016/17 financial year.

The Council's finances remain in a healthy position and in the short term the outlook remains fairly positive, with a balanced budget in place, savings continuing to be achieved in the current year, and healthy levels of balances and reserves

As a result, the draft 2016/17 Revenue Budget has been prepared in a way that will ensure that existing services are maintained next year.

However, the Council must also keep a close eye on what is likely to be an increasingly challenging future, and try to plan ahead now, for the difficulties that lie ahead.

The Council is reliant on Council Tax Support Grant funding paid by the Government, via Durham County Council, of nearly a quarter of a million pounds and which amounts nearly one-fifth of its Revenue Budget. It has been confirmed that this funding will be cut in the coming years, and there remains a risk that it could be withdrawn altogether.

The Council is also facing a number of significant spending pressures including the implementation of the 'National Living Wage', pension and national insurance cost increases, inflation and increasing pressure to take on services that are being cut by Durham County Council such as street lighting and flower beds.

Unfortunately, in order to maintain the Council's own services, and absorb the cuts to funding and increases in costs faced over the longer term, the Council needs to consider making a small increase in the Town Council Tax next year.

This decision has not been taken lightly, particularly in light of the on-going cost of living difficulties being faced by local residents, and following on from the four year freeze in council tax delivered by the Town Council between 2010 and 2013.

However, by agreeing, in principle, to limit the proposed rise to 1.98% next year, the increase in the Town Council Tax Bill at Valuation Band A would be limited to less than £3 per year or 5p per week.

This increase will ensure that all of the important services provided by the Town Council to the community of Great Aycliffe can be protected and maintained for at least another year, whilst putting in place some additional resources to help the Council to fund the budget pressures faced in the longer term.

The Council is due to set its 2016/17 Precept and the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax in January next year, and I will keep local tax payers informed of future developments in relation to the budget via the Council website and in the local press. Councillor Bob Fleming

Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee and Leader of the Council

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Christmas Lights Christmas Lights Enhancement Awards The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Enhancement Awards for residential Christmas Lighting displays which portray the spirit of Christmas. Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.	
Closing date for applications: - Monday, 14th December 2015. I would like to nominate the house below for a Christmas Lights	
Enhancement Award for its display of Christmas Lights 2015. Address	
Householder Name	

### **AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL 2016** The dates for the 2016 Aycliffe Festival are Saturday 16th July until Saturday 30th

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

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

It doesn't need to be a large event, one of our very popular events last year was the display of Angels at St Clare's Church but there were many events covering all areas including sport, music, dance, crafts and arts. Attendance ranged from many hundreds to just a handful, depending upon what the event was. We need you to organise an event, bring your local community together, create lasting friendships and enjoy the process from the original idea to seeing the event to fruition.



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

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

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

## **KNOW YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS**

Following the by-elections held on the 23rd July and 27th August 2015 the following candidates were duly elected as Councillors to serve on the Town Council:-

Councillor Martin Ashcroft (Aycliffe West Ward) **Councillor Peter Bergg** (Byerley Park Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward)





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# **Christmas Garland Workshop**

Great Aycliffe Town Council is again providing a free environmentally themed festive activity to celebrate the Christmas period.

Christmas is a time for all the family so we have organised a family friendly garland making workshop on Saturday 19th December at 10.30am to 12 noon at Moore Lane Eco Centre. This event is always very popular so booking is essential; Booking your place is easy by contacting the Town Council on 01325 300700.

Environment Officer explains "Many people have said the process of making the garlands is very therapeutic and relaxing and so it can be a perfect antidote to this often hectic time of year. Almost all the materials used to make the garlands are locally sourced from vegetation widely available across the town, if participants want to bring along some of their own Christmas decorations to personalise and enhance the garland this often works well.



# Volunteering in your Countryside

The post-Christmas months are often a time when many people feel at their lowest. Overindulgents can often result in people feeling lethargic and generally unhealthy, combine this with the short days and cold weather people can often feel unhappy. However, this is the perfect time to get wrapped up and throw yourself into some volunteering Great Aycliffe Town Council operate a weekly volunteer programme when local residents can get a chance to help improve and maintain the local countryside and green spaces around the town.

