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In addition children played on the Bungee Run and fought each other on the Jousting inflatable. There was a Dog Talent Show with prizes for the winners, The Dogs Trust promoted their service and the Cats Protection League was in attendance.

Our Mayor, Jed Hillary, made an appearance and said how pleased he was at how well this event was supported.

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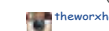
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The Western Area Community Partnership will be holding a community Fun Day at Silverdale Place Green on Thursday 25th August between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Sponsored by livin housing group it is just one of a range of activities the group have been arranging for the Williamfield area over the summer months. This large green is ideally situated for community events and it is hoped further activities will follow.

Come along and join in the fun with: Professor

Nincompoop Harry Potty, High Inflatable Slide, Bouncy Castle, Roundabout, Pony Rides, Hook a Duck, Spotty Dog, Syd the Squirrel, Perky Pig and Music by Ian's Disco.

The Police, Fire Service and Paramedic will have displays and the event will include the Launch of Community Junior Street Champions

A competition will be held to find the Williamfield Prince and Princess with prize vouchers supplied by livin. Bring along the family for a wonderful day out.

Excitement Mounts for Aycliffe - Shildon Jaunt

Share Sponsorship Money with your own Charity

Organisers of the charity fund-raising 'Railway Jaunt' planned for the two-mile stretch of new tarmac pathway beside the Newton Aycliffe to Shildon line on October 1st are reporting 'growing excitement and great interest' from runners, walkers, pedal cyclists, families and wheelchair users in various parts of the locality. The walk is one highlight of an action-packed event Museum organised by The Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway to commemorate



Opening of the railway pathway



the opening of the line on September 27, 1825, when it became the world's first public railway to be operated partly by steam.

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club has assumed responsibility for organizing the Jaunt which begins at 2pm from Newton Aycliffe railway station. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Jed Hillary, will be at the opening and the Mayor of Shildon (and Chair of the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway), Mrs Trish Pemberton, will welcome arrivals at Locomotion, where a civic reception will celebrate railways past and railways present at Hitachi. Registration forms and applications for the Jaunt

sponsorship sheets are now available from Tesco in Newton Aycliffe, Rtn Syd Howarth at Newton News in St Cuthbert's Way, Rtn Don Walker at Walker's Butchers in Simpasturegate, Rtn Barry Hutchinson at 24 Westmorland Way and Mayor Patricia Pemberton at Shildon Town Council Offices.

"We knew that the event would be popular but we did not expect such interest from so many people at this stage of the event," said Rtn Syd Howarth who is co-ordinating Rotary involvement in the Jaunt.

He is also appealing for volunteers to help with a litter pick along the path.

As well as the Jaunt, the celebration will feature many attractions including display stands, heritage walks, rides for a small charge on the celebrated Furness Steam Engine, railway-themed exhibitions, railway artist John Wigston, the Brusselton Incline Group of railway conservation volunteers and others including Jane Hackworth-Young, descendant of steam locomotive engineer Timothy Hackworth.

Free refreshments for all participants and Entertainment will be provided by the Durham Music Service and other local performers including Community choirs. Applicants may share the money raised in sponsorship for the NSPCC and their own group or charity choice.

Help for Teens Stepping into Work

Teenagers receiving their exam results this August are being offered help to find a job, apprenticeship or training. Durham County Council's One Point service's Start Today campaign brings together information on a vast range of opportunities, with advisors on hand to offer guidance to 16 to 19-year-olds who are unsure about their future careers.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, the council's cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We understand the world of work and training can be daunting, but don't worry, we are here to help."

"Our One Point advisors can help young people to explore the choices available, assist them in making decisions about their education or career plans, and aid them in overcoming anything which may be holding them back."

All the latest information on vacancies will be available in schools as well as online at www.help4teens.co.uk/start. Chris Peverall, One Point Operations Manager for the north area said: "There are a vast range of local opportunities on offer."

"We urge young people, aged 16 to 19 and not in education, training or employment to visit our information online or contact one of our expert advisors."

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Hospital Horticulture

The annual Bishop Auckland Hospital Club Show will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September in The Hospital Club, 32A, Escomb Road, DL14 6TZ.

There are 14 Vegetable Classes, 8 Flower Classes, 7 Produce Classes - with a 50p entry fee for each, together with a Free Class for Children wanting to enter a Novelty Animal made from fruit/vegetables or to create a Flower Picture, using any medium.

(All classes - with the exception of the Leek Section which is for members only - are open to all members of the public to enter.) All entries to be benched between 12.30 and 2.00pm on Saturday 3rd.

From 2.00 - 4.00pm Bob Latham, will judge entries. On Sunday, 4th September at 8.00pm all produce will be auctioned and the raffle drawn. All proceeds from the auction and raffle will go towards the 2016 charity, Marie Curie, to provide 'end of life care' in the Bishop Auckland area.

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Sam Hauxwell Review: "The blistering set takes in AC/DC, Saxon, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Ozzy, Scorpions, Metallica, Rainbow, Guns 'n' Roses etc... not always the usual choices but a mixed bag of METAL mayhem!!!"

The Frigate is a fantastic bar to see any live act, but when Revenant come knocking at the door, it's a different experience altogether. What makes Revenant stand out from the rest is the years of experience and musicianship put into play during their live performances. Arguably one of the greatest local bands I've ever seen, they never disappoint their audience which is full of bikers and a loyal following. Revenant have a fantastic set list, which is even enjoyed by those that wouldn't consider themselves metal fans, I personally wouldn't have ever thought of myself as a metal fan but coming from the Frigate on Saturday night, I found myself singing their set list long after they'd finished their mind blowing performance.

