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High Praise for Past Mayor Mary Dalton



New Mayor Jed Hillary presents a bouquet to Past Mayor Mary Dalton year in appreciation of her year of office.

The Leader of the Council Bob Fleming thanked Mary for her sterling work as Mayor remarking upon the fact it was her fourth year in the role at the age of 90.

He reminded everyone that Mary came from Holland after

meeting and marrying her husband Reg who liberated her village from the Germans at the end of World War 2.

"Mary would never have dreamed that one day she would live to be 90 and serve as Mayor of Great Aycliffe four times" said Bob. "She has carried out her duties diligently with energy and enthusiasm and represented Great Aycliffe so well. Everyone speaks highly of her and we thank Mary for her contribution to our town" he added.

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EXCITING EVENTS FOR HEIGHINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Association has been planning some very exciting events to be held in the village hall in the coming months.

They have decided to increase the number of 'Refreshment Fridays' this year, starting on Friday 3rd June in the halfterm holiday. They will then recommence with the school holidays on Friday 22nd July and every Friday until 2nd September, making seven in all. On each day the hall will be open between 11am and

'Refreshment Fridays' have proved very popular and the Association is sure it is because they offer delicious home-made food at very reasonable prices in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

They have also scheduled a season of exciting theatrical events, starting on Saturday 18th June at 7.30pm when Company will perform Alan Bennett's iconic 2 'Talking Head' monologues; 'A Lady of Letters'.... and 'Bed Among the Lentils....'

Tickets are £10, to include a welcome drink. There will be a bar on the night.

On Saturday 10th September they will be staging 'Happy Jack' by renowned playwright, John Godber, and The Kingfisher' by William Douglas Home will be staged on Saturday 19th November.

'My Brilliant Divorce' by Geraldine Aron will be coming to the village hall in February or March 2017.

Heighington village hall will be playing an important role during the Heighington Fair on 11th and 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

In October there will be the regular craft market and in

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Review from Haughton Buffaloes, - "Balls in The Buffs, Twin lead guitar outfit Balls of Steel came out on a bitterly cold night to play for the Herd in Houghton Comrades on 12th December. Featuring ex-Venom guitar player Jim Clare plus son Sam the band played through a selection of classic rock favourites, kicking off with some Thin Lizzy and including tracks from Gary Moore, ZZ Top, Free, Jimi Hendrix, Deep Purple, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Kinks & T Rex. The dancers were up from early on and stayed on the floor for much of the night, genuinely nice guys and a pleasure to work with."

Saturday 28th May - "Coldhearted"

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with be at the centre of the Heighington 'Switch-On', when the lights on the village Christmas tree are switched on together with others around the green. This will be followed by carol singing and mulled wine and mincepies together with other entertainment. A great start to the seasons festivities.

As well as all this the Association is hoping to arrange one or two concerts in the village hall in the coming months.

Heighington Village Hall Association will be offering a wide selection of events to suit all tastes. More details will be published of events nearer the times but if you would like any further information on any events mentioned or would like to purchase tickets, please telephone 01325 307040.

ROTARY CLUB DEFIBRILLATOR TRANSFERRED TO MOORE LANE SPORTS CLUB

Last year Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club provided a defibrillator in Tesco's for use in the event of someone having emergency heart failure. Since then Tesco's having have decided to install defibrillators in all their decided to stores nationwide at their own expense.

As a consequence the Rotary Club had a spare machine so decided to donate it to Moore Lane Sports Club and it was handed over to Secretary Pat Flynn by the President Denese Cartwright accompanied by Rotarians Jill Thompson and Geoff Batchelor. Pat expressed thanks on behalf of the club and said how grateful they were to know they had this life saving equipment.

Rotary Club The encouraging organisations and schools in the town to organisations have defibrillators available not only for their own use but for the neighbouring community.

It is essential when someone with sudden cardiac arrest and needs defibrillation that they receive treatment within



School PTA Provides Play Equipment



The School Council at St. Joseph's School were delighted to receive new playground equipment last week. They had written to the PTA kindly requesting money for them to buy some and after choosing what they would like, they placed an order.

They would like to thank the PTA for their generous donation and Mrs Henderson for ordering the equipment, which came the next day! In the photo are Daniel and Millie

Shopping for Over 50's Made Easy

Food shopping may be as

With a lack of transport and less choice in some areas, access to healthy food can be problematic. In response to this Age UK County Durham's award winning Come Eat Together project is making shopping for food as easy as

possible.
The team has been working their accessible

to older people in Newton

Aycliffe.
The trips aren't just a ride to the shops. Members get the added bonus of a door to door service, a wider variety of shops, help with heavy bags as well as with heavy bags as well as plenty of time to stop off for a cuppa and a chat.

trips These regular supermarkets are making a huge difference to older people in other areas who have difficulty shopping for food. what from other shopping clubs have to say,

"We enjoy the trips and appreciated the help from staff and the driver. I would have struggled to get a lot of shopping otherwise

"I enjoy the trips. I had not been able to get to the supermarket in six weeks. I also received extra help with my shopping whilst in the store, which was much appreciated".

A team of dedicated and friendly Come Eat Together volunteers are on hand to assist with all aspects of shopping. This can range from assistance on and off the bus and help lifting heavy bags, to support around the store.

The Come Eat Together Shopping Club will be running fortnightly on a Friday morning from the 27th May at a cost of £4.00 per trip. To take part in the shopping club, find out more for a friend or neighbour please contact the Come Eat Together team on 0191 374 6577 or e-mail: cet@ ageukcountydurham.org.uk.

The Come Eat Together project is funded by the Big Lottery Silver Dreams Fund.

simple as jumping in your car and heading to the local supermarket, but for some people over 50, this couldn't be further from the truth.

