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Willmott Appeal to Build 430 Houses at Woodham & Create Access off A167

Public Inquiry to Justify Planners Refusal

Durham County Council as the Local Planning Authority refused consent for an outline application by Willmott Partnership Homes to build up to 430 dwellings at land adjoining Woodham Bridge. This included a new access off the A167 into the site by introducing a new turning with traffic lights.

The Local Planning Authority considered the proposed development would result in transformative effects upon the character of the area and setting of Newton Aycliffe and Woodham. It would result in significant adverse harm to a valued

landscape and designated green wedge, contrary to Policy E4 of the Sedgefield Borough Local Plan 1996 and Paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy. The plan was strongly opposed by numerous residents in writing to the Council. Many may not have noticed that access in and out of this development is only from the A167. There is no through road to Woodham Village itself.

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association Committee understand the concern of Newtonians and are considering calling a Public Meeting to ascertain the views of Woodham residents to place before the Inspector. We are informed the Town Council will object as it flies in the face of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan approved by referendum.

Any member of the public can make a representation although, of course, this is not a situation where simply the weight of opinion will carry the day - the consideration will be about what is the correct application of planning rules to the application. 15th September is the last date for submissions. County Councillor John Clare who proposed refusal of the application said: "In Newton Aycliffe we welcome economic development and the housing which has to come with it. However, as we recently demonstrated in voting for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, it must be 'the right development in the right place'."

"I absolutely agree with the County Council Planning Officers, and with the decision of the County Planning Committee, that this is the wrong location for housing, and I will be doing everything in my power to uphold that decision. People responding must remember they are not so much opposing a housing application as supporting the County Council Planning officers' and Committee's reasons for refusal - therefore they need to look at the report (http://bit.ly/ECPAOF) and the minutes of the discussion and resolution (http://bit.ly/ECPACM) and pick out the issues which they support. They must also read the Appellant's Statement of Case (http://bit.ly/ECPASC) - and there are other documents which can be accessed via the planning portal: http://bit.ly/DCCPlanPortal - ref DM/16/02709/OUT

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Money raised will be put towards our resident's funds. The night ended with Jason the home manager being sponsored to sit in a bath of beans, everyone said they had an amazing time, and the team worked hard to make sure everyone had a memorable day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite members of the community to our Summer Fete. You are welcome to look around our home, meet staff and



residents and join in the fun and games on the 26th August, 1pm-4pm

We look forward to meeting everyone.

Jason Parkinson
Home Manager

"Rocsolid"- 10 Years Caring for Homeless Young People

She has slept in shop doorways, unsavoury hostels, grotty B&B's and once on a bench in a police station and if you ask her where she'd be now without ROC SOLID she doesn't hesitate to say: "Probably dead."
This young woman is now a trainee manager.



Dot & Derek Butler (centre) with the Mayor Wendy Hillary, her Consort Jed and Staff of Rocsolid

Dot Butler, former award-winning journalist, and Derek Butler, property investor, launched ROC SOLID in 2007. The couple had bought Reach Out Care Fostering Services and Reach Out Care Support Services, both based in Newton Aycliffe, in 2005. This week they celebrate their tenth year bringing hope to young people.

Dot said: "We were dismayed to see what had happened to a teenage girl who had been in foster care with our agency... her local authority moved her on into unsuitable accommodation when she turned 18 and without the right support, she committed quite a serious offence.

"As a result she was placed in a secure residential unit in another part of the country. Our social workers went to visit her - they felt all the good work done by our foster carers had been undermined. "So we thought ... what if we had been able to provide her with a nice quality flat with good, ongoing support in an area she was familiar with. And that was when we decided to launch ROC SOLID."

"It was at that exact time that Hope House in Burnhope became available. The premises were ideal so we bought them, refitted the existing eight flats, initially just for care leavers, and created good quality office spaces for our businesses in the single storey section

"We had many meetings with the local authority to secure 'Supporting People' funding but the goalposts kept moving - in the end we decided to go ahead on our own and started off with one teenage girl." The registered charity, which works with local authorities and partners across the region, now offers accommodation in approximately 50 flats and houses in Newton Aycliffe and Teesside. Two of their bases, including Hope House, are staffed 24/7. In the past 10 years they have given supported accommodation to 315 clients plus, in many instances, their partners and



Cutting the 10th year Celebration Cake

children.

ROC SOLID has 14 employees - its Operations Manager Mandy Shaw has been with the charity since its inception. The charity has Investing in Children accreditation.

Every client must be homeless/at risk of homelessness/ or living in unsuitable accommodation and have a vulnerability including leaving care, complex needs, mental health issues, substance and alcohol misuse, at risk of sexual exploitation, pregnant and vulnerable.

Referrals come from a wide range of partners, including leaving care teams, probation services, Centrepoin and other housing providers. The charity has also provided accommodation to people rescued from human trafficking via Hope for Justice.

Every client has an individual support plan which includes issues such as staying safe, daily living skills, debt management, budgeting, citizenship, behaviour management and moving on to fully independent living.

"We have seen many, many people go on to live successful lives independent of the charity," said Dot. "But some clients are too vulnerable to live totally independent lives and they need our ongoing support.

"Some young parents have worked hard to learn the skills and behaviours they need to have children returned to them from local authority care. We worked with a single dad to achieve

them same thing a few years ago. Safeguarding is always our no 1 priority.

"We are very grateful for all the support we have enjoyed from our trustees, our local newspaper The Newton News, individuals in Newton Aycliffe, Harvest Christian Centre, Tesco, King's Church in Darlington and other funders - we are the proud owners of a new minibus and furniture van! "We get excellent official feedback from a wide range of partners, such as local authority social workers," said Derek. "And it's all down to the skills, expertise and passion of our amazing team. They are always going the extra mile to support the many people who nestle in our branches at ROC SOLID."

BUS TRIP TO SOUTH LAKES ZOO

Western Area Community House and Junior Neighbourhood Watch invite you to join them on their Fantastic Holiday Trip to the newly updated/reopened South Lakes Zoo on Saturday 26th August.

Bus leaves Silverdale Place at 08.30am picking up at Horndale 8.40am and Wilkinsons no later than 09.00am.

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Oak Leaf Restaurant GACAP's Working Committee

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Perhaps introduce a Family Sunday Carvery, with oven cooked roast meats, fresh vegetables and home-made desserts. Check out what sells well elsewhere, change the menu and go all-out to bring in new customers.

If the Council aren't ambitious enough to change, it is obvious they will have to franchise the restaurant. They did this years ago, and as the catering trade has changed they might consider it again. If the council can't compete commercially, they are bound to seek an alternative that doesn't lose taxpayers' money.

