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This amount was all the more remarkable considering there was a huge power cut in the town which affected the footfall in the store for several hours.

Kevin and Chris, the local Macmillan Volunteers, would like to thank the management of the store, the volunteers who gave up their time to collect and also the local community for giving so generously to help those people who are badly affected by cancer.

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## LABOUR WIN WEST WARD BY ELECTION



Peter Lewis Davies

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Labour's Peter Lewis Davies won and increased his vote by 68 on his last attempt to serve on the Town Council.

Sarah Clough the Independent candidate received 196 votes which was 27% of the vote.

Peter Lewis Davies Labour share was 336 votes - 47%.

Paul Symons the UKIP candidate received 188 votes - 26%

The turnout was 17.23% the highest in any By Election for decades.

Postal Votes numbered 474, more than half the total votes cast and this questions again the number of Polling Stations and the number of staff in attendance.

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### COUNCIL NEWS

- My report on Wednesday's DCC Cabinet meeting: bit.ly/DCCAB15616
- Figures show growth of foodbank usage in Newton Aycliffe since 2011: bit.ly/NAfoodbank
- DurhamWorks Update: bit.ly/DCCDW
- DCC's Mental Health Needs Assessment consultation (ends 25 June): bit.ly/DCCMHNA
- DCC's consultation on changes to financial assessments for non-residential care services (ends 26 June): bit.ly/DCCFANRS
- Willmott Dixon present their proposal for housing at Woodham Burn to Great Aycliffe Town Council: bit.ly/GATCWDWB

- Latest Aycliffe area roadworks information: bit.ly/Roadworks17616
- Last week's report from our MEP: bit.ly/JKD12616
- Changes to the benefits cap from Autumn 2016: bit.ly/BENEFITCAP
- PCP's June newsletter: eepurl.com/b48xtb
- County Durham Community Foundation Newsletter: bit.ly/CDCF616
- Kynren update: bit.ly/KYNREN16516
- Can you help at Tesco's 8th Neighbourhood Food Collection? bit.ly/TESCOFb716
- 1940s weekend, 24-26 June, Barnard Castle: 01833 690970 or bit.ly/BCTC40s

## Stephenson Way Gardeners Gain Level 5 RHS Award



Over the past three years, the gardening club and the Environmental studies group have been working to create working, sustainable garden spaces across the school. We



have worked with businesses and local charities to find funds and resources to help us achieve our goal.

We have recently received the level five RHS award, which is the highest accolade for school gardens. This is awarded to schools who show that they have used recycling techniques well, harvested and sold their produce and involved the community in events and sharing days.

A few days after the Level 5 award arrived we were informed by the Total Green Schools Awards that we had been given a special award for our entry "From Wilderness to Wonderland" in the national competition



for schools that prove they are ECO friendly. The award category was created this year for us and another 3 schools because of the quality of our entry. Both awards come with a total prize fund of £500, which we plan to use to help with our latest orchard project and a possible remembrance garden project in the future.

## Fish & Chips at the Seaside

Year 10 Geography students at Woodham Academy got the chance to enjoy a day at the seaside last week as part of their Controlled Assessment Fieldwork for their GCSE's. The group spent a day at the beauty spot at Saltburn by the Sea, collecting primary data for their assessment which forms a major part of their exam work. The assessment allows students to consider what makes a great tourist destination and what facilities are in place for high volume visits. Students were encouraged to speak to members of the public and local shop keepers as well as capturing evidence using photographs. The work will be compiled in the summer term. Activities during the visit included sketching the landscape, calculating footfall, assessing tourist attractions and examining traffic to determine where cars may have originated from. The visit took place over two days, with both days offering a different side to the weather. Students also got the chance to sample local fish and chips and ice cream.

## Shildon Fayre

St. John's Church Shildon Annual Summer Fayre - a Fun day for all with a host of attractions including Lanchester Band, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Floral Demonstrations, B.B.Q. Games and lots of stalls and crafts. Held on Saturday 25th June 10am-1pm. Admission £1 includes refreshments - children free.

## CARE HOME AWARD



On the 20th of May Defoe court went to the national care awards in Birmingham. We had two staff members who had made it to the finals. Debbie Allen for the good nurse awards and Stacey Nattress for the ancillary worker of the year.

Stacey won the award, not only for her dedication to Defoe court and the residents but for the passion she shows in all that she does. Stacey isn't afraid of trying new recipes and comes up with ideas on how to make the nation's favourite biscuits and chocolates more nutritious such as Bounty and Milky Way chocolate bars, custard slices and chocolate eclairs, bourbon biscuits and custard crèmes.



Stacey Nattress

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## Craft Entrepreneur Awarded MBE

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the world and by independent retailers.

Now one of the biggest papercrafting companies in the UK, Crafter's Companion recently opened its flagship retail outlet next to its HQ in Newton Aycliffe, which has already become a destination for crafters.

Having carved a successful North-East business that is primarily involved in product innovation, manufacturing and retail during the toughest economic period for many decades, Sara's story is an inspiration to businesspeople and entrepreneurs in the region. Sara said: "I am thrilled,



honoured and so genuinely humbled by this recognition. I was surprised to hear that I would receive an MBE and have no idea where the nomination originated but I'm incredibly grateful.

"By becoming an MBE, I hope to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs in the region to believe, follow their dreams and play a valuable role in their local community."

The honours system recognises people who have made achievements in public life and have committed themselves to serving and helping Britain. Honours are decided by a committee and then approved by the Prime Minister and the Queen, who awards the honour. An MBE is awarded for significant achievement, outstanding service to the community and/or for local 'hands-on' service which stands out as an example to other people. Sara will be presented with her award by the Queen or a senior member of the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace later this year.

Sara added: "This award really is testament to my brilliant team and my amazingly supportive family. Without them, Crafter's Companion and the success I have been able to achieve quite simply would not have been possible."

A well-known face in the craft sector, Sara regularly features on TV shopping channels across the world and presents the Be Creative craft show in the UK. Her company now employs almost 100 people across its new headquarters in Newton Aycliffe and its US operation in California.

For further information visit <http://www.crafterscompanion.co.uk>

## New Councillor Thanks Voters

Dear Syd,  
I would just like to express my sincere thanks to the voters of the West Ward for the trust they have placed in me. I am truly humbled to have received the largest personal mandate of recent By Elections and, having just read my declaration to the Town Clerk, begin my work immediately to improve the lives of the residents of the ward. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of your local Labour councillors, regarding any local issues. I look forward to protecting your values in the council chamber, and exploring new solutions to the problems you have raised.  
Peter Lewis Davies  
41 Ashfield

## Aycliffe Family Settled Well in USA

A little over three years ago the Hansom family from Windsor Close in Woodham left for a new life in Massachusetts. They have settled well and enjoy their new home in the town of Franklin. Sam Hansom, 18 years old and formerly a pupil of Greenfield Academy, has now Graduated and will be going to University of New Haven in Connecticut to study Law.

The family, with Sam at his graduation, are pictured with Mum Claire, Dad Stephen, sister Katie and younger brother Alex.



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## MP Talks to Employees on EU Referendum



Phil Wilson MP, visited Stiller in Newton Aycliffe to talk to employees about the upcoming EU referendum. Mr Wilson spoke to employees about the importance of the EU to jobs here in Newton Aycliffe, as well as the North East and the UK. He highlighted the impact leaving the EU single market would have on employers across the country, with businesses such as Hitachi and Nissan having recently warned that leaving the EU could force them to rethink and scale back their investment in our region. Many businesses who come to this region state it is in part because of our EU membership. Whilst businesses acknowledge the attraction of the skilled workforce, but it is our access to the EU single market of over 500 million consumers that continues to seal the deal. During the session Mr Wilson also highlighted the fact the North East is a net beneficiary of EU funds receiving nearly £600 million in EU structural

funds alone. The money the North East receives from the EU helps create jobs and provide investment into the region, and it is unlikely that this government which continually cuts funding for councils and public services would realistically replace the North East's EU funding. Mr Wilson said "Voting to remain a member of the EU is a vote for jobs, prosperity and security. I want to ensure that companies like Hitachi are able to expand, creating more jobs for my constituents, leaving the EU would jeopardise this. Even those campaigning to leave have admitted doing so would have a negative impact on jobs and the economy." He added, "This decision is final. We will not have the chance to change our minds in 5 years' time. On Thursday June 23rd I will be voting to remain a member of the EU because I believe it is in the best interests of not only my constituents, but the country as a whole."

