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Hitachi Rail Skills on Track Thanks to Aycliffe's SWDT

Hitachi Rail Europe says it hasn't struggled to recruit skilled people at its new train assembling factory - thanks to the support of local training providers.

The company opened in September 2015, and has already taken on more than 1,000 people at the 502 1,000 people at its £82m site on Aycliffe Business Park. Fiftyseven of those have been new apprenticeship roles, with 10 being trained by South West Durham Training (SWDT) who has worked closely with Hitachi for the last three years. Hitachi tor the rase....
Hitachi's Learning and
Manager Stonehouse Kendra "Our relationship with SWDT hasn't just been around apprenticeships, as all of our core team have done their training there".

Kendra, who joined Hitachi from Tata Steel in April 2015, attended an event at SWDT to talk to local businesses about the benefits of taking on apprentices, using the new

apprenticeship levy system. She said: "As a large employer we do pay into the apprenticeship levy pot and we're trying to be more creative in how that will work for the business. We're trying to bring more young people in but as integral parts of the team we already have in place. We have a lot of skilled and semiskilled people who have joined the company and this is about giving them opportunities to develop, as well as recruiting

apprentices.

Of the 1,000 people Hitachi
Rail employed the majority come within a 30-mile radius of its Aycliffe site.

SWDT is now delivering bespoke apprenticeship packages to accommodate the needs of businesses, and says changes to the way apprenticeships are funded, and the apprenticeship levy, have created new opportunities

to deliver a variety of programmes involving a range of different modules.

The Aycliffe training provider

– which celebrates its 50th year later this year – is now working with the likes of neighbouring train manufacturer Hitachi Rail and lawnmower maker Husqvarna, Richmond-based Pipeline Engineering, which is part of the multi-national Circor Group, and Aycliffe-based rail component maker Sabre Rail.

Chief executive Lee Childs, said: "The levy gives us more flexibility to get the most out of the funding available. There are gaps in apprenticeships that we've recognised, such as quality engineering. "But we're also training apprentices in engineering with modules in purchasing, procurement, quality assurance and business improvement techniques, for

SWDT, a subsidiary of Bishop Auckland College which employs 27 staff, also works with 3M, Cummins, Nifco, GSK, Mech Tool Engineering and Ebac among others, and has more than 300 learners on

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Landlady Calls Time After Pub is Ransacked

A local Landlady who put her heart and soul into relaunching a pub is devastated after thieves ransacked the property leaving her to call time on the venture for good. Gemma Shepherd was

Monday

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on our boards menu

served

5pm-9pm

preparing to relaunch the Locomotion Number One at Heighington Station, Newton near when burglars raided the pub and stole about £1,200 worth of stock.

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bar, including bottles of beer and spirits, leaving only the kegs in the cellar Avcliffe. and soft drinks behind. They also took crisps and snacks, as well as smashing The thieves stole all the and _ cupboards.

The 32-year-old "They have completely ransacked the place. I am absolutely gutted – I don't feel angry, it is more a feeling of devastation. I have put all my own money into the pub, but I will have to give it up as I have no more funds to support it." Ms Shepherd began working at the pub in December, and took over the running of it in May.

raiding

"I was planning on doing a soft launch and had held a few family events. I was looking forward to opening properly," she added. It is awful, it makes me feel like I have failed but it was someone else who took it away from me." **Detective Constable John** Forster, from Bishop Auckland CID, said: "This was devastating for Gemma as she had put everything into the pub. she has been left with nothing. I really want to make a plea to anyone

about this incident to get in touch.

between Wednesday, June 28 and the morning of Friday, June 30. Anyone with any information is asked to call Durham Police on 101 and ask for Det. Con. John Forster at Bishop Auckland CID, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555

COUNCILLORS

DCC Aycliffe West Councillors Kate Hopper & Eddy Adam are holding a ward walkabout with representatives partner organisations where available starting at 9.30am on Thursday, 27th July in the Malham Crescent neighbourhood. Local residents welcome to join us or get in touch using contact details below.

Cllr Eddy Adam 03000 268670 eddy.adam@durham.gov.uk Cllr Kate Hopper 03000 268727 kate.hopper@durham.gov.uk

The incident happened Two bit.ly/CNB197

meetings, an inspiring PCP AGM, plus the Great Aycliffe Festival and lots of other things to do. Full details on my blog at:

COMMUNITY

• DCC Cabinet meeting report -Council finances, Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing, SEND, C&YPS, Housing White Paper.

very important DCC

• DCC Environment Scrutiny Committee report – woodlands, air quality, waste.

or DCC signs Memorandum of Understanding with Durham University to work together to attract talent, money and business to the County.

• Worklessness in County Durham rose from 10.4% to 11.5%, January-April 2017.

12 sites in DCC parks,

cemeteries & crematoriums have been awarded Green Flag status.

• GAMP Board meeting report.

- GATC Environment Recreation meetings' report.
- Latest local roadworks
- PCP AGM report.
- · 'Civic Theatre' scam. · Tekmar lands East Anglia
- windfarm contract.

THINGS TO DO

- This year's Great Aycliffe Festival programme is restival programme impressive.

 • Sum:
- Summer Holidays Activities

COUNTY **NEWSBITS** Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

for Children & Young People in Shildon and Newton Aycliffe.

Shildon and Newton Aycliffe.

Skerne Archaeology talk,
Aycliffe Village Hall, 7:30pm,
Tuesday 25 July.

Mini-archaeological dig for children (5-11), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-4pm, Friday 28 July.

• Roma Antiqua re-enactment group, Archaeology Museum Palace Green, 11am-3pm,

Saturday 29 July.
• Fabulous Flowers and touchable Hindu Shrine (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum,

touchable Hindu Shrine (5-11s),
Durham Oriental Museum,
1-3pm, Saturday 29 July.

• Make a DLI remembrance
poster (5-11s), Palace Green
Library, 1-3pm, 29-30 July.

• Stationary engine rally,
Locomotion Museum Shildon,

10am-5pm, 29-30 July.

Baby Basics Charity Stall in Thames Centre

Baby Basics a charity helping families in need with baby clothing and supplies have a stall in the Thames Centre on Saturday 22nd July 11am to 4pm to raise funds.

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already booked their spot at Durham Oktoberfest, which this year celebrates its tenth birthday.

birthday.
The manufacturing and expo brings engineering expo brings together hundreds of people from the region's business community to network and showcase their expertise to potential customers and suppliers.

This year, Oktoberfest's 10vear milestone, promises to be bigger and better than ever and companies from a number of sectors have already confirmed they'll be attending.

They include previous exhibitors E-MAX Systems, They include Dyer Engineering and Stiller Logistics who have all secured work and awarded contracts on the back of their involvement.

David Land, Chairman of County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network, which organises Durham Oktoberfest, said: "Durham Oktoberfest is the perfect platform to showcase the North East's vast capabilities within the engineering and

manufacturing sectors.
"But more than that, it offers businesses the chance to meet potential buyers, and customers suppliers which we know can and does lead to work.

