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Local Groups Receive £8,500 from Aycliffe's 'Secret Millionaire'

A local businessman, who has chosen to remain anonymous (because he is the Secret Millionaire), has given away £8,500 to groups in Newton Aycliffe to help them with their activities and events. Mr X told Newton News "I woke up one morning in January 2015 thinking 'what a wonderful life I have, how blessed am I, what can I do to help others?' I made it a personal goal this year to help as many people as I could, so with the help of our community newspaper I offered cash to organisations who were invited to apply for funds."

In July this year, Newton News advertised the offer to local groups and organisations, inviting them to send letters explaining their club activities.

Mr X received twenty six applicants and has chosen the main recipient as Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, who will receive £6,000 in the form of £500 per month during 2016. Allison White (chairperson) commented "For our group to be picked by the Secret Millionaire is amazing and the money will make a huge difference to the people affected by cancer in our local community and it will stop the isolation and financial pressures they suffer. Sometimes you don't get warning of Cancer so the illness itself can cause so many problems emotionally and physically so we get victims the right professional help as well as focusing on social outings, to get people



Allison White founder of Great Aycliffe Cancer Group

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North East Autism Society Xmas Party



The North-East Autism Society enjoyed their Christmas Party on Saturday 19th December. Children with a range of abilities joined in the festive fun with party food and games at the Newton Aycliffe site.

The children spent time trampolining and using the bouncy castle before being entertained by Crazy Colin the Magician. After all the fun and trickery from Colin a special guest arrived with presents for all the children . . . Santa . . . the children who attended had such a lovely time with massive smiles and lots of giggles throughout the day. NE-AS would like to give a special thank you to the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club for giving their time on the day.

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Community Concern Over PACT Changes

Dear Sir,
Community groups in Newton Aycliffe are concerned to hear that our Police Neighbourhood beat team are considering reducing the number of PACT meetings in the Great Aycliffe area.

Some ideas aired are to have a single meeting or to engage in an online exercise. Readers will recall that until recently our police station was taken out of Newton Aycliffe and located on Aycliffe Business Park where a substantial number of Newtonians found it too difficult to find and access. Following a campaign by ACORN Residents, Great Aycliffe Residents Association and the Newton News our Police Commissioner Ron Hogg was persuaded to return our police station to a more accessible town centre location. I feel strongly that a high police visibility is desirable in the community to allay fear of crime and also as a deterrent to criminality, furthermore, much of the successful activity reported by police is as a result

of intelligence supplied by the community.

It is understandable that under current financial restraints the police service is trying to balance the books by reducing the service to the public, however, the precept for policing continues to rise annually whilst the chances of seeing a policeman on the beat becomes less each year. With regard to POLICE & COMMUNITY TOGETHER the important word is TOGETHER information should flow in both directions which is where pact meetings work.

Police statistics seem to indicate that crime and anti-social behaviour continue to fall but I get the impression that this view is not reflected in the community. Police statistics have been discredited across the country in recent years and reported crime relies on the individual policeman to credit a situation as such. Representatives from ACORN, Horndale, Wasps, Lindon Place and Ladra, together with Neighbourhood Watch coordinators are urging consultation before any major changes are approved. Ken Robson

Double Joy for Youthy

With the TJFA League closed till the new year it was only our teams in the Russel Foster League playing over last weekend

Under 13 Girls v Farringdon: After a long break with the weather, the girls travelled to the Russel Foster Centre for their away game. The pitch was in good condition but a strong crosswind would test both teams. From the whistle the pace of Meg was creating chances, but the Farringdon defence held firm, then a great run across the box forced a foul, and as Farringdon dithered trying to sort a wall, quick thinking Meg placed the ball, stepped back and smashed the ball passed their keeper. Aycliffe tails were up and the defence of Molly, Millie and Bethany were winning every tackle. Then a rare break from Farringdon one on one with Alanna, but a stretched out leg keeps it 0-1 at the break. Into the second half and midfield of Olivia, Melissa and Devan were now finding space. Half chances fell to Laura and Meg but the girls couldn't find a second. Another chance to Aycliffe as Meg out sprinted the Farringdon defence, but couldn't beat the keeper. The girls then confidently saw out the game to take a well deserved 3pts - FT 0-1 The unbeaten run continues for the under 7 Eagles at Durham against a very well organised Consett Avengers Team. The whole team performance was outstanding and every single player played their part, giving us another great win as the Eagles edged the game 4-3.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Teams wish every player, manager, coach and volunteers all the best over the festive season and look forward to a successful 2016.

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LCA Christmas Party



Lifeline Community Action (LCA) celebrated Christmas in style last Saturday at our Christmas Party at Woodham Golf Club. Our special guests were delighted with the friendly volunteers that greeted them, the service that was given by the Golf

Club, the delicious food that was set before them and even a jolly Father Christmas that made a surprise entrance. LCA Trustee Ken Sadler said 'We were able to invite another 20 guests due to a generous donation of £200 from the Newton Aycliffe

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Gig Pit Review: "First time for me to catch the 7 Sins at Murton's Big Club, I really enjoyed the band, a great selection of Rock covers from Tom Petty, Free, Kings of Leon, Def Leppard, Bad Company, Kaizer Chiefs and Simple Minds. The standard of playing was excellent, Bill Brown on Rhythm and lead vocals has a great tone to his voice and is a great frontman who likes to get the audience involved with his jokes and banter. The other members play to a very high standard, lead guitar, bass and a cracking drummer that captures the feel and sound of the the drummers that had crafted the songs that they covered. All in all what a great night!"