# WE NEED TO BE FREE TO NEGOTIATE OUR OWN DEALS

Dear Syd,  
In last week's Newton News John D. Clare entered the debate by giving his interpretation of his doorstep findings on the success or otherwise of each of the main arguments being made by both camps. However, the latest polls appear to indicate a strong surge in support for the LEAVE arguments. This fact alone contradicts J.D. Clare's interpretation of the mood on the doorstep!

(1) The Economy: The voters have seen through the Remain economic disaster arguments. Voters acknowledge the fact that it would be political and economic suicide for the main players in the EU, Germany and France, to refuse to engage in free trade with Brexit Britain.

The voters are also aware that our trade with the EU has been, and is, declining and that we now need to be free to negotiate our own trade deals with the rest of the world.

(2) Rights at Work: As has been explained by the Leave campaign Labour members, most of our rights were enshrined in British Law before we joined the EU. This Remain argument is spurious scaremongering by Labour Remain against the Remain Conservatives.

Voters understand that they will eventually get the policies they want through the ballot box. Our Parliamentary system is democratic, the majority of our democratically elected MEP's are for LEAVE because they experience on a day-to-day the undemocratic EU in action.

(3) Funding: Mr Clare, please

tell the voters where the EU gets its money from, if not from EU taxpayers? The EU has no money other than the contributions from the member states. FACT. Clearly, from your statement about EU funding of £17m to a DCC unemployment project, you are happy with the fact that we subscribed £34m to make this possible. It is our voters who should be saying where our taxes are spent not the undemocratic EU. Please treat the readers of the Newton News with some respect.

(4) Cooperation: It is to the benefit of both Britain and the EU to co-operate in the fields of research and security. Because of this mutual benefit such co-operation will continue and should increase post-Brexit.

(5) Endorsements: In a discussion about the Democratic future of our proper governance I do not see the where school playground arguments along the lines of, "I've got more friends than you" will get us. The vote on Independence Day will settle that argument. Breaking News: Two un-elected Bishops are friends of the Remain Camp! Its, a pity that the Third World Nations don't have a vote; they might query the moral compass of Bishops who want to remain in a closed economic club which imposes tariffs on the poorest nations and spends the bulk of its affluent member's subscriptions on subsidising its food producers.

(6) Immigration: This argument has been won by LEAVE and is not irrelevant as JD Clare claims. The EU refused to negotiate a deal with David Cameron

that would allow Britain to control immigration. Rather than being irrelevant, this matter is the most important. We elected a government which PROMISED to cut nett migration to the tens of thousands. The EU will not allow this as long as we remain a member. FACT. Unbridled free movement of people from the EU adversely affects our economy, public services, wages, housing, our culture and our safety.

(7) Sovereignty: I agree with J.D Clare that it is, 'Big Business' which lobbies for increased EU regulation. However, this is not done for the benefit of the British voter, it is done to stop small businesses from being able to compete in their world markets. Most of us are employed by small businesses that do not sell to the EU, however, their productivity and costs are affected by having to meet EU regulations which they do not need to meet in the real world.

It is not racist, xenophobic or bigoted nationalism to learn from history.

The fact that in recent history Germany has re-unified twice and soon after re-unification started a world war, is of importance. This is especially the case as the British and EU establishment have allowed Germany to re-unify yet again! In my view, a re-united Germany is too big and powerful not to dominate the EU and the Euro. Remaining a part of the EU which is 'pocking the Russian bear with a stick' over the EU's expansion to the east policy (Ukraine) is not a good idea! Again we should learn from

history. At the end of WWII, out of every 100 Russian prisoners taken by Germany only 6 were alive! I don't like Putin any more than you do. However, if you look the EU expansion from a Russian perspective, they have a right to fear EU economic expansion into their 'sphere of influence'. We should also learn from the recent EU actions.

The Germany, not the Euro Zone, negotiated the Greek bail-out. Germany unilaterally invited 1 million migrants to

Europe. Germany (ostensibly on behalf of the EU) negotiated the immigration deal with Turkey!

Just a thought – if the USA and Russia can co-operate in space exploration why cannot a post –Brexit Britain help to secure a peaceful European future with a free-trade agreement with Russia? This can only be achieved if we take back control of our democratic rights and borders and LEAVE the EU.

Alastair P.G. Welsh

## Carers Raise £1250 for Alzheimer's Society



Local Home Care Colleagues from Dale Care took part in the 5K Obstacle Colour Rush at Sedgfield Racecourse on 11th June raising £1250.00 for the Alzheimer's Society. The ladies all deal with dementia clients and wanted to support this worthwhile charity.

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The prize winners will be the couple who successfully raise the most funds in aid of the services freely provided to local people and their loved ones by Butterwick Hospice's dedicated doctors and nursing team.

Last year's winners of the Win a Wedding competition, Gary and Adam said: "It was an unbelievable experience. We had no idea that our entry would take us on a journey to the most amazing point in our lives so far. We shared that journey with so many amazing friends and family and made new friends in the process."

"For anyone thinking about

applying, you really should. Obviously only one couple can win, but the competition experience alone is one we will never forget.

In total we managed to raise about £9,000, more than double what we had been aiming for and that's thanks to

everyone who supported us." Entries to this exclusive competition will close in the next couple of weeks. For more information about the Win a Wedding prize package and how you can win it please call the Butterwick Fundraising Office on 01642 628930.

## MP Phil Wilson Visits St. Joseph's



Phil Wilson visited St Joseph's School Council members on Thursday as a follow up after the KS2 members saw him in the Houses of Parliament in May.

He had a tour of the school first with the Head boy and girl then met all the school council members. They shared their photos of the day and spoke about what they enjoyed on their visit. Sitting in the Houses of Commons and Lords was a favourite of the children as well as visiting 10 Downing Street.

Phil said "Having met with some of the children whilst they were on their trip to London, it was great to visit them back in Newton Aycliffe to find out more about how their trip went, and to see some of their pictures' It was brilliant to see them so enthused about their recent visit to Westminster. It is fantastic when children, of all ages, take such an interest in Parliament."

# Aycliffe Girl to Mix with Stars at Glitzy London Ball

Hollie Williams from Newton Aycliffe will experience the full glare of the media spotlight in two weeks when she attends one of the most prestigious fundraising events in the country.

The 10-year-old who has cystic fibrosis, a condition that makes it difficult to breathe and digest food, will be a special guest at Caudwell Children's annual Butterfly Ball, held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Mayfair, London, on Wednesday 22nd June, 2016.

Caudwell Children is a national charity that provides practical and emotional support to disabled children and their families. The Butterfly Ball is its annual, flagship, fundraising event.

Sir Bruce Forsyth, Rod Stewart, boy band Union J and Sarah, Duchess of York, were among the 800 guests at last year's glamorous fundraising event which raised over £2million for the charity. This year's Ball will culminate in live performances by one of the most successful songwriters of all time, Burt Bacharach, and recently re-formed girl group, All Saints.



Hollie (right) with Mum Angie and her younger Brother

Hollie, a pupil at Vane Road Primary School, is looking forward to the evening. As she explained: "I love singers and performers like Rita Ora and Will.i.am, so I'm hoping that there may be a few pop stars that I can pose with on the 'Red Carpet'."

Hollie, a beneficiary of the charity, was selected after

she helped to organise a Halloween fundraising disco for the charity.

Prior to the disco Hollie, became ill. However, having sold over 100 tickets she was determined not to cancel the disco so she delayed a two week hospital stay to ensure that the event went ahead.

Following the disco, which

raised £868 for the charity Hollie travelled to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, in Newcastle, where she undertook two weeks of physiotherapy and dietary interventions.

Mark Bushell, from Caudwell Children, is convinced that Hollie will enjoy the occasion. He said: "I'm sure that she will be happy posing on the 'Red Carpet' with stars from the world of music, sport, film and television."

"Unfortunately, due to her age, she won't get the chance to party on into the small hours at our after-show party in the hotel's Red Bar, where legendary Radio 1 DJ Trevor Nelson MBE, will perform an exclusive set for VIP guests. Nevertheless, Hollie is set to have a memorable night that she and her family will never forget."

