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The full details are not available for public viewing, but it appears the site being discussed is not the one expected, vacated by the Cubby and up for sale, but the land the Library stands on when it is transferred to the Leisure Centre.

The plans show the Drive Thru using the ground floor of the multi-storey car park for access. The County Council who own the Cubby site may have been gazumped by the town centre landlords and we await more information.

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# Town's Community Christmas Concert

The annual Rotary Club Christmas Community Concert held at the Leisure Centre before the holidays was a wonderful occasion and brought much enjoyment to all who attended.

Seven schools made up the programme of great entertainment with the audience singing favourite carols and songs in between the performances led on the keyboard by former Head Teacher of Heighington School,

George Dixon. John Melvin local entertainer, musician and teacher organised the sound equipment, playing backing tracks for the musical items performed by school choirs. Schools taking part were Sugar Hill, Stephenson Way Academy, Vane Road School, Woodham Academy, Greenfield College, Horndale County Infants school, Aycliffe Village Primary and John Melvin Singers.

Woodham Academy presented a special dance gymnastic piece which brought great applause from the audience. The schoolchildren were magnificent and the joy they bring to this occasion was seen by the smiles and

laughter filling the hall. Santa Claus made an appearance to add to the excitement of the season. Without the town schools this occasion would not be possible.

It was a wonderful community event and the Rotary Club are so

grateful to the schools that take part for supporting this seasonal event demonstrating the hard work by teachers in preparing students for this religious festival.

The Mayor Mary Dalton and the President of the Rotary Club Denese Cartwright added their appreciation for the school performances and passed on their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Thanks were expressed to the Leisure Centre for hosting the Concert and County Councillors for covering the hire charge from their community budget. Rev Elizabeth Bland from St. Clare's gave the Christmas Blessing. A raffle and retiring collection raised cash for the Rotary Club annual appeal which provides Christmas Hampers for the town's needy families.



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Review: "Queens of Noise play a wide range of songs that spans Blondie, Pat Benatar, Lita Ford and Lady Gaga as well as the tribute stuff. And if you doubt their playing and singing, DO NOT! These gals appear to have paid their dues and deliver an entertaining performance: great vocals, good stagecraft and excellent musicianship. They present themselves very well and looked comfortable and assured in everything they played. But what really knocked me out was their sound. This was provided using top class gear and with the help of their sound man, Matt, who worked as a hard as anyone to give the band's skills the best possible balance, crispness and clarity, throughout their performance. In short, Queens of Noise are a very professional, entertaining and great sounding band. Well worth watching!"

Review: "By the time we got to the pub it was absolutely packed and within the first few tracks it was apparent as to why, the Queens of Noise are excellent. The all girl band, comprise a bunch of talented musicians who play with energy and more importantly with a smile on their faces, which shows just how much they enjoy putting a show on, and it was a cracking show."

Asked to play the massive 'Christmas Rocks' gig at the Newcastle 02 Academy in 2013, they went down that well they have been asked back every year since!

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## Aycliffe Business Park Awards Night

An independent panel of judges from North East businesses are to judge Aycliffe Business Park's 2015 "Make Your Mark" awards – a competition exclusive to the Park – will take place on 10th February at the Xcel Centre.

The panel consists of UTC South Durham principal Tom Dower, South Durham Enterprise Agency business support manager Ian Coull, Business Durham's business development director Sarah Slaven, The Northern Echo's business editor Andy Richardson and Kerina Clark, Chair-person of Aycliffe Business Park steering group.

The categories include Apprentice of the Year, Apprenticeships, Company of the Year, Employer of the Year, Engineering & Manufacturing award, Export award, Heart of the Community, Newcomer of the Year, Service Business of the Year and the Small Business award.

Entries can be made online at [www.aycliffeawards.co.uk](http://www.aycliffeawards.co.uk) – there are no complicated forms to fill in – and people can enter their own business as well as others. The deadline is 22nd January 2016.

Kerina Clark said: "We're really pleased and excited that we've managed to bring together four people from a good mix of different sectors, all bringing something different to the judging



Judging panel (left-to-right): Ian Coull, Kerina Clark and Sarah Slaven.

panel. Tom has worked in industry and now has an involvement in the education and training, Sarah and Ian bring a broad view of business and Andy and I bring local knowledge of the business park. We want to showcase companies that live and work in Aycliffe, and how great they are."

Business Durham's business development director Sarah Slaven said: "We know there are some great business stories on the Park, and it's really important we celebrate that by encouraging businesses who might not have been previously involved. It's a golden opportunity for them to come forward and tell us about themselves and what they've achieved. There's a really vibrant business community here, but we know there are a lot of companies which we haven't heard about yet. The Make Your Mark awards provide a great platform to showcase their stories and celebrate all the fantastic companies here at Aycliffe"

Ian Coull, business support manager at the South Durham Enterprise Agency, said: "The Enterprise Agency exists to support enterprise growth. Award ceremonies like this help to showcase the great work that's going on around the park, and doing things they don't often shout about."

"It also gives them an opportunity for their customers, employees and other people to nominate them for something. It's a bit of a cliché but they're all winners on the night, because they'll have been part of the judging process and many of them shortlisted, which will help to increase their profile. For the winners there's a great opportunity to pull in more business."

Tom Dower, principal of the UTC South Durham, added: "Make Your Mark is a brilliant platform for local companies of all shapes and sizes to enter a competition which will raise their profile. I believe passionately about promoting local businesses, especially for young people who are looking for meaningful careers and can be inspired by the opportunities open to them. It's also a great opportunity for us all to get together, not only as a celebration, but also to network and get to know each other in a social environment."

Tickets for the evening have been subsidised and are priced at £29.95 each. Sponsorship packages are available from [www.aycliffeawards.co.uk](http://www.aycliffeawards.co.uk) or by emailing [hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk](mailto:hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk).

## Honest Newtonian

On the 17th December Michael Turner left his glasses case containing £30, in a trolley which he had parked up at Tesco. On realising his error, he returned with little hope of seeing either glasses or cash again.

How wrong and how surprised he was to find that some thoughtful and honest person had found and handed the same into Tesco customer services.

Michael said: "Hope, faith, glasses and money returned to me by an honest 'whoever you are'. Thank you so much and a cheery 2016 to you".

## THANK YOU COUNCILLORS

A great big thank you from Burnhill Way Methodist Church JAFFA After School Club for the wonderful donation from Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam. The children had a wonderful time at the pantomime. (Oh yes they did!)

## Seasonal Party Time



The 'New Friends New Place' club enjoyed their Christmas Party at the Navy Club with a visit from Father Christmas. The group hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and send best wishes for the New Year. The group had a fantastic year of activities, bus outings, holidays, monthly singers to entertain, Line Dancing, Arm Chair Aerobics etc. The club meets each first Tuesday of the month and you are invited to join.

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## Council Committed to Keeping DLI Archive

Dear Sir  
I fully understand the strong feelings which continue to be expressed about the DLI collection and would like once again to reassure the public that Durham County Council remains fully committed to maintaining, preserving and displaying it for future generations.

At the recent meeting of the full council we once again saw how emotive the subject is, with some people concerned afterwards that there had not been time to hear a Liberal Democrat motion related to the current museum. Your article fails to reference the officers earlier statement to the meeting that the motion was unconstitutional – full council meetings do not have the power to quash decisions of Cabinet or other committees such as the Planning Committee. There had also been an opportunity to debate and ask questions about the DLI Cabinet report in an earlier item at the very same meeting. My lengthy update on the current proposals and re-assurance that our door remains

open to all was barely covered in your paper and the fact that not a single Liberal Democrat member asked any questions given their subsequent outburst is worth noting.

The following day, we held a special Overview and Scrutiny meeting looking solely at the future of the DLI collection. This was the third debate we have held on the DLI and was open to the public as well as any councillors who wished to attend. It was another opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the proposals for displaying the DLI collection in the future, which have been put together with the DLI Trustees and Durham University.

We recognise that the heritage of the DLI regiment must be celebrated as widely as possible and we will continue to listen to everyone who wants to help bring the story of the men and women who served to the wider audience it deserves. Cllr Neil C. Foster B A Cabinet Member Regeneration, Economic Development

## 'Gobsmacked' by Brain Tumour Research Campaign Success

by Ron Eyley

Anna Swabey is a bright and bubbly 24-year-old with long, blonde hair that frequently falls in front of her face and masks a disarming smile and delightful laugh that reminds me of Peter Ustinov's quote about laughter being 'the most civilized music in the world'. She's an intelligent young woman with a coveted first class honours degree in modern languages and European studies and who, say those in the know, was clearly destined to be a smash hit in whatever world she chose for a career. But the bouncy blonde hair, smiles and laughter hide a terrible secret. Anna is dying...

