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Surgery Quiz Team Wins £500 for Kieran Maxwell's Fund

Doctors and staff from Surgeries in Darlington and Aycliffe took part in a fundraising Quiz where the proceeds went to the winners, who then decided which charity to support. Triumphant with their success was Bewick Crescent Surgery who took first and second place and were even more delighted to beat their rivals Pease Way Surgery.

The winning team chose the Kieran Maxwell Fund, donating £500 for research into Ewing's Sarcoma. It is quite apt at this point in time to show support for Kieran, a patient with the Bewick Surgery, who is terminally ill with an incurable condition. Readers will have seen the publicity surrounding 18 year old Kieran, a local hero, chosen to carry the Olympic torch.



Heighington Village have shown their high regard for this brave young man by erecting Christmas lights early.

Members of the Quiz Team were Drs. Bamford, Welsh and Stephenson; Nurses C. Kavanagh, A. Wake, Julie Carter and Margit Howard; Practice Manager Helen Hobson, her daughter Natalie and her boyfriend James Raine; Receptionists Ann Hogan and Gill Rodda.

The following is an extract from Kieran's Facebook page:

First of all I know a lot of you have shared the piece the Northern Echo did about me and the 'Light Up Heighington for Kieran', but I want to clear something up. It doesn't matter what I do Ewing's Sarcoma will kill me. There is no curative treatments for 2nd relapse Ewing's Sarcoma, they could slow it down, but I would be spending a lot of time in hospital both for chemo and in-patient stays, due to infection. This is why I decided NOT to have chemo.

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I do want to thank Michelle Chadwick for her daughter's idea to get Heighington, Darlington, United Kingdom to put their Christmas decorations up - it is such a lovely idea and does mean a lot to me and my family.

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NORTHERN VOICES IN CONCERT on Sat 19th Nov at 7pm. A mixed repertoire of modern and classical pieces as well as major choral works. Tickets £5, to include glass wine/soft drink from 6.30pm, from Pauline. Telephone 485252

DARLINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY Christmas concert will be held in Holy Trinity on Sat. 26th Nov. at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12 from the Dolphin Centre or on the door. Please take a flier from church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL Fri. 2nd – Sat 3rd Dec. 10am – 5pm and Sun 4th Dec. 12 midday – 5pm See Holy Trinity Church at its best adorned with flowers on the theme of Christmas Carols. You are welcome to arrange a flower display for the event – please contact Pauline Tel. 01325 485252. Admission £3, children free. Refreshments can be purchased.

The weekend ends with **A CELEBRATION SERVICE** on Sunday at 6.30pm. 'A Festival of Carols' with His Worshipful the Mayor of Darlington and featuring Darlington U3A Handbell Ringers. **Councillor Gerald G. Lee**, Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward Telephone 01325 314622

FINLEY STRUCTURES WIN MAJOR SCHOOL PROJECT

Aycliffe construction firm Finley Structures has won a contract to fabricate and erect 560 tonnes of steel for a school on the Isle of Wight.

It's one of three school contracts the family-run company has won recently and is currently on site at all three. Sir Robert McAlpine is working on the £25m new development at Ryde Academy, located near the Northern coast of the island on an existing school site.

Planners gave the green light for the new school building and sports pitches to be constructed



to the South of its existing site. The construction includes a new two and three-storey school building, with a flexible school layout for the consolidated 1,500 place 11-16 year old secondary school. Existing six blocks will be demolished after the new complex is commissioned and the majority of that part of the site turned into a car park.

McAlpine awarded Finley Structures the contract to fabricate and erect 560 tonnes of steel as part of the project. Finley operations manager Jim Graham said: "It always makes things a bit more logistically difficult when there's water involved."

"We fabricated the steel in Newton Aycliffe and transported to the South coast, and Red Funnel ferries took it across to the island."

"The school is also being built on an existing site, which has made the project a bit more difficult logistically, but we're progressing well."

Finley Structures was also given a 500-tonne project to build a new school for Abbotsfield School, in West London, for main contractor Bowmer & Kirkland, as well as a 260-tonne contract for Interserve Construction at Roundhay School in Leeds.

It comes just a few months after the Aycliffe firm was awarded a contract to work on a second building at the University of Lincoln for BAM Construction.

Graham added: "A lot of what we're looking at the moment is education-based. It's a trend that everyone seems to be focusing on at the moment."

"Everyone was building hospitals, then it was supermarkets, but now the focus seems to be on education – new schools and improving schools."

"But it's another glowing testament that we've reacted to the market and continued to pick up major contracts up and down the country."

Bach for Choir & Organ

J.S.Bach wrote a remarkable collection of short organ pieces, the Orgelbüchlein -

or Little Organ Book, based on well-known German chorales (hymns). It was intended to show organists how the hymns could be played on the organ in a great variety of ways and to help them perfect their mastery of playing the pedals.

Bach prefaces the Orgelbüchlein with: "To the Glory of God and for the instruction of my neighbour" On Friday 25th November, 7.30pm, in St. Andrew's, South Church, Bishop Auckland, pieces for Advent, Christmas and the New Year will be played on the fine pipe organ by Brian Varley, with members of the Andreas Ensemble singing the chorales and short motets based finishing with a lovely 5-part Italian madrigal on which the great New Year hymn "In dir ist Freude - In Thee is joy" is based.

Tickets £7.50 include interval refreshments available from: 01388 606075, 11 Dene Hall Drive, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6UF - payment by BACS also welcomed: call to arrange), Brothertons Music Shop Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland or at the door.

Proceeds to Marie Curie Care and for the upkeep of the church. A warm welcome will greet you - the church will be well-heated! - enjoy a chat with friends in the interval.

Scouts Centre News

19th of November – STARLIGHT KARAOKE will be in our bar from 6.30pm – free admission so come along and join in the fun.

The 3rd of December is the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MEMBERS ONLY. It starts at 1pm with Santa coming at about 3pm, this will depend on the weather and Rudolph – we hope his sat nav. is working! All members wishing to bring their children need tickets so we know how many need catering for. Tickets are free and are available at the bar.

The 10th of December CHRISTMAS CABARET NIGHT AND DISCO -A fabulous night of entertainment and laughter

with a performance from Stephanie Aird & cabaret from the hilarious Drag Performers Nikki Teene & Nikki Rett with games and disco throughout the night from 7pm!

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We try and pick songs that you will know, but not ones that every other band plays. We are not really a club, wedding or Barnitzvah band, you may find some parts of our set a bit anthemic a bit serious, you may find the humour a bit off the wall, the imagery a bit surreal, you may find you have a damn good night, a daaaaamn good night.

The first set is designed to be listened too, while you get comfy in your surroundings, the subliminal messages gradually turning you to drink, loosening your resolve, you may want to get up and dance and that would be great, but stick around for the second set as we know you will definitely feel the need to dance as the energy ramps up.

We will then send you out into the world having journeyed through time and space, faced some demons and come out the other side full of fabulousness a humming and a smiling.

The list of acts we cover evolves through time, most stuff is post punk, we could do classic rock, but there are other bands that cover that area really well and we suspect that we are a bit different.

Saturday 26th November - "Tin Pan Alley"

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It was another very well supported Remembrance Parade and the number of people who turn up to pay their respects, seems to grow, year on year.

Dame Della Smith, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, led the

wreath laying, followed by politicians, uniformed services and voluntary groups. St Clare's Church used their church hall as overspill for the Service.

"The sacrifices made by so many were remembered in a short but moving ceremony and it was an immense honour to join the Reviewing Officer, Col. Ben Banerjee, on the saluting dais" said our Mayor Jed Hillary..

A Service was held at St



Andrew's Church in the afternoon with another good turnout, especially by the Acle Scout group.

"I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who took part in the town's Remembrance Parade and attended the Services" added our Mayor Jed.



Newtonian Dorothy Bowman returns to Middridge (where she lived) each year to lay a wreath on the War Memorial.