"Just recently we revealed that logistics company Stiller had secured a sixfigure contract with Marmax Products as a direct result of attending last year's event. And they're one of many businesses who have seen their portfolio grow from being part of our event."

This year's event is once again being supported by



gold Business Durham as sponsor, while Nigel Wright Recruitment has also come on board as an associate partner.

Justin Barlow, Marketing Director at Nigel Wright, said: "We're delighted to be teaming up with Durham Oktoberfest as an associate partner.

The event is one of the biggest in the engineering and manufacturing calendar and we believe with our database of contacts across multiple sectors, we can help open the event up to a whole new audience of potential exhibitors and visitors."

Durham Oktoberfest 2017 is being held on Thursday. October 19, at the Xcel Centre in Newton Aycliffe. To find out more visit the website, durhamoktoberfest. org.uk. Durham Oktoberfest is also

pleased to announce that on the evening of the event the regional Made in the North East awards hosted by Insider Media will be at Redworth Hall Hotel. Businesses attending Oktoberfest are actively encouraged to get involved and promote their success by registering for one of the awards on offer. For more information visit https:// www.insidermedia.com/ event/made-in-the-northeast-awards-20.



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Covering tracks by: Stereophonics, Bad Company, Nickleback, The Fratellis, Bowie, Green Day, T. Rex and more. nging and dancing guaranteed! These guys know how to party"

Sunday 23rd July - "Breakfast Club" (starts 4pm - £3cc)

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Saturday 29th July - "Uncle Gilbert"

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Celebrates 40 years



Pre-Dinner drinks were enjoyed on the patio overlooking the Woodham Golf Course



Top Table guests of the President



Rtn Geoff Batchelor recalling the past 40 years

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club celebrated their 40th Anniversary last Saturday at the Woodham Golf Club where they hold their weekly meetings.

The guests were welcomed by President Tony Robinson and the compere was Don Walker.

The club first met at the upstairs room in the Oak Tree Inn at Neville Parade (now demolished). One of the founder members, Geoff Batchelor, gave a speech recalling highlights of the 40 years.

Other founder and past members were present at the Dinner which included our Mayor and Consort, Wendy and Jed Hillary. The North East Governor attended along with other distinguished Rotary guests.

After the formalities there was period of dancing to the music

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Town's Rotary Club PCP's Family Fun Day

The rain didn't dampen any spirits at PCP's summer Fun Day Saturday. Over 500 people turned out the Pioneering Care Centre to enjoy what was on offer in Ayeliffe's healthy living centre, as part of the Great Aycliffe Festival. The soft play and bouncy castle were moved indoors, as were the produce from PCP's community garden that people could buy.

Children decorated biscuits, made key rings and were entertained by Punch and Judy, Paw Patrol characters

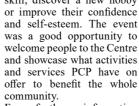
and Bobby the Bull who came along with Newton Aycliffe Police beat team.

Brave visitors petted the snakes and spiders and could make their people own healthy snacks of fruit kebabs and smoothies.

The Coffee Shop was busy throughout the event serving tasty, healthy snacks, light meals, sweet treats and refreshments. The outside ice cream van also had a good day despite the weather.

PCP delivers a full range of interesting activities to help people get fit, learn a new skill, discover a new hobby

information For further contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCareFacebook: @PCPandCentre





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A need for a 4 week summer club has been identified in both Tudhoe and the West Ward area of Newton Aycliffe aimed at children aged between 7-11

The holiday clubs will start Monday 31st July and will be delivered Monday to Thursday over the summer holidays until Thursday

24th August.

The aim of this project is to provide children and families with the opportunity to take part in a range of fun days out and activities based in Tudhoe Community Centre and Greenfield Community and Arts Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Participating children will benefit form a healthy meal and will also be able to take part in a range of the following:

- Multi- sports activities
- Trip to Planet Leisure Healthy Cooking
- · Learning how your food grows and the environment
- Trip to the beach

· Learn to say Hello and

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Newton News EDITORIAL

Where is **Aycliffe News** in **County** Magazine?

Newtonians are complaining about the lack of information in the County Council magazine on what's happening in our town.

The answer received is that it is our fault, and organisations and groups should be sending in notices, and articles to the editorial team in County Hall if they want to be included in this publication.

I believe it is also the job of an editorial team to ensure they have county-wide coverage and they should be more proactive in this regard, building up news resources.

They obviously have no database to obtain news from the south of the County in order to stop these complaints.

I would like to bet they do source magazine content from the north of the county through websites and more readily accessible contacts.

The editorial team definitely need to get their act together to ensure that one of the most active towns in the county is represented in our magazine.

Local Projects Benefit from £150,000 CDCF Funding

LOCAL community groups and voluntary organisations are set to benefit from £150,000, of grant funding across the area.

Applications, managed by

County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF), were submitted before Sunday 29 April this year to Ron Hogg, the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's (PCVC's) Community Safety Fund, for projects aiming to reduce crime and improve community safety.

This year, the fund is supporting projects and initiatives around following key themes:

- Encourage diversionary activities,
- Tackle anti-social behaviour,
- Tackle harm caused by alcohol, drugs, and violence.

Ron provided £100,000 of funding for 2017-18, with an additional contribution of £50,000 from CDCF. This means £150,000 is available for local projects.

One of the organisations to benefit from the fund is the 700 Club in Darlington, a charity which supports those who are homeless, dependent on drugs or alcohol, or suffering with a mental health issue.

Dr John Elliston, 700 Club CEO said: "The 700 Club is a homelessness charity



Margaret Vaughan, Ron Hogg and Dr John Elliston

that helps individuals to regain control of their lives and recover their housing independence. I'm delighted that our charity was awarded £7,500 from the PCVC Community Safety Fund; the money will underwrite an initiative to encourage people who are begging off the streets by helping them to address the often complex reasons behind the need to

Ron said: "In a continued era of reduced funding, I'm pleased this funding will help to improve the lives of local people. The funding round this year was once again very popular, and whilst we cannot fund every organisation that applied, I

am confident the 21 awarded projects will make a positive impact in our communities." Margaret Vaughan, our Chief Operations Officer at County Durham Community
Foundation said: "We are
delighted to be working
with the Police, Crime and
Victim's Commissioner, Ron Hogg, and his team again to support these very important initiatives in County Durham and in Darlington. County Durham Community Foundation has been able to contribute match funding to the Community Safety Fund to increase the reach from the fund which makes a real difference to groups and to individuals in their local communities."

Campaign Launched to Tackle Sugar Consumption

People across the county are being encouraged to cut down on sugar and raise awareness about its impact on health as part of a new

Organisations, businesses and individuals across the county are being asked to join the SUGAR SMART Durham campaign by taking actions to help make it easier for people to reduce their sugar consumption.

