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Aycliffe Mini Police Form Royal Guard of Honour



Two Mini Police from Woodham Burn Primary, Stephenson Way Academy, St. Francis and Sugar Hill School helped to form a Guard of Honour for the Duke of Kent's arrival at Durham Police headquarters recently. The mini police who enjoyed the experience, met the Duke of Kent and the Lord-Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon. They also got a quick look at the Royal helicopter.



BRASS & CHOIR IN CONCERT

Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band join the Marie Clare Choir in Concert on Friday 4th November at 7-30pm in St Clare's Church Hall. They will perform a programme of popular music and songs to satisfy all tastes with a chance for a bit of audience participation as well. So bring your Union Jack flag to wave while you sing "Rule Britannia". It will be a great evening and have you enjoying all the emotions that music and song can bring. Tickets are available £5 adults £2 children, from Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755 or pay at the door.

ROF59's First Music Festival - Sell Out!

The organisers of ROF59's first music festival are delighted to announce it was a great success - so much so that next years date has been finalised and shall be on the 30th September 2017. The band line up will be announced by the end of the year. The owner John Finley said "The turnout exceeded expectations and it was fantastic to hear such positive feedback from the local community" ROF59 would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support making the festival such a memorable occasion. The acoustic session in The Bunker Bar was so popular ROF59 are to host another one on Friday 28th October.

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£1000 from Honest John

Honest John's stall has donated £500 to the Stephenson Way Academy Nursery towards the cost of an outside Garden Canopy for year 1. Another £500 has gone to Newton Aycliffe Pathways to purchase Computer Tablets for Support Service Users with complex needs. John thanks DISC, Val his assistant, generous donors and customers.

SKATING CLUB RAISE THEIR PROFILE



Thank you so much to the Rotary Club for inviting us and welcoming us to Locomotion Museum event on the Community Jaunt. All of the skaters and their families enjoyed the fun day and the children loved performing in front of an audience. It was fantastic to help improve their self confidence and we had some lovely comments from the public. As a result, we enrolled four new skaters! Thank you so much for your help and support. We would love to be involved with community events again.

Tracy Stevens
Spectrum Roller Skating Club coach

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Saturday 15th October - "American Girl"

American Girl is a four piece, 100% live, rock/pop band, fronted by Lara who really is an 'American Girl' all the way from sunny California! They play music from a variety of artists and can tailor a setlist for different venues.

Review: "Fantastic performance once again by 'American Girl'. Excellent musicianship by the guys and brilliant vocals and stage presence by Lara. Played back videos recorded at gig and Lynne, my girlfriend, said to me you are the full package. Lara you are lovely and you guys Rock. From 'Ballroom Blitz' to 'Black Velvet' to 'Rebel Yell' etc; everything you played you left your mark once again". Covering tracks by Joan Jett, Pat Benatar, Anastacia, Cher, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Aerosmith, The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, Blondie, Bryan Adams, Thunder, Springsteen and much more.

BEER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Day 1 - Friday 21st October - Open-Mic / Buskers

Day 2 - Saturday 22nd October - "GroveTrain"

Top North-East venue review - This was a first for the tuns I think, James Brown,

Marvin Gaye and a bunch of funk tunes I was kind of familiar with but it wouldn't have mattered because 'Groovetrain' are about the delivery not just the great choice of songs. I loved the fact that Micky Luv describes himself as lucky to play with such talented musicians. My mate Col told him on Saturday he's the 4th best looking and the 4th best singer and if that were true for me, he's still the reason Groovetrain are the must see band. A packed Tuns absolutely lapped it up from the stunning playing of young Michael to the total class of the guy on sax. When he sang I literally couldn't believe how good he was and then he started to play! There's nothing to say about the backline of Ian and John, they must be the best on our local scene then it's back to Micky Luv who had the crowd eating out the palm of his hand, then we had the surprise introduction of Tuns favourite Beth Macari on vocals late on and it was the icing on the cake.

Day 3 - Sunday 23rd October - "Dust Town Dogs"

Fantastic band with a great following, first time in Aycliffe but played sell-out gigs locally

Gig-Pit Review: "One of the most energetic and entertaining live acts I've seen for a long time. The Dust Town Dogs play an eclectic mix of classic punk, rock, ska, country and folk songs all done with acoustic instruments. Don't be fooled though, they are loud! The band are tight, the vocal harmonies excellent, the harmonica playing superb and to top it all off, it's all done 'doggy' style! Maybe that's why the ladies seem to love them?"

"Surprise of the day for me was Dust Town Dogs. I'd heard about them but never really fancied the style of music they play. Well how wrong can one be? One word - 'tremendous'. Go get there CD, for those few who don't know, they play a kind of Cajun/Pougues mix. If you don't like them, you don't have a heart and your probably dead."

Saturday 29th October - "GateCrashers"

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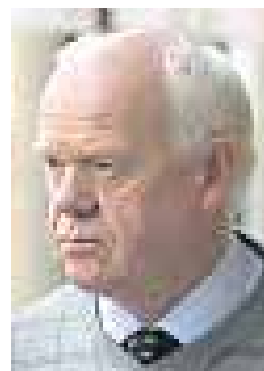
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Speakers Impress Aycliffe Rotary Club

Rotarians in Newton Aycliffe heard how life for students at Woodham Academy was not simply about gaining good academic results.

Headteacher Christine Forsyth said that it was equally important to give young people the right values in such areas as good behaviour and good manners to prepare them for future life in the community.

In an impressive review of recent developments at the Academy, Mrs Forsyth (pictured left with Rotary Club President Nora Scott) revealed how one third of the students were now involved in some form of sport and how this had led to a marked improvement



in academic results.

The aim of the Academy, she said, was 'Achievement for All' Mrs Forsyth was introduced by Rtn Syd Howarth and thanked by Rtn John Snowball.

The club recently welcomed as guest speaker Mr John Elliott, chairman of Ebac (the acronym stands for Excellent Bishop Auckland Company) which began life in 1973 building industrial dehumidifiers and then developed the UK's first mass-produced domestic dehumidifier. It subsequently introduced a range of refrigerators and freezers and more recently a successful range of washing machines which are now much in demand in the American market.

After moving to Aycliffe EBAC now stand for "Even Better Aycliffe company". Both Mrs Forsyth and Mr. Elliott were described by members as 'truly motivational speakers'

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Help for Care Home



We received a kind donation of £500 from Honest John and was hoping that you might put an announcement in the Newton News to thank him:

Rose Lodge care home would like to say a huge thank you to Honest John for his kind donation of £500. The money will be used for the homes residents' fund, which goes towards extra treats, entertainment, and outings for residents.

Nicola Wheatley, Rose Lodge Home Manager, and resident Brian Rose visited Honest John to collect the cheque and thank him for his kind continued support. Attached is a photo of the collection.