In January this year, at the age of 23, she collapsed at home and was subsequently diagnosed with a particularly aggressive grade 3 glioma anaplastic astrocytoma. Put simply, that's a brain tumour. It was said to be inoperable

and Anna was given as little as three months to live. The best possible prognosis, she was told, was that she might still be alive in three years' time.

For sports-mad Anna, a self-confessed rugby addict, it was, not surprisingly, a shattering blow. Just a few days later, however, she travelled to London to see a consultant neurosurgeon who confirmed the diagnosis but, to everyone's surprise and Anna's great delight, offered to remove at least part of the tumour.

Anna admits that she immediately felt inspired to turn her hitherto negative experiences into positive action and to do all she could to support others with the same condition, to raise awareness of brain tumours and the reality of living with a terminal illness, and to raise as much cash as she could for brain tumour research.

Anna, from Newton Aycliffe in Durham, began to write a blog on social media. She called it 'Inside my Head' – and it took off. To date, her personal thoughts and feelings have attracted over 85,000 viewings. "I just wanted others in my position to know they were not alone," she says.

Anna also determined to raise awareness of brain tumours themselves. "They kill more people under the age of 40 than any other cancer but get only 1 per cent of the national cancer research funding budget – and that has got to change," she argues. "Any breakthrough in the near future would be too late for me but it could well benefit others in my situation."

Not content with simply spreading the word, Anna also launched a non-stop fund-raising campaign for brain tumour research. As well as a Just Giving page on her blog, Anna and a host of friends organized, among other things, a charity ball, raffles, cake sales, sky-dives and a netball tournament. The list she reels off seems endless.

In just eight months, their efforts have raised more than £36,500 for the Brain Tumour Research Campaign, the charity chaired by Anna's neurosurgeon. Anna admits she's 'gobsmacked' but insists that even more cash is still needed.

By any standard, it's a remarkable achievement especially as the past year has seen Anna undergo two major brain operations and a gruelling seven weeks of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. She is still working her way through a 12-month cycle of intensive chemotherapy but insists that she does not suffer any major day-to-day side effects.

I find it hard to believe, especially when Anna suddenly decides to remove her long blonde wig to reveal a short crop of jet black hair, and a long, jagged scar on one side of her skull.

Whatever the truth, Anna didn't think twice about taking her bid to win a better deal for brain cancer research to the powers-that-be in



Anna lends hand with a Christmas collection at Newton Aycliffe's Tesco store for local needy families. She's pictured with (left) Rtn John Burrows and Rtn Keith Butterfield.

London and in November, she was invited to meet the government's newly-formed Petitions Committee to air her views.

"I miss my life that wasn't dictated by my illness but I try to hold in my tears because I know they are not going to get me anywhere. I'm more concerned about the people I shall leave behind. At the moment, I just concentrate on remaining strong and healthy," she says.

Anna will need all that health and strength next April. She's signed up to run in the 26.2 mile Paris marathon alongside 18 friends, supporters and family members. When she's not training for that epic run, she's out and about seeking sponsorship for running kit and out-of-pocket expenses.

December saw another major development in Anna's life. Boyfriend Andrew Bell asked Anna to marry him and she immediately said 'yes'. Wedding bells will be ringing for the couple at a venue in



### No Flicks in January

There will be NO JANUARY KIDZFLICKS at St. Clare's Church, we will resume monthly flicks for young people in February and will advertise the film to be shown nearer the time.

The Children's Team of the Parish of Aycliffe would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all who have come along to Cinema Club, SHINE Choir, Messy Church and Youth Groups and we hope to see you all (and more of you) in 2016.

We have great fun together and have lots of exciting things planned! Enjoy the New Year and the holiday time - with love and best wishes from us all.

## Film Show

January - the weather is depressing! So come and get cheered up!! The "feel good film show" at St Clare's Church, on Tuesday 12th January, features "Educating Rita" starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters.

A drunken, disillusioned University professor needs a challenge. A young married woman who doesn't want a child, she wants to "find herself" so joins the Open University. Often hilarious, sometimes moving but never dull, this is the film to banish the Winter blues.

Tea, coffee and juice will be served at 1pm, included in the £2 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.

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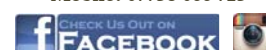
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We were delighted to hear from Gordon Howe, Swimathon Chairperson and learn that we have been nominated as one of the beneficiaries of Swimathon 2016 which will be held in the Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 8th May 2016

Liz and I are have thoroughly enjoyed our work with SSAFA, if you need our help in future Please contact Mrs. Susan Nixon, Divisional Secretary SSAFA (Sedgfield) Tel 0746 856 094

Brian Wilson

## DLI Closure Confusion

Dear Syd

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to Mr Alistair P G Welsh's and Mr Paul Redhead's letters in on the subject of the closure of the DLI museum.

My grandfather served in the DLI during WW1. He died at home shortly after the end of WW1 as a result of mustard gas poisoning in the trenches. My great uncle served in the DLI and lies in a Commonwealth war grave in Ypres, Belgium. My father and two uncles also served in the DLI. My father was gravely wounded in Normandy during WW2, but thankfully survived. He went on to serve as a Sergeant in 6DLI until the mid-1960s. He carried the burden of his wounds until the day he died. Both my brother and I followed in the family tradition and served in the Light Infantry. I served for 17 years, from 1977 to 1994. One thing I can assure the people of Aycliffe, and the wider County Durham, is that I do not hold any ex-Servicemen/women in contempt, especially those who may have served in the County Regiment.

Since the start of the Tory administration in 2000, Durham County Council (DCC) has seen savage year on year cuts in funding from central Government. By 2020 these cuts will have reached £290,000,000. DCC has had to make huge savings, reducing headcount and trimming back on services. Unfortunately, all budgets have been under ongoing review, including funding for the County's museums; Beamish, Killhope, Bowes, and the DLI.

At the December meeting of DCC, I did not vote for 'not to having a debate on the matter' of the closure of the DLI museum. I would like to explain that the constitution of the Council allows 30 minutes to discuss any notices of motion put forward by Councillors. On the day in question there were three notices of motion

on the agenda. The third of these was in relation to the DLI museum. The first of these notices of motion was to lobby the Government on their imposition of restrictions of unions and union members, a matter of national importance. A proposition was made on the floor of the Council to suspend standing orders to allow longer time for debate. I voted against this proposition. In doing so, I was mindful that a public Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting was scheduled the following day to discuss the future of the DLI museum and the DLI collection. Any member of the public and/or press can ask questions of the Council at such public meetings. I attended the scrutiny meeting the following day and asked a number of searching questions. During the meeting, a number of things became apparent:

- In recent years the DLI collection has outgrown its' home and storage space is critically restricted.
- Visitor numbers are reducing. Although many people have visited the DLI museum, not that many have been more than once.
- Colonel Ramsbotham, Chair of the Trustees of the DLI collection, and Army Museums Ogilby Trust, welcome the propositions that have been put forward for the future of the collection and this is seen as

an opportunity to revitalise and be fit for the future. The plans include a display area in the Palace Green Library and interactive, living displays in venues such as the Gala Theatre, where a much wider story can be told.

- A larger storage base has been found at the former Rothmans site in Spennymoor.
- There is no intention to split the collection up.
- Whilst the existing building will close, a new chapter in the history and story of the Regiment will begin.

- Communication on the subject of the DLI museum has been poor. Press releases on the subject have been edited, and in some cases, totally ignored. Sadly, this has fuelled contempt and criticism in some quarters. At the scrutiny meeting, a suggestion was made to create a lasting memorial on the Aykley Heads site. I have expressed an interest in being involved in any such project. Personally, I believe a memorial wall, similar to those at the National Arboretum, would be a very fitting tribute, bearing the names of the fallen of the Durham Light Infantry and its' antecedent Regiments, the Light Infantry and the Rifles, since the end of WW2. I would welcome readers' views on this subject.