"Now if they are a new one for you too, make a point of getting to see them - you won't be disappointed. They didn't need gimmicks as the quality of playing was excellent as was the sound quality. So a fantastic night with Rainbow, Free, Doobie Brothers "Long Train Running", Martha & the Muffins "Echo Beach" to name just a few. The crowd really appreciated them and I think you would too."

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The longstanding Woodham tradition of donating hampers and hand delivering them to those in the community is one which the school hopes to continue, as well as working alongside the local food banks. One recipient of the decorated gifts was Mrs Musgrave, who said: 'This is the second year I have received a gift from the academy and it is very much appreciated.'

A number of the hampers were also donated to the County Durham Foodbank which operates from St. Clare's Church on Wednesdays and Fridays. Ernie Temple, Foodbank Coordinator, said: 'We are so very grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity and support shown by the students at Woodham Academy.'

Tutor groups with the best

decorated hampers received prizes at the end of the day.

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Great North Air Ambulance	The Silent Tea House (Mrs Bain)
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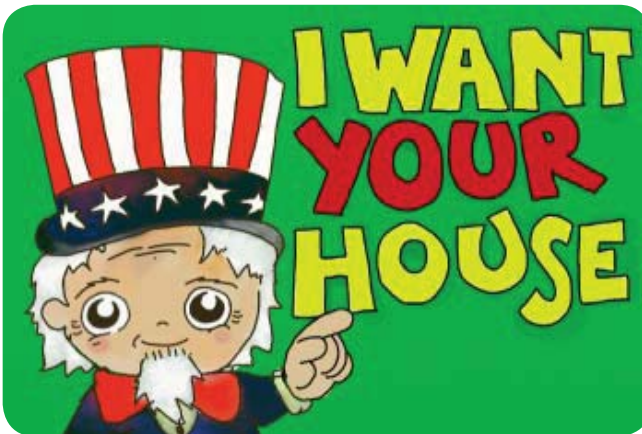
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By Election Candidate

bother doing. He is probably one of the best quality non-Labour candidates to stand in many years. Ken's address to the electors of the ward reads as follows:

"As Chairman of the ACORN Residents' Association, I have worked on their behalf to provide family events in our community, to unite and draw together our community, mainly in the central area of Newton Aycliffe. I am also Chair of the West Ward Pact meetings liaising with the police on your behalf to combat crime and anti-social behaviour.

From fighting as Vice Chairman of the Great Aycliffe Residents' Association for the return of our Police Station into our town centre, making it accessible to all of the residents of Newton, to addressing the County Council on the dangers of

removing street lights from our roads. I also resisted the County Council's decision not to collect bins from homes and fought to save our fireworks display from extinction.

In the West Park I have worked as Chairman of the Friends of West Park group to keep our boating lakes clean and to improve the facilities for the use of Newton Aycliffe and visitors to this lovely park. The vast majority of Councillors are behind us and much progress is now underway.

The County Council was taken by surprise when it was reported the bridges over the Burn were falling into disrepair and found they were their responsibility. The response of our County Council was initially to permanently close a thoroughfare to save them having to repair one of the bridges.

I support many of the policies of the Labour controlled GATC, however, if I disagree then I reserve the right to oppose those decisions, where I believe they may be detrimental to the people of Great Aycliffe. I expect the Labour Party to oppose my candidacy for the seat vacated by Tom Twissell whom when elected only attended council meetings once every six months in order to collect his councillor's allowance. This was not only condoned but actively encouraged by some of his colleagues who took the view that it was better to have an empty seat rather than risk losing the seat to someone of different political persuasion. This in effect deprived the voters of the West Ward of an active Town Councillor.

The Labour controlled Great Aycliffe Town Council has a massive Labour majority, which can result

in little public debate over policy decisions, which is developed mainly in Labour Party closed groups and brought as a block vote to the council chamber. You can help to bring some balance to the debate in the council chamber by voting to elect me as an independent voice on behalf of the people of West Ward as opposed to a bland Labour candidate with collective views.

I have the experience, proven ability, I believe I am trustworthy and will work hard for the Ward and the whole town.