Kind Regards,
Joanne



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Our meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month except for January and August. The meetings are held at the Youth Centre in Newton Aycliffe (Opposite Tesco) at 6pm until 7.30pm. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat with our other members in a friendly and relaxed environment. Each meeting consists of guest speakers that have information that might be helpful. We have regular social events, meals out and day trips. Along with our sponsors we do our own fundraising.

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Aycliffe's MAD choir performed an amazing concert at the Xcel Centre last Saturday and Musical Director Evelyn Lodge said: "I'm so very proud of the guys and think they are getting better every year!"

Judging by the tumultuous applause they received from an appreciative audience she is correct. The proceeds go to charity and this year Xcel Local which helps disadvantaged people received £1,230.

Evelyn thanks the soloists who included Rachael Mawston, Nikki Hopkins, Lauren McAvoy, Vanessa Street, Lynne Preece, Alison O'Sullivan, Jono Holcroft, Josh Barr, Amy Harrison,



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Town Mayor Jed Hillary with Evelyn Lodge



Soloists with Evelyn Lodge

Tommy Raitand Sarah Watson who were all superb. The MC was Anth Dent whose patter kept the audience amused.

Thanks are also recorded for the Technicians: Kevin Lodge - sound, Lee Johnson - media, Darren Stubbs - lights and Sam Dixon for stage management. Sonia We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Xcel Centre for the use of the facilities and their continued support and also to Woodham Community Centre.

New members are welcome for both MAD Community Choir and Aycliffe Gospel Choir who rehearse at the community



Founder Sonia Scott with Amy Harrison

centre on a Wednesday evening from 6.45

Benefit of a Witness

Dear Editor
I was involved in a small accident in Tesco's car park recently. It was nothing major - just a small prang when a car reversed into my side door, but the damage was obviously fairly significant on my car. Thankfully everyone involved was ok, although I'm not sure if I'm going slightly mad after numerous phone calls and insurance forms! However, in her confusion the other party did not want to admit liability initially, and so I sought witness from nearby cars, who, shall we say, stated the obvious to the other driver. What's more important though, after we had swapped details, a witness voluntarily came over afterwards and offered his name and number to pass on as an independent witness. This certainly helped the process go much smoother. It does make me wonder

though, how many people reading this could honestly say to themselves, in this age where we have to complete lists longer than our arms and are on the go 24/7 with work, would really offer to do this? Or would you be just too busy, keep your head down and forget about it? We should of course, and I certainly will do if I'm in a similar situation having been through this experience. I hope anyone reading this does think twice in the future before walking off into the distance when they can be of assistance. I would just like to finish by thanking this person; I have done so personally, of course. It may have been a small incident, but his actions had a big impact - not only on my insurance claim, but also in restoring a little faith in humanity. Thank you Mark! Paul Simmons

Hub of Wishes Celebrate 1st Birthday



The Hub of Wishes celebrated its 1st year on Tuesday 4th October. The charity helps and supports adults with mental health issues and Vicki Lawrence Manager said it has been a very successful year for the organisation, managing to secure funding to open 5 days per week and offering more services to the ever growing membership. Joanne Howe Deputy Manager said: "We will strive to gain more funding this year to secure a bright future for our organisation". The Hub of Wishes is open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm - no appointment necessary just pop along for a cuppa and a chat

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The Therapy Suite is now up and running again with therapies by appointment on Wednesdays at a cost of £10 per session.

Photo: Adam White GAMP, Counc. Eddy Adam, Nicola Mason The Purple Ladies, Vicki Lawrence Manager, Joanne Howe Deputy Manager, Lesley Bailey Chairperson and Andrea Walker Treasurer.

A massive thank you to the above people for supporting us as an organisation with needs for vital funding. Vicki Lawrence Manager



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POLICE TACKLE SHOPLIFTING



Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team and North East Retail Crime Partnership (NERCP) organised a shopwatch event in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre last week.

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Aycliffe - North East's Best Rotary Club



Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club has been honoured with the highest possible accolade by one of the region's most senior officials – North East England's 'Rotary Club of the Year'.

At the North East England District Rotary Conference in Harrogate, Immediate Past District Governor Terry Long also honoured Newton Aycliffe with the regional Community Service Award after describing the club as 'the perfect role model of a successful, vibrant and diverse Rotary Club'. He later added: 'In my judgment, Newton Aycliffe is the District's Rotary Club of the Year'. In a comprehensive review of the club's 'exemplary' service to the community, he cited its organisation of a model rail exhibition, partnership with Tesco's fund-raising activities, support of District disabled games, charity golf day, involvement with local schools including distribution of dictionaries and its role in a four-club swimathon event which has raised over £300,000 since it began. There was praise, too, for the club's PR officer and also for the current President, Rtn Nora Scott, and her sergeant-at-arms husband, David, who organize a 'legendary' weekly club raffle, as well as recognition of the club's record of support for District by providing it with three Past District Governors and several District Officers. "I visited Newton Aycliffe many times in my year in office and the meetings were all vibrant and full of activity by a high proportion of the total club membership", said the former District Governor. He presented the Community Service trophy to Newton Aycliffe's Immediate Past President, Rtn Denese Cartwright (pictured left) with Immediate Past Community Service Chairman Tony Robinson and current President Nora Scott.

Greenfield Kept Calm During Scary Incident

Dear Syd, I would like to go on record thanking the Headmaster David Priestley and all the staff at Greenfield School, for the professional and caring way they handled the incident that took place outside the school on October 5th, when two youths were seen to be brandishing an air rifle. They should be commended for taking the decision to keep the pupils safe and secure within their classrooms, away from any potential harm outside the school gates, until the Police arrived. As a parent of two girls who attend the school, I am told the environment was calm and lessons were taking place as normal, throughout the "lock down" period.

Newton News spoke to Greenfield Community College and the following reply has been submitted by David Priestley, Executive Headteacher:

"As you can imagine it was really important to keep everyone safe and calm while the police undertook their investigations and dealt with the matter. We feel that the situation was handled in an appropriate and robust way and are hugely grateful to both the staff and pupils for their calm and sensible approach. As soon as we were able we shared the information that we had by texting the majority of the parents to explain the situation with letters being sent to those not on our automated system."

