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Students and staff at Woodham Academy have raised more than £300 - and counting - for Children in Need. Activities included a cake stall, a Students vs Teachers Football Match, and a sponsored five-a-side tournament. A

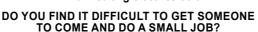
Pudsey Bear cake was raffled and students raised sponsorship money by arriving at school in fancy dress. Woodham Academy has now raised almost £15,000 for the annual Children in Need appeal over recent years.

Honest John Donates £2,700

Honest John has donated £1500 to Aycliffe Nemesis Allstars, £300 to the town's Alopecia Support, £400 to Neville Residents' Association, £100 to Local Social Enterprise, £400 to Aycliffe Radio. Thanks to DISC, Val, donors and

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Neville Residents Meeting

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Election Results at Sugar Hill Primary

Following Sugar Hill Primary's News Story about their Pupil Election for Head and Head Girl that featured in last week's paper. the children have all been casting their votes, the ballot boxes have been counted and the appointments have been made. Since the Year 6 pupils presented their speeches in assembly to staff and pupils the School Leadership Team have met and decided the school should have a Pupil Leadership Team as all seven candidates pledged to make their own special difference to the school with very persuasive writing techniques! With this in mind, the seven candidates have all been successfully appointed as members of the Pupil Leadership Team with the children's votes deciding on the Head Boy and Head Girl appointments and the Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl positions. This has been a perfect way for pupils to use their vote to influence decisions in school and see democracy in action first hand. If you visit Sugar Hill Primary look out for the Pupil Leadership Team fulfilling their pledges to ensure Sugar Hill remains an outstanding place to learn for all pupils They are already busy showing new pupils around school that have just joined Sugar Hill this week. With more new starters expected soon the Pupil Leadership Team will be a valuable asset

to staff and governors. Congratulations to you all.

Concert for

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Sugar Hill Primary Pupil Leadership Team 2017-2018

Back row left to right: Eve Sweeney Deputy Head Girl, Emily Spensley Head Girl, Jack Greenwood Head Boy, Thomas Aspinall Deputy Head Boy
Front row left to right: Michael Pritchard, Lucy Grayson,

Anthony Gowland

MRI Scanner Appeal Ball Raised £20,000



A charity ball in support of the appeal to bring MRI scanners to Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals has raised over £20K.

Attended by over 200 guests and held at Hardwick Hall, Sedgefield, the ball included live music from X Factor finalist, Keira Weathers and dancing until the early hours. An auction, casino and tombola helped boost the total

An MRI scanner is one of the most expensive pieces of equipment hospitals purchase but tremendous advances in technology over recent years have made them enormously helpful in diagnosing cancer, heart conditions, strokes and many other health issues.

Guests included directors and staff from County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, and representatives from Maguires Country Parks, who sponsored the ball, Darlington and Newton Aycliffe Rotary Clubs and Sherwoods.

Charity manager, Pat Chambers, said, "Many of us will need an MRI scan at some point, or have a close relative or friend who will benefit from one, and the ball was a fantastic chance to support the appeal and have a great night. We would love to hear from anyone who wishes to make a donation, perhaps in recognition of care they or a loved one has received, or from anvone who can run an event. however small, in support of the Appeal."

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Countdown to Christmas

Get into the festive spirit at the Open Meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club, on Monday, 27th November at Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm when National Demonstrator, Ian Buxton, will present an evening of seasonal flower arranging entitled Christmas Countdown.

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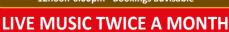
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We will then send you out into the world having journeyed through time and space, faced some demons and come out the other side full of fabulousness, humming and a smiling. The list of acts we cover evolves through time, most stuff is post punk, we could do classic rock, but there are other bands that cover that area really well and we suspect that we are a bit different.

Saturday 2nd December - "Romeo's Pistol"

For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034

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On behalf of Aycliffe Village residents may I thank Great Aycliffe Town Council for bringing forward the refurbishment of the Village Park, spending £50,000 on new play equipment

and a general tidy-up.

The project will start in early Spring 2018 and I appeal to the County Councillors to show their support by contributing from the Neighbourhood budget.