Clr Jed Hillary, Aycliffe East

## WEST END STAR VISITS WOODHAM



Former Woodham Academy Student and West End performer, Nathan Elwick, was invited into school last week to speak to students who have a passion for singing, dancing and acting. Nathan Left Woodham Academy in 2010 and went on to study for a BTEC in Performing Arts at Newcastle College. After gaining his qualifications, he then moved to the capital to pursue his dream of performing on the big stage. After landing a place at renowned Arts Educational School (ArtsEd) in London, Nathan's career path began. One of his first musicals was Beauty and the Beast. Starring at Lumiere he said. 'This was a fantastic role to play and so much fun especially getting to work with flame throwers.' Now a Musical Theatre Graduate, the Newtonian is currently touring the UK with the cast of The Glenn

Miller Story. 'This has been my first real role and having the opportunity to work with such amazing talent has been fantastic and a great learning experience'. The students asked Nathan a variety of questions and they were given an insight into the routes he took his get to where he is today. He said: 'The music teachers at Woodham inspired me, they taught about films and plays to watch and brought out the performer in me.' Nathan finished his talk with students by adding, 'My advice to students wanting to go in to any performing role would be to always have passion, be a sponge and soak everything up, do your research and just keep learning.'

Before leaving, Nathan and Music teacher Mrs Taylor led an impromptu performance on the piano which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

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### ACORN Panto Outing

Little ACORNS and families enjoyed a fantastic show at the Gala theatre Durham where they were entertained by the brilliant Cinderella Pantomime.

J & C coaches supplied a 70 seat coach to transport children and adults to the magical event. At the theatre an excited crowd was busy buying fairy wands and tiaras to set the mood.

The sets in the show were brilliant and the performers didn't take long to draw the audience into an inspiring show. Always great to see kids enjoying a Panto but interspersed with those small shrill voices were many adults shouting too!

Arriving home tired, but happy, and everyone was given a selection box to take home and another successful outing for little ACORNS. Keith Lovejoy

## PUBLIC NOTICE BRITISH COAL COKING PLANTS DEADLINE - 24 APRIL 2016

The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Coal. Specifically:

- respiratory disease
- temporary exacerbation of asthma
- lung cancer
- squamous cell skin cancer

A closing date for the group register has been set by the Court as 24 April 2016.

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# NEW PLAN FOR ADULT DAY CARE

Proposals to change council-run adult day services are to be put before councillors. Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to agree a reorganisation of services that would result in the closure of 12 centres by September 2016. The proposals reflect significant changes to the way in which people choose day services, which has led to drop in demand for traditional council-run centres, as well as the need

to make £1.59m savings during 2016/17. Five centres from across the county would be retained in order to continue to offer specialist services to people with complex needs. Around 101 people would currently fall into this category. The five centres which would be used to deliver specialist day services would be Durham Pathways, Pity Me; Spennymoor Pathways,

Spennymoor Leisure Centre; Newton Aycliffe Pathways; Aycliffe Leisure Centre; Peterlee Pathways; and Stanley Pathways, Louisa Leisure Centre.

The 12 day services which would close are in Consett, Chester-le-Street, Crook Bishop Auckland, Annfield Plain, Spennymoor, Barnard Castle; Peterlee and Stanhope. All people who use the existing 17 centres, their carers and staff at the centres have been consulted on the proposals and their feedback is included in the report to Cabinet.

If the proposals are agreed those who use the 12 centres which will close would be supported in finding alternative provision to meet their needs in the independent and/or voluntary sector.

Many people, particularly younger adults, are already choosing these types of services. The growth in Direct Payments, which enables people to choose individual solutions to their own care needs, has also resulted in lower demand for traditional council-run centres.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Cabinet member for adult and health

services at Durham County Council, said: "It is important for us to recognise that increasingly people want to take more control over their own services and choose those which best meet their individual needs."

"Many younger people in particular are already choosing services in the community and independent sector, although we appreciate that there is still a need for the council to provide specialist services for people with complex needs."

"We also understand that for some people change can be very difficult and we have spent time consulting with people and their carers so that we can understand their views and help to find the right way forward for each individual."

We would continue to work with people and carers to help them understand their different options. We would look to organise taster sessions to help people make the right choice and, where necessary, would help to arrange gradual introductions to new services." Cabinet will discuss the proposals when they meet on January 13th at 10am at County Hall.

# WORK EXPERIENCE SPARKS SUCCESS



DISC trainee Kryran Harris carries out an insulation test with County Durham Housing Group electrician Joe Hunter

A teenager from Newton Aycliffe is the latest of nearly 90 young people to gain a "first class" work placement through a County Durham charity which aims to help people reach their full potential.

Kryran Harris, 16, who is a trainee on the Steps 4 Success course run by Northern communities charity DISC is enjoying life on a ten week work experience placement at County Durham Housing Group. He is trying his hand at a variety of trades including electrical work, plumbing and plastering. DISC Education Services was cited last year as providing "Outstanding education, care and skills" by Ofsted, which included Kryran's Steps 4 Success course.

The 45 week course aims to remove barriers to employment for young people who are disadvantaged and increase their self-esteem and motivation. In the last three years, 87 course trainees have been helped into work placements.

Rebecca Drummond, Employment Engagement Advisor at DISC, said: "I'm delighted for Kryran. When he joined the programme, he was unsure of what he wanted to do. We've worked with him to understand his strengths and interests and have secured a first class placement where he can have a taste of experiences in the construction trades with the aim of helping him identify a career path. "We are very careful where we place our students and do a lot of research to ensure they are supported throughout their working days."

Steven Brown, of County Durham Housing Group, said he was pleased by Kryran's dedication. Mr Brown said: "We're always looking for committed young people to come and work for our company, and we're happy to help local individuals understand just exactly what being a tradesperson involves."

"Kryran is willing to get stuck in and that's just the kind of enthusiasm we look forward to in an

# Broadband Connection

Dear Sir,

A recent letter in the Newton News complained about the poor broadband provision in Ryder Court. In fact this matter was brought to my attention in July, when I visited all the houses there, asking if there were any issues residents wished to raise with me. A number of people mentioned poor broadband reception and this was because Ryder Court was still connected to the main Aycliffe exchange, and not to a street cabinet (PCP).

I contacted Digital Durham, who – working with BT OpenReach – are charged with the task of upgrading internet services across the County. I am delighted to be able to tell you that, just before Christmas, BT OpenReach successfully connected Ryder Court and St Andrew's Court to Cabinet 23.

I have to thank BT OpenReach, but especially the officers at Digital Durham, whom I phoned every fortnight since July to enquire about progress, and who throughout treated me with patience, courtesy, and an unremitting enthusiasm to get the job done.

Cllr John D Clare (Aycliffe North & Middridge)

## Situations VACANT

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**Closing Date for Applications:**  
Noon on Friday 22nd January 2016

**Date of interviews:** Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Application packs can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700, e-mailing: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or from the Council website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk



## FORMER TOWN CENTRE STORE OPENS FACTORY SHOP



WJN Supplies (Grannies Choice) Factory Shop on Whinbank Road, Aycliffe Business Park is now open to the public, and would like to extend our thanks to the many faithful valued customers that have visited the factory shop since their move from the town centre.

In December they had a promotion on Dog Beds which was a great success selling out of products on the first weekend. They now have more stock and have extended the special offer on the medium bed at £5.99 and large fabric bed at £10.99 until the end of January.

The Gift Shop now has new Yankee Candle Display Cabinets with a large range of candles and gifts at bargain prices in their current Sale.

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Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

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## Situations VACANT

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#### The successful candidate will also have:

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## Help for J.A.M. Club



The JAM Club wish to thank Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary for their support over Christmas with gifts for the celebrations. Thank you also to "Malcolm" for arranging for Santa to be there to distribute the presents. Margaret, Trudy and Sylvia

## Town Youngsters in Panto



Steph Callaghan (Cinderella), Michael Taphouse (King), Chelsea Waites (Buttons) and Alex Cliff (Prince).