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GACAP's Working Committee



Last Monday GACAP (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership) held their first meeting with partners and the newly formed Management Committee.

For 3 years GACAP have operated just with the officers but with the anticipated increase of workload over the coming year, at a Special Meeting in July, it was agreed to change their constitution to allow for the election of a Management Committee.

Photo: Treasurer Liane Taylor (DISC), Chris Palmer, (Psychologist), Peter Driver (Harvest Church), Secretary Joan Mitchie, Chairman Ron Mitchie, Val Fawcett AARMS, Vice Chairman Geoff Batchelor (Rotary Club), Kath Pinner (Food Bank/Places of Welcome).

For more information about GACAP please contact secretary.gacap@gmail.com

New Location & Sunday Opening for Post Office

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GET A PERSISTENT COUGH CHECKED OUT!

The new 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign by Public Health England has launched in the North East and is calling for people to see their GP if they experience a cough that has lasted for three weeks or more, or if they get breathless doing things they used to be able to do. The call comes as survey reveals that people in Durham are far more likely to encourage others to seek medical help than to visit the GP themselves. Early diagnosis can save lives and improve the quality of life of those living with conditions, such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), a common form of lung disease

that includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The most recent data shows that in the North East there are over 89,233 people who have been diagnosed with COPD and 141,112 people who have been diagnosed with coronary heart disease (CHD), the main type of heart disease. In 2015, 3,182 people were diagnosed with lung cancer. Suzanne, from Newton Aycliffe was diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2016. She had a pain in her side and while visiting the GP about this, she mentioned that she'd had a tickly cough for about four months and she'd recently seen a Be Clear on Cancer advert on

the television that encouraged you to tell your doctor if you'd had a cough for three weeks or more. The pain in Suzanne's side was unrelated to the cough she was experiencing. Her doctor referred her for tests and an x-ray which showed that she had a shadow on her left lung. Suzanne had an operation to remove her left lung in December 2016, followed by chemotherapy. Suzanne said: "I would encourage anyone who was experiencing a persistent cough to visit their GP. While it might not be anything to worry about, it is much better to get it checked out and to remain positive."

Grass and Hedge Cutting

Dear Sir,
I sent an e-mail to Livin regarding the state of grass and hedge cutting on 15th June and the response from Livin was exactly the same as their response in Newton News of this week. It's a joke and a smoke screen. As my initial e-mail was over 7 weeks ago and I waited 2 weeks to see if anything constructive was done. Nothing was done so I sent another mail and I am still waiting on a reply. Surely, if Livin KNOW where the problem is then it's something that can be rectified with phone calls or as I said in my last mail, maybe Livin should be re-thinking about changing their contractors. Roberta Fergusson

DRIVERS BEWARE

According to a poll of 304 drivers conducted by Marmalade, the specialist telematics insurer for young drivers, almost 60 percent of drivers hitting the road are unaware of the change in speeding fines that came into effect recently. The poll showed that only 38 percent of drivers aged over 25 knew about the changes, while 44 percent of drivers under 25 knew of the changes. Regardless of age, 58 percent of the respondents did not know that speeding fines have significantly increased. Up until today, the maximum fine for breaking the speed limit was £1,000, or £2,500 if caught on the motorway. The new fines are divided in three categories – a Band A fine, less than 10 mph over the speed limit, is 50 percent of the driver's weekly income; a Band B fine, between 11 and 20 mph over the speed limit, is 100 percent of the driver's weekly income; and a Band C fine, for those caught going more than 20 mph over the speed limit, is up to 150 per cent of their weekly income. In addition to the steeper fines, drivers still face points against their licence or disqualification, depending on the severity of the offence. These changes came from a Sentencing Council consultation held last year, who hope to ensure a 'clear increase in penalty as the seriousness of offending increases.' Crispin Moger, CEO of Marmalade, is sceptical of the changes, saying: "Rather than increasing fines in an attempt to promote road safety, we need to work on improving and informing our drivers. Hiking up fines won't slow people down – especially if drivers aren't aware of the change! The good news for young drivers is that they are less likely to be affected by these changes: according to a recent Freedom of Information request, young drivers are less likely to commit a speeding offence than drivers aged 25-54, making up less than 8 percent of speeding offences."

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(left to right) Phil Wilson MP, Lee Childs, Sara Davies and John Elliott.

Business leaders and our MP will headline an event to celebrate the relaunch of the North-East's biggest business park. Keynote speakers MP Phil Wilson, Crafter's Companion founder Sara Davies, Ebac chairman John Elliott and South West Durham Training chief executive Lee Childs – will address the celebration seminar, sponsored by IT firm Cornerstone Business Solutions, at the Xcel Centre on Friday 8th September. The event, which is open to all businesses from the region, comes 12 months after Aycliffe Business Park Community was formed as

an official limited company with a board of non-executive directors, who have been busy working on a number of projects which are just starting to come to fruition. ABPC is currently undergoing a rebranding process – with new colour schemes and a new logo already approved – while a more user-friendly website is currently being designed and built by Aycliffe-based Thrive Marketing, with content produced by Mantis Media. The new website and branding will be revealed during the celebration event on September 8, while guests will see a presentation on its new functions and how businesses can best make use of it. Spread across 400 hectares, and with future expansion plans, Aycliffe Business Park is already home to an estimated 500 companies and 10,000 employees.

Chairperson Kerina Clark, managing director of the Xcel Centre, said: "It has been a really encouraging first year for the board and we're very happy with its direction. "We're seeing more and more new faces at our regular news and networking meetings, which is pleasing. Attendees are getting to know their neighbours and many are doing business with one another as a result, which is fantastic. "Of course, we want to see more engagement and we're looking at ways of increasing that, and we're hopeful the

company's rebrand and new website will help. "We're looking forward to the relaunch event and hope to see a good turnout. More details and how to register will be announced very soon." The ABPC board is made up of Kerina along with Sarah Slaven (Business Durham), Steve Robson (South Durham Enterprise Agency), Rachel Townsend Green (Thrive Marketing), James Goodliffe (Formula Plastics), Pamela Petty (South West Durham Training), Lee Harris (Mitchell Gordon), Emma Little (Gregg Little Testing Centre), Chris Hyde (JDP Contracting) and Martin Walker (Mantis Media). Kerina added: "The main aim of the Aycliffe Business Park Community board is to encourage and increase a sense of community between businesses on the park and facilitate support to help companies grow. "We want to increase engagement with all businesses across the park and try to ensure that all companies are aware of the services that exist on their doorstep, and how to access them. "We aim to do this by encouraging engagement through regular networking events and other ABPC-organised events on the park, as well as encouraging more interaction with businesses online and through social media." Businesses can register for September 8th at www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk

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NEW SEASON AT BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN HALL

Thrilling drama, hilarious stand-up and a variety of Christmas shows are on their way to Bishop Auckland Town Hall as the new season gets underway.