Would all residents please read the important article on setting GATC Revenue & Capital Budgets up for consultation in the Council newsletter in this issue of Newton News. Cllr. Bill Blenkinsopp





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Aycliffe Village News | Council Spruce-up in Aycliffe | Firework Safety Poster

John Clare met up with councillors Kate Hopper, Paul Howell and Brian Stephens, along with DCC officers and a large number of council workers who descended on the subway at Staintondale to launch 'Operation Spruce Up' in Great Aycliffe.

This is a fourteen-month DCC environmental programme to 'spruce up' selected areas across County Durham. It does not include any significant capital works or spending, but is improvement work 'over-and-above' the normal Clean and Green environmental maintenance schedule

Across the county, activities have included:

- cleansing of road channels, gullies and weeding
- de-greasing of pavements and chewing gum removal • removal of graffiti
- replacing and pruning of shrub beds and trees
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school assemblies and poster competitions to explain to children and young people the importance of environmental

The 'Spruce Up' focus in Great Aycliffe is to be the subways along Greenfield Way and Burnhill Way, and also Bluebell Woods (where we are going to try to bring back a beautiful display of bluebells!).

As the rest of us posed for the launch photos, DCC operatives were cleaning the subway, de-weeding paths and stairs, removing chewing pruning borders,

cutting back path edges, and helped by some of the pupils from Byerley Park School -planting a thousand bulbs to come up next spring.
Philip Clark of the Horndale

Residents Association, and GATC's Steve Cooper were present. Local groups are central to Operation Spruce Up, which is anxious to hear from them and to help with any associated local environmental initiatives they want to attempt. If you have any individual ideas about things that might be addressed, email your ideas to civicpride@durham.gov.uk

Competition Winners



Town Council had fantastic response to the Firework Poster Competition this year, over 200 entries were received and the Mayor Cllr. Wendy Hillary and her consort, Cllr. Jed Hillary, had the difficult task of judging the

posters on Bonfire night.
The presentation took place on Thursday 16th November at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex where the winners were awarded their prize and certificate, by the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Robert S. Fleming.

Thank you to everyone who entered from 'home', Stephenson Way Primary School and Nursery, St Francis School, Byerley Park School, Woodham Burn Out of School Club, Little Cubs Day Nursery St Mary's School Oswald's Pre-Schools. and St

Well done to all of you - don't forget to enter next year! Pre-school/Reception
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Please remember Aycliffe Radio is an online/internet radio station, which means (for the moment) you can only listen to the station via an internet connection.

The studio has now been relocated to the BBC (Blue Bridge Centre), where we have set up the equipment including a live broadcast centre console (courtesy of Greenfield College), vinyl mixing decks and the all important computer station for pre-recorded sessions and online scheduling.

As most of our volunteers are gainfully employed or otherwise engaged the day most of the sessions to be played on air will be pre-recorded and scheduled to play at the allotted time.

As our volunteer presenters are busy people we still have slots available for any budding DJ's to join our team, especially anyone with a novel idea for a show.

Some future ideas for the station will include recorded Church Services, request shows, local bands, choirs, school concerts, festivals,

The station is hoping the local community will rally round and support the station by tuning in to listen to your favourite music for which a schedule will be listed on our website www.ayclifferadio. co.uk, we also encourage you to pass on your event information. news maybe even sponsor a show, a DJ or the station.

Apps have been developed and currently being upgraded to include more information, these will be available from the Apple Store and Google Pay Store. There are many ways in which you can contact us, via Facebook. Twitter, email info@ayclifferadio.co.uk, text 07512 253333, phone 07512 253333, website 07512 website www.ayclifferadio.co.uk. app and of course Royal Mail: Aycliffe Radio, c/o BBC Blue Bridge Centre, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DS.

you are interested in sponsorship or someone who may be, please contact the station via the means above – the costs for

doing this will be low and the benefits will include a banner and link from our website, regular mention via the presenters and publicity in the Newton News.

To get us started the local residents are invited to choose the first song to be played on the station when going live at 12noon on Friday 1st December. If your song is chosen you will also receive a mention and a prize so listen in. Other songs which are requested for this position will also be played during this first session with a mention to the sender. Send your request via text to 07512 253333 or email.