Thank You

Can I please, through your Newton News, thank the MAD choir for their fund raising event at Neville Parade Community Centre on 4th November 2016.

It was an excellent night, very entertaining and they raised £400 that they have donated to the Community Centre.

Thank you for a fantastic night. Bill Blenkinsopp (Chairman)

Newtonian's Art Exhibition



Local artist Emily Bulman exhibits her work at Neville Parade Community Centre on Monday 26th November from 5pm - 9.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Emily a college graduate describes her work as surrealistic and invites you to discover her ingenious creations and immerse yourself in her complex and unusual painting. Find out how she was inspired to bring her work into existence.

Emily who works at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex moved to Aycliffe with her parents in 1996 and told Newton News her artistic talent comes from her mother's side of the family. For more information visit www.facebook.com/ebulmanart.



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Woodham Future Magnates in County Competition



Rebekah Cox, Thomas Smalls, Dane Appleby, Bethany McDougall, Sommer Brown, Angel Woods, Blake Charlton, Brandon Cairns

A successful county wide business initiative has launched its 2017

competition for secondary schools. The competition, entitled Future Business Magnates, led by Business Durham, has officially started with over 23 local schools taking part.

The competition, established in 2005, was designed to introduce young entrepreneurs to the world of business and enterprise. Each school enters a team of aspiring entrepreneurs; the teams are then supported by a local business partner to guide them through the competition.

Woodham Academy's Year 8 team of students are keen to get their business ideas underway. Supporting the students at Woodham Academy this year will be representatives from Aycliffe based firm, Ebac.

Student, Rebekah Cox, said: 'I am looking forward to starting our project. I have been trying to think of lots of ideas since our first meeting and looking on the internet for inspiration. I hope we do really well.'

After establishing a business name and deciding their individual roles, the students will meet weekly to work on their business idea alongside their business mentor.

This year's business theme focusses on 'Connecting County Durham'. The groups of students will be encouraged to think about a niche for creative connections, physical connections, or connections in everyday life, from manufacturing to communication locally or globally. All new ideas are welcomed.

The competition will see the teams compete in a number of tasks where they will receive points for their performance. The competition's media partners, Star Radio, will be sharing challenge results throughout the competition using the hashtag #FBM2017. Teams will compete until June, when the Grand Gala Dinner will take place at the Xcel Centre, here the winners of individual categories and the overall winners will be announced.

Gary Chaplin, Enterprise Development Manager at Business Durham, said: 'This is the 12th year of the competition. We are looking forward to an exciting time working with the budding entrepreneurs, who will no doubt come up with some brilliant ideas. The Business Durham team wish all schools the best of luck.'

AYCLIFFE FIRM LAUNCHES HNC ENGINEERING COURSES

A Newton Aycliffe training firm is providing local young people and employers with a route to higher education thanks to new Higher National Certificate (HNC) courses in four key areas of engineering. South West Durham Training (SWDT) at Aycliffe which celebrates its 50th year in 2017, is now delivering HNC programmes to a number of major firms in the area including Cummins, 3M and Nifco.

SWDT has taken on experienced engineering lecturer Brian Corker, who has worked in the engineering education sector for more than 25 years, to deliver the courses covering the mechanical, manufacturing, mechatronics and electrical elements of engineering.

It's part of a long-term plan for the Aycliffe organisation to eventually provide local employers with the full route to degree qualifications through HND and higher apprenticeship programmes. SWDT, employs 27 staff, and recently spent £150,000 on its learning resource centre and new IT infrastructure. Chief Executive Lee Childs said: "Part of the rationale behind our recent investments was to accommodate HNC programmes while improving



South West Durham Training chief executive Lee Childs working with some of the new HNC engineering students.

our current BTEC level 3 provision.

"The HNC is also a natural progression from the BTEC course so we designed an HNC provision which can meet the needs of our local employers, by covering four key areas.

"We're introducing a lot of new curriculum subjects over the next few years. From September 2017 we'll be offering full-time electrical installation courses, offering full apprenticeship programmes.

"We've taken a pragmatic approach so we can maintain the levels and standards of our existing programmes. We're taking it one step at a

time to make sure we maintain quality."

Well-known local firms have already enlisted employees on to SWDT's HNC courses, including Darlington's Cummins and Mech Tool Engineering, Thorn Lighting, Stockton-based Nifco and major Aycliffe employers 3M, Ebac and Mould Systems.

Corker, a former Thorn Lighting apprentice, completed a university degree in manufacturing systems and engineering before working as an industrial engineer for the Spennymoor firm.

He also worked as a design engineer for British Steel in Darlington before spending more than 25 years lecturing in various areas of engineering at Darlington College.

The 56-year-old, from Bishop Auckland, said: "It's a new challenge for me but I'm already enjoying it. I worked with Lee Childs for a lot of years in my previous role. I saw the work he was doing here and the vision he has for the centre, and it was something I wanted to be part of."

Childs, an engineer from Shildon who served his time with SWDT 16 years ago, added: "The critical part is getting the right staff in place so were very lucky to get Brian on board."

"He's an exceptional teacher and goes the extra mile for students. He also knows what all our local companies do and what they need out of the programmes."

"We're already getting lots of positive feedback on the way the centre is running and the impact the changes are now having."

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To vote for your GAMP priorities, you have FIVE options:

- (1) By filling in the online consultation form: www.durham.gov.uk/consultation
- (2) At the GAMP stall at the Pioneering Care Partnership-PCP Christmas Craft Fair and Family Event on Saturday 19 November 10am-1pm.
- (3) At the GAMP stall at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure

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You are invited to join us for a quiz night on Wednesday 23rd November at the School Aycliffe Community Centre. Get your team together. Everyone welcome. Starts at 7.30pm. Refreshments provided. It will cost £2 per person, raising money for Macmillan. The event is hosted by Xcel Church and we are looking forward to a great evening.

Centre Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26 November 10.30am to 2.30pm.

(4) Phone 01325 327 441 to ask for a paper copy.

(5) At the November GAMP Board meeting on Tuesday 29 November at Greenfield Arts Centre.

You have until ****TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER**** to vote and identify where money and resources should be targeted.

If you have any queries or would like any further information, please contact the GAMP team: Telephone: 01325 327441 or email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk

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Nationwide auditions are taking place in November 2016 so make sure to get your applications in fast.

To download an application form, please follow the link:

<http://primalmedia.co.uk/show/the-code-bbc1>

New Exercise Craze Comes to Aycliffe



"Smovey" is a new exercise phenomenon that is huge in Austria, Germany, Switzerland and the USA.

The Wellbeing for Life service have organised a free Smovey taster session on Wednesday 23rd November, 10.30-11.30am at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre.

Smovey is a multi-functional, easy to use, effective exercise and physiotherapist's tool. Smovey rings use vibration therapy through the hands and body to the brain. It is particularly beneficial for people with Parkinson's, dementia, arthritis, rheumatism, back and shoulder pain.

Dianne White is the Smovey Instructor and says "I demonstrate specific exercises to help boost circulation, activate muscles, mobilise the digestive system, massage the lymphatic system and strengthen the heart and cardiovascular system. People can also use the Smovey for massages to loosen tensions in the neck, shoulders and back to assist with health conditions such as osteoporosis."

If the taster is successful it is hoped the Wellbeing for Life service will deliver a free course. The service supports people to live well, by helping to address the factors which influence their health.

Wellbeing for Life runs courses in the community and Health Trainers support people on a 1-1 basis to enable people to be independent, resilient and maintain good health for themselves and those around them.

To book your place, please contact Liz Oakes, Wellbeing for Life Development Officer on 07584703815

For further information on the Wellbeing for Life service and how it can help you contact freephone: 0800 8766887 or visit:

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RAISCO HELPS TEESSIDE HAULAGE FIRM EXPAND

Two Aycliffe companies have joined forces to help a major Teesside-based international logistics company expand its premises. The construction division of Raisco has completed a £250,000 expansion and refurbishment of a 7,700 square metre lorry park at Suttons Tankers in Stockton.

