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## On the Move

Adam White the well known GAMP co-ordinator in the town is moving on after being promoted to take over the Teesdale AAP (TAP) as their new Co-ordinator. Said Adam: "I have been overwhelmed by the number of people wishing me luck in my new role. This is a new challenge. It's been a pleasure working in the GAMP area for the last six years, and it has been a privilege to work with some fantastic people who give so much to their community".



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In each ITV News region, 4 people are shortlisted from all the nominees, and their stories shown on the main regional news programme at 6.00pm on which John will appear. The regional winner from each ITV region is then invited to attend the Pride of Britain awards ceremony in London, where the judges decide on the winner of the overall national ITV Fundraiser Award. The Awards 2017 will be presented by Carol Vorderman on ITV on Tuesday 31st October.

## GAMP Funding Available

Are you part of a group that works in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area? Do you have a project idea that requires funding? Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership has funding available for projects within the Great Aycliffe and Middridge village areas.

There is a total of £10,000 available for schemes which respond to local needs and circumstances resulting from welfare reform / employability / poverty type issues. We also have £9,902 available for schemes which provide youth activities for 11-19 year olds in the GAMP area (or up to 25 years for those with special educational needs or disability). How to apply: Please contact the GAMP Team for an Expression of Interest form in the first instance. All completed expressions of interest must be returned to the GAMP Office by 5.00pm on Monday 6th November 2017. Potential projects should have a start date no earlier than February 2018. For further information, please contact the GAMP Team: Email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk Telephone: 01325 327 441

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led by artist Alison Curry, which is now hosted fortnightly on a Thursday evening and is intended to give participants of all abilities a chance to dispel misconceptions and experience a variety of core creative skills, including ceramics and drawing. The aim is to enable bespoke weekly development or progression onto Specialist Arts courses.

The latest addition to our Thursday Masterclass offer is 'Decorative Plaster Casting' held on 26th October, 12noon to 4pm, where you will be able to make decorative flower fossil wall hangings, with artist Fiona Gray, who currently has her work on display in The Craft Programme.

We also look forward to the introduction of our advanced courses in Painting and Photography starting after Half Term. These courses are designed to offer participants a place to work on more detailed pieces of work with the guidance of a professional artist. They will also give participants the time and space to develop their own creativity and maybe even aim towards entry into The Greenfield Gallery Annual Open Art Exhibition in March 2018.

The October Holidays will launch our season of creative writing and illustration events with a fabulous activity day on Saturday 28th October 10am - 2pm, including activities for both adults and young people to learn and explore together.

Activities include the ever popular 'Family Cooking', work with Jan Hodgson to develop recipes to keep the whole family happy and healthy, then produce your own meals as a family to take home and enjoy. We will also be hosting story making activities including book making with Dawn Belshaw and creative writing with Alison Curry. We are working in connection with The Big Draw 2017, which is focussing on #LivingLines2017. We want to see how imaginative you can be in making your pencil marks move and your work could even go towards the Big Draw Awards 2017. We will have plenty more opportunities on offer to keep you entertained throughout the day. Details of all activities can be found on our website where you can also book your place. Activities are suitable for any age, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Check out the website: [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk), or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Children's Blessings Donation Point at Tesco



Children's Blessings in association with Tesco Newton Aycliffe are excited to announce the launch of a new donation point. Children's Blessings is a registered charity based in Newton Aycliffe that provides FREE clothing, toiletries and essential equipment to families in need.

Items are requested via midwives, health visitors and other agency workers and taken out to the families by those who have made the referral. The role of Children's Blessings is to process donations as they come in, packing up lovely parcels of clothes, Moses basket starter packs and other gifts ready to be taken out to families in real need.

With support like yours we are able to help even more people that didn't know where to turn in their hour of need. You can donate items using the new donation bin sited within Tesco Newton Aycliffe.

Contact Sheena (volunteer manager) on 07594 297462.

## Free Oc'TURB'erfest



The Oc'TURB'erfest held at Aycliffe's award winning pub The Turbinia will feature two of the biggest bands in the North. On Saturday we have the fantastic GROOVETRAIN a 7-piece live band with multiple layers of vocals, inspired by the grooves of Stax and Soul Train.

They have played gigs across the UK and beyond, from Wembley Arena and the Royal Albert Hall to theatres and festivals; on albums and national radio; and alongside big names. The line-up includes British Blues & Soul Awards finalists plus a range of top touring musicians to guest with us at special shows. One of the band members is a former Finalist, Drummer of the Year, at the British Blues Awards. Newton Aycliffe's very own Ian Halford - This is a must see gig.

On Sunday at 4pm The Tub are thrilled to bring you 'The Gatecrashers' who are a fun-loving, versatile and entertaining rock, pop, soul and R & B band, who will rock you gently - or rock your socks off, depending on what you want out of your party. They'll deliver classics from the sixties right the way up to the very latest tunes with the sort of energy and charisma

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The Beer Festival runs from October 19th till 23rd with no entry charge with 17 Ales and 2 Scrumpys to keep you satisfied as well as our normal very large choice of drinks (check out the 'Bourbon Bar'). Entertainment on Friday 8pm. Open-Mic; Saturday 8pm. Groovetrain: Sunday 4pm Gatecrashers and it is all FREE

## WEAR IT PINK FOR CHARITY

Samantha Finley is holding a "Wear it Pink" for breast cancer event at Woodham Burn School Infants School. The charity is close to her heart as she was diagnosed with breast cancer in July and she would love support for this event.

Some wonderful friends are helping her organise everything and have shown amazing support for Samantha.

The event is on Friday 20th October at 2.00pm in the Infants Hall and everyone is invited. There is a raffle and cakes with tea and coffee plus an opportunity for people to be sponsored for wearing pink as a donation to the charity.

Other things are happening within the school for the children that go to Woodham Burn. Please contact Samantha for more details on: [samanthafinley458@gmail.com](mailto:samanthafinley458@gmail.com)

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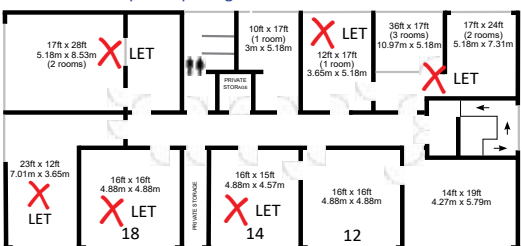
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The packaging is not only used for Roman's Shower Enclosures, Bath Screens and Wetroom Panels but also for their Solid Surface Fabrication manufacture, which also

require many different bespoke boxes.

Roman currently uses 1.2 million square metres of cardboard every year.

Roman, have designed all their packaging to include important logos such as the company's logo, The Queens Award emblem, Made in Britain marque, the CE Mark and Health and Safety logos.

