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## New Storage Facility for Husqvarna at Aycliffe

Darlington Architectural Practice ADG Architects has completed a new storage facility for Newton Aycliffe lawn mower manufacturer Husqvarna.

This is help with its increased demand for the Automower range along with an increase in its temporary workforce from 550 to 650 and plans have already been submitted for phase 2.

Jeff Blackwell, Partner at ADG Architects, designed and oversaw the construction of the new 1,275 square metres storage facility which will provide additional space to help Husqvarna with the



increased production of its Automower & Flymo lawnmower in the busy Summer period. Plans have just been submitted by ADG Architects for a further storage facility of 1,380 square metres at Husqvarna's manufacturing facility on Aycliffe Business Park.

Mr. Blackwell has worked with Husqvarna for a number of years, advising on the design and development of its Newton Aycliffe factory.

He said: "Husqvarna's rapid expansion has brought the need for these new facilities. We are delighted to play our role in helping a major manufacturer grow and bring new jobs to the local economy."

## British Legion Branch Meeting

The Royal British Legion next Branch Meeting is on Sunday 3rd April at 11am at the Workingmen's Club. All Legion members and any new members are welcome to attend.

## LETTER

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## Keeping Middridge Village Clean & Tidy

Seven volunteers turned out to help with the annual Spring Cleanup in Middridge, last Sunday. The task was made less onerous as it was a lovely fine morning.

The main problem in the village is from motorists who throw out fast food containers not to mention the odd (empty) bottle of spirits. However it was pleasing to find that there were fewer bags collected this year so a big thank you to villagers and visitors for keeping our village so tidy.



## Marathon Cycle Ride & Never Ridden a Bike!



Michael Dalton trains on the hand cycle watched by his Mother Mary and Lifestyle Fitness Instructor

Wheelchair-bound Michael Dalton (51), has been battling both spina bifida and kidney failure since the day he was born. But next month, he's planning a marathon charity cycle ride to benefit other kidney patients in

the region - though the only bike he's ever ridden was a three-wheel trike and that was over 40 years ago...

His waking day in a wheelchair, will attempt to ride over 26 miles on a static pedal cycle at the Lifestyle Fitness Suite in the town's Leisure Centre. "It's true that the last bicycle I rode was a trike when I was only ten years old and that I've never actually ridden a two-wheel bike at all but I've already started training and am determined to put up a good show," said Michael, pictured, this week.

A well-known local Councillor, Rotarian and former Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Michael is putting himself to the test on Sunday, April 17th, when he will be raising money for the Mayor of Great Aycliffe's appeal for the Renal unit/Ward 4 of James Cook University Hospital and other local charities. The Mayor this year just happens to be Michael's 90 year old mother, Mary. Anyone wishing to sponsor Michael can contact him on 01325 320499 or mobile 07954 290711.

## First Apprentice for Primex

A PLASTICS firm which has ambitions to export to Australia has recruited its first apprentice to support its growing business.

Lewis Scarr has started his career at Primex Plastics, at Aycliffe Business Park, by taking a Commercial Business Apprenticeship with the North East Chamber of Commerce. The 18-year-old is applying his knowledge to office administration, finance, customer services and producing daily production reports. His appointment comes as National Apprenticeship Week 2016 is celebrated this week.

Gary Clement, manufacturing manager at Primex Plastics said: "We're an expanding business and it needs skilled young people to support its development. I was pleased at how well Lewis interviewed and presented himself, and has settled into the company. Primex is an international company and can offer a range of career opportunities."

Lewis said: "I really value the apprenticeship I have with Primex as I've the opportunity to learn and earn at the same time. I've particularly enjoyed working in all the departments of the company which has given me a broad based understanding of the workings of a manufacturing business." Simon Goon, managing director of Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham, said: "Just about everything we touch is derived from some form of plastic. Primex Plastics



is important in sustaining the manufacturing economy, and by investing in apprenticeships it is helping to improve skills in Newton Aycliffe."

Established in Newton Aycliffe in 1998, Primex has been steadily growing its markets within the UK, Scandinavia and Europe. Future projects will involve exporting to Australia. Primex is a premier manufacture of quality, custom

extruded plastic sheet for the leisure, industrial, automotive, packaging and construction sectors.

It is part of PRIMEX Plastics Corporation, which is one of the leading manufacturers of thermoplastic sheet in the United States. It was founded by Dr John J Farber, founder and Chairman of ICC Industries Inc, owner of Primex Plastics Corporation

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Mrs Lawler  
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Anyone who would like to attend the Board meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk)

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Our Room 13 Ted Prize lab opened on 13th Feb 2014 and all sorts of amazing and unexpected things have happened since then. "It's not about making learning happen, it's about letting it happen" - Sugata Mitra.

To celebrate this, Greenfield Arts were invited to the international conference for SOLE's in Phaltan, Pune, India to experience the learning going on there, see the other 5 labs and present the work we have been doing for the past two years. It brought together educators, co-ordinators, grannies, plus parents and children to share their experiences and their learning. The delegates were from across the world including India, U.K., America, Germany, France, Dubai and Spain. It was a powerful day.

We heard from all of the co-ordinators, we shared our story of Room 13 and the impact SOLEs has at Greenfield Community College and with many other schools we work with from many different places. We heard from grannies and the children themselves, it was very touching to see them meeting in person for the first time. Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity, shared our work and our students and Head Teacher David Priestley shared their thoughts in our new film, which will be posted on the blog soon, and Sugata Mitra described a new kind of comprehension that we don't understand, about the need for new assessment systems that are continuous and more open ended. Why reading, writing and arithmetic are a lower priority and why there are new skills to focus in young people which are comprehension, communication and computation. Sugata also highlighted the need to teach the Internet as a subject, why we should understand networks and chaos theory, such as: how do stock markets work? He emphasised that we really do need teachers but how do we handle these future things?



During our time in India we visited labs in Chandrakona, Gocharan, Kalkaji, Phaltan and Korakati. Korakati is a village with 8000 people but has very little in terms of 'modern' facilities. The school in the cloud lab has brought the Internet and with it has opened up a whole new world of possibility for the children there. The children sang, danced and gave us handmade gifts when we arrived. They had made beautiful origami

frogs and flowers that they had previously taught themselves via you tube in the SOLEs lab! Other children in labs had created their own computer programme with help from grannies, because of this you can see confidence growing in such remote places that have so little.

As part of our 2nd Birthday celebrations we have commissioned artist Nicola Golightly to create a Tiny Book of Big Questions. This

is on display in Room 13 and shows the questions used so far to enhance learning. The Engine Heads, a group of young people helping our Director lead this SOLE learning, also produced a video with the help of artist Laura Degnan, which was presented at the conference, displaying their learning so far and how it is currently developing within school.

It has been a fantastic month of SOLE, learning, sharing and exploring. Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts said "I can really understand the global picture of the work we are

involved in and I look forward to sharing the experiences and learning with colleagues." It is quite incredible just how far Professor Mitra's concept has reached and the impact it is making on people's lives and education all over the world and it is amazing to be playing a role in that. What we don't know attracts us, let's create a curriculum of big questions. "It is so exciting to be 1 of 7 labs leading this innovative work" For more information on SOLE's and our trip visit our blog on our website: <https://greenfieldarts.wordpress.com/>



## Newton News Easter Deadline

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# WALKING THE LINE Online Retailer Thrives Thanks to Aycliffe Marketing Company



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seek refreshment. At the same time it served also as a halt and booking office for the trains – one of the first stations in the world (although the name 'station' came later). We skirted the edge of the Business Park – without Heighington Lane Station there would have been no Royal Ordnance Factory and without the Ordnance Factory no Newton Aycliffe. At Simpature we saw where the Clarence Railway (now a spur of the Great Aycliffe Way) joined the S&DR, and noticed how a railway accident in 1949 had damaged the bridge – which is why it now has a steel deck, not a stone arch. We walked on towards Shildon along the new path, pausing to note the loading staiths for Old Towns Quarry, the sites of the mining communities at Riseburn and Eden Pit, and details such as culverts and sleepers. The walk ended at the Locomotion Museum. You can follow the Friends of the S&DR on facebook at <http://bit.ly/SandDR>

One of the UK's leading suppliers of rugs is thriving thanks to the support of a local marketing agency.

Aycliffe-based Modern Rugs – one of the largest online rug shops in the UK has enlisted the help of Thrive Marketing, which already supports a number of firms on Aycliffe Business Park to develop brands, websites and marketing campaigns.

