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## Double Honour for Aycliffe Cancer Campaigner

Cancer victim and brain tumour research campaigner Anna Swabey is to be made an honorary member of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club and nominated for a top UK citizenship award. Twenty-four-year-old Anna, who lives in Aycliffe, has been honoured for her work in supporting people with brain tumours, raising awareness of the disease, and fund-raising to enable more research into the cause of brain cancers. As well as becoming the youngest member of Newton



Anna (right) with Mayor Mary Dalton and her son Michael who invited Anna to speak at the Rotary Club meeting.

Aycliffe Club, Anna has also been nominated for a UK Rotary Young Citizen of the Year award which could win her a substantial sum for her chosen cancer research charity.

A delighted Anna (pictured above with Mayor Mary Dalton and Mayoral consort Michael Dalton) said "I feel so proud that the Rotarians think I deserve such recognition."

Anna is currently battling an aggressive brain tumour. A little over a year ago,

she was given as little as three months to live – three years at the most. But she brushed aside the nightmare effects of two major brain operations and months of still-ongoing radiotherapy and chemotherapy and launched an all-out national campaign to raise awareness of brain tumours, to support victims of the disease and to generate cash for more brain tumour research.

Anna began to write a regular blog and her fund-raising projects have already generated over £40,000. She made such an impression on the powers-that-be that she was invited to London to meet members of the government's new Petitions Committee to share her views on the action needed to tackle the scourge of brain tumours.

This week, she learned that the online government petition to gain greater

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An old industrial tool room once part of a World War II munitions factory has been transformed into a modern events venue. ROF 59 activity centre has spent more than £20,000 creating a new party room at its premises on Aycliffe Business Park.

The building was home to Presswork Metals which manufactured parts for the automotive industry until it closed in 2004. In the 1940s it was part of the Royal Ordnance Factory site producing bombs and bullets for the war effort.

Owners of the new ROF 59 activities complex – which includes a trampoline park, climbing walls and restaurant – have completed the conversion of the old tool to a multi-functional venue for parties.

Pensioner Vera Stobbs, an original 'Aycliffe Angel' who worked at the munitions factory during the war, was one of the first to sample the new party room when she celebrated her granddaughter's 40th birthday there.



ROF 59 business development manager Kim Fryer outside the new party room.



"I think it's just wonderful!" said the 91-year-old. It's amazing to see what was part of the old munitions factory now being used as a place to celebrate happy

times – it's unrecognisable compared to the place I used to call work more than 70 years ago." Vera's granddaughter Emma Fielding says she

was blown away by the room's transformation. She said: "When I was initially shown the room it resembled a vacant, industrial factory, but ROF 59 helped me visualise what the room could look like and how we could bring it to life. Once I had decided a colour theme business development manager Kim Fryer and I got to work on what I wanted for the big night.

"Kim used her contacts to secure me an LED dance floor, poser tables and mood lighting along with a DJ and band and agreed the menu for the evening. She dressed the room on the day of the party.

"I hadn't seen the decorated room prior to my arrival and when I walked through the door I was blown away by how classy it looked. It delivered a massive wow factor and my family and friends couldn't believe a venue of such quality could be found in Newton Aycliffe. "The party was more than a success and the food was first class. I would highly recommend ROF 59 as an event venue for anyone planning a party."

Kim Fryer, who held similar roles at Auckland Castle and the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, now has ambitious plans to host a range of functions at the new site including weddings, birthday parties and charity nights.

"The possibilities are endless," says Kim, from Birmingham and who has more than 20 years' experience in the hospitality industry. "I've worked at some stunning places and hosted many special events over the years and ROF 59 is another uniquely historical venue which can now cater for any kind of event".

ROF 59, on Durham Way South, opened last August after a £1.1m investment creating 30 new jobs. For all ROF 59 enquiries call 01325 728222 or email hello@rof59.co.uk

# LOCAL BUSINESS LEADER AWARDED MBE

Ruth Lowbridge received an MBE for her Services to Entrepreneurs and UK business by the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 4th February. Ruth is a local business woman, whose company, SFEDI, was up until recently based in Newton Aycliffe and employed many local people. Ruth has been involved with small, local businesses in Newton Aycliffe, over the last decade.

Born in 1953 and brought up at Hartlepool Headland, the pursuit of entrepreneurial success has been a defining feature of Ruth's entire life. Her mother, Mary Pattie, was a determined business woman who ran a successful boarding house for ten years and then went on to establish and run a baby linen and wool shop for many years. Having replicated her mother's self-reliance and commitment to entrepreneurial innovation throughout her working life, Ruth took to the helm of SFEDI, the Sector Skills Organisation for enterprise and business support, taking over just over ten years ago. She said: "I feel very honoured to receive this award in recognition of my work, which I couldn't possibly have done or continue to do without the support of my wonderful family and the whole of the SFEDI team. Inspired by my mother, I have always strived to encourage new and existing small and micro business owners to make the most of themselves by developing their enterprising skills."

Ruth's early career saw her working with some of the UK's most disenfranchised communities to promote and facilitate skills training amongst young people. She also worked with pre-release prisoners to improve their potential for successful re-entry into society through training and employment. Over the years, Ruth has run a number of successful ventures including a bistro, a conference centre, a software company and a training consultancy. Today, she brings that vast wealth of experience and insight to her driving passion – helping others to fulfil their entrepreneurial potential. As someone from a relatively modest Hartlepool

background, the SFEDI Group Chair described herself as 'humbled' by the Honour, which came as a complete surprise to her: "I'm extremely proud and humbled to be recognised in this way. When I received the offer letter, I actually thought that they must have mistaken me for someone much more important! However, it does prove that with the right support and determination anything is possible - who could have guessed that the girl with the school report



that always said 'could do better' actually would!"

# Double Honour for Cancer Campaigner

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funding for brain tumour research had attracted more than 100,000 signatures and, as a direct result, Parliament would now debate the matter. Anna has hailed the result as "an incredible step forward and an amazing development for democracy". "Whatever happens it will be too late for me but others might benefit," she says. Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club President Denise Cartwright commented: "Anna made a tremendous impression when she came and talked to us about her campaign. She deserves all the support she can

get because she is a truly remarkable person." Footnote: Anna is currently working hard to support the 16-strong team of runners who will be supporting her fund-raising campaign for brain tumour research by competing in the Paris marathon. Anna originally planned to join them but was forced to withdraw on medical advice. To the delight of everyone in her life, however, Anna is now equally busy working on another major project – planning her wedding in the North East later this year to boyfriend Andrew Bell.