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"Merry Christmas to all Newtonians"



Yes, we know it is Santa . . . A reader has posed the following question to other readers:

The picture was taken in December 1976 and I was wondering if anybody knew who the photographer was and who the Santa was? I believe he had a shop in Beveridge Arcade. Any information to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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4.00pm
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Hylton, Matthew, Wolsey,
Richardson, Trevor,
Gardens, St Aidans, Felton
5.10pm - 5.40pm
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Bellasis
5.40pm-6.30pm
Wiseman, Ewbank,
Hardinge, Chandler,
Chapman, Crowley,
Hardinge, Bousefield, Faber,
Kendrew, Sanderson,
Hamilton, Elstob, Burn
6.30pm-6.45pm
Westmorland, Henson,
Whiteley, Thurlow, Aylmer
6.45pm - 7.30pm
Dalton, Hartley, Faulkner,
Hullock, Allington, Walcher,
Lilburne, Macmillan,
Bertie, Alington, Webb,
Westmorland, Newburn
7.30pm - 7.55pm
Humphrey, Silkin, Stead,
Wright, Priestman, Marshall,
Burdon, Lightfoot,
Stephenson
8.00pm
Back via Pease Way

ROUTE TWO

3.45pm-4.05pm
St Cuthbert's/Bede, Anne
Swyft, Clarence Chare,
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Hackworth
4.05pm-4.45pm
Baliol, Travellers, Linguard
Seton, Gilpin, Clanny,
Palmer, Cosin
4.45pm-5.15pm
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5.15pm
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5.30pm-6.00pm
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Carr, Markham, Secker,
Joicey, Kemble, Bulmer,
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Jackson
7.15pm - 7.40pm
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Denham, Ramsey, Eden,
Langley, Malling
7.40pm-8.00pm
Central Avenue (Fire
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Burnhill, Hawkshead,
Honister, Silverdale
Lindisfarne Care Home
Kirkstone, Langdale
Whinlatter, Eskdale
Greenfield
4.45pm-5.30pm
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Rowan, Elmfield, Pease
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5.30pm-6.15pm
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Crosby, Lowery, St Godrics
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6.15pm-6.45pm
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Lambton, Lee, Hopper
6.45pm - 7.00pm
Dixon, Walker, Emerson
Butler, Castlereagh, Merz
7.00pm-7.30pm
Ritson, Lyon, Marley,
Wallas, Isherwood, Bewick
Emerson
7.30pm-8.00pm
Barrington, Ashfield,
Beacon, Tunstall, Carileph,
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ROUTE FOUR

3.45pm-4.40pm
Aycliffe Village
Durham, Millfields,
Atkinson, The Orlands, The
Green (Mill House), South,
St. Andrews, High Street,
Heighington,
Oakley, Congreve, Bickford,
4.40pm-5.20pm
School Aycliffe
West, North, Eastfields,
The Garth, Midfields,
Lord Neville, Binchester,
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Sheppards, Thursby,
Wilbore, High Barn,
Meatlesburn
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Lowfields, Hansard,
Jennison, Westfields,
Hillfields
6.00pm-6.20pm
Malvern, Colwell, Bedford
Wilton
6.20pm-7.00pm
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Zetland, Covert, Stirrup,
Bramham, Bedale,
Post Horn, Saddlery.
Greenfield
7.00pm- 7.30pm
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Hambleton, Ranulf,
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Claxton, Russell, Yoden
Wynyard
7.30pm-8.00pm
Cobblers Hall
Ashtree, Pinewood,
Wellhouse, Bluestone,
Oldwood

ROUTE FIVE

3.45pm-4.00pm
Brafferton, Grange, Chilton,
Grindon, Whitton,
Woodham
4.00pm - 4.35pm
Lowther, Brook, Cartington
Mulgrave, Helmsley,
Middleham, Burleigh,
Badminton, Stoneleigh,
Lowther
4.35pm - 4.50pm
Hickstead, Stag,
Kennilworth, Cheltenham,
Gatcome
4.50pm-5.25pm
Epsom, Kempton, Windsor,
Fallow, Fawn, Hind, Raby,
Brancepeth
5.25pm-5.50pm
Village, Bamburgh,
Chillingham, Alnwick,
Barnard, Pemberton,
Farnham
5.50pm - 6.25pm
Beaumont, Kirkham,
Egerton, Dudley, Howson,
Clover, Sorrel, Yarrow,
Harebell, Campion
6.25pm
St. Elizabeth's Church car
park
6.35pm-6.55pm
Sandowne, Tattersall,
The Oaks, Beechers,
Paddock, Croft, Woodham
Sunningdale, Low Green
6.55pm - 7.45pm
Spinney, High Green
The Grange 1 - 4,
Bridle, Woodham Gate
7.45pm-8.00pm
Acle Burn, Acle Meadows,
Burnhill Way, St Andrews
Court, Ryder Court

ROUTE SIX

3.45pm-4.20pm
Hallington, Tindale,
Derwent, Angram,
Scholars, Broomlee, Stocks,
Waskerley, Fewston
Greenwood, Blackton
4.20pm-5.15pm
Meadowfield, Ladybower,
Greenlee, Stainmore,
Winterburn, Grassholme,
Burnhope, Stainmore,
Hareson, Cestria
5.15pm-5.45pm
Lisle, Lockyer, Hoode,
Cheviot, Pennine
5.45pm-6.20pm
Bluebell, Coverdale,
Bluebell Meadows,
Wolvestone,
Alverton Drive & Court,
Hamsterley, Barton, Paxton
6.20pm-6.55pm
Lancelot, Temple, Gamul,
Raddive, Spooner,
Thwaites, Eade
6.55pm-8.00pm
Malham, Reeth, Rylstone,
Askrigg, Skipton, Arncliffe,
Aysgarth, Hawes, Pateley,
Stainforth, Keld, Marrick