The land, owned by Aycliffe firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution, has almost doubled Suttons' hard standing area for its 250-fleet of lorries while also making safety and environmental improvements.

Raisco, which predominantly takes on steel fabrication and major construction contracts up and down the country, says the project is testament to the firm's versatile capabilities. Construction manager Dene Gregory said: "The new site will vastly improve congestion currently experienced on the current site increasing on-site parking and storage capacity."

Managing Director Paul Stiller says the company saw this Teesside project as an important investment. "We're delighted to have been part of this project and to assist our valuable tenants in their expansion," he said. "This is a fine example of two Aycliffe companies coming together on a project and doing a great job for our clients."

Suttons Tankers is part of the Suttons Group, a multi-national haulage and logistics firm which has sites in the



Dene Gregory (left) with Sutton Tankers operations manager Darren Mathieson (centre) and Paul Stiller.

UK, Germany, Belgium and around the world. Stockton operations manager Darren Mathieson said: "This is a major development for Suttons which is going to benefit us hugely going forward."

"This is the biggest site within the Suttons group, which has 250 tankers going in and out of our depot on a daily basis, so to have all this extra space is going to improve our operations and make us more efficient."

Since being formed more than nine years ago, Raisco has rapidly grown into one of the country's leading construction and steel fabrication firms, diversifying from purely a structural steel company to having the ability to provide a full construction turnkey package.

It now works with clients up

and down the country and has delivered a wide range of fabrication and secondary steelwork projects for many of the construction industry's well-known main contractors as well as turnkey solutions for end-user clients.

Please Knit a Blanket

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I would like to ask people to knit blankets for the elderly. Myself along with a small group of volunteers are hoping to deliver 300 blankets to older people this year.

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Dorothy Bowman

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Woodham Academy is getting in to the spirit of Christmas as plans are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair. The fair on Saturday, 10th December 10am – 1pm is a free event for the whole family. The hall will be brimming with stallholders providing festive flowers, wreaths and trinkets, homeware, jolly treats and gifts galore. Children can take part in arts and crafts workshops making something

special for the Christmas tree and for Santa to nibble on Christmas Eve. Santa and his elves will be greeting children in the grotto, delivering an early Christmas gift for those on his good list. Woodham Academy is delighted to welcome local vocalist, Sarah Dee, to perform an array of Christmas jingles. Media and Marketing Officer, Grace Porter said: 'Sarah has just secured her first record deal,

which is fantastic! We are thrilled she can fit us in to her busy schedule and are really looking forward to this year's fair.'

Coming back to the stage for a second year are the dancers from Aycliffe Dance Academy who will be showcasing their talents with several show stopping performances. There will be a variety of workshops taking place, including biscuit decorating, arts and crafts and sports sessions.

Grace continued: bring the whole family along, enjoy all of our free activities and browse the stalls while enjoying a glass of mulled wine.

Limited stalls are still available; if you are interested in a stall please email g.porter@woodham.org.uk. For more information on the Christmas Fair please visit the school's Facebook page @ woodhamacademy.

Film Show

"GOLDEN YEARS-GRAND THEFT OAP"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 22nd November features the comedy crime drama "Golden Years – Grand Theft OAP" Stars Virginia McKenna, Simon Callow, Una Stubbs, Alun Armstrong and Bernard Hill. Arthur and Martha find out that their pension pot is virtually worthless; feeling pretty miffed they decide on drastic action, a life of crime!! Just cos you're old doesn't mean you can't have fun. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm.

A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

STUDENTS ENJOY MEDICINE



As part of Rights Respecting Day students from Greenfield Community College enjoyed a fascinating careers day with an introduction to the fascinating world of Medicine working with the 'Medical Mavericks'. Year 9 students enjoyed activities such as being able to look inside of the body using an Ultrasound machine as well as developing skills in learning about vital signs and how these are measured.

Students also benefited from insights into continuing their formal education at college or through an apprenticeship via a well-represented marketplace as all of the areas colleges and sixth forms were represented as well as local and national employers.

This was a great opportunity for students to get a taste for the future. Many thanks to all of those who contributed.



Appeal Organiser Retires



Dave Preston of Eldon Close, British Legion Poppy Appeal organiser for 20 years, retired this year and is shown here at the War Memorial last Sunday.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 30th November 2016

Policy & Resources 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.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

St. Andrew's Gift Day

St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village hold their annual Gift Day on Saturday 26th November between 10am and 2pm in the Village Hall.

A Piper will play in the morning and everyone is invited to support the church. Have a cuppa, relax with mince pies and enjoy the music. All donations used for the upkeep of Aycliffe's ancient church and churchyard.

St. Andrew's Day Patronal Service is on Wednesday 30th November at 7pm when the Rev. Martin King will officiate. All welcome.

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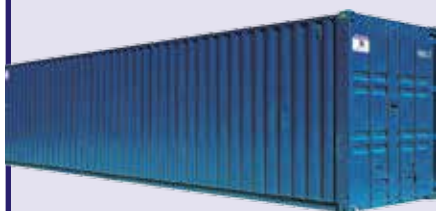
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Neighbouring Steel Company Helps Stiller's Expansion

Steel company SCH Site Services is helping a large logistics firm to expand again with the development of a £750,000 warehouse. Stiller Warehousing and Distribution of Aycliffe, is in the process of constructing a new 40,000 sq ft warehouse for its rapidly-expanding list of customers. The latest development, 10 metres tall, will store another 6,000 pallets for the family-run firm. The structure is an extension to an existing 40,000 sq ft warehouse, which opened in 2015, and increases Stiller's warehousing capabilities across its 20 acres of land at the heart of Aycliffe Business Park, supporting dozens of local jobs in its construction. The project is managed by Darlington-based ADG Architects with civil engineering support from Durham-based BDN, its main contractor is Hall Construction, based at Rushyford, which awarded Aycliffe-based SCH a project to fabricate and erect its frame using 90 tonnes of steel. SCH previously worked with Hall Construction on the refurbishment of buildings at PD Ports on Teesside, and completed the steel fabrication and erection of the frame within eight weeks. The new warehouse is expected to be fully completed in the New Year. SCH managing director Gary Finley said: "We're delighted to have worked on a project so close to us in Aycliffe. "We fabricated the steel in-house



Gary Finley (right) with Stiller Warehousing and Distribution Commercial Manager Matthew Stiller

at our facility just around the corner from Stiller's site. "The extension had to join an existing warehouse which made it a little more complex than a stand-alone shed and we also had to design the end connections for the structure, but we're pleased we've been able to work with one of our neighbours in enabling their ambitious plans for future growth." The new warehouse will take Stiller's recent investments in equipment, people and property to more than £6.4m in the last three years. Commercial manager Matthew Stiller said: "Nearly all of our space is allocated to clients at the moment, which is a great position to be in. This latest development is a speculative build, but we're confident there'll be a high demand for the space, and we very much like working with local companies. "SCH have done an exceptional

job with no hold ups, despite bad weather, so we're very happy with the work they've done." SCH is also working on the Cello factory extension in Bishop Auckland for Wharton Construction, the refurbishment of an existing structure in Barrow-in-Furness for MGL, roof structure strengthening work at Nissan in Washington for Sir Robert McAlpine and the Belvedere retail pods at Kingston Park in Newcastle for Brims Construction. Formed in 2006, SCH first operated as a crane hire company with four mobile cranes and four drivers working for local companies, but it grew into steelwork and in 2011 recorded a turnover of £325,000. After moving into new premises in 2012, sales grew to £2.2m and then £3.43m before hitting £4.1m in 2013, £4.1m in 2014 and £4.5m in 2015, while staff numbers have also doubled to 40 in the last four years.

As well as Hall Construction, SCH also boasts among its clients, Sir Robert McAlpine, B&K Structures, Wates Group, Interserve, Peikko and Balfour Beatty. For more details about SCH, go to www.schsiteservices.co.uk or call them on 01325 327149.