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**Co. Durham Friendship Force Celebrate 30th Anniversary**



Friendship Force of Co Durham at Woodham Golf Club last week

Clubs are spread worldwide and ambassadors share inter club exchanges where people stay with hosts and learn so much of the culture and other aspects of their individual countries. Durham is hosting fifteen people from Moscow in April and in August they will be visiting the Limburg region of Belgium. They also have local social occasions and in March seventeen members are going to Bournemouth for a weekend visit. President Cynthia Scott said: "Over the years members have spent time in virtually every area of the world - one of my best experiences was two weeks living in the homes of two families in different regions of Japan travelling between them on the Bullet Train which was another experience". The club offers the opportunity to travel, especially suitable for people who are on their own, then have the security of travelling as a group. The Friendship Force International was started by President Carter. If anyone is interested and would like further information please contact The President Cynthia Scott on 01325 313055 <http://www.friendshipforce.org/>

**In - Out? Shake it all About!**

Dear Sir, MP Phil Wilson is one of two spokespersons for Labour on the subject of Europe and is representing the views of a political Party in a cross party matter. It is his job to debate the matter and said that it is for the 'Out Campaign' to give a vision of the future. This is what I have done in my letter last week (from my individual viewpoint). In all debates there is a right to reply and readers have a right to know the truth about Hitachi's views on the Referendum. I provided an e-mail quote from them which shows they are

ambivalent. Phil Wilson persists in insinuating that they support 'Remaining in'! Probably Hitachi do not want to be involved in the discussion on either side. However, having read Phil Wilson's article their PR Department clearly considered that their (ambivalent/neutral) stance was being misrepresented by Phill Wilson. Alastair Welsh. **Editor:** The referendum will be prominent in the minds of all in the near future so we invite readers to submit their views on this topic.

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Working with Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) the Chairman is encouraging people to nominate 'young people' and 'individuals for voluntary effort' or 'outstanding charitable organisations' from your local AAP area for the Chairman's Medal Award.

CLlr Blakey (Chairman), said: "I am certain we will have many outstanding entries to be considered for both categories".

"We have some wonderful

young people throughout the county who richly deserve recognition for the selfless work they do - work that very often goes unnoticed, but is so vital to the individuals or communities it helps".

The awards will take place in May 2016 and the closing date for nominations is Monday 14 March 2016. You can download nomination forms and guidance through this link:

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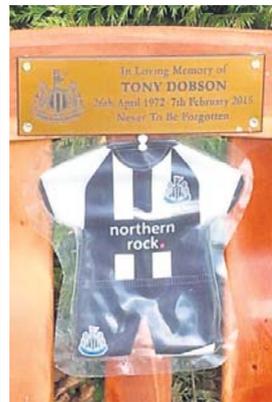
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## Grave Theft at Newton Aycliffe Cemetery

The wife and family of the late Tony Dobson who died in February 2015, aged 42, are in a state of shock following the removal of memorabilia stolen from his grave.

Tony was a very keen Newcastle United fan and there were two items on his grave, a replica shirt and a "Way Aye" Man. The shirt was stolen in December and the doll around the 2nd February. It is hard to believe anyone could be so horrible to commit such thefts from a grave, but this does happen now and again.

However just before we went to print the family informed us the doll had



been returned to the grave and we can only assume the thief had a change of heart.

If you have information and know the whereabouts of the shirt or see suspicious characters in the cemetery please inform the Police on 101.

## Aycliffe Firm to Maintain Darlington Rugby Grounds

Darlington Mowden Park is delighted to announce its new partnership with Beaumont Grounds Maintenance. The three year deal will see the family-run business become the club's official grounds maintenance partner, supporting the upkeep of training pitches and landscaping at the Northern Echo Arena site.

Last year, Aycliffe based Beaumont celebrated its 50th year in business and its cutting-edge services are now contracted at more than 150 different sites.

Beaumont's managing director, Alexander Lineton, is excited to be expanding the business' portfolio of work and is proud to be working with the rugby club. He said: "We are delighted with our new partnership with Mowden Park. The club are very forward thinking with their ambitions and community led values, both which align exceptionally well with our own."

"Over the past year we have expanded our client base with more commercial contracts and we are in talks with a number of schools across the North East and Yorkshire, so 2016 is already looking like a great year for us."

Beaumont has also secured a contract with Dadds Brown LLP - a property management company based in Middlesbrough - where it carries out grounds maintenance services on its properties.

The company prides itself on providing sports and commercial grounds maintenance and landscaping across the region and is always looking for ways to develop its services for its clients.

Alexander added: "Everyone at Beaumont is looking forward to becoming part of the Mowden family and supporting the club's remarkable journey."

"The feedback from the New Zealand All Blacks has proven the site has world class potential and it will give us a fantastic location to showcase our standards of work."

Lee Rust, managing director of Darlington Mowden Park, is thrilled to have such an



experienced team working on the grounds and is looking forward to seeing the partnership develop. He said: "The Northern Echo Arena now encompasses nearly 40 acres of infrastructure with grounds and multiple pitches."

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## Aycliffe Dancers Perform at Sunderland

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# Bring Your Teddy to St. Clare's Church

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Each person will receive a naming certificate for their special friend. We will have sand and water play, footprint painting, candle decorating, play-doh and pasta heart pictures to create and take home.

Ending with a party tea of sandwiches, crisps and cake with drinks for everyone to enjoy. Come along to register from 3.30pm with Messy beginning at 4pm.

There will be a donation plate at the back of church. Please get in touch with Helen McCormick 01325 319002 for any more information.



# Exciting Rotary Exhibition to Aid Disabled Youngsters



Railway Modellers from far across the North of England will be bringing their layouts to the seventh annual exhibition organised by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe to be held at the Youth Centre, Burn Lane Newton Aycliffe (opposite Tesco) on Saturday 19th March 2016

Nineteen layouts have been confirmed in a variety of scales from "n" to "1" depicting railways from Great Britain and Europe and from Edwardian splendour to modern image. A special visitor will be a "Thomas the Tank Engine" layout.

The exhibition also has attracted ten trade stands and presentations from three preservation societies.



One of the top quality model railways on display

Doors open at 1000hrs. Refreshments will be available all day and there will be a tombola, free car parking and full disabled

access will be provided. Entry is £4 for adults, 50p for accompanied children and £3 for concessions.

"With less than two months still to go, it's clear that our next exhibition could well be one of our biggest and best yet" said Rotarian John Burrows this week.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the "Heel and Toe" charity caring for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy across County Durham and Darlington.

Further information is from John Burrows 07870-210269 E:jandeburrows@gmail.com

# Report from the Front Line



## APPEALS

Over the weekend there has been a couple of dwelling burglaries in Newton Aycliffe. At around 7.40 pm on the evening of Saturday 6th February 2016 suspects have entered a house in Welbury Grove and moved items around in the hallway before leaving empty handed. It is possible that they have been disturbed by the presence of dogs in the premises. Between midnight that same evening and 11 am in Dudley Drive there has been what we in the business call a 'sneak in' where unknown persons have entered a house that was insecure and stolen property from within – namely a purse and wallet. The purse was subsequently found near to The Burn, in the Humphrey Close area.

It is fair to assume that these crimes are connected given the similarities in circumstances and the close time-frames between both. Newton Aycliffe Police are therefore appealing for anyone who may have information that could assist the progression of the investigations to come forward – anonymously if preferred, and contact us via 101 or through private messaging to the Newton Aycliffe Police Facebook page.

The common denominator in both of these crimes is that doors were left unlocked providing the perfect means for opportunist thieves to ply their trade. Whether you are at home or not please keep your doors locked.