Consuming too much sugar and too many foods and drinks high in sugar can lead to weight gain, which in turn increases the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke and some cancers. It is also linked to tooth decay. Food Durham is a partnership that aims to encourage a healthier, greener and fairer food system that supports the local economy.

Food Durham is coordinating the local Sugar Smart campaign and as a key partner, Durham County Council has already pledged to take action to:

- · Promote free drinking water
- Reduce high sugar options in vending machines
- Promote healthy meal deals
- Reduce advertising of high sugar products
 • Stock healthier food and

Councillor Lucy Cabinet member for adult and health services, said:

Provide clearer information about sugar content of food and

The initiative, which is led by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation and Sustain, aims to make it easier for people to make healthier choices by making sugary produce less available or less well promoted.

Dr Liz Charles, Project Manager for Food Durham at Durham Community Action said: "I am delighted that Food Durham is co-ordinating the SUGAR SMART campaign across the county. Changing our food habits is never easy but every small action from our partners will help us all achieve diets that will do us less harm and make us more aware of the hidden sugar in everyday foods."

"We know that there is no single solution to tackle obesity and the SUGAR SMART Durham campaign is a great opportunity for us to work together to help our communities reduce their sugar intake.

'I would encourage everyone to pledge their contribution to the initiative and help raise awareness around the risks of consuming too much sugar." Any groups or individuals who want to find out more the campaign, which runs until summer 2018, should visit www.sugarsmartuk.org People are also invited to fill in the SUGAR SMART survey at www. surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GK9WJFB where they will be entered into a prize draw.

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Darlington.
Commenting, Consultant
General Surgeon, Andy
Gilliam, said, "This Gilliam, said, "This investment is of huge importance. We already perform around 10,000 surgical procedures at Darlington Memorial Hospital each year, offering a wide range of surgeries from life-saving cancer treatments to joint replacements which make the world of difference to patients who have been in pain and struggling with mobility.

mobility.

As the population ages and new surgical opportunities become inevitably, demand increases and it's exciting that these very modern, state of the art facilities mean that we will be able to incorporate procedures and techniques as they become available in the future. The increased capacity will also mean shorter waiting times for our patients."



Trust chief executive, Sue Jacques, said, "We're delighted that the new facilities are now available for the benefit of our patients and demonstrate our commitment to Darlington Memorial Hospital. We also hope that having the very best surgical facilities will attract the very best staff to be part of our existing excellent teams."

In addition theatres, the new building incorporates a mortuary and bereavement suite.



50th & 55th WEDDING **ANNIVERSARY PARTY** AT DEFOE CARE HOME

Clark, Residents at HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, and their wives Edna Wilson and Anne Clark recently celebrated their respective Diamond Anniversary and 55th Wedding Anniversary with a special party at the home.

Edna and Robert have been married for 60 years, they met working in a local factory together it was love at first sight. Anne and Lawrence both enjoyed going to local dances and met one night. They have been together for 61 years, Anne said it was most defiantly love at first sight.

Both couples received an abundance of cards and flowers from relative's friends and staff. They enjoyed first class fine dining at the home, with a romantic meal for four.

HC-One's Defoe Court is

Robert Wilson and Lawrence also celebrating achieving a 9.8 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to Residents. This also comes hot off the heels of the home recently being ranked in the Top 20 care homes in the North East.

Sarah Todd Care Home Manager, said: "It's a wonderful opportunity to be able to celebrate two fantastic milestone anniversaries with such lovely couples.'

HC-One Regional Managing Director, Lynn Lant said: "Robert and Lawrence's celebrations anniversary sounds great! Organising memorable events like this is an important part of how HC-One provides the kindest care.









Woodham Academy held an Exhibition of students' GCSE Art on Wednesday 12th July, inviting parents, and friends to view the

spectacular display. Most of the work showed a particular emphasis on modern art, but the talent was evident and one could expect to see high marks when the work is examined. Best of luck to all students.



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Hitachi Funds Rail **Research & Innovation**

Hitachi Rail Europe and Hitachi Information Control Systems jointly contributed funding towards the new partnership of universities and railway industry suppliers.

industry suppliers.

The partnership – part of the newly-created UK Railway Research and Innovation Network (UKRRIN), has received £92 million including funding from the UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF) and rail suppliers. Bids for funding have been led by the University of Birmingham. Hitachi Rail Europe already

works closely with educational partners in the North East, where the company builds trains at their Newton Aycliffe manufacturing facility. The UKRPIF funding will be used to create three linked worldclass centres of excellence, which will focus on:

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These centres of excellence,
together with existing UK
Rail Test Centres, will become
the foundation of UKRRIN, bringing together the UK rail supply industry and academia to undertake world-leading research and innovation in rail. The UKRRIN will support delivery of the ambitious Rail Technical Strategy and is aligned with the aims of the Government's Industrial

Strategy.
With these world class centres of excellence, the UK rail supply industry will be able to develop world leading new technologies and products for

trains, railway systems and infrastructure that will deliver a better, more reliable and efficient railway.

Passengers will directly benefit from the research leading to improved technology; a better infrastructure with increased reliability that can be more effectively managed; and new digital signalling systems that will allow additional trains to run on the network. The High Speed 2 project will also be an early beneficiary of the world

leading research.

Koji Agatsuma, Head of
Engineering at Hitachi Rail
Europe, said:

Professor Sir David Eastwood, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Birmingham,

said:
"These are exciting times for railways, which have become integral to how people live and economies grow in the 21st Century. UKRRIN gives British universities and rail industry partners the opportunity to shape the global future of railways.

"The University Birmingham is renowned for its rail research, and innovations in railway control. command, and communication will be the key to significantly improve the quality of railway

services.
"We're looking forward to working with research and industry partners across the world to deliver innovation that establishes the UK as a world-leading centre of rail excellence.'



The Wives Club from Neville Parade Methodist Church held a summer outing to Wyevale Garden Centre, Stockton enjoying a lovely 'Afternoon Tea' and a look around the garden centre.

The staff in the restaurant made us feel very welcome and really looked after us. What also made it special was our transport to and from the garden centre in the "The Newtonian" United

Preservation Society. It was a trip down memory lane for most of the ladies as they remembered travelling on the bus when it was in service. As retiring President of the club I would like to thank everyone involved in making the afternoon so enjoyable and would like to pass on my best wishes to the new

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SPARKLING TALENT AT SUMMER CONCERT

Woodham Academy held their Summer Concert on Thursday 13th July, highlighting the superb talent of students, covering a wide range of skills in singing, dancing, gymnastics and musicianship.

All performers were excellent, demonstrating high levels of confidence, making their parents, relatives and teachers very proud. It was a very entertaining evening and the audience showed their appreciation with loud applause.