Volunteering on practical countryside management tasks gives volunteers the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new friends, keep fit and help to look after one of the most important assets to the town has at the same time.

The group welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Volunteers will need a reasonable level of fitness, be enthusiastic and not mind working in most weather conditions. The small friendly group meet weekly, generally on a Tuesday and Thursday. Participants can be picked up and dropped off at their houses if they live in Aycliffe, volunteers are supervised at all times and suitable tools and equipment are provided.

To find out more please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 or e-mail steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Aycliffe Youth Council goes from strength to strength with 22 young people being elected from their various schools. There is a great mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet.

As usual the Youth Council will be assisting the Town Council's Environment Officer, Steve Cooper with bulb planting and the Town Pride Environment Week as well as choosing a project to work on themselves.





Josh Blackburn



**Charlotte Johns** 

**Thomas Roberts** 



**Charlotte Kirton** 

**Erin Theyer** 





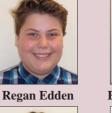






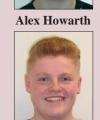












Francesca Moody



**Andrew Cumming Billy Hardy** 

If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or most recent balance sheets. Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area. So far this year the Youth Council have sponsored the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Event which was held as part of the Aycliffe Festival, they purchased and placed a wreath at the Remembrance Day Parade and provided a raffle prize for Aycliffe Youth Centre Girls under 10 Football Team.

#### If you would like to know more about the Youth Council, contact 01325 300700



Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the 'Your Issues, Our Proposals'. Although it was available electronically most residents still preferred to complete the paper version which was distributed to residents. These responses will help our evidence base and support the planning policies for the future of Great Aycliffe.

In the main, and as expected, the majority of comments received were about improving retail in Newton Aycliffe.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone about the Independent Soft Market Testing of Retailers that was undertaken earlier this year. Sanderson Wetherall contacted 139 national and local retailers by mail, telephone and email on numerous occasions to complete a short focussed survey about Newton Aycliffe. Only 12 retailers completed the survey and out of those 12 only 3 indicated they would be interested in investing in Newton Aycliffe. One other company did say they would be interested in locating here but had never heard of Newton Aycliffe and it was a site with close proximity to the A1 that they were looking for.

The questions and responses in support of the proposals are set out below.

CIL- Our Proposals			Environment - Our Proposals		
1	That the Town Council are consulted in advance where CIL or Section 106 monies will be available	97%	1	To protect the larger, traditional green areas from future development, except where there is in overwhelming need and demand to alleviate parking problems	97%
2	To set local priorities for investment	97%	2	To protect the existing, and encourage new, wildlife corridors by developing a specific policy	96%
	Housing - Our Proposals		3	Ensure the tree lined avenues are kept to retain the uniqueness of Newton Aycliffe	94%
1	Request an enhanced percentage of bungalows or older persons' accommodation within 600m walking distance from the Town Centre, Cobbler's Hall and Neville Parade as a substitute to the affordable homes		4	To develop a green wedge policy to ensure Aycliffe Village maintains a buffer zone from any potential development encroachment	90%
				Retail - Our Proposals	
2	provision That gardens can be made smaller or of a communal nature to make bungalows more viable	84%	1	Should a suitable site near the Town Centre, that meets the sequential tests required be identified, we will support and encourage change of use from garage/workshop (B2) to retail (A1) without the need for a	90%
3	To avoid small, one bedroomed dwellings, a multi-purpose room		1	change of use planning application, if it could be developed for retail	
	should be included in any design that can be used as a bedroom, dining room, study or storage giving greater flexibility to the accommodation		2	We will keep retail changes under review and undertake a detailed assessment when the Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed in 5 years	99%
4	To specify a minimum garage size or an option to provide a drive, in curtilage, with a car port on new developments. If only a drive is provided, safe cycle storage should be included	96%	3	We will support and encourage the development of a small 'retail row' within Aycliffe Business Park to serve the needs of the businesses and their employees	87%
5	Guidance in the character assessment must be followed. Adequate green open space included in new developments in line with Lord Beveridge's Vision	97%	4	That local labour market agreements are in place to ensure jobs are offered to local people first	92%
6	Developments built to the highest energy standards will be encouraged	99%			

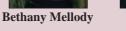
The Draft Plan is now progressing with the Heritage and Character Assessment Complete, the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement nearly complete.