The autumn programme sees a number of theatre productions including Charles Dickens' Barnaby Rudge, a story of mystery and suspense set against the backdrop of the Gordon Riots of 1780 on Wednesday, 13 September.

Little ones will love Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo, a show based on the book by Amy Sparkes and Sara Ogilvie which comes to the Town Hall as part of this year's Durham Book Festival on Wednesday, 4 October and is suitable for under 7s. Baroque Theatre Company will return to the Town Hall with The Three Musketeers, a swashbuckling show ideal for families on Sunday, 8 October, followed by A Square World on Friday, 20 October which comes to the venue as part of this year's TakeOff Festival.

Audiences can get into the Christmas spirit with three festive performances,

starting with Welcome to Paradise which takes a tongue in cheek look at the festive season on Saturday, 18 November.

From Saturday, 25 November to Monday, 27 November, action-packed pantomime Dick Whittington and his Pirate Adventure comes to the venue with non-stop laughter and songs everyone loves.

On Thursday, 21 December, families can watch The Princess and the Goblin, an exciting adventure about the goblin's attempts to steal away the princess with song, dance and fun along the way. There's also plenty of music planned for the coming months, with one of England's leading period instrument groups The Avison Ensemble performing music from Handel, Purcell, Corelli and Geminiani to name just a few on Wednesday, 20 September.

Later in the season, 60s band My Generation return to Bishop Auckland to keep audiences entertained with music from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Gerry and the Pacemakers and

many more on Saturday, 14 October.

Another great comedy line-up comes to the Town Hall this season, with popular Hilarity Bites nights promising plenty of laughs and featuring a variety of comedians from Lloyd Griffith who recently supported Jack Whitehall's arena tour to Steve Gribbin, Liverpool's guitar-wielding satirist who has appeared at festivals throughout the world.

From Monday, September 18 to Friday, 22 December an art exhibition featuring the work of one of the town's most well-known residents will be on display.

Michael Dolan, who died earlier this year, managed many pubs and wine bars in the town but continued his love of art, particularly pencil drawing, pastel and watercolour. His pieces will now go on show for all to enjoy as part of this showcase of his work.

To view the full autumn programme and book tickets, visit www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk or call 03000 269 524.

EXTRA 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Parents of three and four year olds are being encouraged to apply for an additional 15 hours free childcare to help them remain in or take up employment.

From September 2017, working parents of three and four year olds will be eligible for a total of 30 hours free childcare – rather than the current 15 hours which is available to all.

Each parent – or the sole parent in a one parent family – must earn the equivalent to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage as a minimum for the first three months following application, and less than £100,000 per year.

As of Tuesday, 1 August 2017 there had been 2,091 successful applications in County Durham and 1,535 codes from providers to be verified.

Of those that have been checked, 1,357 codes have been confirmed as eligible. 160 providers have signed up to offer places so far.

The Department for Education is expecting 4,010 children across the county to take up the offer this financial year.

Parents can check their eligibility for the additional

15 hours the term before their child is due to start their funded 15 hours place. The term children are able to start nursery depends upon when they are born:

Child born between April 1 and August 31: September term intake

Child born between September 1 and December 31: January term intake

Child born between January 1 and March 31: April term intake

Parents can start to check their eligibility for the January intake from September.

Cllr Olywn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people said: "The opportunity for an extra 15 hours of free childcare is great news for working families across Durham and it is good to see so many parents have already applied for the scheme.

"We hope that more families will check their eligibility so that all those who are able to benefit from this do so as soon as possible."

Eligibility is checked through the Childcare Choices website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Details of providers offering

funded places can be found on Families Information Service website www.countydurhamfamilies.info Childcare providers on the Ofsted Early Years Register, which include childminders,

day nurseries, playgroups, pre-schools, nursery schools, schools with nursery classes and out-of-school providers, can offer the extended entitlement in a model of their choosing.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFO SESSION

Polam School was the venue on Wednesday for two interesting Dementia Friends information sessions.

Ron and Joan Mitchie Chairman and Secretary of GACAP (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership) were both privileged to talk to two groups of 14 young people between 15-17 years plus two staff members and share with them about becoming Dementia Friends.

It was straight in at the deep end for Ron as he had just finished his Dementia Friends Champion Information Session the previous day

The youngsters came from all walks of life but were attentive to everything that was said. Everyone there accepted the opportunity of becoming Dementia Friends.

Dementia is sweeping our society and little is known by most people about what it is like to live in the community with this illness. Ron and Joan are happy to speak to any organisation who want to know more about dementia and becoming a Dementia Friend.

Just email us on ronmitchie@gmail.com and we will be happy to contact you. Ron as Chairman of GACAP said "we are aware of many areas of need and welcome people who have a heart for their community and to help people who are in need of support. If your group/organisation would like to know more about GACAP contact Joan on secretary.gacap@gmail.com

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Aldi Manager Melissa and staff member with Baby Basics Volunteers

Baby Basics organiser Sheena Stephenson (right) with her volunteers outside Aldi with supplies provided by the Supermarket at the cheapest price possible. The charity helps people in need with clothing and other essential items for babies and young children in Newton Aycliffe. If you need help contact Sheena on 07594 297462.

Arrests of children by Durham Police have fallen by 68 per cent in the last six years, figures published by the Howard League for Penal Reform reveal today (Monday 7 August).

Research by the charity has found that the force made 1,157 arrests of children aged 17 and under last year, down from 3,658 in 2010.

Across England and Wales, the total number of arrests has fallen 64 per cent in six years – from almost 250,000 in 2010 to 87,525 in 2016.

The statistics underline the success of a major Howard League programme, which involves working with police forces to keep as many boys and girls as possible out of the criminal justice system.

The total number of arrests has fallen every year since the Howard League campaign began in 2010, and the impact can be seen in every police force area in the country.

Keeping children out of the criminal justice system helps prevent crime. Academic research has shown that the more contact a child has with the system, the more entrenched they are likely to become, which increases re-offending rates. Frances Crook, Chief Executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "For the sixth year running, we have seen a significant reduction in child arrests across the country. This is a tremendous achievement,

and we will continue to support police forces to develop their good practice and reduce the number to an absolute minimum.

