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of chemotherapy Freya will have a scan and hopefully if the tumour has remained the same or shrank, she will be reduced to monthly chemo sessions as an out patient. Freya has been visiting Tesco since she was a baby and has grown to love the store and the

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A BRIDGE TOO FAR

Dear Sir,
The bridge over the burn connecting Whinlatter Place to Linden Place is still out of action despite a 400 person petition from local people demanding its return. A notice in the Newton News which appeared in small print disclosed that a temporary footpath closure is to be extended for another 18 months or until completion of the works. Residents in the area are unhappy about the length of time it is taking to repair the bridge and it is an inconvenience to local people. From a safety point of view residents have been seen to climb over the safety gates to access the other side of the

burn with disregard for their own safety. The cost of renovating the bridge has been quoted by West Ward Councillors as £25000 pounds and apparently they are not keen to allocate that amount of money for a walkway to benefit the public and are planning to knock on doors to ask residents if they will agree to lose this amenity to save money which will then presumably be spent on the Lumiere Festival for Durham City folk. Personally I believe we should be looking after our own facilities in the West Ward and as I write this local residents are again collecting signatures to save the bridge. Cllr Ken Robson

Buddies Befriending Service Day Trips

Do you feel lonely? Are you wanting to meet new people? If yes, Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCP) Buddies Befriending Service are offering residents of Great Aycliffe and Middridge (over 50 years) the chance to go along to one of the following day trips. Places must be booked in advance and the following dates are available:-

- Archers Ice-cream Farm, 28th July - 10-2pm
- South Shields Park & Seaside, 16th August - 10-4pm
- Richmond Markets, 22nd September - 10-2pm
- Preston Park & Butterfly World, 11th October - 10-2pm
- Sunderland Glass Centre, 15th November - 10-2pm
- Christmas Buffet & Entertainment 15th December - 12.30-2.30pm

Buddies Befriending Service is funded through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) and aims to help reduce loneliness and isolation. Volunteer Buddies can provide support to help people access social activities in the community and to build confidence. Free transport is provided door to door and on arrival there will be a short registration form to complete to register you with Buddies Befriending Service, enabling you to be matched with a buddy volunteer. All you will need to pay for are entrance fees where applicable, and your own refreshments. If you would like to book your place or 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.

Town Cancer Support Group Fundraiser in the Youth Centre



On Saturday 3rd July, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group had a fundraising event at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre. Visitors heard fantastic live music from "Wayward Sons" who offered their services free of charge on seeing the event advertised in the Newton News. Allison said "Thank you to them for offering their time and everyone who supported, helping us raise £558.05 which is to go towards social activities for cancer patients who need a respite break in our static caravan." The group has nearly 60 members who need help and support for themselves and their families. Thanks are recorded to items to sell as well as prizes, also to Professor Nincompoo. The members did very well to raise the money as most of them that helped on the day have been affected by cancer. with thanks going to the secretary Sharon for arranging it all. As cuts are being made to health and social care services, more and more cancer patients and their families are being left to struggle alone so if any reader knows someone that is isolated and suffering from loneliness please let them know about this wonderful local group. They meet on the 1st Thursday of each month apart from January and August at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre starting at 6pm with free transport available, if required. If any company or individual would like to donate vital funds please make contact. Website is www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk or call Allison on 07762 258696



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Left to right: Chris Sproates, Gemma Hughes (Manager) Pat Wood, and Steve Thompson.

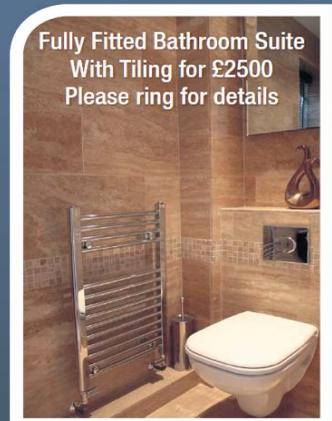
Pat Wood retired this month after serving 42 years as the cleaner at the town's Nat West Bank. Pat always took great pride in her work and the cleanliness of the bank, treating it as her second home. The management and staff think she is a terrific example of dedication and commitment, Chris Sproates also a long serving member of staff, told Newton News that Pat will be sorely missed not only for her work but as a good friend. Pat was born in Page Bank and moved to Newton Aycliffe 51 years ago when her husband was offered a job with UMM as a Toolmaker. They have two children and a grandson.

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Police helicopter hovered above and landed on the school field.

Durham Constabulary and Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) joined forces to launch the Mini

Police project with Area Budget Funding supporting the introduction of Mini Police Officers in four schools: St Francis, Sugar Hill, Woodham Burn and Stephenson Way.

The Mini Police is an innovative, school-based programme designed to increase engagement between Durham Constabulary and children and their families. The initiative has been running since 2011 and is exclusively for Primary School children aged 9-11 years (academic years 5 & 6).

The children wear a Mini Police Uniform to perform their duties. Typically, the children volunteer to participate in a variety of events.

They could be Community led Initiatives: Projects nominated by the children, with them taking ownership in tackling local community issues e.g. Speedwatch, Litter picking etc. Force led Initiatives: Planned by Durham Constabulary throughout the year, supported

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The Mini Police launch saw the recruitment of the 750th Mini Police Officer. To commemorate this achievement, Ron Hogg, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) for County Durham and Darlington with Deputy Lieutenant Mr Simon Still attended the launch. Additional funding has also been secured from Great Aycliffe Town Council (GATC) through their Youth Council. The funding from GAMP and GATC will be used to purchase 80 Mini Police Uniforms and

help with transport costs. Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "Children's encounters with the police can have a lasting effect on how they view and engage with them as adults. I'm hopeful that projects like the Mini Police will help develop long term relationships between the community and the Police".