The Thrive team, headed by directors Johnny Woods and Rachel Townsend Green, has been working closely with award-winning Modern Rugs on graphic designs and email campaigns which have resulted in some great results. Modern Rugs, which won 'Best Online Retailer 2015' from the national Interiors Monthly Magazine, sells more than 25,000 rugs every year. The company was set up by Ben Dale in 2004 and moved from its original premises in Bishop Auckland to a new 5,000 sq ft site at Maple Way before undergoing a £3.2m management buy-out in December 2014. Finance director Martin Tragen, a former Timpson director, said: "Discovering Thrive was a great find!"

"Their team, led by Johnny Woods, has so far designed a new logo and trademarks which have been of great use to us, for various projects." Thrive had significant input to Modern Rugs' sales presence at the upcoming London Olympia Ideal Home Show, as well as working on the design and management of its successful customer update



Modern Rugs Director Martin Tragen (left) and marketing co-ordinator Anna McMillan with Thrive Marketing creative director Johnny Woods and designer Tom Mather

emailing programme.

Martin added: "During our first 18 months on Aycliffe Business Park we have been keen to make use of services located in the area, whether that is IT support, electricals or recruitment agencies. "We are grateful to have Thrive based so close as we look forward to collaborating with Johnny and his team on many more projects in the future." Thrive Marketing's team of eight, has been active on Aycliffe Business Park for two years, having merged two marketing and design companies – Au Fait Marketing and Echo Graphics integrating their services for clients.

Creative director Johnny Woods said: "It's great to help local businesses on Aycliffe Business Park and we're always keen to meet companies. "Modern Rugs are a great team and we hope to expand on their current

success.

Thrive Marketing has produced a number of successful email campaigns for Modern Rugs, amongst other clients, which leads Johnny to stress the importance of email as a marketing tool.

Johnny added: "Email can be sometimes seen as an interference, but we strongly believe when done correctly, with clean databases and strategic processes in place, it can be one of the most powerful tools for boosting web traffic, sales and repeat visits."

Thrive Marketing is an inbound marketing agency based at HUB Workspace on Aycliffe Business Park and offers content marketing, graphic design and web development services. If you would like to speak to Thrive about email marketing or any other services they offer, visit their website [www.thriveability.co.uk](http://www.thriveability.co.uk)

## Greenfield's Open Art Exhibition Attracts Outstanding Talent



Greenfield Arts are presently hosting another exceptional Open Art Exhibition in their gallery space. The exhibition boasts extraordinary local talent which includes artwork applying a range of specialist media from ink and pen to wet felting resulting in a delightful array of colour and texture. The exhibition, curated by our Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator Sophie Lewis, has brought together a selection of artwork from the local area and has encouraged artists to select a small number of pieces for display. Our Cree volunteers did a fantastic job assisting with the installation which offers each artist their own space to showcase their personal collection.

The preview evening was a great success and a chance for artists and art lovers to meet and chat creating a warm-hearted atmosphere. Sophie said "It was lovely to see it all come together and to receive so many positive comments, it is great to see the range and quality of the work and to meet the artists and find out the stories behind each piece."

The exhibition will run until Wednesday 27th April and

all visitors are welcome, if you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048, email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or check out our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 22nd MARCH will feature "THE GANG'S ALL HERE" starring Carmen Miranda, Alice Faye and the Benny Goodman Orchestra. If the joys of Spring haven't cheered you up yet then this film might do it. A colourful, all singing, all dancing musical directed by Busby Berkely, a real feel-good film.

Tea and coffee 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 real fun film in friendly company. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.



Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

Type the shortened bit.ly and ow.ly links into your internet browser to go to the relevant webpages and find out more.

### COUNCIL NEWS

- My report on Wednesday's DCC Cabinet meeting: <http://bit.ly/DCCCab160316>
- What is the 'adult social care' levy on my council tax bill? [bit.ly/DCCASCL](http://bit.ly/DCCASCL)
- GAMP AAP Board meeting, Tuesday 22 March, 6pm at the Pioneering Care Centre – public welcome: [bit.ly/GAMP220316](http://bit.ly/GAMP220316)
- DCC's Customer Access Points will be closed over the Easter weekend, but there will be no changes to bin collections: [ow.ly/Zqlo4](http://ow.ly/Zqlo4)
- Is your business interested in doing business with Durham County Council? [bit.ly/DCCProcure3416](http://bit.ly/DCCProcure3416)
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- Latest roadworks information: <http://bit.ly/Roadworks160316>
- Last week's report from our MEP: [bit.ly/JKDI130316](http://bit.ly/JKDI130316)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- To find help in time of financial crisis: [bit.ly/DCCCrisisHelp](http://bit.ly/DCCCrisisHelp)
- March newsletter from PCC Ron Hogg: [bit.ly/PCC0316](http://bit.ly/PCC0316)
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- QE 6th Form College open evening, Wednesday 23 March, 5:30-8pm: [bit.ly/QE230316](http://bit.ly/QE230316)
- DISC/Livin jobs and careers event, Thursday 24 March, 9am-12:30pm, at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre: [bit.ly/NAYCC240316](http://bit.ly/NAYCC240316)
- Direct train service Bishop Auckland to Whitby starts Sunday 20 March – adult £15.60 return: [bit.ly/BAWtrain16](http://bit.ly/BAWtrain16)
- Bishop Auckland Food Festival, Saturday-Sunday, 23-24 April.
- The Friends of the S&DR have been 'Walking the Line': [bit.ly/SandDR130316](http://bit.ly/SandDR130316)
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## Aycliffe Brew Room Open for Business



Having successfully applied for a premises licence, Aycliffe's brewery – The STEAM MACHINE – is now open to the public for on and off-sales several times a week. Nick Smith, one of the brewery's founders said, "We're making this into a social space where people can come and enjoy our hand-crafted beers right in the heart of our brewery. It's the only place in the whole area where you can enjoy genuine craft keg. We'll have many different beers for guests to sample." Their Brew Room is an alternative place to enjoy a quiet beer, and they plan to have the occasional live acoustic music performance too. "It was our soft launch last Friday and we enjoyed an impromptu live Irish session which our guests loved. Starting this Thursday though it's the real thing. We invite all those interested in craft beers to come down, sit in our comfortable industrial setting, and enjoy a glass or two of our

finest." STEAM MACHINE'S Brew Room will be open three times a week: Thursday 17:00 – 23:00, Friday 12:00 – 23:00, Saturday 12:00 – 23:00. As well as beer on site, customers can enjoy off-sales for home-consumption via US-style growler fills, and gift packs of bottles from their core range. "Growlers come from the US – they are large reusable glass bottles that are very popular in the craft beer scene, and will allow customers to takeaway fresh kegged beer direct from the brewery, including our one-off Brew Room specials that won't be available elsewhere. Whilst growler-fills are common in the various bottle shops and breweries around the country, we believe we are the first to offer this service in County Durham." The Brew Room is located behind the Blue Bridge Centre (home to Newton Press). It's a private industrial compound, so customers should phone 07415 75 99 45 for access.

## How Do You Go 'On-line' If You Don't Have a Computer?

Dear Syd,  
I do enjoy receiving and reading the Newton News each week and was particularly interested in the article – 'Livin Tenants 'like' Digital Services'. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying this, but as one of Livin Homes more 'Senior Tenants', could I express one or two concerns regarding the 'digital services'?

I do not have and have no desire to own a computer, incredibly I manage to live a life which is computer-free and do not feel that I am missing out in any way.

Until very recently when, my Brother (another of Livin Homes 'Senior Tenants') applied to be rehoused. He was visited by a very lovely Occupational Therapist who assessed him and supported his application.

He had received a letter from Livin Homes with information on how to register 'on-line' for the 'bidding-scheme' where once a week he could 'log-on' and submit his bid for any suitable properties and, if successful could be rehoused!

When we asked the Occupational Therapist how, given he had no computer or access to anything 'on-line', he was supposed to be able to 'bid' for properties – she informed him that there was no other way to apply for a property.

So, reading the article made me wonder if my Brother and I are the only ones who feel disadvantaged and discriminated against by this 'on-line' scheme that does not take into account the many elderly tenants Livin homes who are not 'computer-literate' and see no need to be. And if it were not for their computer-savvy relatives who are willing to help, they would continue to be left out on a limb and disadvantaged.

Surely the 'bidding-scheme' cannot only be available for those with 'on-line' access? For me and many other Senior Tenants and Senior Newtonians I wonder if this is pertinent: 'On-line' is my washing that blows in the breeze, 'Tablets' are things that I swallow with teas, 'Windows' in my house let in the light, 'The Net' are my curtains I draw every night, 'Surfing' is something that belongs to the sea, 'iPod' can you eat it like a pod with a pea? 'Broadband' goes round the brim of my hat. 'Email' – I prefer mail that drops on my mat. 'Laptops and Apps' are mysteries unknown, My house is definitely a computer-free zone. TV's OK, if sometimes a bore, My favourite's the wireless and Radio 4!