Tia McConnell and Sophie Johnson accompanied by Rob Gales (Head of Music)

Sugar Hill Dance Group

Primary Music Ensemble Ed Sheeran Medley



Hollie Williams "House of Gold"





Rory Hubery and Jake Mendelsohn: "Can't Stop"



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Hannah Wade, Gracie Thornton & Ruby Watson: "Hey Soul Sister"



Rebekah Cox: "Attitude"









Lucy Kilpatrick and Beth Davidson: "Riptide"



Richie Steward "Pachelbel Canon"



Hannah Roberts: "When You're Gone"



Sophie Johnson & Tia McConnell "This is Gospel"



Tyler Pateman-Jones:

Lucy Kilpatrick:



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Kate Reynoldson "Piano Mash-Up"



Sydney Etherington

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Woodham Academy recently hosted their third Celebration Evening to congratulate and praise students for exceptional hard work and commitment to studies. Over 400 certificates and 50 trophies have been presented to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to recognise a variety of achievements including outstanding progress, academic achievement and 100% attendance

Huge congratulations go to all students, especially those who were nominated by their teachers for individual subject awards, tutor representative awards and finally the overall Head of Learning award. Mrs Taylor, Assistant Headteacher at the school commented "This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge all of the hard work that our students have put into their studies this academic year. It is a time where parents, students and staff can feel extremely proud of what they have achieved".

Amazing Artwork by Year 4 Students



This fantastic artwork was created by Year 4 students from our local Primary Schools. Students from Chilton, Heighington, St. Francis, Sugar Hill and St. Mary's primary schools worked hard to create their own individual leaf using

Every child has incorporated their name into their design to help identify themselves as individuals who have contributed to this great

of primary and secondary colours to decorate their own leaf and the colours have worked together to add to the overall effectiveness of the

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this artwork a great success. Any parents who were unable to come and view the tree are welcome to contact Woodham Academy on 01325 300328 to arrange an alternative time to come to have a look.

Exceptional Students | RAILWAY EVENT AT **BISHOP AUCKLAND**

the annual Bishop Auckland Railway Station Community Event is taking place from 10am to 4pm. The theme of this year's event is "Your Community, Your Station". Community groups invited to this year's event include Bishop Trains, Stockton & Darlington Railway Youth Team, Weardale Railway Team, Weardale Railway Trust, Northumbria Blood Bikes, Durham Constabulary,St John Ambulance, the

many more.
There will be stalls selling

handcrafted goods, cakes and clothing; along with ice cream van, bouncy castle and community based stalls. Activities include vintage bus town tours, a model railway display and information stand by the railway youth team who this year are celebrating their tenth anniversary. This

makes the event a great day

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be showcasing cents at t Trains improvements at the station, the train service and also Santa's special train, the "Festive Capital Express", which this year is running from Bishop Auckland to Edinburgh in November. Those attending the event will be able to enter a prize draw for 2 free tickets.
The event will take place

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We now have ambitious plans to double the number of children supported during 2017/2018 and in order to do that we need more volunteers.

If you would like to find out about the opportunities in your area please give us a call on 01325 315040 or email durham@beanstalk charity.org.uk.

More information can also be found on our website www. beanstalkcharity.org.uk

Rose, Beanstalk North East

Police to Recruit 80 New **Constables**

THE country's top police force is looking to recruit new officers – do you have what it takes?

Durham Police is set to recruit 80 new police constables, with applications opening at 9.30am tomorrow morning (Thursday, July 13). The deadline for applications 1,000 applications are received. is Friday, July 28, or when

Chief Constable Mike Barton said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to join the country's best performing police force and make a real difference in your community.

"I would encourage anyone who has the passion, dedication, professionalism and courage to go the extra mile to provide the best possible service to the people of County Durham and

Darlington to apply."
Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington said: "Policing is a great career, with good long-term prospects for the right people. To apply, visit durham.police.

uk/join-us/police-officers Winner Gracie Mai

Sugar Hill Has Talent!



Sugar Hill School held their annual Talent Show last week organised by Mrs Atkinson-Jones who thanked the following sponsors for their support: Aldi, Atkinson & Sons, Geoff Batchelor, Coffee Pronto, Feastland, Stanley Black & Decker, The Co-op, ROF 59, Ruff n Tumble, and Wacky Warehouse. The show was very entertaining with singing by Chloe, Erin, Emma and Imogen, danging by last years winners Sophie and Emma and Imogen, dancing by last years winners Sophie and Lana, gymnastics by Sophie, Drawing by Sam and Football Skills by Tyler.

The winner was Gracie Mai for her piece from "Matilda". 2nd was Kaitlyn for a superb display of Roller Skating and 3rd Liam playing the Ukelele.





Second - Kaitlyn



3rd - Liam

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– perfect for both adults and children. This is a traditional style advent calendar in the shape of a nutcracker soldier in red and white. This is ideal if you want to choose your own treats for each day of your advent calendar.

Add to the excitement on the run up to Christmas with the Wooden Christmas Tree Advent Calendar. It features 24 miniature drawers, where you can pop a treat in for each day, so you can wake up in the morning and open your drawer to find a festive treat waiting. The advent calendar is in the shape of a Christmas tree, decorated with green and red festive colours, which will look great as a decoration in

your living room.

The fun Wooden Christmas
Advent Train is sure to
keep you and your children
entertained on the run up
to Christmas. The Advent Train has three carriages with drawers numbered 1 where you can keep a festive treat hidden in each. It is a festive red and green with different Christmas themed images on each drawer, such as a reindeer, snowflake, holly and a robin.

This festive Wooden Snowman Christmas Calendar is a fantastic way to get you even more excited whilst counting Its unique and fun style makes This wooden decoration of a hat would look great hanging on any wall used as a calendar or even just a decoration.





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Sugar Hill Student Art **Featured at County Hall**

artwork exploring the themes of nature, sustainability and harmony has been displayed at County Hall.

Sugar Hill School pupils are among 12 schools across County Durham, Sunderland and Hartlepool showcasing their work as part of the 'Exploring the Nature of Harmony' exhibition in the Durham Room at County

The project, which has been co-ordinated by Education Durham, is based on the concepts from a book written HRH Prince Charles in 2010 and explores the connections between art, maths and science.

For the first time in the North East of England, teachers from the participating schools were involved in four seasonallythemed teacher training days delivered by the Prince's School of Traditional Arts (PSTA), who then delivered their resources back to their

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for Children and member Young People's Services, who officially opened the exhibition said: "The art produced by the students has been of a very high standard and we were delighted to see this exhibition in County Hall. "Both the students and teachers involved enjoyed taking part in the project and developed a greater understanding and appreciation of the natural world in which we live."

Workshops around artwork are also taking place with sessions including 3D construction and tessellation activities such as discovering Islamic patterns and the opportunity to create simple

geometric tile designs.
Rich Hurst, Education
Development Advisor at Durham County Council, said: "This has been a fantastic project to bring to County Durham and the schools involved have produced some brilliantly creative artwork through the excellent leadership of tutors from the PSTA."