Black Sabbath, Rage Against the Machine and Metallica are just some of the bands they cover, chewing it up into their own sound and spitting it back into the audience's ears as a kick-in-the-balls stamp on their live covers. Wherever they go Revenant create an atmosphere like no other, and it's often hard to find a band with music skills as high as theirs, with the ability to get the audience pumped and feeling like they own the world. Revenant own the current local music scene, for no other band has yet managed to reach their live music experience, it's a phenomenon that is only understood by those who have seen them, my only advice is to watch out, for when Revenant change your world".

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Woodham Academy recently played host to a number of projects presented by local partners, thanks to funding made available by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). GAMP is an Area Action Partnership part of Durham County Council which along with 13 others AAP's in the area was set up to give local people a greater choice and voice in local affairs. The partnerships allow people to have a say on services, and give organisations such as police, fire, health, and voluntary organisations as well the county, town and parish councils the chance to speak directly with local

communities. The AAP's also offer a number of funding opportunities for a range of organisations and groups. Two organisations to receive funding and support from GAMP include Prison! Me! No-Way! and The Mad Alice Theatre Company. Prison! Me! No-Way! is a national charity, initially formed by prison officers, their aim is to educate youngsters of the causes and consequences of becoming involved in antisocial or criminal behaviour. Students from Woodham Academy took part in a Crime and Safety Awareness Day in July, delivered by

Prison! Me! No-Way! The day was an opportunity for students to experience what it is like to be involved in criminal behaviour and the consequences and effects their actions can have. The group attended hard hitting workshops including Prison Life which covered the realities of being in prison, the loss of freedom and the feeling of being in a cell. A life size replica cell was brought in to school for students to experience. There were also role play opportunities for students to participate in a street scene style performance, showing the impact of antisocial behaviour on family and neighbours.

A further workshop included meeting three serving inmates from HMP Askham Grange. The inmates gave a first-hand account of how and why they were in prison, the choices they made, their day to day routine in prison, the regrets they have and the impact a prison sentence has on family and friends.

The Prison! Me! No-Way! Crime and Safety Awareness day has been delivered in both Woodham academy and Greenfield School, reaching over 350 students combined to encourage students to make positive decisions and stay safe. Towards the end of term, Year 9 and 10 students from Woodham Academy were introduced to the Mad Alice Theatre Company, led by Artistic Director, Shelley O'Brien; the company produce theatre productions touring regional and national venues including schools. Specialising in theatre for children and young people, the company's latest production; 'She Wins All the Races' – A tragicomedy with Biscuits, was brought in to school to demonstrate the positive effects of drama and show how a variety of emotions can be portrayed by one person.

The one-woman show, based on Shelley's real life story, is a dynamic, fun and heartening production about a little girl growing up with the certainty of loss. The story is a celebration of the courage and resilience of the human spirit, with quirky,

physical storytelling and a little bit of Abba!

Media and Marketing Officer at Woodham Academy and GAMP Chair, Grace Porter, said; 'Students thoroughly enjoyed the journey of emotion and the rawness within the story delivered by Shelley. The Prison! Me! No-Way! day was hard hitting and really made the students think about the impact their actions could have.' Both projects have been enormously successful within school and we're grateful to have access to such powerful workshops.

If you would like to get involved in GAMP and have your say on local issues or find out more about funding opportunities, please visit <http://bit.ly/GAMPAAP> or contact Adam.White@durham.gov.uk



SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOUR

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Roman Support England Netball

International shower designer and manufacturer, Roman has donated over £3000 to support Thea Thompson, who has been selected to represent England U21 at indoor netball.
Roman who holds a long standing fund with County Durham Foundation has donated over £3000 from their Community Fund to support Thea Thompson. Thompson has been selected to represent England Netball NETs in 2016. England NETs is a modern, fast and furious form of netball, played



inside high tension netted courts. It is very popular in New Zealand and was only introduced to England about 6 years ago – Thompson only started playing this version of netball at the start of 2016.
Barbara Gubbins, Chief Executive of County Durham Community Foundation said: "It is very important that young, dedicated individuals from the local community can participate in sport at the highest level if they have the ability. The grant from the Roman Fund will allow Thea to progress within her sport and provide a platform for her to excel and represent her country. Without this support that might not have been possible."

Thea was selected as part of the elite players to represent England and to be part of the Under 21s squad travelling to the World Championships in New Zealand in August 2016. Being selected to represent England at any sport is a significant achievement and privilege and Roman donated to support this. As part of the England squad, players were expected to train numerous times per week in various locations across the country as a squad and individually. Once the squad arrive in New Zealand they will train vigorously for a week and tournaments will be held from 20th – 27th August. The four teams involved in the competition are England, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.
Thompson has played netball since she was 6 years old and started playing competitively at the age of 10, so all her dedication and commitment to the sport has paid off tremendously. Once she graduates in 2017 she hopes to become a sports teacher and to inspire more girls to get into playing sports competitively.
David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "After hearing about Thea's significant achievement and that the sport is completely self-funded, we wanted to donate to help support Thea and her team. We know that Thea will relish the unique opportunity to play for her country and everyone at Roman wish her and the England Netball NETs Team good luck."

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Degree in Golf (PGA) for Newtonian



Carl Morfoot of Woodham Village graduated from The University of Birmingham with a BSc. Honours Degree in Applied Golf Management with PGA Status.