George Wheatley - 87 spritely years old!  
and on behalf of my 90 year old Brother!  
Vane Road, Newton Aycliffe

## Join the Aycliffe Branch of Marie Curie Charity



The Marie Curie Charity volunteers had successful collections in Tesco and the Town Centre recently. The total amount was over £1000. Hayley Revell the organiser thanks everyone for their generous support. Her appeal through Newton News for volunteers to form an Aycliffe branch of the charity brought a good response and Hayley invites others to join by contacting her on 0191 2191242 or e-mail: hayley.revell@mariecurie.org.uk

## DAD CLOSE DARLINGTON SHOP

After 23 years providing a Shopmobility Service Darlington Association on Disability has to sadly close from Thursday 24th of March as it is no longer viable to continue to run its Town Centre base.

DAD will continue to offer support services and information from its remaining premises at Enterprise House, Valley Street and West Lodge West Crescent in Darlington and want to assure disabled people and carers in Darlington and the surrounding areas that the organisation can still be contacted at those addresses and on the main telephone numbers 01325 489999 and 01325 360524.

Chairman Gordon Pybus said "It's a very hard decision that the Trustees of the organisation have had to make, knowing that it will impact on disabled people and carers who may now not be able to access the Town Centre independently." The Shopmobility service has struggled to cover its costs over the last three years since the grant from Darlington Council was cut and the organisation had to charge people for the use of the equipment. The problems facing the organisation in keeping a Town Centre base and the Shopmobility Service now seem insurmountable due to the organisation facing rising costs, technical problems with the proposed premises that had not been envisaged and the Council proposal to cease funding for the Information service. This has all led to the decision to close the service.

"Our Town Centre base has been the main point of access People call in with a simple enquiry and find they have access to a whole range of support. We want to ensure that people know the organisation will still be here and that they can call in to Enterprise House in Valley Street or contact us by phone or by email via our website" said Chief Executive Lauren Robinson.

A fact sheet has been produced and sent to all Shopmobility customers and is available on the website at [www.darlingtondisability.org](http://www.darlingtondisability.org)

The organisation is looking at ways it can maintain its long term loan service for manual

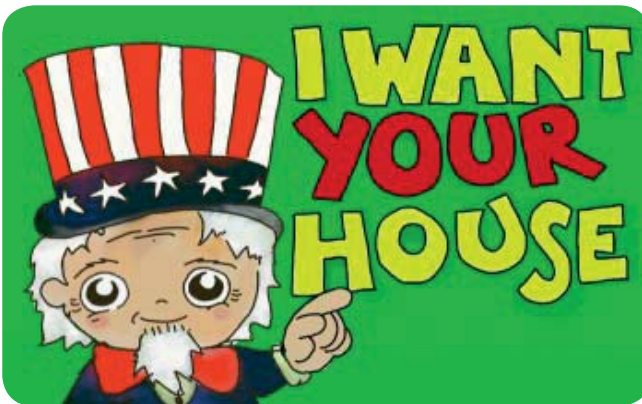
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# 1st PRIZE FOR COUNTY YOUTH BAND



Young musicians celebrating twenty years of performing have hit the right note at a prestigious contest, scooping first prize.

Durham County Youth Big Band, which has been wowing audiences across the UK and Europe since 1996, took the honours in the Great North Big Band Jazz Festival, an event which drew more than 30 acts and hundreds of performers.

The band, 25 young people, between the ages of 14 and 18, came out on top in the

youth category, seeing off the challenge of six other jazz ensembles from across the country.

It is the only act to have taken part in the festival every year since it was first staged in 2003. The young people performed a varied programme at the event, including 'Durham Sambassador' a number that was written especially for the band by top British jazz trumpet player Steve Waterman, to mark its tenth anniversary in 2006.

Judges described the performance as "a great piece played with passion and skilful execution" and "a pleasure to hear."

The band is one branch of Durham Music Service, which is part of Durham County Council's Education Development Service. As lead partner in the Durham and Darlington Music Education Hub, the service teaches over 14,000 students each year in over 340 schools across the region.

Shaune Eland, Durham County Youth Big Band's musical director, said: "The opportunity to not only compete but to hear and meet other young musicians from around the country was an invaluable experience for the young people."

"So to go on and win was the icing on the cake and is just reward for the band members whose talent and hard work is second to none."

The band mainly play jazz music on a range of instruments from saxophone, trumpet and trombone, to piano, bass guitar, drums and percussion.

Over the past 12 months it has taken part in concerts across the North East and has also toured in Luxemburg, Holland and Germany.

The young people are currently preparing to take part in the Durham Music Service Sage Showcase concert as well as the Darlington Jazz Festival where they will be led by Sebastiaan de Krom from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra academy band.

The competition at the University of Sunderland on Sunday 6 March attracted 32 acts and 700 performers.

# World Challenge Bag Pack

On 27th February, a group of Greenfield Community College pupils completed a bag pack at nearby supermarket, Tesco. The students were raising funds for their World Challenge expedition to Morocco in July 2016. The expedition to the country in North Africa is an educational travel experience that provides pupils with opportunity to complete a project phase, such as renovating an old, run-down primary playground and then a trek across the High Atlas Mountains. Pupils arranged the bag pack with Tesco, Newton Aycliffe, and managed to raise £353.47. The money was shared equally by all pupils and will contribute towards the £1,495 that they need to raise. Both the pupils and school would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the funds received last Saturday and the kind generosity of the Newton Aycliffe public. Furthermore, we would like to thank Tesco, Newton Aycliffe for their excellent hospitality and support during the bag pack last Saturday. It's 128 days until we depart!



# Tesco Staff's Charity Weekend Raised £1000



Shirley Cormack, Ken Brannen and Ally Waller



Paul Attley, Dave Hayhoe and John Gibbon

Last weekend Tesco Newton Aycliffe staff held a "Super Hero Weekend" to raise money for their Charity Partnership with The British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK.

Colleagues and customers alike got involved with a range of activities on Saturday 12th March including a Bake Sale, Tombolas, Hot Dog Stall, Easter Raffles, Pepper Pig meet and greet, and colleagues in Fancy Dress. A staggering £1000 for these charities was raised, and everyone at Tesco's sends a massive thank you to the local community for their generous donations

## Simpasture Residents Meet

The next meeting of Simpasture Residents' Association is on Monday 28th March at 6.15pm in Simpasture Court. New Committee members are needed to help and continue the good work achieved over the last 12 months and to take the Association forward. A Social Evening will follow the meeting with a Quiz and Bingo session. Everyone welcome. For further details ring Alan on 0775 4094946.



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## TESCO FREE EASTER OFFER:

Members of Newt's Kids' Club are currently enjoying a FREE Easter egg and activity pack courtesy of Tesco's Newton Aycliffe store.

The Kids' club has been established for a over a year now and members have enjoyed treats from various businesses around the town; including FREE bowling at Planet Leisure, FREE summer gifts and back to school goodies from Tesco and a FREE meal at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Joining the club is simple and it is open to all children under 16 years of age with NO CHARGE. To join simply visit the Newton News website and click on the "KIDS" link at the top of the page or type the following into your address bar

[www.newtonnews.co.uk/kids](http://www.newtonnews.co.uk/kids)

Newt has more activities planned for the summer holidays and welcomes any business or organisation who would like to get involved, please contact Paul at Newton News on 01325 300212 or email [paul@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:paul@newtonnews.co.uk)

**A big THANK YOU to Tesco for offering Easter Eggs and activity packs for the members and their continued support of the Kids' Club.**

To claim yours, you will need to join "Newt's Kids' Club", then take your membership card to the information desk at the Newton Aycliffe TESCO store (this offer expires Sunday 27th March 2016).

Joining the Kids' Club entitles members to other future offers and special discounts around Newton Aycliffe. All members will receive a "Newt's Kids' Club" Membership Card and you will automatically receive some wonderful opportunities, prizes and gifts . . . **IT'S ALL FREE!**



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# Excellent Work Recognised More Back from E.U. Than We Pay in!



Woodham Academy recently held a series of celebratory assemblies across the school to recognise students' excellent work ethic. Certificates of Achievement were given in the following categories: Most Progress Made Since Key Stage 2, Most Improved Student, Best Effort and Best Behaviour. Only the top 20% in each year group received awards, with many students coming forward to claim certificates in all areas.

Students with 100% attendance were also recognised, which alone involved over 120 students. The assemblies were a mixture of celebrating what the students have achieved so far, but also acknowledging students need to give maximum effort in order to realise their full potential and achieve their aspirations. Mrs Taylor, Assist. Head Teacher, commented "It is important we recognise their hard work and acknowledge

progress and achievements. It is also an opportunity for them to feel proud and be able to share their success with family and friends"...