Children's Summer Crafts Newton Aycliffe Library Thursday 27th July 1 pm - 3 pm Join illustrator Holly Sterling for a fun packed workshop

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Thursday 3rd August 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Join Mel for Great Giraffe crafts Monday 7th August 10.30 am - 11.30 am

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The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 25th July features the romantic musical "GIGI" Starring Leslie Caron, Louis Jourdan, Maurice Chevalier, Hermione Gingold and Eva Gabor. This is a true Feel-Good film with a stellar cast and full of colourful costumes and scenery.
Add to all that songs such as "Gigi", "Thank Heaven for Little Girls", "The Night They Invented Champagers" "LP Programme Cham Champagne", "I Remember it Well" and "I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore" and you're sure of a warm and sunny afternoon in St Clare's, no matter what the weather outside. Tea and coffee is served at 1pm, included in the £2. 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



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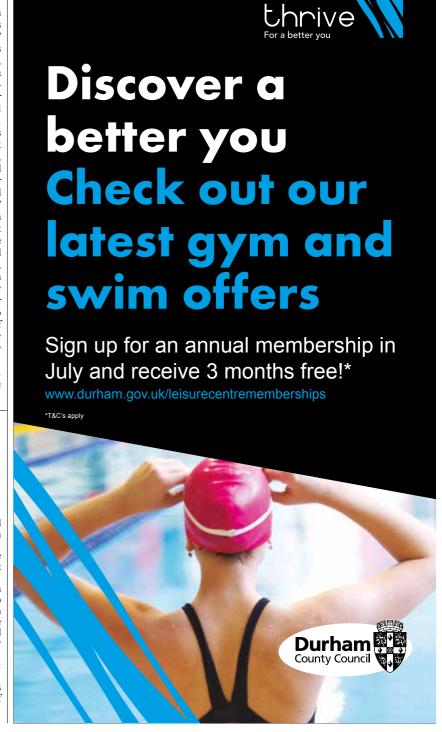
INVITATION TO JOIN GACAP TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED

As the new chairman of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership (GACAP) I am both proud and humble to serve in this position.

We now have a new Management Committee consisting of five Offices and four committee members from the partnership list

At this time I am inviting other groups or individuals who work in the voluntary and statutory welfare sector to join our partnership and come to our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 4pm in the DISC offices near the Blue Bridge off Horndale Avenue. Our aim is to network and refer needy families and individuals to the relevant partner to ensure speed and efficiency in helping people. Should you require more information please contact me via email:

chairman.gacap@gmail.com and/or by mobile 07749 236853. We look forward to you joining the Partnership where partners keep their own identity working with others for the benefit of disadvantaged families in our community Ron Mitchie, Chairman





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CRICKIET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had an emphatic victory by 113 runs over local rivals Shildon Railway 1st XI in the 2nd division of the NYSD. The rain delayed the start and the match was subsequently reduced to 40overs per side. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe piled up the runs scoring 209 all out after 38.1 overs. Michael Howe (sponsored

by Yvonne and Bob Wood) smashed the bowling to all parts of the ground finishing with a career best 90, which included nine boundaries and a six. Opener Jack Slatcher also batted well scoring 40 and Tom Wickins chipped in with 15 runs against his former club late in the innings.

In reply all rounder Michael Howe capped an outstanding performance by taking the first five Shildon wickets to fall, finishing his 10 over spell with 5 for 28, which was his best bowling figures for four seasons and in the process became only the 7th player in the history of the club to achieve the notable milestone of scoring a half century and taking five wickets in the same game. Spin bowlers Patrick Howe (3 for 7) and Luke Telford (2 for 11) then helped to bowl out the visitors for just 96 after 32.2 overs to give Avcliffe an excellent win by 113 runs.

The 2nds lost by 8 wickets away at Preston 1st XI in the NYSD 4th division. Batting first, Aycliffe were dismissed for 86 after 25.5 overs with only Dave Richardson (20 runs), Lucas Pilling (15 runs) and Dan Weldon (13 runs) making any impact with the bat. In reply, the homeside coasted to victory after 25.1 overs with Elliot Holt and Dylan Tribley each taking a



Michael Howe

wicket for Avcliffe.

The u13's lost a tight game by just 5 runs at home to Blackhall. The visitors batted first and were restricted to 76 for 6 in their 20 overs with a wicket each for Matty Greaves, Harry Wright, David Robinson and Thomas Dearden, together with a couple of run outs. In reply, there were excellent innings from both Leo Mercy (18 runs) and Charlie Cayless (16 runs) but unfortunately Aycliffe fell just short at the end and finished on 71 for 6 from their 20 overs.

The u13's also lost by 8 wickets away at Rockliffe despite good performances from both Leo Mercy, who top scored with 13 runs and Iain Robson who took both Rockliffe wickets finishing with the creditable bowling figures of 2 for 3.

Association South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 26th July 2017 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome. "Arte et Marte"

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Darlington Football Club Launch Community Scheme

Darlington Football Club has launched an exciting Football in the Community scheme to head teachers of primary schools in the town and surrounding area.

The club sees a Football in the Community scheme as an ideal way of strengthening its links with the community, by encouraging local primary school pupils to enjoy a match day experience at a Darlington FC game in the Vanarama National League North, and also introducing them to football as a great way of keeping fit improving their social and football skills.

And in turn, the club hopes that the youngsters will become regular supporters of the club – and bring their friends and parents to games as well! The club's match day experience has been a popular innovation over the last five years. Youngsters meet at the ground two hours before a Darlington FC home game, and are given a tour of the ground, a chat and photos with the players in the Darlington FC dressing room and compete in a penalty shoot-out on the field, as well as watching the game for nothing!

The club can also deliver a series of football coaching sessions, which include the match day experience, one-off specialist football coaching sessions to schools. lead coach of the initiative is Deano Browne, who has plenty of experience of Football in the Community schemes, and is a qualified UEFA B Coach. He will be liaising with all the local schools in the town.

"Our aim is to persuade more youngsters who live in Darlington to become interested in the club. There are lots of them wearing the shirts of Premiership clubs, we would like to see more wearing Darlington shirts instead," he said. "Through our

coaching sessions, we can offer enrichment in various ways for all the youngsters." David Johnston, the chief executive officer of Darlington FC, points out that there are advantages for everybody involved. "We pride ourselves as being an integral part of the Darlington community, and with that we have a social responsibility by providing a match day experience for children and visiting their schools to demonstrate the benefits of playing football and staying healthy.

"Engaging

community is one of our main aims, and hopefully some of these children will become regular fans of our family-friendly club."

The club handed out nearly a thousand free tickets for the Darlington v Newcastle game

to local schools, with many thanks to our friends from Newton Press for printing them in double quick time! More details are available from lead FITC coach Deano Browne on email: fitc@ darlingtonfc.org



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The school is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and require all staff to share this commitment.

All posts are subject to satisfactory DBS clearance.

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SPORTS ACADEMY PRESENTATION NIGHT

Woodham Academy held their annual Sports Academy Presentation Evening at Hardwick Hall. The students were entertained by guest speaker, Amanda Coulson. A British champion boxer and now a GB boxing coach.