ROUTE SEVEN

3.45pm-4.00pm
Rose Lodge at Cobblers
Hall, Foxglove
4.00pm to 4.35pm
Ropemoor Way, Forster
Patenson, Wakenham
Youens, Haselwood
Blackiston, Carwardine
Karles, Bloomesley
4.35pm-5.15pm
Agnew, Kings, Ida, Osbert,
Guthrum, Osric, Aldfrid
5.15pm-5.30pm
Wellhouse, Morrison
Tanfield, Stargate
The Ballarat
5.30pm-6.15pm
Kimbleworth, Fenhall,
Hutton, Callerton, Deleval,
Elemore, Phoenix,
Brockwell
6.15pm-7.00pm
Heatherburn, Foxton,
Herrington, Hardwick,
Butterwick, Rushyford,
Layton, Woodham
7.00pm-8.00pm
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Apprentices "You're Hired"



Roman's Apprentices: left to right: David Osborne (Managing Director of Roman, Jack Mitchell, Ciaran Kelly, Alex Crawley, Bradley Simpson (current apprentice), Ian Simpson (started as an apprentice in 2001), John Wright (Operations Director).

Leading international shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, have introduced three new apprenticeships into different departments within the company. Roman has welcomed three new apprentices to add to the many they already have. These three new apprentices are in different areas of the business covering different skill sets, Jack Mitchell is in customer relations; Ciaran Kelly has been welcomed into joinery; and Karl Teasdale has joined the R&D department. Roman has always supported apprenticeships, as they feel it is very important to help local young people gain the skills they need to succeed

in future employment. Jack and Ciaran live in Newton Aycliffe and Karl is from Bishop Auckland, they are all 17 years old and have recently left college to pursue their chosen careers at Roman. Over the years Roman has had many apprentices joining the company straight after school and they have stayed with Roman and risen through the ranks – many are still here today. A prime example is Alex Crawley, who joined Roman in 2001 straight after school and he is now the Manufacturing Manager, leading a team of over 60 people. There are many others well established within the business. Roman has six apprentices that have

already completed their NVQ Level 3 qualification and are now working towards their HNC. David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "Apprentices are fundamental to our future skill requirements. A key advantage of recruiting an apprentice is their loyalty and commitment to the company. We feel very strongly about having apprenticeships as they equip our workforce with the skills needed for the future, allowing our business to grow and develop. We also want to provide young people with the opportunity to start their career, earn a wage, whilst also gaining qualifications."

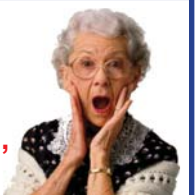
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Woodham Burn Primary School choir are celebrating having reached the final round of the Darlington Cornmill 'Sing to Win' competition. On 3rd December they travelled to the Cornmill to sing both a lively rendition of 'Hey Mr Miller', and their special Christmas song, 'Peace Child' which they sang in a four part harmony. They beat off competition from three other primary schools to win that round and to go on to the grand final on 17th December.

Arriving at the venue on 17th they found themselves to be the only junior choir in the final, competing against groups from performing arts clubs and colleges! Undeterred they sang their very best and, although they were beaten to the first prize, provided great entertainment for all who were there. Photo: Katy Henderson and other singers practising before the event

CAROL SERVICE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be holding the
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John would like residents to know that he will still be active over this period: Christmas Eve he will be outside the Furniture Inspirations shop (opposite Argos). Inspirations kindly gave permission along with Durham County Council to hold a Christmas Collection.

Honest John would like to wish all donors, customers and Newtonians a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Report from the Front Line



The first of what I hope to be a regular feature of updates from the local Neighbourhood Police Team appeared in the last edition – I would like to take a moment to say thanks to the team at The Newton News for giving ourselves the opportunity to give a flavour of what we're about and what's going on in the local community. For those who wish to know the 'author of these features I'm the local Neighbourhood Inspector – Mark Edwards.

I thought for this festive feature I would start by highlighting just what it is that a Neighbourhood Policing Team does for those who may not know.

How to simplify it then? Within Durham Constabulary we are split across a wide range of commands. You have CID and our variety of Crime Teams (no introductions necessary, that's the juicy stuff!), there's Safeguarding Officers who deal with those more sensitive issues such as domestic abuse and child and adult vulnerability issues, there's the Road Policing Unit (they're the A-listers – you might know them as the Interceptors!) – think flash cars, our Prisoner Handling Teams who deal with arrested persons. Response Officers are the 24/7 cops who respond to immediate and priority graded incidents, and amongst others there's the N.P.T.

NPT's consist of Police Constables and Community Support Officers – we work closely with partner agencies such as local authority anti-social behaviour Teams, private and social housing providers, other emergency services, local community groups, residents and retailers (the list is endless) and through these liaisons we adopt multi-agency problem solving approaches to address those issues impacting upon the quality of life of our communities. These are usually the more protracted matters – anti-social behaviour 'hotspots', ongoing neighbourly disputes, crime spikes and trends etc etc. Unlike the Response Teams we have the luxury of operating in 'slow time'. You may have heard of a little thing called PACT (Police and Communities Together) – these are the forums in which many of us can get together and discuss local issues whilst setting local priorities in the process that - through a combined approach, we can all work towards tackling.