These documents will be passed to Durham County Council to review prior to being incorporated into the Draft Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.









Katie Oliver

**Britney Orme** 

## Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve QUIZ NIGHTS

Tickets £2.00 Available from The Bar On Sale 1st December



1st and 2nd place prizes & spot prizes

Hot Meat Sandwiches & Quiz included in ticket price (Tickets are limited)



served at 8.00pm Quiz starts at 8.30pm Come & join the fun!

The Management and Staff Would Like To Wish All Our Customers . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



### **PARTY GAMES - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

Tickets only £4.00 PER CHILD

### Age 4-7 years (Parents must stay in the building)

Tickets available from Oak Leaf Reception and places are limited, so collect yours soon!

## Traditional Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 13th & 20th December we will be serving Christmas Lunch in the Function Room between 12noon and 2pm



Two Course Menu for only £10.50 per adult £7.50 per child (main meal and dessert) Waitress Service, Please Pre-Book, Payment Required on Booking

### Relax, Celebrate and Enjoy

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DESSERT Choose from the following;

Turkey with all the Trimmings Roast Beef Nut Roast following; Christmas Pudding Mulled Berry Crumble

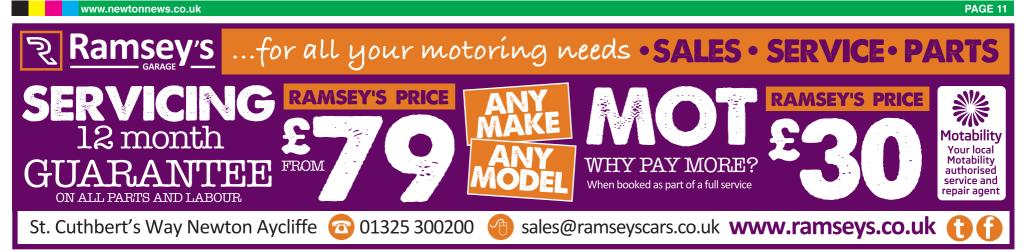
**Ice Cream** 

### We have Christmas all wrapped up for you

We will be creating a festive atmosphere with Decorations, Table Cloths and Christmas Crackers

Normal Sunday Lunch will still be served in the Bar on this day. A warm friendly welcome guaranteed.





## **BEAT BOBBY'S THANKS BULBS PLANTING**

wardens has always been very

Dear Sir.

I am very grateful for your invitation to write to Newton News prior to my retirement as a Police Officer at the end of November.

Having served my first seven years with Cleveland Police I had the opportunity to transfer to Durham Constabulary in 1996. I was posted to Newton Aycliffe Town Office and commenced working as a Core Shift Officer.

As a local lad I was already familiar with the Great Aycliffe Parish area and immediately enjoyed meeting

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local people and serving the community by way of policing. In 1999 the Constabulary commenced its commitment to provide local beat officers to patrol within certain ward area and I was selected to work in the Neville/Simpasture area which included Aycliffe Village and The Business

Park. Walking my 'beat' has always given me the greatest job satisfaction. The support and co-operation I have received from the community, partner local agencies, schools, councils. councillors and

I believe we have all worked together for the same aim, to maintain a good quality of life in this area and to keep our communities safe for the present and future. Our regular PACT meetings have provided a forum to discuss community concerns and in partnership we have solved many of these

much appreciated.

problems together. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the community of Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village and also to my colleagues and friends of Durham Durham Constabulary.

Best Wishes PC Alan Thompson Neighbourhood Police Team Newton Aycliffe



Park.