John Wright, Operations Director at Roman, commented: "Because of the success of the existing 'on demand' packaging machine we had little hesitation deciding to purchase a second machine to cater for the rapidly increasing volume of products that we manufacture and deliver Worldwide every day."

## Helping Zoe's Hospice



Carley Gibson born and bred in Aycliffe is friends with Zoe's Hospice manager and loves to support this worthwhile charity. In addition to running she joined other girls from Aycliffe for the "Muddy Mayhem" training with Stu Furlong's Bootcamp and circuit classes each week where she has made some fabulous friends.

Carley signed up for Great North Run raising £250. On a visit to the hospice she picked up a Muddy Mayhem leaflet and with 11 others, including family and Bootcamp friends, completed this last Sunday raising around £600 for the charity.

## GAMP Funding Awarded



Ten community organisations are celebrating a funding boost thanks to Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP). As reported previously in the Newton News, GAMP asked community focused organisations to submit proposals as part of a 'Callout' for projects. All project proposals had to address at least one of the key GAMP priorities for 2017; Children, Young People and Families, Older People and Employment, Enterprise and Training.

GAMP has an annual Area Budget of £100,000 to spend on priorities as voted by those living, working, volunteering or studying in the area. GAMP covers the whole of Great Aycliffe including the Parish of Middridge, Aycliffe Village, Woodham and part of School Aycliffe.

The 'Callout' for projects proved popular, with over £436,000 worth of project proposals being submitted. All the applications were ranked by representatives of the GAMP Board, with the following organisations receiving funding:

- Acle Scout Group
- Newton Aycliffe Youth FC
- ROC Solid
- Sedgefield School Sports Partnership
- M.A.D. Community Choir
- Pioneering Care Partnership
- Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group
- School Aycliffe Community Association
- Foundation of Light
- Lifeline Community Action

Brian Riley, (photo above) GAMP Coordinator, said; 'We had a fantastic response to the GAMP Project Callout, with 42 applications for funding received. The GAMP Board members who ranked each application had a difficult task as the quality of applications was exceptional. The organisations we have funded, will deliver excellent projects that will undoubtedly benefit local residents.'

## Tables £7 at Bric-a-Brac & Toy Sale

Grab a bargain at St. Clare's Toy and Bric - a Brac Sale on Monday 23rd October between 10 am and 12 noon. There will be a good selection of toys, games and dvd's suitable for all ages as well as good quality bric- a - brac.

Enjoy some refreshments while you have a rummage and you may find yourself surprised at the great bargains on offer. SHINE choir will be selling some ex-performance costumes and props to. Great for parties or world book day dress-up.

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## 6 year old Donates Long Plaits to Charity

Six year old Neave Haigh had her beautiful plaits cut off to help charity which makes wigs for children with cancer who have lost their hair - The Little Princess Trust.

To say she did her Mam, Dad and the rest of the family proud is a huge understatement.

It was a couple of months ago after watching a YouTube video that Neave told her Mam Gina she would like to have her hair cut for charity. Her mam wasn't sure if it was just a 'whim' but Neave didn't give up!

Gina set up a Just Giving Page for the charity and printed sponsor forms.

Generous donations from family, friends started rolling in and within two weeks she managed to raise £415

Neave was amazed at the support she received and being of a shy nature took it all in but was extremely grateful.

The staff at Mosaic Hairdressers Newton Aycliffe were absolutely fabulous with her and very patient with the family proudly taking pictures as the plaits were removed.

Neave was involved all the way through even taking her hair to the Post Office to send to the charity.



## Inspire Dog Owners to Follow Their Lead



In line with Durham County Council's countywide #FollowOurLead responsible dog ownership campaign, six-year-old Alex Forsyth from Chester-le-Street wants to help dog owners to do the right thing when it comes to exercising dogs and protecting the environment.

After becoming the proud owner of a Labrador puppy named Lily, Alex and his Mum, Victoria, began walking Lily regularly around their local area.

They soon noticed the irresponsible actions of a minority of dog walkers who had failed to pick up their dog's waste.

Taking matters into his own hands, Alex designed an anti-dog fouling poster to persuade other dog owners to follow his lead and make sure dog foul is collected and put into a bin.

The six-year-old environmentalist, said: "Please pick up your dog poo! And if you don't... the council doesn't think you're a nice person, and they'll think you're someone who doesn't pick up their dog poo. People don't like dog poo. Once, I stood in a dog poo and it was horrible."

He added: "All you have to do is bring your dog poo bag!"

The poster was sent to Durham County Council and Oliver Sherratt, head of direct services at Durham County Council said: "We are thrilled with Alex's initiative and passion to deter other dog owners from acting irresponsibly."

"His eye-catching design is an effective message to tell people to pick up their dog's waste and it will be displayed as posters and on dog waste bins in the local area, including nearby Moorfoot Avenue play area."

"The artwork also complements our existing Public Space Protection Order and #FollowOurLead campaign signs displayed across the county."

In addition to the posters and dog waste bin stickers, the council's civic pride team and anti-dog fouling mascot, Scoop the dog, visited Alex's school and delivered a responsible dog ownership session to educate all youngsters on the importance of looking after pets correctly.

Neighbourhood wardens regularly patrol areas identified as dog walking hotspots to

ensure dog owners pick up after their pet.

Under the new Public Space Protection Order, anyone caught not picking up after their dog can be issued with a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice and subsequently prosecuted for non-payment.

Implemented on 1 June, the new order introduced additional enforcement powers to encourage responsible dog ownership.

It is now an offence to:

- allow a dog to foul without picking it up
- allow a dog to stray
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## Film Show

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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.

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## Baltic Training Aycliffe Creates New Industry Specific Courses

A leading North East training provider has created several new courses in its bid to continue to offer young people the highest quality training qualifications and learning experience.

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Speaking about the courses, Sales Operations Director, Laura Jackson, said: "Tech City UK's recent Tech Nation 2017 report highlighted the ongoing growth of the UK's Digital Tech Economy. With the sector now employing more than 1.64m people nationwide and contributing £170bn in turnover to the economy, we have decided to create industry specific programmes for our trainees."

"Each course is tailored to meet individual needs, throughout which the apprentice will learn through online delivery of content and instruction, saving businesses expenses in travel and accommodation." Founded in 2006, Baltic works with over 1,500 employers across the UK, helping them

to secure their training needs and equip the workforces with the skills needed to support growth and remain competitive in global markets. With the shortage of skills in the IT sector, where there are in excess of 700,000 jobs available and tens of thousands of new recruits required annually to plug the gaps, the Company has already helped more than 3,600 young people pursue careers in the technology and digital industries and in 2013, was the only North East company in the Virgin Fast Track 100 list.