Unfortunately the most concerning and disturbing part of this episode, took place outside the school on Thursday October 6th, when a clearly misinformed parent, for his own mystifying reasons decided that instead of asking for a private meeting with the School to air his view, he would instead stand outside the school as pupils were leaving for the day and hurl abusive, threatening language and behaviour at the Headmaster in full view of pupils and parents. I do hope that on reflection this individual will issue an apology to pupils and the School for any upset his frightening and needless behaviour caused. Kind regards, Richard Mallender,

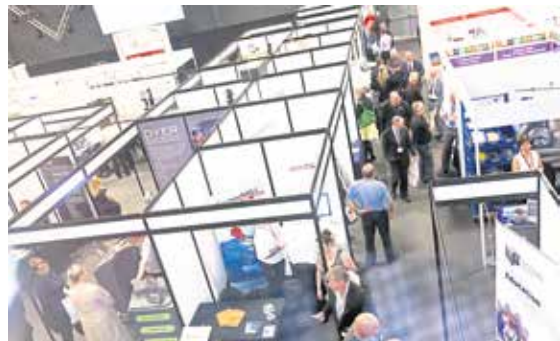


Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are saddened to announce the death of Terry Parsons. Terry collapsed whilst playing rugby for Newton Aycliffe second team, 'Newtonians', against Houghton le Spring Seconds on 24th September, approximately 30 minutes into the game. Despite valiant efforts by two players, Paul Ryans (NARUFC) and Gareth Hockey (HRUFC) to revive him, and later by the Emergency Services, Paramedics and the medical team from the Great North Air Ambulance Service, Terry never re-gained consciousness. Terry, 48, joined Aycliffe in the early 2000's as a sprightly thirty year old and played for over five seasons. He was out of the game at Aycliffe for a spell due to illness, but returned again in 2015 with his two sons Matt and Jack. The boys had spent some time in Darlington playing junior rugby. Terry had heard about the start of second team rugby at Aycliffe and wanted to offer his guidance and experience. He also wanted to play rugby with his two sons whom he was immensely proud. Aycliffe were delighted with his return. This was a tragedy in its truest sense - a father of five losing his life whilst playing rugby, the game he loved. Terry was a very popular player, a family man, a man with morals and high standards, always smiling, always approachable. He was always last to the game and last on the pitch. The warm up was superfluous to Terry's game plan and a hot drink was his pre-match preparation. Yet once the game started he played the game with zest and enthusiasm, never losing the will to win. Terry had a calming, almost laid back, demeanour off the pitch. He loved a cup of tea and a natter... no alcohol for Terry.



He loved the crack in the club house, and the camaraderie a team sport generates. Above all he loved playing rugby with his two lads - he was a team mate, a friend and he will be sadly missed. Our condolences and thoughts go out to Ali his wife, his daughter Donna and his four sons David, Matt, Jack and Terry Junior. They will always be in our hearts. Darryl Pettit. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club.

Aycliffe Oktoberfest at Xcel Centre



DOZENS of businesses from the region's engineering and manufacturing sectors will descend on Newton Aycliffe later this month to meet potential customers and suppliers. Durham Oktoberfest is the North East's biggest shop window for businesses looking to promote their offering and is taking place on Thursday, October 20, at the Xcel Centre. Exhibition stands are almost sold out and companies are reminded to book their space now to ensure they don't miss out.

Oktoberfest organiser Paul Sun said: "As usually happens there has been an influx of enquiries from companies keen to exhibit so stand availability is becoming extremely limited. "Durham Oktoberfest is the region's biggest and best shop window for companies who want to meet potential suppliers, buyers and customers and brings together hundreds of industry professionals who want to promote their business. "We know from many returning exhibitors, among them Altec Engineering, Dyer, EDM Zone and E-Max Systems, that businesses who attend do come away with real leads. So we'd urge anyone who hasn't yet registered to

book now before the stands are fully booked."

This year's event will feature a panel debate with regional business experts including Liz Mayes from the EEF; Tom Dower from the new South Durham UTC; Colin Bell, business growth director at the North East LEP; Matt Atkinson from Nine Software; Graeme Parkins from Dyer Engineering; and Roger O'Brien, director of AMAP at the University of Sunderland. Also on the line-up is:

- The North East Maintenance Forum
 - Tesla, who are showcasing two of their new vehicles
 - NHS Healthchecks
 - An education zone involving East Durham College, New College Durham, the University of Sunderland, Sunderland College and Derwentside College
 - Durham County Council's Credit Union
 - Workshops on additive manufacturing (BSI), social media (LEC Consultancy) and automation (Fast EMS).
- To find out more about Oktoberfest, which is organised by the County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network (CDEM) or to register as an exhibitor or attendee, visit durhamoktoberfest.org.uk.

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Lifeline Community Action's Baby Basics Project Benefits from GACAP Partnership

Lifeline Community Action has been a partner organisation in the Great Aycliffe Community Action Partnership (GACAP) since it was formed almost 3 years ago. The number of partners continues to grow and good work in the community happens every day. Baby Basics provides practical support to families with children under 5, particularly those with new babies and for the most part are able to provide families with what they need.

However, on occasion additional support may be needed beyond the constraints of the Baby Basics Project and as a result of the GACAP database and networking opportunities at its monthly meetings, Baby Basics Volunteer Manager, Sheena Stephenson has linked up with Geoff Batchelor from the Rotary Club who have stepped in and provided the help needed.

Three families received support as a result of this GACAP partnership working

together and those families were relieved to receive all the support they needed at such a difficult time. Sheena told us that similar partnership support for a further four families has been achieved as a result of working with another GACAP partner, XCEL Church, with similar excellent results for the people involved. Sheena said that as individual organisations we can do a good job, but by working together we can do it even better.

AARMS Group Raise £205

On 7th October the Aycliffe Alcohol Recovery and Mutual Support Group held a successful fundraising event at Tesco's raising £205.87p. Val Fawcett on behalf of AARMS wish to thank the Manager and staff for this fantastic opportunity and also everyone who donated on the day.

International Guests Visit Greenfield College



Greenfield Community College were privileged to welcome students and visitors from around the world recently, including India, France, Argentina and New Zealand.

St Bede's from Argentina are regular visitors to Durham due to their connection with Bede. This year the emphasis was on sports organised by PE teacher Barbara Davis. It was a great day with over 100 Greenfield students and 67 Argentinian visitors involved in a wide range of activities and challenges including boot camp, rock climbing, trampolining, dodgeball, table tennis, basketball, netball and football - all part of a great day along with partners ROF 59 on the Business Park.

Mrs Davis, was thrilled with the success of the event "We are delighted to build such a lovely friendship and for students to find out more about each other's culture making friends and connections, some of which are for life" said Mrs Davis.

The students had the opportunity to visit Room 13 and sample a SOLE session, enjoying debating big questions such as 'Should we have a universal language?' and 'What makes us different if we are all the same?' The visit culminated in a fabulous performance of dance where students from Greenfield and Argentina were able to showcase their talents, traditions and customs in an excellent finale. Students from Greenfield on both campuses also recently participated in an International commemorative



event at Thiepval where they represented their school, county and country. Some were able to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to talk about the experience. The event marked the conclusion of an International project in which the students studied WW1, explored local links to Durham Light Infantry and other regional battalions. They created art work which represented their thoughts on the war and worked closely with our partner school in Amiens to develop language and social/cultural links. Greenfield have recently welcomed visitors from France as Greenfield are planning a new project with partner school College Arthur Rimbaud in Amiens which will be based on the railways, past, present and future. It is hoped young people will be able to use the history of the railways and the investment in future rail travel by way of Hitachi as a stimulus to look at the impact on our communities, technology,

mobility, employment, productivity etc. "As always, we are hoping, through the use of enquiry, for creative outcomes and that the use of arts and languages will be at the heart of the project" said Mrs Dixon, Subject Leader for Performing Arts.