Great Avcliffe Town Council have been busy planting spring bulbs on many of their have sites in recent weeks and to complete this programme they have organised a public bulb planting session within West

## **Public Support for Golf Course Plans**

Dear Sir. Congratulations on great editorial regarding the planners and Hall Construction application's application for a much reduced and infinitely one of the best sporting and leisure facilities in the area. more acceptable planning application for development on the Woodham golf Tony Haworth Woodham course than the previous owners managed to get

that yet another hotel is needed in the area but fail to understand that there is simply no demand for it

the area. They also failed to recognise that the very strong local opposition to the previous owners application has now changed to general support for the much more realistic and acceptable development now on the table. What on earth is the matter with our planners? The locally based Hall brothers investment has already been substantial and if our brainless planners are not very careful, our area will lose a prized leisure asset altogether. I hope and expect that the owners will appeal and that residents, golfers and the very many other people who use this facility (not just golfers) will get behind this comparatively modest development proposal.

financially sustainable and environmentally acceptable proposal than the previous one which was approved by the same planners only a

what is right for our local community unlike the previous foreign owners. Let us all get behind this modest planning application or we risk losing

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• The dog-bin reappears! bit.ly/dogbin2

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Advent

The event will take place Sunday 22nd November at 10am meeting in the carpark near McColls shop in the park. Volunteers are asked to simply come along in suitable footwear and clothing and spend up to an hour planting bulbs such as native daffodils, snowdrops and mixed crocus bulbs to provide some such needed early spring colour next year. As part of the Town Councils

bulb planting programme they have been working with staff from Newton Aycliffe's Children Centre to visit 11 nurseries around the town to encourage the children to plant crocus bulbs in their local community with the assistance of bulbs provided by Durham County Councillors.

### **NO SWIMMING AT** AYCLIFFE FOR 3 MONTHS A reminder that the swimming pool at Newton Aycliffe Leisure

Centre is closed to the public from 16th November until 7th February 2016. This is to allow a major refurbishment of the changing room rooms/toilet areas, improvements to the pool hall as well as the creation of dedicated wet disabled facilities.

The works are part of an overall investment by the Council into the centre to improve facilities offered to the public and include installation of new spectator seating, creation of new female and disabled changing facilities to the sports hall.

Unfortunately it has not been possible to undertake the scale of the works without closing the swimming pool all customers have been contacted and offered the opportunity to swim at other DCC facilities.

### **GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL** Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 2nd December 2015

### **Policy & Resources** Committee, 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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

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. ov.uk)

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'



### presents

Yuletide York - Xmas Shopping Saturday 12th December 2015 £14.50 Adults; £12.50 Under 16s

Chrismtas markets, lights and Ice Sculptures

**Billy Elliot** 

Sunderland Empire - Thurs 7th April 2016 £59.50 - coach and entry ticket

#### Busted

Live at Newcastel Arena Sunday 15th May 2016

(Bk 216) £64.50, price includes coach and ticket

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

The Musical - Newcastle Theatre Royal Wenesday 8th June 2016 £57.50 includes coach and entry ticket

£79.50 includes coach fare and entry ticket Newcastle Arena

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• Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November, Christmas Crafts Fair, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-4pm, FREE. 01388 771439 • Kynren tickets are on sale: bit.ly/kynren

Find out if you're in danger of flooding: bit.ly/EAFlood
Community project funding opportunity: bit.ly/GrowWildNA

· October's DCC Neighbourhood Protection Report: bit.ly/

• As International Restorative Justice Week begins, County

Durham Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) reveals that since

2010 the number of young people committing crime has fallen by 52%, with the number of crimes they commit down by 47%.Durham County Council's Public Health team is backing

a national compaign to raise awareness about HIV testing – National HIV Testing Week – which starts on Saturday (Nov

• Apprenticeship Offer within County Durham – my summary • Family history courses make a perfect Christmas gift: bit.ly/

Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/ Roadworks17Nov

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church' for children and their adults, starts 3:45pm. Theme is



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approved. The planners seem to think COUNTY NEWSBITS compiled by County Councillor John Clare The bit.ly and ow.ly links are shortened URLs; type them into your browser to go to the relevant webpages. COUNCIL with very low occupancy rates of all other hotels in • 200,000 visitors saw 29 amazing installations over 4 unforgettable nights of #LumiereDurham: ow.ly/UHh6z • Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Area (GAMP) Action Partnership Board Meeting at Greenfield Community Arts Centre, Tuesday 24 November, 6pm. Public welcome.Latest Visit County Durham newsletter: bit.ly/VCDNov2015