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Dancers Raise £500 Towards the Kieran Maxwell Legacy



The dancers are as follows, **Front row**, left to right: Sophie Fletcher, Sophie Errington, Amber Lyons, Sophie Maltby and Kieran's sister in the centre. **Back row**, left to right: Kieran's Dad, Sophie Coverdale, Kate Bower, Lauren Fletcher, Claire Nelson, Sophie Coates, Natalie Sprentall, Jessica Costello and Kieran's Mam.

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Curie.
This annual celebratory concert usually takes place in St. Andrew's Church, but as it is temporarily closed for renewal of the heating system, Father Dennis has kindly agreed to host this festive event in St. Mary's.

All monies raised will be used to provide 'end of life care'

All monies raised will be used to provide 'end of life care' by Marie Curie Nurses in the Bishop Auckland area.
Tickets priced £7.50 are available from Brotherton's

Tickets priced £7.50 are available from Brotherton's Music or by contacting Brian Varley on (01388) 606075. Tickets can also be paid for on the evening.

Town Pipe Band at MRI Charity Ball



On Friday 17th November 2017, a few members from Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band attended a charity concert at Hardwick Hall Hotel in aid of the MRI Scanner Appeal.

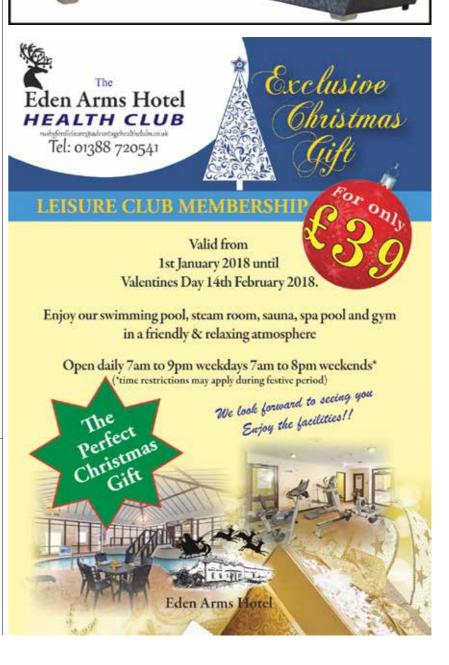
Pipe Major Cameron Dulston stated, "It looked like an incredible

Pipe Major Cameron Dulston stated, "It looked like an incredible night for a very worthy cause and it was great to see so many guests attending to help raise money for something which you or family member may need one day.

We thoroughly enjoyed playing the guests in and it was great to provide a flavour of what our band can offer whilst helping raise money for this fantastic cause."

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With plenty of glitter spray and lipstick, Get on your Feet, Pierremont School of Dance, dance show performed six shows over two weeks in front of an audience of over 200 people each time.

The dance school always give half the proceeds to the British Heart Foundation, as that's a historical charity in memory of a previous dancer, Amy McLachlan, who passed away. This time the dance school wanted to donate the other half to Kieran Maxwell's Legacy, after hearing about how inspirational Kieran was and also being a local lad they wanted to donate to this amazing fund.

The cheque presentation was handed over on the last dance show in front of Kieran's family and the dance school were pleased to donate £500 for the cause.

Not only was it ticket sales that helped raise the funds, but a raffle at every show and bucket collections. If it wasn't for the excellent support that each of the dancers family and friends give, then the show would never have happened.

We would like to thank everyone of them, but also the dancers who danced their hearts out and we love teaching them. Nicola Maxwell came up on

Nicola Maxwell came up on the stage after the show and she quoted something that she remembers Kieran had said about the stage at Polam Hall "He was awarded with some sport type of award, not sure what, but he mentioned the steps leading up to the stage were a nightmare. And she now can see what he was talking about. The performance was amazing. I was bowled away with how good all of the dancers were including the little ones, thank you".

Great Britons

At the next meeting of Bishop Auckland Civic Society on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm in Bishop Auckland Town Hall, historian and quiz master Glynn Wales will present his overview of Great Britons of the twentieth century. Come along and see if you agree with his personal selections

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- non-members £2 (includes light refreshments).