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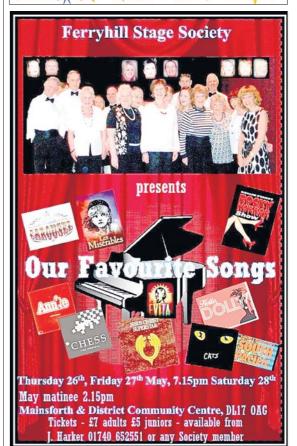
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St Josephs Primary School Mathew is celebrating the opening of a purpose built external requested now for a number of years playhouse that will be used by both children and the to allow them access to free play and on behalf of wider community. the school, would like to thank GAMP and Durham

The funding secured through Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of Councillors Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper, allowed the school to make their plans a reality. Mathew Atkinson, Head Teacher, said; "At St Joseph's School we believe that play is essential to every child's development. Through play, children explore and learn about their world, as well as developing imagination, creativity and social skills. The new facility will be a great asset to both the school and wider community.'

The new facility will also help the school provide a base for a parent and toddler group that is in the process of being set up as well as ensuring that every child has access to play, before School, during breaks and after School



Police are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle was stolen in newton Aycliffe.

The incident occurred at around 11:30pm on Skipton Close, when a pizza delivery driver parked his motor up with the keys in the ignition in order to take a delivery to an address.

Unknown person(s) have then stolen the vehicle and driven off in an unknown direction.

The vehicle is a Blue Fiat Punto and police are appealing for witnesses to come forward. Anvone with

information should contact PC 2823 Deschacht on 101. Alternatively contact the vou Independent Charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

PC 2687 Jamie PITT Tel: 101 or 999 in an

emergency jamie.pitt@durham.pnn



The inspirational work of Newton Aycliffe brain tumour research campaigner and fund-raiser Anna Swabey was further rewarded this week when she was presented with a Durham County Council Chairman's Medal which recognises 'significant achievement and outstanding effort in all walks of life. It has been County Durham's top civic award since it was introduced in 2007.

The presentation to Anna (centre) by Council Chairman Jan Blakey was watched by Anna's parents and her fiancé, Andy Bell. Picture shows (1-r) Anna's father, Keith, Cllr Blakey, Andy, and Anna's mother, Linda

Anna, who is herself battling a terminal brain tumour, was nominated for the Medal by her Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club colleagues and received it just a few weeks after being honoured by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland with a 'UK Young Citizen of the Year' award.



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Hard for the Community

I was shocked to see all the negative responses in last week's edition of the Newton News. It looked like a "lets get

Dorothy Bowman" edition. I have known Dorothy several vears. a woman of strong character. I have always known her to have a genuine heart for the community, helping residents in lots of different ways.

The article in the Northern Echo was taken out of context by some people. It was not Dorothy that likened the area to 'Shameless', I doubt Dorothy has even watched the programme. It was another resident who made that who made that statement.

Dorothy is aware that the majority of the people living in the area are decent hard working people, but a few are making the area look bad.

As long as I have known Dorothy she has shown a community heart to the area, I help run a dementia group in the Silverdale Community house, where all the group members admire her. Without this group some of these people would not have a social life.

Dorothy's husband Raymond attends these meetings to chat to our members, he can no longer help in the way he used to, due to ill health. The group helps him socialise, however he can not participate in some of the activities our group does, but just sitting chatting to other members has done him good. It is wrong that a lady giving such good service to the community should be treated with such disrespect. I admire Dorothy for what she does, her age and recent illness has never stopped her doing things for the people of the Williamfield

I know that all the nasty comments on social media and the negative press will not deter her continuing to help the community in any way she can.

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Newton Aycliffe Division Guides - £200

like the Rotary Club.

Her Son and Consort for her Mayoral year, Michael, also raised £370 for his mother's chosen charities. He is wheelchair bound, but raised cash by cycling the equivalent of 50 km on a hand bike in the Leisure Centre

AGLOW EVENT

Aglow International are holding an event at Moore Sports Club Thursday 9th June at 7.15pm. The guest speaker is local President Brenda Stewart. Refreshments will be served and admission is £3.50p



Newton Aycliffe Baden Powell Scouts - £200

REME Association Meeting

REME Association South West Durham Branch, monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 25th May at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PW. All serving and ex-serving military personnel welcome. John Moore, Branch Secretary

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month at the Acley Centre, Carers Way, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe - meet in reception at 5.30pm-7.30pm For further information, please contact:

Wendy: 07415 380 040 or Nicky: 07500 783 634 Hope to see you there!

Tolerance for People with Learning Disabilities

This country has been on a remarkable journey over the past century. Over a hundred years ago, children and adults with severe learning difficulties were locked in asylums, often spending their whole lives without human contact. During the Middle Ages 'lunatics' were thought to be the work of the devil - today we treat people with learning difficulties with the respect and the dignity every human

And so, how appalled I was to read Mr Robson's letter last week. Of course, in Mr Robson's world view those who are not 'normal' should be hidden from view – or worse. Regular readers will remember his past comments about his desire for a restoration of public floggings. To describe those with special needs as 'violent people into the community'

marauding the streets leaving people in 'danger of assault' is at best naïve ignorance, at worst insulting and offensive. The fact of the matter is, people with learning disabilities can be unpredictable. Having a severely disabled sister I know this too well; many people in this community who spend their time caring for disabled family will feel the same. Yet, I am extremely proud of the tolerant society we live in where people treat those with learning disabilities with care and tact. They should never be

I would invite readers to think back to the horrendous scenes from Romanian orphanages which made headlines after the fall of communism - there. Mr Robsons view was followed through with devastating Peter L Davies

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Great Aycliffe Old Peoples Welfare Committee Registered Charity number 504398 "The Cubby" will hold its A.G.M. Tuesday 24th May at 2.00 p.m. in Neville Community Centre, Neville Community Centre, The Parade, Newton Aycliffe.