Greenfield Arts have played a large role in hosting events like this, offering SOLE sessions to highlight the self-organised style of learning that we promote, as well as the large role we play in the local community.

The Engine Heads, who are student ambassadors for the SOLE project, met with visitors from New Zealand and SOLE Central in Newcastle, including Professor Sugata Mitra and colleagues from India, to explain how the project was developing, and see how other schools and countries were using the system.

It was a brilliant crossing of cultures and the students were able to see how their hard work is spreading across the globe.

GET YOUR TICKET FOR BONFIRE NIGHT

Great Aycliffe Town Council will again be holding its Annual Fireworks Display on Saturday 5th November 2016. There will be a funfair for young children, which will open at 5.30pm, the beacon will be lit at 7pm with the fireworks to follow.

Due to safety concerns Great Aycliffe Town Council have taken the decision to only allow residents of the Parish of Great Aycliffe to attend the display, therefore the event will be pre-ticketed. The Fireworks Display will be a FREE family event and residents can apply for a free wristband by attending Oak Leaf Sports Complex from

Saturday 15th October until Thursday 3rd November 2016.

You must provide proof of residency with a utility bill or photo card driving licence. Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis. One person may apply for their families wristbands, however please note there are a limited number of wristbands available.

The site will be secured and you will not be able to gain access unless you are wearing a wristband. If you require any further information please contact Rachel Goddard on 01325 300600.

STOP PRESS



Public Drop-in Event

You are invited to attend a public consultation relating to the proposed development of land south of School Aycliffe Lane to provide 88 new homes.

The drop-in event will be held at Oakleaf Sports Complex on Wednesday 19th October 2016 between 3pm and 7pm.

Miller Homes and the project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer any questions.

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1900-2200 - Dancing Through The Decades
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 15th October

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

Sunday 16th October

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

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th October

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Angela Kennedy

Christmas Cabaret

A "Comedy Cabaret Show & Disco" will be held at Newton Aycliffe's Scout Centre on the Saturday 10th December from 7pm.

This special Christmas show will feature Nikki Teene and Nikki Rett and promises to be an entertaining night. Tickets are priced at £5 each or £7 on the door. Call 07732 369192 to book or buy them from The Scouts Hut.

CREATIVE WRITING

W.A.S.P.S. the Simpature Residents Association has successful creative writing group meetings monthly at the Simpature Court coffee lounge.

The group are always looking for new members to come along and share ideas and stories. In future the plan is to publish some of the work.

Do you have an interest? Maybe a best seller or just want to try a new hobby? Contact John on 07972 170190 for more details.

Aycliffe Stroke Support Group Call for New Members & Volunteers

A Newton Aycliffe Stroke group is calling for new members and local volunteers to join them and help local stroke survivors on the road to recovery.

Newton Aycliffe LAS (Life After Stroke) was created in partnership with the Stroke Association and is run by volunteers to help people in the area rebuild their lives after stroke. The group meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 10-12pm, at the Pioneering Care Centre on Carer's Way.

Margaret Jackson, Group Secretary from Newton Aycliffe LAS, said: "We have around six regular group members of different ages and backgrounds who all have one thing in common – they're stroke survivors. The condition can be absolutely devastating, but with the right help and support, people can make fantastic recoveries, and that's what our group's all about."

"We put on a range of activities including communication support, speakers, outings, meals,

games and quizzes. We'd love to see more stroke survivors and volunteers from the area come along and join us at our group."

Danielle Cottrell, Community Development and Partnership Officer at the Stroke Association, said: "Support from Newton Aycliffe LAS can make a real difference to a stroke survivor's recovery and mental wellbeing. A recent report by the Nuffield Trust found that attending a Stroke Association Voluntary Group can help people feel less lonely and more confident after a stroke."

"Without the support of local volunteers, we couldn't be there for people who need help through one of the most difficult and frightening periods of their lives. Any stroke survivors and carers are welcome to come along to a group meeting and find out more."

To find out more about Newton Aycliffe LAS, call Danielle Cottrell on 0191 497 8328. To find out more about Stroke Association Voluntary Groups, visit stroke.org.uk

CARE HOME STAFF HONoured FOR DECADE OF SERVICE

Five members of staff at Rose Lodge Care Home had a surprise gift presentation to celebrate their decade of service to the home and its residents. Care Assistants Lorraine Sedgewick and Linzie Farrell, Activities Coordinator Diane Tweddle, Laundry Assistant Julia Gill, and Senior Carer Lynn Duncan were each presented with a bouquet of flowers and gift from Home Manager Nicola Wheatley on behalf of the home and residents to mark their career milestone. Caring duo Lorraine and Linzie say that their long service is down to loving their role as Care Assistants. Linzie Farrell, said: "I get great job satisfaction and feel I make a difference to the residents' everyday life."

Lorraine Sedgewick said: "I really enjoy my job and the people I work with."

Diane Tweddle worked as a

Domestic Assistant at the home for many years before taking on the Activities Coordinator role and is responsible for organising activities, events and outings for Rose Lodge residents.

She said: "I can't believe it's been 10 years since I started working at Rose Lodge. It's a lovely family friendly home and we like to involve all our families with activities and other social events. It's a pleasure to come to work."

Long-serving Laundry Assistant Julia Gill, praised for her high standards and person-centred service, was named as a national finalist in the 'Housekeeping Highflyer' category at this year's MMCG and Countrywide Care Awards. Senior Carer Lynn Duncan began working at Rose Lodge in 2006 as a Care Assistant when she was new to working

in the Health and Social care field but flourished in her role, completing NVQ level 2 and 3 Diplomas in Health and Social Care and End of Life care, and eventually was promoted to Senior Carer.

Rose Lodge Manager Nicola Wheatley, said: "We want to congratulate and thank our long-serving staff members for their many years of service. We're very fortunate to have such dedicated and hardworking team members who demonstrate a true passion for the care and well-being of our residents."

Rose Lodge is operated by UK Care Providers Countrywide Care Homes and offers residential care to the elderly, including dedicated care for people living with dementia.

Woodham's Dance Link With QE College



Woodham Academy Dance Academy students recently took part in a dance master class led by a London professional. The opportunity arose thanks to a new partnership between the school and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College.