Crime Prevention:- In the last edition I highlighted a number of crime prevention tips. Unfortunately I wish to reiterate one of those key messages. Here in Newton Aycliffe we have continued receiving reports of thefts from vehicles, particularly ones that have been left insecure. Between 12 midday on Monday 14th December and 9 am on Tuesday 15th December 2015 a purse was taken from the passenger seat of a VW Transporter vehicle that was parked on a driveway in Wynyard Court. Entry into the car was simply facilitated by the person responsible trying the door handle. I cannot stress enough the importance of locking your vehicles and not leaving property a) within and b) on display for all to see. This is what we call a preventable crime.

#onepunchcankill :- As the festive season descends upon us many will take to the pubs/clubs to celebrate. Can I ask that people take extra care when they're out in relation to how much they drink and how they interact with others? Unfortunately, we know only too well within the Emergency Services that alcohol and violence do not mix well together. If you're out socialising and someone bumps into you accidentally – think nothing of it. It's fine. Likewise, if you accidentally bump into someone and they react negatively – walk away. Be the better person. DON'T REACT. Walk away. Recognise warning signs. These are the principles of the 'One Punch' education campaign – set up in the wake of an alcohol fuelled death where a one punch assault resulted in a fatality.

So, to everyone out there – and on behalf of the local Constabulary here in Newton Aycliffe, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2016. Enjoy and be safe!
Mark J Edwards
Neighbourhood Inspector

SOPHIE TEXTS SANTA



Dear Sir,
My name is Sophie Foster, a Year 9 student at Woodham Academy. This year I am working with my friend to raise awareness of a number of charities, and to promote the 'Text Santa' campaign to raise as much money as possible for the brilliant charities it supports. It is an amazing appeal supporting Macmillan, Make-A-Wish and Save the Children.

The reason why I am so passionate about supporting Text Santa is because two years ago I was diagnosed with cancer (Leukaemia) and one of the charities that were there to help me was Clic Sargent who helped me and my family through the toughest two years we have ever had.

After becoming involved with the charity, we were invited down to London to watch 'Text Santa' live. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. We got to meet Ant and Dec, Paddy McGuinness and loads more celebrities. The night raised lots of money and although Clic Sargent aren't involved, seeing the passion and effort put in to Text Santa I decided I really want to help this year.

Another charity which is very close to my heart is 'Make A Wish'. This fantastic charity arranged for me to meet One Direction! I could not believe that one charity could do such an amazing thing. They don't have a massive amount of money so can only grant some wishes but I will be forever grateful for what they did for me.

One final charity that we would have been really lost without, is Macmillan. The nurses at Macmillan didn't help me but they helped my Mum and my Nanna care for my Grandad when he had cancer. My whole family really appreciated everything they did for us.

Throughout my treatment there was one person who helped me so much and kept me going and this was my friend Emily. When I had to be strong for my family or just didn't want to be brave anymore, Emily was there for me to cry on. I couldn't wish for a better friend. She has seen me at my worst – when I had no hair and at my best – how I am now.

There were times when I'd be at school, wearing my wig and would feel too hot. Emily and I would go and sit in another room and I'd let her



see me without my wig. She's the only person apart from my family that got to see me like that. I am so grateful she has never left my side.

On May 14th this year I won the battle, I beat cancer!! When the doctors told me I was cancer free I couldn't believe it, I couldn't have been happier. My treatment will continue, including having regular check-ups and medication but not having to go through anymore chemotherapy anymore is a huge relief. Going through cancer and realising how much the support from all these

charities is needed, inspired me and that's why for this year's Text Santa, Emily and I organised the whole school to take part by coming to school in non-school uniform or Christmas jumpers on the last day of term. We also held a Cake Bake Sale over lunchtime, which everyone loved.

I hope this raised awareness of these important charities and how fantastic they are. Thanks for everyone who supported me through my treatment and to everyone who took part in our fundraising.
Sophie.

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friends, to name only a few. A whole van, packed full to the brim with food, treats, blankets, beds, collars, leads, etc, left late last month to travel south to meet the truck that was to take all the



donations out to Romania ready for the severe winter ahead, this truck arrived in Romania last week and all the donations have now been distributed between the rescuers and shelters, including lots of Christmas shoe boxes to ensure an extra special Christmas for them! Our local P2R team member, will continue to collect any donations you can help with, ready to help the dogs in 2016 and can be contacted by text on 07834 614659. Once again thank you so much for all your help and generosity. Merry Christmas and happy new year to you all.



The Rotary Club were among a number of organisations who have distributed Christmas Hampers to the town's needy families. Each year the club raise money from a Santa's tour of the streets and from a collection in Tesco's Store, courtesy of the Manager Helen Maynard shown in the photo with Rotarians and staff. Tesco make up the 65 hampers each year ensuring the items in the hampers are the best value in store.