Tearaways Theatre Group are into their final rehearsals for their annual pantomime, "Cinderella" performed at Shildon Civic Hall on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, and Saturday 23rd, January, at 7-30pm. The final performance on Sunday 24th January at 2pm. Steph Callaghan stars in the main role as Cinderella, and her Prince Charming is ably played by Alex Cliff. Chelsea Waites is the hapless Buttons, and Lucy Wright is one half of the idiot comedy duo Pye and Peas. Erica Wood is the forgetful Fairy Godmother's Assistant, and you will be booing and hissing at the evil Lady Tremaine, Cinderella's Stepmother, played by Georgia Brown. Andrew Timmiss will be keeping a watchful eye on the lighting and sound. The show is full of something for all ages to enjoy, well known songs to sing along to, colourful costumes, silly jokes, etc. Along with the Tearaways members in this production are members from the TYKES young people's

group and the Spectrum Roller Skating Club. Book your seats now and avoid disappointment, then sit back and enjoy a traditional Family Pantomime. Tickets priced £5 Adults, £3 Children / Concessions, can be pre-booked by ringing 01325 313363 / 01388 774838 - [www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk](http://www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk)

## Aycliffe Marie Curie Group to be Formed

As we kick start the 2016 leap year, Marie Curie is looking for enthusiastic individuals raring to engage with the local community in Newton Aycliffe.

The charity are encouraging local people to join the Newton Aycliffe Fundraising Group and make a difference, all while meeting new people in the area, having fun and helping to secure the on-going support delivered by Marie Curie.

As a Fundraising Group Member volunteers will become a key component in a passionate team, devoted to raising crucial funds and as much awareness as possible.

With other group members, they will organise collections, fundraising events and other awareness activities. Fundraising Groups will also promote the work of the charity

and encourage support for Marie Curie within their local community.

Community Fundraiser Hayley Revell said: "Joining the Newton Aycliffe Fundraising Group is a wonderful way to play an important role in the work of a national charity at a local level, make new friendships and engage with your community

"We're really excited and it will make a huge difference locally by helping to raise awareness of the free care Marie Curie provides to people with terminal illnesses in the local area."

Anyone interested in joining the group to make a positive difference to the work of Marie Curie in Newton Aycliffe can contact Community Fundraiser Hayley Revell on 0191 219 1242 or at [hayley.revell@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:hayley.revell@mariecurie.org.uk)

## YOBS SPOIL SANTA TOUR

Following his tour of Great Aycliffe on Christmas Eve, SANTA would like to say (on behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council) a huge thank you to all his volunteer helpers for their time and support; to Newton Press for publishing his routes; to Aycliffe Fabrications and Trevor Burn Fencing for the use of their 'Santa Sleighs'; to all those who came out to greet him despite the weather, and for the cash donations which raised £155.00 for the Mayor's Charities.

While the Santa tours were generally well received by most residents, unfortunately a minority decided to throw half full cans at the vehicles which could have caused injury to the volunteers, forcing them to leave the area.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year - see you next Christmas!

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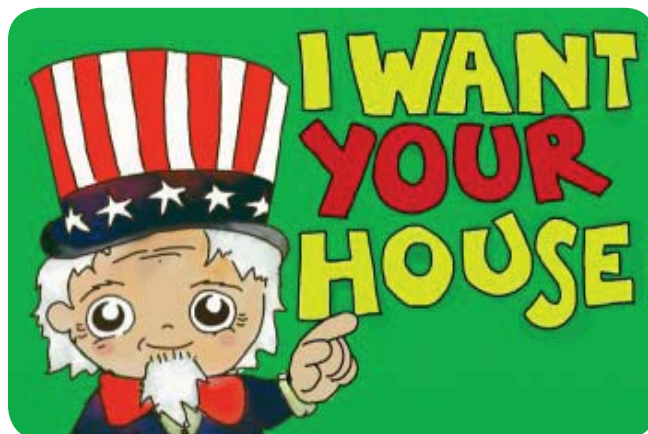
Come along from 3.30pm onwards to register in the foyer of St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a collection plate on hand for donations to Messy Church. Messy Church is fun, friendly and informal - you may be planning a baptism this year and we warmly invite you to come along and find out how this Family Church can help you prepare for that or you may simply want to spend some quality time with your children and be part of a very different kind of church. We look forward to seeing you all! xx

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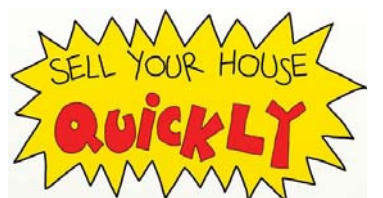


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## Newton News Founder in New Year Honours List



Syd Howarth, founder of Aycliffe's weekly newspaper Newton News has been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to the community.

Syd moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1963 to start the new town's first printing business and it wasn't long before Newton Press took over the local monthly magazine and gave the town its own newspaper, claiming to be the first ever free news sheet, financed entirely by advertisers and delivered free to every household.

Syd said: "The town was in its infancy and the people accepted me and my young family with open arms. We adopted Newton Aycliffe as our home along with other

pioneering entrepreneurs who recognised Aycliffe's potential. The townspeople and local businesses gave me good support, helping Newton Press expand its services.

"I recall in the first months in business having difficulty opening an account with a paper company who were doubtful about supplying and giving credit to a new business with no references. A director of a town furniture shop heard of my problem and immediately stood as a guarantor. My bank manager gave me the capital I needed for new machinery without security. This was the level of community spirit and support in the new town where everyone supported

each other".

Syd has been a member of many town organisations serving as an officer or committee member. He was a member of the Round Table and has been a Rotarian for over 33 years. He was honoured to be elected as Rotary International District Governor for the North East in 2004-5.

It is as an Aycliffe Rotarian that he spearheaded many projects notably the Nature Park behind Tallents which he acquired from the owners of the Industrial Estate and brokered the ownership being transferred to the Town Council. Two other prominent achievements were the new War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church and the refurbishment of the Blue Bridge, welcome sign and benches.

Syd commented: "One of my guiding principles has been to give something back to the community which gave me, my family and my employees a living. I love my town and support it fully in every way possible. The Newton News has given residents a voice, and by reflecting public opinion in its columns has actively influenced decision making in our locality. Syd has turned down two previous nominations for an award, being a critic of the system, but this time it was sprung on him, and because it was initiated by family and friends felt he could not refuse the honour they bestowed.

"I may receive the insignia from Royalty, but I accept the award from my family and those in the community who have been so kind to recognise my work for Aycliffe. I thank everyone who has phoned, sent text messages and posted facebook messages. I have been overwhelmed by the reaction to being awarded the MBE and will wear it with pride" said Syd.



## NATIONAL HONOUR

Dear Editor,

I wanted to say a huge congratulations to you on being awarded the MBE which is very well deserved. The range of ways you have contributed to the community is very wide, but I wanted to say a particular thank you for your work in creating better opportunities for the town's young people. Growing up in Newton Aycliffe, I was lucky enough to be involved in the Interact Club you were instrumental in setting up.

I saw first-hand your commitment to young people through Interact, the Youth Centre and through your regional leadership of Rotary. Over the years,

your commitment to these projects and many others, has given me and other young Newtonians fantastic opportunities we would never otherwise have had. Throughout this, you've given your time with modesty, kindness and unstinting good humour. Your tireless service to the community is a credit to our town and I'm absolutely delighted that your outstanding work has been recognised with a national honour.

**Alan Strickland**  
*Former Newton Aycliffe resident, now Councillor and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, London Borough of Haringey*

## Warm, Well & Safe!

With the start of wintry weather, people in County Durham are being urged to stay warm, well and safe. Durham County Council is reminding everyone that online resources are available at [www.durham.gov.uk/warmandwell](http://www.durham.gov.uk/warmandwell) to ensure no one is left out in the cold this winter.

As well as advice on staying healthy and looking after elderly or vulnerable neighbours, there's also information on coping with the snow and ice. This includes everything from finding out the location of your nearest salt bin to making sure your car is ready for winter as well as tips for driving in wintry conditions.

There's also guidance on how to make sure your home is warm and energy efficient including information about the Government's Warm Homes Discount Scheme, whereby energy companies must offer extra help to their most vulnerable customers with a possible one off rebate of £140 on energy bills, to those who qualify.

Cllr Eddie Tomlinson, Durham County Council's cabinet member for assets, strategic housing and rural issues said: "With the winter weather well and truly underway we'd like to remind everyone that a range of advice and information is available on our website to keep people warm, well and safe."