Please note that the Charitable Trust "Friends of Senior Citizens" which runs the Neville Community Centre will hold its A.G.M. at a date to be announced later.

Cubby A.G.M. AYCLIFFE CRAFT COMPANY APPOINTS MANAGER FOR ITS FIRST UK STORE

INTERNATIONAL craft supplies company, Crafter's Companion has strengthened its UK team with the appointment of a new store manager who will head up the operations at its soon to launch flagship store in the North East.



Thirty-eight-year-old Deborah Anne Mason, who is originally from Newcastle, will be taking on the role when the company's first UK store opens at Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 28th

May. With 20 years' over experience in retail Deborah, management, who graduated from the University of Sunderland, previously worked has management roles at big brands including Accessorise, Brantano, O2 and John Lewis.

The new store manager is hoping to use her previous experience to support Companion Crafter's throughout its ongoing retail expansion plans. I'm

absolutely thrilled to join the Crafter's Companion family," said Deborah. It's great to become part of a company that is not only incredibly driven but also so passionate about its products. "I've always had a keen interest in crafting. particularly sewing. I did Design Studies at A-Level and I made my own prom dress. It's exciting to think I'll be able to mix my hobbies with work and I can't wait to get stuck in."

The new store, located next to the company's new corporate headquarters at Aycliffe Business Park, is the result of a £500k investment by Crafter's Companion and will give visitors the chance to interact with the brand and

Sara Davies, founder said: "We're delighted to have Deborah on board as part of the team at the new store. This is our flagship store so it was important to us to find the right person for the job.

"The store opening is getting closer and closer. We're so excited for our customers to see the new store and take advantage of workshops that will be led by some really talented crafters.

"We hope the new store will act as a destination for both our current customers and for people who want to give crafting a go for the first time. We can't wait for the big unveiling."

Along with several themed shopping areas, the new store will also house a coffee shop, two dedicated demonstration areas and a central hub for workshops.

Crafter's Companion, which was founded by Sara in 2005, specialises in manufacturing and distributing crafting tools and products, which are currently sold online via its website, on TV shopping channels across the world and by independent retailers. For more information, please visit www. crafterscompanion.co.uk



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- · My report on this week's DCC Council meeting (Corporate
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from July 14 to 17, organisers

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Kate James, the festivals and

events manager for Durham

County Council, which

runs the annual celebration

of musical culture and

traditions, said: "All the

bands are used to entertaining the crowds and have a real

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Aspire Aid Children's Charity Win a Brass Band



Throughout the year members of Aspire Fitness Studios Newton Aycliffe are taking part in various organised events to raise funds for its chosen charity 'Changing Faces'. This is a charity that supports adults and children who have facial scarring or deformities through injury or condition that affects their appearance.

The charity is run purely by volunteers and relies on donations to help support families. Please check out the website to find out how the funds we raise will help. https://www.changing faces.

org.uk/support-us On Sunday 8th May a team from Aspire walked part of Hadrian's Wall from Chollesford to Walltown Chollesford Quarry – a testing 22 miles in perfect weather conditions. They all finished with a smile on their face to be met and thanked at the end by the lovely Emily whom they were walking for.

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The charity is helping one of our lovely gym members Nicola and her family. Sadly her little girl, Emily has been left with a permanent, significant scar central to her face after an aerosol blew up hitting her with direct force.

received extensive plastic surgery to have her face reconstructed, part of her nose was removed ,rebuilt and her lips, reshaped.

Unfortunately the lacerations cut though her bone structure and severely disfigured her mouth. Due to her facial injuries Emily initially lost her speech and due to shock she was also unable to walk for a short time, thankfully through time, the continued support of the hospital and trauma team, her speech has fully returned. Understandably Emily has been left not just with a physical scar but with mental scars too and thankfully, Changing Faces has been

there to help. They support

offering guidance to help her gain confidence, rebuild self esteem and learn techniques that she can use when handling other people's reactions like staring or asking reactions like staring uncomfortable questions.

They teach Emily sharing by sharing other children's experiences, supporting the feelings and emotions to deal with post traumatic stress and simply helping her return to normality as smoothly as possible.

Emily is gradually gaining confidence and is making fantastic progress, continuing to impress her health care professionals and her family. Most importantly she is still managing to show that beautiful smile.

Emily would like to raise money to help others have the chance of the fabulous support she is receiving. Let's hope we can raise as much money as possible to help fund such a valuable charity

> sense of showmanship. "This is an incredible opportunity and could be a great fun way to make sure vour house party, barbecue, school summer fete, or office team bonding day really stands out and is the talk of the town."

> > To enter, in no more than 50 words, tell us what you would do if you won a BRASS band for a day.

Would you have them play at your wedding, a surprise party or a small gathering in your back garden? Perhaps you'd throw a street party and share the experience with your neighbours?

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FINLEY STRUCTURES EMPLOY TWO GRADUATES

Finley Structures is investing in the future with the appointment of two new graduates. The steel firm has appointed Natalie Chewter as assistant quantity surveyor, and Tom Radcliffe as a graduate structural engineer. Natalie, Spennymoor, graduated from Northumbria University with a degree in Geography before going on to take a two-year distance learning Masters quantity surveying while working with Finley Structures.

Working under the firm's commercial manager Diane Ruston, the former Tudhoe Grange School and Durham Sixth Form College student has already been working on exciting new structures, including a University Technical College in Scarborough and the Sir Isaac Newton building at the University of Lincoln.

"I'm really enjoying the variety of tasks within the role, and I've recently began working on some of my own projects which is exciting," said Natalie.

"I've always wanted to work within the built environment, it was just a case of finetuning what I wanted to do." Tom is a former Longfield School student from Darlington and graduated from Teesside University in



Joint managing director Julie Raistrick with Natalie Chewter and Tom Radcliffe.

2014 with a degree in civil engineering, after studying A-level Maths, Physics and Biology at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington.