Christmas Memorial Service at St. Clare's

Christmas is fast approaching and although those whom we love but see no more are in our thoughts each and every day, it is often helpful at this time of year to come together with others and spend some time in thought and prayer supporting one another and holding our loved ones before God. It is for this reason that the Parish of Great Aycliffe will be hosting a Memorial service in St. Clare's Church, on Sunday December 4th at 6:00pm. We extend an invitation to ALL who wish to remember those whom they love in this way, to join us at this service. There will be an opportunity to write your loved ones name upon a star and hang it on our Christmas tree, to sing carols and to light a candle for your loved one as their names are read out. After the service you are again warmly invited to join us in the church hall for light refreshments and/or to take the opportunity to see your loved ones name in our Memorial Book set out in the Library.

AYCLIFFE UTC STUDENTS VIEW CAREER OPTIONS

The UTC South Durham based in Newton Aycliffe, is a school and sixth form with ties with some of the region's biggest industry names and last week flew the flag for engineering. All 150 pupils at UTC, came into contact with businesses including Hitachi and Husqvarna as part of Tomorrow's Engineering Week. Supported by Engineering UK, the scheme is designed to promote, inspire and encourage people to go into engineering careers.

Catherine Purvis-Mawson, business engagement manager for the school, said: "With the UTC being engineering and technical focused, it was appropriate to take part. "Students have gone out on a huge variety of visits to different industry and business partners."

Organisations involved in the week-long programme included Cummins, of Darlington, Bignall Group, Hyrdam Engineering, Husqvarna and Hitachi. The school also welcomed visits from the Royal Navy, sports scientists from Sunderland University and the Army Reserves from the town. On November 11th the Army Reserves brought in two military vehicles which were parked up in the engineering hall. UTC student: Jack Drummey commented: "This was a



great experience because it looked at career options and gave us a broader view of the types of engineering in the workplace and the Army. Taylor Mitchell: the Army Reserve visit was really eye opening in the life and responsibilities it entails". Amy Corking: "This army visit was very inspirational because it helped me see the difficulties and troubles the army reserves face to help our country. Also it was good to learn the maths and engineering they do and to actually sit inside the vehicles. Kody Davidson: "This experience inspired me to consider a career in the Forces. It has been a really good insight into the engineering roles played by the Army."



"It's been really positive with lots of industry partners keen to work with us because they hope we will provide the next engineers of the future,"

added Ms Purvis-Mawson. The UTC held Year 10 and 12 Open Days on November 16th and November 19 from 11am to 1pm.

FREE Coffee at Jacksons - Xcel Centre

Popular local coffeehouse, Jacksons, at the Xcel Centre recently changed their coffee brand as part of a refresh of the business. The management team had trialled the new coffee and after some work on getting the blend right, felt that it would be a good fit, however, customers weren't quite so sure! Centre Director, Kerina Clark said, "Customers are our priority and their opinion counts the most - we had clearly underestimated how much they valued our original

coffee brand. We have moved quickly to respond to their feedback and have now reinstated Pelican Rouge across our coffee range." The return of Pelican Rouge also comes alongside the launch of a range of Christmas drinks, including a luxury mint hot chocolate and a gingerbread latte. For a limited time, Newton News readers can receive an exclusive special offer of FREE coffee or a half price Christmas special drink by bringing this article with them.

11th Day - 11th Hour



The actual Remembrance Day Service held in the Town Centre was the best attended I have ever seen with around 500 people paying the 11th November homage to those who have died serving our country.

The TA was represented by a contingent from the REME along with British Legion personnel and Town Band Bugler. The Service was conducted by Methodist Minister Andrew Bryer. Our Town Mayor was present along with County and Town Councillors.

This Service is held each year and precedes the big Parade on the following Sunday at St. Clare's Church with our Town Band, soldiers, cadets, uniformed organisations and past servicemen and women.

The one disappointing factor in this 10 minute ceremony was the ignorance of some people who continued to shop while the Service was on, walking around as though it was of no concern to them.

It must have been obvious as prayers were said, flags lowered, the Last Post played and two minutes silence observed, but these few people carried on regardless of this solemn occasion.

Students meet Veterans

Recently Bishop Auckland College ran a Veteran's Lunch. The college affiliated to D(Rifles)Coy hosted Veterans from across the region. The Uniform and Public Services students whom have worked with D(Rifles)Coy and many of whom hope for a career in the Armed Services, joined in with College staff to serve an impressive spread of food, produced by the students in the Catering and Hospitality department. Many veteran's had interesting stories to tell and shared them with the young people of the college. Even photography was covered by the students with Chloe Edwards taking photos to use in a press release.

Malcolm Flinn was in the Adjutant General's Corps and worked in Army Legal Services attended with his son, Mathew, also a veteran, whom had served in the Royal Navy as a Logistician. They both now run a business producing E-Cigs in the local area and Malcolm said "It's great to see local community and the local college supporting the British Legion"

Katy Dixon a manager at the college said "It's fantastic to have so many Veteran's and Students together sharing stories and interacting. It's really important our students experience as much of society as possible, and with support by the FIFTH FUSILIERS, Royal British Legion and Sporting Force registered charity - 1169441 has made for a great day"

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Don't Miss Aycliffe's Free Community Christmas Concert



For nearly 30 years the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe have presented the town's Community Christmas Concert featuring schools and local choirs with the audience joining in seasonal Carols and songs. It is to be held on Tuesday 13th December from 1pm to 2.30pm. in the Leisure Centre Main Hall with

special sound equipment provided by John Melvin and keyboard accompaniment by George Dixon.

As usual local schools will participate singing joyfully and enthusiastically while others dance and perform gymnastics. it is a lovely occasion and everyone is invited to attend. It is FREE and the Rotary Club

particularly request you bring an elderly neighbour to enjoy this pre-Christmas event.

Woodham Remembers

2016 saw the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. This was remembered at Woodham Academy with a series of assemblies in the first week of July, exactly 100 years on from the start of this battle. Miss Powell, the Head of History, led these assemblies. The students were so moved that she received a spontaneous round of applause.

In year 9 students study the topic of the First World War in depth and were clearly moved by the suffering that existed. This week has seen the students bring in a homework creating replica trenches. The history teachers at the school have been extremely impressed by the quality of some of the work that has been produced and the attention to detail that has been included in the work. Miss Powell

reported that she had been impressed by the phenomenal effort that the students had put into the project. She said: 'The students have shown great maturity and respect dealing with such sensitive issues. As you can see by the photos of their work it really is top quality.'

As part of the remembrance week Mrs Dickinson, Assistant Headteacher, led a further assembly about the Battle of the Somme, relating it to the Durham Light Infantry and the losses they experienced during this battle. Students were shocked by the number of losses and were fascinated by the effect it had on the local area. Mrs Dickinson described how it is always difficult for students to understand the scope and the scale of World War One and the horrors associated with it she said:

'I really feel that through our assemblies and our PCC activities, students have really begun to understand and appreciate the men who laid down their lives in World War One, particularly in the Battle of the Somme, for us to enjoy the freedoms that we have today.'

Students were keen to show their gratitude for the sacrifice of previous generations, the Student Council requested that Woodham Academy take part in the Remembrance Day service and lay a wreath to show their respect for all those who had lost their lives in a conflict. John Clough, a year 11 student and a very keen historian, was selected to lay the wreath, accompanied by Ms Hall, Director of Student Support.

Ms Hall explained what a proud moment it was to see Woodham Academy represented at the service and was so pleased to hear so many positive comments from members of the public about how nice it was that young people wished to take part.

Family Foraging Fun



Greenfield have been thrilled to host a family fun Arts Foraging course which is part of the 'Sponsor a Grownup' initiative. The courses are part of a wider project led by Success North East which aims to engage young people and their adult relatives in physical activities.