## Town Centre Market

Dear Sir,

In response to the Town Centre Manager's comments on the possible return of the weekly market I get the impression he does not want it in the town centre!

Why not ask residents for their opinion instead of outsiders? I would have thought a market brings people into the town which in turn creates business for the shops as well as a lively atmosphere.

Stockton are promoting their market with great success and something needs doing in Newton Aycliffe. Markets are not in decline in North Yorkshire and other places and they only tend to decline when you have a negative attitude. I was a stall holder in the market and now use the Thames Centre each week. The Watch Man

Dear Syd  
I am what Alastair P. G. Welsh calls a reasonable "Remainer" when it comes to the European referendum. (Newton News 11.3.16). This is NOT based on the views of big business, the Labour Party or Trade Unions but on common sense as I am a true Northerner.

Little is said about the North East's contribution to the E.U. As a region we get far more back from the E.U. than we actually pay in. If you doubt this, ask our local MEP. Can you honestly think that the Government would give our area the same level of support from the funds they save by not being an E.U. member? I think NOT.

We are the poor relations in this country. Compared to the Southern counties we get far less Local Government Grant Settlement therefore, we have councils cutting back far more on public services and, in the case of Darlington selling off the jewels in the council's crown – the indoor market and the central public library. It was reported (the Northern Echo 12.3.16) that the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (Cipfa) that inner London has the lowest average Band D Council Tax rise in 2016/17 at £4.96 while the North East has the highest at £59.62! No wonder, they get far more Local Government Grant Settlement.

Our Northern universities get millions of pounds in funding for research and development from the E.U. and this in turn has had job providing spin offs for our area. When our Government has students paying up to £9,000.00 tuition fees because they don't sufficiently fund the universities can you see them ploughing in similar sums for research and development in Northern universities? I think NOT.

The Farming Subsidy which is paid by the E.U. to farmers via our Government is critical to many Northern hill farmers for example and even then many incomes do not equate to the minimum wage. The Government would like to scrap this payment because farmers in the Tory Shire counties do not, in the main, need it. It is regularly reported that our farmers are receiving very late payment from the Government which is causing acute hardship and health problems. These farmers are critical to our rural areas, their sheep keep the beautiful landscape in the Dales for example in a state that other counties and many tourists envy. If these farmers go out of business our hills and dales would not be grazed,

the whole landscape would gradually change. This would most probably have a knock on effect on tourism and small businesses that rely on visitors. Would our Government outside the E.U. scrap these essential payments? Most probably.

The above are just examples of how our area would lose out. I won't go into speculation about import duties being placed on our exported goods to Europe as this is well documented only to question whether or not our workers would be better off, as Mr Welsh seems to think will happen, if their employers are

paying higher taxes to export their goods.

Please don't be apathetic and don't just take note of the Boris Johnsons in this debate, make yourself aware of all the facts. Read up on the E.U. issues, look at both sides of the argument and take account of how coming out would affect our area and the North of England as a whole.

We do not live in a wealthy Shire county and like Norway and Switzerland if we vote to come out we will still have to pay into the E.U. coffers but without any return.

Andrea Bergg, Lascelles Ave

## Councillors Visit School



As part of British Values week at St Joseph's School, Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam visited the school council members to talk about their role as councillors of Great Aycliffe and Durham County Council.

The children asked questions and saw how similar their roles were to councillors and how they are all working to improve things.

The School Council received a commemorative plaque from councillors as a memento of their visit.

## Look-a-Like Queen Sought

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of the Byerley Park School PTA who are organising a birthday party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Friday 10th June. For the event we thought about seeing if we could find a look a like Queen to attend our event.

Could any Newton News reader help? It would be very much appreciated.

Laura Plumb  
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## Fire Officers on the Run



Left to right: Dan Wootton, Rob Cherrie, Phil Innis and chief fire officer Stuart Errington who ran the length of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service area (48 miles) on Sunday 13th March.

The team of officers took on the run as a charity challenge from Rowlands Gill in the north to the village of Croft in North Yorkshire setting off on at 7am.

Stuart Errington said: "We ran to raise money for the Fire Fighter's Charity, which supports serving and former firefighters and staff across the country. We're very grateful for all of the help that we've received from our support team who will literally keep us running with drinks and food along the way. I'd also like to thank all of those people who have sponsored us as well as the Croft Hotel, which kindly offered to welcome us and our families at the end of the challenge.

Friends and colleagues joined the team at various stages of the challenge to run sections of the route and boost morale. To make a donation, visit the team's Just Giving page at:

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## EASTER ACTIVITIES AT LOCOMOTION

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is offering a range of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy this Easter.

Locomotion's Learning Team are offering craft packs for £1 per child. Each pack contains either an Easter chick card or Easter egg decoration for youngsters to make, along with an Easter trail to follow around the museum. Every child who completes the trail will receive a certificate! Craft packs will be available from Friday March 25 to Sunday April 10, while stocks last.

Our resident steam locomotive, Furness Railway No. 20, will

also be operating from Friday March 25 to Monday March 28. Steam driver experience sessions are available on the Friday and Saturday, with prices starting from £80 for a 30 minute session. Please note that participants must be aged between 21 – 69. Passenger steam train rides will be available on the Sunday and Monday – a small charge applies for train rides.

The museum will move to Summer opening hours from Friday March 25, meaning that opening times will be 10am to 5pm daily. Parking and admission is free of charge. For more information, please call 01388 777999.

## Tekmar Strengthens Senior Management Team

Tekmar Energy Ltd, a leading supplier of subsea cable protection, has strengthened its senior management team with the appointment of Barry Cooper as Operations Manager.

Bringing more than 15 years of experience in the offshore sector, Barry has served in several senior management and leadership roles in businesses including Technip Umbilicals, GE Wellstream and more recently, DeepOcean.

In his new role, Barry will be responsible for all operations working closely within the Senior Management Team to ensure products are manufactured to the highest quality, processes are efficient, and the history of excellence in quality and safety is further enhanced.

Prior to joining Tekmar, Barry was Capex Manager at Technip Umbilicals and GE Wellstream where he lead major investment programmes developing both Manufacturing and Research & Development facilities as part of global strategic growth plans. Locations included Brazil, Angola, Houston, Malaysia and the UK as well as leading process improvement initiatives in those manufacturing environments and subsea installations with DeepOcean.

Barry Cooper commented, "I am delighted to join Tekmar at a time of significant

growth and opportunity across renewables and subsea SURF products. Tekmar are strategically well positioned to take advantage of market opportunities in both sectors and have fantastic facilities already in place to support those plans. I look forward to working with the team to maximise the potential of an already successful brand".

James Ritchie, CEO, commented, "We are pleased to welcome Barry to our team of highly experienced executive managers. Despite the pressures of the market conditions Tekmar is still focused on growth and our future success depends on putting operations safety first, continually improving product quality and reducing the overall cost of production.

By appointing Barry as our Operations Manager, with his track record in offshore operations and manufacturing from some of the leading oil and gas players, we hope to capitalise from that experience to make Tekmar the clear market leaders and the supplier of choice".

Tekmar's recent growth has seen the company continue to secure multiple renewables contracts, including Race Bank, Rampion and Formosa. In addition to this, Tekmar has experienced consistent growth in the oil & gas subsea sector, despite the recent downturn, and continues to secure work with new and existing customers.

For more information on Tekmar, visit [www.tekmar.co.uk](http://www.tekmar.co.uk)



Tekmar's CEO James Ritchie (left) welcomes new operations manager Barry Cooper.

## Question Time for Police Commissioner



Students had the opportunity to question the region's Police and Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg during a visit to Woodham Burn Primary School on Wednesday 2nd March and answered a range of questions put to him during their school assembly.

Karen Robinson, Learning Mentor and Parent Support Advisor commented how proud the teachers were of the interest and enthusiasm shown by the children and of the range of questions asked, from policing issues to the PCC's favourite football team. Ron said: "I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. The children were very enthusiastic and asked lots of interesting questions. A group of children stayed back after school so they could ask more questions.

"The whole school was very welcoming and the behaviour of the pupils during assembly was impeccable."

Following the assembly, Ron met with staff, parents and governors to answer any questions about policing and find out more about the school, its ethos and its role in the community.

## What's On at Tesco

Dates of forthcoming community events taking place in Tesco

- 18th March 2016 - Kidney Cancer Care Collection
- 18th / 19th March 2016 - Knorr Chicken Stock Pot Tastings
- 19th / 20th March 2016 - Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt
- 21st / 22nd March 2016 - Guide Dogs Collection
- 26th March 2016 - Aycliffe Fire Brigade Charity Car Wash
- 28th / 29th March - Research for Children Collection
- 7th / 8th April 2016 - Cardiac Risk in The Young Collection
- 14th April 2016 - Air Ambulance Collection
- 16th April 2016 - Newton Aycliffe Dance Academy Show
- 16th / 17th April 2016 - Cancer Research Fund Raising Weekend
- 23rd April 2016 - Kidney Cancer Care Collection

Tesco staff want to support as many community events and charities as they can, so if you wish to book some time with us or talk about your charity event, please contact Shirley Cormack (Community Champion) on 07834 993203.