The three year course is the only one in Europe and only after a very intense admission process where only twenty five are accepted. Carl is now looking forward to his dream job as a fully licensed PGA Professional Golfer with PGA coaching and playing status. Carl started playing golf at the age of 11 at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex under the watchful eye of Ernie Wilson and then moved on to Woodham Golf Club as a junior playing for the junior team, again with Ernie Wilson.

He was soon playing alongside the men in the first team and then progressed to county level. It was at this stage he realised he wanted a career in golf. After two years Golf Studies at Gateshead Golf Academy and three years at The University of Birmingham he got his wish. Presently Carl has taken up an opportunity to coach and play at the very exclusive Quinto da Lago complex in Portugal. On Carl's return he will be taking up a position at one of our local golf clubs.

MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Jed Hillary, is to host a Charity Golf Tournament in aid of her nominated charities during his year of office. The event will take place FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER at the Oak Leaf Golf Course and will be followed by a dinner and presentation evening in the Oak Leaf Function Room.

The cost for a team of four is £100 which will include the golf, refreshment tent and presentation evening. We are also looking for sponsorship for the event and if you would be

interested in sponsoring one of the course holes the cost would be £25. The Mayor has nominated the Rifles Care For Casualties, Aycliffe Village Hall Association and Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre as his charities during his year in office.

Further information on sponsorship and application forms can be obtained from Christine Ryder, the Mayor's Secretary, at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Tel. 01325 300700 or e-mail: Christine.Ryder@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 31st August 2016

Environment Committee
Recreation Committee
7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been 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.

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)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Emily Cook Nicholson is a 12 year old from Newton Aycliffe who received the devastating news she is suffering from an aggressive tumour.

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School Club Learn About Art



Local artist and designer, Sharron Bates held an exciting illustration day at Woodham Burn Out of School Club recently.

Sharron has written and illustrated a children's book called 'Where's Brian?' During the creative day, on the 9th of August, she brought her story to life for the children with storyboards and discussion on friendships. Aply assisted by her son, Joe, Sharron helped 33 children aged from 3 to 10 years old to create some wonderful artwork.

Kendra Green, Manager of Woodham Burn Out of School Club said:

"The story helped the children to think about friendships and this week our activities have been based around this theme."

Sharron uses collaged papers to create detailed illustrations. After studying the book's illustrations the children were inspired to create their own collaged masterpieces, some of which were characters from the story.

Sharron was very impressed with the quality of the work the children produced. She said: "The children were all very engaged in their artwork and I feel sure I have met with some future artists today."

The children were rightly proud of their creations and a fun day was had by all.

Luke Banner Stars in Huntsman Win

Following last season's promotion, The Huntsman kicked off life in division 1 of the Wear Valley Sunday League with a resounding 4-0 victory over Shildon Elm Road Club.

Manager Neil Dodds has added 8 new players to the squad over the summer and was able to hand debuts to Glenn Hendrix, Luke Banner and new goalkeeper Luke Hilliard.

The game got off to a slow start with both sides unable to settle in to a rhythm, but it was the Huntsman who broke the deadlock on 20 minutes when a corner was nodded down in the box by Dave Neale and Banner was on hand to flick a header beyond the goalkeeper. A couple of penalty shouts were turned away but the Huntsman went in leading 1-0 at half time the message was to get the all-important second goal to gain full control of the game.

It was Banner again who doubled The Huntsman advantage, as the ball found him 25 yards out and his precise right footed chip found the net.

Banner then rounded of a magnificent debut with a drilled left foot volley from the edge of the box to give him a perfect hat trick and a well-deserved man of the match.

The scoring was then rounded off as substitute Andrew Richardson broke away and calmly slotted his one on one into the right hand corner. Huntsman 4-0 Elm Road Club. Next up for the Huntsman are Coundon Miner's Arms at home. 10:30 kick off at Simpature Park.

The club are currently on the lookout for new sponsorship for new strips and training equipment, if any local businesses would be interested in helping out get in touch with Neil on 07972 071603.

By Craig Woodhead

Bank Holiday Bonanza for Cancer Support Group

On Bank Holiday Sunday 28th August the Locomotion One Pub are arranging a Fundraising Event in Aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group who support patients and their families affected by cancer in our local community. Fun in the Car Park will be hosted by the Locomotion One Pub and in association with Locomotion FC from 11am until Late.

During the day we are having a car boot sale free admission to buyers and if you are interested in having a stall it will be a £10 fee for your pitch, spaces are limited so if you are interested please call Allison on 07762258696.

Their will also be: Face and Nail Painting Bouncy Castles including the New Disco Dome

Various Jewellery and Craft Stalls (if interested in having a stall please contact Allison) - Tuck Shop - Food stalls selling Hot Dogs etc - Games for the kids - DJ throughout the day - Tombola and Prize Bingo.

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Bus service provided from various pick up points. A Taxi service will be available on the night locally providing you get a reward card filled up after buying various drinks throughout the night. More Information can be obtained from Keith At Locomotion One.

We are having a Big Raffle so thank you to everyone that has donated so far, we are still looking for companies and Individuals to come forward with prizes or any donations towards the event. All money raised on the night will go to Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

For any more information Call Allison on 07762258696 or pop along to the Locomotion One Pub to see Keith and Jade.

I TOLD YOU SO . . .



Dear Editor,

It is with pure frustration I write to you again in an attempt to get through to the powers that be regarding the atrocious driving on our town.

Some weeks ago I sent in some dash camera footage on this issue and warned the police about the consequences of ignoring my concerns,

Last Friday at around 8-30pm there was an horrific bang outside our house on Pease Way, I did not witness the incident but others did. One of the vehicles was a blue Nissan which swerved to miss another vehicle and collided with the bus shelter.