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STUDENTS VISIT NISSAN

Woodham Academy students have taken part in two visits to the Nissan plant in Sunderland to learn about career opportunities in engineering.

The first trip was for girls, to encourage them to consider careers in engineering and manufacturing, providing them the opportunity to speak with female Nissan employees. This was followed up with a trip

from the school's More Able Academy, with students enjoying a tour of the plant and seeing cars including the popular Quashqai in production. Students took part in a range of activities across both trips

both trips.
Headteacher Christine Forsyth said: "Woodham Academy is committed to providing our students with extensive careers support and guidance and as

many opportunities as possible to explore the full range of career paths available to them, raise aspirations, and equip them to make informed decisions about their lives after leaving our school.

"We are proud that the proportion of our students who continue in education, employment, and training is above the County Durham average."



Town Singer on "Come Dine With Me"



Deborah Taylor-Smith of Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, (right) signed up for 'Come Dine With Me' this year. After meeting with ITV producers they loved her and put her through to be on the much watched show!

"Come dine with me" has 5 guests where each evening they visit each person's home to have a 3 course meal. They score the contestant from 0-10 and the overall winner from the 5 nights wins £1000.

August 2017 she was filmed with 4 other guests and had to dine at

their homes throughout the week.

Deborah says "It was an experience of a lifetime to be on the show, the producers and crew were amazing, and made me feel very comfortable on camera."

The show is going to be on Channel 4 Monday 27th of November until Friday 1st of December 2017 at 5:30pm!

Deborah from Newton Aycliffe sings in pubs and clubs in the north east and was filmed in Newton Aycliffe at the Phoenix Club for the show. "It's not to be missed, and extremely funny"

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Visitors welcome for £2 which includes light refreshments. For further details contact J Morris on 07753 178682



Mexican Honeymoon



On the 18th November 2017, Newtonians Jessie Hodgson and Ronnie Oakley were married at Headlam Hall followed by a

Wedding Reception.
Jessie works at a dental practice in West Auckland and Ronnie is a welder at AKV Shildon. Jessie went to Greenfield and Ronnie attended Woodham.

Maid of Honour was Rachael Byrne and Bridesmaids were Faith Richmond and Megan Slater

The Best man was Daniel Keane with Ushers Joe Kennedy, Gary Spence, Luke Black, Luke Edwardson, and Charlie Armstrong.

The couple left for their Honeymoon in Mexico They would like to thank everyone involved for making their special day unforgettable!

Big Club Charity Night Raised £375 a £50 cash prize won by Stephen O'Conner ,who very kindly donated it to the charity. We collected £300 but with gift aid added the charity have received £375. Huge thank you from Sheila, Ann and both families

both families.

Sheila Wheatley Palmer Road

A fantastic night at Newton Aycliffe BIG CLUB was had by all, celebrating Forgham's 60th birthday. The charity we chose was BRAKE who help people who have lost loved ones in

road traffic accidents. Forgham was killed in a road traffic accident 21 yrs ago when he was coming home from work, and was knocked off his push bike.
Geoff Miller (Forghams best mate) organised the event, so a massive thanks to him for all his hard work. Also a big thanks to Jack Hall, promoter for Biff Bang Pow Promotions, who allowed us to join with the Soul Night. He contributed raffle prizes, including

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like to invite you to their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December at 10am.

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2017

Mayor's Christmas Message



Councillor Wendy Hillary Mayor of Great Aycliffe 2017 - 2018

Once again as I begin this Christmas message I am conscious of how proud I am to serve the residents of Great Aycliffe as Mayor.

The past six months have been particularly busy with various events across the town, including the Fun in The Parks and the Avcliffe Festival over the summer, while the weather sometimes let us down, it was great to see so many people come along. I've had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people celebrating their special days and anniversaries too. I have been delighted to meet the children and young people from our schools and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sugar Hill Primary School on their outstanding Ofsted report and the pupils of both Woodham Academy and Greenfield Community College on their exam results last

Again we have recognised and remembered the sacrifices made by our services in Acts of Remembrance at both the town and Aycliffe Village, which was very well attended as always on both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

My chosen charity this year is The MRI Scanner Appeal for Darlington Memorial Hospital and Bishop Auckland Hospital, a vital piece of diagnostic equipment that will help diagnose so many hidden illnesses and potentially save many lives.