We have also seen a slight surge in the occurrence of vehicle crime in the town – particularly overnight between Tuesday 2nd February into Wednesday 3rd February 2016. At around 11.15 pm two males were disturbed tampering with the fuel cap of a black Ford Focus on Whitworth Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park.

They made off from the scene but left behind a silver Vauxhall Corsa that was found to have been stolen from the Langley Moor area in late January. This vehicle was displaying registration plates which had been stolen from another vehicle in Linden Place earlier on Tuesday evening. The vehicle has been recovered and forensic exploration continues. Likewise, any information pertaining to these crimes is sought and the Neighbourhood Policing Team will treat any received in the strictest of confidence – our reference for these incidents is SK1600352.

## POP IN PACT

It seems all doom and gloom doesn't it. Our POP IN PACT's continue and the next forum for the Town centre will be on Thursday the 3rd March in the usual unit utilised by the NPT. On the 8th March there will be a POP IN PACT at Woodham Community Centre. Just as the name suggests these events are there for anyone wanting to simply 'pop in' and chat with members of the Neighbourhood Team in relation to any issues they may be experiencing. Details of these and other events can be found on the Durham Constabulary website – simply navigate to the Newton Aycliffe area from the 'Your Neighbourhood' tab.

There will be a new PCSO joining the NPT in the near future and details will be published closer to the time.

So that's where we are. Until next time - Stay Safe!

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## COUNCIL

- My report on DCC's Environment Scrutiny meeting of 7 February – DCC's Flood Risk Management: bit.ly/DCCES7216
- County Durham's record on recycling is far from rubbish! bit.ly/DCCRecycling2015
- QUESTION – If DCC has £200 million in reserves why are they not using them to avoid making cuts? bit.ly/DCCRVc
- Latest roadworks information: bit.ly/Roadworks5Feb
- Last week's report from our MEP: bit.ly/JKD7Feb

## COMMUNITY

- A better answer to financial problems than payday lenders? NEFIRST Credit Union: bit.ly/NEFIRST216
  - Check4Life is aimed at 40-74 year-olds – book a health check at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre: phone 03000 266446
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  - UTC South Durham 'Girls Into Engineering' event, 10am-12noon, 16 February – no boys, no parents: bit.ly/UTC16Feb
  - PACT meetings: Aycliffe Village 10:30am, 13 February; RocSolid 6pm, 17 February
  - Citizens' Advice Drop-In session (as part of Advice in County Durham week): Friday 19 February, 10am-1pm, 2 Pease Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 5NH
  - Half-term activities in Aycliffe: bit.ly/DCCHTFeb16
  - Family fun day at Durham County Record Office: Friday 19 February, 9.30am-12.30pm – FREE, but children must be accompanied by a parent or carer: bit.ly/DCCROFeb2016
  - Christians on the Left – 'Just War' debate on Trident, St Chad's Durham, 26 February, 7pm: bit.ly/JustWar26Feb
- And for your diary:
- Something for all ages to celebrate St Cuthbert's Day at Durham Cathedral, 16-19 March: bit.ly/DurCath16-19March
  - Newton Aycliffe Jobs Fair, 24 March, 9am-12.30pm at the Youth & Community Centre.

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Aycliffe Village



The Pioneering Care Centre is being refurbished during February including completely replacing the striking Mall floor that has been admired for over sixteen years.  
The Pioneering Care Centre has been open for 17 years providing a valuable resource and healthy living centre for local people and helping services to be delivered in the community.  
As with any centre it is important to maintain the facilities to a high standard and therefore PCP's Board have approved a refurbishment programme, including major works such as relaying the Mall floor.  
Due to the extensive work

being undertaken, the Centre will close for two weeks from Monday 15th February until Monday 29th February.  
PCP apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause, but from a health and safety perspective it will be impossible for clients and the public to access the building during this period. The close down period has been kept to a minimum to cause as little disruption as possible and alternative arrangements to deliver support have been made where possible.  
All members of the community are warmly invited to attend the launch party for the new

refurbished Centre in early March, with a showcase of activities and services on offer. Further details will be announced in the Newton News shortly.  
For more information of the work being done or any of the activities run in the Pioneering Care Centre, please contact Reception on 01325 321234.  
For further information 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  
Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

# Celebrating Musical Skills



On Friday 5th February, St. Mary's School held a "Celebration of Music" Assembly. All classes had been learning to play instruments from drums to glockenspiels to recorders and practicing a range of music from nursery rhymes, pop and jazz.  
Our school hall was packed as parents and grandparents joined the celebration and the children showcased their musical skills.  
Reception sang 'Animal Fair' with percussion; Year 1 sang an echo song 'Hey You!' and improvised with percussion during a musical interlude. Year 2 played 'Mary had a Little Lamb' on the recorder and Year 3 accompanied DeeCee's Blues as they learned to play the glockenspiel. Year 4 sang 'Mama Mia' and accompanied themselves on glockenspiel for the chorus. Year 5 played recorder to a piece of jazz music, composing their own pieces in small groups to show off their composing

skills, understanding of rhythm, and introduction to music notation. Year 6 also accompanied a piece of jazz on glockenspiel and percussion.  
Everyone applauded the children on their performances and complimented them on their musical talents and skills. 'I

loved all the different music' said one parent, 'Great to see everyone has the potential to become a musician' said another.  
It was a great way to showcase the wonderful music in school which gives the children such a broad appreciation of all musical genres. 'Lovely Assembly'.

# BLUEBELL COMMUNITY HUB HELPS FLOOD VICTIMS



The Bluebell Hub Centre held an event last week in aid of flood victims. It was well supported with tombola, raffle, sales from the knitting group, homemade cakes, scones and handmade jewellery. £417 was raised and an application for a matching fund has been made.  
The Hub at Bluebell Way runs a weekly Knit and Natter club every Monday 1.30 to 3.00pm and Bingo every Thursday 2.00pm to 4.00pm.  
A Breathe Well Group and Lunch Club meets every first and third Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 1.00pm (people with long term health issues eligible).  
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# AGM of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association

The Annual General Meeting of GARA will take place on TUESDAY 15th March 2016 starting at 7.00pm at SIMPASTURE COURT. Refreshments and biscuits will be available. Parking available in the Iron Horse Car Park across the road.  
The Officers and Committee are standing for re-election but the posts are open for nominations which should be submitted to the Secretary by Tuesday 8th March.  
County and Town Councillors are welcome and the meeting is open to the public (Residents of Great Aycliffe). Each Residents' Association is automatically entitled to one voting representative, as is any other organisation and body on the Town. Anyone, Committee or members of the public who wishes items to be considered for the Agenda should inform the Secretary Cllr Arun M Chandran,  
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the chefs of Jesmond Dene House and also treated to fabulous entertainment from the National Youth Choir. The event will incorporate the opportunity to take part in a special raffle, with one of the prizes on offer being a two hour pastry experience at the luxurious Jesmond Dene House.

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and Managing Director of Rivergreen Developments, will explain the state-of-the-art features that have been incorporated in this environmentally friendly building, which is home to the National Youth Choir, the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham and the new Registry Office for Durham.

