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Ernie with young volunteer

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The notice in our paper re closure of Whinlatter Bridge has alarmed residents in the area who are raising another petition

to re-open the footpath, aiming for 1000 signatures. The petition will be launched at Williamfield Residents' meeting on Wednesday 13th July at 6pm at the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place behind Lindisfarne Nursing Home. The 5 and 5a bus stop is 2 minutes away.

Please attend this important meeting "Strength in Numbers" Livin, Police and Councillors will be attending. Ring 01325 308094./07967 901477 for more details.

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Acorn Residents Association Meet

ACORN will be holding their monthly meeting at the Phoenix Club (Royal British Legion) on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 6pm. Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm - same venue.

Our speaker for the evening is Hannah Murray-Leslie from Durham Community Action - growing Durham. Arrangements for our Fun Days on the Green (in front of Christopher Walk) are going well.

They will be held on Friday 29th July and Friday 19th August starting at 11am. Roundabouts, slide, bouncy castle, Farmyard Flyer and Professor Nincompoop are just some of the attractions on offer. Everyone welcome, no admission charge. Come along for a fun day.

CLASSIC CAR RALLY

The popular annual Classic Car Rally returns to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Sunday July 17, 2016.

Come along to view a range of classic cars - ranging from a 1938 Austin Big 7 and a 1949 Cadillac Series 61 to a 1991 Nissan Figaro and a 1996 VW Polo Harlequin. Visitors will also be able to enjoy performances by Bearpark & Esh Colliery Brass Band at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

The performances will take place in the Collection Building on the BRASS Festival Stage, an installation for BRASS 2016 by artist

Mick Stephenson

The installation will be themed around MGR 368459, the last new MGR wagon to be completed at Shildon Wagon Works before the facility closed in 1984.

Plus steam train rides behind Peckett No. 2012 "Teddy" - visiting from the Chasewater Railway - will be available throughout the day. Please note that a small charge applies for train rides.

The Locomotion: Museum at Shildon is open from 10am to 5pm daily, and parking and admission are free of charge. For more information, please call the museum team on 01388 777999.

Local Police Help Duped Pensioners



Two senior citizens living in the town hired a gardener to carry out work at the back and front of their property. He completed the front garden but failed to return to do the back despite being paid in advance.

They know how silly they were to pay up front, but decided to report the matter to the Police who called to interview them. The policemen were shocked by the incident and reassured the couple it would receive their attention.

To their surprise the policemen returned with bushes and flowers donated by local businesses and proceeded to plant them in their garden after first tidying up the mess. "We have heard about neighbourhood support by the Police but this we believe could be termed above and beyond the call of duty" said the grateful husband.

They would like to record their thanks to PC Mike Welch, PCSO Steven Gill, PC Becky Ruck and PCP Liz Godfrey together with Windlestone Garden Centre, Julie's Pets, and S&R Landscapes.

Council Trip to Edinburgh

Dear Sir

On Friday 24th June we went on the Town Council trip to Edinburgh, and what a lovely day we had. The morning stop at Purdy Lodge for coffee and biscuits was good - no queuing as it was brought to your table. The Carlton Hotel was being refurbished but the dining room was finished and was beautiful, the meal was delicious. What a good chef they have. We had 3 hours in Edinburgh and the sun shone, so thank you to our Town Council for a lovely day out.

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The band are a primarily a classic rock covers band, covering music ranging from AC/DC, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Thin Lizzy and Queen, through to newer artists such as Billy Idol and Stereophonics, but played with a much harder edge.

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This season North Yorkshire's Max Coates has been making his debut in the Renault UK Clio Cup and was supported by eleven businesses who 'sponsored a tyre' for his local round of the championship at Croft Circuit.

The businesses were a mixture of local companies as well as suppliers to one of Max's main sponsors, Primex Plastics Ltd who are based on Aycliffe Business Park. As well as having their logo on the racing car the firms received weekend passes to support Max at Croft. The sponsors, Hydraulic and Offshore Supplies, Colourpol Ltd, Darlington Motorfactors, DMC Electrical Services, Workshop Supplies, Durham Lifting, Sterling Safety, Aycliffe Engineering, City Electrical Factors Darlington, Northern Materials Handling Ltd / Cesab forklifts and Harron Homes, also received supporters T-shirts and a garage tour.

Various guests came along to support Max over the weekend and in doing so strengthened

relationships with Primex Plastics and each other.

Max, also sponsored by PLASgran Recycling, was on form after taking his first podium finish in the championship at the previous round at Oulton Park. He qualified 7th and 5th for the weekend's two races and began making a charge through the field in the first race. 3rd at the end of the first lap he put pressure on Mike Bushell, a previous UK Clio Cup Champion, eventually taking the second spot on the podium. The second race of the weekend was screened live on ITV4 and in front of over 30,000+ race day fans, Max didn't disappoint. Straight into fourth at turn one he once again applied pressure to Bushell to gain 3rd. By lap five Coates was on the back of the leader and passed at the final corner to take the lead before holding it to the flag for an emotional and popular victory.

A jubilant Max said "What a weekend, I've enjoyed having the support of local businesses



Photo: Paul James Kelly



Photo: Neil Sturgeon

that have sponsored a tyre and made it along to watch. It's a dream come true to win at Croft, this is a day that I will remember for a very long time." The double podium and maiden win moves Max to 4th in the championship and just one

point away from 3rd. The series now takes a break before the next round at Snetterton, Norfolk, on the 30th and 31st July. Max is opening up his £350 sponsor a tyre scheme to the remaining rounds this season.

AYCLIFFE W.I. NEWS

Newton Aycliffe WI members enjoyed our meeting in June, we shared the evening with a member from Sedgfield WI, Edna who has been a member for many years. Edna shared with us her talents and experience as she had also been a tutor at WI Denman College and still attends on occasions. Edna has a number of craft skills and we just could not believe the items that Edna had on display, from brooches made from zips to cards/bracelets/necklaces/and book covers. She is also a seamstress and some of our members have been lucky enough to attend Edna's workshop at our county office returning with items they made!

On Friday 1st July we held our annual "Sweet Delights" evening which was attended by over 80 people who all Thanks to all supported this event which was a very successful evening. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July starting at 7.15pm at St Clare's Church Hall, current and new members welcome. For further information please contact Helen tel 315017

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COUNTY SEES 85% DROP IN YOUTH CRIME

Youth crime in County Durham has fallen by 85% in less than a decade, with the number of child offenders more than halving since 2010.

Councillors will on July 13 be asked to approve how the County Durham Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) plans to further reduce criminal behaviour in the coming year.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's cabinet member for children and adult services, said: "CDYOS has a good reputation, and deservedly so, as this partnership between organisations including the council, Durham Constabulary, the National Probation Service, and health services, has helped to dramatically reduce the number of young people committing crimes and coming to the attention of the courts."

"Last year just eight young people received a custodial sentence – that's over 80% less than 5 years ago – while since 2007/08 the numbers sentenced or cautioned has fallen by more than four fifths, and reoffending by almost 75%." In 2015/16 161 young people entered the justice system for the first time – a 16.6% reduction year-on-year. Other successes included continued improvements to the support offered to victims, the

development of a mentoring programme, more work on recognising and dealing with child sexual exploitation, and the establishment of a programme for parents who are victims of their child's offending.