'Tots Time' Toddler Group, every term-time Wednesday at the Pioneering Care Centre, 1:30-3pm, £1 per family: 01325 321234
Winter Wonderland at Greenfield Arts, Wednesday 25 November, 5:30-8pm, FREE. Activities, stalls, winter window and light sculpture launch, GAMP priorities.
Saturday 28 November 2015 at St Clare's Church: 'Messy elwerk' for abilitation and their adults, states 245cm, Themesia

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year or two ago. In addition, the Hall brothers are local business people who have vested interest in doing

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evening. This week was for 7-10 year olds introducing them to the game and it was a great

to the game and n was a great evening for all. The Under 7's braved some terrible conditions to play the unbeaten Billingham United. It was well worth it as shared between goals from Ashton, Isaac and Kai as well as some great defensive work earning a 6-5 win. The goals continued in the second game as they won again, this time 10-3. The team are now on a great unbeaten run of 8 games.

One young under 8's star had

their game so they could play Leven on the 3G pitch at Sunnydale. Leven took an early lead which was cancelled out by a Harvey Lee penalty and it was 1-1 at the break. Aycliffe again went behind but this time a great back heeled goal from Connor brought the game back level. A free kick was awarded wide on the left and up stepped Rhys to smash it home and win the game 3-2. Aidan was great in defence for the home team and Lucas pulled off some great saves in goal. In the second game a bright start led to a solo goal from Niall and a 1-0 lead. Emrehan added another before Leven pulled one back before half time. Niall added two more to complete a hat trick, but one was in the wrong net, and the score moved to 3-2. Three late Leven goals led to this one ending 5-3. Jacob was strong in defence, with Jake making some fine saves and Jayden tackling hard throughout. Today's men of the match were Harvey and Niall

to North Ormesby and won 3-1 courtesy of goals from Lewis, Cayless and Turnbull.

NAJFC Match Updates | Horndale Raise £112 for Children in Need

www.newtonnews.co.uk

Pupils and staff at Horndale County Infant & Nursery School raised funds for Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Deputy Head Teacher Mr D Walker and the School Council led an assembly telling the children all about Children in Need and how it was a very important Charity as it helps so many children who live in desperate circumstances

As a school we raised £112.85 for the BBC Children in Need appeal. Staff and pupils dressed as their own hero. As part of the assembly the School Council had arranged a variety of fun activities to take part in. Firstly they asked for some brave children who were requested to put their feet in some yucky concoctions! They will never look at spaghetti or custard in the same way again! Next up was the Doughnut Eating challenge to see who could eat the most within 3 minutes! The only rule was they were not

eat the most within 3 minutes! The only rule was they were not allowed to use their hands! Year 2 teacher, Mrs Copeland bravely volunteered for the final surprise event. The school council wanted to see how many times she could be splatted with a cream pie in one minute! Head Teacher Craig Brown said "The children and staff have had great fun taking part in lots of activities and raising funds. By the end of the day they had a really good understanding of how important it is to raise money and more importantly understanding important it is to raise money and more importantly understanding where their money goes to. A big well done to everyone who took part, especially our newly elected school council."



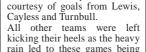
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The Under 11's were at home



All other teams were left kicking their heels as the heavy rain led to these games being

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been drawing great attention to the club all week as a video of a superb Rhys Galloway free kick has been viewed more than a million times across social The Under 8's team re-arranged



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The "Hub of Wishes" group (formerly MIND), held a Charity Night in October at the RAFA Club and a great time was had by all who attended.

People enjoyed music provided by "Of Justice" and singing by Alice Jordan. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by Krums, YMCA, British Red Cross, Thames Diner, Mikes Fish Bar, Creations Hair Stylists, Petals, Olive Garden, Masala, Occasions, Subway, Headstart Stylists, Mancini, The Worx, Welkows Eden Arme, Themes Clearing, Back Coeffee Bentte Walkers, Eden Arms, Thames Cleaning, Redz, Coffee Pronto, W. Slater & Sons, McDonalds, Sainsburys, Cobblers Hall Pub, Sorepaws, Sunnyhouse, Woodham Golf Club, China Garden, Bengal Lounge and Shafto Way Service Station.

The premises and entertainment were provided free and the wish to express their sincere appreciation - the fantastic sum of £700 was raised.