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Free Food From Tesco's for Town Charities

Tesco calls out to charities in Newton Aycliffe to register for free food donation scheme.

Tesco and FareShare are calling on charities and community groups in and around Newton Aycliffe to register for an exciting new scheme which will see unsold food become meals for vulnerable people across the town.

As part of its ongoing pledge to cut food waste, Tesco's Community Food Connection programme with FareShare FoodCloud recruits and supports charities and community groups, linking them to Tesco stores via an innovative app that allows store teams to alert them to surplus unsold food items available at the end of each day.

The unsold food is free and includes fresh produce, such

as fruit, vegetables and bakery products. Chilled products like meat, dairy and ready meals are also offered.

There have been 350,000 meals donated to people in need via Community Food Connection to date, following a successful pilot in 14 stores last year and a national rollout from March this year, that has seen more than 1,000 charities sign up to the scheme so far.

FareShare FoodCloud is the result of a unique three-way partnership bringing the charity, social enterprise and commercial sectors together. FareShare brings its knowledge of the UK charity food redistribution market and its experience of providing food. FoodCloud brings its knowledge of the technology and online applications needed

to connect businesses with surplus food. Tesco brings the people and technology required to deliver a reliable and well-managed programme, and is the first retailer to invest in, and roll out, FareShare FoodCloud.

Rachel Finn, Head of Community Food Programmes, at Tesco said: "No food that can be eaten should go to waste. We're really excited to start working on this initiative to ensure that any unsold food we have is made use of. We are looking forward to forging strong links with local charities and community groups in Newton Aycliffe, and to use this initiative to support their efforts to help vulnerable people in our community." FareShare FoodCloud is the latest step in Tesco's work with FareShare on the provision of surplus food. The partnership spans over three years and includes activities which make food available from the Tesco supply chain, distribution centres and dotcom centres. This has seen nine million meals made up of surplus food donated to over 2,200 charities and community groups across the UK.

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"GREAT" Town Council

Dear Sir,
Having just returned from this year's annual trip to Keswick with my wife, I simply had to write to comment on the day. Praise must go to our driver Leo and his mate Stewart, for negotiating those country roads, and getting us there and back safely. The hotel we stayed at for lunch was exceptional, the 4 star "Inn on the Lake" in Glenridding thanks to the Manager and staff, especially the Chef for preparing a beautiful three course meal in such a relaxing atmosphere, with commanding views of the lake.

The weather kept warm and mainly dry for us and although somewhat overcast didn't in anyway spoil the day. We enjoyed some free time in Keswick which is always a pleasure.

I would also like to mention our travelling companions, what a lovely friendly group of people they all were. I think I can honestly say that everyone of us had a great day out, all thanks to the Great Aycliffe Town Council.

In these days of austerity and cutbacks etc, it is good to see the GATC living up to it's name of being "GREAT", long may these annual trips continue.

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International Directorship for Local Dance Teacher



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SUGAR HILL'S GOT TALENT



Parents and Carers flocked to Sugar Hill Primary School to see the long awaited Sugar Hill's Got Talent Competition, organised to celebrate the contribution made by young carers in the school and across the community. Children

from across the year groups auditioned for a coveted place in the final. Judged by a panel of children from the school, the final 7 places were filled by singers, footballers, gymnasts, a free-dancer, a magician and a cheerleader. Once the

finalists had entertained the audience with their outstanding performances, a prestigious panel of judges left the hall to make the difficult decision to find a winner. The judges returned after much deliberation and gave first place to ballroom dancers Lana Bennett and Sophie Flint, second place to magician Anna Wren and third place to singer Emily Langsley-Melvin. The very successful afternoon was organised by the school's Learning Mentor, Mrs Atkinson-Jones, who said the afternoon was only a success because of how fantastic the children had been. Mrs Atkinson-Jones and all the staff at Sugar Hill School would like to thank the main sponsors of the day, Atkinsons Staircases of Newton Aycliffe, Clarence Lodge Hartlepool, ARC Darlington and LJJ Contractors Stockton, together with the many other sponsors who made the day worthwhile. All proceeds from the day were donated to the 'Child Carers and Families in Crisis' charity.

WOODHAM GOLF COURSE DONATED FOR ROTARY CHARITY COMPETITION

Proceeds from the Rotary Club's annual Charity Golf Day will be shared between Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, Macmillan Nurses and other Rotary charities. Entries are invited from

golfers to play at Woodham Golf Course who have kindly donated the course free of charge. The Rotary Club extend their thanks to the Hall family for their generosity. The Pairs Better Ball Stableford competition is on

Friday 9th September starting at 12 noon. Valuable prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Pairs with individual prizes for Nearest the Pin and Men & Ladies Longest Drive. Entry is £30 per player which includes refreshments

on arrival and Dinner afterwards. Sponsorship available for each hole at £75 and Prizes valued at £30. Full details and Entry Forms from the Match Secretary: Robert Manners on 07712 771464.

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SCRUFFS PET PARADE

As part of the Aycliffe Festival fortnight, St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe will be celebrating 'All Things Bright and Beautiful, all Creatures Great and

Small' with a Pet Blessing Service on Saturday 23rd July beginning at 10.30 am. Members of the community are invited to bring along their pet(s)

for a short thanksgiving service for them. This will be followed by a SCRUFFS PET PARADE, hopefully in the sunshine! with prizes for the waggiest tail, most appealing eyes, unusual coat etc... Wilsons Vets will be on hand for any advice needed also.