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# AYCLIFFE MAKE FIRST DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP FINAL APPEARANCE

There have been several occasions this season when we have reported that Newton Aycliffe FC will be playing the biggest game in their history. In a season which has seen the Moore Lane side surpass all previous club records in the FA Cup & FA Vase that's hardly surprising. This has been an exceptional season for the team.

On Good Friday 25th March, Aycliffe will be playing the biggest game in their 50 year history when they meet Whickham in the final of the Durham Challenge Cup. The game will be played at the Hetton Centre with a kick off time of 11:00am.

Aycliffe's previous best was reaching the semi final way back in 1969. At that time the team was known as "Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Rangers" and caused a stir by putting Crook Town out in the quarter final but were denied a final appearance by Ferryhill Athletic. Beating Crook Town was a major shock at the time. On 10 March 1969 the Evening Despatch reported:

"Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Rangers shook North East amateur soccer followers on Saturday with a 3-1 victory at Crook in the third round of the Durham Challenge Cup. Most people thought Crook would have little difficulty in progressing into the semi-final at the expense of the Auckland & District League side but Rangers had other

ideas. Newton Aycliffe have an impressive record. In the competition they have defeated Reyrolles (away), Stanley United (home) and now Crook Town (away)."

It would appear that Crook Town did get something from that game as records show that Aycliffe goalscorer David Blythe was playing for them by the following month!

That it has taken 47 years to get the club to a position where it can compete for the County Cup shows the level of progress that has been made in recent years.

This season's run in the Cup has seen victory's against Stockton Town, Hartlepool FC, Washington & an epic semi final against South Shields which was decided on penalties.

We're hoping as many Newtonians as possible will make their way to the Hetton Centre on Good Friday to support the team & hopefully bring the Durham Challenge Cup to Aycliffe. Whickham are in the division below Aycliffe & had a great result beating West Auckland in their semi-final.

The ground is at Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton le Spring DH5 9NE. Admission is £5, concessions £2.

You can keep up to date with Aycliffe's fixtures at [www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook at [Newtonaycliffefc](https://www.facebook.com/newtonaycliffefc) or on Twitter @NAycliffeFC

## Water Polo at Aycliffe



Sedgefield Water Polo Club hosted tournaments at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Center for under 13's and under 15's before a packed spectator area. The under 15's dominated their competition defeating Radcliffe from Manchester 14-2, Lancaster 12-1 and Rotherham 11-1 and in the final defeated Sheffield 10-2. The star of the Sedgefield team was Michael Hampshire 13 who was the leading scorer and Sedgefield's best all round player.

In the under 13 competition Sedgefield entered two teams against Lancaster and Radcliffe. The Orange team came out on top defeating Lancaster 6-4 in the final after losing to them in the group games. Sedgefield Green's were third and Radcliffe 4th. Sedgefield's outstanding player was Jonathon Jones for a fine performance in goal. The other Sedgefield players on the day were Haydn Craggs, Jake and Isaac Mendelson,

Ben and Kyle Alderson, Chris Jones, Daniel Millington, Lauren Chatt, Hollie Turnbull, Kate and Anna Harrison, Kes and Charlie Mc Ewan, Lewis and Josh Batey, Ryan Jay Griffiths, Joseph and Isaac Boys, Bartosz and Maja Czajczynska, Liam Hughes, Zak Schafer, Dan Barron, Lucy Li, Rowan, Jude and Amelia Henderson, Max Byles.

## Karaoke King & Elvis at Scout Centre

Following our sell out show "YEARS GONE" NASSA is hosting ANDREW KING as ELVIS on the 16th APRIL. Tickets are on sale now at £4 and are available at the bar or they can be reserved on our face book page:- Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association, just leave a message and we'll get back to you.

To get your vocal chords in practice to sign-along, why not come to the social club on SUNDAY 27 March at 6.30 and join CRAZY HOWIE and STARLIGHT KARAOKE. As always, we welcome old and new faces and if you like our club membership is only £3 per year.

NASSA is a voluntary group that run and maintain the Scout Centre on Bluebell Way Newton Aycliffe. We have a licenced bar and the profit from the sale of drinks and hall hire is used to fund the building. Our prices are very competitive. For football and racing lovers we have SKY SPORTS in the bar on Saturday and Sunday. We also have a pool table and are members of the pool league and darts and dominoes league.

If you are looking for a place to meet your friends and socialise why not visit us. We are open Friday from 6.00pm, Saturday and Sunday from approx. 1pm and Monday from 8pm. The hall is available to hire for family parties, meetings etc. with use of the bar if required, hire charge is from £25. Finally, the AGM will be held at 7pm on TUESDAY 26th April 2016. Can all paid up members try to attend and support your club.

## AYCLIFFE OUTCLASS YARM

This week saw Newton Aycliffe RUFC travel to Yarm From the kick off the Aycliffe players ripped into the Yarm team and drove them back deep into their own half. Aycliffe's tactics to pick and drive into the heart of the Yarm defence began to pay dividends. With Yarm struggling to contain a strong and aggressive tight eight led by captain Andrew Littlefair Aycliffe's forwards produced quality ball for their backs to run. Fast passing saw the majority of the backs involved in a beautiful try in the corner with Adam Gascoigne out pacing Yarm's defence to cross the line untouched. 5 - 0 up after ten minutes.

Aycliffe kicked possession away, Yarm decided to keep the ball tight in the forwards and an arm wrestling match proceeded for the next twenty minutes. The conditions appeared to sap the strength out of the player's legs but to be fair Aycliffe's players especially the forwards fought for every inch of mud.

When Yarm looked dangerous superb tackling from the forwards knocked them back time and time again. With less than 15 minutes left in the half James Thacker was very unlucky to be sin binned for what was deemed by the referee as a spike tackle. This ten minute period proved to be very decisive to the outcome of the game Yarm with superior numbers thought they could dominate the game. The Aycliffe team had other ideas as a collective the fourteen battered Yarm into submission every time the home team had the ball the firsts drove them back creating mistake after mistake.

By the time Thacker came back on to the field with a few minutes left of the first half Aycliffe had a line out on the twenty-five meters from their own line. The throw in was beautifully caught by Neil Morgan and his team drove him up the field the next passage of play was a delight to watch after several probing forward

drives scrum half Warren parsonage darted past the Yarm defensive line and the quick quality ball that ensured fantastic handling skills in the backs which allowed James Thacker to redeem himself and score close to the posts. Adam Gascoigne taking over the kicking duties duly slotted home.

Half Time 12 - 0

The second half saw Yarm throw everything they had at Aycliffe for the first few minutes. A tactical change made by the coaching staff saw Luke Tinkler replace Warren Parsonage (whose legs were lost somewhere in the deep mud) Chris Richards moved to scrum half and Tinkler slotted in at his favoured 12 position. It wasn't long before Tinkler made his presence felt. After more great ball won by the forwards Gareth Parsonage opened the gate for Tinkler to dance through the bemused Yarm backs to glide over between the posts Gascoigne kicked the extra points (19-0) this try allowed the coaches to give the full squad of player a chance to play Mark Wilson replaced Jonny Griffiths. Jeff Hodgson, Bob Malvern and Adam Batley benefited from rotating the front row as did Mark Affleck who played his last game of the season.

Ex Mowden Park Veteran Ian Dunnabie made his second appearance for the club, he was a great help to the players around him for the short time he was on. Tries began to flow and the quality rugby continued Thacker scored his second Gascoigne scored his second and Tinkler finished the game off with his brace. Adam Gascoigne kicked four conversions in total.

Final Score 38-0

Next weeks fixture is a home game against Prudhoe and Stocksfield.