All proceeds will go towards the work of County Durham Community Foundation which provides grants to community groups and individuals within County Durham and Darlington, making a genuine difference to the lives of local people. Tickets are priced at £17.50 per person if booked by Valentine's Day and £19.50 if booked after this date. This would also be a fantastic present for Mother's Day, which falls the previous week and vouchers for this are available upon request. To purchase tickets please contact Sarah Cauwood on 0191 378 6353 or email Sarah@cdcf.org.uk

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# Grand Finale to CDCF 20th Year

County Durham Community Foundation is ending its 20th Anniversary on a high as it appoints four experienced trustees, distributes its review of the last twenty years and reflects on a successful year of celebration and achievement.

The four new trustees will be able to help the Foundation shape the future, building on the success and impact of the last two decades through grants of almost £30 million. The Community Foundation has also produced a review of the last 20 years of charitable giving across County Durham and Darlington which they will distribute over the coming weeks. Ray Hudson is Deputy Vice Chancellor and Professor of Geography at Durham University. He joined the university in 1972 and has since occupied a variety of posts there. His main research interests are in economic geography and regional development and he has published widely on these topics and his research has been recognised by a number of awards. As a result of his research, he has served as a Special Advisor to the House of Commons Select Committee on coalfields regeneration and as Expert Advisor to the Audit Commission in its evaluation of coalfield regeneration programmes. He continues to be actively involved in economic development activities in north east England and in developing the university's involvement in the economic and social regeneration of the region.

County Durham Community Foundation works closely with the University in a number of areas and therefore it is a natural fit for Ray to become more involved and provide expertise as a trustee.

Lesley Fairclough has worked at Ward Hadaway for 25 years, becoming a Partner in 1999. Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1992, Lesley has worked in the Commercial Property team dealing with all aspects of commercial property work, but in particular development work acting for both landowner and developer.

Lesley is from Durham and still lives in the county and is delighted to be carrying on family involvement with the Community Foundation as her father and mother are long term supporters of the charity.

Colin Fyfe, Chief Executive of Darlington Building Society since 2014 was born in Larkhall, Scotland. On starting his career he joined Clydesdale Bank, part of the National Australia Group. He continued to work for National Australia Bank Group for 29 years across many different areas of the business, in the UK and Australia.

Since joining Darlington Building Society Colin has spent time becoming actively involved in the local community and, as Darlington Building Society hold a number of funds with the Community Foundation, he soon became involved, putting his expertise and enthusiasm to good use on their Audit Committee.

Brian Manning started a career in Construction in 1973 as a Trainee Civil Engineering Technician. He joined Lumsden & Carroll Construction as General Manager in 1990. Lumsden



& Carroll became a founder member of Esh Holdings in 1999 and Brian became Group Managing Director and is now Esh Group Chief Executive.

Esh Group operates across the North of England and Scotland in Construction and Property with turnover in 2014 of circa £275m. CSR or "Added Value" as Esh describe it is at the heart of the organisation. Brian is actively involved in the communities in which they work and holds a number of positions outside of the Group. Becoming a trustee with not only cements the relationship between the two organisations, but also means that Brian will be able to bring a number of important skills.

Mark I'Anson, Chairman of County Durham Community Foundation said:

"Being able to welcome four such knowledgeable and experienced trustees to our Board is a fantastic end to our year of celebration. The expertise they bring will not only complement our current skill set but will also undoubtedly enable them to make a positive contribution to our continued success."

County Durham Community Foundation is governed by a board of trustees made up of a wide range of professionals who either live, work or have an interest in County Durham and Darlington, including members from the public, private and voluntary sectors. The Board is responsible for the development, implementation, and management of the organisation's strategy. They also appoint working groups and sub-committees to manage specific activities where necessary and appropriate.

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Over the course of the morning the students developed their demonstration and communication skills and learned to take instructions. The primary students rotated around each activity on a carousel basis, gaining points for their school team based on their individual performances. After the points were carefully

calculated, medals and certificates were given out at the end of the event to recognise achievement and sporting contribution.

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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings  
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Wednesday 24th February 2016

**Environment Committee**  
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7.15pm

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## Busy Weekend for Aycliffe Juniors



With games from Under 7's through to Under 23's it was a busy footballing weekend for Aycliffe Juniors.

The Under 7's played on Saturday so braved some wet conditions, the players though were outstanding and showed off skills they practiced in training to win their game against Shildon Youth. The 5-0 win was provided with goals from Harrison (2), Ashton, Lewis and Harry. Special mention goes to Lewis whose goal was fantastic from long range and Megan who made her debut for the team in this game.

The Under 8's had been busy raising funds recently with their Park Run in Darlington (pictured). This weekend on the pitch they faced Darlington All Stars on the 3G surface at Sunnydale. Jayden showed great technique to volley in the first goal. Rhys added the second before half time and Aycliffe were well on top.

All Stars halved the lead before Lucas made a great save to keep the game at 2-1. Rhys though scored from two free kicks to complete a hat trick and give a 4-1 lead. The last five minutes though were not the best for the home team and they conceded four goals to lose 5-4. All Stars remained dominant in the second goal and Niall's goal was a consolation in a 6-1 defeat. The games men of the match were Jayden Bowes and Jayden Leaver for their strong performances.

The Under 9's were also at home to face Billingham Hornets, they started brightly and Lewis finished off a good passing move with a nice turn and finish to open up a lead. Aycliffe dominated the first half and were still 1-0 up at half time. The visitors came back at Aycliffe but strong defence players of the match Cody and Kier thwarted their efforts and Aycliffe won 1-0.

The Under 10's Russell Foster league side played against Bowburn Youth Bees at Monkton in wet conditions. Aycliffe dominated the first half and Herbie, in goal, had little to do. In the second half Taylor and Evan were dominating the game and it was Taylor's opportunistic strike that gave Aycliffe a 1-0 lead. Herbie was awarded man of the match after making a superb one handed save in the dying minutes to keep the score at 1-0 and earn Aycliffe the win.

The Under 12's travelled to play Hartlepool based Saxon Juniors. Despite a good opening five minutes they could not get the first goal and then against the run of play Saxon scored. The home team added two further goals and Aycliffe were in trouble at 3-0 down.

The visitors stuck to the task in hand and Adam reduced the Saxons lead to 3-1 when he scored before the break. The determined response from Aycliffe continued and Adam got his second before Dylan levelled the game at 3-3. Dylan then followed Adam's lead and scored his second to cap off a great comeback and seal a 4-3 win. Man of the match was Jamie who worked hard and chased every ball, but everyone played their part in a memorable win.

The Under 14's were beaten away at South Park Rangers. They conceded the first goal but got in front 2-1 before the performance level dropped and the home team came up with the goods to win 6-3. Nick and Jayden were the best players for Aycliffe on this occasion.

Both Under 18 teams were in the goals as the Reds won 8-2 against Northallerton Juniors and the Blacks scored an amazing thirteen goals to win 13-1 away at Thirsk Falcons, both sides doing their goal differences a power of good!