Laura continued: "At Baltic Training, we're dedicated to making sure all apprentices

have the very best training on their apprenticeship. Our success rate speaks for itself, with 95% of our apprentices being employed upon completion of their programme and 49% of those receiving promotions within the first 12 months.

"The digital sector will only continue to grow and an apprenticeship with Baltic will enable apprentices to join this diverse, fast-moving and exciting industry, putting them at the forefront of tomorrow's world."

To find out more about Baltic Training and the courses on offer, please visit <https://baltictraining.com> Twitter: @BalticTraining



(L-R) Operations Director, Nicky Hobbs and Sales Operation Director, Laura Jackson

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## WECAN GROUP VISIT ZOO & BLACKPOOL



The Wecan Parent's Group spent a fun filled weekend away at Chester Zoo and then Blackpool on the 23rd of September. The weekend was organised following a generous donation from Honest John.

The group would like to thank Honest John for his continued support. The Wecan Parent's Group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm till 3pm during term time. We are a small friendly group of parents who welcome new members. If anyone would like any further information please contact Nicola Best by email [nicola.best@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:nicola.best@greenfieldschool.net) or by phone 01325 300378

## GACAP Help Disabled Infant with Therapy Pool



*Harrison having therapy time in the pool with his big sister Maddie who is involved in his care*

Harrison who is three years old has an undiagnosed genetic condition causing many symptoms with no explanation of their source. His parents first noticed his problems at 7 months old when he did not reach expected development. Since then he has received several tests and procedures, coming back normal apart from his eyesight and ECG results.

His Mum Hayley sends a massive thank you to Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership and Val Fawcett for the donation towards Harrison's Therapy Pool. "The pool will benefit his strength and we are extremely grateful" Harrison's symptoms include weak and floppy muscles, Hypertension, Optic nerve Atrophy and Cortical visual impairment. None of these symptoms can be fixed or made better by wearing glasses. He also has severe developmental delay meaning he is functioning at the level of a 4 month old baby and non-verbal. Harrison has sensory processing disorder and is being treated for Autism.

All of this aside Harrison is the most loving and happiest little boy and melts people's hearts with his lovely smiles and giggles.

**What's new on our website this week?**  
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## GLOWING REPORT FOR GREENFIELD

Greenfield Community College opened their doors and welcomed year 6 students and their families recently. This year's annual open events proved very popular with families who were able to meet students and staff to discover what makes Greenfield a distinctive school in order to make an informed choice about their choice of secondary school. Families were able to get a real sense of the positive environment and the excellent facilities on offer, including the recent investment of 2.6 million pounds in phase one of the schools renovation programme. There were lots of opportunities to be 'hands on' as they experienced taster sessions throughout the school. Parents said "the range of opportunities at Greenfield look great" and "What a lovely atmosphere."

Executive Headteacher David Priestley welcomed everyone to the school speaking about the high

aspirations and achievements at Greenfield. He highlighted the 100% commitment to treating every child as an individual. He ensured that visitors were able to listen to students who spoke eloquently about their personal experiences and how proud they are of their school.

Mr Priestley invited everyone to take the time to look around, meet people and ask questions in order to make their own decisions. All subjects ran active sessions and staff were delighted with the positive feedback they received. Feedback shows that people were really impressed with the commitment and skills of the staff to achieve the very best for students. The quality of care and support was applauded. The quality of the sample menu was also very popular. Staff look forward to welcoming back a new cohort in September to be part of Greenfield's exciting journey to excellence.

## Harvest Time at Byerley Park

KS1 pupils at Byerley Park Primary School shared their Harvest Celebration with parents this week. The young pupils had a lot of support from friends and family in their little production, which included a play called 'Tops and Bottoms' by Year 1, 'Big Red Combine Harvester', a song by Reception class and a variety of poems written and performed by Year 2. The whole school collected a range of food and toiletries to help our local Foodbank, here in Newton Aycliffe, filling a large car boot with their donations. Pictured are Year 2 pupils with Alison and Kath – the Newton Aycliffe Foodbank Organisers.



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Newton Aycliffe u14 Hawks are currently playing in TJFA division 6 after a successful season last term in the Russel Foster league. We pride ourselves on allowing all squad players getting equal game time, no matter of ability. This attitude has helped the players and team to develop and compete week in week out. The boys have currently played 3 league games, winning 2 and losing 1. Signs are pointing to another successful season on the pitch.

The team thank Andrew's Landscape and Gardening services for his kind donation to help them buy winter tracksuits. We are very grateful for the support we receive. Andrew (pictured left) has been working on the town for many years and had no hesitation in supporting our team. Thank you from all the lads.

## HEIGHINGTON FOOTBALL NEWS

Heighington Under 7s faced Middleton Rangers at Home this week starting the game with Louie in Goal, Liam and Kyleo at the back, Tyler in the middle with Alex up top. Heighington started quickly and opened up a 3 nil lead all courtesy of Kyleo.

Goal of the game came when Heighington moved the ball from the back out to the left wing for Tyler to square for Alex who finished easily. It really was a fantastic Team Goal. Alex added another, before Kyleo hammered home a free kick and then Alex completed his hat trick.

Tyler got the Goal his performance deserved pressing from the front before slotting home. Maddix and Zane came on for Kyleo and Alex, and Maddix quickly got in on the act adding a quick fire brace.

Then Liam smashed home a free kick for his 1st of the season. Tyler then forced the ball home after a Maddix free kick. Before Zane bundled the ball over the line from a Tyler free kick to finish the scoring at 13-0

The second game saw Liam go in goal with Maddix and Alex at the back and Louie

and Archie up top. Maddix scored a fantastic Hat trick, in between his 3 Goals, Alex pinged one from from the Half way line in off the post. Alex made it 5 before Archie got a thoroughly deserved Goal. Louie was a workhorse throughout and it was 6-0 at HT

Second Half Kyleo and Zane were introduced for Maddix and Alex. Archie scored again from a Kyleo pass to make it 7, before Middleton pulled a deserved goal back but Kyleo had the last word a great run weaving through challenges saw him smash the ball in to the top corner!

Final score 8-1. Tyler received MOTM first game, Archie picked up the award in the 2nd and Alex was awarded Player of the Day.



Over 150 people attended the Jobs Fair organised by Livin recently. Over 30 businesses were present to promote local jobs and training opportunities as well as to interview new staff including Tesco, Stiller's, Card Factory and Domino's

Anyone in need of employment advice can contact our 'livin futures team' at [futures@livin.co.uk](mailto:futures@livin.co.uk)



Students and staff at Woodham Academy raised more than £160 for MacMillan Cancer Support at a coffee morning at the school.

Woodham Academy arranged the event following a request from parent Angie Williams, who helps out each week at the school's 'Let's Get Cooking' club. The club baked biscuits and cakes for the coffee morning, and Mrs Williams brought in fudges and cake to sell. The event, hosted by catering manager Linda Vipond and kitchen staff, raised a total of £161.70.