The impact destroyed the steel barrier around the shelter, and the car hit the shelter with such force it rebounded back to the kerb on the other side of the road and was completely destroyed. Two cars were involved but I believe one took off.

My concerns are that had there been people in the shelter they may have been killed or seriously injured.

It is a matter of great concern to me and others that this is a dangerous road, and the junction at Pease Way should have a crash barrier to eliminate the possibility of vehicles going straight on at speed.

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The Rotary Club helped with the charity collection

Tesco Newton Aycliffe held a Family Fun Day in their car park last Saturday to raise funds for their National Charity Partnership, Diabetes UK and British Heart Foundation. Local residents and customers had fun in the sun on the kiddies fun fair, bouncy castle, Mr Abro Magic tricks and food vans, raising £625 towards these charities. The staff also presented a cheque to Freya Aither and her family, where £350 was raised in partnership with This was presented on the day by Shirley Cormack Angela Walker and PCSO Steven Gill to Freya and her family to help raise funds for Freya's Freckle. We are also holding a bag pack this weekend with the help of the "Purple Ladies" to raise money for Emily Cook another young person in our community struck down with a severe illness. Tesco have donated raffle prizes to the recent fundraiser.

A TYNESIDE businessman who has become one of the biggest single supporters of the region's air ambulance is preparing to host his latest fundraiser at the races.

Tom Robson, who runs Roflow, an environmental engineering firm in Jarrow, will sponsor the Sedgefield Racecourse Ladies Evening and use the event to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS).

Mr Robson, who contributed £10,600 to the charity last year, will take over a suite at the County Durham course for the duration of the evening, on Thursday 25 August.

Guests will enjoy entertainment from Lorraine Crosby, a former contestant on The Voice, who also featured on Meatloaf's I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That). Vernon Kaye will DJ the after party for all racecourse guests following the racing.

An overnight stay and champagne dinner at Langley Castle is the top prize in the raffle. All money raised will go to support GNAAS, which operates three helicopters across the North-East, North Yorkshire and Cumbria. Mr Robson's fundraising for GNAAS began after the charity airlifted his dying mother to hospital, giving him precious time to say goodbye.

He said: "I'm buzzing to be helping GNAAS again. I've seen first-hand why it needs our support. Sedgefield Racecourse Ladies Evening is always a good party and I'm looking

forward to welcoming guests to the GNAAS suite."

Grahame Pickering MBE, chief executive at GNAAS, paid tribute to Mr Robson, who he described as "one of the biggest single supporters in the charity's history".

He added: "Tom is not only a great supporter of the charity but a great ambassador too. The money he has raised has done so much good in the region, and we'd like to thank him for once again thinking of the charity." Tables in the charity

suite have almost sold out but enquiries can be made by calling or by visiting www.sedgefield-racecourse.co.uk. The price is £70 per guest. Tickets for other enclosures from £10. Gates open at 3pm with the first race at 5pm.

Ready, Set, Grow for Care Home Residents

Residents at Rose Lodge Care Home have been flexing their green-fingers while celebrating the inclusive nature of gardening and the benefits that it has on our health and happiness.

In honour of the National allotment week on 8th – 14th August, the ladies and gentleman living at Rose Lodge care home have been getting their hands dirty as they enjoyed taking part in the Community Garden and Lunch Club, first launched by the Pioneering Care Centre in October of last year.

Attendees have enjoyed spending time in the communal gardens and taking part in the lunch club which features varied gardening-related activities, such as making and sampling smoothies made from home-grown fruits.

It was the perfect way to celebrate The National Allotment Society's 'National Allotment Week', with this year's theme of "Growing Together". The aim of the week was to draw attention to the inclusive nature of allotment gardening, appealing to all sections of society from the unemployed to the professional, all races and religions and all levels of ability.

Allotments may offer individuals the opportunity to manage a plot of their own



and grow their own food but they also host projects that range across many areas. e.g. adapted plots for people with disabilities, educational visits from schoolchildren, therapeutic growing opportunities for the bereaved, refugees, those with mental health issues and gardening on prescription.

Research has shown that therapeutic qualities of gardening have a positive impact on the health of care home residents in a number of ways, including encouraging gentle exercise, stimulating appetite, increasing vitamin D levels, improving mood and relieving stress.

Activities coordinator Diane Tweddle, Said: "For many

of our residents, gardening has been a life-long hobby and we like to encourage and assist people in continuing to pursue their interests and hobbies when they come to live with us."

"We have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the PCP's Community garden and lunch club, it's a fantastic community project and has been very rewarding for our residents. We always look forward to our visits."

To find out more about how to get involved in the club, please contact the Pioneering Care Centre.

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Air Ambulance Take on 3 Paramedics

The region's air ambulance has employed three new paramedics who will soon take to the skies.

The latest recruits at the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) will work from both of the charity's operational bases at Durham Tees Valley Airport, near Darlington, and at

Langwathby in Cumbria. They will also take on shifts as part of the MERIT scheme, an all-night response unit operating in the North East on Friday and Saturday nights. The trio have all previously worked at North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) and North West Ambulance

Service (NWAS) respectively, for longer than a decade. Marcus Johnson, 34, from Spennymoor, County Durham, was a former paramedic and mentor at NEAS.

The father-of-two said: "Here you can make a real difference as the air ambulance is called to the sickest and most in need patients. That is extremely rewarding."

Tim West, 33, from, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, is a former NEAS paramedic and has been a team member of Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team for 13 years.

The father-of-two said: "Each day is unique. Here, we are dealing with the patient group who have suffered a major trauma or are critically ill and can greatly improve their outcome."