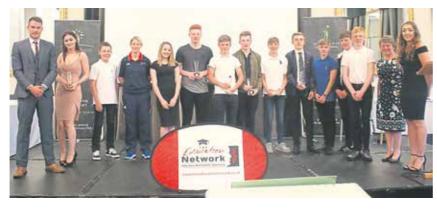
Over one third of Woodham

Academy students are members of the Sports Academy this of the Sports Academy this year. They take part in a wide variety of sports including dance, swimming, American football, girls' football, dance, swimming, American football, girls' football, goalkeeping, gymnastics, water polo, softball, handball, boxing, table tennis, cricket and basketball.

Woodham Sports Academy offers elite coaching delivered by the school's staff and professional coaches, many of whom were there to celebrate the students' success. All of the students received a certificate of achievement whilst some received awards.

There were nine special awards this year. The first award, the Individual Achievement of the Year Award for year 7 was won by Tyler Dickinson. Tyler is an exceptionally talented student who has been a major part of Football, Basketball and Goalkeeper academies and has been selected to play for Newcastle United's under 13 development squad. As well as this, Tyler also became this year's Keeper Kombat champion.

The second award was the Individual Achievement of the Year Award for year 8 which was won by the exceptionally talented Jak Hardy. Jak is part of basketball and cricket academy and has represented the school at various competitions. In Jak's spare time, he trains extremely hard in Thai boxing. Jak is extremely talented and competes in several events.



Jak has recently taken part in the Sandee intercontinental championships where was fighting in the 13-14 age category even though he had only just turned 13.

The next award was the individual Achievement of the Year Award for year 9. Niall Coulthard, a top-level swimmer won this award. Niall has also represented Woodham Academy at swimming galas held earlier this academic year. Niall is currently pushing to confirm his position at this year's British ASA National Championships. Niall is also part of the N&D, NER and England talent beacon group. He is currently ranked the 8th best swimmer in the country for his age group.
Our next award of the evening

was the KS3 Contribution to Sports Award. An award celebrating the ability to adapt to different sports. Not only does it look at continued participation, it also focuses on helping out with teams and events. James Imiela, a very talented year 9 student won this award. James attends football academy, basketball academy and leadership academy.



Team of the year Year 9 Boys Rugby Team

played for the Year 9 football team that reached the BASFA cup final. He has also competed in basketball, rugby and swimming. Most recently, James turned his hand to athletics. Where he has thrown a massive 32 metres with a javelin and registered for national championships in triple jump. James was also part of the Year 9 rugby team which won a 7's competition

without conceding any points.
The Team of the Year Award
was won by the Y9 boys rugby
team. This team consisted of seven students, selected as they perform exceptionally well in sports. They have all taken part in rugby in PE lessons however were given the opportunity to train together with the help of their coach, Paul Richardson. At the tournament, the team played three games and won them all. Not only were they crowned champions, they managed to play without conceding any points! One of the Dance Academy students, Joanne Cunliffe, won

Individual Achievement of the Year Award for year 10. Joanne is a very positive role model for the younger students and help out with anything she can. Her positive attitude helped her group reach second place in the north-west regional heat of the

Great Big Dance off.
Leader of the Year award was given to Lucas Pilling. Lucas is an extremely keen cricketer and plays for Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club. He has also been asked to coach younger been asked to coach younger players at his local cricket club. Lucas has also been a part of Leadership Academy this year where he has gained different qualifications for a range of activities and has remained committed to the academy. Lucas is a very confident leader that has stepped in to help with

primary school activities.

The Individual Achievement of the Year Award for year 11 was won by Ben Stephenson. Ben represents Great Britain in the under 17's, under 18's and under 19's water polo squad. He has played in the EU nations junior men's tournament and has been named the top goal scorer for England.
The final award of the evening

was the Mark Bulman Award This award pays tribute to Mark, a former student of Woodham Academy, and what he did for Woodham Sport.

After leaving Woodham, Mark went on to enjoy his first year at university, but unfortunately passed away from a long battle with cancer in October 2010. The winner of this prestigious award was Amelia Cartwright. An exceptional dancer who has faced some extremely tough challenges this year.

It was very clear that Woodham Academy students are very talented and with the coaching and fantastic



opportunities, Woodham Academy gives students the chance to progress in a huge range of sports. All of the staff

effect on their school work and

behaviour. On average, the

students are a part of the Sports Academy and perform better academically than others. The

Presentation Evening was a fantastic night enjoyed by all.

extremely proud of how far the students have come and how sport has a positive

Ben Stephenson



Tyler Dickinson Amelia Cartwright



Sports Academy Nominees

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Bright Future for Young People | County Environment Awards

Young people in County Durham are being given the chance of a brighter future thanks to the hard work of Durham County Council's Children and Young People's Service.

At a meeting of the council's Cabinet on Wednesday 12 July, councillors will hear July, councillors will how the service has made big strides in reducing first-time youth offending, increasing the number of foster placements for children, and gaining OfSTED recognition for safeguarding measures in the county.

Some of the biggest successes have come from the County Offending Durham (CYDOS), which Service was set up by the County Council assisted by Durham Constabulary, the National Probation Service and local Commissioning Groups. Due to the work of the CYDOS, the number of firsttime entrants into the Youth Justice System has fallen to just 164 in 2016/17, which amounts to a reduction of 85.5 per cent from 2007/8.

Furthermore, the service has overseen a reduction of 56.3 per cent in the number of all offences committed and a 60.14 per cent reduction in the number of young people offending since 2010/11.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "It's always encouraging to see a reduction in youth offending rates, particularly first-time offenders.

we're reaching 'It means potential offenders early on and combatting the causes of crime in our communities and preventing it before it even happens.

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However, these increases have not kept pace with the current demand, which is level of reflected in Durham County Council's continued efforts to enlist more foster carers.

Margaret Whellans, corporate director of children and young people's services, said: "Creating better outcomes for our children in care is a really key area for us as a council and although we are pleased with our progress, there a continued need to provide carers for children who need looked after.

'Fostering is a truly rewarding choice for any adult who feels they could provide the love and support required to offer a brighter future to a child in

need.
"We would urge anyone who has ever considered fostering, to get in touch with our dedicated professionals in the fostering team."

Durham Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), of which Durham County Council is a partner. also participated in the training of over 1.800 taxi drivers in preventing and spotting chid sexual exploitation, with safeguarding conditions now also built into the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Of STED rated the effectiveness of the Durham LSCB as 'Good' in May 2016, and reported that "Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board is an ambitious and reflective board whose effectiveness and functioning has significantly improved since the peer review of October 2014."

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Woodland cover in the county is low and often neglected and under-managed. This has led to a decline in value for timber, wildlife and amenity.

The scheme will focus on the eastern area of County Durham where woodlands tend to be small in size and uneconomical to manage.