Refreshments will be available all morning, ice-creams, hotdogs, cakes and drinks. Come and enjoy the floral and fauna display, ugly litter and lovely litter - have a go at crafting with litter. We all love our pets, so please come along and show them off. Everyone is most welcome, great or small! Contact Parish Warden Ric Hargreaves for any further details.

Singing Duo "Diversion" at the Scout Centre

This Saturday 16th July at 8pm the Scout Centre is hosting a young singing duo - DIVERSION. This professional young couple will be entertaining you with sounds from the 60's to the present day. Frank and Michelle Todd are from Durham and have been in the business for a number of years. Tickets are available from the Scout centre or just come along on the night - doors open at 7pm.

Let's give them a great welcome to Newton Aycliffe. Tickets are £3.00 not £4.00 as printed in last week's advert - sorry. Our licensed bar will be open selling alcoholic and soft drinks at very reasonable prices. Members and non-members welcome.

Church Holds Summer Fete



Members of St. Elizabeth's Church who held a Summer Fete in the hall recently with the usual stalls, raffles and refreshments.

Star Radio Gets Wild and Woolly at Saltholme

Star Radio is delighted to announce that this July it is partnering with Saltholme RSPB to tell its listeners and readers of Newton News about all the fun-filled, family-friendly days out at the reserve in Teesside this summer.

Kicking off the summer holidays in style at Saltholme is the reserve's Woolly Weekend, taking place this Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July. Discover something new and bring the kids along to watch the annual spectacle of sheep shearing, where you can witness Saltholme's sheep lose their winter woollies and bare all for summer.

Venture around the reserve and families will find plenty to keep the kids entertained. Make your own lamb using Saltholme's finest wool, test your winning streak at the events field with fun-filled games, or dare to take the Saltholme family challenge around the lake. Visitors can also put their spinning skills to the test and get hands on with the Durham Spinners and Weavers, while learning more about how wool can be used once it has been removed from the sheep.

This year is set to be one of the woolliest weekends at Saltholme yet, with over 70 sheep to shear, and your family can be part of the fun. With admission to the reserve only £5 per car, or free for RSPB members, it really is great value for money. There's plenty to keep the kids entertained with prizes to be won, rides on the



reserve's special all-terrain gator vehicle, and of course, a trip so see Saltholme's star of the show - Moo - the lamb that used to look like a little cow when it was born. All the while, the grown-ups can kick back and relax in the Visitor Centre's café with stunning panoramic views of the wildlife reserve.

For more information about Saltholme's Woolly Weekend, call 01642 546625 or visit www.rspb.org.uk/saltholme for more information. Some activities may incur a small fee

County Newsbits
Compiled by
County Councillor
John Clare

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

COUNCIL NEWS

- My report on the DCC Economy Scrutiny Skills Review Group: bit.ly/DCESSRG
- My report on the DCC Environment Scrutiny meeting: bit.ly/DCCEnS716
- New 20mph zones: bit.ly/NA20MPH
- DCC Flooding consultation: bit.ly/DCCFlood16
- DCC is *not* mixing glass with other recycling: bit.ly/DCCglass
- Problems with abandoned cars: bit.ly/NAabcars
- Walkabouts round Kings Drive: bit.ly/KDW16; and Well House Drive: bit.ly/WHW16
- County Durham Sport Participation (Women and Girls) Survey: bit.ly/CDSPS16
- DCC Adult Learning Guide, Autumn 2016: bit.ly/DCCALA16
- GAMP Board Meeting, 6pm Tuesday 19 July at Aycliffe Village Hall: bit.ly/GAMP19716
- Latest Aycliffe area roadworks information: bit.ly/Roadworks15716
- Latest report from our MEP: bit.ly/JKD10716

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Please vote for the Athena Sports Academy before 20 July: bit.ly/ASAOF16
- Dog walkers need to be aware of adders: bit.ly/NAadders
- NELEP Strategic Economic Plan - Engagement Paper: bit.ly/NELEPSEP
- Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group - Stakeholder Newsletter: bit.ly/DDES716
- HealthWatch County Durham Annual Report: bit.ly/HWCDAR16
- Visit County Durham - Annual Review: bit.ly/VCDAR16

THINGS TO DO

- 'No Turning Back' - interactive World War One experience 21 July-28 August at the Gala Theatre, Durham: bit.ly/DCCNTB
- Flying Scotsman coming to Shildon Locomotion Museum, FREE, 23-31 July: bit.ly/NRMLOCOSB
- Beamish Museum Summer of Fun, from Saturday 23 July: bit.ly/BEAMISH16
- Durham Cathedral 'Open Treasure' exhibition starts 23 July: bit.ly/DCOT16
- DCC Summer Fun guide: bit.ly/DCCSFG16
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Film Show

"YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 19th JULY will feature the musical drama "Young Man With a Horn" a film inspired by the life of jazz cornetist Bix Beiderbecke. It stars Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall, Doris Day and Hoagy Carmichael. Douglas appears to be a maestro on the trumpet but the sound comes from the real maestro Harry James. Songs like "The Man I Love" "The Very Thought of You" "Get Happy" and "With a Song in my Heart" make for a real Feel Good film to give you a lift. 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.

Summer Family Fun Day

Free Fun Day Out...

- Bouncy Castle
- Ball Pool
- Petting Zoo
- Magician
- Face Painter

plus...