Film Show

"THE PAJAMA GAME" Christmas is over! Now the long slog towards Spring. Need cheering up? Well the next "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church is on Tuesday 5th January, features "The Pajama Game". Starring Doris Day in one of the most popular and lively musicals of all time. Songs like "Steam Heat", "I'm Not in Love at all", "Once a Year Day", "There Once was a Man" and loads more will smash the winter blues, and watching in friendly company makes it even better.

Tea, coffee and juice will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1, and the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. Further info from Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755.

Brafferton Village News



We wanted to end the year by thanking everyone who came to our Badapple Production evening and help making it such a success. The village hall was full to bursting; it was the busiest it's been for a long time and we were proud to be able to welcome Councillor Lee and his wife for the evening. Badapple have a very good reputation and they certainly lived up to it. It was a very clever and funny interpretation of the classic Dickens' novel and the way it was portrayed was highly imaginative to accommodate there only being two actors in the whole production. There was something for everyone and it was enjoyed by all. If you get chance to see it then it comes highly recommended from us!

"Fab night, thanks to all who organised it... feeling festive" said Alex, one of Brafferton's residents. "Friendly atmosphere, great night and everyone enjoyed the show. 5*" said Sara of Aycliffe who brought her family. Tracey from Middridge said "There was something for everyone, at great prices, lots of festive

fun was had". Jamie (who had taken part in his own school performance of Scrooge that day!) said "It was good how they had all the puppets to play the different characters, I really enjoyed it".

The feedback we have received suggests that it is something that we may do again in future and we will of course keep you posted about all upcoming events. The raffle we held helped raise over £400 for the village hall funds. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or donated prizes. These funds will help us with the everyday running costs of the hall. We also look forward to planning more subsidised community events next year as a result of the raffle. If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with us (Find us by searching BraffertonVHA on Facebook). With that the Brafferton & Coatham Mundeville Village Hall Association would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming many more of you to our events in 2016!

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AYCLIFFE GO NORTH TO BEAT SEGHELL

On Saturday 19th of December unbeaten NARUFC 1st XV travelled North through the Tyne Tunnel to Seghill to play their first game in over four weeks. The weather was surprisingly warm it was cloudy and there was a strong wind which blew continuously across the pitch. The pitch was heavy in places. The First had already beaten Seghill earlier in the season at home 42-0 but anyone who knew the Seghill players would most definitely not expect an easy ride at their ground. Aycliffe fielded two new signings ex Vale of Lune and Sale Academy forward Shaun Tomlinson and Winger Dom Ridley. Both of whom were excited to make their debuts for their new team and Impress their fellow players coaches and supporters with a solid performance. The hosts kicked off and applied an aggressive approach to the game which to be fair was to be expected. Aycliffe were pinned back in their own half for quite some time before they were able to apply pressure on Seghill and begin to win some much needed ball. Aycliffe's

scrummaging was not at its best and it took along while before parity was reached, credit to Seghill they dominated the aspect of the game for long periods. Aycliffe did however win the majority of the lineout ball Jeff Hodgson and Captain Andy Littlefair lifted the Jumpers Neil Morgan and Shaun Tomlinson really well to help them secure great ball off both sides throwing in. Newton Aycliffe's backs are regarded by many opposition teams as being the best backs by far in the league a massive complement and something they work really hard to achieve. Adam Gascoigne scored the first two tries and almost completed a hat trick after twenty minutes. Gascoigne fly hacked the ball into the twenty-two dived and collected the ball in mid-air only to land on the only piece of dry ground on the whole pitch anywhere else he would have slid over the line for his third try. Warren Parsonage crashed over the line after great rucking by the forwards for the third try and Andrew Parkin scored Aycliffe's bonus point try when he out sprinted the Seghill backline hogging the touch line and scored in the corner. Seghill kicked a consolation penalty. James Cocks Aycliffe's number 10 and goal kicker certainly had his kicking boots on today pity they were on the wrong feet!!!

Half time Seghill 3 NARUFC 20
Aycliffe after not playing for so long appeared rusty to be fair. The wise words spoken at half time were ignored and Aycliffe conceded a try within minutes of kicking off. Aycliffe under no pressure and well in the opposition half decided to take a ridiculous and extravagant quick throw in which to be fair very few on the field were aware of with the exception of quick thinking Seghill centre who swooped on the loose ball to score under the posts. James Thacker scored his obligatory try to settle the nerves after his earlier strange quick throw in. Score 25 - 8.

With ten minutes to go before the final whistle the Referee awarded Seghill a penalty try under the posts 25 -15. The remainder of the game was played out in the Seghill half and on the final whistle everyone was pleased to leave the field with five valuable points in the bag. Final Score Seghill 15 NARUFC 25
Newton Aycliffe RUFC Players Coaches and Committee would like to thank all of their Sponsor's, Followers, Families and Friends for their continued support and would like to take this opportunity to wish them all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

New Heighington U10 Squad



A new Heighington team, which has been together for about three months now, have a good group of lads who are getting better and better every training session. The lads who joined the team have started to get to know each other and are now starting to become friends off the pitch as well. Some joined with low confidence and have

progressed very well and are starting to gain confidence on and off the pitch. We try and make sure the players are always happy and are having fun. The team will be joining a league next season which is a very exciting prospect for them, but we need more players

to enter, so if your child would like to come along and join, they are very welcome. Please contact, call or text 07887 381227. To all the parents and children who are part of the team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From Sam, Ged and John.