"The camaraderie within the team is amazing. We are a real little family and the job satisfaction is immense."

"Of course flying and being able to see the region from the air is a perk of the job."

Sarah Graham, 39, from Bassenthwaite, Cumbria, was a HEMS paramedic with North West Air Ambulance for four years after her previous role within NWAS. She said: "What really struck me was the ethos of

all the staff at GNAAS who are constantly striving for new clinical developments and best practice.

"I relish in the knowledge and expertise and am looking forward to absorbing it all in. It is an honour and privilege to work within this team."

"It is the best job in the world."

Andy Mawson, deputy director of operations at GNAAS, said: "Many of the applicants were of high calibre but these three candidates stood-out during a tough selection process and we are looking forward to the future going forward with them as part of the aircrew."

GNAAS has to raise £4.5m every year to stay operational.

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Council "Fun in the Parks" Appreciated



Fun in the Parks has been a big hit with local families this summer. Organised and provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council, this popular free event visits eight of the Town Council's Parks on Wednesday and Friday during four weeks of the

schools' summer holiday. The fun started at the Town Park, with all events aimed at children between 3 and 8 years, offering entertainment including Punch and Judy shows, magician, face painting, small fairground rides, balloon modelling, bouncy castles and games.

Some of the events have a theme - the Oakleaf event was very well attended, with children fascinated by the unusual animals brought along by Krafty Kritters, while the Mad Hatters Tea Party at Moore Lane included a fancy dress competition, with children enjoying dressing up in imaginative costumes. Fine weather helped a number of Teddy Bears to enjoy a picnic (with their owners) at Woodham Park this week.

Three more events are planned, St Oswald's Park on Friday 19 August (with a circus theme), followed by Aycliffe Village Park and drawing to a close on 26 See the schedule on page 7 or visit the Town Council's website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Scoot Along to Horndale Park and Try the New Track



Thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership an eagerly awaited Scoot Track is now open at Horndale Park.

The project, delivered in partnership with Great Aycliffe Town Council, has provided a purpose built Scoot Track designed to complement the current wheeled play provision provided by the Town Council across the area.

The new facility provides a series of carefully designed tarmac ramps, which will challenge riders of all ages and abilities. The track is designed with scooters in mind, however, it is also suitable for skateboards, skates and BMXs.

The need for an additional facility to cater for scooters was identified after consultation with young people and local residents.

Findings from the consultation highlighted that young people felt that a Scoot Track would be well used and provide an alternative venue, specifically for scooters.

GAMP supported the Scoot Track with £24,500 of its Area Budget Funding going towards the construction of the track. Great Aycliffe Town Council have allocated resources towards the future maintenance and up-keep of the facility.

Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "Providing activities for the town's young people is a priority for GAMP, and by working in partnership with colleagues at Great Aycliffe Town Council, we have been able to provide a first class facility within one of the town's popular parks".



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Sisters United in Aycliffe After 2 years



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EDEN FIELD AT AGNEW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

The very first housing development from County Durham based Chapter Homes will open its doors to the public this weekend with the launch of its brand new show homes.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2016, Eden Field in Newton Aycliffe will be open for viewings from 10am until 4pm, allowing members of the public to take a first look at the homes on site.

The open weekend will be great fun for all the family, with children's games and family activities from 11am – 1pm on Saturday. There will also be a prize draw and complimentary drinks and nibbles available to visitors throughout the weekend. Richard Roddam, chief development officer at Chapter Homes, said: "We're very excited to finally be able to welcome people into our show homes and reveal the hard work of our team."

"This is the first development by Chapter Homes and we are very proud of the stylish, quality homes that are now available. We know that this weekend will be a great way to begin Eden Field's next chapter."

The Chapter Homes team will be on site all weekend, welcoming families into the homes and helping buyers to

pick their plot. Three of the eight different house types will be open for viewing – the Desmene, the Mason and the Cuthbert.

For any potential buyers, exclusive offers of £250 towards carpets for their new home, a bottle of Prosecco and a £99 reservation fee will be available to those making a reservation this weekend only (T&Cs apply).

Chapter Homes was formed in 2015, with the aim to meet the need for high quality

homes in the area, to bring new jobs to the region and to boost the local economy.

Work started on Eden Field in April 2016 and homes will be ready for the first buyers to move in at the start of September. The development houses 125 quality two, three and four bedroom homes, all with driveway parking and good sized gardens.

For more information on the open weekend or on buying a property, visit chapterhomes.co.uk or call 0330 353 0056.



Tom Married the Girl Two Doors Away



Front: Stephen Dunn, (friend), Lauren Sproates granddaughter, Olive and Tom. Back: Peter Sproates son, Andrea Sproates daughter in law, Christine Sproates daughter, Town Mayor Jed Hillary

Tom and Olive Sproates celebrated their Diamond Wedding on Thursday 11th August and their home at Washington Crescent was a sea of flowers from family and friends.

Our Mayor Jed Hillary added to the floral display calling on the couple with a bouquet and best wishes from the Council on behalf of the townspeople. Tom and Olive were born in Coundon and lived two doors from each other, attending the same schools. After four years courtship, romance blossomed and they were married at St. James' Church 60 years ago and when asked the question about their life together Tom said "No regrets"!

Tom started his working life as a Market Gardener and farmer. Olive was a Window Dresser for Woolworths and was trained in Liverpool. In 1964 they moved to

Newton Aycliffe when Tom took a job with Eatons moving to work for Schott Glass until he reached retirement age.