Proceeds from the event will be used to transform the lives of disabled children living in the UK through a range of services. Since 2000 the charity has provided over £35 million worth of support and helped thousands of families across the country. For more information about Caudwell Children visit [www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)

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# A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



On Wednesday, 8th June year 3 pupils from St. Mary's Catholic primary were very excited to be going on their trip to the Oriental museum in Durham. Our day began with J and C coaches arriving to pick us up; our driver was called Neville and he looked after us very well. We were very excited, as we are starting to learn about the Ancient Egyptians as part of our Topic work. Our first activity was doing some

exploring in the Ancient Egypt gallery. We worked in groups to explore a range of different topics, including gods, clothing, food, objects and we got the opportunity to investigate writing using hieroglyphics. Some of us managed to be a detective and work out some of the secret codes using Ancient Egyptian writing. Next we got the opportunity to handle some ancient Egyptian objects, some of these being thousands

and thousands of years old. We were so lucky that for one of the objects, there were only 2 available in the whole world! After our fabulous object handling, we were very hungry, so we all tracked down to a sunny piece of grass, luckily shaded by a tree in the background. We ate our packed lunches enjoying the peace and quiet! Mrs. Minns and Mrs. Moran were so kind as to take us to the shop in small groups. There were some lovely things to buy, ranging from model pyramids, scarab beetles to lovely Egyptian pens. In the afternoon our third activity was amazing- we got to see a real life mummy. We figured out that she was around 2,400 years old! Emily, one of our University teachers. Asked us some questions about mummies. We thought it was fascinating! The final activity involved a role-play activity. We had to do a reenactment of a Pharaoh being mummified. Eleanor was chosen to be our Pharaoh. Her body was embalmed and prepared for the after-life. Then some of us were chosen to be gods, asking her questions about how she lived her life. Her answers would determine what happened to her. Did her heart weigh more than a feather? Had she lived a life full of doing good deeds? We returned to school excited about learning more about these fabulous Ancient Egyptians. Here are a few pupil quotes... "It was the best school trip ever." "It was an amazing day. I couldn't believe the mummy was real!" "I am really excited now in discovering more about what life was like in Ancient Egypt."

# Answers on Brexit

Dear Sir,  
Nigel F Boddy asked a lot of questions about Brexit. Allow me to answer some of them for him. Nobody, to my knowledge is suggesting that we should send back any people from other EU countries who are already living and working here, or stopping them from returning if they go on holiday, or go to visit people in their home country. Nobody wants to stop immigration either. All the Brexiters are asking for is the right for the government of the day to be able control immigration, if they so desire. If one of the political parties wants to put a commitment to totally open borders in their manifesto, then fair enough. I should imagine the rules

and procedures for applying for British Citizenship will be the same as they are now for any immigrant e.g., good character, ability to speak English, resident for 5 years, have possessed an indefinite leave to stay for the last 12 months, have not broken any immigration laws etc. Nobody will be forced to take up Citizenship. On Nigel's final point, we are not voting for Farage, Johnson, or Gove, or any other individual or Party. We are simply voting on whether or not we want to leave the EU. You'll probably have to wait until 2020 for a say on who you want to run the country, and who you trust on immigration. Dave Catleugh

# Back to the 70's with Moors Railway



Experience the ultimate throwback to the 70's with North Yorkshire Moors Railway during its Awesome Seventies weekend (17-19th June). Each year the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) hosts an Awesome Seventies Weekend combined with the Heritage Diesel Gala, to form one of the biggest weekends of the attractions 2016 summer season. The event will see the arrival of an array of different engines that are sure to grab the attention of railway enthusiasts. From Class 55 'Pinza' to Class 26 'Tom Clift', not to mention Class 40 D213 'Andania' and a range of other locomotives. The attraction is encouraging all guests to get into the spirit and throw their best 70's glad rags on, and what's more, those that wear platforms with their outfits will avoid a platform charge when attending the event!\*

As well as this, there will also be much more entertainment over the weekend, sure to put a beaming smile on visitors' faces, whether they're old or young, and no more so than at Levisham Station, where popular rock band, The Glammed, will be on hand belting out timeless classics. Not only that, the station will also have its own real ale bar, serving up the perfect pints to sip on during a summer day out with the family. Fun is also on the menu at Pickering and Goathland Station, where there will be a 70's pop up museum and 70's display vehicles respectively, with the latter looking forward to welcoming DJ Lynn, who will be on the 1's and 2's for the majority of the weekend. North Yorkshire Moors Railway is one of the most

historic lines in the North of England, taking visitors on picturesque journeys along an 18 mile railway line aboard steam and heritage diesel trains. The railway passes through stunning scenery, from wooded valleys to beautiful countryside, stopping at charming villages and spectacular seaside locations. Prices from £26 for adults and £13 for children or families can take advantage of the family ticket, starting from £54. Picking to Grosmont or Grosmont to Pickering return. For further information or to pre-book tickets online before your visit please go to [www.nymr.co.uk/timetables-and-fares/fares/](http://www.nymr.co.uk/timetables-and-fares/fares/). Regular news, updates and competitions on Facebook [www.facebook.com/northyorkshiremoorsrailway/](http://www.facebook.com/northyorkshiremoorsrailway/) and Twitter [www.twitter.com/nymr?lang=en](http://www.twitter.com/nymr?lang=en)

# Middridge Invitation to Annual Fete

The Annual Middridge Village Fête will be held on the Village Green on Saturday, 2nd July, starting at 1.30pm, by kind permission of Middridge Parish Council. The Fête is organised by the Middridge Village Association, a registered Charity, which maintains and operates the Middridge Village Hall as a Community Centre for use by Middridge Residents, and Organisations from the surrounding area, as well as being available for hire for Private Parties; all Fête proceeds go to the Middridge Village Association. The Fête will be opened by Joan Grey, one of our Ward Durham County Councillors. The Raffle First Prize is £75 worth of Shopping Vouchers donated by the Middridge Village Association, and there is also £40 worth of Shopping Vouchers donated by Middridge Parish Council, as well as a host of other Prizes. The Fête has also been supported by a Donation from County Councillors, Joan Grey, Mike Dixon & John Clare. There will be the usual wide range of Stalls (Tombola, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Books & DVDs, Bottles, and Plants etc.), a Children's Bouncy Slide, and the regular Dog Show. Any Items for the Fête should be delivered to Mrs Lourine Beadle at 8, North Side. Music will be provided by the Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band.

Food and Drinks will be available at the Fête, and from the Bay Horse Pub, which is directly opposite where the Fête is to be held; Patrons may use the Pub Car-park. Additional Car-parking is available at the Village Hall. Note that the Police do NOT permit Parking on the Main Road through Middridge whilst the Fête is in progress. St John Ambulance Volunteers will be present to provide First Aid if required.

A Barbecue will be held on the Village Green at 6.00 pm after the Fête, weather permitting, which all are welcome to attend. Barbecue facilities, Tables and Chairs are provided, but those wishing to attend should bring their own food. Further details regarding the Fête, and other activities of the Middridge Village Association, Middridge Parish Council, and other Village Organisations, may be found on the Village Website ([www.middridge.org.uk](http://www.middridge.org.uk)). Alan Jordan, Hon. Secretary, Tel: (01325) 315639

# Picnic in the Park



Great Aycliffe Town Council joined the rest of the nation in celebrating the Queen's Official 90th Birthday with a Picnic in the Town Park. The weather was rather dreary for a picnic but families attending did not allow it to dampen their spirits and made use of the decorated marquee provided for lunch. There was a variety of free, family entertainment. The MAD choir entertained the public, while Dot and Zooky brightened up the day with their circus skills workshops and performances. Face painting, a fairground ride

and Professor Nincompoop's magic and balloon modelling proved to be very popular with younger visitors, while pole lathe demonstrations caught the attention of the adults. The emergency services were represented by Police Interceptors, a paramedic and, later in the day, a fire engine – there was a constant queue of people waiting to try out the sirens! Watch out for a two-week long programme of community events throughout the parish in the Aycliffe Festival from 13th to 30th July.

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# Woodham Future Business Magnates Local Hospitals' Bereavement Service

A group of entrepreneurial students from Woodham Academy have been on a money making mission to fund a prototype of a ground breaking device they have designed for market.

The Year 8 students who are taking part in the Future Business Magnates programme, which has been running since the beginning of the year, have produced an energy efficient kettle which they hope will win them big points on the scoreboard for the business competition organised by Business Durham. There are 20 schools from across the county taking part

in this year's competition with a variety of innovative and creative business ideas. The Woodham Academy team has created the Coffee and Tea Green Machine Kettle, which has been designed to collect the steam, created from boiling the kettle and reuses this as energy to power the kettle. Throughout the competition the team have received guidance and support from their business mentor, Emma, from Greg Little. In the latest round of tasks, the group has had to think of a way to fund producing a prototype of their product. The students organised a cake sale including making the cakes and selling



them throughout the day. A triathlon was also organised, with the students participating in running, swimming and rowing to gain sponsorship money. In total the dynamic team raised £372 which they hope to use to help create a physical version of their clever idea.