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### COUNCIL

- My report on Wednesday 16 December's Cabinet meeting: [bit.ly/DCCCabDec15](http://bit.ly/DCCCabDec15)
- My report on the VERY important DCC Economy Scrutiny meeting, 21 December: [bit.ly/DCCEcSDec15](http://bit.ly/DCCEcSDec15) – Poverty, welfare changes, regeneration, Business Durham.
- My summary of the government's devolution proposal on which you will be asked to vote next week: [bit.ly/NNJCNECA](http://bit.ly/NNJCNECA)
- The closing date for comments on DCC's budget consultation is 12 January: [bit.ly/DCCBudgetJan15](http://bit.ly/DCCBudgetJan15)
- Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership AAP's December newsletter: [bit.ly/GAMPDec15](http://bit.ly/GAMPDec15)
- Members of GAMP have been asked to comment on the refreshes of DCC's Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy ([bit.ly/DCCJHWS16-19](http://bit.ly/DCCJHWS16-19)) and its Children, Young People & Families Plan ([bit.ly/DCCCYFP16-19](http://bit.ly/DCCCYFP16-19)); deadline for feedback to [paula.stockport@durham.gov.uk](mailto:paula.stockport@durham.gov.uk) is Friday 29 January.
- The DCC Adult Learning Spring Learning Guide is out: [bit.ly/DCCALSpring2016](http://bit.ly/DCCALSpring2016)

### COMMUNITY

- New legislation makes 'coercive or controlling' domestic abuse a crime punishable by up to five years in prison.
- December newsletter from PCC Ron Hogg: [bit.ly/PCCDec15](http://bit.ly/PCCDec15)
- NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – December Newsletter: [bit.ly/DDESDec2015](http://bit.ly/DDESDec2015)
- An exhibition about Anne Frank will open to the public in Greenfield Arts Centre, 7-27 January.
- January is 'Dry January' – have you accepted the 31-day challenge: [www.dryjanuary.org.uk/impact-calculator/](http://www.dryjanuary.org.uk/impact-calculator/)
- Healthwatch County Durham – January 2016 e-bulletin: [bit.ly/HWCDJan16](http://bit.ly/HWCDJan16)
- The Community Peer Mentor project aims to support those suffering from anti-social behaviour or neighbourhood disputes, perceived or real. Could you help: [bit.ly/PCCPeer](http://bit.ly/PCCPeer)
- Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support Group: self-esteem issues in children, Wednesday 13th January 2016, 7-8:30pm, at the Tree Tops, Eldon Road, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6UL – Tel: 01325 304 411
- Friends of S&DR meeting, Thursday 14th January, at 6.30pm in the Lady Starmer Room, St, Cuthbert's Church Hall, Market Place, Darlington.

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# PCP CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES New Year Musing



PCP held a festive day on the 18th of December to celebrate the contributions of groups in the Pioneering Care Centre. More than 50 carers, volunteers, staff and Board members attended the Carol Service, led by the House of Eden nursery and the Options group. The audience were treated to a selection of classic Christmas carols, with the Options group signing "Jingle Bells" and finishing off with a rendition of "We wish you a Merry Christmas". Santa also came along for the day to attend old and young alike.

Following the Carol Service, PCP volunteers took part in the volunteer Christmas party. Lots of fun was had by the twenty dedicated volunteers, who enjoyed a Christmas word search, bingo and a festive buffet.

PCP would like to thank all its volunteers, Options members and tenants for their contributions to our community in Newton Aycliffe. We hope you have enjoyed a very happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming old and new friends in 2016!

Contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Tel: 01325 321234. Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

Website: [www.pcp.uk.net](http://www.pcp.uk.net).  
Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Dear Sir,  
I awoke on a dark and wet New Year's morning feeling a little befuddled possibly as a result of over imbibing whisky. Gathering my thoughts over my 3rd cuppa tea I heard something come through my letterbox and discovered a leaflet from the Labour controlled County Council entitled "Giving you your say".

Having read the leaflet a second time I felt very misinformed. Can someone please enlighten me as to why we need two extra layers of government i.e. a Mayor's office and an expensive super council with all the extra administration and expense that incurs? Someone it appears is going to get a massive salary financed by you and I.

Of course there is a big difference between asking for your opinion and actually acting upon your wishes as this is only a consultation exercise designed so that the powers that be can then blame the public if it turns out to be an expensive white elephant. Perhaps someone can explain what benefits this expensive super council will bring to the hard pressed ratepayer who are also being forced to swallow a reduced Police force and longer waiting times in our hospitals whilst our County Council sits on a massive treasure chest...

It occurs to me that those same councillors who shed crocodile tears about the closing of local authority care homes, cuts to and council staff/police/firefighters

and nurses are now proposing the creation of another two layers of administration.

Did anyone else note that Labour has announced candidacies for the posts of Police and Crime Commissioners? Labour policy is to remove these offices so is this not a little cynical? I am sure Ron Hogg has done his best to help the elected government with their austerity measures, saving money by reducing officers to the point where it is rare to see policemen on our streets. He is devolving traffic problems to county council officers and suggesting we ignore some drug use and the anti-social effects of this by disregarding parts of the law which are not agreeable to them. Cannabis use and sale is still illegal presumably.

The bridge connecting Whinlatter Place to West Park has still not been replaced after it was taken away for repair last year. Initial response was to close the right of way to save money. A 400 name petition was raised by local people to save the bridge given to Durham County Council along with £millions to maintain the bridge and other assets upon the demise of Sedgfield Borough Council. Residents of Ashfield will recall that DCC promised to repair the road through Ashfield which leads to West Park in 2015. I now wonder if it will be repaired in 2016?

Happy New Year to all residents of Newton Aycliffe and let's look forward to a happy 2016  
Ken Robson

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## West Ward Independent Candidate Needed

Dear Sir,  
At last we have an Independent candidate standing at the next election for the West Ward. Ken Robson will, with your support, join the other independent councillors and by doing so will add another independent elected voice for the residents of this ward. With the current numbers of elected independent councillors it is difficult to oppose or sway policy or decisions that the large Labour Party push through or rubber stamp. Often this type of decision is pre-agreed at Labour Group meetings on the Monday night before the Wednesday meetings. By voting for another independent councillor in Ken Robson you will be helping to add a valued independent voice to the council and also strengthening and adding weight to the other elected independent councillors whose views are often swept aside simply based on the

huge majority of the Labour councillors. Ken will fight for the rights of each individual resident and family without a political agenda political direction or Party line. There are a number of independent candidates of which Ken is one – who have attended a number of council meetings as members of the public over the past months – it is clear from the conversations I have had that Ken did not agree with what was happening regarding the dominance of the larger group, and as such has taken the decision to stand as an Independent Candidate at the next election. I hope that the people of the WEST Ward will support this fresh and non-political candidate in his efforts to develop and better the West Ward.  
**Alderman George Gray**  
West Ward  
Independent Councillor

## Labour Announces By-Election Candidate

The Labour Party has announced that its candidate in the forthcoming West Ward by-election will be Peter Davies, of 41 Ashfield, Newton Aycliffe. Peter grew up in Newton Aycliffe and attended Greenfield School, before going on to achieve an honours degree from Northumbria University. He then trained to be a teacher at Newton Aycliffe's own outstanding Durham SCITT facility, before gaining a job locally. He is an active member of the local community, working with young people on a daily basis, and intends to campaign for the development of opportunities for them. Peter has always felt proud to come from and work in Newton Aycliffe, a town



unique in our country's history. His aim will be to protect the great things the town has to offer, and to drive development to make it even better. Announcing Peter's candidacy, Labour Party Branch Secretary Vince Crosby confirmed that the selection had been a unanimous decision of the West Ward members. "Mr Davies is Aycliffe born and bred. At the selection meeting he showed himself very knowledgeable on social issues and the things that affect the Town".

Bob Fleming, Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, also supported the announcement – "Peter is intelligent, enthusiastic and hardworking. For the past two years he has attended Town Council meetings and meetings of the Town Council Labour Member's Group and therefore is not new to council activities. I believe Peter is the type of young man who will help to drive our town forward in the future".

And County Councillor John D Clare – formerly deputy headteacher at Greenfield School – was proud to add his support for a former pupil: "Peter was a star student at Greenfield – a perfect mixture of ability, perseverance and social awareness. I really hope he is elected, because he will be a fabulous councillor in the years to come". Peter has been a member of the Labour Party for five years, and says it is because he steadfastly believes the words on his membership card: 'By the strength of our common endeavour we achieve more than we achieve alone'. "I have seen the damage first hand that the Tories are inflicting on our community, and I know the Labour Party is the party of hope", he says.

## Councillors' Surgeries

### Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 9th January from 11am - 12 noon.

## SHOP STAFF

Dear Sir,  
I would like to pay tribute to the staff in all our Town Centre shops who always have a very helpful attitude and it is nice to meet such pleasant people. Sadly I left my purse in one of the shops I visited over the Christmas period and did not miss it until a few days later.