- Music
- Balloonist
- Bike Stamping
- Horticultural Session
- Punch & Judy
- Hot & Cold refreshments on sale

Saturday 16 July 11am - 2pm at the Pioneering Care Centre



For more information please call 01325 321234 or visit www.pcp.uk.net
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Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF



Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER

15th July 2016



Telephone: 01325 300700 • Email: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk • Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Great Aycliffe Town Council present **FUN IN THE PARKS 2016**

FREE : Fun Fair : Punch and Judy : Balloon Modelling : Magic Shows : Face Painting
Plus FREE games and much more to take part in - come along and join the fun!! 11am - 3pm EACH DAY



Town Park

Day	Date	Park
Wednesday	03 August 2016	Town Centre
Friday	05 August 2016	Oak Leaf Park
Wednesday	10 August 2016	Moore Lane Park
Friday	12 August 2016	Horndale Park
Wednesday	17 August 2016	Woodham Park
Friday	19 August 2016	St Oswald's Park
Wednesday	24 August 2016	Aycliffe Village Park
Friday	26 August 2016	Simpasture Park



Moore Lane Park



Simpasture Park



Woodham Park

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600



Horndale Park



Byerley Park



West Park



St Oswalds Park



Aycliffe Village Park

FUN IN THE PARKS IS OUR CAROUSEL EVENT — it visits 8 of our parks during 4 weeks of the schools' summer holiday. This year we have changed the days to Wednesday and Friday. For all the venues and parks please view the above schedule.

Each event offers entertainment for children including Punch and Judy shows, magician, face painting, small fairground rides, balloon modelling, bouncy castles and fun games and it's all FREE.

We are really excited about Fun in the Parks this year as we have several new additions to the event. The fun kicks off at the Town Centre Park on Wednesday 3rd August 2016, and we close the event at Simpasture Park on Friday 26th August 2016. We are going to have a Punch and Judy Show, magician, balloon modelling, face painting, small fair ground rides and a large inflatable at all the events.

At the Town Centre we will have an extra Face Painter, the Animal Train inflatable and a Football Competition held by Newton Aycliffe Youth FC. At the Oak Leaf Park on 5th August, we are having an animal theme with a visit from Krafty Kritters with their unusual and interesting animals, an animal track hunt and the Animal Train inflatable which is always popular.

In addition at Moore Lane on 10th August we are having a Mad Hatters Tea Party, with themed games and a fancy dress competition. At Woodham on 17th August we are having a Teddy Bears Picnic with a visit from Oakey the Bear, all the children are asked to bring their teddy bears along to join the fun.

The best part is that it's all FREE. The fun starts at 11am until 3pm.

This event is aimed at children between 3 and 8 years, for safety reasons height and age restrictions apply to inflatables and fairground rides.

COUNTRYSIDE ACTIVITIES

Great Aycliffe Town Council are providing a series of public events across the town to keep the children amused during the summer holidays. All events are FREE of charge but booking is essential to confirm your place.

SCALES AND TAILS NATURE ENCOUNTER

Thursday 4th August, 10.30am - 11.30am

Come along, meet and learn about exotic animals which have cousins that live locally in the wild within the Town. This ever popular event needs booking in advance by contacting Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 330 700. Meet at Moore Lane Eco Centre

BALSALM BASH Monday 8th August 6pm - 7.30pm

Here is your opportunity to put something back to the local community. Himalayan Balsalm is an invasive plant which originates from Asia. It out

competes many local plants with vigorous growth and so conservationists are keen to control the spread of this plant. Pull on your work gloves and spend whatever time you can offer to help remove this weed from Woodham Burn. Meet at: the Town Park buildings

ARTS FROM THE WOODS Tuesday 9th August 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Join a local artist to collect natural arts material found locally within woodlands to create an arts feature at Moore Lane Eco Centre. Booking is essential by contacting Greenfield Arts Centre on 01325 379 048. Meet at: Moore Lane Eco Centre

POND DIPPING Tuesday 30th August

This popular event gives you the opportunity to hunt for the various creatures that make the ponds at Aycliffe Nature Park their home. Equipment is provided, please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Booking is essential by contacting Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300 700. Meet at Travellers Green car park.



MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX & OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2016

(Tee Off Times between 11.30am and 2.30pm)

Entry Fee - £100 per team
(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

**In Aid of the Mayor's Charities
The Rifles Care for Casualties
Aycliffe Village Hall Association**

and Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre

Further Information and Application Forms from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, christine.ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk, 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS

The Senior Citizens' Excursions are one of the most popular events organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

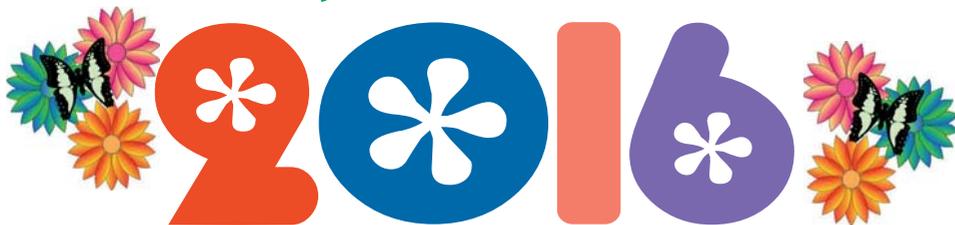
This year they started on Monday 6th June with an excursion to Northumberland and finished on Friday 8th July with the ever popular Blackpool.