Working under senior structural engineer Steve Sandford, Tom has already worked on a number of projects including the Sarah Swift building at the University of Lincoln, a Skyline project at Heathrow Airport and Abbotsfield Hillingdon, School in London.

The 22-year-old, who plans to take his Masters in civil and structural engineering, said: "I've always enjoyed Maths and sciences so I have wanted to be an engineer from quite an early age. It's

something I have always

found interesting.
"I saw some of the work Finley Structures had done, some of the high-profile jobs like Hitachi Rail Europe and Redcar Pier - landmark, iconic buildings – so I saw it as an exciting place to work." Structures managing director Julie "We're Raistrick added: delighted with both appointments and pleased to see them settling in to their new roles quickly. It's important that we look to bring young people into the construction industry. There's a skills set which will weaken in the years ahead and it's important that we try to bring the younger generation through.'

LABOUR ACCUSED OF BULLYIN

After reading last week's Newton News I was so angry, it's time the public knew what's going on regarding the Labour party in Newton Aycliffe. I'm appalled at the bullying tactics and lies being told about Dorothy Bowman.

To like or dislike the lady is your choice but no one can deny the amount of work she does in the community. The two signatures of the letter in the Newton News slating her last week just happen to be the daughters of a Labour councillor.

I'm sick to death of underhand sly actions, people should concentrate on their own failings "re the Northern Echo Article regarding a Labour town councillor who is currently being investigated" He has accused Dorothy of what he himself is

been investigated for!
As for Dorothy Bowman planning to stand in the forthcoming West Ward By Election but changing her mind and getting her friend to stand I've never read such rubbish. I know for a fact the lady who is standing does not know Dorothy and only met her for the first time on Tuesday the 10th May after I rang Dorothy to help her to fill in the election forms. This candidate has had no influence from anyone she is a resident of the West Ward and asked me how she could apply. I would suggest Councillor Chandran checks his facts before spouting point scoring garbage to the media. It would be beneficial for the town, if all councillors were Independent, there is no need for politics in a Town Council, all we need is people that want the best for our town.

All the major decisions are decided at Labour meetings before any council meetings and this is probably why there are hardly ever public questions or public at council meetings. Maybe they know it's a farce
- Independent councillors are patronised and given the "crumbs at the table " of places on committees. The Mayoral Chain is passed back and forward like pass the parcel between Labour Councillors and God forbid they ever gave an Independent the honour of serving our town as Mayor or Mayoress! Councillor Chandran bemoans the cost of By elections, yet fails to mention that the last few have been forced by Labour Councillors resignations and some of these were talked into standing just to keep the seats from the opposition! I find it disturbing that an ill Councillor was hounded to resign, when other Labour Councillors that had poor attendance were just told "show your face now and then" but they did have the decency to resign after non-attendance at many meetings As for 'Labour will just run with one less councillor, rather than have a costly By election' Does he really think that people believe that they would not co-opt a Labour

member onto the council? I'm pleased that the underhand dealings are now being exposed to the general public, I urge the West Ward residents to get out and vote, for someone who actually lives there and wants the best for us, and hasn't been pressured to stand. I hope this letter will be printed as I've had many people come up to me saying the Newton News should be renamed the "Labour News" and they can't be bothered to read it anymore, due to long winded sanctimonious ramblings of Labour Councillors. Isn't that a shame, when they used to look forward to the arrival of the Newton News through their

Irene Hewitson

accusation we are biased in any way. It may just be that the Labour correspondents have more to say! We attempt to give balanced reporting with free access to our columns, for all, subject of course, to the laws



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Auckland Castle Apprentice Opportunities at Bishop Auckland College

Young people keen to play their part in the heritage-led 40-plus apprentice posts waiting to be filled with a number of regeneration, are being urged to attend a special apprentice open evening at Bishop Auckland College.

Auckland Castle earlier this year joined forces with the further education establishment to launch an apprenticeship academy with the aim of equipping youngsters with the expertise needed to capitalise on the £60m redevelopment of the former palace home of England's only Prince Bishops.
Believed to be the first time an independently run heritage

attraction and a college have teamed up in this way, the first Auckland Academy course gets underway on September 5. The open evening on 10 May between 5.30pm and 7.30pm will provide an insight into the academy's training programme and its plans to develop the next generation of Bishop Auckland workers. The aim of the event is to catch Year 11 pupils before they start their GCSEs as well as school-leavers, and explain how they may be able to take advantage of the expected 100 new full and part-time posts predicted to be generated by Auckland Castle's exciting restoration and expansion plans.

Camilla Race, the College's Employment Services Manager, in charge of the new academy, said: "Pupils, parents, teachers and careers advisors are all welcome at the open evening, which will highlight the apprenticeship opportunities available through the academy, as well as the many other training initiatives offered

'The Auckland Academy is set to make a significant contribution towards meeting the job opportunities that will become available at not just Auckland Castle but within the wider community as other businesses benefit from the developments

"Students on the course will be able to test and widen their skills with sponsored placements. Not everyone who wins a place on the academy programme will be guaranteed a final job, but it will certainly give students a better chance of finding other skilled work and will set a benchmark for excellence.'

The Auckland Academy has grown from an existing affiliation between the castle and college. This has already seen seven business administration, marketing and catering apprentices join Auckland Castle's rapidly expanding workforce over the past nine

The charitable Auckland Castle Trust, which oversees the running of what is one of the UK's most important historical buildings, needs to fill a variety of jobs from horticulturists to business administrators, maintenance, events and promotions staff, trainee chefs, and customer service and hospitality workers.

Among those who will be taken on will be 34 apprentices over three years supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of its £9m award made last year towards the total £17m cost of conserving Auckland Castle's state rooms, and the building of a new two-storey museum wing to house an exhibition exploring the impact faith of all denominations has had on the nation's history and people

Camilla said as a whole Bishop Auckland College currently had

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employers in the area. These included roles as diverse as catering, social media, customer service, administration, plumbing, childcare, joinery and cookery.