### **Brafferton Village News**

Our Christmas Market will be event which is hosted free of charge by the Brafferton & Coatham Mundeville Village held on Sunday 29th November. from 11am to 3pm in the grounds of Cozy Coffee on the Hall Association. outskirts of the village. Tickets for our Badapple Christmas

One of the children in the village has written the following review of our games night to show people how much fun it was! He hopes you

windy so I ran to the hall because I knew it would be warm inside. First we played beetle. You have to roll a dice and draw a beetle using the numbers you throw then when you are finished you shout

There's a prize for the best drawn beetle at the end and a prize for the highest score After that we ate our fish, chips and mushy peas from Haughton Chippy. They were lovely. While everyone was finishing I played table football with some of the other children.

didn't win anything, they made up lots of silly rhymes with the numbers like 86 breaking sticks. The last game I played was Play your cards right. I was good at it but I lost. Then I went home. It was ten o'clock I watched a bit of ty then went

### **Helping Hands** Giveaway

The Helping Hands Team have organised another Great Giveaway. Picture a massive room, filled with high quality items...but everything FREE!

Helping Hands are passionate about helping people and bringing hope here in our community. On Friday December 4th from 12.30pm our doors will open at St Clare's, town centre where people can come and help themselves to whatever they need - new clothes, toys, shoes, household items etc. If you'd like an invitation please phone Linzi on 07936 431262 or e-mail lifeline.

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## www.newtonnews.co.uk **Aycliffe Girl Fights Life Limiting Tumour**

*Vows to Use Time Left to Help Others* 

A few weeks ago the Rotary Club had the privilege of listening to a young Newton Aycliffe girl, Anna Swabey, who came to talk about coping with a terminal illness after being diagnosed with a brain tumour Anna was at home in January

this year when she suffered a seizure. Aged 23, she

### **Birthday** Remembrance



60th Birthday 23.11.55 - 16.11.04 Always in our thoughts. Always missing you. From all the family

RITA ANN CHAPE 18th November 1952. Happy birthday Rita. Miss you every day. All my love, Vaughan **RITA ANN CHAPE** (nee Lawson). If only we could see you just for a little while. To wish you "Happy Birthday" and see your lovely smile. Always thinking of you. Love, Mam

and family **RITA ANN CHAPE** Born 18th November 1953. Birthday wishes to a wonderful Mam and Grandma. Remembering you on your special day. Love, Martyn, Nicola, Natalie and Daniel xxxxx

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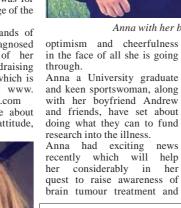
bravery and determination to "fight until her last breath" to raise awareness and cash for the charity supporting brain tumour sufferers now and in the future.

Anna explained how little of research moeny was being used for victims like herself and how necessary it was for her to spread knowledge of the condition.

She has raised thousands of pounds since being diagnosed and kept a diary of her treatment and fundraising on her own website. which is an inspiration to all: www. annaswabey.wordpress.com

What is so admirable about Anna's story is her attitude,

Anna losing her hair





Anna with her boyfriend Andrew

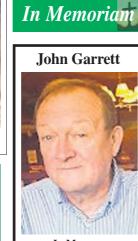
research. On-line

brought results and the newly formed Government Petitions Committee decided that this cause was worth looking into further - particularly as it was not on the agenda for the health committee. They wanted to gain perspectives and evidence from charity campaigners, clinicians, and hei patients alike to best decide if this issue should be debated in

Parliament. The Committee launched an

petitions

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In Memory 01.02.1959 - 05.11.2015 Missed by family and friends

SANDERSON Catherine Rennie, "Irene". It's a year since you passed away and you are missed every day. By your Husband Richard, family and friends. Gone but never forgotten. Rest in peace. From your loving Husband Richard SANDERSON Catherine Rennie, "Nan". You've been gone a year, miss you every day. You are always in our prayers, gone but never forgotten. Love you forever and always. Louise, Toby and Billy KATH HALL (nee Ward). 20th

November 2001. 14 years have passed by since you were taken from your family, each year that goes by is just as difficult as the one before. Time will never heal our loss. You gave birth to three children who all have a special part of you within their hearts. We love you, miss you and always will. Till we meet again. Billy, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim and Glenda