Meanwhile Olive had become a housewife and mother to their two children Christine and Peter who have given their parents four grandchildren. Olive revealed to Newton News with some excitement that a Great Grandchild was on the way.

The whole family live on the town and Tom is pleased to do some of the fetching and carrying required and is particularly proud of his granddaughter Lauren a talented dancer, who now teaches, and works at Tesco part time.

The happy pair celebrated their anniversary with a family get-together last Sunday with a Champagne Tea Party.

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On Thursday the 4th August the children of Playday Nursery enjoyed a trip to Tesco's to take part in their Farm to Fork. We looked at the different fruit and vegetables, explored the fish counter and watched how they made the bread and cakes. We then got to taste some of the food and had a fantastic time. All the children enjoyed their visit and send a big Thank You to Tesco's.

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Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters are hosting DAVE BROWN's Northern Soul at the Scout Centre Bluebell Way, on Sunday 28th August from 6.30pm. Tickets are £3 on the door. This is promising to be a very popular night – so tickets are on a first come first served basis. We are only a small venue so make sure you get here early! This event is the finale of our August Bank Holiday entertainment. The fun starts on Wednesday when the vintage/classic caravan club start to pitch up. These visitors are from all over the country and are coming to see what the North East has to offer. On Saturday evening 27th August Daniel Cole is on guitar in the bar from 8pm singing songs from Roy Orbison, The Beatles, T Rex, Elvis Presley, Oasis and many others. Entry is free to

this event.

On Sunday the 28th August Northern Bygones hold their CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW from 10am – with many expected – cars bikes and even the odd commercial. Refreshments will be on sale provided by 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group. There will be a TABLE TOP SALE in the hall, paintings, jewellery and bric-a-brac will be on sale. A few tables are still available, please call Karen on 07860 468056 to book your table (only £5) The licensed bar will also be open to provide soft and alcoholic drinks. All proceeds from this weekend will be used to run and maintain the Scout centre and enable Scout groups that use the facility to continue using the premises free of charge. Please come along and join in - all welcome.



Afternoon Tea for Kids at the Castle



Starting this month, the Library Tea Room at Auckland Castle will be offering a unique version of the traditional, English treat specifically designed for ages 12 and under. The specially adapted afternoon tea, which will be available daily until 3pm, includes a selection of simple sandwiches, such as ham and cheese, as well as a fruit scone with homemade jam, chocolate cake and a raspberry jelly. Served on a silver tea stand, just like the adult version, the traditional accompaniment of tea or coffee is replaced with hot chocolate and marshmallows for younger visitors, imaginatively served in a teapot to offer the same, grown-up effect.

All of the cakes and bread are homemade at the Tea Room using organic flour, milk, cream, butter and eggs, with a range of gluten and dairy free options, as well as vegetarian alternatives available for those with specific dietary requirements. The Library Tea Room at Auckland Castle, with free access, is open seven days a week from 10am until 4pm. While Auckland Castle closes to daily visitors from September 30th to allow for major restoration works, the Library Tea Room will remain open until December 2016.

Afternoon Tea for adults or young people is available until 3pm daily but must be booked 48 hours in advance. Prices start at £9 for ages 12 and under or £18 per person for the adult. For more information, or to book, please call 01388 743 797 visit www.aucklandcastle.org, or pop into the tea room and talk to a member of staff.

BEER FESTIVAL AT THE EDEN ARMS

On the 27th August we are holding a mini beer festival to raise money for Help For Heroes. We picked this charity because at the hotel there are many staff that have family serving or have been in the armed forces, so it is close to many of our hearts.

We have two local breweries Steam Machine and the Surtees Arms who will be coming with their beers for everyone to enjoy. Hot food will be cooked fresh by our chef and served during the day. While you're enjoying the family atmosphere you will be able to enjoy fantastic local bands who will play throughout the day.

We are very lucky to have Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society coming along with four of their buses. They will be providing rides for everyone to enjoy. This is a charity event and all money from ticket sales will go to the Help For Heroes charity. We will be also be holding a tombola. If anyone has any prizes they would like to donate please drop them off to the hotel reception. While everyone is



having fun at the hotel our Maintenance man Keith Robson will be riding his bike to Caterick Garrison and back, he is also collecting sponsorship and donations along the way. Tickets will be going on

sale on the 21st August at the cost of £2 per person they can be purchased from hotel reception. "We look forward to seeing you there and I'm sure that it will prove a great event." said Laurie Simpson, General Manager

Aycliffe Tri Club Report

Hi Readers, Aycliffe Tri Club's second race report of August, which begins with two fantastic firsts for Dan Halladay and Michelle Scott at the quite blustery Weardale Sprint Triathlon. Dan won the race in a time of 01:11:19, Michelle was hot on his heels, finishing 1st female and 4th overall in a time of 01:14:51, while a late entry by Austin Donaghue, saw him finish a brilliant 8th in his age group, 18th overall, in a time of 01:20:41. Over in Sunderland, swimming in the not so warm North Sea, two of our club members competed in the Suncity Sprint Triathlon. Graham Atkins crossed the line in 01:20:19, an excellent

7th position in his age group and 40th overall. Tracey Warrior's hard work rewarded her with a 4th position in her age group, 99th overall. And finally to the British Age Group Championships held in Liverpool. In amongst the jelly fish, Susan Brown held her head high to receive a Bronze medal in her age group, crossing the line in 02:18:12, with a 10k PB. Afterwards, she said it was 'a great race, great atmosphere and one of my favourite swims.' Melanie Rowland was equally pleased with her 13th position in her age group and a time of 02:43:36. And David Packham finished his first ever Standard Distance triathlon at this event in a time of 03:11:44.