Thank You

Thank You

After 10 years of loyalty to the Royal British Legion/Phoenix Club, I have decided under the circumstances to retire my Mr. B.'s Karaoke business.

I would like to thank all the friends, old and new for supporting my karaoke business over the years. Thank you very much for your loyal support.
Mr. B.'s Karaoke

MANY THANKS to all my family and friends for the lovely cards, gifts and many ways we celebrated my special birthday. Even the surprise party (it's been great)! I am so lucky to have you all. Also well done to Lauren and Katey for the gorgeous Northern Soul cake. Love, Mollie Brown xxx

Birthday Remembrance

PAUL RAINE Bishop Auckland. Thinking about you on your birthday (28th December). Love, Mam, Brothers and Sister xxx

Christmas Remembrance

MAUD GRAHAM Xmas is here again, another year without you, our dear Mam, Mother-in-Law and Nanna. We miss you so very much, love you to the moon and back. From Rob, Lisa, Jessica, Laura, Mason xxxx

Christmas Wishes

SEASONAL GREETINGS

to all our many friends, old and new.

From Godfrey and Shirley Bennett

COUNCILLOR George Gray and his Wife Maud, would like to thank the residents of West Ward for their support and wish them all a wonderful and peacefully 2016. Best wishes, health and happiness always. George and Maud Gray
A MERRY Christmas and Happy New Year to all my customers. Bill Lowery

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In Memoriam

Phil Leadbitter



Died 28th December 2014

A year has gone by and you are not here. Today, as always we shed a tear. You went too soon, we don't know why. It wasn't time to say goodbye. Sleep sweetly up above, our angel Phillip. Love from all the family

MAGARET BUSSEY 2nd January 2012. Never more than a thought away, in our memories you will always stay. Loving Husband Charlie, Sons Michael, Peter, David, Daughters-in-Law Louise, Alison and Grandchildren Emma, Anna, Jonathan, Joseph and Mathew
GEORGE BURNHAM I've lost my life companion, a life linked with my own. You are still mine to remember, a Husband proud to own. With love from Maureen x
GEORGE BURNHAM A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best. With love from David, Julie, Charlotte, Theo; Grandchildren Jamie, Katie, Marco and Jessica xxxxxxxx
McKAY James Bernard. 17th February 1929 to 23rd December 2006. Time passes by so quickly, it only seems like yesterday that you had to leave us. But you are always with us in our hearts and minds. Never will you be forgotten. All our love we send to you. Your loving Wife Heather, Daughters Alicia and Heather, Grandsons Dean, Wayne, Ricky and Christopher xxxx
DOREEN McCUE 30th December 2011. In our hearts your memory lingers, always tender fond and true. There's not a day dear Doreen that we do not think of you. Love forever and always from all of the family xxxx

Congratulations

Jack Thompson



Happy 21st Birthday 1st January 1995

Lots of love, Mam, Wayne, Ronan, Cheyenne, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Sharon, Uncle Tony and Tira xxxx

Hannah Pearson



Happy 21st Birthday 20th December 2015

May all your wishes come true. Love from Mam, Dad and Joshua xxx

KAY CATMULL Happy 60th birthday on 30th December to my lovely daughter. I hope you enjoy your party. Love from Mam

Acknowledgement

RACHEL MAUGHAN The family of the late Rachel Maughan (nee Brown) who died suddenly on 8th December, aged 46 years would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who sent messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes. Special thanks to Rev. Debbie Loughran for a beautiful comforting Service at St Clare's and Geradeen Horsley from John Meynell Funeral Services. Rachel will remain forever in our hearts

Lucy Anne Barron



Happy 12th Birthday
to my gorgeous Daughter.
Love you and Marcus always, Mam xxxxxxxx

Lucy Anne Barron



Happy 12th Birthday
Have a lovely day Lucy. Lots of love, Auntie Anne, Dan, Chloe and Uncle Wayne xxx

Lucy Anne Barron



Happy 12th Birthday
Have a lovely birthday Lucy. How you've grown! Lots of Love, Nan and Keith xxx

Close Home Game

Newton Aycliffe 0 v North Shields 1

Aycliffe lost out to North Shields in a close game at Moore Lane Park on Saturday. The FA Vase holders took the points thanks to the only goal of the game. Aycliffe put in a strong performance but paid for a failure to convert chances.

The game was played on a heavy pitch thanks to the recent spell of wet weather. Aycliffe's small band of volunteers put in Herculean efforts & many hours of work to get the pitch playable.

Aycliffe were quickly out of the blocks & came close to taking the lead in the first minute. Matty Moffat ran on to a good through ball but as the advancing keeper came towards him his shot went wide of the post.

A few minutes later his strike partner John Campbell tried to chip the keeper who just managed to get his fingers to the ball, tipping it round for the corner.