College is at the forefront of the Year 11 Dance Academy members' minds, with dance being a promising option for many of the students. The newly developed link with the Sixth Form College in Darlington gave students the opportunity to train with former QE student, Hannah Mattinson. The talented student is currently in her third year at London's Contemporary Dance School.

Hannah led an outstanding contemporary dance session organised specifically for Woodham Students. The master class included several routines all of very high standard. The students picked up the complex routines quickly and thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Woodham Academy Dance Academy will return to QE this month for the college's Open Day where students have been invited to take part in another master class which will be delivered by Dance Nouveau.

Woodham Dance Academy

recently held trials for all year groups, with an exceptional number of attendees. Throughout the year the Academy will attend several dance competitions across the country and a variety of events, as well as The Dance Showcase held at Woodham Academy in March and The Great Big Dance Off.

Greenfield Community College were delighted to welcome Aycliffe Village Primary year 5 pupils last week and their teacher Ann Brown to Room 13 for a morning of creative writing.

Greenfield is very lucky to have an outstanding English department, and fortunate enough to have teachers such as published Author Eileen Wharton on staff.

Our school Librarian, Victoria Vennard arranged with the help of Eileen and their GCC student writing group a morning of fun and learning and even a little bit of rapping in a creative workshop.

The group worked together looking at how a character can originate from everyday objects and how we can develop it into a story asking simple questions like 'What makes it sad and happy?' The process helped to show the students that everyone has a story in them.

Students enjoyed themselves, and Casey Hilland said 'the workshop was awesome especially working with a different year group and to see how creative Year 5 is. Students have now been set the task to write their very own short stories with the goal of becoming published authors with their very own book launch in the New Year.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 26th October 2016

Council Meeting - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

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

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

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

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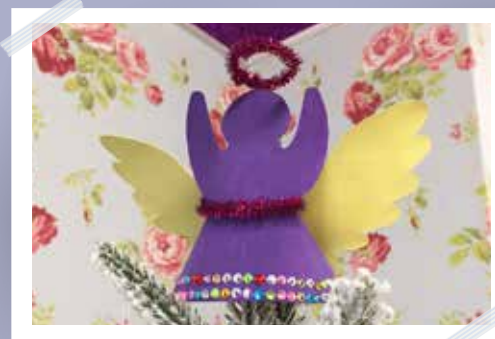


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MP WEARS IT PINK

Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, has been showing his support for women affected by breast cancer by dressing up in pink! Phil is encouraging his constituents to take part in possibly the UK's pinkest fundraiser, Wear It Pink, on Friday 21st October.

Back for its 15th year, Wear It Pink is calling on supporters

across the country to add a flash of pink to their wardrobe for the day, to raise money for Breast Cancer Now's life-saving breast cancer research.

Phil Wilson is asking people across his constituency to get involved on the day and help Breast Cancer Now, towards their ambition that, by 2050, everyone that develops the disease will live. Wear It Pink raises close to £2 million each year for world-class research into breast cancer. To take part all you have to do is wear pink. Speaking about Wear It Pink, Phil Wilson MP has said, "50,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the UK and sadly 11,500 women and 80 men will lose their lives to the disease.

"However, by taking part in Wear It Pink we can help put a stop to this. "I hope people in the local community will join me by wearing it pink on Friday 21st October and show their support."



Newtonian Graduates into the R.A.F.



Congratulations to former Woodham Burn and Woodham Academy student Jake Palliser Graduating into the Royal Air Force.

Aircraftman Palliser received the Lord Trenchard Trophy from Air Vice Marshal MAB Brecht CBE MA FRAeS RAF Chief of Staff Capability Air.

The parade at Royal Air Force Halton Wendover was proudly watched by his parents John and Melanie Palliser and his brothers Callam, Kain and Saxon.

CAN YOU HELP IMPROVE AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL?

Local groups, businesses, organisations and individuals who are interested in becoming part of the Festival in any way are invited to attend an Open Evening at Newton Aycliffe and Community Youth Centre, Burn Lane, on Tuesday 25th October at 6pm to discuss possible involvement with the Aycliffe Festival in 2017. The dates of the 2017 Festival are 14th – 30th July inclusive, 17 days in total encompassing three weekends.

The concept of the Festival is to involve as many of the local groups, businesses and voluntary organisations as possible, encouraging them to organise an 'event' within the time frame of the Festival.

Support will be available from the Town Council if required. Events organised by the local community during the past two years have provided a wide variety of experiences for children and adults and delivered a range of activities throughout the Parish.

It is hoped that the outcome of the meeting will be that groups will give further consideration or agree in principle to providing a community event during the timescale of the Festival. Meeting other organisers and potential organisers will also enable people to develop an understanding of the benefits of being part of this annual event both for themselves and

their communities. Light refreshments will be provided and I would be grateful if you could e-mail me at the above address, or telephone to advise me whether you or a member of your group/organisation/business will be able to attend to allow us to cater for you. If you are unable to attend on that date, but would be interested in receiving further information when it is available, please contact us and we will add you to our Festival mailing list. Additionally, if you know of anyone else who may be interested, I would be grateful if you could pass on the details of the open evenings to them.

ROTARY CLUB PRESENTATION



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe made a Dictionary presentation to Year 6 of Sugar Hill Primary School on Friday 7th October. Standing next to Rtn. Angela Stevenson on the left is Year 6 Teacher Garry Foxton and Trn. Barry Hutchinson is on the right.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Aycliffe Juniors Under 7's continued their amazing start to league football with a superb 9-2 win. The Under 8's had great success in their opening eight league games and have a fantastic 38 goals in an unbeaten run including six wins and two draws. They have played some really good opposition and shown quality and perseverance to sustain this great run of form. The Under 9's Russell Foster League side faced Newton Aycliffe Youth. They started brightly with McKenzie shooting just wide. Charlie then won the ball for Jake to go on a great run and score the first goal. The equaliser came despite great defending from Robbie, Charlie and Lucas. With only three minutes left the game was level. Some great play led to a goal for Lucas with Charlie getting two more in a 4-1 win. The man of the match was Jake Smith. The Under 9's TJFA league side were in top form to win 12-0. Lucas in goal was great when needed with Connor, James, Aidan and Jacob solid at the back. Goals came from debutant Dom getting 5, Jayden scoring 4, Niall got 2 and Rhys added another. The second game was also a convincing win and the men of the match were Jayden and Jacob. The Under 11 Russell Foster League team (pictured) were at home against HFC United Hoops. They were dominant in the first half with attacks built from the back and these forced saves from the visiting keeper, as well as a shot from Tom hitting the post. Half time came with a 1-0 deficit as HFC scored on the break. The second half was much the same and a lot of Aycliffe pressure was met by good defending and HFC again scored on the break to win the game 2-0. Man of the match was Alex. The Under 11 TJFA side put in a great effort against a strong Seaton Carew team. Superb goals in each half from Charlie, both strikes from outside the box, secured a 2-0 win. The defensive effort was superb with Harry, Jake and