*Aycliffe Rugby is sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Services and Emres Barbershop*

## Heighington Junior Football

Heighington Under 8s won their top of the table clash against Billingham Utd in a great advert for Youth Football on Sunday. Heighington won the game 5-1 with Goals from Joe Neild (2) Tyler Woodward (2) and Jay Bulch scoring direct from a corner. Tom graham, had another fantastic game at the back and Layton Collier in the Heighington goal was awarded Man of the Match with a great display. The second game Heighington won 4-1 with all 4 goals from Man of the Match Theo Callaghan including an outrageous volley smashed in to the top corner after a great delivery from Layton. Harvey Yale was assured at the back alongside Robbie Caygill, whilst Kenzie White had another great game in Midfield. Heighington can wrap up the league by winning 3 of their next 6 games, however if they manage to win all 6 they will have finished the season with a 100% record, which will be a remarkable achievement

**Under 15s**  
Heighington under 15's welcomed unbeaten Northallerton Juniors, in a Division 3 Top of the table clash. With a lot riding on the game, it was a bad start from the home side when after 2 minutes hesitation at the back meant that Northallerton took an early lead.... This made it a lot tougher to get a foothold in the match, and with the Away side shooting down the slope, the home side spent the majority of the first half defending their goal. After a formation change this became a bit more disciplined, and as the first half drew to a close it was a more even match, and Heighington nearly scored when Jack Emmerson was put in on goal, but the keeper managed to block the shot. It was disappointing again, when after losing the ball cheaply in the middle of the park, Northallerton capitalised and scored just on half time to go

2 up. Shooting down the hill in the second half, Heighington penned the Northallerton defence in for long periods and it took a mistake to break the deficit when a clearance fell kindly to Liam Wright who put in Jack Emmerson, who reduced the deficit to 1. At this stage in the game, it was one way traffic, and Northallerton were not making any impact in attack. With 15 minutes to go, it was against the run of play, when after failing to clear a cross, the away side scored to grasp the 2 goal lead. This really to the sting out the match, and with Heighington pressing to get back in the match, they were caught again with 5 to go. The match finished 4-1 to Northallerton, but the scoreline flatted them a bit. So well done, plenty of effort today, against a physical side, but no reward, MOM was Broden Forster who put in a shift today

The **Under 8s** have been playing in their first league campaign this season in the TJFA league on a Sunday morning as well as training on a Thursday Night at Heighington Parish Fields. The boys have done incredibly well at 5 a side level winning every game this year. Next season we move up to 7 a side and are therefor on the lookout for 2 additional players to improve our already fantastic squad. With this in mind Heighington will be having an open training session on Thursday April 14th up at Heighington Parish Fields.

This is ideally for children with a little experience in playing the game, however not essential. Your child must be 8 Years old between the 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 to be eligible for our team. If you and your child would be interested in coming along please get in touch with Heighington's Coach Dean Marcus on 07713 577364



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# YOUTH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Under 11 Girls v Easington Colliery - a tough game from a determined opposition tested the girls and as long throws were proving dangerous Faith in goal had to be at her very best. After a slow start the girls finally got into the game with a surging run down the side line from Hattie who cut back for Alex to sweep past their keeper. HT 1-0.

The girls started to increase the pressure in the second half with numerous corners and a Kate shot was stopped on the line by a defenders hand, penalty, up stepped Hattie to blast into the roof of the net. The girls kept their shape to see out the game and secure the points FT 2-0.

Under 11 Falcons v Soccarena, an early goal from a great run by Declan set the lads on their way but despite most of the first half spent in the opposition half they couldn't add to their only goal HT 1-0. Leon, having played the first half in goal quickly added to the lead only for Soccarena to pull one back. Aycliffe won a corner which was met at the front post by Jake but was saved, however Declan was in the right place to slot for his second of the game. Another corner and Jake's header was pushed onto the bar - Leon reacted first to grab his second to secure the points FT 4-1

Under 7 Eagles v Easington Whites. A tough day against a strong opposition and the lads heaviest defeat of the season, despite heroic goal keeping from Tristan; Easington took the points FT 0-6

Under 17 v Leam Rangers - A slow start but Aycliffe opened the scoring from a McWaters free kick headed home by Coatsworth but within minutes the lads switched off and it was 1-1. Douglas restored our lead pouncing on a loose ball in the box for Leam to equalise from a soft free kick. A penalty converted

by McWaters gave control of the game. Smith claimed the 4th goal and powerful header from Reay HT 5-2. MOM Josh Reay

On to our TJFA sides with Under 16 Falcons v Nunthorpe. A scrappy start as neither side could settle but it was Aycliffe who created the chances and Sam Thompson was on the end of a great through ball to open the scoring. The lads played some good football but couldn't add goals before half time 1-0. An early corner and Sam Pearson slotted for 2-0 only for Nunthorpe to grab a goal from a similar corner. The opposition keeper was in great form but Aycliffe grabbed a 3rd goal from Ryan Flowers and a 4th from Cameron Bowsher. Nunthorpe scored their second - FT 4-2

Under 10 v Spriare Lads with early pressure from the lads playing excellent football but with no reward. Spriare won a corner and took the lead followed by a second HT 0-2. Aycliffe kept battling but Spriare grabbed another 2 second half goals - FT 0-4

Under 9 Falcons v Leven AFC. One of the best displays of the season, with great passing football, using the whole width of the pitch. An early penalty by Cole hit the woodwork, but he kept going and was rewarded with the opener before half time 1-0. The lads stepped up a gear in the second half as Dylan scored a second goal and Cole scored with an excellent finish to make it 3-0. Leven had the final word scoring from a corner FT 3-1 MOM Dylan

Under 12 Falcons v Saxons A controlled performance against a side who beat us 8-1 early season. On a slightly heavy pitch Aycliffe controlled the tempo throughout. Kane opened the scoring with a superb volley from a corner and we added a second before half time from Jacob HT

2-0. In the second half Jacob calmly slotted past an on rushing keeper for his second only for Saxons to grab their opener. A nervous 5 mins followed as Saxons pressed forward but Kane grabbed his second of the game and late strike from Tom secured the points FT 5-1, MOM Jacob.

Under 12 Eagles v Golden Flatts. The lads played well enough to deserve at least a point but despite playing some excellent football and 2 great goals from Adam the opposition managed to take the points FT 2-3

Under 12 Hawks v Stockton Rovers. A disappointing result from an excellent team display, with long periods of good possession. Goals from Ben, Jaydon and Jack and a MOM performance from Ollie in the heart of defence, but Stockton took the points - FT 3-6.

Under 13 Falcons v Heighington - An exciting and dramatic game of youth football with every single player giving their all in this local derby and top of the table clash. Goals from Adam and Cole were equalled by Heighington and with the game evenly balanced at 3-3 up stepped Jack with a final minute winner FT 4-3 MOM Adam Askew

Under 16 Eagles v Middlebeck, in a game that was always going to be a tough battle. Middlebeck played long balls and battled hard which seemed to unsettle us for a while and we didn't play a lot of football ending the first half 2-2. We told them to get first to the ball, and get back to playing football. The boys listened and came out well on top in the second half winning 7-3 with goals from Daniel Hewitt 4, Ryan Harris, Liam Hardy and Daniel Ryans. Good performance in the end and another 3 points.

Under 13 Eagles v Acklam The team struggled at the start and found themselves 1 down then woke up and played football, scoring an equaliser before half time.

Second half - really nice football resulting in quick goals to take a 3-1 lead. Aycliffe then stopped doing the basics allowing Acklam back into the game scoring twice to level the score. The boys then held on for the point but it should have been three. The club are now developing more girls' sides, so if you are in Yr 3/4/5 and interested in playing contact Berni on 07939 045242

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# Young Newtonian in British Championships

Woodham Academy wish one of its students, Jake Mendelsohn in Year 8, the very best of luck as he prepares to take part in The British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championships on the 20th March at Crystal Palace. This is a national event organised by Pentathlon GB and athletes have competed in previous regional rounds in order to participate in this Championship. All competitors will do a separate run and swim, with distances determined by age group. Times for each discipline are then converted to points and the winner is the athlete with



the most points after both disciplines. Jake currently competes in the U14 age range and must swim 100m and run 1600m. His first event back in October was the Yorkshire U14 Biathlon, which he convincingly won, knocking 20 seconds off his 100m swim. He is an extremely talented athlete who represents both Sedgfield Water Polo Club and the U14 North East Regional Team, regularly playing in competitions around the country.

In preparation for the upcoming Championships, Jake has recently stepped up his training to concentrate on his middle distance

running and has shown great commitment to train alongside staff from the PE Department at Woodham Academy every week, developing his knowledge of pace, speed and endurance for this event.

Mrs Hall, Head of PE, said: "Jake is an exceptionally talented student and we are all very proud of him. We are sure that the amount of time and effort that he has spent training for these events will pay off. He has a natural ability for the modern biathlon and that, coupled with his excellent physical fitness, will stand him in good stead to achieve great success. We wish him all the best!"

## DISAPPOINTMENT FOR AYCLIFFE F.C.

Newton Aycliffe returned to action after yet another weather break with a disappointing loss at Newcastle Benfield. The game was played on a heavy pitch which had seen an abandonment just three days earlier but fortunately had recovered sufficiently to allow the match to go ahead.