"Durham Police should be applauded for their positive approach, and the Howard League is proud to have played its part in a transformation that will make our communities safer."

"By working together, we are ensuring that tens of thousands of children will have a brighter future and not be dragged into a downward spiral of crime and custody." Every police force in England and Wales made fewer child arrests in 2016 than in 2010. All but four forces brought down their number of arrests by more than half.

Nationwide, there were 703 arrests of primary-age children (10- and 11-year-olds) in 2016, a reduction of 18 per cent from the previous year.

The statistics have been published in a Howard League briefing, Child arrests in England and Wales 2016, which shows how reducing the number of children entering the system has stemmed the flow of children into custody.

Between 2010 and 2016, the number of children in prison in England and Wales fell

by 58 per cent.

As in 2015, arrests of girls are falling at a faster rate than arrests of boys. Police recorded a 69 per cent drop in girls' arrests between 2010 and 2016, and the number of girls in penal custody fell by 78 per cent during the same period.

The briefing states that the positive trend across police forces has been led at a national level, most notably by the National Police Chiefs' Council, which has prioritised improvements in the policing of children.

The Howard League regularly meets and corresponds with forces and shares examples of good practice in local areas.

A good example has been set by the Chief Constable of Durham Police, who has met each of his officers individually to impress upon them a problem-solving approach rather than a reliance on arrests. e, like many forces, now has a system in place so that an inspector reviews every child arrest.

There is still more work to be done, however. Two forces recorded slight increases in child arrests last year and, although improvements have been made, arrests remain all too common – a child was arrested every six minutes in England and Wales in 2016.

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GACAP's Monthly Meeting

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership held their regular monthly meeting on Monday 7th August.

Gill Boyle Support Co-ordination for Stonham/Homegroup shared a little about the work she did for the organisation she works for. Gill explained she holds 'Drop In' Sessions on a Wednesday afternoon at the Food Bank/Places of Welcome, held at St Clare's Church.

The support she offers includes benefit advice, (unclaimed or unable to access), housing, health, finance and any area of support or guidance. People requiring help could self refer and don't have to be out of work.

It was evident from her presentation there would be partners in GACAP who could refer people to her. The talk was very informal but allowed partners present to find out more about what she does. For more information contact her on Gill.Boyle@homegroup.org.uk

Town Councillor Sally Symons introduced "helpful hands" and explained she was recycling School Uniforms for all schools in Newton Aycliffe and some in Darlington.

The Thames Centre has been well used over the past month for awareness and fundraising by Baby Basic's, Harvest Church for Kids Zone, Breast Cancer and Trussell Trust Food Bank. All partners indicated they were partners of GACAP.

Alison Firby from Trussell Trust gave an interesting informative talk about the Foodbank. The local collection point was at St Clare's Church. Greggs offered "goodies/treats" for people coming in twice a week. Tesco too were a tremendous help to the Foodbank. Apart from the weekly food Tesco offer, they also support two days a year with an extra collection is store for food and cash donations. Sheena from Baby Basic's



Gill Boyle

asked for thanks to be minuted to Kath and Alison, saying the number of referrals she had received from the Foodbank at Baby Basic's had increased significantly recently, also 'Xcel Local' was supporting her charity which demonstrated how well GACAP partners work together.

Kath from the Foodbank

thanked Tesco, the Rotary Club, GACAP partners and Newton News, who had supported the recent Food collection. On the day a record £495 was collected and 1.25 ton of food donated. Val said her group had recently been to Whitby this being why there was fund raising events for AARMS. Helen from Tesco said they would be holding a collection for Mark Hammond a young 11 year old boy who was very ill. Three local stores were giving support.

A Fun Day is being held in Tesco car park this Saturday for Diabetes and the British Heart Foundation.

Thanks were expressed to DISC for the use of their building for hosting GACAP meetings and to partners and speakers for attending. Anyone needing more information about GACAP should contact the secretary on secretary.gacap@gmail.com

UNDER ARREST!



Sarah with President Tony (right) and Rtn. Don Walker

Sarah Honeyman, Neighbourhood Police Inspector for Newton Aycliffe, was the Guest Speaker at the town's Rotary Club weekly meeting this week.

A policewoman for 22 years Sarah gave a lighthearted talk on her career to dating served in the South of the County until her promotion and posting to Aycliffe in 2015.

Sarah from Darlington, joined the Police soon after her University graduation, influenced by members of her family who had also been in the police force.

She spoke eloquently and was very interesting and only revealed at the end that it was her first talk to an organisation.

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Trip on the Yorkshire Moors by Steam Engine

"Schools" out for the summer and what better way to entertain the whole family than with a fun-filled day to remember at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway! One of the most historic lines in the North of England, the heritage railway is sure to delight passengers of all ages this summer.

To celebrate the summer holidays, SR No. 926 "Repton" will be back running along the heritage line, making a return after an extensive overhaul. She has been running in her British Railways colours and numbering as 30926 but will return to traffic in Southern Railways Olive Green under her old number 926.

Designed by Richard Maunsell for the Southern Railway in 1930, the "V Class", is better known as the "Schools Class" as all locomotives were named after English public schools. These engines were intended to meet a need for an intermediate passenger



locomotive for routes which needed power, but couldn't handle large express engines. Laura Strangeway, Head of Marketing said, "The school holidays are a fantastic time for all the family to come and experience the age of steam. The railway is a great place for children to journey behind these powerful engines and learn how they work with 'Peters Railway Young Engineers Centre' at Pickering and the engine

sheds at Grosmont."

This year, the railway has already hosted its fair share of successful events, the most recent being the new bigger and better '60s Fest' which took place in July. Welcoming thousands of passengers of all ages from around the country, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway was rocking all weekend.

There are a whole host of special events scheduled this season at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway including the Annual Steam Gala from 29th September - 1st October, Railway In Wartime 13th - 15th October and a spectacular Halloween Train from 26th - 29th October.

A journey on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway takes visitors along a 24-mile railway line, passing through stunning scenery, from wooded valleys to beautiful countryside, stopping at charming villages and spectacular seaside locations. For further information or to pre-book tickets online before your visit please go to nymr.co.uk. For regular news, updates and competitions, North Yorkshire Moors Railway is also on Facebook facebook.com/northyorkshiremoorsrailway and Twitter twitter.com/nymr.

RAILWAY AWARDED £4.6m

The North Yorkshire Moors Railway has been awarded £4.6m by the National Lottery. This funding will go towards NYMR's Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey, a £9.2m Sustainability Project aimed at securing the future of the railway.