The Under 23's faced a tough home game against West Auckland. They went behind before Oliver equalised and the game was poised at 1-1. The rest of the first half belonged to West who opened up a 4-1 lead.

The half time talk went well though and goals from Martin, via the penalty spot, and Oughton put Aycliffe in a good position with only the one goal deficit at 4-3. The game was then sadly abandoned as one of the West players badly injured his ankle and could not be moved whilst an ambulance was called. It was a sad way to end the game and all at Aycliffe Juniors wish the player a speedy recovery. Lewis Martin was named man of the match for the home team.

## GOLF CAPTAIN FROM AYCLIFFE CHOOSES TO HELP GNAAS



Brancepeth Castle Golf Club has donated £13,500 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). The service which last year rescued more than 800 patients was the club captain's chosen charity of the year.

Captain Steve Rose, from Newton Aycliffe, handed the funds to Harriet Langston of GNAAS from money raised through golf competitions.

Steve said: "My wife Julie and I chose GNAAS as we both believe that it is a great cause and vital to keep the aircraft flying. I would very much like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the charity in so many ways during the year. I have loved it. It's been fantastic."

The aircraft was called to the golf club in June 2013 after a woman collapsed while on the course. The charity relies on public donations for funding to survive and needs to raise £4.5m every year.

Miss Langston said: "They have raised a staggering amount and we could not continue to do what we do without support such as this. I believe it has been one of the club's most successful years of fundraising which is a credit to Steve."

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Susan Milburn was hot on Cyd's heels in a time of 26:58 and Susan Clark in 36:22 respectively. Ray Todd was the only male member of the club to participate, coming first place in the veteran over 75 category in a remarkable 38:10 beating his opponent by 7 minutes. Ray continues to be an inspiration to all members of our club and we are proud of his achievements.

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Darlington fighter was also attending the gym at the same time. The former International Boxing Bantamweight Champion was more than happy to speak to the Boxing students about his career and offer tips and advice on health, training and

development. Mr Clough, PE Teacher, said: 'It was fantastic for the students to be able to meet a professional. They loved watching him train and I think it has really inspired them to have that same determination and drive for a career.'

# Heighington Juniors Football Report

**Under 8s**  
Heighington maintained their 100% league record at home to Billingham Juniors this week winning the first game 6-1. A Hat-Trick from Man of the match Jay Bulch, 2 from Captain Joe Neild and a thunderous Free kick from Thomas Graham put the game to bed before Billingham grabbed a late consolation. The second game was more of the same, with Heighington running out 8-1 Winners. An incredible double Hat-Trick from Tyler Woodward, one of which was a great run followed by a rocket of a strike which crashed straight in to the top corner, put Heighington in cruise control before Neild and Graham bagged a goal a piece. Heighington face a tricky trip to Leven next week

**Under 15s**  
Heighington U15's welcomed the top division leaders Richmond Royals, in the quarter final of the Challenge Cup, on what was an extremely windy day. The pitch was soft and muddy which made it very tricky to play on as well. Richmond chose to play with the wind in the first half and they capitalise right when slack defending caught the home side out and made it 1-0. Although the wind was influencing the play, which at times was like an assault on the Heighington goal, and the home side had to rely upon some great saves from Timmy Furphy, and shot stopping from the defence in front of him, to keep the score at 1-0. Heighington did have their chances, with Max Errington Coates heading over from close range. In the second half Heighington utilised the wind in the early exchanges, and drew level when Lucas Thompson finished neatly. At this stage it was becoming an onslaught on the Richmond goal, and it was very much against the run of play when Richmond were awarded a penalty which they converted. Again Heighington came back, and within a minute had levelled after a great run from Sam Thompson, found James Le Poidevin, who drilled it home. The match was an enthralling battle, and Richmond would take the lead after sloppy defending from the home side. This spurred on the home side, and a 30yard screamer from Todd Steed levelled it mid way through the second half. Due to the heavy pitch both teams were running on empty and it was unfortunate when I speculative cross caught out the home side, who failed to keep the ball out the net. Richmond added a 5th close to the final whistle, but what a match it was, amongst the best I've witnessed from this group of players, and we were also missing key players in Jamie Stapleton and top scorer Adam Scott who's out for 3 months as a result of a serious injury.

So a big well done from the coaching team to all of you today, and MOM was a difficult choice, but Broden Forster, probably just edged it, as he never let the left winger get down that flank for the majority of the match...Jim, Mark and Sean Stannard

# Aycliffe Salon Sponsors Under 7's Football Team



Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club's youngest team, the Under 7 Eagles, have gained a kind, local Sponsor for the Season ahead. Whilst providing exceptional hairdressing, within the Town Centre, the Owner has brushed aside her usual business, momentarily, to support the Town's young footballers. Heads Up hairdressing Salon, in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, have kindly purchased, Winter Training jackets, for the young footballers, which will keep them warm and see them maintaining their impressive results, whilst competing in the current league, played at Durham City FC ground, on the outskirts of Durham. The Eagles are currently playing in the under 7 Russell Foster Winter League, which combines mixed teams of boys & girls, playing other teams, within that age

group, from across the County. Heads Up Owner Natalie Bage, kindly offered to purchase the equipment for the children, in an attempt to assist with the Wintery conditions encountered as the children played their Matches on the outdoor 3G facility, in all

weathers. The Team's coaching staff would like to extend their thanks to Natalie, for her generous contribution, to the team. Regular match reports from the Under 7 Eagles, can be seen in this newspaper, alongside other age groups from the club.

# Aycliffe Beaten by Boldon



Newton Aycliffe suffered their second heavy defeat in successive Saturdays with this loss at home to Jarrow Roofing. The Boldon based side achieved the double over Aycliffe with both games having the same goal difference. Aycliffe started the game with the same 11 players who had won at Washington in midweek taking the club

to the semifinals of the Durham Challenge Cup for the first time in over 40 years. However manager Peter Dixon was forced to make an early change when left back Andrew Green picked up an injury after just 10 minutes. The home side had chances in the first half and came close on 28 minutes when John Campbell played the ball to Matty Moffat who was

through on goal only to be denied by an offside flag. Two minutes later Moffat came even closer when a scuffed shot was fumbled by the Roofing keeper who seemed to lose his footing on the heavy surface. From there it was Roofing who went on the attack and scored their first after 33 minutes. Shaun Vipond's long range shot took a heavy deflection to wrong foot Lewis Brass in the Aycliffe goal. With the halftime whistle approaching the visitors made it 2-0. A shot from a corner was blocked by Brass but Richard Paxton beat the defenders to the rebound and found the net. The second half didn't get any better for Aycliffe with Roofing's third goal coming just after the hour. Unlike Moffat's effort in the first half James Fairley benefitted from a close offside decision and ran through to slot the ball into the net. Roofing still hadn't finished and scored a fourth with ten minutes remaining. Substitute Callum Paton struck a powerful shot which Brass got his fingers to. The ball struck the underside of the bar and bounced down, just over the line. Aycliffe now face Norton & Stockton Ancients at Moore Lane on Tuesday 9 February, kick off 7:30pm. Norton had a good win over Consett on Saturday and will be looking for revenge for the 3 points Aycliffe took from them earlier in the season.