The course at Greenfield Arts has been a brilliant new venture where the families have had the opportunity to 'forage' for materials that they can then turn into artwork to take home. The children have been excited about choosing bits and pieces from a lovely woodland walk and they have all enjoyed getting in the fresh air and having fun as a family. Talented tutor Dawn Belshaw has enjoyed leading the course and has conjured up great ideas from energetic flower pounding to making beautiful dream-catchers which the children loved. "It's been great to see the families getting up close to nature and working together to create lovely things from foraging, they've been a pleasure to work with" said Dawn

The course has been such a success we are extending our reach to the Eco Centre on Wednesday 16th and 23rd November and 7th December from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Families who would like to know a bit more about the course should contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



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1400-1500 - Everything 80's
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1900-2200 - Dancing Through The Decades
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 19th November

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

Sunday 20th November

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

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Care Home Christmas Services

Carols on Aycliffe Village Green are on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm.

Nursing Home Christmas Services are for anyone who would like to attend, as some residents do not have anyone there for them:

Monday 5th December
Rose Lodge Home.

Wednesday 7th December
Lindisfarne Care Home.

Friday 9th December
Woodham Grange.

Monday 12th December
Defoe Nursing Home

Wednesday 14th December
Aycliffe Nursing Home

Friday 16th December
Bethany Home & Day Centre.

Monday 19th December
St. Clare's Court Nursing home (new home on site of old Police station).

All Services are held at 11.00am further details from Pam Lovelass APA 01325 316841.

Learn to Belly Dance at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are excited to host a new taster course in belly dance. The class is due to start on Monday 5th December and is a great way to take care of yourself, both body and soul. Come and meet some wonderful people and learn about the fascinating music and dance of the Middle East, and have a few giggles along the way!

If you would like to pre-book the cost of the course is only £10 for three weeks or alternatively you can just come along for £5 a session. The course will run each Monday from 5.45pm – 6.45pm. You'll get a gentle warm-up and then learn some basic belly dance moves. You can wear leggings or jogging trousers or a loose flowing skirt and a comfy top with just socks or bare feet. The course is open to anyone aged 16 and up, why not come along and give it a try?

Dance teacher Sarah Elizabeth has been belly dancing since 2004 and performing



professionally since 2008 both at home and abroad and currently performs all across the North East. If you would like to reserve your place, please call Sarah Elizabeth on 07986 921 118.

If you would like to know about any other activities at Greenfield Arts please give our friendly team a call on 01325 379 048 or check out our website on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, we look forward to hearing from you!

Elvis Night



Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Under 14 Falcons are pleased to announce their Elvis Tribute Fundraising Evening on Friday 25th November at Chilton WMC.

In addition to Elvis enjoy a Disco and Games which will provide a cracking evening of entertainment whilst supporting local youth footballers.

Tickets are on sale now at just £5 each. Tables can be arranged. Over 18's - Dress: Smart Casual (no football shirts)
Call 07754 786925 or email teamfalcons14@gmail.com

Are DCC Bin Dates Wrong?

Dear Sir

Regarding your article "Who Should Pay for Autumn Leaves?". I agree with Alan Elders however, it is not just Woodham that has this problem and not just a problem with Autumn leaves but other late flowering garden plants.

Last year as well as storing Council leaves I cut back my dahlias and begonias for winter storage long after the last garden waste collection. This resulted in a full, not very pleasant smelling, garden bin sitting under my kitchen window for months until the first collection on 17th March. It seemed all participating neighbours did the same thing. It was noticeable that like myself neighbours did not seem to put their bins out again until towards the end of May. I was pleased that an extra collection was made this year however to reduce the stinking garden bin syndrome I decided to cut back glorious displays of begonias and dahlias just leaving enough leaves to ensure that they were dug up after the frosts had affected them.

Being a keen gardener this was a travesty to me. Surely this scheme was set up in part to reduce the amount of waste going into expensive landfill so a realistic look at the dates could further reduce these costs.

I emailed the County Council regarding the collection dates and suggested that collections should start at the end of May and finish at the end of

November which still entailed sixteen collections that the Council has funding for.

I received a letter from the Council today and I think it must be a fairly standard letter as they state, "...when the chargeable scheme was introduced in 2015 the Council aimed to keep the charge as low as possible for residents and funding was guaranteed for 16 collections."

It is obvious that no one fully read my letter or actually looked at the dates I had put forward as a suggestion and the number of collections entailed? They maintain that they had looked at the previous scheme and identified a tonnage drop off towards the end of October. Have they not consulted their own horticulture department as I have noted that they are yet to replace bedding plants in many areas of the town which would seem to imply that not all plants have died by the end of October!

I obviously am not a typical resident as they maintain that "residents typically commence gardening during the Easter holidays". Easter weekend this year was round the 17th March and next year will be later but still round 16th April. I would be very interested to hear from residents who are out in their winter coats gardening in March or April as this is not a common practice among my neighbours. Spring bulbs typically do not die back until around the middle of May so that is when the spent greenery from them goes in my bin.

This is typically the time that garden centres and other outlets start to sell annual plants, both the flowering varieties and vegetables, so one would have thought that this would be the time that most people started to spend time in the garden. This is also around the time that the Council gardeners start to plant summer bedding plants on roundabouts and other public areas.

The letter states, "A consultation regarding

the amount of collections, commencement dates etc. for the garden waste scheme will be carried out later in the year which will help us to shape the future scheme." It does not say a public consultation so who are they going to be asking? If, like me, you think that collections between the end of May and the end of November would serve your needs better contact the County Council and let them know. My contact at the County Council is:- Sarah Fishburn, Operational support Asst - Direct telephone number - 03000262660 Email ns.support@seviceast.durham.gov.uk

Shildon Royal British Legion

Shildon Royal British Legion has reformed and is open to old and new members wishing to either join or just attend our branch.

We meet on the last Friday of the month and alternate between meetings and socials. We welcome members from other branches, both to our meetings and socials which we hold at the Shildon Football Ground starting at 7:00pm.

Our next meeting (due to the proximity to Christmas) is on Friday 16th December. For further information please contact our Secretary on 07429 486343.

Consider Fostering as a £48k Career

Prospective carers are being asked to consider fostering as a career, with those willing to help children who need extra support potentially receiving the equivalent of a £48,000 a year job.

Durham County Council's new Fosterxtra initiative is seeking people who are undaunted by challenging behaviour and want to make a real difference to a child's life.

Fostering team manager Florence Coulter said: "We have children who have been through some difficult times in their life and they need help to cope with their feelings, emotions and experiences."

"Some of these young people are in children's homes, while others have moved many times, but they are no less deserving of the love and security that comes from being part of a family or the opportunity to enjoy a more positive future."

"We want to give them a stable home, and building on the success of our Fostering Plus pilot project, the Fosterxtra scheme will give prospective carers tailored support to help them professionally care for children and help them to recover from their past."

"You don't need any special qualifications but will need patience, tolerance, understanding, insight and

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Foster carers will also receive regular support to help manage children's behaviour; extra financial support; and become members of a dedicated support group.

For more information about Fosterxtra call 03000 269 400, email fostering@durham.gov.uk or visit the website, www.durham.gov.uk/fostering

Minimum Standards are Required

Dear Sir,

I feel I must respond to the letter from "PK" in your last issue of The Newton News regarding his experiences at Aycliffe Badminton Club. As Secretary of a Darlington Club I am a regular visitor to the club and have always been impressed with the way the club is run. All visitors appear to be welcomed and as the town's only Badminton Club they should be encouraged and not harmed by someone who has clearly held an opinion for four years.

All clubs who compete well in the local leagues and competitions do need to have some minimum standards as court space can be limited. Aycliffe in the past 4 years since PK's experience have been successful in many local competitions. There is a balancing act needed between club night players and match players and I think that this club manage this well. Everyone seems to leave having achieved the competitive sport that they went for.

If "PK" has used this experience 4 years ago positively and continued to play perhaps he could "man up" and find his way to The Darlington and District League website where he would find details of other clubs and opportunities to play in the area.