Aycliffe residents aged 60 or over had the choice of one excursion to visit the Lake District (Keswick), Northumberland (Hexham), Edinburgh, Scarborough, Blackpool or South Shields for the day.



Everyone was provided with a three course meal and tea or coffee in a variety of settings ranging from a 14th Century Castle in Northumberland to a hotel in Glenridding in the Lake District with magnificent gardens and a private jetty. All of the excursions offer passengers free time to see the attractions of the nearest neighbouring town or replenish your wardrobe at Boundary Mills at Shiremoor.

Community Enhancement Award



The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area. Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 16th August 2016.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

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or Full Street:

Oak Leaf

Sports Complex

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SUMMER JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

MINI ARCHERY

Monday 25th July

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and

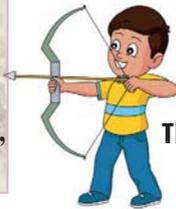
Thursday 1st September

10am until 11am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 4 to 7 years



ARCHERY

Monday 25th July

and

1st and 22nd August

9.30am until 11am

£3.70 non members

£3.20 members

For ages 8 to 15 years



TABLE TENNIS

Tuesday 16th August

10am until 11am

Thursday 25th August

9am until 10am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 8 to 15 years



TEAM GAMES

Monday 8th August

10am until 11am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 8 to 15 years



MINI ACTIVITY

Tuesday 2nd & 23rd August

9.30am until 11am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 4 to 7 years



CRAFTY KIDS

Thursday 28th July

9.30am until 11am

£3.70 non members

£3.20 members

For ages 8 to 15 years

SPORTING FUN

Thursday 4th August

9am until 10am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 8 to 15 years

FITNESS FUN

Thursday 11th August

9am until 10am

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 8 to 15 years

DODGEBALL

Monday 1st & 22nd August

11.30am until 12.30pm

£2.90 non members

£2.40 members

For ages 8 to 15 years

Courses take place during the school 6 weeks holidays, to book your place or for further details please contact us on

01325 300600

Booking is Essential
Sessions are for ages 8-15 years
(except mini sessions)

Prices from £2.40 Members & £2.90 Non Members
Please ask on booking

JUNIOR SQUASH, BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS COURTS



Something exciting is happening during the school holidays at the **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**
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COBBLERS HALL / BURN LANE PROPOSED PLAY AREA

Consultation has now been concluded on the proposal to provide improved play facilities and create a 'pocket park'.

A total of 41 responses were received via an electronic survey with a further 10 paper responses. Results indicated:-

- 50 people agreed a mini park with play activities
- 1 person did not agree
- 32 people asked for provision for a full age range
- 20 asked for 6-14 age groups only
- 46 people agreed with including a MUGA (4 did not)

Public desires and expectations were very high, both for the amount of play equipment and security and environmental enhancement.

The total budget that is available, jointly, from Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council is £155,000.

The Town Council will maintain, inspect, insure and undertake grass cutting for the period of the lease.

Therefore, it is likely that this will be able to provide a small MUGA, 6 – 14 age group play area (some equipment available to be used across both younger / older age groups), access paths and seats and litter bins. Further enhancements may continue in future year's, subject to budget constraints.

Currently, a lease of the land is being sought from Durham County Council in order that the Town Council can proceed.

Play equipment companies will be approached informally for ideas for equipment before seeking formal tenders.

Estimated timescale for the project completion is August 2017.



(Pictures for illustration purposes only)

Town Pride Environment Week

The Town Pride Environment Week took place as part of the Aycliffe Festival from Monday 11th July until Monday 18th July with presentations and litter picks taking place across the whole town.

The Town Council



organised an informative presentation to every school, undertook 6 litter picks with 6 schools taking part.

The children as usual had a great time while learning about litter and the impact on our environment.

MURDER MYSTERY

Saturday 30th July 2016 at 5pm

Oak Leaf Sports Complex
School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe
DL5 6QZ
Tel 01325 300600

Hot Beef Sandwiches for adults and Hot Dogs in a Bun for kids

Tickets are £3.50 each or £12.00 for a family of 4 ticket

Tickets are available from the Bar from 1st June 2016

Think you can solve the murder?

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UPDATE

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan submission version was sent to Durham County Council, as the Planning Authority, on Monday 27th June 2016. They will then undertake a further 6 week consultation to gather any further views on the Plan. The date of the consultation has yet to be determined. Any additional comments must be made to Durham County Council after they release the consultation information.

It is hoped that the final piece of the process, the Referendum, will take place in November 2016 after the independent examination has taken place.

Aycliffe Festival

FESTIVAL FUN FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE

Eighteen days of fun and entertainment are on offer to you when the Aycliffe Festival comes to town. Events of all kinds will be held from Wednesday 13 July to Saturday 30 July. The Aycliffe Festival is co-ordinated by and supported with grants and assistance from Great Aycliffe Town Council. The events take place in a number of venues in Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village, with free entrance to most of them.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy - including a free evening Party in the Town Park to launch the Festival, featuring four modern brass bands who are also taking part in the Durham Brass Festival. This wonderful event is on Thursday 14th July from 6pm – 9pm, why not bring a picnic tea?

There are also Music Nights at the Working Men's Club and Aycliffe Village Hall, Pie and Peas Suppers and other events with live entertainment at Neville Community Centre, a Golf Competition, Tea Dances, a Heritage Event at St Andrew's Church, Family Fun Days and a Pet Parade at St Clare's Church. Parishioners are also invited to meet the Mayoress of Great Aycliffe for afternoon tea.