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# LABOUR PROTECTING YOU FROM THE TORIES

Last week, Darlington Borough Council announced a desperate suite of cuts, including closing the Library and selling off the Covered Market. Next day, Mrs Bergg wrote in the Newton News, criticising Durham County Council for removing 29 streetlamps on the C35 road to Shildon.

We thank Mrs Bergg for her comments. DCC is consulting about the removal of lights along the C35, and residents are encouraged to respond. We have already received one well-argued objection, and have objections of our own to make.

## VICTIMS OF TORY CUTS

DCC and DBC are victims of the same government cuts to local finance. The Tory/LibDem cuts have been tougher on the poor than the rich, on the north than the south . . . and toughest of all on Labour councils. A reasonable prediction is that, by 2020, DCC will have £300 million PER YEAR less to spend.

DCC is combatting these cuts in a number of ways. 'Backroom' functions and managerial posts have been pared. 2,000 jobs have been lost.

DCC could, as some have suggested, have used its reserves (and £13.5 million has indeed been used this year to take the edge off some difficult changes) but - in the face of a £300 million budget shortfall EVERY YEAR - Council balances

would not have lasted long if this had been our only strategy. **SEEKING SOLUTIONS**

Instead, the Council is continuously exploring innovative solutions. DCC is using its reserves to fund invest-to-earn and spend-to-save projects (the change to LED lighting on housing estates is an example of the latter).

There is an emphasis on encouraging economic growth (of which Lumière is an example, earning last year nearly £6 million for the local tourist industry) - this is the long-term solution.

Where all else has failed, however, the Council has grasped the nettle, opted for responsible spending, and made cuts in such a way as to minimise the effect on the most vulnerable. Readers may wish to compare this to the government's welfare reforms, which rather have targeted the weak.

## PROTECTING AYCLIFFE

We face a Tory government in power in Westminster making horrendous cuts. Since 2013, as Newton Aycliffe councillors, we have managed to get the library moved not closed; we have retained the Customer Access Surgery; we are regenerating, not closing, the Leisure Centre; we have avoided any cuts to our Adult Day Care provision; we are on the verge of saving all three bridges in West Park; the Town Council's intervention retained the lights along the A167; et al. Meanwhile last year alone DCC invested £313,000 in the town's facilities and services through GAMP and the County Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets.

The Council is little more than half-way through the Tory cuts, and it is unrealistic to expect that somehow Newton Aycliffe can always be immune.

But readers can be sure that the County Council is doing all it can to minimise the impacts of those cuts on residents. That is one of the benefits of having a Labour-run Council.

County Councillors Eddy Adam, John D Clare, Mike Dixon, Joan Gray, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper and Sarah Iveson

## Simpasture Residents Take Defib Training



On 8th February representatives from Simpasture Fisheries, McColl's Store, The Iron Horse and WASPS Residents Association successfully completed a resuscitation and defibrillator training course

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## Thank You

**MARY YOUNG** The family of Mary would like to thank everyone for the messages of condolence and support. A special thanks to Darlington Memorial Hospital, Julie and the Co-op Funeral Service, Father Michael of St Mary's RC Church and Sue's Florist for the beautiful flowers.

## Obituary

**MARGARET WOOD** of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully on 1st February, aged 89 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Billy. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 16th February for 1.15pm. Followed by private Cremation at Darlington Crematorium.

**PETER LOGAN** 18th March 1939 to 5th February 2016. Passed away peacefully at home. Beloved Husband of the late Sandra; loving Dad to Diane, Adam, Owen and Julie; devoted Grandad to Gabrielle and Sallyann. Funeral at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday, 17th February, 2016 at 11.00am, then afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club.

**BEADLE**, Newton Aycliffe. 7th February, after a brief illness in hospital. Thomas Raymond, (Ray), aged 84 years. Dearly loved Husband of the late Gladys; much loved Dad of David, Sue, Michael, Gary and Angela; dear Father-in-Law of Dean, Julie and Sue and a much loved Grandad and Great-Grandad. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral on Thursday 18th February. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance Service, may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

**CHEESBROUGH**, School Aycliffe. After a long and courageous battle, Peter, (proprietor of Rings 'n' Things for 25 years), sadly passed away peacefully and with dignity on 7th February. Wonderful Husband to Dorothy; loving Dad to Vivienne and much adored Grandad to Aston and Scarlett. Funeral on Thursday 18th February. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Mary's R.C. Church at 11.00am, followed by private interment. "Forever in our hearts".

**MARY SIM** on 5th February, peacefully at Redworth House Nursing Home. Dearly loved Wife of the late George; loving Mother of Alastair, Stuart, Chris, Sheila and Shelly; adored Nana and Great Nana. Funeral arrangements to follow.

**MARY SIM** loving Nana of Zaeley and Great Nana of Elliot, Rubianna and Logan. We will never forget you Nana xxx  
**MARY SIM** to a wonderful Nana and Great Nana. We will miss you every day. Sleep tight with the angels. Love from Richard, Sienna and Louie xxx

**McKAY**, Christopher James (Blowes) of Newton Aycliffe suddenly on 30th January, aged 40 years. Dearly loved Son of Heather and Father of Kate; Grandson of Heather and the late Jim also a Nephew to Dianne and Alicia and loved by many Cousins. Family and friends please meet for Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Tuesday 23rd February for 10.45am. Followed by private burial.

**BERYL JUNE O'HARA**, Wife of the late Bill O'Hara; much loved Mother to Christine and Maureen; dear Grandmother to Paul, Kate, Louise and David; Great Grandmother to Teigan and Joshua. Service to be held at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday 17th February at 13.15pm

**SIMPSON** on 8th February, peacefully. Linda, aged 70 years of Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Wife of Alan; much loved Mam of Kelly and James; adored Nanny of Owen, Brandon and Olly. Funeral to be held Tuesday 16th February at 11.30am for a Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe, prior to interment at Stephenson Way Cemetery

## In Memoriam

### Jim Smith

12th February 2012

Remembering is easy, we do it every day. With pride we speak your name, though life goes on without you. It will never be the same. Love and miss you. Loving Wife Elfrida, Nadine, David, Ronnie, Karen and families

**COLIN MACCORMACK** (Mac). In loving memory of my beloved Husband. Rest peaceful bonnie lad, till we meet again. My love always. June. God bless xxxxx

**COLIN MACCORMACK** (Mac). In loving memory of our wonderful Dad and Grandad. Miss you every day Dad. From Ian, Heena, Andrew, Tina, Rachel and Philip. Loads of hugs and kisses from Rebecca, Cameron and Haley xxxxx

**COLIN MACCORMACK** (Mac). Just a prayer from those who love you. Just a memory ever true. In our hearts you will live forever. Because we thought the world of you. Rob and June  
**TONY DOBSON**. Can't believe it's been a year already, hope you are partying hard up there. Still sadly missed by everyone. Love, Jenna, Craig and the girls xxxxx