Aaron first to everything and winning challenges to allow the attacking players to get on the front foot. Each of Evan, Lucas, Jacob and Zack made good ground and created chances during the match. The Under 12's maintained their 100% league record with an excellent 6-4 win away at Greatham. The Under 13's had a home game against Saxon Juniors, Aycliffe had more chances early on with Saxon looking good on the break. The visitors opened up a good lead and Zack's goal clawed one back to make it 4-1 at half time. A good team talk saw the lads start the second half positively with Olly and Adam scoring to get Aycliffe back in the game. This spirited display saw Owen also score but the match ended 7-4 to Saxon. The home team's man of the match was Zack who was influential and hard working in midfield. Under 15's continued their great start to the season with a 6-5 win away against Great Ayton. Under 17's last outing was an away match at Billingham Juniors, injuries led to only 13 players being available. Arron, Nathan and Jamie scored to put them 3-0 up. Billingham got one back to make it 3-1 at the break. Goals kept being exchanged as the score moved to 6-4 before Harrison marked a fine debut with the final goal in a 7-4 win. The Under 23's had a tough assignment visiting league

leaders Guisborough Town, who have not lost at home for four years. They put in a great display, hit the bar twice but could not avoid a 4-0 defeat.

Hospital Annual Coffee Morning

On Thursday 20th October the Macmillan Information Centre at Bishop Auckland Hospital are holding their Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning it starts at 10am until 2pm. As well as lovely homemade cakes and refreshments there will be a Tombola Stall and various other fundraisers. Here at the Centre we give cancer information help and support as well as providing Headwear and a monthly Bra Clinic for those suffering from as Breast Cancer. Anyone wanting to donate any prizes or who would like further information contact The Macmillan Information Centre on 01388 455230

Grading Success for Local Club



Last weekend students from Newton Aycliffe and Darlington took to the floor for their Black Belt grading. The standard on show was particularly high and brilliantly showcased the hard work and dedication of the students. Particular congratulations go to Sandra Roscher and Adrian

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Running Club Report



Aycliffe runners at Preston Park Trail Race

Judith Porter participated in the Round Ripon on the 1 October. It's 35m trail run that runners have to navigate. Judith completed the course in 8hr 57min. It is a great event for anyone fancying trying an ultra marathon. They give out snacks and fabulous cake at four check points. On the 2nd October three Aycliffe runners turned out for Kielder Marathon. John Heywood completed the course in 4:48:58. Next came Julie Nisbet with a course PB of 4:50:38. She was followed by Craig Robinson in 5:34:05. Club runners also turned out for the first Tees Trail Winter 5k, which took place on Sunday 9 October at Preston Park. After a heavy shower the sun got out and it remained dry for the race itself. John Surtees was first home for the club in 2nd position in 18:16. Tracy Surtees was next to finish and was also 1st senior female and 30th overall in 22:22. Next to finish was John Burnside, 31st in 22:30 and 1st in his category



John Heywood, Julie Nisbet and Craig Robinson

of male over 60, followed by newcomer Roger Haslett in his first ever Tees trail race, 33rd in 22:51. Michelle Zamir was next to cross the line, 34th in 22:53 and 1st in her category of female over 40, followed by Cyd Upton, 34th in 23:22 and Peter Smith, 49th in 24:12. The next finisher was Sam Elwell, 102nd in 27:51, followed by Kelly Smith, 116th in 28:48 and Ray Todd, 147th in 33:54.

Aycliffe Youth Football Round up

Under 12's Eagles are learning quickly that every week there is a tough game to be played in Division 1. Sunday was no exception. away to Skelton, a team we've never beaten. The instruction was plenty of urgency; using a little more intelligence when we have the ball. Peter Robinson and I (Paul Fitzpatrick) have not seen a better display of football by our boys. Brandon Addy, holding the ball up well and linking play. The defence Alfie Backhouse, Kieran Walton and Louis Airey looking very assured. The keeper Charlie Harrison made some class saves at very important times. Midfield, Jack Clarkson & Brennan Fitz working very hard. Adding to this, James Sear & Leon Patel battling up and down the lines. Calum Whitfield got the winning goal after all his hard work. Parents & coaches knew we had good bunch of individuals but today they played as a team. Well done boys A great display. Great game for the under 17's at home to Farrington who we drew 2-2 in our last game. I, (Michael Bloomer) told the lads we were the better team last time and now was time to show it. Two changes to the line up and tactics. It worked and Aycliffe looked very solid at the back all through the game. Aycliffe took the lead thanks to a back heel finish from J. Bateman. S. Thompson added Aycliffe's second when putting their defence under pressure. Aycliffe then conceded from their own free kick on the edge of their box. Straight from th kick off Aycliffe added wh a second goal from S. Thompson who also got



Aycliffe's fourth and his hattrick minutes later. Aycliffe added their fifth goal when D. Godfrey found the top corner from a cross shot. Just as Farrington pushed forward a great trio of passes in the midfield set J. Bateman in to add his second and Aycliffe's sixth. Two changes at half time because of injury just unsettled Aycliffe slightly but they kept Farrington quiet. J. Bateman sealed his hattrick and Aycliffe's seventh.

With 5 minutes to go, Farrington added their second. Final score 7-2. Just goes to show that when Aycliffe take their chances early they can boss teams and go onto win the game. Final word on the referee who has stepped up to our age group today and had a great game. For all of our results, up to date information or if you are interested in joining the town's biggest and best youth football club, please visit our website www.nayfc.com

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Curry & Quiz Raised £944

The Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie held a successful Curry and Quiz Night at The Spice Lounge in Fore Bondgate recently in which a magnificent £944 was raised. A huge 'Thank' You to all who contributed items for the raffle and to the DJs from the Hospital Radio who provided a fun but perplexing quiz as part of the evening's entertainment.

Special thanks, as ever, must go to Issy and his staff who most generously give up their own time to help raise substantial sums for local causes. All monies raised will go towards providing 'end of life care' in the Bishop Auckland area.

The next event in the Bishop Auckland Group's fundraising calendar is a Christmas Afternoon Tea with seasonal entertainment on Sunday 11th December 2pm - 5pm in The Memorial Hall at West Auckland. Tickets priced £15 are available from Elizabeth Varley (01388) 606075

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Harvest Festivals at Care Homes



Job Club's First Success

Lifeline Community Action holds their Job Club in the PCP at Cobblers Hall in Newton Aycliffe on a Tuesday Morning and after only two weeks has achieved their first success with one of their participants successfully securing themselves a Job.