Rebecca Coates, HR Director at the Auckland Castle Trust, added: "We are passionate about developing the workforce of the future and ensuring they are in a position to make a positive

difference and to be the best they can be.
"Bishop Auckland College and the Auckland Academy is a big part of not just our apprenticeship drive, but ensuring the talent we know is available in the town is nurtured for the benefit of all. "We are delighted to have developed what will be a lasting partnership with the College, a collaboration that recognises the need to bring new skills to the fore and invest in the next generation of workers."

Rebecca said while the castle would be the initial attraction the vision had always been for local people to be at the heart of its wider success. "That is why we are creating training and volunteer opportunities, apprenticeships and jobs, and providing openings for local businesses and enterprises to be able to take advantage of the expected influx of visitors, which will in turn create further possibilities.

"For young people looking to move into the work place and secure local jobs, this is an exciting time. The open evening on 10th May will provide important information on how they can gain the skills and qualifications needed to be a part of a thriving future for Bishop Auckland."

The new academy will work with young people between the ages of 16 and 20, with participants starting on a Level 2 apprenticeship qualification. Camilla Race said as an employee, apprentices would earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain skills while staying in education, returning regularly to Bishop Auckland College – rated the top performing educational establishment of its kind in the region for overall success rates for 16-18 year olds – for further training.

Auckland Castle will pay the apprentices it takes on, with others placed with additional employers in the area. Camilla said: "It is an alternative route into employment offering different qualifications and training. There's this myth that apprentices are not the highest academic achievers and that it's not a viable route into employment. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Wurlitzer Organ Anniversary Fete

The North East Theatre Organ Association (Mighty Wurlitzer) are continuing their 30th Anniversary year with a FETE on Saturday 28th May from 11.00am. The Continental PERLEE Street Organ will be guests along with vinplus Wurlitzer music. ADMISSION is FREE and New Screens either side of the Wurlitzer have been fitted which allows the audience to see the Organist playing.

Rose Lodge Care Home & Stroke Association Team up



Association. It's always nice to enjoy a coffee and cake while raising money for a very

worthy cause."
The Newton Aycliffe Stroke Association voluntary group offers peer support for stroke survivors, as well as activities including communication support, speakers, outings, meals, games and quizzes, to help people in the area come to terms with a life after

Lodge Care Home Carers Way, and the Newton Avcliffe Stroke Association support group joined forces to hold a charity fundraising coffee morning at the home.

The event was a great success as members of the local Stroke Association group and residents, staff, families and friends and visiting guests treated themselves to cuppas and delicious cakes to raise money for charity group the Stroke Association

The coffee morning was held for the Stroke Association's "Make May Purple" annual stroke awareness month. which takes place every May During the month friends, families and communities show their support for their loved ones who have been affected by stroke and help to raise awareness and essential funds for the Stroke Association.

Nicola Wheatley, Manager at Rose Lodge, was delighted with the day's success: "It was a lovely morning. We had lots of visitors and raised a

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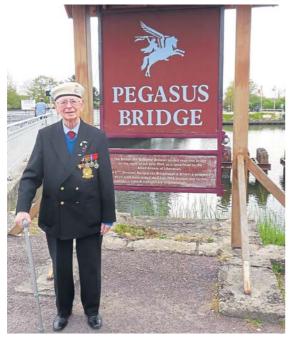
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Veteran Returns to Normandy £1500 for Meningitis Now Council Make it Difficult

and of a recent trip when accompanied veteran soldier father to Normandy. They left Newton Aycliffe by taxi to board the London Train for Kings Cross, arriving early afternoon journeying on to Copthorne Tara Kensington. Hotel in There they met up with the British Legion Guide and another twelve Veterans taking the trip organised by the British Legion and paid for by the UK Government, using the Libor Grant. (This was money the Government had fined banks in the miss-selling scandal).

John writes: "On Sunday 8th May we boarded the coach bound for Novotel in Caen not far from the main D-Day landing beaches. We arrived early evening for a meal, served with wine, courtesy of the tour. On Monday 9th May we headed to Ranville CWGC Cemetery which was very emotional due to the ages of the young men who sadly lost their lives (one was aged 16

We then visited Pegasus Bridge, the scene a lot of fighting in 1944. Coffee served at Cafe Gondree, situated on one side of the bridge, and still run by the Granddaughter of the original owner.





One of the Veterans recalled visiting café in a tank and being offered a glass of Calvados (Apple Brandy) staying for another before moving up north to continue his war. After visiting Sword Beach where a lot of our lads lost their lives, we stopped at Juno Beach

where there was a lot of During our visit I arranged for my Dad to have Legion d'Honneur presented by the Mayor Arromanches. Town Clerk also kindly organised another three veterans to receive their medals at the same time. Everyone was treated Arromanches while walking up to the town

royally by the people hall, with cheering and clapping from both young and old for all the Veterans. A few Americans came up to them and thanked them for their service. Next day we called at the 13/18th Hussars Memorial and the American Cemetery where over 9000 soldiers lie in their final resting place. The trip ended at the British Cemetery at Bayeux where the veterans held a Service of Remembrance and my Dad laid the wreath for all fallen soldiers.



Neil Turner wishes to thank everyone who attended the charity event for meningitis on Saturday 14th May at the Sports Club and for making it a very successful 'sold out' night. Thanks to Michelle for the fantastic food and the band who made it a very enjoyable night.

An incredible £1500 was raised for Meningitis Now and this will go to support families going through this condition. Joanne McCourt Neil's mum would be very proud of him and his sisters (see picture) for all their hard work and effort they put in to raise

CRICKET

who each took two wickets and

there was also good innings

from both Joe Bowsher and

Luke Grindlay. The U11's followed up last

week's win away at Barnard

Castle with an exciting six run victory at home to Richmond.