As the Festival takes place during the school summer holiday and there will be a number of free events for children of all ages to enjoy, including Fun Days at Agnew Community Centre, Neville Community Centre, the Pioneering Care Centre, Rose Lodge Care Home and St Elizabeth's Church, Magic Shows with Professor Nincompoop and Discos under 12s and 12-16 age groups. Go Ahead Training have organised a STEM event – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths made fun – you can build your own Raspberry Pi and try out the F1 Challenge Track Race.

As the Festival draws to a close, there will be a Murder Mystery Night at the Oakleaf Sports Complex – will you be able to solve the crime?

A list of events is shown in this Newsletter, but a programme detailing events, times, venues and any charges will be provided to every primary school student in the Parish and are also available from some shops and community centres. Full details are available on Great Aycliffe Town Council's Website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or telephone 300700 to request a copy.

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.	2.00pm
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 ages 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
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Crafter's Companion Makes a Sporting Donation to North East Club

Global craft supplies company, Crafter's Companion, is lending a helping hand to a North East community group following the opening of its first UK store in Newton Aycliffe.

The company, which was founded by County Durham-born Sara Davies MBE in 2005, will be sponsoring the Newton Aycliffe Tri Club's new kit as part of an ongoing community engagement programme, designed to support local groups and residents in the town and the surrounding area.

Sara said: "The local community has been so supportive of Crafter's Companion during the opening of our new store in Newton Aycliffe, so it's great to be able to give something back."

"The tri club is so popular and really helps people to achieve their goals, whatever their ability, which is something that we really believe in at Crafter's Companion. It was a natural fit for us to offer our support."

The Newton Aycliffe Tri Club, which attracts members from Aycliffe, Spennymoor, Shildon and Stockton, helps athletes of all ages and abilities to develop their sporting



skills via the support and advice of fully qualified England triathlon coaches.

"We can't thank Crafter's Companion enough for helping us to supply our members with new kits," said Dan Halladay, a coach at Newton Aycliffe Tri Club.

"The tri club offers invaluable training and support to budding athletes in the community, as well as people of all fitness levels and abilities. Our aim is to bring together a community of people with a passion for swimming, cycling and running – whether they are Olympic

hopefuls or simply want to have fun. We're incredibly grateful for the support from Crafter's Companion."

Throughout the year, the tri club holds swimming, cycling and running sessions for its members, offers support and advice on equipment through Triology, a local multi-sport retailer and bike fitting studio, and works with a number of organisations and groups in the area, including the RAF cadet force at Aycliffe Territorial Army Centre.

For more information about the Newton Aycliffe

Tri Club, visit: www.aycliffetriclub.wix.com/aycliffe-tri.

Crafter's Companion, which is headquartered in the North East, specialises in manufacturing, distributing and retailing crafting tools and products, which are currently sold online via its website, on TV shopping channels across the world and by thousands of independent retailers, as well as in Crafter's Companion's flagship store in Newton Aycliffe.

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Aycliffe Tri Club Race Report

Hi readers, only one race to report on this week. Seven of our club members entered the Black Sheep Ripon Standard Distance Triathlon, held on Saturday 9th July at Ripon

Aycliffe Runners Participate in the Great North 10K

Three runners from Aycliffe Running Club completed the Great North 10k on Sunday 3 July. There were around 5000 runners taking part in the race which started behind Gateshead International Stadium and took in the Quayside passing landmarks such as the Sage, Gateshead Millennium Bridge and the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art before returning and finishing inside of the stadium.

The route was undulating with a hill at 9k appropriately named 'the slog on the Tyne'. It was a very warm day for running but all ARC members had a good run.

Rob Jayne was first back for the club in a time of 45:36, followed by Trish Kay in 49:01, placing her 2nd in her category of female aged 55-59. She was followed by Lisa Sheldon in 53:43.

Racecourse. They found the early promise of good weather slightly dampened by strong head winds and intermittent rain, which made the 40km bike section of the race very tough. The 1500m open water swim to start with was pleasant enough, a mere 20 degrees, surprisingly warm for the poor summer we've had. The 10km run route off the bike was flat and fast, weaving through country lanes and alongside canals into a gauntlet of high-fives and cheering crowds at the finish.

Susan Brown was first home for the club in a time of 2:24:11. She was 1st female in her age group and 98th overall. Stuart Rimmer was next home in a time of 2:45:14, 34th in his age group, 329th overall. Next to finish was Nicola Darragh in a time of 2:46:40, 9th in her age group and 344th overall. Melanie Rowland finished in a time of 2:48:43, 6th in her age group and 363rd overall, closely followed by Penny Johnson in a time of 2:48:43, 7th in her age group and 364th overall. Martin Sedgwick was next home in a time of 2:56:50, 80th in his age group and 451st overall. Just under the three-hour mark, Tracey Warrior finished in 2:59:41, 14th in her age group, 470th overall. And our final club member on the day Michael Casey, crossed the finish line in a time of 3:08:02, 7th in his age group and 526th overall.

The team had a fantastic weekend, taking full use of the camping facilities. Special mentions go to Susan Brown

for coming first in her age group; 5th female overall, Tracey Warrior who had a personal best for the race, taking a massive eight minutes off her previous time and Michael Casey for finishing his longest distance of his Tri career. Everyone would like to thank their supporters and the hospitality given over the weekend.

If anyone would like any information regarding the sport of Triathlon, (how easy is it to get started, kit required, etc.) please contact the club via our e-mail address aycliffetriclub@gmail.com, where one of our friendly coaches will answer any queries.

Golf Day in aid of G.N.A.A.S.