Badminton really is the world's fastest racket sport and is great for fitness and fun. I speak as a player who is well past his best who enjoys working with new players at all clubs I visit. I would urge anyone out there who is up for the challenge of Badminton not to be put off by "PK" and to go along and give this great sport a go.

Darren Clarke, Secretary
Haughton Badminton Club



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Aycliffe Village Remembers



Aycliffe Village Cubs and Scouts taken at St Andrews Church following the Remembrance Service. "It was heartwarming to see so many young people taking up the baton of remembrance as the older generations fade away. I know the memories of their service to our country will be kept alive by these lovely young people", said the Mayoress Wendy Hillary.

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APPEAL FOR TEENAGE FIRE VICTIM

In October 18 year old Troy Mackinlay was severely burnt in a Shildon house fire suffering 3rd and 4th degree burns to his body. The young man who is bandaged head to foot with multi organ failure has friends and relatives in Newton Aycliffe who are raising cash. Troy has already undergone 13 hours in surgery and faces more including skin grafts to his mutilated body. He will probably be in hospital for a year at least

- he cannot speak - and his biggest risk is infection. The family need cash to rebuild their home and cover travelling expenses to be at Troy's side and fundraising activities have included raffles and events. Planet Leisure is the venue for a Fun Day on 19th November 10am - 2,30pm. There will be a Tombola and raffle plus bric-a-brac. Contribute to the funds on just giving page: giving.com/crowdfunding/abra-wood-1

YOUTH FOOTBALL ROUND-UP



This weekend saw all of our young footballers paying their respect to the service men and women who lost their lives defending our country. In what can be an emotional spectacle it, the minutes silence was impeccably adhered to by all.

U10s Stockton Town Yellow 3 - 4 Aycliffe Youth Eagles

Under 12s Eagles were on league duty today in Division 1 away to Stockton Town Yellow. Aycliffe started on the front foot and were soon 1-0 up after Brennan Fitzpatrick headed home a corner from Jack Clarkson. Aycliffe carried on battling hard and were rewarded when Brennan Fitzpatrick added another to make it 2-0. By now Aycliffe were in full control and worked hard to win every ball, then played good passing football. Aycliffe scored a 3rd with a through ball from Brennan to Brandon Addy who raced toward the goal & slotted home. A 4th was soon added with a weaving run from Jack Clarkson and getting himself on the score sheet. This first half was a display of no nonsense football using the basics very well. Louis Airey, Kieran Walton, Alfie Backhouse backed by keeper Charlie Harrison gave a solid platform for the team to build on. Callum Whitfield, Leon Patel & James Sear supported the front men and the wing backs. Unfortunately this was a game of 2 halves and to Stockton's credit they battled hard. This was helped by Aycliffe's lack of urgency or taking the foot off the pedal which let Stockton back in. Before Aycliffe knew it the score was 3-4. To their credit Aycliffe battled hard for the last 5 minutes and looked the more likely to score. Well done lads for a good result.

Shincliffe Girls 0 v 5 U12's Girls.

Early start for the girls today as they travelled to Ferryhill on a foggy and cold morning, but at least the rain stopped. The girls started with pace and movement and with just over a minute gone, Hattie crossed for Olivia to prod home. Aycliffe then give the opposition no space and forced several corners, from which Hattie crossed for Alex to volley home and 5 mins later a poor clearance found Laila on the edge of the box to slot into the corner. HT 0-3. To be fair to Shincliffe they came out stronger in the second half and stretched Aycliffe on a few occasions but a clean sheet was important today for Faith, Macy, Emily and Neve. However at the other end U12's Girls were still creating chances and from a hand ball, Hattie smashed home the penalty. The final word went to Alex who raced beyond the defence and slid the ball inside the post.

FT 0-5 The rest of the squad

deserve a mention today Chloe Lauren helping out in defence and Brookes pace out on the wing and Kate's work in midfield helped the girls to this impressive win.

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U13's Falcons 5-2 Barnard



Castle Perfect conditions for the lads today at the Oak Leaf. The Falcons started very well testing the keeper early with a long range effort from Dylan. Sam, also going close with a nice volley. The first goal came from a through pass from Will which Sam outpaced the defenders to finish past the keeper 1-0.

The 2nd goal came from good work by Tom Jasper to feed Lewis who finished very well 2-0.

The best move of the game did not result in a goal but some lovely quick passing saw Aycliffe move up the pitch quickly and create another chance. The falcons had a penalty saved just before half time 2-0.

2nd Half, Barnard Castle came out fired up and scored from a header close in, 2-1.

The Falcons had to match the extra effort and physicality of the visitors to get back on top again, the 3rd goal came from a pass from Will that Sam tucked away with his usual class 3-1. Barnard Castle threatened again but for a fine double save from Cam when it looked like they were going to score. The fourth goal came when Sam was forced wide and under pressure he delivered a cross to the back post that went in 4-1. The visitors pulled another one back 4-2. The final goal of the game saw Jacob play a pass across for Dylan to hit first time powerfully into the corner, full time 5-2. MOTM went to Ethan for a solid game in a few positions. For more information about our FA Charter Standard Community Club, visit our website www.nayfc.com or telephone our club secretary Berni on 07939 045242.

International Ju-Jitsu Instructors Visit Aycliffe

The martial arts club at Newton Aycliffe Ju Jitsu are host to another international course under the instruction of two senior instructors from the WJJF TDS worldwide federation. Soke Alan Campbell, 9th Dan Instructor from Australia and Soke Stefano Mancini, 9th Dan Instructor from Italy. Both will be on the mat with their assistant instructors teaching traditional Japanese Ju Jitsu from the federations set syllabus, and more. We invite people from all backgrounds, disciplines and federations to come along and enjoy the course under two Master instructors in Ju Jitsu.

Please inbox Trevor Forsyth at countydurhamjujitsu@gmail.com, like and leave a message on Facebook (Newton Aycliffe Ju Jitsu) or call in and see me in the Newton Press building upstairs, office 10.

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"MOST HELPFUL" MINI POLICE OFFICER

It was a such a surprise for Lucy Brooks, a Mini Police Officer at Sugar Hill Primary school, when Ron Hogg,

Police Commissioner, arrived at school to present her with a certificate and a medal for being the most helpful Mini Police Officer at the recent Superheroes Event held in Shildon.

There are fifteen Mini Police at Sugar Hill. All the pupils were successfully appointed after completing applications and writing a pledge stating why they thought they should be appointed. PSCO Mike Crawford regularly visits school to support the pupils in their role. Mrs Legge, Deputy Head, who leads the

initiative at the school said: "We are absolutely delighted to see Lucy's willingness to help at events in the local community recognised in such a public way". Mini Police Officers from Sugar Hill also attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Newton Aycliffe and all Mini Police have completed traffic surveillance at school. Ron thanked all the children for their commitment to the project, their work in school and the local community, and their excellent behaviour at police events.



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TEACHING MORE LIKELY TO GIVE YOU 'GOOSEBUMPS'

Nearly one quarter (24%) of the general public in the North East say they have never experienced 'a moment that gives them goosebumps' in their working lives, yet over three-quarters of teachers (77%) nationally have enjoyed one of those magical moments within the last eight weeks.

This is according to new research released today by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL). The survey of over 4,500 teachers and non-teachers found teaching comes out top of a goosebumps scale, comparing when employees from different sectors last enjoyed such a rewarding, positive feeling in a 'goosebump moment'. Health came second, media and marketing third, charity fourth, and legal fifth, followed by accountancy and sales.

These goosebumps also help three-quarters (77%) of teachers across the UK feel proud of the job they do at least once a week. In addition, a higher proportion of teachers nationally (40%) than the non-teaching public in the North East (25%) say those special moments makes the hard work worth it. Over a third of teachers (37%) across the UK also say the transformational moments they get to be part of – where they can see others understanding a particular task or topic – make their job worthwhile. This compares to just 24% of the general public in the North East. Commenting on the findings, Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said: "Teaching is a unique career that can provide unrivalled amounts of pride, sense of achievement and rewarding

opportunities. It's an amazing feeling when something clicks for a pupil for the very first time - moments like this can give you real goosebumps. Teaching is not without its challenges, but the benefits and rewards make the hard work worth it.