Batting first Aycliffe finished

with a net score of 43 thanks

to Matty Greaves (13 runs)

and Leo Mercy (12 not out).

In reply Richmond finished

with a net score of 37 with Josh

Imerson (3 for 8) and Brandon

Grant (2 for 6) the pick of the

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's took 2 for 27.

The club's second team had a dramatic one run victory at home to Blackhall in the NYSD 3rd division. Opting to bat first, Aycliffe made a very respectable 183 all out after 48.1 overs. 16 year old opening batsman Dan Bowmer top scored with a fluent 38 and there were other good contributions from James Brown, who scored 32 and Tony Travis with 25. In reply, the visitors looked to be coasting to victory at 150 for 4 after 25 overs. However some brilliant bowling by Stephen Sweeney had Blackhall in trouble and losing wickets at regular intervals as they started to hit the panic button. Sweeney eventually finished with the superb bowling figures of 5 for 22 and with good support from Ryan Patrick (2 for 29), Blackhall were bowled out in a tense finale for 182 after 32.1 overs.

The u17's lost by seven wickets away at Sedgefield in the NYSD League cup. Batting first Aycliffe scored 80 for 3 in 20 overs, with Jack Lowery top scoring with 31 and good contributions from Dan Bowmer (24 runs) and Ryan Patrick (16 not out). In reply the homeside eased to a comfortable win after just 13.3

The club's u13's side performed encouraging from Iain Robson, Kieran

to Employ Taxi Drivers

I write at the request of many small local taxi proprietors and operators in our beautiful county. Those of us that have been in business for many years are heartened by Durham County Council's dedication to improving the quality of our service to the public.

Years ago some taxi companies were regarded un-favourably in the way they employed their staff, treated their customers. road safety and not least the general public.

This reputation prompted many of us to call for stricter licensing and enforcement throughout our region. We wanted improved standards across the board and were keen to move towards a more professional, responsible. reliable and valuable local resource. Durham County Council achieved this.

Whilst we commend every effort to raise and maintain health & safety, knowledge and ability, the associated cost and accessibility of passing results has created a crisis in our industry. Whilst unemployment levels remain high, the cost of becoming licensed taxi driver regrettably out of reach for a majority of interested applicants that respond to our job adverts.

Taxiing is a job like any other with its advantages and disadvantages. It doesn't suit everyone. With the increased use of automated software it is a solitary kind of employment with extremely unsociable hours and the possibility of violent attacks and robbery. Our worry regarding current situation is that we

have jobs available, lots of

seeking employment. But we are being crippled by the costs and the testing it takes recruit new drivers. The candidate wants to know, what happens if they are unsuited to the job? Or the job is unsuitable them. They simply cannot afford the attempt, or have the time it takes to find out. To continually retake and spend months retrying to pass tests.

We may be small businesses but we are local employers offering jobs in our community. Our service is essential to town centres, workplaces, and crucial to the viability of our pubs, clubs and restaurants. Taxis are vitally important to our customers who need help accessing surgeries, shopping and friends etc.

cannot remain viable without drivers, and many are closing down, decreasing in size, losing out because we cannot serve our customers in the way they wish.

An intermediate step in becoming a licensed driver could be a solution. The checks that ensured public position is that ensured public safety; such as the DBS, advanced driving test and medical are adequate to obtain a temporary license. Having the opportunity to learn on the job whilst earning money, trying it out to make sure it is a good fit, the driver could then undertake the rest of the requirements and earn his or her full badge.

We absolutely agree that taxi services need to be continually assessed and improved however this cannot happen at the expense of disabling those very same firms that are caught in this trap between Council and prospective taxi driver. Nicky Pagiatis

SCOREBOARD Shingler and Harry Wright

first team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store lost by five wickets in a high scoring game away at Darlington 2nd XI in the NYSD second division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored an excellent 194 for 9 from their allotted 50 overs. Sam Telford (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Telford) top scored with a typically robust 62, Michael Howe continued his recent good form with 32 and captain Luke Telford also batted well scoring 31 valuable runs late in the innings. In reply, Darlington eased to victory after 47.5 overs despite some good bowling from spinner Ryan Dawson who

well away at top team Richmond despite suffering defeat by 46 runs. There were performances

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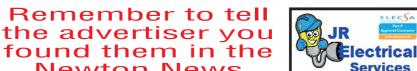
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that area of the Ward. I would also like to correct a comment made by Dorothy Bowman on page 4 of the same edition in which she states that There was going to be a Day Of Action organised towards the end of May but this has been cancelled because the Fire Service could not attend'. This is an incorrect statement which I aim to rectify - a Day Of Action is indeed going ahead involving a number of partners (including County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council, LIVIN, local Councillors, amongst others) and this was provisionally

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Notice is hereby given that ROF 59, have applied to Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as ROF 59, DURHAM WAY SOUTH, AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, CO DURHAM. DL5 6XN for the grant of a Premises Licence to permit the following proposed

licensable activities:The sale by retail of alcohol
(on sales only) and regulated
entertainment (including
indoor & outdoor live music)
between the hours of 10:00 to
midnight and recorded music
(indoors & outdoors) from
09:30 to midnight - Monday to
Sunday inclusive.

Macadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS on weekdays between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm.