Half of the money will also be donated to The Little Princess Trust, the charity provide wigs for children suffering with Cancer. The competition will conclude at the end of June, with the team with the most points being crowned the overall winner.



Losing a loved one can be a devastating experience and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust has introduced an enhanced bereavement service to offer emotional support, practical information and advice to the families and carers of patients who sadly die in hospital.

At such a sensitive time, grieving families often benefit from spending time talking about what has happened. A busy ward environment is not always the ideal location for this and dedicated bereavement support officers are able to offer the help families need, in areas specifically designed for this purpose.

Executive Director of Nursing, Noel Scanlon, said, "Even when a death is expected, the shock can be overwhelming. The volume of paperwork and formalities can also seem daunting. Our Bereavement Support Officers are there to help families through those difficult first few hours and days. One of the first things they can do is help with the timely collection of the medical certificate and the patient's belongings, arranging for them to be given to loved ones, avoiding a potentially distressing return visit to the ward for them. "New Bereavement Suites at University Hospital of North Durham and Darlington Memorial Hospital, offer a quiet, private place for grieving relatives to ask questions about the paperwork and other things that need to be done when someone dies, including registering the death and funeral arrangements. We also have a new Information and Advice for the Bereaved booklet, with useful contact details,

including Registrars, guidance on arranging a funeral, and checklists." The service is already being welcomed, with families

particularly appreciating the information available on the formalities, and the calm environment of the bereavement suites.

## Top Housing Award for Newtonian



Kirsty Moore of Elvet Estates has won a prestigious individual award at the annual North East Student Housing Awards (NESHA), taking away the coveted Lettings Negotiator of the Year Award.

Kirsty Moore 23, from Newton Aycliffe joined Elvet Estates as an apprentice in 2014. Kirsty fitted in immediately and is now a successful product of our excellent staff training programme" noted Deborah Smith Director of Elvet Estates. "We have so many great people in our team, each and every one of them are dedicated key players in the business and everyone has a great drive to

excel in providing the best service to Landlords and Tenants – they really do all deserve awards" noted Deborah Smith.

The NESHA gala dinner was held at the Old Assembly Rooms on Thursday 2nd June, Paul Allison who runs NESHA said "The standard of entries to this year's NESHA Awards was a lot higher. Congratulations to Elvet Estates, it is brilliant to see their commitment to staff development and training pay off with Kirsty Moore from the company carrying off the North East Student Letting Negotiator of the Year Award.

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## Dolls & Miniatures Fair at Loco

Cleveland Miniaturists UK, a Middlesbrough-based Dolls House group, are organising their very first Dolls House & Miniatures Fair at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Sunday June 26, 2016. There will be 27 exhibitors at the event, with a wide range of first class dolls house miniatures and accessories on display and available to purchase. Cleveland Miniaturists UK members will also be exhibiting their project for this year, a beach scene built in twelfth scale. Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is open from 10am to 5pm daily, and parking and admission are free of charge. For more information, please contact the museum on 01388 777999.

## CAMERON VISITS HITACHI & WARNS OF JOB LOSSES IF WE LEAVE EU



Prime Minister David Cameron visited Newton Aycliffe last week to urge voters to remain in the EU. During his visit he toured the £82m Hitachi plant, which has so far created over 700 jobs, and it was jobs which the Prime Minister focused on when talking about why it important for the North East

that the UK remain in the EU. Speaking to the BBC, the Prime Minister said 'This is an amazing facility with incredible skilled workers taking home a good wage providing for their families. We want more of that, and if you listen to Hitachi management who invested millions in this plant they couldn't be clearer. They want this to be their European HQ and they've said they might have to rethink if we were to leave, so when it comes to jobs, livelihoods, there is only one way to go and that's to vote remain.'

David Cameron's visit to the Hitachi plant came only a matter of days after Hitachi chairman Hiroaki Nakanishi warned that Brexit would lead Hitachi to rethink their investment plan in the UK. The Hitachi Chairman spoke of the 'cold economic reality of Brexit' where 'jobs would be lost'. He said 'Brexit would force us and similar companies to rethink, because we still have a European vision, and would be disadvantaged in pursuing it from the UK.'

Local MP Phil Wilson, who was also at Hitachi that day said 'This issue is beyond party politics. It is about the livelihoods of my constituents.'

## No Trust for Boris & IDS

Dear Editor,

Companies like Hitachi continue to warn us about the impact of leaving the EU for a reason. They came to the UK as a gateway to the EU, and for us to leave the EU is to seriously risk their future investment in our town.

In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if companies are already planning to withdraw certain operations should we vote to leave the EU.

Less investment by these companies means less jobs. Less jobs, means less money for the average family. It is estimated that if we vote leave the average family will be over £4000 worse off, because of the damage it will do to our economy. It is OK for those running the leave campaign, millionaires who whatever the impact of Brexit, won't be affected. What is a couple of hundred pound a month to them? They can still go skiing St. Moritz come November.

But to the rest of us, losing that money is a big deal. That is why I believe it is essential we remain part of the EU. Furthermore I don't trust Boris and IDS protecting workers' rights, so please don't believe what they say.

Derek Compton

## Referendum Nothing to do with Immigration

Dear Sir,

Unfortunately, this referendum has become less about the EU than it has about immigration. Yes, there is a real debate to be had on immigration, but the EU referendum has very little to do with it.

People keep saying we need to control our borders. Well, I have some good news for you, we already do! By being part of the EU we have agreed to freedom of movement within the EU. But this does not mean we do not control our borders. In fact, thanks to the EU, UK border controls are carried out in Calais, which is currently prevent migrants in Calais from coming to the UK with ease.

But if we want to trade freely with the EU (as most leading leave campaigners do!) we will need to accept freedom of movement. So nothing will change. Other than us losing

a right to have our say and voice our concerns.

In fact I am dubious if those campaigning to leave really want to bring immigration down at all. Whilst they are telling one group they will bring down immigration, they are telling other groups with relatives outside the EU (India and Pakistan) that their family members will find it easier to get a visa for the UK if we leave. While I am on that subject of people outside of the EU what about the soldier in the Gurkha Regiment who have been fighting with the British for over 200 years.

Vince Crosby

## Will Aycliffe Really be in Focus?

Dear Syd

So much for our County Councillors saying they believe that Aycliffe can be a focus for the future of County Durham and you saying "and it's about time". My thoughts are, DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH. At the same time as considering removing 26 street lights on Middridge Lane between Aycliffe and Thirkley saving £7,600 p.a. they are contemplating holding yet another FOUR DAY Lumiere event in Durham City in 2017 at a cost of £600,000 pounds. This cost probably does not cover the cost of clearing up the streets during and after the event as they conveniently did not include that £180,000 cost when stating their contribution to the event last year. This huge expense, which granted benefits businesses in Durham City, would pay for keeping 2,000 street lights working for A YEAR throughout the County plus another 545 lights if the clean up has not been included in the £600,000 sum. Not for the first time do I question their priorities when it comes to spending Council Tax payers' money. When all comes to all it would appear from information from DCC that they had not considered cheaper options for street lighting when it came to long term savings as when asked if they had considered LED replacement rather than removing the lights they said that they do not hold recorded information on that.

Granted the initial outlay

for LED bulbs is expensive but in the long term they are more than worth the expense as they give out a better light for a much lower wattage, last for well over 20 years, and are much better for the environment. Had they used LED lighting for the streets round Aycliffe older residents would not be worried about venturing out at night in the dark. If they were used as part of the renewal/maintenance programme the initial outlay would not be as great.

Having invested in LED bulbs in our home we are well aware of the benefits, much improved lighting and a significant reduction in our winter energy bill. The long term savings for the County as a whole would therefore surely more than offset the initial expenditure.

It would seem that since Durham City lost out on the City for Culture bid some years ago DCC are throwing money at the town as if to prove a point! Granted the Fire and Ice week in the city last year did not receive an upfront donation from the taxpayer however, the majority of the funding came from the allowances paid to the local County Councillors for spending in their area, so actually the taxpayer did pay towards yet another event in Durham City. I can't see Aycliffe being a focus for anything at all when it comes to the County Council, let us hope I am proved wrong!