Aycliffe were without Dan Mitton & Stuart Banks while fellow regulars Matty Moffat & Brian Close were on the bench. Close is recovering from the injury sustained against South Shields while Ashley Coffey made the starting line up having been injured in the same game.

It was Coffey who looked the most effective of the Aycliffe attack but it was Benfield who dominated the first half hour producing excellent saves from James Winter. The home side took the lead after 12 min, a shot from outside the box beating the Aycliffe keeper. Although Aycliffe rallied towards the end of the half they couldn't pull level & were perhaps fortunate to go into the break just one goal behind. Aycliffe manager Peter Dixon made a double change at half time bringing on Moffat &

Jordan Laidler. The switch seemed to galvanise the visitors who became more threatening forcing good saves from the Benfield keeper.

He could do nothing however after 56 mins to stop a 30yd Zak Boagey shot fly past him into the top of the net.

At that point the Aycliffe fans believed that their side would go on & get the winner. Within the next 5 minutes there were two chances to do just that. A quick free kick from Coffey found Moffat who turned the defender but had his shot blocked by the advancing keeper. Two minutes later he blocked another, this time from Laidler.

It wasn't to be though & it was the home side who got the winner with 15 minutes to go. Aycliffe's defence failed to deal with a corner & appeared to help the ball into their own net.

A disappointing result but Aycliffe must pick themselves up quickly for three games this week: Tuesday home to Ashington (ko 7:45), Thursday away to Washington (ko 7:30) & Saturday home to Bedlington Terriers (ko 3:00pm).

## Kurling for the Blind



A trial Kurling session for blind people was held at the Leisure Centre last week. This could turn into a more regular event if the interest and demand is there.

A Durham group have actually taken part in a national competition held last year - one of our teams achieved 2nd place (see photo). The names of the medal winning contestants are Derek Snowden, Elsie Snowden, Colin Welsh, Julie Fox with David Brown behind representing the Great Britain Kurling Association.

A competition will be taking place this year at Darlington in October. People can choose to what level they wish to pursue the sport whether to keep it as a purely social activity or play competitively.

The next meeting of Blind Life in Durham will take place at Simpature Court, in Newton Aycliffe on the 31st of March 1.30 to 3.30. We have an interesting chat and often manage to resolve situations and problems because of others experience and knowledge. We share information and humour as laughter can be the best medicine.

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**GACAP Announce Date of A.G.M.**

The Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership monthly meeting last Monday took on a new format as 24 partners of GACAP met at DISC offices near the Blue Bridge in Newton Aycliffe.

The meeting took on the form of "speed dating," where tables of up to eight partners

shared information about their organization. After ten minutes they were encouraged to move onto the next table. The buzz in the meeting room was exciting with new alliances being formed. Two new partners joined. The Silent Tea House have a tea shop opposite Poundland in Newton Aycliffe town centre and are geared towards the deaf community with the added option for non deaf people to learn signing. The other newcomer was Prince Bishops Community Bank a credit union. Both gave a short presentation to partners prior to the "speed dating" experience.

The date of GACAP's AGM was agreed as Monday 18th April, and in line with their governance, all officers will stand down from their posts. The out-going secretary Joan Clark, confirmed she will not be standing again, saying it was time to allow new blood to develop as an officer. Joan has been with GACAP since its inception and has seen tremendous growth over the past 12 months, going from 15 partners in March last year to 24 partners this year. Joan concluded by saying she would remain as a partner of GACAP as a representative of Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch.

If you feel you would like to find out more about GACAP and its aims and objectives or be nominated as an officer please contact the secretary on [secretary.gacap@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.gacap@gmail.com)  
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18th March 2016

## Cree Men Get a Taste for Healthy Eating

The wonderful Cree volunteers at Greenfield have been busy this term trying various healthy living tasters, including yoga, mindfulness and cookery to see how this can help them feel better in mind and body.

The programme which is supported by public health funding has encouraged them to explore new activities outside their comfort zone and to think positively about their well-being. It has recently seen our volunteers get hands-on in the kitchen and make some delicious healthy food such as cottage pie with a healthy twist and a hearty lentil and vegetable curry.

These healthy eating sessions have been led by specialist tutor Laura Agar Wilson of 'Wholeheartedly Healthy' and have proved a great success, Philip Clark one of our valued Cree members speaking about the experience said "it was really interesting to find out about different foods, particularly alternatives such as coconut oil and curried lentils which were a surprising addition to your five a day! It was nice to cook and eat with our friendly group"

The Cree volunteers are also looking forward to being involved in future community projects including bringing some laughter to Newton Aycliffe train station, watch this space! Anyone interested in finding out a bit more about our Cree sessions which are held on Mondays between 10.30 - 12.30 should contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048 to speak to our friendly team or check out the website on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

## School Art Exhibition



As part of St Joseph's British Values week children held a British themed art exhibition. Every class completed works of art which Mike Shanley from Images framed. Family and friends visited the exhibition over 2 days and they were amazed at the quality of the art on show and the way it was presented.

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These are totally different projects to building construction and I do apologise for any inconvenience. We have expressed our concerns to the council on speeding traffic

Phil

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## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Photograph taken of boating lake, early evening on 17th February by Fiona Constantine

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Dear Readers

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We take our church organist to play the music, and some of our church members help alongside the pastoral team. Our two parish priests share the Services between them, and it is always a pleasure to see the joy on the residents' faces when we visit.

As well as visiting seven Care and Nursing Homes, we also go into Woodham Grange which is purpose built for men and women with special needs,



who love having us visit them. We are passionate about taking God's love and his word to all residents in these homes and it is very humbling to share the experience.

Many of the residents have lived on this town since its beginning and we feel the very least we can offer to thank those who have done so much for the building up of this town and its community, is to make sure they know by our visits they are never forgotten. During these Easter Services all residents are offered a palm cross and a mini chocolate egg, or an alternative if they have special dietary needs.

You are welcome to visit residents in any nursing home on the town, as some get no visitors at all. Just pop in and see the manager at a nursing home near you for more information.

Pam Lovelass APA.  
St. Clare's Church

## Easter & Summer Camps



Our camps in the past have gone really well with all children having a fantastic time! We deliver a variety of sports and make sure we listen to the children and deliver the activities they like. Camps are delivered by qualified head coaches and Sedgfield SSP PE Apprentices to ensure all the children are trying new sports, making new friends and most importantly having fun! We'd love to see you at our Easter and Summer Camps this year so make sure you book as soon as possible to confirm your place using our website – [www.sedgfieldssp.org.uk/holiday-camps/](http://www.sedgfieldssp.org.uk/holiday-camps/)

## Acknowledgement

**IVESON** The family of the late June Iveson would like to thank everyone who made a donation at June's funeral to the families two chosen charities. The sum of £425 was donated and equally divided between the Alzheimer's Society and the Stroke Association. Again, many thanks for your generosity

### Ronald Elliott and Zena



Gillian and Lorraine would like to thank family and friends for their kind wishes at this very sad time. Thank you to Sue's Flowers, the RAFA Club, Mandy at Party Platters and Newton Press for the lovely order of service sheets.

A very special thank you to John and everyone at Whitehouse Funeral Service for their utmost care with our lovely Dad (and Zena), and their support and attention to detail which allowed the day to go as smoothly as it did.

A huge thank you to "Forget Me Not" Pet Crematorium for getting beautiful Zena prepared so she was placed in her Daddy's arms to be together forever.

# Funding Opportunity

## Youth Clubs Grants Available (UK)

Variety has grants of £250 to £600 available for youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition or UK Youth. They can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure. You'll have to raise some of the funds yourself and applications that have young people involved in the fund raising will be looked upon favourably.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

<https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>

## In Memoriam

### Elizabeth Anne Colley



23rd March 2015

I miss you now, my heart is sore, as time goes by I miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place. I miss you in so many ways, I miss the things you used to say. And when old times I do recall, it's then I miss you most of all. Your touch, your smile, was always so tender. Today - tomorrow, I will always remember. God saw you getting tired, a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "come to me". A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. God broke my heart to prove to me He only takes the best. Tears in my eyes will wipe away, but tears in my heart will always stay. Forever my love, my darling Anne

### Eileen Jones



19th March 2015

No more todays and no more tomorrows. Just days spent, full of tears and sorrow. A year ago you went to sleep, a thousand memories are ours to keep. Heaven gained a wonderful hero, our lives changed when it was your time to go. Fly high with the angels, spread your wings wide, always walk by our side. You left a Husband, Grandkids a Son and a Daughter. Mam, you were our "bridge over troubled water". Love from all your family xxxx

### Tina-Louise Allan

21st March. Each night I shed a silent tear, as I speak to you in prayer. To let you know I love you and just how much I care. Take my million tear drops, wrap them up in love, then ask the wind to carry them, to you in Heaven above. Love always, Jacquie xx