NANNA KATH Love you now and forever Nanna Kath. Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben, Alfie, Matthew and Dan GREAT NANNA KATH All

our love and big hugs. Kate, Jazmin, Harry and Rose

### **Obituary** BERYL RICHARDSON

**DERYL RICHARDSON** (nee Kelly). 13th November, peacefully, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. Beryl of Newton Aycliffe, aged 66 years. Devoted Wife of Joe; a loving and much loved Mam to Angela, Nicola and Natalie; beloved Nana and Great Grandma; a dear Sister to Raymond; also a very dear Stepmother and good friend to many. Will family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 27th November at 2.00pm. Followed by Committal at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Beryl may, if desired, be given for the Great North Air

Ambulance Appeal OLIVE McCABE 30th October. Olive Isabel, aged 84 years of Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Wife of the late Mike; much loved Mother, Sister, Gran and Great Gran. Will friends please meet on Wednesday 25th November at 10.45am at Neville Parade Methodist Church, Newton Avcliffe, for a Funeral Service be followed by private nily cremation. Family family flowers only. Donations, in lieu, to Macmillan Cancer Support

MOUNSEY. 13th EDNA November, at home, Edna, aged 90 years of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of The Oak Tree. Beloved Wife of the late Fred; much loved Mam of Patricia, Vivian, Adrian and the late Philip; Motherin-Law of David and Tracie; also a beloved Nana and Great Nana, Funeral on Monday 30th November. Would family and friends please meet at 12.15pm Service at St Clare's Church prior to cremation at Darlington Crematorium.

online web forum for people to share their experiences and to show their support for more funding into research.

Since then, the committee have invited 20 patients to a roundtable discussion at Westminsterand Anna This week she included. travelled to the Houses Parliament to share her

experiences with the MPs on the committee. She truly believes this is a huge step forward not only for brain tumour victims but for

democracy in general. Anna said: "I feel very honoured to is have been given a chance to be of

### **Congratulations**

#### **David Rvan**





*piece!"* Happy 21st Josh. Lots of love, Mam, Jules Happy 21st Josh we you loads, Danielle Happy 21st Josh Cara, Craig & Kids All The Best Josh

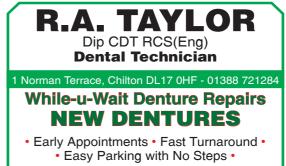
Proud of you. Love, Nana

#### **Rebecca Louise Amy Cooke**

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Due to demand on space this week. a number of news items could not be published



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21st November 2015 Where did those years go? Happy birthday to our lovely Grandson. Love

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From all your loving family. Also 88th birthday greetings to Mam (married on her 18th birthday) LAURĂ LEE and Engagement. Love, Mam, Dad and Ellie xxxx

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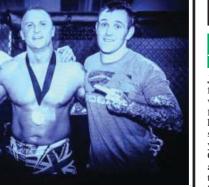
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## a part of the debate". Anna's story was featured this week on national & local TV news.



JOHN SIMPSON. Linda and family of the late John Barry would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words on their loss of such a special man. Thank you for the donations to the Great North Air Ambulance and R.N.L.I. Special thanks to doctors at Bewick Crescent Surgery, all staff on Ward 44 at Darlington Memorial, John Meynell Funeral Service and Derek Cattell for his Humanist Service plus all the staff of

British Legion. GEORGE **GEORGE GRAY** would like to say a big thank you to his family, who helped him celebrate his big birthday at the Forresters Arms. It was a big surprise, thanks also for the surprise present which I received and many thanks to all the staff and chef for the excellent meal and the use of the back. Nothing was too much bother to them. Thanks to all, George Gray

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**Births** 



### HUNTSMAN F.C. LEAGUE CUP MISERY Michael Sproates going close

Despite being unbeaten in the league this season, The Huntsman crashed out of another cup this weekend with a 3-2 defeat away to Willington Queen's Head FC. Manager Neil Dodds recalled Captain Lee Redpath and defender Ste Williams back into the side, as The Huntsman aimed to carry their impressive league form and turn it into Division 2 League Cup success.