During the year two CDYOS staff, Sarah Caden and Susan Stewart, were awarded a joint "youth justice Oscar" – a Butler Trust Award – for their work around young people's speech, language and communication needs.

On Wednesday July 13 the Cabinet will be asked to agree the proposals outlined in

CDYOS' Youth Justice Plan 2016/17 for how it will use its £3.6m budget. They include further reducing the number of first time offenders, reducing re-offending, and reducing the use of custody for both sentenced and remanded young people.

This will be achieved in a number of ways, including improving communication with young people; putting victims and restorative justice at the heart of everything CDYOS does; and targeting resources to those committing the most offences.



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Aycliffe Couple Complete Motorbike Trip to Australia



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Aycliffe Festival Programme

When	Location	Event Details	Starts
Thursdays in July	St Andrew's Church	Displays of Saxon stones and church history which is over 1200 years old. Look up your family history.	2.00pm
13 - 17 July	Moore Lane Park	Funfair for all ages	
Thursday 14 July	Town Park	An instructional visit to a school and a town centre performance by a brass band as well as a Party in the Park event during the evening as part of the Durham Brass Festival.	6.00pm
Friday 15 July	Great Aycliffe Town Council offices	Mayoress at Home. Meet the Mayoress of Great Aycliffe and enjoy an afternoon tea.	2.00 pm
Saturday 16 July	Agnew Community Centre	Bouncy castles, rodeo bull, penalty shoot out, giant floor games, garden slide, soft play, face painting and gladiator game.	10.00am
Saturday 16 July	Neville Community Centre	Pie & Pea Supper with Kinexus Band	7.00pm
Saturday 16 July	Rose Lodge Care Home	A free and fun-packed day for people of all ages. Featuring entertainment, games, tombola, raffle, food and refreshments.	2.00pm
Saturday 16 July	Pioneering Care Centre	Enjoy time filled with a variety of free activities and information such as planting seeds, healthy eating, health checks, bouncy castle, ball pool, animal antics, Punch and Judy, face painting, arts and crafts, bike marking, magician, cake stall, golf pro and much more.	11.00am
Sunday 17 July	Aycliffe Village Hall	Cream Teas for sale with tombola and other stalls	2.30pm
Monday 18 July	Excel Centre, DL5 6AP	Science, Technology, Maths & Engineering made fun with many interactive, fascinating displays.	9.30am
Monday 18 July	Neville Community Centre	Disco for under 12s	6.00pm
Wednesday 20 July	Neville Community Centre	Tea Dance with Music from the 40s by Kinexus	2.00pm
Thursday 21 July	Neville Community Centre	Children's Entertainment with Bouncy Castles, Face Painting etc.	10.00am
Friday 22 July	St Elizabeth's Church	Family fun with children's entertainment - bring a picnic	4.00pm
Friday 22 July	Newton Aycliffe WMC	Live Music Night with a Group and Solo Vocalist Tickets £1.00	8.00pm
Friday 22 July	Neville Community Centre	Disco for age 12-16	6.00pm
Saturday 23 July	Neville Community Centre	Pie & Pea Supper with Elvis Tickets £4.00	7.00pm
Saturday 23 July	Neville Community Centre	Display of dolls houses and miniatures created by enthusiasts	10.00am
Saturday 23 July	Oakleaf Golf Course	Open to all residents of Newton Aycliffe, with or without a handicap. Followed by a Fun Competition for junior residents of Aycliffe.	TBA
Saturday 23 July	St Clare's Church	Pet Service in the Church followed by a Pet Parade competition for any pet. Also crafts photo display, stands and refreshments	10.30am
Sunday 24 July	Neville Community Centre	Live music from Betcha By Golly Wow Tickets £4.00	7.00pm
Tuesday 26 July	Neville Community Centre	Magic and Fun with Professor Nincompoop	2.00pm
Wednesday 27 July	Neville Community Centre	Children's Entertainment with Bouncy Castles, Face Painting etc.	10.00am
Friday 29 July	Neville Community Centre	Line Dancing	10.00am
Friday 29 July	St Elizabeth's Church	Family fun with children's entertainment - bring a picnic	4.00pm
Saturday 30 July	Neville Community Centre	Family Fun Day with bouncy castles, slide and soft play.	10.00am
Saturday 30 July	Aycliffe Village Hall	Tickets £10.00 Social Evening with live music (the Smokin' Spittfires), buffet, quiz and raffle.	7.30pm
Saturday 30 July	Oakleaf Sports Complex	Tickets £3.50 each or £12.00 for a family of 4 ticket Murder & Mystery - Can you solve the murder? Hot beef sandwiches for adults and Hot Dogs in a bun for kids	5.00pm

Village School Remembers the Somme FESTIVAL OF INGENUITY



On Friday 1st July, 100 years after the start of the Battle of the Somme, children from Aycliffe Village Primary School joined villagers on the village green to remember this event. The Service included: prayers, readings and songs. The children sang songs sung by soldiers as they marched to war. A boy from Year 5 read a letter that had been written by a

soldier, Eric Heaton, who died on the first day of the battle. A poem written by Ivor Gurney, a survivor of the battle, was read by children in Year 5.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe and children from the school laid wreaths to remember the many men in Aycliffe who died in the battle. Reception class children also hung remembrance tags on the memorial trees.

After the Service the children walked back to school singing their war songs.

By Laura and James, Year 5

Respecting Rights

Students at Greenfield Community College once again participated in the celebrated annual Rights Respecting Day.

As part of a busy schedule staff and students were treated to a thought provoking one-woman live performance performed by Shelley O'Brien from the renowned Mad Alice Theatre Company. The show "She Wins All the Races" is a heartening tale about a girl whose two brothers tragically develop muscular dystrophy, although quirky and light hearted it addresses the rights of those with a disability and the resilience of the human spirit.

The day is part of a wider initiative which was brought about by UNICEF and has its roots in the rights of the child. Young people were encouraged to discuss big issues and share ideas and opinions with adults and peers. The show, presented by Greenfield Arts, encouraged interesting conversations about ethics and the right to life and was something students could relate to, as Amy Robson, English Specialist suggests "Students seemed to be really moved by the performance, they loved that the story was true and Shelley shared her experience with them. They were engaged and really enjoyed watching something different".

Year 10 students were also able to research topics using SOLEs in our Room 13 lab. Young people were asked "what is a relationship" an intriguing question which provoked equally intriguing findings. SOLEs (self-organised learning environment) encourages students to lead their own research on 'big questions' and report back relevant findings in groups with fascinating results.

The day proved to be a great success with students also participating in workshops and addressing issues on topics such as drug awareness, sexual exploitation and debt awareness, where the young people were able to access information and voice their own valid opinions.

Greenfield Community College are committed to Rights Respecting Day as it supports and encourages

students to be responsible citizens with a real concern for the welfare of others.

This weekend Darlington will be exploding with ingenious ideas and epic engineering plus a large helping of family fun! The Festival of Ingenuity is taking place on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July, is a celebration of the engineering heritage of the town and features a huge variety of exhibits and interactive activities to excite and engage all the family.

Across both days, the Market Place will play host to stands from some of the big names in Darlington including Cummins Ltd, Modus Seabed Intervention, DeepOcean, Cleveland Bridge and Nifco. In addition, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service will be exhibiting both a modern engine with platform ladder and an antique turntable engine.