Our research shows us that other professions and careers don't always match up or make people feel the same way that teaching can. That's why we are encouraging more people in Newton Aycliffe to consider using their skills and passion to train to teach."

NCTL provides a comprehensive programme of support to aspiring teachers in the North East, providing guidance all the way through the application process. To help attract the best and brightest people with the potential to be exceptional teachers, tax-free bursaries and scholarships are now available in a range of subjects. For example, trainees in physics can receive a bursary or scholarship of up to £30,000 tax-free while they train. Scholarships worth £27,500 are also on offer for chemistry, computing, geography, maths and modern foreign languages. Anyone looking for more information about getting into teaching should visit www.education.gov.uk/getintoteaching or call 0800 389 2500.

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contributed funding from the Neighbourhood Budgets of Durham County Councillors Eddy Adam, Kate Hopper, John Clare, Joan Gray, Mike Dixon, Jed Hillary and Sarah Iveson. Spennymoor Area Action Partnership and East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership also contributed funding from their Area Budget allocations towards the initiative. Speaking on behalf of Durham County Council, Councillor Neil Foster, Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, said: "Supporting Credit Unions within the county is a key priority for Durham County Council. It is hoped that once in post the Credit Union Development Officer will help promote the virtues of saving and borrowing from a Credit Union, instead of using other high interest loan providers". Residents of County Durham are being encouraged to save and borrow from their local Credit Union, especially in the run up to Christmas. The benefits of saving and borrowing from a Credit Union can be far-reaching, for example, the Money Charity states that: "using a Credit Union loan rather than a high cost furniture provider saves on average £900-£1,200 per item, also £500 borrowed from a doorstep lender, for a school prom, could cost more than £2,000 to repay". NEFirst Credit Union can be contacted via: www.nefirstcu.co.uk or by calling 0330 055 3666.

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Northern Rail Investment

A timetable for new investment in North East England's local trains and railway stations has been discussed by council leaders as devolution of the region's railways took an important step forward.

A new rail management board which met for the first time on Tuesday 4th October sees local councillors hold train company bosses to account directly for the first time ever as a result of proposals from the North of England to improve rail services when the new Northern franchise was let this year.

The deal saw the region's two combined authorities work together to secure a commitment from Government and the new franchisee Arriva to replace the notorious Pacer trains and invest to improve waiting facilities for passengers.

They also now directly monitor day-to-day performance and work with Northern to market rail travel, introduce more frequent services and develop plans for new stations and routes.

Cllr Nick Forbes, the leader of Newcastle City Council and lead member for transport at the North East Combined Authority, said: "This marks a turning point for local rail as for the first time we can hold a franchise to account directly for the services they provide, here in our region."

"Rail devolution is about delivering real benefits for passengers through replacing the notorious Pacer trains, introducing more frequent services and making stations better places. "We have secured these commitments from Government and the franchisee and through the new North East Rail Management Board we will make sure they are delivered."

Cllr Bill Dixon, Chair of the Tees Valley Combined Authority Transport Committee and Leader of Darlington Borough Council said: "For too long passengers across the North have struggled with inadequate services and lack of investment."

"The Tees Valley Combined Authority now has an exciting opportunity to make a real difference in improving rail services across the region. We look forward to working in close partnership with the franchise operator in a way that has not been possible previously in order to ensure they deliver the improvements in services and facilities that are much needed for rail travellers in Tees Valley".

The North East Rail Management Board will shape an ambitious plan to transform local rail in the North East promised by Northern including:

- **Replacement of the antiquated Pacer train fleet by 2020 at the latest.**
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It was established as part of a unique agreement between Government's Department for Transport and local authorities across the north, working together through the Rail North Partnership to oversee service improvements across the Northern and TransPennine franchises, rather than decisions being taken entirely in Whitehall. As well as the North East Combined Authority and Tees Valley Combined Authority, the Board includes representatives from Cumbria County Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR AT VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Annual Christmas Fair organised by the PTA will take place at Aycliffe Village School from 6pm until 8pm on Thursday 1st December. There will be an array of Christmas stalls including Chocolates, Christmas Decoration, Cupcakes, Candles plus many

more. Why not try your luck on the children or adult tombola or buy a ticket for this year's raffle which has some fabulous prizes up for grabs including overnight hotel stays and meals out. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from

the school office and will also be available to buy on the night. Homemade soup and refreshments will also be available. Santa will even be paying us a visit so come along and bring the family, it should be a great night. Everyone Welcome!

Congratulations

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Jacky Langdale

Happy 50th Birthday
24th November 2016

Congratulations Jacky. A special day and a special wish just for you. Have a fabulous birthday. All my love, Scott xxx

Happy Birthday Mam

We love you loads. Have a wonderful day. All our love, Laura and Aran xx

JACKY LANGLANDS

Happy 50th birthday. Love from Angie, John and family xx

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Happy 50th birthday Jacky. Love you loads, Mam - Great party xxx

SMITH, Kimberley Maria.

Happy birthday to a wonderful Daughter on 17th November 2016. Lots of love Mam xxx

SMITH, Kimberley.

Happy birthday to my Granddaughter on 17th November 2016. Love from Grandma xxxx

SMITH, Kimberley.

To my niece on her birthday on 17th November 2016. Happy birthday, love from Christine, Ian and Anita xxx

Kathleen & Dennis Burkitt



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

to our special Mam and Dad. Lots of love, Susan, Garry, Kev and Kirsty xxx

To our wonderful Nana and Granda. Love you both lots. Love, Abbie, Lexie, Benjamin and Jack xxxx

Rachel Grieves



Happy Birthday

Belated birthday wishes to my darling Rachel for 13th November. Sorry I forgot !!! Paul xxxxxx

Layla Thompson



Congratulations

Second place in the Nationwide Finals at Blackpool. WOW!! at 6 years old your Mam and family are so proud of you. You've worked so hard. Thank you to Caroline Race (SDSOD) for making this possible - an amazing dance teacher.

Logan Dean Hymas



Happy 1st Birthday Sweetheart

Enjoy your party. Love from Nana and Grandad xx

Happy 1st Birthday Son
Love from Dad

Julie



Happy 50th Birthday

You don't look a day over 21. From all your family and friends. Love and kisses xxxxx

Thank You

JACKY LANGLANDS

A huge thank you to all my friends and family who attended my 50th Birthday Party on Saturday night. Thank you to all the staff and the two lovely ladies behind the bar at the Navy Club. Local band "Another Crisis" for playing such fab music! My lovely Daughter Laura and fabulous Husband Scott, who makes all my dreams come true! Love to you all from Jacky Langlands x

Acknowledgement

IRIS GOWLAND

The family of Iris Gowland would like to thank our family, friends, neighbours and carers, as well as staff at Rose Lodge Care Home; also the staff on Ward 43 at Darlington Memorial Hospital for all their kind thoughts, cards and support during this difficult time. We would like to offer special thanks to Tracey Warrior at John Meynell Funeral Service for her outstanding and sympathetic professionalism and to Carole Briggs, Funeral Celebrant, for her thoughtfully led Service. We would also like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Education Centre for Children with Down's Syndrome.