There wasn't much in it and I haven't been round to check if it has been handed in and I have only myself to blame.

It is a small grey purse with a snap top and if you found it please ring me on 01325 316225.

Mrs M. Hutchins

## Raising Aspirations

On Wednesday 16th December 2015, some students from Woodham Academy had the opportunity to visit Teesside University for the day.

It was organised by the North East Raising Aspirations group who are working with all of the universities in the North East of England: Teesside, Sunderland, Northumbria, Newcastle and Durham, to raise awareness of opportunities and support that university can offer to all students.

The students had a choice from different workshops including art, animation, media and textiles and mixed with students from other schools in the North East. A superb lunch was provided in the Student Union which was enjoyed by all.

The students, and staff, thoroughly enjoyed the experience, learned new skills and made new friends. It was a great opportunity for the students to visit a university and hopefully inspire them to work hard, maximise their potential and go onto university in the future.

## ACORN January Meeting

Popular local residents Association ACORN will be holding their January meeting in the upstairs lounge of the Phoenix Club on Thursday January 14th.

Beginning with the fun junior section little ACORNS at 5.30 pm where plans will be discussed for the coming year including the ever popular annual Petting Zoo and reflecting back on the exciting visit to the Gala Theatre to see Cinderella.

At 6pm the main ACORN meeting begins where local issues are discussed. Meetings of ACORN are usually attended by interested community partners including Police, County Councillors, Town Councillors and representatives from livin.

Lively debate is encouraged but attacks on individuals prohibited, we seek to inform and encourage involvement in the society in which we live

giving a voice to the public in an amusing interactive group. ACORN are often found to be leading the way with protests and campaigning, also many of our members take part in training sessions such as first aid, food handling, governance and trusteeship. ACORN are a very proactive group with events such as Easter Egg Hunts, Petting Zoo, animal inspired fun days, and parties for Halloween etc., already being planned for this year. ACORN also arrange outings to educational establishments and seaside trips throughout the year.

ACORN events and outings are often featured on our Facebook page

We welcome new members to come along and get involved with our activities that are helping to build a more inclusive community.

Ken Robson

## STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

Election of a Town Councillor  
**WEST WARD**  
**OF GREAT AYCLIFFE PARISH**

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Town Councillor for West Ward.

**DAVIES Peter Lewis**  
41 Ashfield, Newton Aycliffe  
Labour Party

**ROBSON Ken**  
35 Priestman Road, Newton Aycliffe  
Independent

The election will take place on Thursday, 21st January 2016.

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 20th January 2016**

### 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.  
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It is pleasing to note the Mayor's Civic Ball will be held there in February, bringing this prestigious evening back onto the town. Hopefully this will attract more people and help the Mayor's chosen charities.



## Report from the Front Line



This is the first column from myself – T/Inspector Mark Edwards, for 2016 and I would like to start by wishing everyone a very happy new year and hope that you all had a festive Christmas. As I type this it's the first week of January and it's back to business as usual (the mince-pies are already a distant memory!).

We're experiencing some pretty horrendous weather at the moment with all of this rainfall and from a Policing perspective we are seeing a number of road traffic collisions as a result. Please take extra care when driving, don't attempt to drive through long stretches of flood water (especially where there are warning signs advising against such action!), and keep your distances from the vehicle in front. Wet road surfaces do not make for ideal driving conditions – and even worse for sudden braking manoeuvres.

For those who follow the Neighbourhood Police Team's Facebook page you may have seen a post from 30th December 2015 where the NPT announced a forthcoming 'POP IN PACT' session that will be held in the Town Centre on 20th January between 2 pm and 5 pm. Further details will be announced closer to the time but this session is aimed at giving local residents the opportunity to 'pop in' and speak to members of the

team – possibly in-between shopping, about any issues they may be having or to get some crime prevention advice. The forum will take place at the former 'Select' Unit.

Between 4.30pm on Monday 4th January 2016 and 7.30 am on Tuesday 5th unknown person/s have entered a house on Greathead Crescent – believed via the rear door, and taken a set of vehicle keys for a white 5 door Hyundai I10 which they have then stolen. This is what we call a '2 in 1' burglary. On Tuesday afternoon the same vehicle was located by Police on Kings Drive in the town with minor damage found to it. Newton Aycliffe CID are appealing for any witnesses or for anyone with information to come forward to assist with the investigation and can be contacted via 101, or via the Neighbourhood Police Team's Facebook/Twitter pages quoting reference number DHM-05012016-0072.

Between 1030 pm on Tuesday 5th January 2016 and 0750 am on Wednesday 6th a black Peugeot 107 was broken into on Oakfield where the suspect has forced entry by smashing the front passenger window. A £5 note was stolen from the centre console. You will recall perhaps from previous columns that I have outlined some simple measures to help deter opportunist criminals from carrying out acts of this nature – I will again reiterate, do not leave items on display in your vehicles! If you have any information relating to this crime, the reference number is DHM-06012016-0052.

That's all for now, until next time. Stay safe.

**Mark J Edwards**  
Neighbourhood Inspector

## Junior Football Report

The wet weather had led to various postponements recently so it was great for a few of the Newton Aycliffe Juniors teams to be guaranteed some game time at the Alun Armstrong Sports Centre in their Christmas tournaments held over the 27th and 28th December. One team also managed to play their scheduled league fixture on 3rd January.

The Under 7's fielded two teams for their tournament. Both teams had a series of games in the group stages, the 'Blues' got off to a great start with a 6-2 win against St Mary's Aces. Following this they were beaten by the eventual tournament winners, Montague Blues. They then won 3-2 against St Mary's Jacks before drawing 2-2 with the North Yorkshire Academy side and finishing off with a defeat against Kader FC. The 'Reds' were the other under 7 team involved and had a hard time against strong opposition initially against the other team from the North Yorkshire Academy and then facing Foundation of Light, St Mary's Kings and Spennymoor.

The Under 8's enjoyed four games and despite drawing with St Mary's Aces they had tough tasks assigned when playing Middleton Rangers, Darlington All Stars and the North Yorkshire side. Ultimately they were not on this occasion able to progress beyond the group stage of the tournament. It was the Under 9's who played their scheduled league game against Barnard Castle, unfortunately it was not a good day at the office. Five goals were conceded and the lack of training over the festive period and loss of recent games due to the weather was apparent in the performance.

The Under 10's had both of their teams on show at the Alun Armstrong Centre, the Russell Foster league side

had nine players to rotate around their group games in this 5 a side format. They started well with a 2-2 draw against Barnard Castle and a 3-1 win over Spennymoor Tigers. Two defeats then came up when they played Leven and North Yorkshire before they finished off with a 5-1 win against Spraire Lads 'Reds', Taylor scoring all five goals in their final game.

The Under 10 TJFA side enjoyed more success and navigated their group with five successive victories. First up they came off 2-0 winners against Spraire Lads 'Yellows' before three unanswered goals led them to a win against Barnard Castle. Spennymoor Lions were the first side to score a goal against the Aycliffe outfit but the game ended 2-1 to the Juniors. Crook Town then were defeated 3-0 and finally Leven 'Barca' got a late goal but the game ended 3-1 to Aycliffe.

Progression to the semi-final was secured and a great performance provided a 3-0 win against the North Yorkshire Academy team. The final was a repeat of the summer tournament finale with the Juniors facing Leven. It was Leven's day and they won a keenly fought

game 2-1 so the Aycliffe side finished the day as runners up.

It was a great tournament weekend for our teams and huge thanks to the hosts at Alun Armstrong Sports Centre. The TJFA Under 10 side came close to repeating their summer tournament victory at the same venue and their 17 goals were scored by Lucas (5), Charlie (4), Zack (4), Jake (2) and Jacob (2). Harry and Chloe were superb in defence with Thomas showing fine form in goal such that only four goals were conceded.

Another fine achievement for the club at the end of 2015 was when Jack Slatcher won the 'unsung hero' award following a poll on the facebook site Grassroots Football. Jack is a highly valued volunteer at our club who leads the coaching of our development section for 4-7 year olds as well as the Under 8's team alongside their manager Abi Steel. These commitments are combined with playing for the Under 23 side, referring games, a university course and part time work. This award is great recognition of the effort Jack puts in to his roles within the club – well done and very well deserved Jack.