With the 200th anniversary of the birth of the railways in Darlington on the horizon, there will be exhibits from the North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group (NELPG) and the Darlington Model Railway Society plus on Saturday both the Head of



Steam museum and Hopetown Lane Locomotive Works will be throwing open their doors to the public for a free visit. (Visitors need to collect a free wristband from the Festival on Saturday and a free bus is provided to get between the town and the Head of Steam.) Recent visitors to Darlington cannot fail to have noticed the new Feethams Leisure Scheme and on Saturday the Podium Level will be bursting with free entertainment and activities for all ages. This family fun area, sponsored by Darlington Building Society and supported by Feethams, will include craft activities, dance and acrobatic performances, sport sessions,

live music and street theatre.

The Market Square will also be playing host to two fantastic precision driving displays from Darlington-born Paul Swift. Paul – known for being a British Motorsport Champion and a Top Gear Stunt Driver – will be performing in Vauxhall Corsas provided by driving show sponsor Sherwoods Vauxhall. Catch his performances at 11am and 2pm on Saturday.

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Event runs 10am-4pm both days. For full information and timetable of events, visit www.festivalofingenuity.co.uk

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Lifeline Community Action BABY BASICS GIVE-AWAY CLOTHES EVENT

On Friday 22nd July 2016 Lifeline Community Action's Baby Basics Project will be holding a Give Away Event at the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 7DZ. The event will run from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Baby Basics is based within the Community Centre and welcome anyone who may be struggling to afford clothes for their babies and children. Baby Basics Manager Sheena Stephenson said 'We have clothes for babies right up to teenagers including school uniforms available which we want to give away to anyone in our community that would benefit from free clothing'.

Refreshments will be available on the day and the Baby Basics team look forward to seeing everyone at the event.

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COUNCIL NEWS

- Essential work to Newton Aycliffe trees: bit.ly/DCCNAT
- Latest GAMP e-bulletin: bit.ly/GAMP616
- My report on last week's GATC meetings: bit.ly/GATC29616
- Cobblers Hall Play Park update: bit.ly/CHPP5716
- My report on this month's Middridge Parish Council meeting: bit.ly/MPC4716
- Latest Aycliffe area roadworks information: bit.ly/Roadworks8816
- Latest report from our MEP: bit.ly/JKD3716

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Latest report of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner: bit.ly/HOGG3716
- Help with housing: Tuesdays 11am-1pm at MoreTime Café, DISC: bit.ly/MTCHOUS
- Tree Tops Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support Group, Monday 18 July, 7-8:30pm, Eldon Road, DL5 6UL – diet and allergy advice: bit.ly/TTSPDPG
- NHS Better Health Programme public event, 6-10pm, Thursday 21 July, Mercure Hotel, Darlington: bit.ly/NHSBHP21716
- Great Aycliffe Festival, 13-30 July: bit.ly/AycFest16
- Shildon Classic Car Rally, Locomotion, Sunday 17 July, 10am-5pm: bit.ly/NRMLCCR
- NAYCC Chairman Vince Crosby is fundraising (energetically): bit.ly/NAYCCVCSW
- Somme Memorial Appeal: bit.ly/JGSMA

5 year old Keeps Racing in the Family



Scarlet Dunn from School Aycliffe took her first steps into motor sport last weekend when she drove a 'Bambino' 50cc racing go kart at Sunderland's Warden Law circuit. Scarlet, 5 years old is a pupil at Aycliffe Village School, daughter of Amanda Dunn one of Britain's most successful female racing drivers. Amanda has over 50 race wins and 3 National and one European single seater Championship titles to her name (against an all male grid) in her 20+ year career. Her Father, Anthony Dunn is also a National and European Sportscar champion and driver coach for McLaren Automotive and is currently winning races in the Lotus Cup in the UK.

Both started their motor sport careers in karting and the pair met at Silverstone where they worked as instructors. "We're so proud of Scarlet, she did great!" said Mam. "She took to it like a duck to water and soon got the hang of the racing lines. "It's quite a challenge for any youngster to drive a proper 2 stroke kart first time" said Dad "so I'm glad she enjoyed it".

The kart was prepared by Scarlet's Grandad Ron

Whitaker who was also a racing driver in the 1970's! They plan more outings for Scarlet over the forthcoming months.

ACORN FAMILY FUN DAY ON THE GREEN

Popular residents group ACORN will be having a FUN DAY on Friday 29th JULY on Christopher Walk / Lightfoot Road Green from 10am till 2pm.

Attractions invited will be Police beat team, Dot & Zooky Circus trick performers, Professor Nincompoop, Harry Potty, Inflatable slide, Bouncy Castle, Katy Smith and her amazing Ponies, Merry go rounds, Hook a duck, Fire

and Rescue, Tombola, Hot food unit and much, much more

If you have an organisation which needs new recruits such as uniformed groups, Healthy living etc why not contact me for a free place? (We may be short of Trestle tables, but feel free to bring your own. Looking forward to seeing you on the day
Ken Robson
Chairman

Man Stops Attack on Boys

Dear Sir,
Thank you to the man who helped my friend and I to stop another friend being beaten up at the back of Byerley Park. There were four boys trying to start a fight for no reason and he stepped in and stopped it happening. We don't know his name, but he had two small dogs and a goatie beard. Thank you from J and L, two 15 year old boys who were very frightened and didn't know where we were, but this man made sure we got home.

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HEAL THE (BREXIT) RIFTS

Dear Sir,
I was disappointed with MP Phil Wilson's letter about healing the political falling-out post Brexit. Politicians are elected to represent their electorate and clearly, the North East Brexit win makes it his duty to get involved in proper Brexit discussions for the benefit of the country as a whole, and particularly, his North East constituents.

This, instead of fighting a rear-guard action against his electorate. If he now faces the threat of deselection by the looney left, Marxist 'Momentum/Corbyn faction', then he will need the support of the local Labour voters who overwhelmingly voted for democracy and Brexit.

What is particularly disappointing is that he accuses his electorate of being incapable of listening to, or understanding, in-depth debate sparked by political posters or statements. Our media gave both sides in the debate the opportunity to fully question the messages summarised in posters and statements. The majority of 'Labour Voters' in the North East decided that the Brexit arguments were not lies. That majority did not accept the Remain argument that, "we have to be in the EU to reform it". This was the Remain lie Corbyn's Labour Party supported. Post-

Brexit utterances from the EU demonstrate that, because of our democratic vote to leave, they are going to have to become LESS DEMOCRATIC in order for their flawed and undemocratic edifice to survive our departure. History demonstrates that Britain cannot stop the 'direction of travel' in the EU towards greater undemocratic political union. The EU introduced the Euro and 'open borders' despite our strong opposition. It was a case of 'take it or leave it'. Thank God we have now decided democratically to LEAVE it!

The problem for our MP is in his heart of hearts, he knows that his Labour Party and the Trade Unions were on the wrong side of the debate and his electorate has told him so.

The decision to hold the Referendum was passed by Parliament so must therefore abide by the democratic result. That is, Britain has to leave the EU including the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy. Leaving the latter will enable us to regain control of 80% of the best fishing grounds currently open to be fished by anyone to whom the EU grants a quota. This will mean that we can devise controls that will allow our fishing industry to be re-established [a whole new Industry!] and put an end to the

environmental and moral waste that sees 1.7m tonnes of OUR fish (23% of all EU caught fish) discarded every year.