An award-winning visitor attraction steams across the Yorkshire Moors bringing delight to more than 350,000 passengers every year. John Glen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism said: "The North Yorkshire Moors Railway is part of this country's rich railway heritage and this £4.6 million investment, thanks to National Lottery players, will help preserve it for generations to come. The Railway welcomes more passengers than any other heritage railway in the world and is a fantastic way to see Yorkshire's stunning scenery."

Keeping 18 miles of railway with more than thirty bridges through the difficult countryside of the North York Moors in top-notch condition is a continuing challenge for the NYMR Trustees. The 180-year old railway already invests around £1 million annually but there's only so much the fare box can generate and much more is needed for the railway bridges and its stunning scenery, from wooded valleys to beautiful countryside, stopping at charming villages and spectacular seaside locations.

To deliver the investment programme, the NYMR must raise matching funds of £4.6m. With generous member bequests and anticipation to secure more grants, the NYMR will need to raise approx. £2.5m from members, passengers and the public over the next five years. For further information and to pledge your support visit <https://www.nymr.co.uk/>

Failure to Tackle Illicit Drugs

Police Commissioner Blames Government

"The Government's approach to tackling the use of illicit drugs has failed." That's the message from the Government's own assessment of its drug strategy, says Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington. Commenting on the release of the evaluation, Ron said: "The Government's own evaluation shows how important it is to concentrate on reducing the harm caused by the hidden market for illegal drugs. The report's conclusion that 'drugs are

still widely available to those who want them' is a real indictment of their strategy, published in 2010. The new Drug Strategy 2017, published a few weeks ago, does little more to tackle the harm caused by drugs." Ron added: "In 2010 the Government set out to reduce the use of illicit and harmful drugs, yet the proportion of adults using illicit drugs has remained unchanged since 2010."

Whilst Ron is critical of the Government's continued approach to a strategy based on enforcement, he is more supportive of the shift in focus towards helping drug users come to terms with their addiction. The evaluation indicates that programmes of treatment, designed to help users to become less dependent on drugs, can be successful. They are also good value for money: £2.50 of public money is saved for every £1.00 spent on structured drug treatment.

Ron recently published

"Towards a Safer Drug Policy", which was widely supported at an international conference in Durham in July. Ron said: "I am calling for a fundamental review of UK drugs policy, which should be firmly based on evidence and focused on reducing harm. It's vital that people receive treatment to help them recover from their addiction. It's important to intervene at the earliest possible opportunity and provide alternatives to criminalisation so that drug users are more prepared to seek treatment and improve their life-chances. This approach will help take power away from the organised gangs who control the drugs market and make so many people's lives a misery."

Ron is keen to work with the Government, politicians from all parties, and a wide range of stakeholders to develop and deliver an effective strategy to limit the market for drugs in the future.

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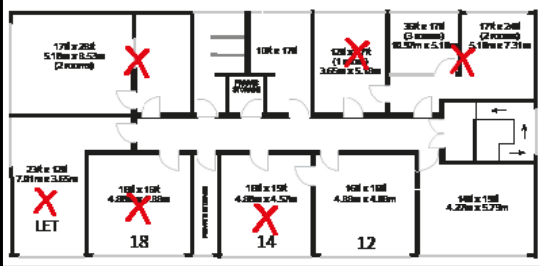
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I have many times popped into DISC and Honest John's and picked up some real bargains! Today I've donated items of furniture as a payback to them for the service they provide and the warm welcome on my visits. Although we have worthy charity shops in the town centre please don't overlook DISC and Honest John, please visit them next to the Blue Bridge, next to Newton Press. Support this fantastic independent charity and especially Honest John who sells your unwanted household goods to finance many of Aycliffe's small groups and organisations. One day your group might benefit from a little helping hand. Best wishes to DISC, Honest John, Val and all the volunteers.
Carol

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Old Library Premises Going



The old Library demountable building is currently being taken down to be used at a school near Barnard Castle. The site it stands on was to be turned into a drive-through takeaway but nothing has been heard of the application since first made. Town Centre Manager Bryan Haldane told Newton News: "It is currently the Landlord's intention to review options for the site once these works are completed."

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SUMMER FESTIVAL

The annual Options Summer Festival is taking place at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe from 12-4pm on Thursday, 17th August. The festival is being organised by a group of adults with learning disabilities who attend Options day service at the Pioneering Care Centre and is sure to be a great day for the whole family with live performances, strong man competition, bungee run, penalty shootout, bouncy castle, face painting, police interceptors, stalls, games and much more.

In previous years, members have taken part in a 12-hour sponsored Danceathon at the festival to help raise money. This year they will be taking part in a surprise Fancy Dress Flash Mob where they will perform a very special dance routine at different times throughout the day, but you won't know when it's going to happen! If you would like to sponsor the members to take part they have a Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/options->

flashmob.

Options is a charity-run, user-led day service promoting independence, choice and social inclusion and is available to people over the age of 18 with a learning disability. The members of Options have been working hard to organise the event designing posters, making festival decorations and planning the event from start to finish.

The festival will take place from 12-4pm with a BBQ and disco on the evening from 5:30-8pm. The festival is free entry and open to the public, however if you would like to attend the BBQ and disco on the evening, tickets are available at £3pp. There will also be an Afternoon Tea served at the festival between 13:15-14:45 at £4pp. If you would like to book in for the BBQ or Afternoon Tea, please contact the Pioneering Care Centre on 01325 321234 or email options@pcp.uk.net. All of the money raised from the festival will go towards new resources and activities for the day service.

Community Fun Day in aid of MRI Scanner Appeal

Horndale Residents Association is holding a Family Fun Day on Thursday 17th August 10:30-2:30 at Greenfield Community College with proceeds being donated to the MRI Scanner Appeal. There will be lots to do with free entry we have a Petting Zoo, Crazy Creatures, Pony Rides, Army, Police, Fire Brigade, Face Painting, Bouncy Castles, Small Fayre Rides, Aidsfield Heartbeat Bus rides, Tombola plus more. So why not come along enjoy the fun and make a difference. This event is funded by the Big Lottery and supported by Greenfield Community College. Philip Clark, Chairman

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CENTRAL HEATING FUND REMOVES PEOPLE FROM FUEL POVERTY

Hundreds of households have been removed from fuel poverty thanks to a pilot scheme which took place across the north east.

The Central Heating Fund, a fuel poverty pilot programme which operated in County Durham from January 2016 to March 2017, saw 394 new central heating systems installed across the county, free of charge, to householders who did not previously have such a system.