Mrs Williams said: "I was very impressed at how well the children have done and feel very proud of what they achieved. The school is brilliant – all the staff are just great in every way. I want to thank everyone for their hard work."



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## Bewick's Best Bakers

Bakers from the patient representative group at Bewick Crescent Surgery rose to the occasion, donning their pinnies for Macmillan last week. The dough they raised was £343.80 for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Louise Trowell, a Macmillan Primary Care Nurse said "It was really great to see everyone joining in the 'guess the height of the cake' and we were really spoilt by the great bakes that people donated." Nurse Joanne Jones was a legend in winning "Star Baker".

Units of alcohol, breast and testicular self-examination kits, and information about lifestyle modifications were shared to get people to think about how they could reduce their risk of developing a cancer.

Because people were so generous, the money raised will help run a small Macmillan Information Centre for 1 day, helping people affected by cancer to find information and support.

It will also pay for a patient to receive a personalised eHNA assessment and care plan and 10 copies of our credit card resource explaining the symptoms and causes of some cancers.



# Can You Beat This? Students on Farm & Fork Trail



Barbara Shippen sent this photo in claiming to have the tallest sunflowers in town. At the last measurements the sunflowers were over 15ft tall. Charlie and Oliver (pictured) planted them from seed with Grandad Phil and looked after them throughout the summer.

Year 3 at St. Mary's primary in Newton Aycliffe went to Tesco to do a Farm to Fork trail on Wednesday, 27th September. A kind man called Richard Pace. First he took us to the training room we all got a bib and a clipboard to start our investigations.

Our investigations started at the Fruit and Vegetable aisle, we had to record what colour the fruit or vegetable was and the country it came from. E.g. Yellow lemons came from Madagascar. We also had to comment on whether we had tried the food or not. Then we visited the fish counter, it smelt very strange! We saw fish's gills open, which looked disgusting. Richard also showed us the fishes tongue, it was silver. We found out the countries where all the different fish came from, which was interesting. We even explored fish that were still alive!

After that we went to the bakery to learn about the bread. I round out that there are 3 stages in making bread. Richard told us the yeast smelt of smelly socks! I thought it smelt worse than n smelly socks! We learnt how much bread was sold every day in Tesco- which was a lot!

When we finished at the bakery, we went to the freezer store. As you can imagine it was extremely



Mary's primary.

cold (-24oc). How cold is that? It felt so cold it was like being in Antarctica! Once we had gone back into the freezers, we went back to the training room, and tried lots of different breads, some cheeses and different fruit, such as candy floss grapes and greengages. Here are some pupil comments

"My favourite part of the day was tasting the food, especially the salt and pepper bread."

"Although the freezers were cold, I loved seeing what was stored there."

"Richard was great and I hope to visit Tesco again."

A big thank you goes to Richard and to our local Tesco Store for supporting us in our Topic work learning where food comes from. We are hoping to visit again in the summer term, when we will be exploring healthy eating!

Written by year 3 pupils at St.



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## 1666 Great Fire of London Lesson



St. Mary's Year 2 students have been learning about the Great Fire of London and fire safety. We have worked as a community with our local fire station and Tesco. Ken the baker from Tesco was also fantastic as he allowed us all on a trip to explore how bread was made and see the main safety procedures.

On Friday 6th October we invited parents, fire fighters and the Ken to enjoy our day, taking a day back to the year 1666. We turned our classroom into Pudding Lane. Bakers as we baked different breads, rock buns, biscuits, tea cakes and scones. Tesco donated some of their baked good to help with our spectacular day. We all had an amazing time and raised £201 towards year 2 trips and educational activities. Our children thrived from this topic and lived the lives back in the year 1666.



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Stephen Brian "It was a fantastic day and a massive well done to all the musicians & all people involved making the day fantastic"

Sama Simpson "Good day, great bands, thanks cracking night"

Sue Chadwick "Really enjoyed ourselves, looking forward to the next one"

The owner John Finley said "It was fantastic to hear such positive feedback and would like the music Festival to become one of Aycliffe's great annual events"

Bands are already being booked for next year – save the date Saturday 29th September, tickets to go on sale soon For further information follow us on facebook or twitter



## New Aycliffe Village Properties



The development at the former North Briton Pub at Aycliffe village is nearing completion with properties now up for sale.

The properties are of the highest quality, with four available in the block and this will be the last infill site overlooking Aycliffe Village Green. Contact: Robinsons Tel 01325 484440.

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## Coffee House Want Regular Car Boot Sales



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Siesta held their first Car Boot Sale last Sunday at The Oak Centre and even though we did not have many stalls it was a start and people enjoyed the day and we want to grow the idea. They are looking to hold another Car Boot Sale on 29th October with a Halloween theme plus a Christmas Market to be arranged.

Siesta have the use of spaces in their car park and Ebac have allowed use of their car park on weekends.

## Newtonian's Debut on West End Stage

A former Woodham Academy student has described his debut on the West End stage – and working with a Hollywood legend – as a "dream come true". Nathan Elwick took his bow in 'Young Frankenstein', written by Mel Brooks, as it opened in London this week.

The 23-year-old is appearing in the musical comedy at the famous Garrick Theatre following a successful run at Newcastle's Theatre Royal.



Nathan Elwick, with Mel Brooks

"This show has been a dream come true," Nathan said. "Growing up with all the old Universal Monsters and Mel Brooks films, it's now amazing to be in a show working with Mel himself."

"It's a show where I get to tap in top hat and tails and also be a monster occasionally. To work with Susan Stroman and Mel Brooks is a dream come true. This is a complete dream job and I couldn't be luckier"

Nathan arrived at Woodham Academy as an 11 year old already with a passion for musical theatre. He was fully involved in the music department throughout his time at Woodham, and played leading roles in the school's regular productions.

Assistant Headteacher and music teacher Tina Taylor, who watched Nathan during the Newcastle run, said he is "amazing" in his latest role.

She said: "It's wonderful to see a student arrive in school with a clear ambition and go on to realise his dream. It was obvious that Nathan had lots of talent, but he also had dedication and has done everything he possibly could to make this happen. It's great to see all his hard work paying off – he thoroughly deserves his success."

He also worked hard outside of school, taking lessons in singing and dancing.

After leaving Woodham Academy, he studied at Newcastle College and then at ArtsEd in London. While training, Nathan appeared in The Addams Family, and in Follies in Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. His theatre credits include Aladdin at Nottingham Playhouse and a UK tour of The Glenn Miller Story.

## Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club at Darlington Gala



to Harrogate to compete in the North Eastern Regional Masters Championships. She won gold medals in both the 400 and 200 FS and came fourth in the 50 FS

## LOOKING FOR LOST FAMILY

Dear Sir,

I am looking for the family of Margaret and Jim Affleck. Last time I saw them they lived near the school in Newton Aycliffe. I remember they had twin daughters Margaret and Elizabeth. These girls were named after my late mother. I was bridesmaid at their wedding. Jim is my mother's brother, and as we moved away, we lost touch.

There are second and third generation cousins that would love to meet up and I know there was other children of Jim and Margaret, but I never got to meet them.

You can contact me on marysfishingtackle@gmail.com.

Sedgefield 75 had 16 swimmers competing in a total of sixty events. They were Louis Shaw, Mathew Wimbury, James Hodgson, Ehtan Craig, George Wilkinson, Emma Price, Chloe Harding, Leah Smith, Eleanor Birch, Zoe Hodgson, Lucy Heron, Nell Heslop, Pippa Sanderson, Kate Tolley, Kathryn Lee & Sophie Wilkinson.

This was the first competition following the summer break and most of the swimmers returned new best times. As always our friends from Darlington made a huge success of the gala and without doubt this was a contributing factor in the excellent results achieved by all those

competing. The clubs medal tally was 14 Gold, 4 Silver, 5 Bronze. Matthew Wimbury took Gold in the 50 FS. Silver in the 50 Breast stroke and Bronze in the 100 FS. Louis Shaw gained Bronze in the 50 Fly. James Hodgson won Gold in the 100 Back. George Wilkinson took silver in the 100 Breast. Ethan Craig gained Bronze in the 50 Back. Leah Smith won Gold Medals in the 100 Back, 100 Breast, 100 FS and the 50 Back. She took the silver in the 100 Fly. Chloe Harding gained Bronze in the 50 FS, the 50 Fly and the 100 Back. Kathryn Lee won Bronze in the 100 Fly. Kate Tolley took the silver in the 100 Back. Emma Price took part in eight events 50 Breast, 100 F, 50 Back, 100 Individual Medley, 100 Breast, 100 Back, 50 Fly. 50 FS. She took the gold medal in every event winning them all by a significant margin. Emma is nine years old and is one of the youngest swimmers in A Squad. John Moore stated at the end of the gala that this was the most stunning performance he had ever seen with an athlete so young. It was a fair reflection of the work put into training over the last six months.

Niall Coulthard represented Woodham Academy in the Regional Bi-athlon held at Hexham on Sunday 8th October. He was placed 1st in the event and this will qualify him to compete in the National Championships next year. Congratulations to him from every one in the club. Elisabeth Yaneske travelled

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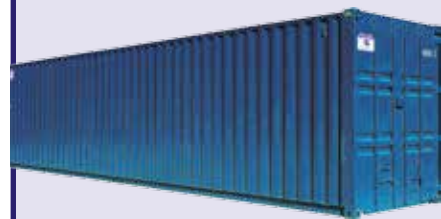
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# Youthy Football Round Up

This weekend the Oak Leaf has been awash with the royal blue of Newton Aycliffe Youth teams representing our town.

## U11 Eagles 3 - 1 Hartlepool St Francis

It was good to get back to it on Sunday after a few weeks off and I think it showed as the lads started well but slowly. Hartlepool went ahead early with the fortuitous looping goal which left Isaac with no chance. The lads kept positive and kept battling away and got their rewards before half-time 1-1 with a well taken goal. The second half saw a good tight game of football with both teams going for it. We put the pressure on and finally got our second goal. After that the lads relaxed and played much better football which meant we then got our third before the end of the game. Really pleased with the lads attitude and commitment throughout the game today. Goals today from, Noah, Ethan, and Kye. Man of the match went to Noah.

## U8s Eagles 3 - 1 Washington Pumas

Excellent finish to the summer league which has seen the boys finish as runners up for a 2nd season in a row. Well done to the boys who constantly work as hard as they can and will now be rewarded.

## Wildcats 2 - 5 Norton & Stockton

Another fresh morning, another fresh start to a cracking game! The first half saw some fantastic play with the girls immediately pressing forward with superb passing and teamwork. 7 minutes in, a great team run led to a well-placed ball from Erin to Demi-Lee who converted it into Wildcat's first goal. A solid defence from Freya, Tilly and Ruby meant lots of runs for Thea and Erin. The opposition came back a goal but were quickly responded to by another Erin pass to Demi-Lee and their second goal. Everyone was working hard, passing well and pressing forward - it was fantastic team work. Lana made some great saves, and the opposition were hitting the ball hard! Following two further opposition goals, first half ended 2-3.

Safiye and Anna joined the defence in the second half and worked hard against a tough team. Freya and Safiye were supporting Lana well, by sweeping away balls from dangerous areas. Anna kept getting in the way of the opposition with her well thought positioning and kicks. Demi-Lee made lots of runs with support from Thea, both having lots of strong attempts on goal. Great passing! It was great to hear lots of shouting for the ball today, communication improving so much. With the score 2-4, Heidi made her team debut and rallied hard - chasing down the ball well. A penalty, that Lana managed to get a hand to, made the final score 2-5.

Wildcats played hard, passed brilliantly and not once stopped playing as a team. Whilst some players showed some new skills, and others showed massive improvements - EVERY single player showed teamwork, and the girls should be proud of a well-played match. Bev was SUPER proud!

Players of the match, Thea and Freya. Goal scorer, Demi-Lee. Well done Wildcats - keep up the great work!

## U14 Hawks 6 - 2 Blackwell Rangers.

Great 50 minutes and an average last 20. Got to keep playing for the full 70 minutes. 6-0 up and cruising we took our foot off the pedal. Goals today Jack Fleming 3, Ethan Gray 2, Dylan Redpath 1. Man of the match James Flynn for a great performance in left back, winning tackles, supporting the attackers.

## U15 Falcons 12-0 Wynyard Village

Tremendous squad performance today that got us an excellent and deserved result. The Falcons warmed up and prepared well with new Falcons coach Sam Pascoe assisting with pre match drills. They set up correctly, were technically and tactically on top and every single player did their jobs very well. By HT the Falcons were 6-0 up and sportsmanship changes were made including playing a Goalkeeper outfield (who scored) but the Falcons were just too strong and finished by adding another 6. Goal scorers: Adam Askew 3, Cole Harrison 2, Jacob Gibson 2, Luke Robinson 2, Spencer O'Sullivan 1, Aarron Hepburn 1 and Jack Birbeck 1. Quality all round today with many contenders but Man of the Match went to Jack Birbeck for excellent ability and attitude.