If you, like our MP Phil Wilson, are inclined to label this as another Leave 'lie' then I would refer you (and him) to two booklets written by Ray Finch MEP both of which include the official sources of all facts relied upon:

- "Stolen Seas" (How the UK suffers under the Common Fisheries Policy)
 - "The Evil Empire" (How the Common Fisheries Policy is Recolonising the Third World).
- Should any readers express an interest in obtaining these booklets I'm willing to try and obtain additional copies.
Alastair P.G. Welsh
Aycliffe Village

Councillors' Surgeries

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

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

AGM of CAB

The Citizens Advice Bureau County Durham will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19th July at 4.30pm at Armstrong House, Abbeywoods Business Park, Durham DH1 5GH.

All are welcome to attend and hear about the work of the charity.

MP's Error

Dear Sir,
I'd like to point out a small error made by our MP in his letter about the Referendum result.

He linked Nigel Farage to the "£350 Million a Week" poster. This was one of the official 'Leave' campaign's posters, and Farage had nothing to do with it (he was running his own campaign).

In fact, during the campaign, Nigel criticised 'Vote Leaves' use of the £350 million gross figure, and said they should have used the net figure about 10 billion a year.

The people to blame for the poster was Michael Gove, and Boris Johnson.

Gove has just promised to do his best to give the NHS an extra 100 million a week!
Dave Catleugh
Honister Place

6,000 Jobs + £millions Linked to Potential County Hall Move

Plans to create thousands of private sector jobs and a potential cash injection of £370 million (GVA) for County Durham's economy could move a step closer if Cabinet members in Durham agree to the next stage in plans to move the authority's HQ from a prime investment site in the city.

Hailed as the best opportunity in a generation to boost the county's economic prospects, Durham County Council's Cabinet members agreed in principle last July to free up the Aykley Heads site for business investors and job creation – something that would involve the council moving to a smaller HQ in a city centre location.

On July 13, Cabinet will be brought up to date on the work undertaken to develop the outline business case for vacating the Aykley Heads site and members will be asked to agree to the start of a full business case which would then then be considered again at a later meeting – ahead of any final decision being made next year.

It is estimated vacating the site would enable a redevelopment over the next 15 years with the potential for massive job creation and economic investment. Following the decision by Atom Bank to set up its HQ on Aykley Heads there has been very encouraging interest in the site and to kick-start the development opportunities the council will also consider purchasing Salvus House safeguarding and creating hundreds of jobs and paving the way for a business incubator on this prime site. However, for this to happen the council would have to relocate its HQ in the city, so taking the next steps in that process is seen as a very significant move.

Analysis identifies that the city does not currently offer sufficient premises for business growth and Aykley Heads is considered a premier location to address that opportunity. The site benefits from easy access to the mainline railway station and its proximity to the vibrant city centre and internationally renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site make it an extremely prestigious location for business.

Aykley Heads has already become an established

employment site, housing over 30 businesses with accounting firm Mazars and the NHS being among those recently locating there. The potential purchase by the council of Salvus House for use as a business incubator would create up to another 200 direct jobs with a further 500 indirectly.

A relocation of the council's HQ would also mean that the development of four refurbished strategic sites around the county will continue at Seaham,

Meadowfield, Green Lane in Spennymoor and Crook – in addition to a potential new stand-alone records office and archives.

If Cabinet agrees to the full business case being prepared, a reserve option of the council building a new headquarters on land it already owns in Durham City will be retained as a viable alternative as well as to offer a comparison to ensure the preferred option delivers best value.

The full Cabinet paper can be viewed on:

<http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=154&Mid=8479&Ver=4>

Great Aycliffe Town Council

Mayoress "At Home"

The Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Wendy Hillary, will be hosting her 'At Home' on Friday, 15th July 2016 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Councillor Mrs. Hillary would like to extend a warm invitation to residents to join her and her other guests on this occasion for light refreshments and hopefully a very enjoyable afternoon.

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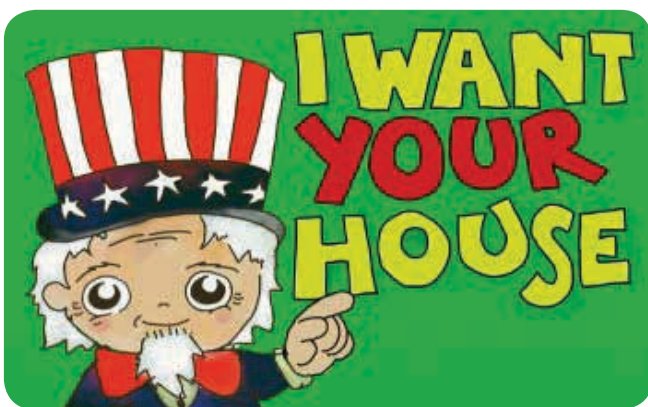
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Any local resident with questions or issues is welcome to come along, or to inform them of issues prior to the walkabout by contacting: kate.hopper@durham.gov.uk 03000 268 727
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Newton News Prom Awards - Woodham

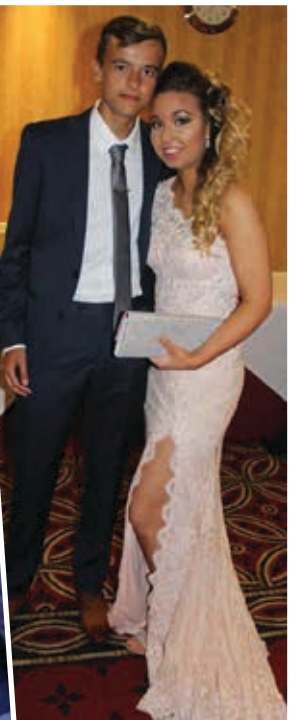
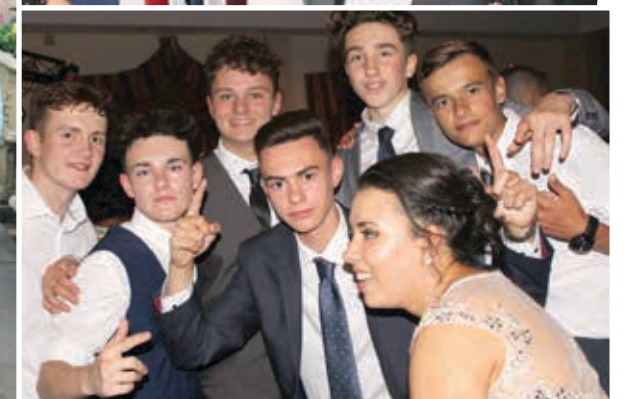
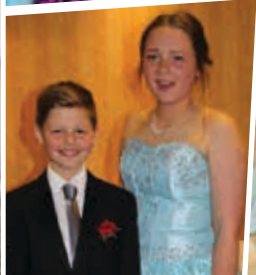
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Woodham 2016 Prom Award winners:

Top Sport Student: Ryan Harris
Top Academic Student: Lillie Bell
Most Improved Art Student: Charlotte Kirton
Most Improved Music Student: Amy Taylor
Most Improved Technology Student: Callum Cook
Most Improved Science Student: Georgia Sanderson
Most Improved Language Student: Kieran Smith
Most Improved Sport Student: Courtney Fawcett
Most Improved Overall Student: Caitlin Weatherston
Achievement over Adversity Award: Millie Hetherington
Contribution to the Community Award: Jordan Sandford
Other winners included: Ronan Downie, Luke Holly, Georgia Latue and Kiara Thompson.