This included 302 new gas central heating systems, 87 new oil central heating systems and five new air source heat pumps. County Durham was one of nine north east local authorities to benefit from the fund under the Warm up North partnership with British Gas.

Householders were able to apply for the fund either by contacting Housing

Solutions, who co-ordinated the delivery of the project, or by visiting Durham County Council's website.

Those who qualified then received a home visit to assess their eligibility and work out the best central heating option for them.

Following the completion of the project, feedback has shown that on average householders with new central heating installed reduced their annual energy bills by £300 from £1,419 to £1,116.

Councillor Kevin Shaw, Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "We are very pleased that so many households took up this offer and now have warmer, safer homes in which to live."

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HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

Darlington Local Plan

As most people across are aware Darlington Borough Council are busy working on their Local Plan. As part of this exercise our Planning Department write to land owners and agents to ask if they are prepared to release land for development and this process has been carried out across Heighington Parish. Following the response maps have been produced showing the plots of land that land owners are prepared to release and recently Ward Councillor Crudass, Parish Councillor Bedoes and I have attended two meetings to discuss the feasibility of using each plot for housing development.

As I have been approached by residents making enquiries about which land is under scrutiny, I feel that the maps which show the land areas should be made available for everyone to look at so I have booked the Village Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 16th August so that you can all drop in

during that time to see what is on offer.

I must emphasise that although land has been put forward by some land owners no decisions have been made on any of the areas of land put forward. DBC Planners will take into consideration the comments made by your Councillors and others at the last two meetings and then come forward with their preferences for development. At this point they will bring their conclusions to Heighington and invite residents to the Village Hall to discuss.

So if you wish to see what land areas are being considered for housing development, you are invited to Heighington Village Hall between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on August 16th to look at the Four Options. There will be no presentation as such but there will be people on hand to help answer your questions Councillor Gerald G. Lee Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward - Tel: 01325 314622

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Following the untimely death of, Michael Dalton, one of the Pioneering Care Partnership's longest standing Trustees, a plaque in his honour was unveiled at the Centre he loved, the Pioneering Care Centre.

Friends and supporters including H.M. Lord Lieutenant Mrs Sue Snowdon, The Right Honourable Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland, his wife Lady Anne, Phil Wilson MP, PCP Trustees' previous and current Chief Executives Jane Hartley and Carol Gaskarth were present to see the memorial take pride of place in the garden.

Carol welcomed Michael's mum, Mary Dalton to what she described as an intimate and private space for people to reflect on their time with Michael. She explained that, "Michael was an avid supporter of PCP, proud of services we provide and of how successful the Centre has become. His gentle determination and passion for the organisation was unwavering despite periods of illness he gave his time freely, but his commitment was much wider than PCP. He enjoyed being active in Newton Aycliffe, whether as part of the Rotary Club, Town Council or raising funds for other charities; he even completed a 26 mile charity arm pedal ride last year! Michael is a reminder to us that we can achieve great things if we put our minds to it and we're pleased to have somewhere in our garden where Mary and Michael's family or friends can come and think about the special times they've shared together."



Police are appealing for witnesses after a tent was slashed on Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.

The incident occurred on Friday 4th August, 2017 between 4.00pm-6.00pm in which a 4 man tent, which was erected in the rear garden of an address was slashed with an unknown implement.

Anybody who saw anything suspicious should contact PC 2687 Jamie Pitt on 101. PC 2687 Jamie PITT D2 Relief Newton Aycliffe Radio Airwave Number (FIN): 1825 Tel: 101 or 999 in an emergency jamie.pitt@durham.pnn.police.uk

DRIVING WITH POSITIVE VISION

Over time our eyesight deteriorates and previously strong vision can become poor. If eyesight problems are left unaddressed they can often lead to poor reaction times to unexpected hazards or the behaviour of other road users.

This week's tips give advice on eyesight. When riding and driving from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards, Richard Gladman.

- Get regular checks. Eyesight can deteriorate over time without you noticing. If you are having to move closer to the television to read the titles clearly or have noticed even a slight deterioration with your eyes, we recommend a visit to the optician for a check-up; after all we should do this on a regular basis (every two years) anyway and its free for the over 60s

- Take a break, eyes get tired too. If you are travelling for long periods of time you should take a break every two hours or every 100 miles, whichever is sooner. This will refresh you and your eyes keeping you alert
- Driving at night can be the most problematic area as our eyes age. No matter how eagle-eyed we may think we are, it is a scientific fact that as we get older our eyes become less sensitive to light. Avoiding night time driving is a wise precaution if you are starting to struggle to see clearly after dusk

- Keep a pair of sunglasses in the car in all seasons; low sun on a wet road will make you wish you hadn't packed them away after the summer
- Know the law. You must be able to read (with glasses or contact lenses, if necessary) a car number plate made after 1 September 2001 from 20 metres. To find out more information on this visit the government's driving eyesight rules page here

- Use this to test yourself, if you struggle to read it get checked out straight away
- Stay hydrated. Water is very good in keeping you hydrated and is also good for your eyes. With the added bonus of helping you maintain concentration

while driving and riding Richard said: "Deteriorating eyesight can often be a sign of other health problems so a check-up is a good idea. If you do have eye correction prescribed for driving make sure you use it, not having

your glasses is a poor excuse when you have had the accident.

As a little aside how often do you clean your glasses? Even a pristine windscreen will seem dirty if the lenses are covered in fingerprints."

Abandoned Fire Hazard Vehicles - Removed



SIX vehicles have been seized by police as part of a two-day operation in County Durham to reduce fire hazards. Operation Valdis is aimed at reducing the number of deliberate fires across the locality.

Each vehicle has been without a registered keeper, or has otherwise filled the criteria for an abandoned vehicle.

Inspector Lee Blakelock, of Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Division, said: "It's great to get these vehicles off the streets, which aids us in our bid to reduce fire hazards.

"If left where they are, these are the vehicles that will usually end up being rallied around our roads or set alight." The two days of action marks the launch of a further initiative which will see abandoned vehicles seized as and when they are identified.