URGENT NHS APPEAL FOR YOUNG BLOOD DONORS

NHS Blood and Transplant is urging people in County Durham to commit to saving lives by registering as new blood donors during the Missing Type campaign.

Blood donation saves lives. But NHS Blood and Transplant is uniting with 25 blood donor organisations across 21 countries to highlight an almost 30% international drop in people becoming blood donors last year compared to a decade ago.

The number of people becoming donors and giving blood for the first time in England decreased by 24.4% in 2015 compared to 2005. NHS Blood and Transplant – which first held Missing Type in England and North Wales in 2015 – is now leading the campaign for new blood donors to ensure blood donation for future generations.

Last year, 13,473 people in County Durham gave blood at least once. New blood donors are crucial for ensuring we have the right mix of blood groups to meet patient need in the years to come. There is a particular need for more young blood donors and more black and Asian donors.

Throughout the campaign As, Bs and Os – the letters of the main blood groups – are disappearing in everyday and iconic locations around the globe including America, Australia, Japan and Ireland. Patients from around the world have thanked blood donors in a moving video and famous names in participating nations are backing the campaign. In England, major supporters include Microsoft, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, Boots, Manchester City, Lloyds Bank and Royal Mail.

Half of all donors in England are over 45 so it's important we recruit younger people to donate blood to help meet patient needs now and in the future.

Last year, 12.3% of our donors in County Durham were aged 17-24, and 55.7% were aged 45 or over.

Mike Stredder, Director of Blood Donation at NHS Blood and Transplant, the service that collects, tests and processes blood for hospitals across England, said: "Blood donation is an

amazing gift and transfusions save lives in County Durham every day. Whether it is patients receiving treatment for cancer, blood disorders, after accidents or during surgery, or new mums who lost blood in childbirth, blood is an absolutely essential part of modern healthcare.

"Thanks to the generosity of our current donors, hospitals have the blood needed to treat patients and there is not a crisis in blood stocks. Despite overall blood use in hospitals declining, we need more young donors to safeguard blood donation for future generations. And it's vital the blood donor community reflects the diversity of the population because blood types vary across communities and patients need well-matched blood.

"We need people from County Durham to register today as new blood donors at www.blood.co.uk. We particularly need people with blood groups O negative, and A negative to come forward and people from black and south Asian communities.

"Don't worry if you've never given blood before and don't know what blood group you are – you find out shortly after your first donation. What's important is that you register as a donor and book your first appointment to donate."

In 2015, hospitals in England were provided with 1.6 million units of blood provided thanks to around 900,000 donors – around 154,000 gave blood for the first time.

Barriers to people becoming blood donors identified by blood services taking part in the Missing Type campaign include:

- Wider and more exotic travel
- People having less time to give in an increasingly busy world
- Lack of awareness of the process
- Fear of needles

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6-5 Victory for Sports Club

The opening game of the season saw Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC host Kirk Merrington Half Moon at Moore Lane in what turned out to be a great opening game for the Wear Valley Sunday League Division 2. Kirk Merrington applied the early pressure on the home team forcing a number of corners which the Sports Club had to defend within the first ten minutes. However it was a long clearance from captain Mark Craggs on fifteen minutes which fell to Chase McMullen who neatly slotted home to make it 1-0 to the home side.

The Half Moon quickly hit back just moments later with a similar goal, hit over the top and slotting home to make it 1-1 on the 20 minute mark. The home side tried to take advantage with a free kick outside the area, which unfortunately came to nothing. Just before the half hour mark, the away side snatched the lead with a similar goal to the others, long ball over the top down the right hand side and smashed home on the near post. With time running out in the first half, the home side managed to grab the equaliser with Owen Carlin cutting in from the left hand side to fire home.

A number of substitutions were forced due to injuries at half time by the Sports Club.



Warren Richardson came on for Matty Alder, Tommy Young for Mark Craggs and Anthony Campbell for Owen Carlin. The opening ten minutes were pretty even with both sides trying hard to take advantage, but it was Chase McMullen who put the home side ahead after Warren Richardsons through ball found the strike who cheekily lifted the ball over the top of the keeper and slotted home on the hour mark. It took ten minutes for the away side to draw level with a cute strike from the edge of the box beating keeper Shaun O Hara. The away side took just another 2 short minutes to take the lead making 4-3 on 75 minutes.

David Teder was to make it 4-4 on 75 minutes cutting in from the left hand side

to draw the home side level. Substitute Anth Campbell then made it 5-4 with a great 20 yard run taking it past 3 defenders before slotting home. Campbell repeated the same move again leaving defenders for dead before firing home to make it 6-4 with 10 minutes to play.

Kirk Merrington made the last few minutes interesting scoring from a deep cross which seemed to have crossed the line, but with the defence and keeper appealing, the away side slotted home for 6-5. The Sports Club held out for the 3 points to take the well earned victory into next weeks Deby game against the Navy Club.

MOM: Kyle Allen. Scorers: Chase McMullen (2), Anth Campbell (2). David Teder.

Aycliffe out of FA Cup

Newton Aycliffe's hopes of repeating last season's magnificent run in the Emirates FA Cup quickly evaporated on Tuesday night. Last year we managed to take FA Trophy winners North Ferriby to a replay in the Second Qualifying Round.

Safari Park & Zoo Trip

Western Area Community Centre Junior Neighbourhood Watch group are organising a Holiday Trip to South Lakes Safari Park and Zoo on Wednesday 31st August leaving Alston Crescent. 9.15am Silverdale Place 9.30am.