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## Local Student in Final Downton Episode

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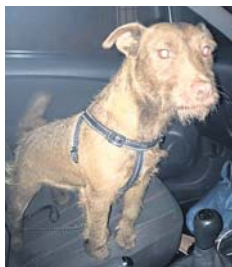
# Council to Consult on Review of Youth Services

Councillors are to be asked to launch a consultation seeking parents' and children's views on the future of Durham County Council's youth service.

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Across the county the council funds a range of activities, groups and youth centres - but where that support goes has been based on historic agreements and not where it could have the most benefit.

Now, following a review of the service, proposals are being put forward that would see money and resources targeted towards helping more young people at risk of poor outcomes who need extra help. Overall it is hoped they would lead to improved school attendance and grades, and fewer exclusions; fewer young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET); fewer referrals to children's services; and fewer teenage pregnancies.

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The council's Cabinet will discuss the proposals when they meet next week, on Wednesday 13 January, at 10am.

Carole Payne, Durham County Council's head of children's services, said: "Across County Durham there are nearly 18,000 children living in areas that are among the most deprived in the country. "Yet currently, despite prioritising and protecting youth services for as long as possible, the service is in regular contact with only 7 per cent of all young people and 9 per cent of those in the most deprived areas. "Other authorities in the North East have cut their budgets for youth services, in some cases by over 70 per cent, while Durham has reduced its funding by less than one fifth.

"However, with continued budget pressures we face some difficult decisions and it is important that we ensure every penny we spend has the greatest benefit.

"With this in mind a review of youth services has been carried out and a series of proposals have been drafted that would see a new approach introduced to identify and help the young people and families who would gain the most from our support. "No decisions have yet been made. The results of the review will be presented to the council's cabinet on January 13 and, subject to approval, the recommendations it contains would be put out for a full 12 week public consultation beginning in February."

In County Durham there are 17,987 13 to 19-year-olds living in households in areas that are among the top 30 per cent most deprived in the country. There are also 7,670 children from homes whose income is at least 60 per cent below the national average.

Only 9 per cent of young people from the least well off areas have regular contact with the council's youth service.

It is believed that - despite the council having to find £1m of savings from its £8.67m One Point budget - the service can have a bigger impact by redistributing funding across the service's 10 areas, and targeting services to young people who need them most.

The consultation is also looking at the funding given to more than 50 youth projects through the Youth Work Support Grant.

Currently groups receive grants ranging from £430 to £27,768, but again this is based on what each organisation historically received and not on where needs are greatest. In 2015/16 the budget for the Youth Work Support

Grant is £194,684, but after meeting savings targets that will be reduced to £138,000. It is proposed to reassess where grants are made, and to transfer control of this funding to the council's Area Action Partnerships, which are better placed to identify local priorities.

As well as this, discussions are already underway over the possibility of transferring youth centres in Fishburn, Newton Aycliffe, Peterlee, Seaham, Spennymoor and Stanley to community ownership through the Durham ASK programme.

No decisions have yet been made, and subject to agreement, a public consultation on the plans would run from 1 February to 27 April 2016.

Following feedback from that consultation, final proposals could then be developed and presented to cabinet in autumn 2016.

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**KAY CATMULL** thanks Susan & Paul Cook and all our girls for my "Surprise 60th Party", all who attended and all the gifts and cards. Mam Delia Stout for being Mam. I had the Best night ever and I love you all xxxxxx

# Stiller Marks £13m Turnover with further £125k Investment

Aycliffe firm Stiller Warehousing & Distribution is marking the end of a strong financial year, with turnover up 23% to £13m with the family firm investing £125,000 in five new trailers. Stillers provide cost-effective warehousing and distribution services to businesses in our region as well as commercial property lettings. It's also a member and major shareholder in Palletline, a national network of 70 companies.

Stiller's turnover by the end of its financial year in December is up from £10m in 2014. It comes after the company has made significant investments in facilities, equipment and people in recent years.

The workforce has grown from 100 in 2012 to 140 today. Earlier this year, the firm spent £1.1m on a new 40,000 sq ft, 5,000-pallet warehouse, increasing by nearly 50% its capacity to 200,000 sq ft.

A year ago, Stiller invested in a fleet of 12 new vehicles, including two 12-tonne vehicles, two urban trailers and four long double-deck trailers. This latest £125,000 spend takes the company's overall investment in the last two years to more than £5.7m.



Stiller Warehousing and Distribution commercial manager Matthew Stiller (left) with site and fleet manager Herbie Blaser next to one of the firm's five new trailers.

Photo: Chris Booth.

Commercial Manager Matthew Stiller said: "We have had a good strong financial result with turnover increasing and profitability to back it up. We've been putting a lot of money back into the company over the last four years, and that investment is coming good. "I believe customers take comfort knowing their supplier is performing well and investing back into facilities, vehicles and equipment."

Stiller's five new trailers are made by Tiger Trailers, based in Cheshire. They're 13.6-metre, straight-frame trailers built to a German standard.

Matthew added: "They're an

industry workhorse and the specification also requires a much stronger than ordinary body and curtain side of the trailer. Should they be involved in an accident, they will restrain goods meaning road users will be safer.

"We feel it's important to continually invest in the best equipment as we're already seeing a return on previous outlays keeping us at the forefront of the distribution market."

Stiller's store goods for companies all over the UK as well as local firms Gestamp Tallent and 3M. Its overnight Palletline operation handles more than 1,600 pallets every day, carrying goods ranging from food stuffs and packing to cookware, building cladding and shopping trollies.

But Stiller has also been boosted with extra business from Royal Mail this month in the build-up to Christmas. Matthew added: "The Royal Mail has their own fleet of vehicles but they bring in external companies to deal with the Christmas rush.

"We've had a few of our vehicles out on the road moving Christmas cards for the Royal Mail, which is on top of all of the other work we already have on our books, so it's been a good way for us to round off what's been an excellent year for the company."

## In Memoriam

### Shane Smith

10th January 2015.

They say that time's a healer, but as the time goes on, we seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you've gone.

Today it's the anniversary of the day you went away, and we are standing here at your graveside and believe us when we say, "you will never be forgotten and every year we will shed a tear, but it's only because we love you and wish you were still here".

Never forgotten - R.I.P. Stephen, Ryan, Michelle, Sheniece, Reece and Buster xxxxxxxx

### Shane Smith

In loving memory of our precious Son, died 10th January 2015.

One year has passed since we had to part, we love you Son with all our hearts. Not a day goes by we don't think about you and miss you so much.

You were taken from us far too soon. Till we meet again.

Love you always, Mam and Dad xx

### Doreen Mathison



6th January 2015

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part.

God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Treasured memories of a precious Wife, Mam and Grandma. God bless till we meet again.

## Congratulations

ROUTLEDGE 13th January 2016. Happy 18th birthday J. Love P xxxx

### Christie Monk



**Happy 16th Birthday**  
Lots and lots of love from Mum, Dad and all the family xxxxxxxx

### Macy Alice Cane



**Happy Birthday**  
11th January 2003

**A teenager at last!**

Love from Nanna, Grandad, Mum, Dad, Josh, Lewis, Rebecca.

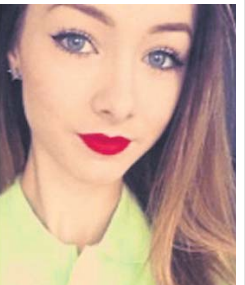
A special happy birthday to Macy from Emelia xxxxxxxx

### Hannah Pearson



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
29th December 2015  
May all your wishes come true. Love from Mam, Dad and Joshua xxx

### Taryn Louise Edgson



**Happy 18th Birthday Princess**  
7th January 2016  
Love always, Mick and Mam xxxxxxxx

### Look who's 18!



**Taryn Louise Edgson**  
Happy 18th Birthday Big Sis.  
Love from Kyla and the boys xxxxx

## For Sale



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Roxy is a 7 years old Staffordshire Bull Terrier Crossbreed who sadly through no fault of her own has been brought back to the Darlington Rehoming Centre. Roxy originally arrived at the centre seven Christmas' ago as an unwanted puppy.

Roxy spent her Christmas at the centre last year and all the staff gave her lots of cuddles and presents that our kind supporters had donated over the Christmas period.

Roxy's carers hope that she finds a home after the festive season as she loves being around people and prefers her home comforts. Roxy would be suitable to live with a family with children over 8 years old and may be suitable to live with a compatible dog.

Can you make 2016 pawfect for Roxy?