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Golf Hazard on 5th Green



Dear Sir,
Attached photo indicates an additional hazard faced by early morning players at OakLeaf Golf Course. On Friday 4th August 2017, who among us would be brave enough to 'putt out' under these circumstances?
This photo was taken on the 5th green where a swarm of bees decided to take up residence. My understanding is that they hadn't applied for planning permission and were therefore humanely evicted by the Council.
This shows just how perilous golf can be!
Derreck Pinkney

Rail Heritage Open Days

Learn more about the Stockton & Darlington Railway and Shildon's history as a railway town in a special themed access session and walking tour from Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, developed for this year's nationwide Heritage Open Days project. On Saturday September 9th and Sunday September 10th, 2017, Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon will link with volunteers from the Friends of the NRM (North East Branch) and the Brusselton Incline Group to offer special access to the Soho Shed, the oldest industrial building still standing in Shildon, and then a guided walking tour to Brusselton. The Soho Shed will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm each day, and volunteers from the Friends of the NRM (North East Branch) will be on hand to tell visitors more about Shildon's railway past. At 11am each day, volunteers from the Brusselton Incline Group will lead a guided walk from the Soho Shed, through the old Works site, up the Brusselton Incline to the recently restored Accommodation Bridge, and then return. The walk is approximately three miles long, and should take a maximum of two hours to complete. Please note that each walk will be limited to 30 people per

group, with spaces allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Soho Shed is located at the western end of the site at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon – please use postcode DL4 1PQ. For more information, please call the Museum team on 01388 777999.

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 15th August features "MAX - BEST FRIEND, HERO, MARINE" - add to that list - DOG. When his handler in Afghanistan is killed Max is returned to the family in the US, and finds that life there can be pretty exciting too. An exciting film with plenty of action. The film carries a 12 rating. Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, Children £1. The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied. 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.

BUSY JIU JITSU CLUB

It's been a busy year so far for Aycliffe's Brazilian Jiu Jitsu club based in the Leisure Centre. Both John Paul Cockerill and Dave Cunliffe coach two days a week on Thursday 8-9pm and Sunday 3-4pm as well as train themselves.

The pair believe in being active as a club and continue to compete themselves to show the way for their students. Dave competed in Blackpool BJJ open in which he won his Gi division in, submitting 3 opponents and won a bronze in nogi (with and without a kimono)

John Paul travelled down to Stoke on Trent to compete in role models with fellow student Gav Cant. JP won his division via submission taking gold also!

The club would like to thank everyone who attends and also those at NEJJ for continued high level training! The club welcomes any beginners or experienced to the sessions and hopes to see more members join in the future!



Aycliffe FC's Winning Start to New Season



Aycliffe got the new season off to a winning start, defeating Chester-le-Street 1-0 in the Emirates FA Cup. Both teams started cautiously, with the midfielders dominating. This meant that there were few clear-cut chances in the first half. Craig Hutchinson put the ball in the net in first half injury time, but the goal was ruled out for offside. HT 0-0. The second half was much livelier, with both sides on the attack. Aycliffe looked the better side, and took the lead in the 54th minute. Paul Weldon crossed from the left and found Stuart Banks in the penalty area. He controlled the ball well before calmly slotting it into the corner of the goal. Aycliffe dominated after that, with Sean Tarling bossing the midfield, and there were some good team moves. They were unable to increase their lead though, with Chester-le-Street keeper Jack Wilson pulling off several good saves.

Hutchinson had the ball in the net but again there was an offside. Marc Costello then hit the bar near the end. MOTM: Sean Tarling. Attendance: 131. Cautions: Matty Pennal. Subs: Kurt Matthews for Josh Gray (48m), Grant Hickman for Danny Mitton (64m), Matty Pennal for Craig Hutchinson (82m) Aycliffe will travel to Bradford side Albion Sports in the next round on Saturday 19 August. Meanwhile the Ebac Northern League gets underway with two home games for Aycliffe. Steve Harmison's Ashington visit Moore Lane on Tuesday 8 August while Guisborough Town will visit on Saturday 12th August.

Marie Curie Fundraiser

Dear Sir,
On Saturday 7th October, 2.00 to 5.00pm, the Darlington Fundraising Group for Marie Curie are hosting an Afternoon Tea and Chocolate Tasting event at the Kings Hotel, Darlington. Guests will be welcomed with a glass of prosecco or a soft drink and will have the opportunity to shop at a selection of handpicked stalls from famous names, such as Neal's Yard and Body Shop, to local handmade offering such as Grace & Fox and Any Old Bottle. Our local artisan chocolatier, Truly Tempting Chocolate, will be demonstrating how they make their delicious chocolates, including a tasting session and free chocolates to enjoy at home. The Kings Hotel will be serving their traditional afternoon tea includes a selection of finger sandwiches, cakes, freshly baked scones with jam and clotted cream, and tea and coffee. Tickets are £18 and available from Rachel: darlingtonfundraisinggroup.

mariecurie@hotmail.co.uk; 07968 169 260; via Facebook page @mariecuriedarlo or Twitter @MarieCurieDarlo Thank you for your support, Leigh Taylor

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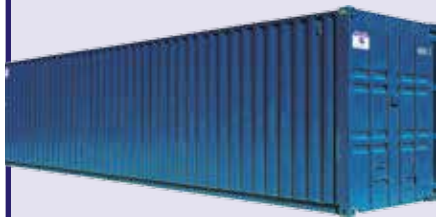
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Reports include our lovely Flower Beds on Central Avenue senselessly attacked, cars keyed, wing mirrors stolen, tent slashing, and the more serious crime of a youth throwing an acid substance at a young woman's face in Wright Close.

This brought shame to our town regionally and nationally and cannot be tolerated. We urge anyone with information to contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

These young people cannot honestly say they have nothing to do as these days more activities than ever are laid on for them to enjoy if they made an effort to take part. It would appear a small minority of wayward youths just wish to prowl the streets looking for mischief and they must be stopped.

Some say CCTV everywhere is required while others believe it restricts our civil liberty! This protective equipment is probably the answer as more and more households seem to be installing their own, due to the small cost involved. The Police have called on owners of Dashcams to check their recording if they were travelling down Stephenson Way at the time the young woman was attacked. It's time for us all to co-operate with the Police to put a halt to ASB - Please report anything suspicious.

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Mayor's Charity Golf Day for MRI Appeal

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, is to host a charity golf tournament to raise funds in aid of her nominated charity, the 'MRI Scanner Appeal' at Darlington Memorial Hospital and Bishop Auckland Hospital.

The golf tournament is an 18 hole Stableford Competition to be played at the Oakleaf Golf Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

A dinner and presentation evening is also included in the entry fee and this will take place at the Oakleaf Sports Complex Function Room, Newton Aycliffe, with dinner to commence at 7.45pm and a trophy presentation will be made by the Mayor at the conclusion of the dinner.

A team of four players will be required to participate and the entry fee this year is £100. An application form is attached or you can email the team details

to me direct. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Maybe you would like to sponsor a hole for the day at a cost of £25. If you require any further information on sponsorship please contact me.