## OTHER RESULTS:

Sunderland West End 4 - 1 U9's Eagles

U10's Girls 12 - 1 St Cuthbert's

U10's Eagles 3 - 0 Washington Blues

Felling Magpies 6 - 0 U11's Girls

U11's Eagles 1 - 4 Hartlepool Youth

U11's Falcons 2 - 4 St Marys Kings

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2016, a 254% increase on its 2015 profit of £128,923. 2016 saw the company's turnover grow to £15,338,277 from £13,294,952 the previous year. Almost £5 million of turnover was UK sales, with exports accounting for more than £10 million. "After our return to profit in 2015 it is fantastic to be able to mark an increase in that profit of 250% in just one year. This profit is after investing more than one million pounds in new product development, which should mean higher sales going forward." Says

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## Opinions Sought on New Model of Cancer Support

People are being asked to give their thoughts on new proposals which aim to make it easier for those who have cancer and their families and carers to get the support they need.

Durham County Council has worked with Macmillan Cancer Support to develop 'Joining the Dots County Durham', a programme which aims to ensure people get the



L-R: Rosemary Jenkinson, Kathleen Wall, Mike Wallis, Beverley Butters, Andrea Mackrell.

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help they may need around income and housing as well as lifestyle and emotional support.

In 2016, we asked how the lives of those in the county affected by cancer could be improved, with the responses received shaping the proposals for new ways of working.

The proposals would see the development of a hub - a single place for people affected by cancer to be referred and which will be accessible via one telephone number, email address and webpage.

Key workers based in the community would then carry out a needs assessment to identify the issues people need help with and would work with them to develop plans to address the necessary support. The proposals would also make it easier for people to speak to others who have experience of cancer and who can help guide them through their journey and provide emotional advice. Cllr Lucy Hovvels MBE, Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "A diagnosis of cancer can have far-reaching effects, far beyond that of getting treatment for the disease.

"Many people facing cancer need help around money and work as well as practical things like housework or dog walking, and because there is no way of finding out where that help might come from, they are missing out.

"We have been working closely with people affected by cancer to identify the key issues they face and believe that things such as peer support from those who have been in a similar situation could really make a difference to their lives at a very difficult time."

Earlier this year, the project team recruited a number of co-production volunteers to help design plans for how people can get the support they need at a time and place they need it. "Having looked at all of the information that was collected as well as our own personal experiences, we feel it is very important for there to be a single point of entry, no matter where people live, the type of cancer they have or where they are receiving their treatment," said Steve Mitton, one of the volunteers.

Paul McCavana, Macmillan Head of Services in the North of England, said: "This is an exciting time for Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham - a lot of work has been going on involving Macmillan Cancer Support, Durham County Council, people living with cancer,

healthcare professionals and many other organisations across the area to reach this point.

"This is potentially a new way of supporting people living with cancer in the area and we're pleased to see plans shared with the public for their views."

To view the proposals and have your say, visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/14392> or call 03000 265 445.

## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

Two important meetings, lots of community notices ... and some interesting forthcoming attractions. Read about the following on my blog at: [bit.ly/CNB110](http://bit.ly/CNB110)

## COUNCIL

• DCC Environment Scrutiny Committee, Friday 6 October.

• DCC looking after the County's children.

• DCC will host the Lighting Urban Community International conference on city lighting this November.

• The DCC 'Big Tent' health & care provision engagement event took place last week.

• DCC's 'Durham Winter' is prepared and already on standby.

• DCC's Countryside newsletter.

• Latest local roadworks information.

## COMMUNITY

• 14-21 October is Hate Crime Awareness week.

• Friday 20 October is Show Racism the Red Card's 'Wear Something Red' day.

• Please take HealthWatch County Durham's Breast Cancer Screening Survey.

• Free digital skills training for unemployed 16-24s.

• Durham Constabulary are reminding Aycliffe residents to lock their vehicles (and houses & sheds) after a night of burglaries.

## BUSINESS

• Welcome to Aycliffe Business Park, Greystone Legal.

• Aycliffe Business Park's Roman is investing in growth.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

• Take Off Children's Theatre Festival, 16-22 October.

• Guided Walk - Shildon Circular (9 miles), meet Locomotion Museum car park, 10am, Wednesday 18 October.

• Diwali late night opening (family event), Durham Oriental Museum, 6-8pm, Friday 20 October.

• Guided Walk - Battle of Neville's Cross (3 miles), meet old entrance to Durham Johnson School, Redhills Lane, 1.30pm, Sunday 22 October.

• Celebrate our uniformed services superheroes at the Locomotion Museum, Shildon, 10am -3pm, Saturday 28 October.

## Meet the Teacher Event at Woodham Burn Primary School



Woodham Burn Primary are celebrating the arrival of their newest and biggest Reception Class yet! 48 children joined the school in September, the majority from our nursery but others from as far afield as Japan and Poland!

Parents of our new children enjoyed a fantastic 'meet the teacher' /McMillan Coffee Morning last Friday when they came into school to visit our foundation stage classrooms and have a cuppa and a slice of home made cake with class teachers Miss Wood and Miss Waller.

They then joined their children in the classroom to look at work and to enjoy the early years curriculum. Donations to McMillan came to over £80.00, making the whole morning a highly successful event. Parents are looking forward to coming back into school for workshops with their children during the autumn term.

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Reader Steven Fleming spoke to Mr Pavey Head Teacher at Vane Road School, where his son attends, and gained permission to fly his drone with camera, over the new school being built. Send your photos to: [syd@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:syd@newtonnews.co.uk)



# GACAP Report

Ron Mitchie, Chairman of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership welcomed an increasing number of partners to their monthly meeting held at DISC offices near the Blue Bridge.

The chairman reminded partners that if they would like to address partners about their organisation at a meeting they could be part of the programme of speakers.

Monday's speakers was Alison Firby from the Foodbank who spoke passionately about a project 'Places of Welcome' they were going to present. We are all aware of Hunger in School holiday periods when universal free school meals and means tested FSMs are not available to families with low income. Allison said they were also starting a project in October half term with the ultimate aim – Healthy menu, Healthy eating 3 times a week. There would be activities and a meal for the whole family the daily cost would be FREE OF CHARGE.

The other guest speaker was Stacy Porter from Durham University, a Staff Volunteer and Engagement Officer. Stacy's responsibility was to find 5 days voluntary work for staff numbering 4000. Durham University operates an employer supported volunteering scheme, enabling University staff members to volunteer for up to 5 days per year during work-time. The volunteering could be Monday to Friday, evenings, weekend. Opportunities range from individual placements utilising an individual's professional experience, to departmental team challenges, involving practical Secretary Joan brought the partners up to date with happenings since the last meeting. The Website was stable and ready to go according to Steven Mitton of County Durham Furniture Help Scheme who had been

helping GACAP move this forward.

The management committee had been for a training session at CDFHS and new email addresses had been established for officers. This had been a real breakthrough and was welcomed by everyone.

Partners agreed to 2 Management Committee recommendations GACAP to widen the range of people/organisations who wanted to link in with them as "Friends of GACAP" and/or "Associate Members."