If so, please visit Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm and closed on Wednesdays.

To find out more, please call 01325 333114 and speak to one of Roxy's carers.

## Christmas Wishes

**Happy and Prosperous  
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### SEASONAL GREETINGS

to all our many friends,  
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## Acknowledgement

**SYLVIA PEDELTY** of Biscop Crescent, passed away on 20th December 2015. The family of the late Sylvia wish to thank all relatives, neighbours and friends for the flowers, cards and kindness given on the loss of a very dear Wife, Mother and friend to many over the years. Thanks to Revd. Chris Pearson, David Scott and staff at the Co-op FuneralCare at this sad time.

## Obituary

**HARNESS**, John Richard of Woodham, passed away peacefully in hospital on December 25th, aged 82 years. Beloved Husband of Margaret; much loved Dad of Elizabeth, Richard and Jane; loving Grandad and Great Grandad. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday, 12th January at 1:00pm

**NORA HUNT** of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully at home with family present on 21st December, aged 85 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Peter; dearly loved Mam to Peter, Denise, Paul, Cathleen and Ann; also a treasured Nanna Nora, Great Nanna and Great Great Nanna. Nora will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral Service to take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 11th January at 11.45am. Followed by Burial at Stephenson Way Cemetery.

**ARNOLD DAWSON**, (Alan) of Newton Aycliffe, died suddenly at home on 29th December, aged 73 years. Deeply loved Husband of Ruth; Father; beloved Step-Father, Grandpa, Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle and friend to many. Funeral will take place at St. Michael's Church, Heighington at 1.00pm on Thursday 14th January followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Will friends please accept this, the only intimation.

**SANDRA LOGAN** 11th March 1946 to 24th December 2015. Passed away peacefully at home. Beloved Wife of Peter; loving Mother to Owen and Julie; devoted Nana to Gabrielle and Sallyann. Funeral at Wear Valley Crematorium on 13th January 2016 at 11.00am, the afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club

**ISOBEL NEWTON** Passed away peacefully on 23rd December in her 90th year. Much loved Mam, Nana and Great Grandma. Will be sadly missed.

**PRISCILLA HOLEHOUSE** (Cilla). Sadly passed away on 28th December 2015. Loving Wife of Philip; Mother to Amanda, Angela, Philip and Marc; guardian to Bailey; Sister to Michael and Gillian. You will always be in our thoughts. Service to be held at St Patrick's Church, Kimberley Road, Nuthall, Nottingham NG16 1BT on 13th January 2016 at 11.15am

## Birthday Remembrance

**GRACE HEDLEY** 12th January. Happy birthday Mam. Love and miss you today and every day. Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxxxxx

**NOAH HARRY WHARTON PEART** Happy birthday little man. All our love and kisses from Nana and Grandad

**NOAH HARRY WHARTON PEART** 12-1-2007. Not a day goes by without a thought of you, our beautiful baby boy. We love and miss you so much. Forever yours, Mammy and Daddy and little Sisters Morgan and Annabelle xxxx

**NOAH HARRY WHARTON PEART** 12-1-2007. A very special Grandson. Loved and remembered every day. Love, Grandma xxxx

**DORIS ICETON** 11th January 1919. Sending you all my love Mam on your 87th birthday. Sharon xxx - Thinking of you Nana on your birthday. All my love, Stephen xxxxx

**ANN MCLUCKIE** Dear Ann, 13th January. The gates of Heaven opened, the angels lined up side by side. A special guest is on her way, the day they took our Ann away. Much loved by Mam, Tony and family



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## Running Club News



Conditions were good for the latest race in the Stockton Winter Trail series over 5K, which was held at Preston Park.

Aycliffe veterans once again did exceptionally well with many achieving first place in their age categories. However, Mark Wade was first home for the club in 2nd position in the excellent time of 18:50, followed by Peter Milburn, 11th in 20:40, 1st M/55 and Graham Atkins, 19th in 21:35. Next to cross the line was Matt Heron, 28th in 21:57, followed by Steve Smith, 33rd in 22:12 and Michelle Scott who was first female finisher for the club, 36th in 22:23. John Burnside was next finisher, 46th in 22:50 and 1st M/60, followed by Alan Wilks, 58th in 23:30, 1st M/65 and Michelle Zamir, 59th in 23:32. Michelle Jane was next over the line, 62nd in

23:38, followed by Dave Blewitt, 75th in 24:11 and Trevor Needham, 76th in 24:14. Peter Smith was next to cross the line, 79th in 24:23, followed by Sandra Collins, 89th in 25:06, 1st F/50 and Susan Milburn, 107th in 25:51 and 1st F/55. Finally Dave Mackenzie finished 189th in 31:45. Only one of our members took part in the 8 mile Poultry Run at Loftus. This is a Christmas themed race with generous prizes of poultry and festive hampers. Out of over 450 runners Clare Rose finished 221st in the time of 70:13. In the Saltwell Park 10K Trish Kay finished 258th out of over 400 runners in the time of 53mins. Circuit training sessions are held Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm; Non-members welcome. For details, visit ayclifferunningclub.org.uk

## MORE YOUTHY SUCCESS

Not for the first time this season the weather was unkind to us with literally a handful of football to report. What action that took place was a good win for the Under 11 Eagles who managed a reversed fixture v Billingham Synthonia just to get a game. The boys made hard work of the 1st half by forgetting the basics. By hook and by crook they took a half time lead of 3-0 with Brennan Fitzpatrick bagging himself a hat trick. Not happy with the football, a half-time team talk was a reminder of the basics, "pass & move". Eventually after 15 minutes into the half the penny finally dropped and the football was awesome and with this, more goals came from some very good passages of play. Leo Umudi, Calum Whitfield and Alfie Backhouse all getting themselves a goal each. The lads ran out 6-0 winners and whilst doing so hopefully learned that team work is important. Well done all. Georgie Johnson gained the deserved MOTM award with a very steady performance. Huge thanks to Billingham for getting the game on and accepting our request to reverse the fixture. The 'silver lining' was trophies and medals for the ever impressive Under 11 Girls, who travelled to Birtley during the holiday period and won the Lucozade Powerleague Soccerdome



Tournament- in fine style. This was followed up by the Under 11 Eagles who triumphed in the Winter Tournament at the Alun Armstrong Centre. A great performance by the boys, who remained unbeaten - not

bad considering they hadn't had a game in over 7 weeks. Well done everyone, Happy New Year to all involved with Newton Aycliffe Youth FC and roll on some decent weather!

## 100% Record to Protect

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club wish everyone a Happy New Year for 2016. Now that the festive holidays are over the season restarts this Saturday at home to Jarrovians kick off 2:15pm Although Aycliffe are sitting comfortably at the top of the division there will be no complacency setting in for the 2nd half of the season. Aycliffe will hope to continue the run of success they have done so far. With a 100% win record to protect. They welcome new friends and supporters to come down and watch the home matches at Moore Lane. There is no charge for watching and supporters can use the facilities of Newton Aycliffe Sports club. There are welcoming bars and toilet facilities for all supporters, friends and family. As well as live sports shown on several TV's in the club. Anybody fancy joining the club as a player, there is always room, as there is a 2nd team up and running who

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## Newtonian Could be in 2016 Olympics

Scott Carpenter 27 of Sedgefield Water Polo Club based at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, who started playing the game at 5 years old, has achieved much in his Water Polo career, totally transcending the amateur game in this country.

For the past 4 years he has been a professional player in Australia with the Victoria Tigers in Melbourne and has rave reviews for his play despite being injury hit over the last two years. He led the Tigers to the National League double in 2013 and became the first foreign player to do this as captain. He was targeted by Australian water polo to be fast tracked through the citizenship process in just two years instead of the usual 4/5 years, so hopefully if injuries allow he is now available to play in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Scott was picked to play against Japan in a 3 test series in November for Australia in Sydney but was forced to withdraw due to illness.

Fortunately still not fit he was picked to play against Olympic silver medallists Italy in December when he



made a very encouraging debut for Australia with a 10-9 win and Scott managed 2 goals.

Scott still holds all the goal-scoring records in GB for Junior and Senior polo and played over 100 times for GB. Famously despite the coaches and players desperate for him to play in the Olympics in London in 2012 for GB he was ruled out because he had based himself in Australia instead of Europe by UK Sport. Scott was also a professional player in Barcelona for a year and has turned down offers from all of Europe's top leagues because of the lucrative offer from Australia.

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