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. A year ago we had to part with a son we loved with all our hearts. One million times we've thought of you, one million times we've cried and every day that passes we speak your name with pride. We think of you with laughter, but can't stop the flow of tears. For a Son we'll love forever and will always hold so dear. Your broken hearted Mam and Dad. Ride with the wind our Son  
**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Through tears I saw you sinking, I watched you fade away. My heart was almost broken, you fought so hard to stay. When I saw you sleeping, so peaceful free from pain, I could not wish you back to suffer that again. Always my Brother, always my hero. Bryan x

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Thinking of our Brother Tony, not just today but every day. John and Andrew

**UNCLE TONY** 7th February 2015. We miss you loads, it doesn't feel real that it's a year since you left us to be with Grandma Ray and Grandad Jack. Not a day goes by when we all don't think of you. Sleep tight, we love you. Kathleen, Jason and Kieran

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Dobby. Gone but never forgotten mate. Tommy

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Thought of you with love today, 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. Now all we have is 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 heart. Miss you Dad. Never forgotten. Love, Amber (your crazy Daughter)

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Can't believe it's been one year since you left us. A thousand times we needed you, a thousand times we cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. A heart of gold stopped beating, two twinkling eyes closed to rest. God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best. Never a day goes by that you are not in my heart and my soul. Love, Leanne

**TONY DOBSON** 7th February 2015. Your battle is now over, no more tears flowing down your cheek. No more pain, no more suffering, you are no longer weak. I still do not understand why this had to happen. But I am proud to say you are my Dad, the greatest man I ever knew. Love, Courtney

**ELLEN MITCHELL** Love and miss you every day. Over time they say the pain goes away, never forget that day you passed, it hurt so much, it hurt so bad, but now you are looking down on us all. Love, Martin xxxxx

**THOMAS WILLIAM STOKER** 13th February 2015. Oh Dad how we miss you, nothing seems the same. Wishing we could see you, when we call out your name. Will our grief lessen with time? We don't really know. Or replaced with happy memories we really hope so. We will always hold you in our hearts and cherish you with love. So till we all meet again Dad, keep safe with God above. God bless. All our love from Daughter Marie and Husband Ray, Son Paul and Fiancé Amanda xxxxx

**THOMAS WILLIAM STOKER** Loving thoughts of Grandad Tom. From Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Greatly missed xxxxxxxxxxxxx

**ELLEN MITCHELL** 13th June 1930 to 11th February 2015. God saw you were getting tired and recovery was not meant to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered come home with me. One year has gone Mam, miss and love you every day. Love, Shirley xxxxx

**ELLEN MITCHELL** Heavenly Father up above, please give our Nanna a great big hug. Love, Kirsty, Samantha and Chelsey and Great Grandchildren, Brooke and Hayden

**ELLEN MITCHELL** 11th February 2015. We often think of bygone days, when we were all together. The family chain is broken now, but memories will live forever. To us, she has not gone away, nor has she travelled far, just entered God's eternal home and left the gate ajar. Loved and remembered always, your loving Husband Walter, also Phyllis and Vince xxxxx

**JOE BARNETT** Close to our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Betty and family

**JOE BARNETT** Sadly left us all on 12th February 2002. It's been 14 long years, but I've never forgotten you and never will. Always in my heart. Your loving Wife Eva

**PAUL STEVENS** Memories once lived can never be forgotten. Forever together as the bond of love can never be broken. Loved always, Mam and Dad xxx

**PAUL STEVENS** They say time is a great healer, don't think there will ever be enough time. I still miss you every day. Love, Julie xxx

Remember to tell the advertiser you found them in the Newton News

## Congratulations

**BEV** Happy anniversary on 14th February 2016. All my love, Rob xxx

**ZOE** Happy birthday on 14th February 2016. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Ian, Bobby and Stumpy xxxxx

**KASIA TEGAN** You've waited for this day for so long. I hope it's everything you wished for now it's come along. No present or gifts, they have bitten the dust. Now you want cash well at least it's less fuss. Happy 16th birthday treasure. Love you 2 to 10, Hi 5 you win. Auntie Pamela xxxxx

**PAUL REED** Happy 50th birthday from your ever loving Wife, Trish xxxxx

**PAUL REED** Happy 50th birthday. Half way to a telegram! Love, John, Joan and Colin.

**PAUL REED** Happy 50th birthday Dad. Love from Corey, Chelsea, Jessica, Kayleigh, Eden and Sharna

**PAUL REED** Happy birthday Grandad. Love you! Alexis, Nia and Scarlett

**PAUL REED** Happy birthday Paul. Love from Karen

**CHELSEA** Portillo Westgarth congratulations on your promotion to Ward Sister at the R.V.I. Hospital, Newcastle. Well done Chelsea. Really proud of you. Lots of love, Grandad, Grandma, Lesley and Steve xxxxxx

**POOLEY** Ann and Ron, congratulations Mam and Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. Enjoy your special day. Love always, Deb and Rob xxx

**POOLEY** Ann and Ron. To Mam, Dad, Grandma, Grandad. Congratulations on your 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary. We hope you both have a wonderful day! Lots of love, Mark, Joanne, Shannon, Tommy and Lola xxxxx

**LEANNE** Happy 16th birthday. Love, Mum, Dad and Kyle xxxxx

**Birthday Remembrance**

**AUDREY HUMBLE**. 12th April. Today would have been your 90th birthday. No cards or presents to send, just precious memories we hold. You have a very special place in our hearts, loved and remembered every day. Gisela, David, Paul, Gavin, Lisa and Mason xxxxx

**BILLY PALMER** 13th February. Remembering you Billy - Fantastic Husband, Dad and Granda, on your first birthday away from us. Missing you, but in our hearts forever. Your devoted Wife Dorothy, Kevin, Linda, David, Kathryn, Dorothy, Saul, Ruby, John, Milly, Daisy and Aaron xxxxx

**JAMES BERNARD McKAY** 17/2/1929 to 23/12/2006. Special thoughts of you my Husband on your birthday. You are missed so much, not just today but every day. Your loving Wife Heather xxxxx

**JAMES BERNARD McKAY** 17/2/1929 to 23/12/2006. Sending birthday wishes to you above with all our love. Take care of our Christopher who is not reunited with you. Love from Daughter Alicia, Grandsons Dean, Wayne and Ricky xxxxx

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## Eddie Hall - Big 50



### Happy 50th Birthday

14th February 2016

Happy birthday Eddie. Have a great weekend in Dublin. Love, Kim

**Happy 50th Birthday Dad**  
Have a lovely day. Lots of love, Shaun, Rachael and Dan

**Happy 50th Birthday Grandad**  
All our love and kisses, Kate, Jazmin and Harry

**Happy 50th Birthday**  
Last, but not least, happy 50th from Darwin

## Michael Charles



### Happy 4th Birthday

To a very special Grandson. Can't believe it has been four years since you came into our lives. Love you more and more each day. Love you always. Nanna and Grandad

**Happy 4th Birthday**  
to a special Nephew and Cousin. Love Auntie Lyndsey and Tyler

**Happy 4th Birthday**  
to a very special little boy on his 4th birthday. My Nephew Michael. Love you, Uncle Paul and Auntie Emma