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An enthusiastic group of co-workers at a Newton Aycliffe-based charity are getting in their stride, ready for a parkrun challenge next month.



The Couch 2 5k Group at DISC, has been organised to encourage more people in the charity to enjoy the benefits of regular exercise, with a tempting target of completing the 5k parkrun on Saturday 27th August at Hardwick Park in Sedgfield. Melissa Thornton, Finance Team Leader at DISC whose headquarters are next to the Newton Press office on Horndale Avenue, said: "I'm delighted at the number of colleagues that have joined the Club.

"It's not just about fitness. It's also about the other positive benefits of exercise, helping to make people happier, maintaining weight loss, boosting confidence and self-esteem as well as reducing stress and depression." Melissa recently passed a Leadership in Running Course held by England Athletics. Now she is using her new qualification to ensure all members of the running club

receive the best possible advice. The group is aimed at beginners and those who are not runners with the only entry requirement being the desire to get fit.

The number of DISC staff joining the running club has continued to increase as the countdown to their parkrun challenge continues, with each new member being encouraged to enjoy the camaraderie and health benefits that running can bring. The parkrun is free and open to all. For more information on DISC, please visit www.disc-vol.org.uk and for information on parkruns, visit www.parkrun.org.uk

Photo: DISC runners limber up before another exercise session.

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Dear Sir,
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Nursery Visits Butterfly World



Playday nursery enjoyed a trip to butterfly world on the 7th July as part of their life cycle topic. We enjoyed looking at all the butterflies and even saw one lay eggs on a leaf. The children have been talking about it with their friends at nursery and are asking to go back. Thank you to everyone that came and hope to organise another trip soon.

Madathlon in Lake District

The Madathlon team headed to the Lake District on Saturday 2nd July for a weekend hiking up mountains in their continued efforts to raise funds to buy defibrillators for local schools, gyms and sports clubs.

They faced unbelievably strong winds, rain and poor visibility on the first day at the top of Skiddaw but everyone pushed on and completed the hike. The second day the team tackled the highest peak in England, Scafell Pike.

Ending with the mighty Helvellyn on the third day, luckily the weather improved by then and we were rewarded with a stunning view from the summit.

It was a challenging and enjoyable weekend. A huge well done to the team, James Caygill, Emma Woodall, Melissa Outterson, Edd Gardiner and Helen Richardson who joined us for Scafell. And a special mention for Gayle Gardiner and Harry for looking after us at base camp.

There are more events coming up including the c2c 140 mile bike ride, a channel distance relay swim at ellerton lake, kielder run bike run and Melissa taking on her first 10k run, also at kielder. As always everyone at



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really pleased that Ebac have approached us to launch their washing machines and feel they will sell very well as people want to support British manufacturing rather than buying European

brands. But it's not just about buying local, these machines have fantastic build quality and come with a 3/5 year guarantee. The hot and cold fill is a unique selling point that no other washing machine has. Many households already have hot water and see it as a waste heating up cold water in their washing machine.

We are already taking pre-orders from customers who want to be the first to own them. Brochures are available and the machines arrive August/September. Ebac is launching 15 washing machines costing between £330 and £630, aiming for the mid-range washing machine market. It will be competing with similarly priced and more familiar names, including Bosch, Hotpoint and Samsung. The washing machines will be manufactured at Ebac's UK factory in Newton Aycliffe.

In the months leading up to the launch, Ebac's website prompted consumers to design their ideal washing machine. They were asked to consider drum capacity, spin speed, which programmes should be included and how much they would be willing to pay for their appliance. All of this should have helped Ebac to come up with a really good consumer-led design. Bargain Buys already sell all makes of electrical appliances but are excited to be working closely alongside Ebac due to its commitment to independent retailers.

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Dear Sir,
I was pleased to see the layby put in at Simpasture Shops, as it was becoming ridiculous the way drivers were parking, and at times it was almost impossible to negotiate a way through.

Since the installation of the layby on most days it is being used, however I noticed the other day that no vehicles were parked in the layby, but alongside it on the road, still causing congestion. Vehicles were also still parking on the pavement outside the houses between the shops and the nursery.

The reason I feel that some drivers are not using the layby is because its surface is not level with the road, but has a high ramp and drivers don't want to drive into it for fear of damaging their vehicles. Why was the layby built like this and not at road level?

Alan Hindmarch
EDITOR: We attempted to get a technical answer to this reader's question from County Hall, without success.

Aycliffe School Governor is the Air Ambulance Chief Pilot



Jason Steward (Jay) is a former military man who served on operations abroad in the Special Forces. He was born in London, but lived most of his childhood in Greece as the family emigrated there. Jay joined the Parachute Regiment at 17, serving 12 years and trained to be an army pilot for the next 12

years. Altogether Jay has 24 years in the Army.

He joined the Great North Air Ambulance Service in 2011, and has been its Chief Pilot for the last 2 years. He and his wife Julie purchased their house in Woodham in 2002 and have lived here since then (apart from a brief nine month spell in Hampshire when Jay was training to be a flying instructor). Their three children all went to Woodham Burn Community Primary School and Jay has been a governor at

Woodham Primary since around 2003, but had to stop for a few years as he was busy with the Army. He re-joined in 2012 and was elected Chairman of Governors in 2014.

"I absolutely love it in the north east" said Jay but that is helped by the fact his wife of 23 years is from Newcastle. "I really didn't enjoy living in the south for so many reasons, so finding Newton Aycliffe on the Internet in 2002 was a massive stroke of luck for us" he added.