These are also the woodlands that are near towns and villages and enjoyed by local people Durham County Council has recognised that forestry is under-utilised resource and this scheme will provide training and support landowners to manage their woodlands and look at new

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their base.

and are irreplaceable. 'This funding will provide a lifeline to woodland that is the backbone of our ecosystem. "This woodland will

ancient woodlands which have often taken hundreds if not

thousands of years to develop,

managed to improve condition, enlarged with adjacent new planting and connections nearby to woodlands made using hedgerows to allow more opportunities for migration."

The bid has been put together with a range of partners working with Durham County Council, including the Woodland Trust, Northwoods and the Forestry Commission. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, this work will help provide a valuable, rewarding and sustainable resource for years

business opportunities.

TRIP BACK IN TIME



Last Wednesday we held

comedy night with award

comedy night with award winning comic Patrick Monohan working with Acorn Residents Association and The We-Can Parents Group

to bring Patrick to Woodham

Patrick was very entertaining

and the audience all left

very happy enjoying the food provided. Thank you to Patrick, the Golf Club, Richard

Agar and Mark Simpson for helping to make the night

a great success and a truly

community event.

Greenfield

Community

College and Greenfield Tennis Club are delighted to announce

the completion of extensive

improvements to their tennis

courts, returning them to an excellent standard. The

facilities are used extensively

by the school and the community and will be a real asset to an already thriving

David Priestley, Executive Headteacher was very

Headteacher was very impressed with the results, "It

is fantastic to have our floodlit

tennis courts back to a gold

standard. These are an integral part of our schools high quality

sports facilities that enable us

to give our students the best

possible opportunities working with our award winning PE

improvements

made possible through local funding from GAMP via

the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County

the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County Councillors, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Eddy Adam, Sarah Iveson and former County

Councillors Mike Dixon, Joan

Gray and Jed Hillary.
"We are committed to serving

our community and it is good to see the wider use of the facility

out of hours in partnership with the Tennis Club. We are

very grateful for the support from GAMP, Councillors and the Tennis Club" said Mr

Priestley. Adam White from GAMP was also pleased that

through this special initiative

this has been just one of the many areas that they have been

sports department.

department".

Philip Clark, Chairman

Golf Club.

group from Residents Horndale Association visited Glady's Tea Room at Seaton Carew. which are set in 1940's style. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea served by lovely waitresses all dressed in period clothes. The whole afternoon was excellent value with a great atmosphere. We travelled on the Aidensfield Heartbeat bus owned by Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society. If you are looking for an afternoon tea we recommend Glady's.

For Saleale

RENT a washing machine only £3.99 per week, no deposit, fully maintained. Bargain Buys, Shafto Way, 01325 321 678 "ALL SORTS" Charity Shop at the side of St. Clare's

Church is open 10am to 1pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. On sale is a huge selection of bric-a-brac, toys, household goods, jewellery, electrical goods . . . the list is endless. All items are perfect and at low prices. All money raised will continue to be given to good causes. All Sorts is a charitable project run and funded solely by Godfrey

LOUNGE, circular chair, excellent condition, 18 months old in grey. £150. Tel 01325

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WHITE modern bathroom suite, see "in situ". Toilet, soft touch. Basin, s/s taps, bath s/s taps, Triton Topaz thermostatic electric shower, white chrome (hardly used). Glass and chrome screen and folding door. Lots of free extras. Buyer leaves deposit on agreement of sale, remainder on collection day, Monday 7th August. Collection is at buyer's own expense. £400. Tel 01325 321689

KYMCO mobility scooter, 8 mph, larger sort. Two tone silver and blue, new batteries fitted 4 months ago with baskets and extras. Any trial or test. very good condition. £550 or nearest offer. Tel Woodham 07964 277265

YEW oval extending dinning room suite, 2 carvers, 4 chairs, beautiful piece of furniture. Cost £2,800 sell for £490 ono. Tel 07392 489285

BRAND NEW double divan with quilted Damask mattress, can arrange delivery, £120. Tel 07789 113343

Help Remove Alien Invaders from Aycliffe

If you walk through various areas of Newton Aycliffe you may come across a pretty pink plant called Himalayan Balsam. This attractive Balsam. This attractive plant was first introduced to gardens of Britain in 1839, but soon found its way out of gardens and has been invading our countryside ever since.

While many native invertebrates such as bees love the plant as a source of nectar, if left to spread, it will out complete all native plant species causes a single stand of this invasive weed. The shallow root system can them and increased river erosion problems.
The plant is well established

in Woodham Burn and for several years Great Aycliffe Town Council have been attempting to control it by pulling and/or cutting it before it goes to seed.

Local residents are encouraged to come along and assist the Council in controlling the plant during a public Balsam Bashing event on Tuesday 25th July between 4pm and 6pm.
During the event participants

can assist to pull as many

Top Class Courts for Greenfield

able to support and restore.

Secretary

Everyone involved with the Tennis Club are also thrilled

was keen to give praise, "Greenfield Tennis Club members and officials are

delighted that thanks to the

support of GAMP and David Priestley, the Head Teacher

College, the College, Club and Town can again be proud to have top class tennis facilities

now that the courts have been

restored to their former glory".

The courts are available to

the public from 5pm to 10pm

weekdays and from 9am Saturday and Sunday. Cost

saturay and Sunday. Cost is only £2 for juniors and £3 for adults. You can contact Greenfield Sports on 07879 117224 after 4.30pm Monday

to Friday or weekends to book. Players wishing to become

Tennis club have free access

to tennis throughout the year for £50 Adult, £15 Junior, £25 unemployed, £75 Family (Based on April 2017 prices).

"The Club welcomes interest from any member of the

community keen to play tennis. For further details of what the

Club can offer, do check out our website" said John, just go to

http://www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk

The recent launch was attended

Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper, Adam White of GAMP,

Barbara Davis, Director of

White of

Community

Councillors John Clare,

member of Greenfield

Greenfield Community

the transformation.
tary John Snowball



balsam plants as they can Gloves and instructions will provided. Participants are encouraged to wear long sleeved tops and trousers and meet in the Town Park at 4pm. If you require more information please contact Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

Steve Cooper Environment Officer

Congratulations

Congratulations



John Banks

Happy 40th Birthday to my husband John Banks.

wishes. Evonne xxx

Birthday Remembrance

BRENDA SCOONES 24th July. Another year deeply missed, Happy birthday. Love, Jacqueline, Victoria, Rob and boys xx

In Memoriam

PARKIN, Margaret Eunice. Died 21st July 2015. It's now two years since that awful day, and the pain still the same, it won't go away. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. We love and miss you so much. Your loving Husband Stan and family. God bless until we meet again xxxx

Obituary

CLARICE DAGLISH. 15th July, peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. Clarice, aged 65 years. A dearly loved Wife, Mam, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Sister and friend to many. Funeral Wednesday 26th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 12noon. Floral tributes, if so desired, will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Avcliffe, DL5 6EN, Tel: 01325

GEORGE TOPPING Newton Aycliffe, peacefully in St. Teresa's Hospice on 13th July, aged 66 years. Dearly beloved Husband of Yvonne: much loved Dad to Paul; also much loved Dad to Paul; also a dear Brother and Uncle. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 25th July for 2.15pm. Followed by Cremation (Family and close friends) at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only, by request.