Andrea Bergg

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## Aycliffe Councillor in Anti-Racism Rally



Last Saturday, local County Councillor John D Clare attended the counter-demonstration protesting against a march organised by the 'Bishop Auckland Against Islam' group. Cllr Clare said he judged that it was time to "look fascism in the eye and say 'No'" - to show "by deed as well as word" that there is no place for racism or fascism in our society. You can read his full account of the afternoon on his blog: <http://bit.ly/UAFBAAI>

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## Good Word for Community Volunteer

Dear Sir,  
Further to the letter about ex-councillor Dorothy Bowman in the Newton News 27th May. I know nothing about the trouble going on between neighbours in the Williamfield area, but I would like to stress that there is a lot of people that do have high regard for Dorothy, who over the years has done a lot to help lonely and disadvantaged people in our community. There are many people who are very grateful for what she has done in the past and continues to do so to benefit people in the area. This is written on behalf of those in the "New Friends New Faces Club" she founded. Caroline Norton

## Day of Action at Silverdale



### DAY OF ACTION

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all at a recent 'Day Of Action' held in the Silverdale area of Newton

Aycliffe (2nd June 2016), this event saw a variety of partner agencies (Police, Fire, Durham County Council, LIVIN Housing) come together with local Councillors and key figures within the locality to address local concerns that had received recent media attention. The activities carried out involved home visits by Police and partner agency representatives such as County Durham and Darlington's Fire and Rescue Service where crime prevention surveys (Safer Homes) and home fire safety checks were carried out, alongside general engagement with local residents and youths. Over 200 residents attended

the event across the day which ran from 10am until 4pm making the day a huge success. Whilst I do not dismiss the concerns expressed recently that resulted in the negative publicity projected towards the Silverdale area, the very fact that a minor number of local concerns were raised from such a high attendance level demonstrates that – on the whole, residents do not share the same degree of feeling. Overall, the day confirmed previous statements that I have made in this medium but – more importantly, that the local Neighbourhood Police Team and our partners (including local Councillors and key community figures) are committed to making the communities we serve safer places in which to live and work. Mark J Edwards Neighbourhood Inspector

## STAR RADIO OFFER HALF PRICE VOUCHERS

Star Radio introduced the 'Half Price Voucher' scheme in response to our listeners requests to help them. We know in this economic climate going out for meals and family days out can be tough for local families to find the money.

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Currently on offer: Family Days Out- Sea Life & Marine Sanctuary, Tweddle Farm, Walworth Castle Birds of Prey & West Fest Restaurants: Sol Tapas, Oven Restaurant & The Keys. Beauty- Miss High Brow Coming soon . . . other half price vouchers for more great family days out, restaurants & Ramside Hall Hotel Spa, Golf, Dining and Afternoon Tea vouchers!

## Don't be Conned - Vote Remain says MP Phil

The North East is a net beneficiary of EU grants and subsidies, helping to train our young people for work, fund small businesses, our universities and agriculture, helping our economy grow. Even the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, said on Monday, leaving the EU would put the Northern Powerhouse at risk.

Between now and 2020 the North East is destined to receive £800 million from European funding. But now, the Leave campaign has said they'll pick up the tab if the UK votes out on June 23rd. Don't listen to them. They can't do it. It's the biggest con ever.

First of all they aren't the government. Secondly, they're committed to spending the money we contribute to the EU many times over already. And thirdly, people who are making these commitments are Conservative politicians who for years said we haven't got the money, but suddenly they've discovered a magic money tree. Like all things to do with magic it's an illusion. Don't fall for it. It is what it is, an illusion.

The Leave campaign is spraying spending commitments around as if there is no tomorrow. An independent analysis has looked at what they've promised and come up with the figures involved.

The Leave campaign has committed to building more hospitals, providing more school places, more spending on science, regional airports, improving railways, more

housing, more this, more that and the list goes on.

The cost is over £100 billion. £100 billion they don't have. So now we know: as of today, we can honestly say the campaigners for those who want to leave the EU are perpetrating the biggest con trick ever on the North East. Don't be conned by the Leave campaign's fantasy economics. I must admit I fear for the future of our region, where I have lived all my life, if we vote to Leave the EU. Over 50% of what we export from the North East goes to Europe providing 100,000 jobs. Those two facts alone should make you think twice about leaving. And if you think twice and uncertainty sets in don't do it. Don't be conned into believing a land of milk and honey awaits us on June 24th, the day after the referendum, because it doesn't.

And finally, can you really believe the Leavers like Ian Duncan Smith, who gave us the bedroom tax and food banks, and Michael Gove, who has said the NHS needs to be dismantled, have the best interests of the North East at heart? I don't believe they do. They are very well-off people who will stay well-off whether we vote to Remain or Leave. Phil Wilson M.P.



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# MP Praises Aycliffe DISC's Work with Young Unemployed

Workers at a local charity running a Big Lottery project to get young people into work and training, have been praised by their local MP after achieving a 91% success rate.

Northern Communities charity DISC run the Talent Match programme in County Durham for local young people aged between 18 and 24 who are long term unemployed.

Out of 120 young people they have worked with since the DISC project launched in June 2014, 64 have received more education and training and 45 have found a job.

Sedgefield Phil Wilson MP said: "This is excellent news. DISC has done so much to reach young people and help them achieve employment and training. Ninety one per cent is an amazingly high figure."



Kate Thompson



Kieran Patton

Congratulations to everyone involved.

And he added: "DISC is a credit to the community." DISC's Youth Coach, Kate Thompson, said: "Even those who have not yet managed to get into employment, training or education with us have gained new skills and moved closer to the labour market".

The programme works with individuals to provide tailored support, enabling increased confidence by involving the individual in work experience, up skilling and volunteering.

The young people may face barriers such as lack of qualifications, lack of confidence, homelessness and drug and alcohol use. They may attend at DISC's offices on Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe but youth coaches also meet young

people in local community centres, cafes and libraries. Kate said: "Once successful in moving someone forward, we don't just abandon them – DISC's Talent Match staff stay in frequent touch through one to one appointments, phone and social media to ensure continued support.

"We see our service users' confidence grow and we're always excited and proud to see how they take on the world from there."

Kieran Patton, of Newton Aycliffe, who began work at Pound World in Darlington in the Spring said Talent Match's input was invaluable.

Kieran said: "I'm a much more confident person now – when I first joined the group I was quiet but now I can't stop talking. I was recently described as a natural at customer service by a mystery shopper – this would have been unthinkable before I joined Talent Match. It did me the world of good and I would recommend it to everyone."

## Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 21st JUNE will feature the classic "CASABLANCA" starring HUMPHREY BOGART, INGRID BERGMAN, PAUL HENREID, PETER LORRE, SIDNEY GREENSTREET. Why should you come and see it? It was made in black and white in 1942.

There are no special effects, no bad language or sex, very little violence. It does have wonderful acting, plot, script, and a cast of the finest actors. It is a classic film of lost love in wartime, intrigue, fearful refugees trying to flee from war. As time goes by this film remains timeless.

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 great film in friendly company. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

## Aycliffe Businesses Debate Referendum



Finley Structures managing director and ROF 59 creator John Finley

Businesses discussed the pros and cons of staying in or leaving the European Union at ROF 59 activity centre on Aycliffe Business Park this week.

Andy Preston, a successful businessman and founder of the Middlesbrough & Teesside Philanthropic Foundation and CEO Sleepout charities, is an ambassador for the North East Britain Stronger IN Europe campaign. He told guests why he thought staying in the EU is important to Newton Aycliffe. Aycliffe Business Park is the largest industrial estate in the North-East, home to more than 300 businesses and more than 9,000 employees.

"If we leave Europe, we do not know what will happen," said Preston. "We don't know what the government will do and we don't know what Europe will do. What we do know is that businesses are already seeing a slowdown, people are putting off making decisions, some projects are not happening. I've spoken to a couple of people in Newton Aycliffe, and they've talked about projects that are on hold and might stall. Clearly, for some businesses it will be harder to export to the EU and that will mean less business coming into the park,

it will mean fewer jobs and less prosperity.

Among the guests was Finley Structures managing director John Finley, who built ROF 59 partly in homage to the Aycliffe Angels who worked at the munitions factories during the war, which included his mother and grandmother.

John said: "I don't think people in Britain appreciate how well off we are. We've come a long, long way since the wars, and now we have a lot of wealth and opportunities, but there's a real risk of losing that.

"Immigration does need controlling and I don't think anyone doubts that, but voting to leave the EU isn't going to solve that problem – it's a much more complex issue involving a number of factors, and I think our best bet is to remain."

Preston added: "Britain should be showing some leadership and working with its neighbours, and saying to them 'we've got to stick together and come up with a plan to sort our collective problems out'.