To assist with our fund-raising, a raffle will also take place on the evening and it would be appreciated if you could possibly donate a small prize to be entered.

The closing date for applications is Thursday, 17th August 2017, confirmation and relevant 'Tee Off' information will be sent soon after this date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

Sharna Stretch, Mayor's Secretary. Tel: 01325 300700.

Monday Over 50's Lunch for £5

Age UK County Durham's Come Eat Together Team work in partnership with Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre to bring people aged over 50 in the local area together with food. Louise Haymer, Development Worker with the project said "Taking place monthly on a Monday, it is the perfect chance to treat yourself to a Roast Lunch followed by a dessert, with the added bonus of no washing up. However, it is not just lunch on offer; this is also about enjoying company. Meet new people and catch up over a tasty meal and a cuppa. Everyone is invited to relax with a variety of after lunch activities such as quizzes and bingo."

People aged over 50 living in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas are invited to enjoy a two course meal with tea and coffee, followed by an activity for £5.00. The next lunch will be held on



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 Thank you
 Owen Dickinson
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Obituary

Anne Brady

Newton Aycliffe. 6th August, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Anne, nee Bell (Grannie Annie), aged 77 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Hughie; much loved Mam of Thomas and Lynne; dear Mother-in-Law to Neil and Clare; treasured Grannie to Liam and Kat, Natalie and Matthew, Leanne and Nicky, Ella and Molly; proud Great-Grannie to Ethan, Eva, Rose, Isla and George. Grannie Annie was proud to know there will soon be two more. She will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral Wednesday 16th August. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.00am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Butterwick Hospice may be given at the crematorium, or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

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In Memoriam

Lee George El-Hakim



11th August 2006

Well my love it's been 11 years on the 11th August since you left your loving family. Time goes by but your memories will never die. I see your picture every day, your smiling face. You were my man, full of grace. A true gentleman through and through. A loving Husband honest and true. A wonderful Father so full of love. That's why God took you high above. A man of principles, a good heart. That's why I loved you from the start. They say time heals... but the pain won't go away. I long to hold you every day. A gentle kiss, a warm embrace, oh God I would love to see your face. But that's so hard as we all know. God took you 10 years ago. At first I was mad and very sad. Why did you leave us, guess I will never know? They say God only takes the best, so now I lay you down to rest. My heart is sad but this I know, one day I will be with you, the perfect show! So until then sleep my Prince, my love, my man. I will love you forever till we join our hands. Marie El-Hakim Georgie and Kay Michelle and Alister Elie Jnr., Solomon and Georgia Grace (Grandchildren)

LORAIN SIVELL A loving lady and friend. Always in our thoughts. Marie El-Hakim and Family.

SHAUN HARPER 13th August 2010. Always remembered. In my thoughts. Glen

KATH BENNETT (15th August 2013). Mam, did the sun shine brighter or was the sky a deeper blue or was it just a different world we shared our lives with you? Forever is a long time, this we know is true, but it's how long our broken hearts will love and miss you. Always in our thoughts Mam. Love, Helen and Sandy xxxx

BRENDA SCOONES (1936 to 2013). Died 13th August. Missing you always. You never said "I'm leaving", you never said "goodbye". You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. In my heart I hold a place that only you can fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of me went with you, the day God took you home. Loved always and deeply missed by Daughter Elaine; Grandkids and Great Grandkids, who called you "Nans".

ANN TOMLINSON 13th August 2016. For those who have a Mother, treasure her with care, for you never know how much you love her until she is not there. Love you millions Mam. Lyn, Stan, Sharon, Nigel, Tony, Karen, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxxxx

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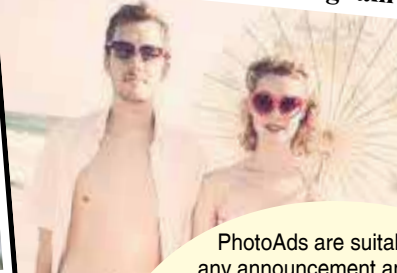
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Regards
Paul Trippett

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, earned a hard fought draw at home to table toppers Maltby 1st team in the 2nd division of the NYSD. Maltby were asked to bat first and were bowled out for 165 after 49.4 overs. Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood) was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 35 and he was supported well by James Layfield-Carroll who finished with 3 for 35. In reply, Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings despite from 17 runs by captain Adam Gittins and they soon found themselves in trouble at 66 for 7. However a fighting unbroken 8th wicket partnership of 28 from Sean Morgan (19 not out) and Luke Telford (5 not out) saw Aycliffe safely through to the end to finish on 94 for 7 and earn a creditable draw.

The 2nd team lost by 7 wickets away at Sedgfield 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored a respectable 155 all out after 36.2 overs. Opener Neil Bancroft top scored with 44 from 61 balls, including four boundaries and a six. Dan Weldon smashed a quickfire 39 from 33 balls with five boundaries and two huge sixes and Dave Richardson chipped in with a 24 from 36 balls, including three boundaries. In reply, the home side reached their winning target after 37.1 overs despite Dan Weldon, Dylan Tribble and Steve Sweeney each taking a wicket for Aycliffe.

The u13's team (see photo above) had a superb home win against Richmond by just 10 runs in the NYACC cup. Thomas Dearden starred with the ball taking three Richmond wickets for just 12 runs and when Aycliffe batted, Iain Robson top scored with 14 runs. Credit must also go to both Harry Wright and Charlie Cayless, who batted under a lot of pressure and held their nerve in a tense finale, to help see Aycliffe home to an excellent victory.

The u13's followed up their win over Richmond with a thumping 73 run victory at home to Darlington RA. Aycliffe's Iain Robson, Matt Greaves and Harry Wright all bowled well taking two wickets each in the visitors innings. When Aycliffe batted, there were good performances from Iain Robson (14 runs), Harry Wright (12 runs) and Ollie Coulter (9 runs).

An under strength u11's team played well but were still

beaten at home to Richmond u11's by 41 runs. Ollie Coulter had an excellent all round performance taking a wicket when Richmond batted and then top scoring with 14 in the Aycliffe innings. Special mention must go to debutants Ewan Henderson and Alfie Spensley, who both played very well in their first game for Aycliffe.

The u11's also lost at home to Darlington by 56 runs despite a very encouraging debut by Charlie Dawson, who top scored in the Aycliffe innings with 8 not out.

The club continue to run soft ball cricket sessions for the 5 to 11 age group, every Wednesday at the Sports Club from 10am to 12pm during school holidays. Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome and the cost is £3 per child per week. For further details please contact Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

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