Struggling with school uniforms for next term? Are you on low income or benefits? Need some help?

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Stonehouse, Head of School,

David Priestley, Executive Headteacher, John Snowball,

Secretary, Greenfield Tennis

Club, Stuart Dixon, Deputy

Allison, Subject Leader. The launch was also attended

by a number of Year 8 and 9

students, who were keen to

take to the new courts for a

long awaited 'hit'

Martin Butterworth of PE, and Richard



LOOKING FOR UNIFORM DONATIONS

wearable condition, that your children have outgrown? We are looking for donations to help other families in the area (coats and shoes inc).

SCHOOLS COVERED:

Aycliffe Village Primary, Stephenson Way, Woodham Burn, St. Mary's Catholic School, Byerley Park, Horndale, Heighington Primary, Greenfield College & Woodham Academy

COLIN NEILL 22nd July 2017. Happy First Wedding

Anniversary to my gorgeous Husband. Here's to many, many more. Love always, your Wife xxxxxx JULIE KEANE Darling Julie, welcome to the "Fifty Club". Don't worry it's all downhill now, catching me up. Love, Michael

JAMES ADDY 20th July, Happy 18th birthday. Love you lots,

like sexy bots. Love, Mam, Dad and Brandon

JAMES ADDY Happy 18th birthday. Lots of love, Grandad and

JAMES ADDY Happy 18th birthday. Love you lots, Nana, Tony,

JULIE KEANE On 26th July 1967 at 12.20pm, we were blessed

with a precious Daughter. For the last 50 years she has been our world. Happy Birthday. Love, Mam and Dad xx

JULIE KEANE Happy 50th birthday to the best Mam in the JULIE KEANE Happy 50th to a great Mam. Love from Daniel

and Lauren xx
JULIE KEANE Happy birthday to my lovely Grandma. Hugs

and kisses. Love, Mila xxx

JULIE KEANE Happy 50th birthday Julie. Love, Annalise, Stacy and Carl xxx

Sharon Scott



No way Shaz is 50! Way too sexy!

Thanks for being a fantastic Wife and I look forward to the next half century with you. Great night Saturday and have a cool time in Ibiza with the Golden Girls Love you to bits. Bill and Alfie xxxxx

Sharon Scott



Happy birthday to the best Mam in the world. Have a great time in Ibiza with the girls. Love and kisses, Candi, Sam, Gareth, Dani and Baby Ella xxxx

Luke Mason



Happy 18th Birthday Congratulations on your 18th Birthday. Hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Grandma Ann and all the family xxx

Brandon Richard Sim



Happy 18th Birthday Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Lots of love from Nana Kath

Elaine Gardiner



Congratulations on your Degree. Love from Steven, Brenda and Dave: Hollie, Lucy and Ruby

Michelle Malham (nee Harrison)

Àvenue School



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Congratulation Graduation, gaining a 1-1 with Honours, so very proud of you and the hard work you put into it. Love, Janet, Stephen, Arthur, Keith, Isaac and

CONTACT SALLY SYMONS



Do you have any school uniform that is in good

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Heighington AFC Plate Winners | IRONMAN | NOMINATE TOWN'S

their annual Tournament on Sunday 16th July with Darlington All Stars, Stranton AFC & Crook Town Panthers also in attendance.

The first group game saw Heighington go down 5-1 in the group against a strong All Stars side, the Goal coming from top scorer on the Day (6) Alex. Heighington then faced Stranton and won the game Goals from Archie Alex (2) and Tyler. The third group game Heighington faced Crook Town and there were great performances from Zane, Kieran & Liam. However, the boys unfortunately lost 3-0.

This saw Heighington finish 3rd in the group and face Group winners All Stars in the Semi



Final. A starting line up of Louie, Liam, Tyler, Archie & Alex gave a great account of themselves. Going 1-0 down before turning the game on its head with goals from Tyler and Archie. All Stars

equalised before Alex scored to put Heighington 3-2 up. Heighington tired in the heat and All Stars picked up a gear and eventually won the game

This meant Heighington now faced Stranton in the final of the Plate. Heighington went 3-0 up with Goals from Tyler & Alex (2) Stranton pulled a Goal back before Kieran and Zane were introduced with the former scoring a great Goal with his first touches to round off the scoring, 4-1 Heighington. In the Cup Final Crook Town defeated All Stars 2-1 in what was a great game which could have gone either way.

All teams had a great day, and it was nice for the newly formed Heighington side to pick up their first of hopefully many pieces of Silverware, with captain Liam picking the Plate up for his Team! Special thanks to all of the volunteers and referees on



Mick Casev (62) completed the "Ironman Rolton" 16th July in 14 hours 44 minutes and 8 seconds an awesome achievement! All his hard work and training paid off and a fantastic day with family and friends. It was an emotional ending as it was 10 years since our mum passed away and Mick was raising funds for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. Well Done Mick. Sisters Cath and Linda

BEST GARDEN Great Aycliffe Town Council are again running a 'Best

Front Garden' Community Enhancement Award and are looking for people to nominate their neighbours for the award.

So, if you have travelled past a garden in the parish of Aycliffe this summer and thought it looks attractive and well cared for, Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to know where you saw it.

Entries can be a cottage style garden, more formal planting or even a spectacular planter hanging basket display. Nominations can be posted to Great Aycliffe Town Council or e-mailed to the Council at info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk



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Aycliffe Wildcats Salute England's Women's Team



The final session before the school holiday break, arrived for Newton Aycliffe Wildcats Girls Football. This FA

initiative to encourage more young girls to participate in football over a 16 week period, was a huge success in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area. Each week over 25 girls, aged between 5-11 years old. turned up for a session of fun and smiles.

Girls are asked to support the Women's European Football Finals, as England look to conquer the rest of Europe. The girls were asked to find out which other countries were competing and paint a picture of

their national flag.
Then the girls were split into 5 teams, each team representing one of the countries. After a very competitive set of games was Spain who came out on top, hopefully for the real tournament it will be England. The girls were presented with medals and trophies by Chloe Ryan a former Aycliffe player who recently represented who recently represented England Schoolgirls and now plays at the Teesside Regional Talent Centre

To round off a hugely successful day, all the Wildcats were asked to make a salute to the England Lionesses' along with hundreds of other teams across the country, to support our national

The Wildcats Football sessions will return after the School holidays and is proving hugely popular as girls sign up for the

next block off coaching.

There are still places left for any girls who will be in reception, year 1, year 2, year 3 when they return to school in September. If you want to register for a place please contact Berni on 07939 045242 - Wildcats are part of Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, an FA Charter Standard Community Club.

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