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In Memoriam

IAN BROWN (AKA Cat man). Late of Farnham Close. Could anyone who attended the funeral please call 319181 with regard to topic discussed, re Ian's childhood area. Many thanks, Maureen

IRENE SANDERSON

21st November 2014. Well sweetheart, I cannot believe it is two years since you passed away. Time goes past so quick. You are missed every day by some family and friends. But not all. Love you forever and always, Your loving Husband, Richard xxxxx

IRENE SANDERSON If there is a Heaven then I know that's where you are, but I wonder, can you see me? Are you watching from afar? The most important question that I can't stop asking, why such a lovely, caring Nana had to say goodbye. Love, Louise, Billy, Toby and Lilly

JOY MITTON - 18 November

2015. A dear Mam and Nanna. Not a single day passes when you're not thought of. Loved and missed every day. Debbie, Jez, Chloe, Charlie and Jamie xxx

JOY MITTON - 18 November 2015. Lovingly remembered, you were my Cousin, but we were brought up as Brother and Sister. Thinking of you always. Chris

JOY MITTON - 18 November

2015. It's been a year, but our memories and love will never fade. Still very much in our thoughts and hearts. Much loved, we miss you very much. From Stuart, Julie and Hannah xxx

JOY MITTON 18 November 2015. Treasured memories of a cherished Mam and Nana. Loved, remembered and missed every single day. Forever in our thoughts. Your Son Dougie and Grandson Alex xx

GRANT EDGAR 16th

November 1985. Our lovely Son. Another month, another year, another smile, another tear, another summer, another winter too. But there can never be another you Grant. My beautiful Son. Love you so much and forever. Mam, Paul, Lee, Andy and all the family xxxxx

KATH HALL (nee Ward).

20th November 2001. A message to our loving Mother, Kath Hall, 20th November 2001. The day that changed our lives forever. It's true what they say, that time doesn't heal, you learn to live with it. We all love you Mam with all our hearts. You are thought about every day of our lives and will be till we see you again. We have no doubt you can see your family getting bigger. Miss you, love you. Billy, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim, Glenda. Love you to the stars and back Nanna from Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben, Alfie, Matthew, Dan. Great Nanna Kath, thank you for everything, we love you loads and loads, Kate, Jazmin, Harry, Rose and George

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GRADES A PLENTY FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE KARATE CLUB STUDENTS

Students had to undergo a rigorous examination on Tuesday 8th November under the watchful eyes of club instructors, Sensei Steve Wilkinson, 4th Dan, Sensei Andy Bailey, 4th Dan and Sensei John Ward, 1st Dan. From these the following passed with flying colours. From left to right on the picture:- Ryan Dunn, 8th Kyu Yellow Belt, Robin Horn, 7th Kyu Orange Belt, Joshua Reed - 3rd Mon Orange Tag, Theo Jackson - 5th Mon Yellow Tag, Chloe Hunter - 3rd Mon Orange Tag, Laura Armstrong



- 6th Kyu Green Belt, Robert - 3rd Min Orange Tag (Double Grading), Jamie Pape - 3rd Mon Orange Tag, George Bowman - 3rd Mon Orange Tag (Double Grading), Katie Bowman - 8th Kyu Yellow Belt who actually graded in October and was awarded yellow belt after an excellent mock grading led to her receiving a surprise grade. The club is a fun, family focused group that meets at The Cubby (Old Neville Parade Community Centre), on Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe every Tuesday (7pm to 8.30pm) and Thursday (6.30pm to 7.30pm). Ages start from 6 years up and instructors are DBS checked and fully insured. The club is registered with the British Combat Karate Association and first lesson is free. Its a great way to keep fit, learn a practical self defence and helps instil respect, discipline and self confidence.

For further information email naanshinryu@gmail.com or call Andy Bailey on 07999501379. You can also google Newton Aycliffe Karate Club to find links to their website and facebook group.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Aycliffe Juniors enjoyed a great footballing weekend with all teams respecting Remembrance Sunday with well observed minutes silences before each game.

The Under 8's have continued to shine in TJFA Division 2 and now boast a record of playing nine games, winning six, drawing twice and only losing once. Over the course of recent games they have welcomed new players Josh, Ethan and Rhys whilst amassing an impressive 40 goals.

The Under 9 Russell Foster league team made it three consecutive wins when they played Durham United Tigers. A great start created lots of chances and Charlie's header gave them a 1-0 half time lead. Jay scored a fine individual goal and then added another to open up a 3-0 lead. Jake added the fourth and final goal of the game and it was Jay who was named as man of the match.

The Under 9 TJFA league team travelled to play Norton and Stockton Whites. They started well with Rhys testing the



keeper before Niall scored the first goal. This was the sign of things to come as a dominant display secured a 9-0 win with further goals from Rhys (5), Will (2) and Jayden. The second friendly game gave another big win and the mornings men of the match were Jayden and Niall.

The Under 10's were at home against Seaton Carew they went behind 1-0 from an early corner. Lewis and Jake passed the ball well and created chances but the equaliser didn't come. In the second half Seaton

added another goal and came away 2-0 winners. Aycliffe played great football at times but couldn't take anything from the game.

The Under 11 Russell Foster League team played at home against Harton and Weston. They didn't start well and were 2-0 down before Noah's goal halved the deficit. Noah added another in the second half but Aycliffe fell to a 6-2 defeat against the current league leaders. Matty was named as the man of the match after having a great game at right back.

The Under 11 TJFA league team faced Leven at Sunnydale. They started really positively with some great interpassing to create chances. Charlie finished a good ball from Harry to open the scoring then Jake P got the second from the penalty spot. Lucas got the next two goals and made the score 4-0 at half time. In the second half Tom was needed to make three good saves from Leven attacks. At the other end of the pitch Charlie got his second, Lucas completed his hatrick and Jacob scored in a comprehensive 7-0 win.

The Under 12's got back to winning ways away at Sedgefield. They looked dominant from the start and

were five goals up by half time. Striker Clark bagged a hatrick and the impressive Hume scored two. They conceded three goals in the second half but were 5-3 winners at the full time whistle.

The Under 15's were playing away at Hartlepool Pools Youth it was an amazing first half! Aycliffe started badly and were 3-0 down after fifteen minutes but they then settled and played some fantastic football to be 4-3 up at half time. The goals came from Stoker and Hynes getting a brace each. The second half was a bit quieter but Stoker got two more goals crowning a man of the match display in this 6-4 win with a superb goal from a 30 yard free kick.

The Under 17's secured a great win against top of the league Ferryhill. It was a great performance from the team and goals from Lewis Bunting (2), Kieran Maughan and Jimmy Cameron ensured a 4-2 win.

CONVINCING VASE WIN FOR AYCLIFFE

Newton Aycliffe 4 v Worksoop Town 0

Following a good Vase campaign last season, Aycliffe entered this season's competition (in the 2nd Round Proper) with a bang, defeating Worksoop Town (the Tigers) 4-0. Remembrance Day was observed before kick-off with the playing of the Last Post by Aycliffe Treasurer Yvonne Wood; this was well respected by both sets of supporters.

Both sides then proceeded to play good football from the start. Connor Brunt and then Dennis Knight had half-chances on 5 and 7 minutes respectively. On 10 minutes, John Campbell was put through on goal, but Tigers goalie and captain Jon Kennedy made a good save. He repeated the feat, saving from Campbell 2 minutes later. However Campbell was proving a handful and on 13 minutes he played captain Paul Garthwaite in for a fine finish low into the corner of the net for 1-0.

The Tigers were struggling to contain Aycliffe, whose quick passing and running off the ball was cutting through the defence. This pressure led to a penalty on 16 minutes when Campbell was tripped in the penalty box. He stepped up and converted for 2-0. Three minutes later, Aycliffe got another penalty when Fenton handled. This time, Dennis Knight converted for 3-0. It was all Aycliffe, and on 24 minutes Campbell hit the post. Worksoop were being overrun, and Aycliffe took advantage on 29 minutes when Ben Wood played Garthwaite in for his 2nd and Aycliffe's 4th. Half-time 4-0.



Worksoop, to their credit, improved in the second half and it was an evenly matched 45 minutes.

Dennis Knight had a good chance for Aycliffe on 63 minutes, but pulled a shot past the post. Knight had a penalty shout but this was denied. The Tigers pressed for a consolation goal and were denied by a great save by James Winter in the home goal on 88 minutes. Final score 4-0.

Aycliffe now move into the Third Round, to be played on Saturday 3 December. Before that, however, come two tough games at Moore Lane. On Tuesday 15 November Aycliffe play Shildon in the League Cup & then on Saturday 19 November League leaders North Shields will be the visitors.

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