The Job Club aims to help people back to work by providing a personal service which gives people both practical and emotional support to meet their personal needs while looking for work. Sessions cover practical topics such as identifying strengths & skills, CV writing and interview techniques. The sessions build confidence and self-esteem which is often low in those people who have been out of work for a long time. Lifeline Community Action Coordinator and Job Club Coach Pauline Chambers said "My Co-Job Club Coach Linzi Nicholls and I were absolutely thrilled when we received the email to say that one of our participants had been successful at her interview after only two weeks on our course. People who have been out of work for a long time often forgets what skills and attributes they already have and our sessions will help them rediscover these as well as learn or update new ones."

Places on the current course are still available and it runs until the end of November. The sessions start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm and include lunch. If you would like to come along email paulinechamberslca@gmail.com or telephone 07746111385 alternatively drop in on Tuesday morning.

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On Friday 30th September, Vane Road Primary School hosted their annual coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. The event, which was championed by Mrs Cowey (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Kavanagh (from Friends of Vane Road School), was very well attended by parents and carers and raised a sum in excess of £500. Support staff served tea and coffee and sold the abundance of cakes and biscuits which had been kindly donated for this worthwhile cause. Each pupil also had the opportunity to enjoy a drink and a cake during break time. A great morning all round!



£322 Raised at Coffee Morning



Sharon Darter arranged a Coffee Morning in the Sycamore Suite at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Friday 30th September in aid of Macmillan Support. Together with the help of gym staff, leisure centre staff, gym members and members of the public it raised an impressive £322.00. Sharon received cake donations from gym and leisure centre staff, gym members, Aldi and Tesco stores and she would like to record her thanks to all involved.

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Jed Hillary, would like to invite children to enter a competition to design a Christmas Card entitled 'Christmas in Aycliffe' which would be used as the official Civic Card for 2016. Councillor Hillary will be presenting prizes of a framed copy of the winning picture together with gift vouchers to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The closing date for entries will be Friday, 4th November 2016 and it would be appreciated if entries could be forwarded to the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF prior to the 4th November. Please ensure that your name, age, address

and a contact number are entered on the back of the entry. The winners of the competition will be notified as soon as possible after the judging has taken place and they will be invited to attend an official presentation of prizes by the Mayor. Further information can be obtained from Christine Ryder, Mayor's Secretary, on 01325 300700 or e-mail: sharna.stretch@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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SUGAR HILL SCHOOL SEEK VOLUNTEER GOVERNOR

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Our school's Governing Body works to ensure we deliver our vision of 'Learning and Growing Together'. We achieve this by promoting high standards of educational achievement and offering a very positive learning experience, in a happy and safe environment, which promotes a love of learning for life.

Governors at Sugar Hill Primary School are responsible for:

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- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance

management of staff; and
• Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body meets termly and there are also requirements to attend sub-committee meetings, school visits, training and carry out background reading. National Government guidance suggests good governors spend 1 or 2 days a month contributing to the effective governance of a school.

If you have the necessary skills, knowledge, experience, interest and enthusiasm to strengthen our Governing Body, please request a Governor Application Pack from the office by telephoning 01325 300334, e-mailing sugarhill@durhamlearning.net or downloading the information from our website www.sugarhill.durham.sch.uk. Completed forms should be returned to the school office by Friday 4th November 2016. Please note school

will be closed for half term holidays from Monday 24th to Friday 28th October and any e-mails received in this time will not be replied to until Monday 31st October. Successful applicants will need to undergo a DBS check and commit to a short two day/evening course of governor training. You are welcome to contact the Chair of Governors Joanne Smithson or Head Teacher Mrs O'Rourke for more information about the requirements of the role, governance in general or our school. We would encourage all potential governors to visit the school's website www.sugarhill.durham.sch.uk Our next Governing Body meeting is on Tuesday 15th November 4-6pm.

Acknowledgement

HARNETT. Mavis, Stephen, Richard and family of the late Wilf, would like to say thank you to all relatives and friends for their cards, condolences and support in their recent bereavement. Thank you to Father Dennis Tindall for a beautiful Service, Co-op Funeralcare for their help and support. Thanks to all who attended on the day for their support and generosity of spirit

In Memoriam

Brian Lee

10 years since you left us, gone so fast, but too long. Ann, Lib, Lindsay, Frances, Belle, Cymon, David and your two Great Grandchildren Sophie and Oliver.

VERA REED 1922-2014. (14th October). Heavier are our hearts right now, our eyes more prone to weep. Memories of the sad day, you passed and gently went to sleep. An understatement missing you, we all still feel the pain. We wish with all our hearts, you were with us once again. Your family has tried to make you proud, proud of you well that's immense, because to us you were the very best, we hope you feel the love we send, to where you are at rest, safe in Dad's arms. From all your family, near and far xxxxxx

PAULINE ANNE WATSON Beloved Wife. 14th October 2001. Although you can't be here with me, we're truly not apart. Until the final breath I take, you will be living in my heart. Loving Husband Joe xxxxx

PAULINE ANNE WATSON 14th October 2001. We never ask for miracles, but today just one will do. To see our front door open and our dearest Mam walk through. Angela, Michael, Philip and Grandchildren xxxxx

TOM SMITH 15th October 2009. On angels wings you were taken, but in my heart you will stay. In God's light you will find joy. Till we meet again some day. From Norah, Carol, Sue, Cornel and family

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Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late Jessie Wharton would like to thank the team at Dryburn Hospital ITU, particularly Janet, Becky and Kath for their sensitivity and care for Jessie and the family during such a difficult time. Bryan and staff at Whitehouse Funeral Service provided a professional service throughout, as did the Minister and all at Neville Parade Methodist Church, delivering a very special Service with Petals Florists beautiful flowers. Thanks to all the volunteers at Neville Parade Community Centre for a lovely wake and buffet. To everyone who attended the funeral or sent such kind messages and heartfelt cards; thank you. Jessie now rests in peace with Husband Joe and Son Peter. God bless xxxxx

THE FAMILY of the late Ken Paylor would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers on the sad loss of Ken. A special thanks to those who donated to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association. A total of £602 was raised

Congratulations



Howarth



Happy 2nd Anniversary to my beautiful Wife Lisa. All my love, John-Paul xxx

Matthew Howarth



Happy 21st Birthday 15th October 2016 Hope you have a brilliant weekend. Love from Mam & Dad xx

Jayden Reece Lawrence



Happy 8th Birthday 13th October 2016

Lots of love and kisses, Dad, Nan, Grandad Lawrence and Auntie Bev xxxxxx

Matthew Howarth



Happy 21st Little!! 15th October 2016

To the world you may be a man, but to me you will always be my Baby Bro!! Lots of love, Carrie and Daniel

Obituary

DIXON. Died suddenly on 5th October, of Newton Aycliffe. Hazel, aged 73 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Colin; a much loved Mam of Geoffrey and Kevin; loving Mother-in-Law of Gill and Sue; a devoted Grandma to Michael; Nanny Hazel to Tyler and Ellie. Would family and friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 21st October for a Service and Committal at 11.00am.