My thanks are extended to the staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council who maintains the appearance of our town and the smooth running of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Their collective endeavour enabled our fireworks display to be the resounding success it was. Finally to you, the people of Great Aycliffe, I offer you my warmest wishes for the season ahead and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

FORTHCOMING MAYORAL EVENTS



MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 10th DECEMBER 2017

Councillor Wendy Hillary will be holding her Civic Carol Service in St. Clare's Church on the 10th December commencing at 4.00 p.m.

The Mayor would like to invite you to join her on this Festive occasion. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Service in the Church Hall.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

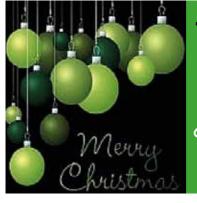
FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH 2018

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner to be held at the Hallgarth Golf and Country Club at 7.00 p.m.

Entertainment and dancing will follow the dinner and the event will conclude at Midnight.

Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £30.00 each.

Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Mayor's nominated Charity:- The MRI Scanner at **Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals**



THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Monday, 25th December 2017 **Tuesday 26th December 2017 Monday, 1st January 2018**

Councillors & Staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

SANTA'S COMING

Check Newton News Christmas issue on Friday, 15th December for routes and times of Santa's visits, Great Aycliffe Town Council / Oak Leaf websites (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) or Oak facebook page (www.facebook.com/ OakLeafSportsComplex) from mid-December. Please remember, because Santa and his helpers don't know how many people will be out to see him, the times are only a guideline.



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Santa will soon be touring our streets, Ringing his bell and giving out sweets. Sadly, some roads are a 'no-no', So be ready and waiting to hear his ho-ho At the corner if you can -Listen for the music from his van. Tell him how you've been good all year, As that's the news he likes to hear.

Whisper the gifts you'd like to receive, With any luck he'll deliver these. His reindeer friends will be having a rest, So a truck he will use, as that's next best. Rudolf and co will be out later that night With sleigh piled high, what a wonderful sight! Our Santa teams wish you all the best Be happy, keep safe, at this Christmas fest.

Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that all of the boys and girls from Newton Aycliffe can post their letters to Santa.

When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa replies to about 800 letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, so he is very busy and has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.

We have been told that the post boxes will appear on Monday 4th December at the following locations:

- Youngs Newsagent, **Beveridge Way**
- 6 Horndale Post Office
- **Solution** Joy Marie Hairdressing **Aycliffe Village**
- John's Mini Market, **Neville Parade**
- Woodham Post Office
- McColls Newsagents **Simpasture**

The boxes will disappear on Monday 18th December, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered right up to noon on 22nd December. Santa has a special e-mail address:

Santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk and the website address is: http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2018/19 financial year, and wishes to seek the views of the local community on our spending plans and what your priorities are for the coming years.

We would particularly welcome the views of local tax payers on the Council services that are most and least important to you, and whether there are new services or initiatives that you would like to see the Council make investment in.

Your views are very important to us and will be used to help to inform the Council's service and financial planning both next year and into the future.

We have developed a short survey to formally record your views and we would encourage local residents to complete this questionnaire.

The results of the survey, including any specific comments made or concerns raised, will be reported to the Council before it meets to set the final 2018/19 Budget in January.

You can access the survey from the link on the Council website or by typing the following into your internet browser: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gatc2018budgetsurvey A summary of the Council's current financial situation and the draft 2018/19 budget proposals is set out below for your information, and there is much more information on the Council finances and budgets on the Council website at http://www.great-aycliffe. gov.uk/council-democracy/finance/

Town Council Finances Update and Proposed 2018/19 Budget

The Council is pleased to report that its finances remain in a strong and healthy position and in the short term at least the financial outlook remains positive, with a balanced budget in place, savings continuing to be achieved in the current year, council tax base growth from new housing development, and healthy levels of balances and reserves.

As a result, the Council's draft 2018/19 Revenue Budget is being prepared in a way that will ensure that the many services provided to the community of Great Aycliffe by the Town Council, can continue to be provided to current standards next year.