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ANNA would like to say thank you to all her friends and family for making her 60th birthday so special. Thank you for a great holiday and all gifts and cards. A special mention to Clare Peacock who made Sunday a great day to remember at the Phoenix Club.

THANK YOU to the lady who found and returned my wallet. It was very honest of you. Thank you.

A WARM and loving thank you to my daughter Penny and Son-in-Law Mark for a great 80th birthday party and love to everyone who attended, sent wishes and all the lovely presents and cards. Harry Ainsley Weighell xxx

Obituary

SNATH, Woodham. 9th July, (peacefully at home, with his family by his side), Derek. Sadly missed by his Wife Ingrid; Daughters, Sons-in-Law and his much loved Grandchildren. Funeral on Wednesday 20th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 12 noon. Floral tributes or donations, if preferred, may be given in aid of Cancer Care UK or Marie Curie Cancer Care or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

In Memoriam

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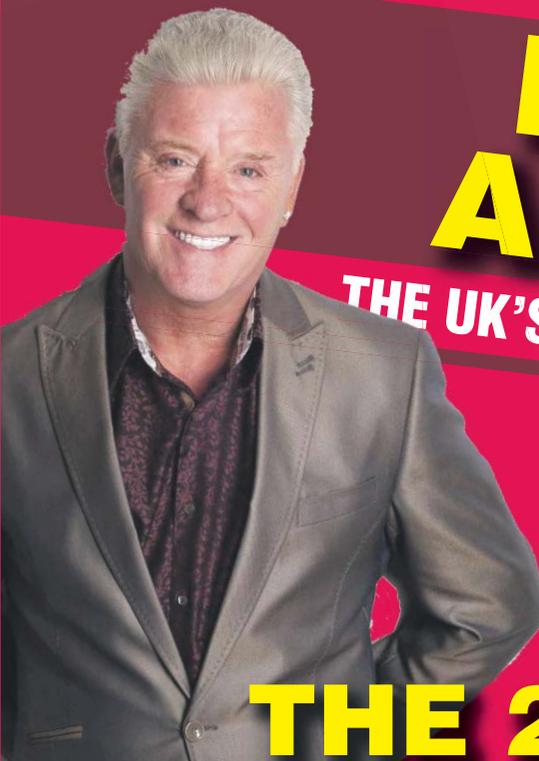
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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were well beaten by 86 runs at home to table toppers Darlington RA in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors were asked to bat first and scored an impressive 208 all out after 46.1 overs, despite some superb seam bowling from Subhan Christudas, who finished with 6 for 29, which is the best bowling by an Aycliffe player this season. In reply, the hosts batted poorly and were dismissed for 122 after 36.3 overs despite an excellent 50 off 44 balls from Michael Howe (sponsored by Keziah Benson Photography) and good contributions from both Ryan Dawson (18 runs) and Sam Telford (17 runs).

The second team were also well beaten away at local rivals Sedgefield 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division, going down by eight wickets. Electing to bat first, acting captain Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) got the innings off to a great start with an excellent 60. Fellow opener Graham Telford and Stephen Sweeney both also batted well scoring 38 runs each, but a collapse saw Aycliffe fall from 152 for 2 to 187 all out after 46.3 overs. In reply, the homeside raced to victory after just 35.3 overs for

the loss off just two wickets. In midweek, the club's 15/15 team (sponsored by Vanilla Design & Print) guaranteed their place in the quarter finals of the NYSD 15/15 competition with a thumping 138 run home win against Shildon 2nd XI. Opting to bat first, Aycliffe racked up a formidable 196 for 1 after their allotted 15 overs thanks to brilliant innings from Sam Telford (88 off 35 balls, including seven boundaries and seven big sixes), Ryan Dawson (68 off 41 balls with nine boundaries) and Michael Howe (16 off 14 balls with two boundaries). In reply Shildon were skittled for just 58 off 12.2 overs with Jack Slatcher the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 12 and a couple of wickets each for the Howe brothers, Michael and Patrick.

The club's u19's team were beaten by 45 runs away at a very strong Seaton Carew side in the Nat West Cup. The homeside were asked to bat first and were bowled out for 98 from 19.5 overs thanks to good bowling from Aycliffe's Tom Wickins (3-20), Ryan Dawson (2-5) and George Slatcher (2-35). In reply Aycliffe batted poorly and were skittled for just 53 after 14.2 overs with only Ben Nicholson reaching double figures with his innings of 13.

The u19's put in an improved performance in the Nat West cup at home to Blackhall, but still lost by 28 runs. The visitors chose to bat first and scored 139 for 7 in their 20 overs with Aycliffe bowlers Sam Dobinson and Lucas Pilling both taking a couple of wickets each. In reply, opener Dan Bowmer batted really well top scoring with 40 off 52 balls and he received some support from Tom Wickins who chipped in with 14 off 8 balls, but the team fell short of their target and were bowled out for a fighting 111 off 19.2 overs.

The u11's team won their 6th game of the season with a thumping victory by 91 runs away at Blackhall. Charlie Cayless batted superbly for Aycliffe to top score with 22 and there was also good innings from both Josh Imerson and David Robinson, who both scored 13 runs. Aycliffe also bowled and fielded brilliantly to help give the team one of the biggest wins in their history.

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Anyone can register to vote, it is free and all registrations can opt not to be contacted by the foundation (so no spam emails etc). Winning the award will allow the club to expand its class offered to the local community by purchasing much needed specialist equipment. Please register and vote at: <https://foundation.onefamily.com/projects/athena-sports-academy/>

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