Newton News Prom Awards - Greenfield

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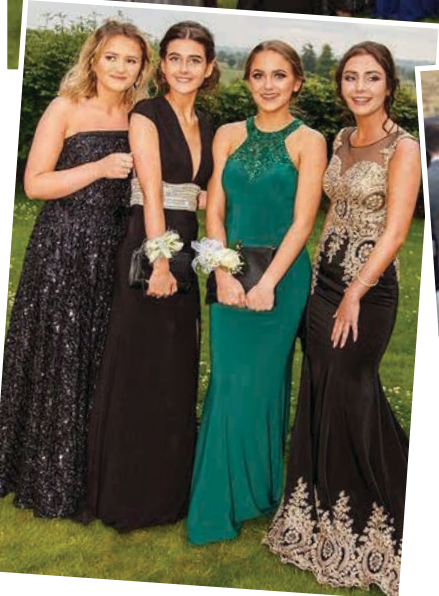
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Greenfield 2016 Prom Award winners:

Top Sport Student: Samantha Clark
Top Academic Student: Thomas Stocks
Most Improved Art Student: Lilli Mae Lonsdale
Most Improved Music Student: Eleanor Wardle
Most Improved Technology Student: Tasmin Lewis
Most Improved Science Student: William Archer
Most Improved Language Student: Owen Wallbanks
Most Improved Sport Student: Becky Adams
Most Improved Overall Student: Owen Wallbanks
Contribution to the Community Award: Sophie Hayes



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Aycliffe Crafters Help Women's Refuge



Dorothy Whitehouse and Gwen Morrison

Dorothy Whitehouse presented Gwen Morrison from Newton Aycliffe with a cheque for the Women's Refuge for £200.00. The money was raised from Dot Whitehouse's Craft Group which is held on a Monday afternoon in the craft room at Whitehouse Funeral Service on St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe. For more details ring 01325 318600.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL AWARDS

Newton Aycliffe Juniors celebrated their season success at their 19th Annual Presentation Day at Sunnydale Leisure Centre. There was recognition for coaches, committee members leaving their roles this year and a welcome for all new volunteers joining us.

The Club Chairman Nige Slatcher awarded this year's Chairman's award to Adam Cayless and Rob Goddard for their contributions to club development and promotion of the teams through social media forums, as well as in local news. The prestigious Club Team of the Year was awarded to the Under 18's Blacks who were highly successful winning the TJFA League and losing only 2 games all season. Both Under 10 team's achievements were noted with them winning the TJFA Division 1 and Russell Foster Division 5 titles respectively. The Under 8's and Under 10 (TJFA) were winners in the Bridlington Tournament with the Under 12's also picking up a victory in the recent Escomb Tournament – huge congratulations to all these teams.

Each player in every squad received an award for their contributions to their side's season whilst individual prizes were awarded as detailed below. If anyone wants to get involved with the club for the coming season you can contact us via Facebook, on Twitter @NAJFC1 or e-mail aycliffejuniors@gmail.com

Under 7's: Golden Boot – Kai Thistlethwaite & Harrison Denham; **Player Of The Season** – Harry Lambert & Roman Dinsley; **Manager's Award** – Josh Thistlethwaite; **Sportsman Award** – Rickheim Tannis; **Players Player** – Lewis Latue

Under 8's: Golden Boot – Rhys Galloway & Niall Armstrong; **Player Of The Season** – Harvey Lee & Jack Lewis; **Managers Award** – Jake Smith & Jayden Bowes; **Most Improved** – Lucas Acuna Ocana & Aidan Armstrong; **Players Player** – Connor Maitchell & Niall Armstrong; **Player Of The Tournament** – Harvey Lee

Under 9's: Golden Boot – Thomas Francis; **Player Of The Season** – Reece Smith; **Managers Award** – Cody Barnes; **Most Improved** – Parker McWilliam; **Players Player** – Charlie Brown

Under 10's (RF): Golden Boot – Bo Wilson Lee; **Player Of The Season** – Evan Galloway; **Manager's Award** – Sam Porteous; **Most Improved** – Oliver Parks; **Players Player** – Taylor Bowen; **Player Of The Tournament** – Ted Hayward

Under 10's (TJFA): Golden Boot – Lucas Goddard; **Player Of The Season** – Jake Patterson; **Manager's Player** – Aaron Jarvis; **Most Improved** – Harry Brumwell; **Players Player** – Thomas Aspinall; **Player Of The Tournament** – Charlie Dawson

Under 11's: Golden Boot – Matthew Turnbull; **Player Of The Season** – Robert Hilman; **Managers Award** – Charlie Cayless; **Sportsman Award** – Harry Brown; **Players**



Player – Sammy Clark

Under 12's: Golden Boot – Dylan Howe; **Player Of The Season** – Adam Stout; **Manager's Player** – Zack Stewart; **Most Improved** – Harry Wright; **Players Player** – Jamie Mullen

Under 14's: Golden Boot – Lewis Hynes; **Player Of The Season** – Cameron Martin; **Manager's Player** – Andrew Burrows; **Most Improved** – Billy Dunn; **Players Player** – Ethan Stoker; **Player Of The Tournament** – Elliot Dixon

Under 18's Reds: Golden Boot – Ryan Peart; **Player of the Season** – Ryan Peart; **Manager's Award** – Ben Thompson; **Most Improved** – Jordane Salmon; **Players Player** – Lochie Scott

Under 18's Blacks: Golden Boot – Degan Taylor; **Players Player** – Patrick Howe; **Manager's Award** – Degan Taylor; **Sportsman Award** – Daniel Fitzgerald; **Player of the Season** – Jack Petroczy & Patrick Howe

Under 23's: Golden Boot – Jack Oliver; **Player Of The Season** – Jack Slatcher; **Manager's Player** – Michael Howe; **Players Player** – Joe Young; **Sportsman Award** – Craig Robertson

Indoor Picnic

St. Elizabeth's at Woodham are bringing the British Picnic indoors where the weather does not matter and your sandwiches won't get soggy.

Bring your picnic and drinks on Friday 16th July at 4pm to 6pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Following the food and drink there will be the "Great British Quiz".

Tickets £3.00. For more information ring Nora on 01325 789344.

Free Golf at Woodham for Beginners

Woodham Golf Club have been chosen again to host another FREE of charge golf session open to all new golfers, ladies gents and juniors in the week of the 145th British Open on Friday 15th July from 6pm - 7pm. 24 Places available, booking is essential. Free



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VOTE FOR ATHENA



Athena Sports Academy, which recently moved into Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre is in desperate need of new equipment to offer quality coaching to children of all abilities. We already support those aged 3 years and older and also have specific classes for boys and those with disabilities we would love to do more for.

The club is currently trying to improve our facilities through the help of our own fundraising and applying for funding. This is the project which we hope that your readers and the people from our local area can help us with.

This project is aiming to: Provide new gymnastics equipment for the club to allow the children to be coached in new skills at a higher level Expand the range of activities to include adult Gymnastics sessions, FreeG (British Gymnastics take on free running), increased roles within the club; coaching, committee, leadership academy, dance and circus theatre classes for the community. We also want to expand on the excellent work already being done to recruit and engage young people with

disabilities into gymnastics with the provision of expanded activities

Please give this project your support by signing in and voting for Athena. voting closes: 20th July 2016 The project will be achieved with the provision of new equipment, not a replacement which will allow the club to expand both its quality and the range of activities. As an example we really need facilities such as a raised crash pit to allow our students to be trained in acrobatics at a competitive level.