"We've got major challenges, and Britain needs to show some leadership, like we did during the second World War, sort out Europe's problems and help to make the whole of Europe a better place."

## Leave & Still be Subject to EU Rules

Dear Editor,  
As an individual who was employed by a European company for 20 years, I feel it necessary to give my opinion on the EU referendum debate.

The idea that the UK doesn't have Sovereignty is ludicrous. If we didn't have sovereignty why did we hold a General Election last year and elect 650 MP's, and why do we elect MEP's to the European Parliament?

The idea that Brussel's dictates the majority of laws in the UK is nonsense as according to official statistics 13.2% of UK law is related to the EU. And a lot of those laws that do come from the EU are there to protect us. Thanks to the EU's Social Chapter, we are protected at work.

In fact leaving the EU could harm our sovereignty! Most campaigning to leave admit they want to stay in the single market, but access to the single market is dependent on accepting EU rules. So in reality, if we leave the EU, the UK will still be subject to the same EU rules as they are now, except we will have no say in Brussels on what these rules actually are.

In my opinion, leaving the EU will make us weaker,

and truly subject to rules we had no say in making.

Regards,  
Lynn Leach

## More Clout Out of EU

Dear Editor

The recent article about so called EU myths was sadly unattributed (or did Phil Wilson MP have the run of the page?)

It raised four points:

### SOVEREIGNTY

It was correctly stated that the EU makes 13.2% of our laws rather than 80% BUT it did not mention that when Regulations & Directives are included it comes to 62.1%

### EUROPE

It was asserted that the EU is democratic because we elect MEP's but as well as the European Parliament there is the Commission whose members are not elected but appointed by the Presidents of the Commission (who are themselves appointed) & it is the Commission which proposes new legislation. We do not elect the lawmakers

### COST

The Treasury figure used was determined by George Osborne's worst possible outcome rather than being independent. Gross membership costs us £18 Billion (Bn) but we hang onto our rebate of £5Bn (which is up for negotiation in 2020 & could be removed; it's already been substantially reduced - thank you Mr Blair!) Also some

£4.5Bn comes back to us but the EU decides how it is spent; infrastructure, subsidies etc. so the net cost is around £8.5Bn or just over £163 million per week

### THE ALTERNATIVES

The only known alternative to being in the EU is to be out of it. The rest is conjecture and depends on whether your view is that of a "glass half full or glass half empty" person. The Norway & Sweden models were mentioned but combined their populations only amount to 23% of ours (15 million:65 million) so we'd have a great deal more clout in negotiating with the EU or indeed anybody else.

We import £10Bn more per month from the EU, on average, than we export to them. They will not be rushing to introduce prohibitive tariffs!

The reason why I will be voting Leave is purely down to Sovereignty; I can vote every 5 years to keep or remove my MP but that is not the case with the EU who can:

1. overrule our laws and Judges
2. tell us who can come in to this country and who must not leave
3. have 100% of our 5.4 million businesses hidebound by "red tape" when only 4% actually trade with the EU

Mr W K Winters

## Leave EU & Lose Influence

Dear Sir,  
I feel I have to respond to Bob Flemings article on the EU referendum in The Newton News, 3rd June - what a privilege to be given the opportunity of almost a full page to state his views on why we should vote to leave the EU.

What a shame he wasted his opportunity by doing what the majority of those who support the Leave campaign do. He spent almost 75% of his article with personal attacks on everyone who is campaigning to Remain in the EU, while the rest of the article was mostly spent reminiscing about the past.

Where was the positive message/reasons why he thinks we should leave? Bob needs to get his head out of the sand and consider the global picture.

My question is this, would we be able to tackle some of the big issues better on our own, or as part of the EU? For example: CLIMATE CHANGE, TERRORISM, TAX AVOIDANCE, THE REFUGEE CRISIS AND PROTECTING OUR ECONOMY. I think the answer is obvious. If we vote to leave our voice and influence will diminish not only in Europe but also with the rest of the world.

One word consistently avoided by the Leave campaign is TARIFFS. If we Remain in the EU we have continued tariff free access to a market of 500 million people. If we vote to Leave we will have to pay tariffs if we wish to continue to trade with members of the EU. This will mean goods and services, both imports and exports,

will be more expensive, it will affect profits and put pressure on jobs all of which will slow down economic growth. No one knows what these tariffs will be so it is no wonder the Leave campaign does not want to talk about them.

If we continue to trade with the EU, whether IN or OUT, freedom of movement for EU citizens will continue. This is a two way process, if we stay IN we will continue to enjoy cheap flights and holidays in Europe. If we choose to come out then we won't.

The UK is not perfect; we have a record number of food banks, deep cuts and austerity

caused by under investment in housing, the NHS, roads etc. by this Conservative government.

The EU is not perfect by any means, but my view is that we should REMAIN in and negotiate change by consultation, co-operation and compromise. We have already demonstrated we can do this by ensuring that workers' rights in the Working Time Directive are enshrined in European Law.

In these global uncertain times we should not create more uncertainty by voting to Leave the EU. VOTE REMAIN ON JUNE 23rd  
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Nigel who rides for Jackpot Racing and is also a member of local club VC167 qualified and will be part of Team GB heading down under.



He was born in Cornwall and after leaving school joined the Army. On leaving the forces he moved to Newton Aycliffe

Nigel 56 years old, races in 55-59 age group, and is looking for sponsorship from local companies who would like their name on his GB shirt, Contact: Nigel@nigelould.orangehome.co.uk



Newton Aycliffe Falcons under 9's enjoyed a night at the TJFA Presentations on the 2nd June.

The boys deserved the best so we arrived in style with a party bus. The kids really enjoyed the occasion, and it was a proud moment when they got up to receive their medals and the Managers Fair Play trophy.

Manager Alan Gaskarth thanks the players for all their hard work this season with a big thank you to all the parents, HBT Technology and Parnaby Removals for continued support.

We look forward to next season with confidence.

## Aycliffe Tri Club Report

The club is well into the 2016 race season, so race reports will begin to appear weekly rather than monthly. This report has a special account from one of our level 2 coaches Dan Halladay, who made his annual pilgrimage to Scotland, to participate in the Loch Lomond Standard Triathlon.

'All week organisers and competitors were worried about air and water temperatures but thankfully on the day the weather was beautiful and the water was a tropical 11 degrees. This meant a full length swim of 1500m which I was thankful for, as swimming is my strength. After a rough start, I managed to finish the swim in first place, and after a quick transition, I was out on the bike course with people still in the water. The bike course was brutal with 2 ascents of Glen Fruin, full of twisty switch backs and a highest gradient of 19%. I didn't get caught by the chasing group until half way up the first climb. The faster cyclists passed me on the uphill sections but I held my then 8th place on the flat and downhill into transition. Out on the run I pushed my pace to keep up with the 7th placed athlete until the half way point, when I let the elastic snap and they ran away, but I was holding a very good pace to make sure I was going to finish strong and retain 8th position. So overall a very good result taking into account I bettered my bike time from last year by 4 mins and run by 7 mins. 8th overall and 3rd in the senior age cat. ' A couple of late race results from last month for you next. On May 27th Michelle Scott began her challenge for the Open Water Swimming Series with a 1st place in the female category, finishing the 1500m distance in 21.10, a personal best. She ranks 5th overall. While in Lisbon, Susan Brown

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 29th June 2016**

**Environment Committee  
Recreation Committee  
7.15pm**

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# Dogs Die in Hot Cars!

Dear Sir,

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Other animals suffer, too. Rabbits must not be left in the glaring sun or inside a sweltering garage or shed. They need a cool, shady place where air circulates and where they are able to move freely. A hot rabbit can be kept cool by applying cold water gently to his ears.

Smaller animals such as hamsters, rats and gerbils can be kept cool by opening windows and closing curtains, using a fan (but not directly at them), and by ensuring a good supply of fresh water.

Fiona Pereira

Campaign Manager

Animal Aid



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1000-1400 – John Clayton  
1400-1500 – Everything 80's  
1500-1900 – Star Radio Drive with Craig Andrews  
1900-2200 – Dancing Through The Decades  
2200-0000 – Wind Down Zone

### Saturday 18th June

0000-0600 – Non-Stop Star  
0600-0900 – John Clayton  
0900-1400 – Michael Weadock  
1400-1500 – Everything 80's  
1500-1800 – Craig Andrews  
1800-0200 – Dancing Through The Decades

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1900-2200 – Non-Stop Star  
2200-0000 – Wind Down Zone

### Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd June

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Some ladies are worried that the procedure will be painful and embarrassing. At Bewick Crescent, we strive to make this procedure as comfortable as possible and maintain privacy and dignity at all times. Some ladies are concerned about what the results will show. The Smear test is a test to detect abnormal cells in the

cervix **BEFORE** they develop into cancer. More than 90% of results are negative. For the small number of smears that do show cell changes, treatment can be given early and prevent the progression to cervical cancer. Some ladies struggle to find the time for the test. At Bewick Crescent Surgery we offer appointments during the day and offer a late night clinic and are as flexible as possible.