Telephone 03000 261016. Any representations about this application must be made in writing by **14th June 2016** and sent to:-

Durham County Council, Licensing, PO Box 617, Durham. DH1 9HZ

Or e-mail to licensing@ durham.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is \$5,000

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RUTHERFORD Suddenly at home on May 5. David Ernest (Ernie) aged 60 years. Much loved brother of John, Mary and Margaret, Brother in Law of Ros and Alan, also a much loved Uncle and Great Uncle. Will family and friends please meet for Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday May 25 at Ipm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired may be made to The British Heart Foundation, plate provided at the crematorium. BURN (née Metcalfe) May 14.

suddenly at home, Joanne aged 46 years. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Thursday May 26. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.00am. No flowers please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service may be given at the crematorium or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

THOMPSON Peacefully on May 13, with his family by his side. Don, aged 82 years. Much loved Husband of Edna, dear Dad of Don, Linda, Janice and Ellen, also a much loved Grandad and Great Grandad. Will family and friends please meet for service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday May 25 at 3.00pm. The family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the ITU wards 1 and 2 at Memorial Hospital, Darlington for their dedication and care.

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ELMER May 13, peacefully in Bethany House Care Home. Ernie aged 93 years (former Mayor Of Newton Aycliffe). Sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Tuesday May 24. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Neville Parade Methodist Church at 11.15am followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 12 noon. Floral tributes or any enquiries to Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325

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Public Notice

Come on Ladies

Join us every Tuesday from 1-3pm with raffles, bingo, a natter and a cup of tea at the New Phoenix Club Town Centre (Ex-British Legion)

DONATIONS needed of Brica-Brac and other good condition items for Newton Aycliffe good causes. Ring Honest John 316 630

RSPCA North Tees & District cats and kittens for adoption, fee applies to cover 1st and 2nd vaccination, also neutering and ID chip. Please Tel 311 215

JAFFA are you aged between 5 and 12? Then why not come and join us at JAFFA. Mondays 3.45 to 5.00pm at Burnhill Way Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe for bible stories and activities.

Shirley Ann



Passed away peacefully at Darlington Memorial Hospital on 16th May. Funeral at St. Clare's Church, 2pm Thursday 26th May. Family flowers only. Donations to Parkinsons Association. Sadly missed by Husband John, Son Mark and wife Sam, Sister Dot and Brother Jimmy, family and friends

JAMESON Peacefully on May 16. A very sad loss. Sheila aged 89 years, dearly loved Wife of the late William (Bill) dear Mother of Andrew and Alistair and Mother in Law of Hermione, caring Grandmother of Heather, Scott, Ross, Ian, Grace and Michael and a loving Great-Grandmother. Funeral Friday May 27. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 10am. Family flowers only please by request.

Thank You

THANK YOU TO THE LADY who found my purse on Friday 13th May. I am so very grateful to you for handing it in to the Police. Thank you so much. A Scales

THE FAMILY of the late Margaret Elizabeth Archer (Peggy) wish to thank all relatives and friends who attended the Service at St Clare's Church, for their love, support and donations. We would also like to give special thanks to David and staff at the Co-operative Funeral Care, Rev. Debbie Loughron for a wonderful service, the RAFA Club for the after Service refreshments and the Manager and Staff at Aycliffe Care Home for the help and support to our Father (Husband) Fred who could not attend due to his illness. Our Mam will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Births

AARON AND AMY would like to announce the arrival of their gorgeous baby boy 'Cody', born 7th May and weighing 8lb 13oz.

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Birthday Remembrance

MADGE MINNES 19.05.47 Happy birthday Mam. Third birthday we have missed since you left. Gone but never forgotten. Scott, Tracy and Bob

MADGE MINNES 19.05.47 I blow a birthday wish to a dear friend on your special day. Another birthday without you, but you are always in my thoughts and heart. Never forgotten, lots of love, your dear friend, Kathleen MADGE MINNES 19.05.47

MADGE MINNES 19.05.47 A special wish for you today Gran on your birthday. Missing you so much, but always there when I think of you and it makes me smile. Always in our hearts and thoughts. Love always, Beckie, Jordan, Brodie and Imogen xxx TREVOR PLASKITT

TREVOR PLASKITT
23.05.1940 Died 12.12.2010
Always in our hearts and prayers Trevor. So sadly missed, your loving Wife Valerie xx Daughters Shirley and Jason, Julia and Adam and your loving Grandchildren, Jonathan, Maxine, Louis and Mia and family, God Bless xx

In Memoriam

LOUISE CUNNINGHAM 23.5.2010 Beautiful memories silently kept of one that we loved and will never forget. Always in our hearts, Dave, Steven and family JOSEPH MINNES 02.05.47

17.05.15 One year has passed so fast Dad, seems strange being at your's and you're not there. Till we meet again M8. Hope Mam not giving you too much grief, lol. Lots of love, Scott, Tracy and Bob xxx

JOE MINNES 02.05.47

JOE MINNES 02.05.47 -17.05.15 Time passes so fast, one year today I lost a dear friend, gone but always in our hearts. Miss you and our cups of tea. Love, Kathleen
JOE MINNES 17.05.15 One

JOE MINNES 17.05.15 One year ago you went away, miss you loads, but you are always in our hearts. We look up at the sky and smile as we know you are there. Love always, Beckie, Jordan, Brodie and Imogen xxx

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Congratulations

Julie Riddell

21st May 2016
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supposed to tell anyone!!
Enjoy every minute Mrs R,
can't wait for the party!!
All our love,
The Howies xxxxx

Christopher Swindale



25th May 2016
To a special Son
on your 50th birthday!
All my love always
from Mam xxx

Emily Wharton and Millie Foster



Well done on becoming British Champions at the NDP finals. So proud of you both!

Love, Mam, Billy,

JACK HODGSON Happy 21st birthday, May 25th. Love,

Grandma Audrey

Clairvoyance



DARLINGTON Spiritualist Church and Awareness Centre, Denmark Street, Darlington invite you to a "SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION OF MEDIUMSHIP" with International Mediums Les Henderson CSNU & Angela McInnes CSNU OSNU on Saturday afternoon 28th May at 3pm. Admission £5 refreshments available. Phone Irene on 01325 316 901 after 5pm for more details

DARLINGTON Spiritualist Church and Awareness Centre, Denmark Street, Darlington invite you to their "MIND, BODY & SPIRIT EVENT" Saturday 28th May from 10.30am until 2pm. Admission £2, Various Stalls, Spiritual & Psychic Readings, Holistic Treatments, Mini Workshops, etc. Phone Irene on 01325 316 901 after 5pm for more details

John Williamson took this shot of the new class 800 train on the test track at the Hitachi Factory on Aycliffe Business Park. Send your Aycliffe jpeg photo to: syd@newtonnews.co.uk



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A Wellbeing for Life physical activity session has gone from strength to strength since it started in January.