## Bill Slater

(The Butcher)



### Happy 60th Birthday

28th February 2016

All our love from Carole, Lee, Carl and Billy xxxxx

## Births

**ALEX VIOLET NEWWEY**  
Born 28th January 2016 to Juli Young and New Newwey. We welcome our new Granddaughter "Alex Violet". Love all the Young one's xxx

## Top Musicians in Aycliffe Concert

Classical music fans and guitar lovers are in for a treat when two North East talented young musicians, Tom Smith and Jonathan Parkin join forces for a Concert in Newton Aycliffe. Tom from Hartlepool has sung for notable VIP's including Prince Charles and is a superb recitalist performing extensively throughout the UK. He won both the Open Recital prize at the David Clover Festival and the John Gilbert Award. Jonathan has delighted audiences across Europe with his guitar playing and won a host of competitions. He is currently studying for his Masters degree at Trinity Laban Conservatoire on a full scholarship. The concert will include seminal works including Falla's tribute to Spain, "Seite Canciones" and Benjamin Britten's ingenious English folk arrangements along with a homage to Graeme Miles the Teesside songwriter who drew inspiration from this area's industrial and natural beauty.

The concert is on Friday 26th February at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Tickets are priced at £10 but advanced ticket sales can be booked for £8 by contacting George Lee on 01325 316963.





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## NAYFC MATCH REPORTS

The Under 14 Girls were in Cup action at a rain soaked Oak Leaf – against Norton & Ancient. Matilda opened the scoring then Lottie then added a second before Norton pulled one back to reduce the arrears. Chloe added number three from a free-kick for a half-time lead of 3-1. The second half saw six goals added – Lottie (hat-trick) Lucy, Molly & Chloe (hat-trick) completed the scoring 9-1, full time. The Under 13 Girls were away at St. Cuthberts on Saturday. Two evenly matched sides enjoyed a good battle. Chances were few and far between for both teams and two quick goals

in the first half, saw the girls go in at half time 2-0 behind. Pushing forward in the second half, the girls tried hard to break down the defence, to no avail, and in the final few minutes, St. Cuthberts broke away and nicked a third goal. Well done girls and look forward to next week.

Final game of the season for the Under 10 Girls at a wet Newbottle v Durham Federation. The girls quickly took control of the game as a Brooke brace made it 2-0, then a Heidi hat-trick made it HT 5-0. Second half saw a new forward line and the goals kept coming. Chloe then netted her first goal for the team, Brooke then showed her pace and strength to grab another 2 goals. Georgie struck from outside the box for her first goal

of the season. Durham had the final word with a consolation goal FT 9-1.

Under 9 Falcons played at home against Leven AFC. Dylan Stewart netted twice before Leven pulled one back just before half time. After the break Louis Parnaby made it 3-1. Cole Gaskarth finished the scoring with his strike. Full time 4-1. MOTM Jacob Bailey-Thompson. Second game tougher as the Falcons struggled to get anything going 0-2 at half time. Adam Shaw with a long range shot made it 1-2. Leven later got another goal to win 1-3. MOTM went to Tom Dearden.

Under 7 Eagles were in action against Plains Farm Green who played some great football giving them the edge over us the result being a loss 5-1. They

did play different football to us, using a permanent, tall physical centre half who remained quite static defensively which did not allow our Eagles to attack in their usual way. Everyone in our team played fantastic. Will got on the score sheet, well done Eagles.

Newton Aycliffe Hawks travelled to 21st All Stars Delta. On a heavy but playable pitch the Hawks passed the ball around and were working hard off the ball to regain possession. The boys scored early on, but the whistle went for offside. Delta scored a good goal on the counter to take the lead. The Hawks kept their head and continued to pass the ball around. The lads were creating lots of chances but the Delta keeper was in great form, Ht 1-0. Second half was all Hawks pressure, chance after chance went begging but the boys didn't lose their head and kept passing the ball really well. The crossbar, post and an inspired goalkeeper kept Hawks at bay, as it felt like it wasn't going to fall for the boys today, James fired home to make it 1-1. Soon after all the pressure told and Ben smashed the ball home for 2-1. The whistle went a couple minutes later and the Hawks won their first competitive match. What a performance and very well deserved. The parents on the side line went through all emotions but at no stage did the boys feel any pressure and showed this by playing football for the whole game.

## ADAM WINS GOLD MEDAL



Newtonian and Greenfield student Adam Ord, 13, adds the Northern Indoor U15b 800m Championship Gold to his outdoor title. A step up to his new age group makes this win for Adam, and his coach George Reid a surprise bonus. He impressively took on the favourite with approximately 300m to go, and finished strongly to achieve a new PB. Adam trains with Durham Harriers.

## Aycliffe Girl Footballer to Play for England

Aycliffe footballer, Chloe Ryan, recently selected to represent English Schools FA Under 15 Girls, was presented with her England shirt by ESFA Chairman Mike Spinks and Assistant Team Manager, Miranda Hall at a recent team get together at Lilleshall Abbey in Shropshire.

The former FA Headquarters was the setting as her new team mates were kitted out for the up and coming fixture programme over the next

few months. Chloe, 14, a student at Hummersknott Academy in Darlington heads off to Valencia in Spain this coming Half Term week where the squad will face two tough games against Valencia FC's U15's and a neighbouring side. This will be followed by a friendly against The Republic of Ireland at Bury FC's Gigg Lane on March 6th. The short programme ends with Home Internationals in South Wales early April.

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## Hat Trick Fires Huntsman to Victory

Following last weekend's cup victory over Barnard Castle, The Huntsman aimed to carry their form into the league fixture at home to Bishop Bay Horse. Manager Neil Dodds made two changes, as Jonathan Arnold made his debut in goal and Captain Lee Redpath returned to midfield.

A good early tempo from the home side created plenty of chances, and it was Redpath who broke the deadlock with a header from point blank range.

The lead was doubled soon after, as a great individual run from Shaun Sproates found Redpath on the edge of the penalty area, and his superb left footed effort arced into the far corner to make it 2-0.

The away side seemed to gain some traction after that, however Reed Molloy's constant pressure of the Bishop defence forced an error from their goalkeeper, and he was able to tap in for his 21st goal of the season. Redpath then capped a memorable first half as Mike Sproates broke down the right hand side and found him in the penalty area.

The keeper saved his initial effort, but he was able to tap in with his right foot from close range for a "perfect" hat trick to make it 4-0 at half time.

The Huntsman continued their dominance in the second half, and Mike Sproates was brought down in the box for a penalty. The resulting melee saw a Bay Horse player see a red card, and substitute Anth Harrison made no mistake converting the spot kick.

Harrison then grabbed his second of the game soon after with a neat finish in across goal with his left foot. The scoring was then rounded off as Ste Williams broke from right back to find John Jamie Herd, who provided a calm finish to make it 7-0 and round off his man of the match performance.

Next up for the Huntsman is a top of the table clash away to fellow unbeaten side Coundon Durham Ox, where the winner will go top of the table. Come along to Leeholme Recreation Ground, Coundon to see what should be an entertaining affair 10.30 kick be off.



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