**CERVICAL SCREENING SAVES LIVES - FACT**  
If your smear is overdue please don't put it off. Cancer can happen to anyone and can often be prevented. **DON'T MISS YOUR SMEAR** - you owe it to yourself and your family! If you require any information about smear tests please contact the surgery and a female nurse or female doctor would be happy to talk to you.

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# Dogs Trust Workshop for School



Alison Gray visited St Joseph's School this week from the Dogs Trust. She delivered workshops to all children and brought Molly a rescue dog with her. She explained to the children how to keep safe around dogs and what to look for in a dog to see if it is happy, angry or sad, also how to behave when a dog approaches. It was a fantastic and very educational afternoon enjoyed by everybody.

# UTC HIGH-TECH GIRLS ONLY CAREERS EVENT

Girls aged 13 - 16 can meet women leading the way in science, technology, engineering and maths, at a free event on 29 June at Aycliffe Business Park. Organised by UTC South Durham, the event is designed to demonstrate to girls the exciting career options available, with talks by female trailblazers in the sector.

Caroline Robinson, Manufacturing Director of Husqvarna and Stephanie Bartle, Astrophysicist from Durham University, are among the speakers, and delegates can also hear about the experiences of Hydram Sheet Metalwork apprentices - Hayley Scarr and Sophy Bage.

The new UTC Deputy Principal Jenny Trapp, a former Air Traffic Controller, is on hand to meet delegates, as will Faculty Director Jak Heslop and Workplace Learning Manager Catherine Purvis-Mawson.

Jenny said: "I know from personal experience the fascinating career options available in the high-tech sector for students with an interest in STEM subjects. Given that we have so many inspirational women in the north east, who have carved successful careers in science, technology, engineering and maths, it's an honour to host them at Newton Aycliffe."

"I'm sure that the girls attending will be inspired by the success of these women and I urge any girls in years 8 - 11 to sign up and come along to find out more about the range of lucrative career opportunities open to women with qualifications in the STEM subjects." The event takes place from 4.30pm - 6.30pm on 29 June, at the Xcel Centre, Aycliffe Business Park. This is a girls-only event for UTC students, their friends and any girls interested in finding out about careers in design and technology. Students may be accompanied by parents/carers. Light refreshments will be available.

Please register on <https://utcsd-girls-event-2906.eventbrite.co.uk> with the names of students and parents/carers planning to attend. Places allocated on first-come, first-served basis.

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# Students Join Care Home Celebrations for Queen's Birthday



Lindisfarne Care Home at Silverdale Place joined forces with Woodham Academy to organise an afternoon of celebrations for the Queen's Birthday last week.

The home specialises in care for those suffering dementia and mental health issues as well as providing general residential and nursing care. The event was for residents to get in the spirit along with the rest of

the country in celebrating her Majesty's 90th.

This included a BBQ, scones made by food technology students, entertainment from staff and several songs performed by Woodham Academy music students. The home was decorated with flags and staff dressed up for the occasion to add to the British theme of the day.

The students got the crowd

singing with their rendition of Can't Help falling In Love by Elvis Presley.

Media and Marketing Officer, Gemma Porter, said: 'It is great to build a rapport in the community and work alongside local partners to pull these events together. Our students thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the residents and we would love to work with Lindisfarne Care Home again.'

# Taste of Big School for Year 5

Greenfield Community College were delighted to host a series of visits from primary schools from the surrounding area. The Year 5 students had the opportunity to participate in a unique secondary school experience and get a flavour of what Greenfield has to offer. The primary schools had a chance to sample a selection of the excellent facilities on offer with taster sessions in Science, Dance and P.E. They have also had the opportunity to take part in a SOLE's session in our



fabulous Room 13, as part of an introduction to Greenfield Arts Centre.

They enjoyed researching 'big questions' such as "Why do we dance?" and "Should we have one universal language". Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts, was thrilled with the feedback from the young people and teachers "It's been fantastic to see the way year 5 students have come up with such creative and unique research,

we even got the opportunity to skype our counterparts in India which was great fun".

A number of schools were so impressed they have suggested return visits to Room 13 and some are even keen to replicate the SOLE's project in their own school. If you would like more information about the project and other activities at Greenfield Arts please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or check out our website

# Wimbledon Free Tea

Buddies Befriending Service are offering residents of Newton Aycliffe and Middridge who are over 50 years old the chance to come along to a free afternoon of tennis, tea, sandwiches, and of course strawberries and cream, along with lots of fun and giggles!

The event is taking place at Woodham Community Centre on Thursday 30th June 2016, 12.30 until 4pm and is free to attend, however places must be booked in advance. Transport can also be provided door to door which is free of charge. On arrival there will be a short registration form to complete to register with Buddies Befriending Service. Buddies Befriending Service is funded through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP AAP) and it aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation in the over 50s.

The volunteer Buddies can provide support to help people to access community activities, provide practical support such as help with shopping or simply sit and listen and chat over a cup of tea.

If you would like to book your place for Wimbledon, are interested in having a buddy or if you know someone who would benefit from the service, please contact the project team on 01325 329933 or email: buddies@pcp.uk.net.

# Heighington Matters

## IMPORTANT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE EU REFERENDUM

There is still a lot of confusion surrounding decision making on the EU Referendum Vote on the 23rd June. I have had lots of people ask me questions about the advantages and disadvantages of staying with in Europe, questions which are repeated in the Press, radio and television and despite the massive media coverage confusion as to vote 'In' or 'Out' persists in the minds of many people

As this is probably the most important decision we all have to make in our lifetimes regarding our future and the future of our children and grandchildren it is important that we all vote and we know and understand what we are voting for. To help clarify the many issues, I have asked Phil

Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, an 'In' supporter to explain why he feels so strongly about voting to keep Britain within the European Community.

I have also invited UKIP to send someone to speak on behalf of the 'Leave' Campaign but I have been informed that because of a regional meeting between their supporters there in know one available to join us.

So this is an ideal opportunity to come along to listen to Mr Wilson and put your questions to him face to face and listen to his answers in Heighington Village Hall on Monday June 20th starting at 7.30pm. Please do join us.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee  
Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

# Would you Benefit from Having a Buddy?

The PCP and The Cornforth Partnership are offering residents of Newton Aycliffe and Middridge the opportunity of receiving free short term flexible support through their new Buddies Befriending Service.

Buddies Befriending Service is funded through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) and it aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation in the over 50s by matching them up with a friendly befriender for company and support.

The type of support that you can receive from a Buddy can vary but it can include support to access community activities and social groups as well as providing practical support such as assistance with grocery shopping. Support could simply be taking time to listen over a cup of tea.

If you are interested in having a

buddy or if you know someone who would benefit from the service, please contact the project team on 01325 329933 or email: buddies@pcp.uk.net. Visit: www.pcp.uk.net or www.cornforthpartnership.co.uk Or, if you know your local community and would like to

become a volunteer buddy, a full training and support package is provided by PCP. Volunteers are required to be able to give a minimum of 2 hours a week. Get in touch for further information.