It will allow us to introduce our club further to schools and local community groups, more specifically the minority groups such as those with disabilities and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. We aim to encourage fitness, social skills and interaction with others.

Please help Athena by going to the following website <https://foundation.onefamily.com/projects/athena-sports-academy/> and posting your vote for the club. This process will only take a couple of minutes and will be appreciated by all at Athena.



STAR RADIO

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Frequency: 102-107FM

Friday 8th July

0600-1000 - Star Radio Breakfast with Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Star Radio Drive with Tim Lichfield
1900-2000 - Dancing Through The Decades
2000-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 9th July

0600-0900 - John Clayton
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock with "The Mystery Years"
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1800 - Craig Andrews
1800-0000 - Dancing Through The Decades

Sunday 10th July

0600-0900 - Easy Like Sunday Morning w/ John Clayton
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock with "The Mystery Years"
1500-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Tim Lichfield
1900-2200 - Non-Stop Star
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone with John Clayton

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th July

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store earned a winning draw away at fellow relegation strugglers Guisborough 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Asked to bat first, Aycliffe were in trouble at 54 for 4, but a fantastic unbeaten century by Mark Woodhead (sponsored by Michaela's Nails) helped rescue his team. Woodhead finished on 111 not out during which he smashed 14 boundaries and he was given solid support initially from Adam Gittins, who scored 37 and then from Colin Myers (29 not out) as they helped Aycliffe reach a respectable 206 for 5 from their allotted 50 overs. The home side were always behind the required run rate and lost wickets at regular intervals with all rounder Myers taking 5 for 34, however they managed to dig in and bat out the 50 overs and finished on 152 for 9 at the close of play to deny Aycliffe a deserved victory. On the Sunday, the fixture was reversed and this time Aycliffe hosted Guisborough 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division but the match was almost a carbon copy of the game the previous day. Aycliffe again lost the toss and batted first

as they piled up another big score as they declared on 239 for 7 after 49 overs with the main contributions coming from Sam Telford, who scored 79 at a run a ball and Subhan Christudas who chipped in with 37. Aycliffe had the visitors on the rack but again they dug and batted out the overs finishing on 162 for 8 after 51 overs with Mark Woodhead (3 for 45) and Patrick Howe (2 for 13) the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers. On a positive note, Aycliffe gained a total of 34 points from a frustrating weekend's cricket to lift themselves out of the relegation zone. The 2nd team had a devastating one wicket defeat at home to Billingham Synthonia 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and scored a below par 124 all out after 34.5 overs, despite good innings from Stephen Sweeney (42 runs), Jack Slatcher (33 runs) and 11 runs from Dan Craggs. In reply, the visitors denied Aycliffe a deserved victory when they reached their winning target for the loss of nine wickets after 42.1 overs with 16 year old George Slatcher the pick of the homesides bowlers taking 3 for 38 from 10 overs.

Aycliffe Dancers Bring Home the Trophies

Dancers from Stepping Out with Clare Walton travelled to the Grand Finals of The Freestyle World Championships in Blackpool to compete for the prestigious title. The dancers had done amazing to qualify for this event as dancers travel from all over the world even as far a field as South Africa. After weeks of preparation and training in their home town of Newton Aycliffe at Aspire Studios, they went

and gave their all bringing home a fantastic sweep of silverware: Slow dance Category: Holly Sanderson Winner World Champion in U16 Championship Category Georgia Thelwell Runner Up World Championships in U14 Premier Category Charlotte Lough 4th Place World Championships in U16 Premier Category Fast Dance Category: Hollie Mellanby Runner Up World Championships



in U14 Championship Category Charlotte Lough 6th Place World Championships in U16 Premier Section Well done to all the other competitors from Stepping Out who fiercely fought their way through many rounds making quarter finals and Semi Finals in most categories. The teaching staff are very proud of their pupils and delighted to share this fabulous news with the patrons of Newton Aycliffe. What talent we have on our town fantastic.

TRI CLUB REPORT



Melanie Rowland, on May 22nd in Southport entered the standard distance triathlon and finished 3rd female and qualified for the world championships in Mexico. Not stopping for breath, on the 28th she entered the GR8 Events Aqua Cycle at Ellerton Lake near Scorton, finishing 1st female, 2nd overall in a time of 1:26:00. She then raced in Leeds in the Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon two weeks later finishing 26th in a time of 2:59:00. Well done Mel. On the 18th June Jez Ladbury entered the Cleveland Short Course Triathlon, which in his own words, 'not very short!' It consisted of a 1500m lake swim, 25 mile bike, ending with a 5 mile run. He finished 17th in his age group which is a great result, 92nd overall, in a time of 2:44:00. Tri-ology Multi Sport Solutions held their first of three Super Sprint Series Triathlons on the 22nd of June and seven club members entered, supported by volunteer marshals from the

club. Nicola Darragh finished 5th in her age group in a time of 0:49:44. Penny Johnson was next for the ladies, 7th in her age group, in a time of 0:52:01. Anne Kellet, still getting used to open water swimming, finished 26th in her age group, in a time of 1:23:11. For the men, Dan Halladay was leading the way until he got a puncture and had to retire. That left Austin Donoghue to finish 4th in his age group, in a time of 0:55:01. Alan Kellet was next home finishing 3rd in his age group, in a time of 0:52:29, closely followed by James Wilson 4th in his age group, in a time of 0:55:55. Into July and on the 3rd, in the beautiful Lake District, two of our members accepted the Brecca Swim/Run challenge. This race is 6km of swimming with 38km of running, in a swim/run/swim/run/swim/run format. Dan Halladay and Michelle Scott, having trained hard in preparation, did themselves and the club proud finishing 53rd overall, 12th mixed team, in a time of 08:20:33. Dan was so pleased to have done the challenge with Michelle. 'There were hills to run - everywhere, rain, wind, waves, beautiful views. One hell of Michelle said she "Really could not have got round without Dan, my absolute rock for the day - an epic journey of highs and lows, cramp in every muscle, hail stones so harsh they made your face burn. So proud of us" Dan and Michelle would like to thank their support crew Andrew Sedgwick, Stuart Rimmer and Tracey Warrior for not only popping up everywhere possible but cooking the BBQ after looking after them. If any reader would like information regarding our club, or the sport of Triathlon, please contact us. Our website address is <http://aycliffeclub.wix.com/aycliffe-tri>, and our e-mail address is aycliffeclub@gmail.com

Karate Kids Make the Grade

Zanshin-Kai Red Dragons Cadets class aged 4-8 years took part in the second grading of the year on Thursday 30th June and we would like to say well done to the following. Orange belt 7th Mon: Maddison Fenton, Martha Noble, Leo Henderson, Maia Haden, Harrison Dunn, Adam Smith, Emma Smith & Jonah Harrop. Yellow belt 8th Mon: Harrison Fleming, Ollie Fleming, Ellis Fleming, Sammy Lake, Miley Simpson, Cory Mitchell, Jaydon McGill, Joseph Hayman, Erin Sutherland & Lola Rose Giudice. Red Belt 9th Mon: Oskar Denham, Mason Cottam, Oliver Summerville Congratulations to all those who showed great effort, spirit and technique throughout the evening. The Instructors and assistants were very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by all the youngsters, who all went on to successfully gain their new belts.