Bus price is £5 per seat - admission £11.50 per adult children FREE. Seats to be paid for when booking, before 25th August.

During the summer holidays we have been running trips each week and this trip is to thank all the people who have supported every trip. Spare seats may be available

We have had several fun day activities funded by LIVIN and our final one is on Silverdale Green funded by LIVIN on 25th August 10.30am until 2.30pm Grateful thanks to Nicky Duffy for arranging these events on behalf of LIVIN. Ring 01325 308094 / 07967 901477.

This year we crashed out against fellow Northern League side Washington in the Extra Preliminary Round. After a 2-2 draw at the Mechanics' ground at Nissan the sides tried again at Moore Lane on Tuesday night. The first half was goalless with some wayward shooting leaving the ball boys busier than the goalkeepers. The first half ended with a red card for Washington's Ashley Davis.

As is often the case in football Aycliffe failed to capitalise on the numerical advantage in the second half. The visitors, however, reorganised & came out even more determined. They earned their reward after 56 minutes with a headed goal from Matty Waters. Within ten minutes it was 2-0 thanks to a goal from Mark Davison, meeting a cross from the left to shoot past James Winter. Aycliffe tried to respond as the clock ran down but were unable to break through a strong Washington defence. With the final whistle approaching Aycliffe were also reduced to 10 men as Paul Garthwaite was sent off for a foul.

It was a disappointing result for the team who now face a tough start to the Ebac Northern League with a game at Marske on Saturday 13 August followed by the visit of newly promoted South Shields on Tuesday 16 August, KO 7:30pm.

Aycliffe FC Stun Shields

Newton Aycliffe FC stunned newly promoted South Shields with a last minute winner at Moore Lane on Tuesday night. Shields, boasting former Sunderland star Julio Arca were unable to hold on to the point that looked likely for much of the game.

Aycliffe got off the mark first thanks to a cool finish from Dennis Knight. The forward latched onto a throughball beating the defence & slotted the ball past Shields keeper Christopher Elliott. Man of the Match Knight was outstanding throughout the game with his workrate causing problems for the visitors.

Shields equalised after 14 minutes with Gavin Cogden turning in a Michael Turner cross.

Before the break Aycliffe had a strong penalty appeal turned down after an apparent trip on Knight. Shields pressed in the second half but the Aycliffe defence held well. In the end it was the Moore Lane faithful who had plenty to cheer. An Aycliffe corner in the last minute found Jordan Laidler who fired high into the net.

This was an excellent win over a well resourced Shields side, led by Arca, who are expected to do well in the Northern League this year.

Aycliffe are now on a run of consecutive home games which continues on Saturday 20 August against Jarrow Roofing (ko 3pm) followed

by Dunston UTS on Tuesday 23 August (ko 7:30pm).

Volunteers Wanted to Help on Community 'Jaunt'

The Aycliffe to Shildon Jaunt organisers are appealing for volunteers to act as marshals along the route to ensure the safety of participants.

People with First Aid Certificates will also be needed to cover this safety angle.

It is essential everyone sticks to the designated route and should be aware that there is an extra distance to walk to get to the Museum where the celebrations take place along with free refreshments and entertainment.

There will be a busy road to cross and participants are warned to exercise care and attention.

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Our u11’s lost at home to title challengers Hartlepool by 51 runs despite a good performance with the bat from Leo Mercy, who top scored for Aycliffe with 10 runs.

The club continue to run the successful “Quick Cricket” sessions every Wednesday during the schools six weeks holiday, and have another session planned on Wednesday 17th August, from 10am to 12pm, cost £3 per person, per session. These weekly cricket sessions are open to boys and girls, of any ability, aged 11 or under and for further details, please contact Club Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

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who looked most likely to find the net in the early play. Ashley Coffey had two chances in the first five minutes. The first was an attempted lob over the keeper while the second was a 25yd shot which hit the crossbar. Dennis Knight tested the home defence throughout the first half & on 12 minutes saw a challenge on a defender rebound to Jordan Laidler. Unfortunately the shot went

wide. Marske responded with an attack which had to be cleared off the goal line. Aycliffe continued to press with Knight having a shot deflected wide. Coffey also caused problems & after the half hour put a cross over which left John Campbell with too tight an angle for an effective shot.

As halftime approached Aycliffe suffered a blow when Knight picked up a knock which led to his substitution for the second half. Within 2 minutes of the restart Earl broke the deadlock with a powerful shot which gave James Winter no chance in the Aycliffe goal. Seven minutes later Earl came close to his second but was denied by a diving save by Winter. However, it was fellow former Newtonian Owens who bagged the second a minute later with a delicate chip over Winter.

Aycliffe's chances of pulling a goal back were further diminished shortly afterwards when Campbell went off injured. With ten minutes remaining Earl scored another, capitalising on a mistake in the Aycliffe defence.

For the second game in a row Aycliffe failed to follow up on a promising first half & will be disappointed to have conceded three goals in the second half. However, losing both Knight & Campbell to injury was always going to make it difficult.

Aycliffe now return to Moore Lane for a match against newly promoted South Shields who include former Sunderland star Julio Arca among their ranks. Aycliffe won the last encounter, in the Durham Challenge Cup semi final, on penalties. Kick off at Moore Lane is at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16 August. Jarrow Roofing are then the next visitors on Saturday 20 August, KO 3:00pm.

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It will be a fun day for all 8 to 16 year olds, playing crazy, wacky games and meeting new friends. It's just a laughable crazy day, and all they need on the day is a packed lunch and a BIG smile. Oh please remember no heellies or chewing gum allowed on the day - Thank you. Ring 07747 826324 for more information

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