## In Memoriam

**CHARLIE ROSSITER** 12.11.41 - 18.6.15. A year ago you slipped away and were finally at peace, our only comfort is that you are reunited with Mam. We love and miss you Dad. Lesley and Tony xxx  
**MAUREEN CLARK** Love and miss you loads. Bev and Steve  
**MAUREEN CLARK** Love and miss you loads, Kayleigh and Lauren Skye  
**MAUREEN CLARK** Gone but not forgotten. Always in my heart and always will miss you. Love, Jak

**AUDREY HUMBLE** It's been one year since you passed away. Still love and miss you so much. Gisela, David, Paul and Gavin xxxxx

**AUDREY HUMBLE.** Died 16th June 2015. Every day I miss you Audrey. Love always, Freda and family

**GILBERT WILSON** My Dad was an ordinary man, turned by love into my hero, an adventurer, a story teller and a singer of songs. 19 years on Dad and I still miss you every single day. Love, as always, Pamela xxxxx

**DOUGLAS DENHAM** Died 15th June 2009. It's been seven long years without you. I miss and love you so much. Till we meet again. God bless. Loving Wife, Pat and all the family

## Birthday Remembrance

**Barbara Bennett**  
(Mullier)



18th June

We miss you so much. Always in our thoughts. Lots of love from your family xxxxxxxx

**SHANE SMITH** Another year has gone by without you Bro. Always in my thoughts. Love and miss you loads. Ryan xxxxx  
**SHANE SMITH** Happy 27th birthday Son (16-6-1989). Not a day goes by that we don't think about you. We love and miss you loads. Mam and Dad xxxxx

**KATH WHEATLEY** 21-6-1931. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away. The ache in our hearts will always stay. Forever in our thoughts. George and family

**IN LOVING** memory of my dear Alan (Cockney) on his 77th birthday on 22nd June. Passed away 31st March 2016. Loved and missed always. Carol, Tony, Lydia and Stephen

## Congratulations

**Tira Sperring**



**Happy Sweet Sixteen**

Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Sam, Uncle Wayne, Jack, Ronan and Cheyenne xxxxxxxxxxxx

**Ronan Downie**



**Happy 16th Birthday**

Lots of love from Mam, Wayne, Jack, Cheyenne, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Sharon, Uncle Tony and Tira xxxxxxxxxxxx

**Eva Bage**



**Happy 80th Birthday**

To the best Mam in the world. Love from Martin, Rosa, Glenda and Patrick. Love also from Grandchildren Mike, Lauren, Natalie, Christie, Daniel and partners xxxxxxxx

**AMY-JO SAUNDERS** 15th June. Happy 18th birthday to a special Granddaughter. Enjoy your party. All our love, Nana Ann and Grandad Neil xxx  
**LUKE ATKINSON:** All the best for your 21st birthday and enjoy your meal/weekend away. Love, Trisha, Michael and Jed  
**LUKE ATKINSON:** Happy 21st birthday for 20th June 2016. Love, Nick, Mel and Alexander  
**JORDAN DUFF** Happy 18th birthday Jordan. Love and best wishes, Dad and Courtney

## Thank You

**YVONNE AND SHEENA.** from Baby Basics, would like to thank the lady who donates items to our charity project when she does her shopping in Tesco. We and the families who benefit from her generosity are very grateful for her donations of nappies, baby wipes and baby items. Thank you so much.

## Fathers Day

**DANIEL LARGE** "Happy Father's Day" to my Jedi Master Daddy. Lots of love from your "Young Padawan" Sebastian xxx

**DANIEL LARGE** "Happy Father's Day" to the best Dad. Love from Alex xxx

**JOHN HOWEY** Happy Father's Day Dad. Love from Michael, Stephen and Paul xxx

**MICHAEL HOWEY** Happy Father's Day Dad. You are the best Dad in the Galaxy. Love you, from Kya xxx

**STEPHEN HOWEY** Happy Father's Day Dad. Thank you for being our Dad, because you are the best. Love from Poppy and Thomas xxxxx

**PAUL HOWEY** Happy Father's Day Dad. I love you so so much. Love from Olivia xxx

**VIC SPENSLEY** Happy Father's Day Daddy. I love you more than you will ever know, enjoy your day. Love, Julie and Den xxx

**BRIAN DUNN** 8-7-10. The best little Dad and Granda in the world!!! Did the sun shine a little brighter, was the sky a deeper blue, or was it just a better world Dad and Granda, when we shared our lives with you? Deeply loved and missed always. From all your bairns and Grandbairns xxxxxxxxxxxx

## Fathers Day Remembrance

**ALBERT ANDREW** Miss and love you Dad. Hope the angels are giving you a "Happy Father's Day". Love forever, your Daughters, Julie and Susan xx

**BRIAN MAGEE** We wish we were handing you your card for Father's Day, know how much you loved receiving cards. It will be our first Father's Day without you Dad. My heart and my love wish you could be here making me the best cup of coffee in the world. We miss and love you forever. Love from your Daughters, Julie, Susan, Grandson Ross, Billy and Bella and family. We love you xxxxx

**BRIAN MAGEE** Dad, did I ever tell you that you are my hero? You were my rock, my Dad, my everything. You are the reason I laugh; you are the reason I cry; you are the reason I breathe; you are the reason why. I miss you so much Dad. Happy Father's Day. Love, Julie xx

**GEORGE BURNHAM** Forever in my thoughts Dad. Sadly missed. Love, David and Charlotte xx

**GEORGE BURNHAM** When your beautiful heart stopped beating, our hearts broke in two. Knowing that here on Earth, there will never be another Grandad like you. Love, Jamie, Steph, Katie, Marco and Jessica xxxxx  
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## JAKE COMPLETES CHARITY LAKE SWIM



Young Newtonian Jake Mendelsohn completed his debut half mile Lake Swim in just over 14 minutes coming 10th in the under 19 age group for that distance. He's also raised over £450 for the Brain Tumour Research Campaign by Aycliffe Cancer victim Anna Swabey. He thanks all those who supported him and Anna.

## Palram Peddlers Raise £2,000



A team of eight from Palram on the business Park took part in the Coast to Coast (Whitehaven to Roker) bike ride of over 140 miles, in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance and raised over £2000. This event was over two days with those taking part aged from 21 – 64, they all did wonderfully and have really done us, themselves and their families proud. Palram had the air ambulance their supervisors Alan had a heart attack, he is now back at work fighting fit. Just over 5 years ago, the air ambulance was there when Palram had an explosion whereby Ian Barlow was injured. Ian was



critically ill suffering a high percentage of burns and was very lucky to go on to make a full recovery and return back to work within months. This

is all down to the wonderful work of the GNAA.

A representative from the GNAA visited at 3pm to collect the funds raised. The Palram Peddlers and the people whose lives were saved by amazing Air Ambulance service were also present.

## Business Magnates Prepare for Competition



A group of entrepreneurial students from Woodham Academy have been on a money making mission to fund a prototype of a ground breaking device they have designed for market. The Year 8 students who are taking part in the Future Business Magnates programme, which has been running since the beginning of the year, have produced an energy efficient kettle which they hope will win them big points on the scoreboard for the business competition organised by Business Durham. There are 20 schools from across the county taking part in this year's competition with a variety of innovative and creative business ideas.

The Woodham Academy team has created the Coffee and Tea Green Machine Kettle, which has been designed to collect the steam, created from boiling the kettle and reuses this as energy to power the kettle. Throughout the competition the team have received guidance and support from their business mentor, Emma Little.

In the latest round of tasks, the group has had to think of a way to fund producing a prototype of their product. The students organised a cake sale including making the cakes and selling them throughout the day. A triathlon was also organised, with the students participating in running, swimming and rowing to gain sponsorship money.

In total the dynamic team raised £372 which they hope to use to help create a physical version of their clever idea. Half of the money will also be donated to The Little Princess Trust, the charity provide wigs for children suffering with Cancer. The competition will conclude at the end of June, with the team with the most points being crowned the overall winner.

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's first team had a fixture free week, but the 2nd team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were well beaten at home by Marske 2nd XI by 8 wickets in the NYSD 3rd division. Aycliffe lost the toss and were asked to bat first and scored an under par 162 all out after 39.3 overs. Chris Palmer (sponsored by Vanilla Design & Print) top scored with a fluent 56 from just 61 balls, including 8 boundaries and a 6 and was given good support from Joe Teasdale (25), Elliott Holt (17) and Ryan Patrick (17). In reply Marske raced to their winning target after just 26.2 overs and with eight wickets in hand.

Aycliffe's u17's were defeated away at top of the table Stockton by seven wickets in the NYSD junior league. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe scored 71 for 6 in their 20 overs with captain Ryan Dawson (22), Ryan Patrick (18) and Jack Lowery (12) the main contributors. In reply the homeside easily reached their target after just nine overs despite some good bowling from all rounder Dawson, who finished his four over spell with three wickets for 24 runs.

The club's u15's had an exciting nine run victory at home to Norton in the NYACC league. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe scored a respectable 98 for 6 in their 20 overs, thanks in part to a brilliant

innings by Kieran Shingler who finished unbeaten on 32. In reply Norton were restricted to 89 for 5 in their 20 overs, with captain Lucas Pilling the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 16 from his four overs.

The u11's beat the poor weather, but unfortunately couldn't beat Richmond for the second time this season as they lost by 24 runs. Charlie Cayless top scored for Aycliffe with an excellent innings of 15 and Rob Hillman also batted well scoring 12 with Jack Paylor taking the only Richmond wicket to fall.

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