With just nine minutes on the clock Aycliffe saw another chance go begging as a shot took a heavy deflection but ran just wide of the post with the Shields keeper stranded. As is often the case sides who fail to take their chances are punished at the other end. As the half hour approached Shields broke away down the right. The winger put an excellent cross in from outside the penalty area which found Peter Glen-Ravenhill in the centre. His shot gave James

Winter in the Aycliffe goal no chance.

The second half followed the pattern of the first with Aycliffe having plenty of possession but failing to capitalise. With ten minutes remaining Campbell pounced on a rebound but his shot was cleared off the line.

Ultimately Aycliffe will count themselves unlucky not to take the three points. Had they taken their chances they could and should have taken something from the game.

For the neutral this was an entertaining game played in a great spirit with both sides doing well to cope with the conditions. In the end the Robins' enthusiastic & vocal supporters started their Christmas party in the happier mood.

Aycliffe now move on to the much delayed FA Vase Third Round tie against Atherton Collieries on Tuesday 22 December. The fixture has lost out to the weather twice in recent weeks but everyone is hoping that the rain will hold off to allow the game to finally go ahead.

Kick off will be at 7:45 with the winners facing Marske or Team Northumbria in the last 32 of the competition.

That game will be followed on Saturday 26 December by a league game against Bishop Auckland. Kick off is 1pm so why not spend a traditional Boxing Day by supporting your local football team.



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ENGLAND CALL FOR NAYFC STRIKER

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Girls' U14 striker Chloe Ryan has been selected to play for the England Schoolgirls' U15 Squad. After three gruelling trials, in Manchester and Stafford Town FC, Chloe, a Year 9 student who attends Hummersknott Academy in Darlington will travel with her new teammates to a training camp in Valencia during half term in February. They will play a friendly against the Republic of Ireland at Bury FC in March, then compete in a Home International tournament at Cardiff against Wales, Scotland, Rep of Ireland, Northern Ireland and a guest team from France. Chloe was up against many established older Academy players connected to Chelsea, Leicester City, Everton, Southampton, Millwall to name a few. Having been nominated initially by her PE teacher at Hummersknott for



County trials, the Durham County Schools coach then suggested Chloe would benefit from experience playing at a higher level. Three goals over three trials

helped to secure a place in the squad. Chloe has played for the Youth Club since she was 10 years old, progressing from 7-a-side through to 11-a-side. A regular at Durham FA Player Development Pathway Programme, Chloe also plays for NAYFC U14 Boys' team on Sundays under the guidance of David Todd. Helen Clark, her coach at NAYFC said: "All the U14 girls are delighted and proud of Chloe's England selection. Chloe's skills and speed playing with her team every Saturday in the Russell Foster League are very much admired by all who watch her. Her passion for football, and to improve her skills are also evident in training each week. She will hopefully now inspire other girls that with hard work, dedication - supported by her Mum and Dad, Caroline and Vince - dreams can come true. We all wish her well.

CrossFit Go International!



Every year the CrossFit Games host the "Invitational" during off-season for the top athlete teams to go head to head in a one day competition. This year the competition was between 4 teams of 4 representing USA, Europe, Canada and Pacific held at Caja Majica, home of professional tennis Madrid Open in Spain. 12 'CrossFit All Out' gym members from Newton Aycliffe attended the event with a surprise invite to take part in a friendly competition the day before the big event, alongside 49 other affiliate teams of 1 male 1 female. Head Coach Terry Anderson and self-proclaimed

"recreational CrossFitter" Emma Hackett jumped at the chance and although they didn't complete the 3rd and final workout due to a medical issue, they were placed 12th overall after the 2nd workout. Terry said "I was really proud of Emma for giving it a go and we did surprisingly well. It was an amazing experience start to finish and great to see that the supportive community doesn't end at any level. The fittest guys on earth were just as humble and as friendly as the other affiliate owners. We are proud to be part of it and glad to have shared this weekend with some of our

members.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



There will be a combined PACT Meeting to be held at Simpature Court for Simpature and Neville Parade on Tuesday 29th November from 6-30pm to 7-30pm. PCSO Mike Crawford will be available to give updates on what's going on in your area and answer your questions. Councillors and Partners from GATC, DCC and Livin will attend if available.

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Black Belt Awarded

13 year old Jessica Butterworth, a year 9 student at Woodham Academy has trained with Zanshin Kai Karate in the town for almost three years and was recently awarded her black belt after a very gruelling two hour display of all areas of the sport including kata and sparring.

It is quite an achievement for someone of her age. To top things off, Jessica, who is also a Junior Instructor at the club won the 'Student of the Year' trophy at the recent club Christmas Party and Presentation Night. Jessica's younger brother Matthew, who is 9 and attends Vane Road School also trains at the club and was awarded his brown belt recently as well as a 'Dedication' award at the presentation night for his hard work during lessons. They have both done fantastically well and are a credit to the young people of our town. They both train with the club, based at Woodham Community Centre twice a week. Their Mother, Grandma and Grandad would like to pass on their huge congratulations to them both for their hard work and commitment to the club.

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