GALLAGHER. Peter, of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully at home on 7th October, aged 66 years. Dearly beloved Husband of Sylvia; much loved Dad to Andrew, Nicola and the late Claire; Father-in-Law to Emma and Jimmy; treasured Grandad of Oliver, Finn and Hollie; a much loved Brother of Maureen, Dennis and David. Family and friends please meet for Service at St Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday 18th October for 1.15pm. Followed by private Cremation.

JACKSON, 9th October, suddenly in hospital. Doris, aged 87 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Ray; loving Mam of Ghislane and Dave, Alan and Jennifer; a much loved Gran of Claire, Laura, Emma and Lauren and their partners. She will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral on Monday 24th October. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 1.30pm followed by Committal and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of St. Clare's Church may be given as you leave the church or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Matthew Howarth



Happy 21st Birthday 15th October 2016

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Aycliffe Tough Away Trips

Just one point for Newton Aycliffe FC last week as the team faced two tough away trips. Seaham Red Star had won seven games in a row but Aycliffe managed to hold them to a draw in an entertaining game on Tuesday night. Red Star took the lead & put in a strong first half performance. However Dennis Knight equalised early in the second half & Aycliffe piled on the pressure with the home side being saved by the woodwork on more than one occasion. Saturday saw a visit to current League champions Shildon. Injuries to Scott Howes & Michael Riley led to Andy Ferrell playing at left back while central defender Alex Kitchen had to be substituted after just 15 minutes due to a head injury. Shildon looked impressive in the first half with Michael Rae scoring on 7 minutes capitalising on a scramble in the Aycliffe box. They had a further chance on 25 minutes when the centre forward headed wide. Shildon were to score twice more before halftime with two goals in two minutes. The first a lob over keeper Lewis Brass, followed quickly by a header from a corner. Shildon were dominating the play & looking



for a fourth before halftime but in added time conceded a free kick just outside the box. Knight took the kick & found the net to make the score 3-1 at the break. Shildon came close to restoring their three goal lead early in the second half but saw a double clearance off the line as Aycliffe hung on. Throughout the game Aycliffe were indebted to midfielder Brian Close who dropped back into central defence in place of Kitchen & did well to keep the home side at bay. Just after the hour Aycliffe pulled another goal back. Once again Knight was the

scorer, this time getting a head on a fine cross from Paul Garthwaite. Shildon again moved forward & forced a fine save from Brass. Aycliffe worked hard for an equaliser & came close with 20 minutes remaining when a skilful run through midfield by Zak Boagey led to a shot by John Campbell flying wide of the goal. Shildon had the last significant chance on 80 minutes, hitting the post. The game ended in unfortunate circumstances when Knight was sent off for a second yellow card following what seemed an innocuous challenge.

Another trip to the seaside this week for Aycliffe to Whitley Bay on Tuesday night followed by a home game against Sunderland RCA on Saturday 15 October (KO 3pm).

Gold Trophy for Jake



Jake Mendelsohn, a year 9 student from Woodham Academy, competed in the Northern Regional Schools Biathlon on Sunday 9th October, his 14th birthday! In 2015 he won the Yorkshire Biathlon and then went on to compete in the final at Crystal Palace in London where he was placed 14th in the UK. Due to other commitments he couldn't attend the Yorkshire heat this year so had to attend the Northern heat in Hexham. He ran 1600 metres and swam 200 metres against tough competition in the under 15 boys' heats to win the gold trophy and has now qualified again to compete in the finals at Crystal Palace next March.

Rugby Club Remain Unbeaten

On Saturday 8th of October the 1st XV travelled to face Hartlepool A in a friendly to fill the gap left by Seaham, who were unable to field a full squad. Hartlepool 1st XV play two leagues above Aycliffe, so given that this was their A team, most of whom would be expected to be pushing for first team contention, this was set to be a good test of Aycliffe's ability to deal with higher level teams.

Despite some difficulty finding the ground, Aycliffe arrived in good time, and following a focused warm up, lined up to receive the kick. The first contact of the game set the tone for the next eighty minutes, with a solid chase forcing the Aycliffe receiver into touch. Aycliffe realised that this was going to be a real test of their abilities both as individual rugby players, and as a team. The first ten minutes saw Aycliffe dictate the pace of the game through solid defence and smart work at the breakdown. Hartlepool were clearly shocked, as they were pinned back into their own half by the more junior side.

This pressure soon told as wing Ben Walton outpaced the Hartlepool wing on the outside to dash over taking the visitors in to a five to nil lead, which was converted by fly half Alex Lineton. Aycliffe were straight back onto the front foot from the restart, again pushing Hartlepool back. Strong defence combined with physical close phases from the forwards and bruising runs from the backs further frustrated Hartlepool, and fifteen minutes after his first try, wing Ben Walton made it a brace with an almost identical try, taking the Hartlepool winger on the outside and despite fallacious calls of a forward pass from the embarrassed wing, the try stood to take Aycliffe into double figures, the conversion slotted by Lineton. The pressure was reapplied as rampaging wing James Thacker crossed for another

try, continuing his record of scoring in every fixture this season. Following this try, there was some scrappiness off the ball from the clearly frustrated Hartlepool forwards, but Aycliffe held their composure and went in nineteen points to the good. The second half saw Aycliffe return to the field with an unchanged fifteen. The game degenerated somewhat at this point, with Aycliffe allowing themselves to be dragged down to Hartlepool's level, which resulted in antagonistic scrum half Ash Bolsover being sent off the field for ten minutes. This man advantage soon told, as Aycliffe were caught out on the drift, leaving a gap in midfield which the Hartlepool 7 stormed through to score, which was converted to take Hartlepool within two tries of the visitors.

Shortly after this try, a frustrated James Cocks was overly vocal toward the referee, which cost him ten minutes. With Aycliffe now down to thirteen, pack leader Niall Kelly and Captain Lineton took control of their players, demanding a higher

level of intensity to make up the two-man disadvantage.

The period of play that followed summed up Aycliffe's success thus far; solid defence with smart commitment to rucks resulting in no tries for the home side. With Cocks still in the bin, wing Thacker joined a scrum on the Hartlepool five metre line to add ballast.

Following a strong scrum, the ball came loose and was pounced upon by Thacker, who charged at the line and crossed the line with four Hartlepool defenders in tow. This try was converted by Lineton, taking Aycliffe into a twenty-six to seven lead. The final minutes played out with Aycliffe showcasing more smart rugby, maintaining possession and running down the clock to victory.

The game finished with a total of four tries run in by Aycliffe with the backs taking all four. Tries came from Ben Walton (2) and James Thacker (2). Three of the tries and were converted by Alex Lineton. Final score Hartlepool A 7 - 26 Newton Aycliffe 1st XV.

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