Zanshin Kai Red Dragons was set up last summer with the support of Woodham Community Association and funding from Great Aycliffe & Middridge Area Action Partnership. We have grown and now have close to thirty youngsters. All our instructors are insured, first aid trained and have undergone advanced checks with the criminal records bureau and been cleared to work with children and vulnerable adults. If you want to try karate, we invite you to come and give it a try, all newcomers get a four week Free Trial. Classes are



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Centre or telephone an Instructor on 07970 554524 / 07917 203421 or 07746 204064. Email zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk. Face book ([zanshin kai karate newton aycliffe](https://www.facebook.com/zanshin.kai.karate)).

Afternoon on the Green



Last Sunday Heighington West Green was the venue for an afternoon of music courtesy of the Bay Horse pub. The Reeth Brass Band and Bishop Auckland Pipes & Drums played a wide variety of music whilst the Richmond Cloggers gave a demonstration of traditional dancing. The event was organised by Jim Semmence who said he was surprised by the success of the event which was enjoyed by a large audience of villagers and visitors. The Reeth band are playing again this coming weekend at the Durham Miners Gala whilst the pipes and drums have just completed a tour of cenotaphs marking the centenary of the Somme.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 13th July 2016

Council Meeting - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, and its Committees.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-Ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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Raw Deal for County Teaching Assistants

Dear Sir,
We know that you have printed letters on the situation regarding Teaching Assistants in Co. Durham, but we wanted to add our opinions on this matter. It has now escalated to a dismiss and re-engage situation, because Teaching Assistants will not accept DCC's ridiculous proposals that will see us lose over two thousand pounds a year. The common myth is that TA's get, and are paid for, the whole of the school holidays. We do not! We get the same statutory paid holidays as everyone else, the only difference being, our salary gets split equally over 12 months. This is on our contracts, and has been confirmed in e-mails from DCC more recently. Contracts also state 32.5 hours per week and not the 37 hours that they claim they have been paying us. Proposals were to increase hours to the said 37, but also decrease salary to reflect only term time wage. In effect we are penalised twice for a mistake made by DCC many years ago. Because we refused to accept these changes, councillors voted for DCC's dismiss and re-engagement plans. In County Durham we have 126 councillors and some were exempt due to personal reasons, others chose not to attend and so abstained from the vote, which left 79 out of 126 councillors at the meeting. Of these, 57 voted for DCC, 18 for TA's and a further 4 abstained on the day. This means 51 of our councillors didn't even vote! Not what we would call a resounding majority as nearly as many stayed away/abstained than actually voted! One who voted FOR DCC's proposal was none other than our new Mayor! Jed Hillary. I wonder how many of the residents of Newton Aycliffe know that he has such a low opinion of highly skilled and qualified support staff in school who enable children to access the whole curriculum, as supposedly 'Every Child Matters'! We think this is outrageous! These support staff along with their partners, husbands, wives etc., will be the people who remember this when they vote in upcoming elections. Name & address supplied

BOOT CAMP GROUP CHARITY CHALLENGES



Stuart Furlonger's Boot Camp group who meet at the Youth & Community Centre are taking on their biggest charity mission to date, raising money for Cancer Research in a number of ways. Stuart, Lindsey Sherwood and Naomi Balmer-Howieson are running Croft 10k which is followed by a trip to tackle Helvellyn the 3000 foot mountain in the lakes. The group who all live locally and attend the Monday night Boot Camp haven't done anything like this before and for some it is beyond their comfort zone. Lindsey is also running the Gateshead 10k and the Great North Run then in August Stuart, Naomi and Lindsey are off to the Isle of Man to compete in the 'Tough Mann' challenge, a gruelling 10k obstacle race that includes 20 obstacles. They finish off at the 'Muddy Mayhem' at Hardwick. Park. If any reader would like to sponsor the team or have a chat please visit: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lindsey-Sherwood4?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Lindsey-Sherwood4&utm_campaign=pfpp-share
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Film Show

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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)

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REME ASSOCIATION DONATE £600 TO LOCAL CHARITIES



The South West Durham Branch of the REME Association had the pleasure of donating to two very worthwhile local charities on Wednesday 29th June. This years chosen charities were The Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) represented by Mrs Diane Walker and Macmillan Cancer Support represented by Mr Kevin Richardson. The money raised by the REME Association was from a Grand Spring Raffle run by the branch members who worked tirelessly to make the event our most successful to date. The cheques were presented at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe, which is where the REME Association meet at 8pm on the last Wednesday of every month.

Big BRASS Bash

Top brass bands are set to go head to head as they party in the parks of County Durham. BRASS Festival favourites New York Brass Band and Oompah Brass will lead five nights of free evening entertainment, with ten acts performing 10 concerts from Monday 11th to Friday 15th July.

Cllr Neil Foster, the cabinet member for economic regeneration, arts and culture at Durham County Council, which develops and delivers the annual celebration of the county's musical traditions, said: "Once again our Big BRASS Bash tour will be a high-energy highlight of the festival.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for us to take incredibly talented bands from the county, the UK, and beyond and bring them to towns and villages in Durham that wouldn't ordinarily have such events on their doorstep." Each weekday evening there will be two concerts, with four bands at each from a pool of performers that also includes



Les Traine-Savates, Beat 'n' Blow, German Trombone Vibration, Always Drinking Marching Band, Funky Style Brass, Mr Wilson's Second Liners, Xaral's Dixie, and the Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band. The shows are at major attractions like Bowes Museum and Locomotion; at parks, including Jubilee Park in Spennymoor, Glenholme Park in Crook, Town Park in Newton Aycliffe and Hackworth Park in

Shildon; at Seascope Primary School in Peterlee, on the High Street in Stanley, at Park View Pavillion in Murton and at Steam Machine Brewery in Aycliffe.

On Saturday 16 July, bands will then come together in Durham City for a free "grand finale" in the recently re-opened Wharton Park.

Between 6pm and 9.30pm they will be joined Durham "pit-pop" performers Dennis, and indie rockers Hope and Social, who will look to reprise their fabulous collaboration with New York Brass Band that wowed audiences last year.

For more information about the Big BRASS Bash tour, or to book tickets for other events at the festival – which is put on with support from Arts Council England's National Portfolio – visit www.brassfestival.co.uk

Summer Holiday Activities at Greenfield Arts



We are bursting at the seams with FREE activities for the WHOLE FAMILY this Summer holiday. We have a variety of 'Crazy Craft' sessions both in NEWTON AYCLIFFE and SHILDON. Come and get crafty with our artists and see how you can create something fabulous with simple everyday objects. Also on offer is our 'Star of the Show' workshop, giving you the chance to direct your own film or even be the star! Work with film maker and writer Laura Degnan to recreate scenes from a well-known film with your own acting and creative direction, taking on a role as a real crew member. This was so successful last holiday that we are also previewing the final product from both sessions to create a cinematic event of wonder and discovery.

Story Makers is back by popular demand with two workshops on offer. Come and create your own mechanical puppet with Richard Agar using all sorts of tools and household objects. Anne Curtis will also be here to help you create your own digital story on our new app, designed for all ages to help you build your own stories. The online creatures can take on their own identity and personality by choosing from a wide variety of quality graphics and imaginative dialogue. The brochure will be available for bookings soon so keep your eyes peeled! Activities are suitable for any age, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult, booking is essential.