Peter Driver Harvest Church Partner and elected partner to the Management Committee was elected as Assistant Secretary due to the higher admin work load. Both recommendations were passed unanimously. The secretary said this change had left a vacancy on the management committee for another partner to join the Management Committee. The secretary said she had received one nomination subject to the partners accepting the management committee recommendations. If you would like to be a member of the management committee please contact the secretary.

In Any Other Business, Brian Wilson from SAAFA thanked Sheena Stephenson for referring a needy client to them, showing how well GACAP worked together. Sheena Stephenson confirmed that Baby Blessings had now altered its name to 'Children's Blessing' as there were needy children in Newton Aycliffe as well as babies. Partners agreed there was real evidence of partners working together. The chairman thanked all for attending and said the Speaker for next month was Rachael O'Donnell from ADVICE. Anyone wanting more information about GACAP please contact: secretary@gacap.org.uk

# Heighington Spar Store Helping the Community



The Spar in Heighington, owned and run by Peter Gosnay is collecting food for the charity, 'Footprints In The Community'. The charity was set up in January 2013 as part of the Trussell Trust. The foodbank is one of several projects which 'Footprints In The Community' run. They work with over 100 volunteers every week and since the charity started, it has fed 20,830 clients of which 6853 are children.

The demand continues to increase and they have seen a significant rise in larger families in need of help. No-one likes to think of a need on our own doorsteps, but sadly this is the case.

To help, please pop into your local Spar store in Heighington and donate food from the list that is provided in store. The majority being tinned items, but also including, pasta, biscuits, cereals, tea and coffee. Manageress Jane said, "When we heard we could do something to help through Helen Gosnay at the insolvency service as part of their volunteering initiative, we were delighted to oblige. It makes sense really, having a

foodbank in the store. This way people can purchase from the store and donate whilst they do their own shopping. We are really positive that the local community and surrounding areas will really back this charity and donate items. Our aim is to fill as many boxes as possible to help this wonderful charity."

To find out more about the charity then please visit – www.footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk

Jane also picked up from a previous article in the 'Newton News' where she was saddened to read that a lady from Heighington was stuck and unable to get out shopping due to the unpredictable bus service. Jane stated, "We are a friendly local store, and I would like to reach out to the lady and others in the same situation and say we are happy to help her in regards to this issue. If she could contact the shop direct and ask for myself (Jane) then I would very much like to speak with her." Spar Heighington Tel: 01325 313144

## Thank You Honest John

ACORN and Little ACORNS would like to thank Honest John for his donation earlier this year for our trip to London.

We took a group of residents to London on the last weekend of September, some of the group had never been on a train never mind to the Capitol.

An action packed weekend was had by all with people visiting the sights on London and the zoo and some even shopping late into Saturday night and the brave riding the London eye.

The weekend was over before it began or so it seemed with people asking if we could do it all again in the future. None of this would have been possible without the help of Honest John and the hard work of those behind the scenes arranging the trip. Keith Lovejoy Vice Chair

## HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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## Obituary

### WOOD

Newton Aycliffe

September 27th, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage and dignity, with her family by her side. Audrey aged 76 years, dearly loved wife of the late Dave, a dear Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister and Friend. A private funeral has taken place at Audrey's request.

**CHEVERALL** Fred of Newton Aycliffe passed away suddenly on October the 4th aged 79 years. A loving husband to Ann. A much loved Dad and Grandad. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday October 16 for 12.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired to the British Heart Foundation. Plate provided at the Crematorium.

**MEARS** Maria aged 60 years of School Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on September 26, at home. Loving Wife to Steve, caring Mother to Andrew, Wayne and Andrea, devoted Nana to Kyle, Millie, Harvey, Reggie and Lewis, special Sister to Elaine and great Friend to many. Service was held on Friday October 6th at 10.45am in St. Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Please make any charitable donations to St. Teresa's Hospice or Cancer Research UK in lieu of flowers.

*Maria was loved by all and will be sadly missed*

**WHEELER** Passed away peacefully on her 93rd birthday, October 4th. Lilian (Lyn, nee Smith). Beloved Wife of the late Cyril, loving Mum of Chris and Martin, Mother-in-law to Barbara and Anthea, a much loved Grandma and Great Grandma and a very much loved friend of Katrina and Maggie. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday October 18 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired may be made for Dementia UK, plate provided at the crematorium.

**LEITCH** Vi, peacefully on 7th October, aged 67 years. Cherished and much loved partner of Roy who was devoted to Vi. A much loved lady by Jean & family and all her friends and staff at Defoe Court. Funeral Service to be held in St Clare's Church on Thursday 19th October at 12:45pm followed by burial at West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

## Thank You

**RAY & LIZ JOHNSON** would like to thank our family and friends who helped to make our surprise Golden Wedding party a success. Thank you also for the lovely gifts and cards.

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### Jayden Reece Lawrence



**Happy 9th Birthday**  
13th October  
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Auntie Beverley xxx

**JEAN AINSLIE** Happy 75th birthday Jean. Love, Pat, Dave and family xxxxx

**JEAN AINSLIE** Happy 75th birthday Gran. Love, Laura Lee and Ellie xxxxx

## In Memoriam

**GRACE HEDLEY** 16th October 2013. Forever in our hearts. Love, Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxx

**EILEEN BURDESS** 11th October 2016. The footprints you left in my life will be with me always. Joan

**VERONICA REED** (Vera). 14th October 2014. It's not hard to remember you, we do that every day. But the date was special, the day you went away. We knew that day we'd lose you and you were going to go. Safe in Dad's arms, and you weren't going to be late. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. One amazing Mam, Nana, Grandma and Great Grandma. From your all your family, near and far xxxxx

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### David Urwin



**Happy 50th Dad**  
Hope you gave a great day.  
Lots of love, Ryan xx  
**Happy 50th Birthday David**

Have a wonderful day and great party.  
Love, Mam, Shaun and Michael  
**Happy Birthday David**  
50 years young!  
Love, Nicola, Graeme, Joseph, Charlotte and Abigail xx

### Paula Sangster



*Tuesday 17th October*  
Happy Birthday to a lovely Daughter on her 50th  
Love, Dad and Mam xx

### Paula Happy Big Five-0



You still haven't grown up!  
From best mate Angie x

## John's Tesco Collection

Honest John raised £217 for the Community Kitty at a Tesco Collection last week. John thanks Val, Tesco Management and staff not forgetting the generous customers who donated.

# Sugar Hill Primary School Gain "Outstanding" Ofsted



Sugar Hill Primary School, the first school in County Durham to be converted from good to Outstanding under the new Ofsted Framework.