The class was developed through a group of people, who didn't previously know each other, who were out of work because of health problems, low confidence or lacking direction.

They attended 'Employability Pitstop' drop in sessions run by Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) which are aimed at helping people overcome barriers to employment, the project is funded through Great Aycliffe and Middridge

Partnership (GAMP)
Christine Kay delivers the project and from discussions with the clients saw a need for an informal exercise class to help people with health problems get fitter and feel

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better. So she contacted the Wellbeing for Life service and the class was designed by Health Trainer Donna Kelly. Christine is visually and hearing impaired and had found it difficult to get back into work herself following a battle with cancer. Christine volunteered for some time

before having the confidence to begin paid employment with PCP.

She is now using her first-hand experience to help give people the skills and confidence to get back into the workplace.

Donna says "All clients are wanting to lose weight, get fit or to just continue with the friendships made through the employability sessions. The group has grown considerably and people from all over the town attend with varying heath needs and fitness levels.

The class is very welcoming to new participants, at the beginning of each session we do a weigh in and have a 15 minute chat. If people have put on or lost weight then we talk about why and discuss our goals. The group is very supportive to each other and very friendly. We also have a group on Facebook so we can support each other between sessions.'

Margaret Margaret Peacock, and gained employment through employability project and attends the class with Christine. She said "I knew I needed to lose weight but used my health problems as a barrier. I had surgery to remove a tumour 16 years ago and have other health problems and when I exercised it would hurt. So this put me off doing any.

I am a bit of an IT geek and bought a Wii Fit but it just gathered dust. I started attending this class to support other members but I started to join in. I have a sports watch which calculates my steps and calories burnt, which I continue to measure after the class finishes, but my highest reading is always on a Wednesday!"

'Fitness Friends' runs every Wednesday 3:15-4pm at the Pioneering Care Centre For further information contact PCP on 01325 321234, email enquiries@pcp.uk.net.
Or find out more about PCP's

projects and activities at: www.pcp.uk.net, Twitter: @ PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

The Wellbeing for Life service is funded by Public Health County Durham and aims to take a 'whole person' approach to improving health. A team of trained and experienced health trainers work across County Durham to help clients with weight management, increasing physical activity, healthy eating, increasing confidence, stopping smoking

connecting with local services and groups. To find out more about the Wellbeing for Life health trainer service

Greenfield Arts invites you and the public to the preview of our latest exhibition by Rosi Thornton on Wednesday June 6pm to 8pm.

GREENFIEL

Rosi is interested in used and distressed things which show layers of wear and tear, a way to carry layers of memories and meaning from a life already

these same ideas of reusing and recycling. As we turn away from years of excess and become more thoughtful and careful with what we already have, whether through financial necessity or by remembering and renewing our own hand skills, these layers can speak to us.

lived. Many cultures honour

Rosi will be in attendance at the preview event to help provide insight into their work and practice. For more information, check out the website or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. Times:

Gallery Opening Time Monday – Thursday 10am 9pm, Friday 10am – 4pm

Newton Aycliffe F.C. Complete Best Ever Season

three games in the last week of the season. Bishop Auckland and West Auckland visited Moore Lane while the Newtonians completed their season last Wednesday night at Dunston. All three games ended in a draw. Bishop came from two goals down to take a point in the last minute. There were no goals in the West game while leading scorer John Campbell came off the subs bench to earn Aycliffe a point.

Aycliffe played a total of 59 games this season, including 17 cup matches. The wet winter weather and good cup runs contributed to a gruelling end of season fixture backlog but the team performed well to complete the season.

Now that the season has come to a close we can reflect that 2015/2016 has undoubtedly been the most successful in the Club's history. A browse of the Football Club History Database http://fchd.info/NEWTONAY. HTM illustrates just how far Peter Dixon has brought the team this year:
• Durham Challenge Cup:

- Winners (previous best a semifinal in 1969)
- FA Cup: Second Qualifying Round Replay against North Ferriby who went on to be promoted to the Step 1 National League (previous best was a Preliminary Round Replay against Spennymoor)
- FA Vase: Fifth Round, last 16. Previous best was Third Round in 1991/1992.
- Ebac Northern League Division One: Sixth, 72pts. Previous best Ninth, 65pts in 2011/2012

Well done to players. management and everyone who contributed to this great achievement. The players will be celebrating their success at the end of season presentations this Saturday 21st May in the bar of Aycliffe Sports Club. Supporters are welcome to join the players, management and committee on the afternoon from 2pm to remember a marvellous season.

As the players begin their close season break, the Club's committee are already preparing for the next campaign. There is work to do on the ground and facilities on top of the "admin" work that goes into running a club in the FA's National League System. We are always looking for volunteers who might want to contribute their time on match days or during the week. Please contact the club via the



website if you can help us. Season Tickets are already available for 2016/2017, with the price remaining the same as last year. Adults £100, Concessions £60. The ticket allows for admission to all home league games & friend-lies (but not Cup matches). Season Ticket holders are included in the supporters £20 monthly prize draw which runs between August and April. They are also entitled to a free hot drink at each home game from our

"Bait Cabin". Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.newtonaycliffefc. co.uk

Aycliffe FC is the senior football team in our town and we are looking to build on this season's success. We want as many Newtonians as possible to get behind our Town team next season. The on-field success this year has shown what is possible and hopefully with your support we can go even further next

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