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The game got off to relatively slow start, with the away side edging the opening exchanges and

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the Willington centre back again, as this time his curled effort round the wall and beat Wintour in The Huntsman **P&P WINDOW** 

corner.

net to breaking the deadlock. But it was Queens who went The away side struggled to get into the game, which was being played in very cold and wet conditions. Just when it ahead when they won a free kick 35 yards out for goal. It would have appeared from that distance that a cross was appeared as though they were going to go into the break the most likely danger, but up stepped the Queen's centre without a goal, a powerful run by Ste Williams from right back who rifled home the free back got the score line back kick into the top right-hand to 2-1.

2-1 would have been a good A matter of five minutes half time score line given later, Queen's won another free kick, this time a lot the circumstances. However, the referee awarded Queen's closer to the edge of The Huntsman box. Up stepped a dubious corner, which was whipped in hard at the front post and eluded everyone to give the home side a two goal cushion at the break. The away side came out with

a renewed purpose in the second half and certainly had the chances to get back in the game. A magnificent volley from substitute John Jamie Herd forced a top class save from the Queen's keeper.

The Huntsman were given a glimmer of hope five minutes from time, as a good bit of work down the right by Paul Barnes gave Ste Williams a tap in for his second, but unfortunately it was too little too late.

Next up for The Huntsman the rearranged Heart is Foundation Cup tie, at home to Gainford Cross Keys Simpasture Park 10.30 kick Craig Woodhead off.



## Good Response from S.O.S

After progressing through the Development section and lots work the under of hard Eagles were ready for their league debut in the Russel Foster Winter League. Playing on Durham City 3G pitch v Escombe Vikings "A", the surface was perfect for the boys to show how they are progressing as a team. Our coaches commented that

the most important outcome was they all enjoyed every minute of the game playing with smiles on their faces. An end to end game from two evenly matched sides saw an excellent 3-3 draw.

The under 11 boys travelled to Chester Le Street v St Cuthberts hoping to continue their impressive early season form. It was a slow start from Aycliffe and after 5 mins the home team opened the scoring which woke the lads up and it wasn't long before we equalized through Ben.

From that point Aycliffe dominated the game scoring a further 6 goals for an impressive 7-1 win - goals from Jake 3, Leon 2, Declan,Ben

Under 13 girls made the trip to play title contenders Lumley FC but illness and injuries left us with only 9 players and no substitutes. Lumley quickly took control of the game and despite some brave defending and excellent goal keeping they raced into a 4-0 lead. However the girls kept battling and a superb finish from Meg got us to HT 4-1 down. The second half was always going to be a big ask as a heavy pitch and no subs resulted in Lumley scoring another 5 times without reply FT 9-1, great effort from the girls against a top team Under 14 girls travelled to

Hebburn and dominated the game with good passing and movement. Chance after chance slipped passed the post or was saved by the keeper and inevitably a rare break from Hebburn snatched the lead -HT 1-0. Out for the second half and the game continued with shots peppering the Hebburn goal, a shot from outside the box hit the post rebounds off the keeper's head and out for a corner.

The girls were now pushing for an equalizer when Hebburn counter-attacked and grabbed a second goal. The final 15 mins were played inside the Hebburn half and the girls got a breakthrough as Martha surged into the box to calmly slot into the corner. The shots on target tally continued to climb, but Hebburn stood firm

to take the points - FT 2-1 Most of Sunday's games were postponed due to the waterlogged pitches at the Oakleaf

Under 12 Eagles played away to Acklam FC, the game was end to end on a pitch that cut

team develop with every game and take the positives even in defeat. Well done boys a win isn't far away. If you want more information visit our website www.navcafc.co.uk

up and became very boggy.

Two goals from Kian Cook kept the game close until the

final minutes and Aycliffe 2-3 down, a super goal from Joey Howarth tied the game

and the points were shared FT

3-3 MOM Joey Howarth and Jamie Cockfield

Under 12 Hawks v Boro Reds

despite being short of players

the Hawks again showed great spirit playing as a team. The



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## W.A.S.P.S. **Meeting**

The next meeting of the Residents' Association is Thursday 26th November at 6.30pm at Simpasture Court, followed by a Social Evening with Quiz, Bingo and Raffle. Bookings taken for trips to

Durham Cathedral Market and Pantomime. Payment needed by end of month.