On September the 12th and 13th Sugar Hill was inspected by Ofsted. Over the two days a total of 5 inspectors visited the school to confirm the Outstanding judgements in all 5 areas,

- Effectiveness of Leadership and Management
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal Development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for pupils
- Early Years Provision

Mrs Paula O'Rourke - Head Teacher said: "The inspectors looked at learning in lessons, work in books, behaviour around school and challenged the senior leadership team on all aspects of their work. Governors were also interviewed on the challenge they provide.

"This is the best news, confirming what

I always believed, that Sugar Hill is an outstanding school, with all staff going above and beyond to give the children the best start in life. I would like to thank the children for always rising to the challenge and the parents for the support they give. Our results this year were our best ever, showing the outstanding progress the children make here.

I have an amazing team and having worked in many schools, I can safely say that Sugar Hill is a very special place. We are all absolutely delighted."

The report makes fantastic reading, with quotes including: "The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. Their attitudes to learning, to each other, to adults and visitors are exemplary. "Lessons run like clockwork. From the moment they enter school in the morning, well established routines and teachers' high expectations ensure pupils from the earliest ages, settle quickly to their learning"



# Juniors Football Report



Aycliffe Juniors enjoyed a superb community day alongside Newton Aycliffe FC on Saturday before getting back to their weekly games. The community day saw both NAJFC and NAFC coaches run short skills sessions for those

attending. There was a great turn out, as pictured, and many new players enjoyed their first taste of football. It was fantastic to have the support of NAFC for what was a very successful event. The Under 7's travelled to play

Leven AFC but were beaten 6-2. They found themselves 3-0 down against a good passing team. Sam then scored direct from a corner and Alex also scored before the hosts finished the match well. All of the squad played well with a lot of effort put in by everyone.

The Under 8's hosted Norton & Stockton Ancients 'Amber' and won the match 3-1. All nine players contributed well, Dylan did a great job up front, Alex and Thomas (2) scored the goals. Kenyon was named as the man of the match.

The Under 9's played away against Stranton Juniors, Harry and Marley scored but the home team kept the pressure on and won the match. Henry was named as the man of the match. The Under 10's 'Black' travelled to play Eaglescliffe Elementis but ended up as the losing team. They put in a great effort and Jayden was the man of the match.

The Under 10's 'White' hosted Billingham Synthonia and gained a superb 7-0 win. The Aycliffe side played some great football to beat a really strong team. Niall, Jayden and Connor scored two goals each with Jack also on the score sheet. Harvey was the man of the match.

The Under 11's were away at Saxon Juniors and a great team effort secured a 5-1 win. Charlie opened the scoring before Saxon equalised, then Zak chipped the keeper to make it 2-1. Charlie added his second before Jake finished his own great run with a goal. The fifth and final goal was a great long range effort from Thomas.

The Under 12's Russell Foster League team played away at league leaders Gateshead Redheugh. In the first half the Aycliffe team moved the ball well and Taylor hit the post. Man of the match Herbie made a penalty save but at the break they were 2-0 down. In the second half the unbeaten hosts extended their advantage to win 5-0.

The Under 12's TJFA league team were invited to play at Newcastle United on Friday evening and their win was great preparation for the visit of Boro Rangers Blue. The Aycliffe team again performed well and won 2-0, both goals coming in the second half. Liam finished off Lucas' cross and then Will scored after good work from Charlie.

The Under 13's played away at Greatham and started really well with Clark's goal making it 1-0. The quality continued but a second goal didn't arrive and Greatham then improved and went in to win 4-1. Jake was given the man of the match award by the opposing manager. The Under 16's were away at Leven AFC and returned home 4-1 winners. Stoker and Hynes combined well to get the opening two goals with each player scoring from the others assist. Man of the match Burrows scored the next two goals with the first being a superb effort.

The Under 23's were back in action and played against local rivals Ferryhill Town. The first half was distrusted with a 20 minute break to deal with an injury and it was good to hear Jack recovered well after the game. The second half saw two Andrew Vincent goals which secured a 2-1 win. Luke Allenby was the games man of the match.

# AYCLIFFE'S DERBY ENDS WELL



The First XV hosted Richmondshire, a strong rival as the other team who ascended into Durham and Northumberland 2 this season and the only team to beat Aycliffe last year. Despite still missing several key players, Aycliffe were able to field another strong squad.

It looked set to be a long day for the home side, when, almost straight from their kick off, the visitors regained possession, worked the ball wide and despite a ferocious defensive effort led by Luke Tinkler, crossed for the first try on two minutes.

Aycliffe knew they would have to make good on this initial error, and just three minutes later, they forced a penalty in the Richmondshire twenty-two, Captain Alex Lineton stepping up to continue his fine kicking form and taking Aycliffe back within two points. From receiving the kick off, Aycliffe set clear phases through the forward pack, with Vice-Captain Luke Harty and loose-head prop Jamie Whelan leading the way with powerful carries, before releasing the backline, allowing wing Jon McGuigan to cut back inside, crossing on nine minutes, converted by Lineton.

Aycliffe continued to press into the Richmond half, with a phenomenal attacking effort, led by openside Matthew Wiper, again the pressure told, and an infringement gave the home side the penalty, again slotted by Lineton. Following the restart, Aycliffe again forged forward, carrying hard with back rowers Warren Parsonage and Malcolm Woodward both making their presence felt. The next try came from the third of the loose trio, Matthew Wiper again hitting an excellent line to cut through, converted by Lineton to take the home side fifteen points to the good.

Following the restart, Aycliffe again put the visitors under pressure, with the centres Lewis Stephens and James Thacker linking up well with full back Luke Tinkler, putting the defence under pressure and forcing the infringement, which was again turned into three points by Lineton. Aycliffe then found themselves under unfamiliar pressure, with the visitors making good headway downfield. The defensive effort was huge, stopping the advance just short of the line, however, following movement in the ruck, Richmondshire we deemed to have crossed which was converted.

Aycliffe were quick to react, with strong work from the restart by the tight five

working upfield before seeing tight-head Linden Dixon smash through three defenders to cross.

Half Time: Newton Aycliffe First XV 28 - 12 Richmondshire RFC

Aycliffe returned to the field with just one change, returning eightman Andrew Littlefair, who joined the fray, tackling and carrying from the off, and following more excellent team play, crossed on fifty-four minutes which was converted to take the home side into a healthy twenty-three point lead. The home side seemed to ease off following Littlefair's try, and the visitors staged a strong comeback to score less than ten minutes later, working a 2 man overlap and cutting back inside to cross under the sticks, which was converted, taking them to nineteen.

It was the visitors who struck next, again breaking the defence, and despite a valiant effort, were deemed not to have been held up converted to bring them within nine points. It could have been closer, with another great 'Shire backs move seeing their wing dive over, but fittingly a brave wrap tackle from Malcolm

Woodward saw the try held up and the full time whistle blown.

Full Time: Newton Aycliffe First XV 35 - 26 Richmondshire RFC

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