For full details and to book your place please contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048, info@greenfield-arts.co.uk, pop in and speak to one of our friendly team

Acknowledgement

SWEENEY - The family of the late Frank Sweeney wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Grateful thanks for the cards, letters and flowers received. Thanks to the nurses and staff of St. Teresa's Hospice; Dr. McKinty, Dr. Middleton and nurse Andrea of Bewick Crescent Surgery. Thanks to Fr. Michael Whalen for the beautiful comforting Service; Evelyn for the beautiful singing; Kathy for the catering and to Brian of Whitehouse Funeral Services for the care and guidance received throughout.

Thank You

JOAN MORTIMER - The family of the late Joan Mortimer would like to thank family and friends for messages of condolence, sympathy cards and floral tributes. Following their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the District Nurses and care staff who helped care for Joan in recent weeks and family. To all who attended Joan's funeral and gave generously, over £167 was donated for the Salvation Army. **NIGELS** Thank you for the hard work and jobs well done. Mrs Walker, Oakfield **SHAFTO WAY GARAGE** A big thank you to Dave for giving his time to take our Granddaughter to her prom in his lovely 50's car and helping to make it a special night. **1st STOP DECOR** Thanks to Gerry and the boys for all your hard work and taking care of the boss! You did a fantastic job. From the Dodgy Ladies

Charity Kickathon Scores

Huge congratulations to all those who participated in the Charity Kickathon on Thursday 30th June. Martial Artists from Darlington and Newton Aycliffe stepped up to the plate to raise money and awareness for the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association (PSPA).

An idea from 11 year old Martial Artist, Matthew Thompson, was picked up by his Taekwondo club and a charity challenge was thrown down. Students and Instructors of Kim Chung Do Kwan were sponsored to do as many kicks as possible in 10 minutes. Matthew, whose Grandad suffers from PSP, was keen to get as close to 10,000 as

possible. The evening was well supported by the students and their families, for which we cannot give enough thanks. The kickathon raised over £600 for PSPA and was promoted on a global scale. It was a fantastic experience to see people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds uniting for a common cause. Hopefully we will never need the services of the PSPA, but it is hugely reassuring to know this fantastic support network is out there for those who need it. For those wanting to get into traditional Martial Art, please get in touch via email kimchungdokwan@gmail.com or call us for more details on 07775 333168

Obituary

MIDGLEY, Mary of Aycliffe Village, passed away courageously after enduring many years of illness, on 30th June, aged 76 years. Devoted Wife of the late John; loving Mam of Karen and Kathryn; Mother-in-Law of Derek; cherished Grandma of Jonathon, David, Rachel and Daniel. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday, 13th July at 10.00am, followed by a private, family cremation Service at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Parkinsons UK

In Memoriam

PAUL CLARK

*Died 8th July 2009
Aged 52 years*

Still hard to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles, I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. I will think of you forever, because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife, Carole xx

It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside. It's hard to walk the road alone without you by our side. There will always be heartache and an occasional silent tear. But always beautiful memories of the Dad we loved so dear. Thank you for the years we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared. You never asked for much in life, your heart was always true. You simply lived for those you loved and we will always love you. Your loving Sons, Adam and Matthew (Diane and Sarah) xx

In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xx

PATRICIA FISK (Pat). 24th March 1936 to 7th July 2000. Passed away suddenly but peacefully surrounded by her loving family 16 years ago. Loved and cherished always. Tony, Susan, Michael and family. So sadly missed. **PETER WHARTON** 9th July 1983. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Mam xxxxx God bless Dad. Love, Vikki (little Princess)

BRIAN DUNN 8th July 2010. To hear your voice, to see your smile, to sit and talk to you a while, to be together in the same old way, would be my dearest wish today. Deeply loved and always in my thoughts. Your loving Wife Margaret xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx **BRIAN DUNN** 8th July 2010. *The Best little Dad and Granda in the world!!* We never ask for miracles, but today just one would do. To see the front door open and see our lovely Dad and Granda walk through. Deeply loved and missed always. From all your Bairs and Grandbairs xxxxxxxxxxxx

Birthday Remembrance

FEATHERSTONE, Eleanor. 25th June 1906 to 8th May 2006. Birthday greetings and wishes to a very dear lady, R.I.P with Pat. Love, Tony, Susan, Michael and family

Congratulations

Ada Lilian Ainsley-Weighell

11th July 2016

I would like to wish my Mam a wonderful 80th birthday. You are my best friend, my life, my everything. I love you so much. Happy birthday Mam. Love from your Daughter Penny, Son-in-Law Mark; Grandchildren Daniel, Jason, Samuel and your Great Grandchildren xxxxxxxx



11th July 2016

I would like to wish my beautiful Wife a happy 80th birthday. 63 wonderful years together and more to come. You are my rock. I love you Ada, now and forever. Your loving Husband Harry xxxxx

Val Bailey



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Sports Awards at Greenfield Community College

On Tuesday 21st June, Greenfield Community College held its annual Sports Presentation Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and families at school to support and celebrate the success of a school hall full of inspirational students. This year has seen us embark on an exciting journey where PE has



the evening a range of pupils were invited up onto stage for the infamous entertainment round, which was themed around a Question of Sport – a Euro 2016 edition. The pupils took part in the traditional Picture Round with a series of Euro 2016 football team flags. The final round saw a pupil from each team lead and act out sporting phrases and actions in the charades round for their team to guess, which, needless to say was extremely popular with the audience.

At the end of the evening the two most prestigious awards were presented for Outstanding Performance in School Sport with Adam Ord winning the accolade for the second year running for the boys and Christina Shodunke for the girls.

Congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself, your families and your teachers proud.

Award winners Sports Personality Male & Female – Connor Elston (Aycliffe Campus), Cain Smith (Sunnydale Campus), Tamara Gale (Aycliffe Campus), Ellie Geary (Sunnydale Campus).

Commitment to Sport Male & Female – Matthew Davis (Aycliffe Campus), Danielle Ord (Aycliffe Campus).

Most Improved Male & Female – Ethan Suter (Aycliffe Campus), Brooke Watson (Aycliffe Campus). Team of the Year – Year 7 Netball Squad (Aycliffe and Sunnydale Cross-Campus Team)

Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female – Adam Ord (Aycliffe Campus), Christina Shodunke (Aycliffe Campus).

Sports Leader Award – Charlotte Hugill (Aycliffe

Campus) Outstanding Club Performance Outside of School – Nathaniel Kitching – Rugby League (Sunnydale

Campus) Dance Award for Outstanding Commitment and Performance – Hannah Day (Aycliffe Campus)

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continued to grow across two campuses. The level of PE and school sport has been to an extremely high level with achievements on an individual and team basis, both on the Aycliffe and Sunnydale Campuses. Furthermore, it has been particularly pleasing to see success in the form of cross-campus teams.

All pupils who attended received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield offer throughout the year. Those plethora of sports included football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, cross-country, rowing, dodgeball, basketball, wheelchair basketball, indoor athletics, girls football, rounders, trampolining, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball.

The evening encapsulated a whole year of sporting success at Greenfield which has seen PE and Sport continue to thrive within the school. The first half of the ceremony presented opportunity to celebrate winners for personality, commitment, most improved, team of the year, sports leader, outstanding club performance and a dance award for outstanding commitment and performance.

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