**PEARL MITCHIE** 1935-2013. We often think of bygone days when we were all together, the family chain is broken now, but memories live forever. Ron, Claire, Paula, Andrew, Chris, Bethany and Krystal xxxxx

**FRANK SWINBURNE** 24-3-2013. Miss you so much every day. Lots of love, Pauline, Diane, Frank, Kevin, Hannah and Luke xxx

**ALLEN FRAZER** 18th March 1998. Silent thoughts of times together. Special memories last forever. Love, Ann and family xx

### First Year Memorial - 20th March 2015

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Despite my heartbreak and all of my pain, I wouldn't wake you, to suffer again. Love you so much Mum. Goodnight, God bless, Lal and Brian xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** It's been a year Mum, since you were taken, and left our hearts completely broken. My Mum, my guide, my treasured friend. The pain of missing you never ends. All our love always, Michele, Neil and Michael xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** We don't know how we've got through each second without you Mam and Nanna. It's gone by in a blur. We love and miss you way too much. All our love, Donna, Kelly, Nicky, Marie and family xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Ellie, when I needed a Mam you were there. A year has gone but the pain has not. I'll always love and miss you and you'll never be forgot xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** Loving memories of the world's best Sister and Auntie ever. Loved always, forgotten never by Pamela, Dione and Ross xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** A year since God took you to a better place. We miss you every day, but you left us so many beautiful memories. Our Nana, our friend. God bless. Love always, Vikki and Tez xxx

**ELEANOR ROBINSON** We miss you and wish you could come back, but we are glad your knees are better in Heaven. We love you "Baby Nana". Ashton and Aiden xxx

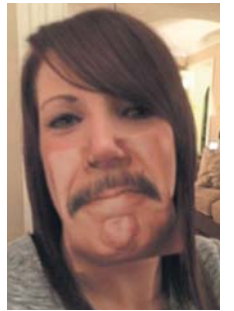
## Congratulations

### John Hennessey 22nd March 2016



**Happy 80th Birthday** to my wonderful Husband. Lots of love, Doreen. xx Have a great 80th birthday, Dad; enjoy your special day. Lots of love, Susan, Ian, Michael, Stephen, Rachel, Elizabeth and Isabel. xxxx

### Nicola Sahin



**Happy Birthday**  
15th March 2016  
Happy birthday. Lots of love from Emre, Emrehan and Alara xxxxxxx

### John & Ruby Maull (nee Henderson)



**Golden Wedding**  
John and Ruby celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19th March. Congratulations and love from Nicola, Steven, Niall and family

### John Hennessey

**Happy 80th Birthday** to my special big brother. Have a great day. With love from the Molyneux family, Anne and Peter, Jane, Neil, Luke, Philip, Ashleigh, Dougie and Lena.

## Birthday Remembrance

**IRIS ANGUS** 20th March. Loving memories of a dear Sister-in-Law and Aunt. Missed so much. God bless, Ann, Neil and family xxx  
**FRANK SWINBURNE** 18-3-2016. Thinking of you today and every day. Love always, Pauline, Frank, Diane, Kevin, Luke and Hannah xxx

## Obituary

**MIDGLEY**, John of Aycliffe Village on 6th March, aged 77 years. After a long battle with Parkinsons Disease bravely passed away. A dearly beloved Husband of Mary; a much loved Dad of Karen and Kathryn; also a treasured Grandad; a dear Father-in-Law, Brother and Uncle. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 18th March for 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Parkinsons UK. Plate provided at Crematorium

**WRIGHT**, 8th March, peacefully in hospital after a short illness bravely borne. Alan, aged 72 years, dear Husband to Mary; Dad to Stephen and Jennifer; Grandad to Jason and Rebecca. Funeral to take place on Wednesday 23rd March. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 2.00pm. Followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium.

## Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

### Billy Palmer



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## GOLF FOR GIRLS NAJFC REPORTS New Martial Arts Club Opens

Girls' golf is rocking in Durham with the launch of a campaign to inspire new players. Girls Golf Rocks is all about attracting beginners to have fun, learn a new sport, get active and play alongside friends – with no pressure. Girl golfers from county squads will act as ambassadors, sharing their enjoyment and inspiring other girls, aged five to 18.

The campaign tees off with free taster sessions on Sunday 3 April, supported by the county girls, at the four clubs taking part: Chester-le-Street Golf Club, Durham City Golf Club, Oakleaf Golf Complex and Ramside Hall Golf Club. Visit [www.getintogolf.org/durham](http://www.getintogolf.org/durham) for more information and to book.

Following the tasters with PGA professionals, the four clubs will each offer six-week structured coaching programmes, with the county girl players mentoring the newcomers. All the girls who complete the coaching programme will be fitted with a free seven iron to help them continue to play.

The finale will be a fun par three competition at the Oakleaf Golf Complex in May when new young players can enjoy playing alongside their mentors.

Bobby Griffiths, the Durham county junior organiser said: "We are delighted to be involved with the Girls Golf Rocks campaign. We already have lots of girls in Durham playing regular golf, some as young as seven, and it's a real pleasure to see them enjoying the game and making new friends."

"We would love to see more girls participating and the girls currently playing are keen to show them that golf is not just for old men but can be a great opportunity to keep fit, make new friends and have lots of fun."

Aycliffe Juniors had several games on what would have been the last day of the TJFA season for some was it not for the re-arranged fixtures to be played. Some sides having several games left to play, this will give the players plenty of time to show off the new club merchandise on sale, proudly shown off by Tom as pictured. Under 7's faced a physically strong Spaire Lads team. The going was tough and the boys were under pressure but put in 100% and pulled together but the results did not go their way. Nothing more could be asked of the team and their great spirit was epitomised by men of the match Josh and Kai.

Under 8's had a fantastic afternoon on Saturday when they visited Newcastle United Academy to face their side, they played really well and gained some brilliant memories. Coach Jack and Manager Abi were really proud of all the boys involved in the two games played with the academy manager awarding man of the match to Rhys.

Under 10 Russell Foster league team earned a good 2-1 win against Bowburn Youth Bees. It was the first time the team had played on grass in several weeks and the game was fast paced. Bowburn took the lead with a strong shot at the near post. Bo got the equaliser in the second half before Evan stepped up to score the winner. The Parents

man of the match was Herbie for a great performance in goal and the players chose Oli as their man of the match.

The Under TJFA team scored six unanswered goals in a strong performance at Stockton Town Blues Lucas opened the scoring before Charlie hit 2 goals for a 3-0 lead in only 10 minutes. In the second half two goals from Zack and a second for Lucas completed a 6-0 win.

Under 11's went down against a good Darlington TSC side with the Under 12's travelling to face Coulby Newham. They opened the game with several shots on target and could have got a lead however it was the home team who opened the scoring and Aycliffe were 1-0 down at half time. Coulby gained in confidence in the second half and Aycliffe seemed to tire. After Dylan had scored a great equaliser two goals were conceded and the game ended 3-1. On a day when the Aycliffe team created more they found themselves defeated in a frustrating manner. Jamie was the man of the match in a fault less display.

Under 14's lost at home to high flying Redcar Athletic. They came in at half time 3-0 down after an indifferent opening half. The second half saw a great improvement and the game ended 5-1 but there were many positives to build on for next week.

The Under 18 Reds and Under 23's had games called off again and the Under 18 Blacks lost their unbeaten run against league leaders Ferryhill Town.



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On 8th March Kim Chung Do Kwan opened the doors of its Newton Aycliffe Club. There was a demonstration provided by existing members and a meet and greet for anyone interested in joining. Master Hannah offered thanks and praise to the students who came to

support the opening. Kim Chung Do Kwan is part of the Mudo Academy a traditional Martial Arts Club, focused on improving the self confidence and mental and physical health of its students through self defence training and mediation.

Anyone interested in improving their wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment is welcome to come along to Newton

Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Tuesdays from 7.00 - 8.00pm in the Red Sports Hall.

Alternatively, contact us via email at [mudoacademygb@gmail.com](mailto:mudoacademygb@gmail.com), Telephone 07775 333 168. Club details and additional information can be found by searching Kim Chung Do/Mudo Academy on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. We look forward to meeting you.

## Newtonian Powerlifter Selected for Great Britain

Newtonian Daniel Worsley (22), after only taking up Powerlifting 18 months ago, has been selected to represent Great Britain.

The former Greenfield student recently competed in the European Championships in Estonia and returned with four gold medals including two gold.

He currently holds the English record for the U83kg category and the British Deadlift record.

Daniel who is employed as a Transport Planner is in training at the 'Be Inspired' Gym on the Business Park for the World Championships in Texas in June. Newton News on behalf of his home town wish him every success.



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