However, the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan does highlight that the financial situation of the Council will worsen as it moves into the new decade, and the process of balancing the Revenue Budget will become increasingly difficult in future years.

The Council is reliant on Council Tax Support Grant funding of nearly £200,000 per year and which amounts to 13% of its Revenue Budget. It has been confirmed that this funding will be cut by 7% in 2018/19, and will continue to be reduced in the coming years, while there remains a risk that it could be withdrawn altogether at some stage in the future.

The Council is also facing a number of significant spending pressures including ongoing increases to the National Living Wage, the likely removal of the 1% public sector pay cap, increasing inflation, and falling usage of leisure facilities.

Because of positive financial situation at the present time, most of the budget increases faced next year will be able to be offset from efficiency savings, increased pre-school and cemeteries income, and the additional council tax that will be raised from new housing, while no significant new investment has been provided for in the budget.

However, it is important, in light of the longer term financial challenges faced, that the Council aims to maintain some surplus resources in the Revenue Budget.

Taking all of the above issues into account, the Council is proposing making a small increase in the Town Council Tax next year. This decision has not been taken lightly, particularly in light of the 'cost of living' difficulties which we know are being faced by local residents. However, by limiting the proposed rise to 1.99% next year, the increase in the Town Council Tax Bill at Valuation Band A would be limited to less than £3 per year or 6 p per week.

This small increase will ensure that all services provided by the Town Council can be protected and maintained for at least another year, whilst maintaining some contingency funds to help the Council to offset some of the budget pressures faced in the longer term. The Council is also proposing using some of its balances and reserves next year to undertake capital investment in community assets, thereby returning some of the savings made in recent years to local tax payers. Proposed projects include a new park development at Cobblers Hall, the replacement of the Town Park skate park and the replacement of Aycliffe Village junior play area.

The Council is due to agree its final 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Budget and set the Town Council Tax in January, and we will keep local tax payers informed of future developments in relation to the budget via the Council website and in the local press. Should you wish to have a read of the Council's draft 2018/19 budget proposals, you can view detailed information on the Council website via the following link:- http://www. great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/finance/spending-plans/annual-budget/



that you should be thinking about

next summer. There are people in Aycliffe who are already arranging an event near you for the annual Aycliffe Festival in July next year. We want you to organise one

The aim of the Festival is to involve local groups, businesses and voluntary organisations, to encourage people to organise an 'event' within the time-frame of the Festival. So if you belong to a scout or brownie group, a local voluntary organisation, community association or a business, get in touch with us!

Grants are available to cover the cost of the event and it is a great opportunity for you to raise funds for your organisation.

The closing date to apply for a grant is 31st March so there is still plenty of time to apply for a grant for an event for your own community.

Your event doesn't have to cost a fortune. It can be something really simple that would appeal to the people in your community, a board games day, an evening of comedy or singing, a nature walk etc. the possibilities are

Even if you don't need a grant, you can still benefit from our advertising and promotions campaign by letting us know about your event.

We will organise training and support to help you with any problems or queries you may have with the organisation and we will guide you through the process of application and event organisation if you need it.

Any event will be considered, large or small, indoor or outdoor but it must be held in the Festival period in Aycliffe.

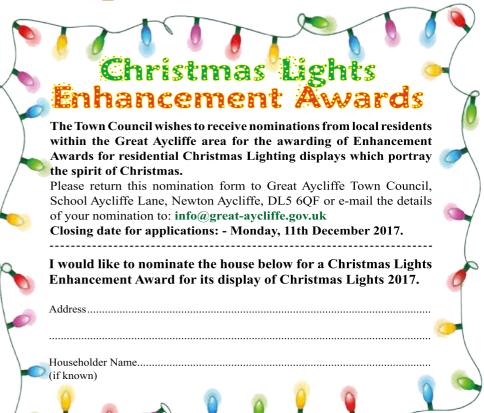


If you are thinking about organising an event or just want to talk it through with us, contact Marie Robinson on 01325 300700 or marie.robinson@greataycliffe.gov.uk.









AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL 2017 - 2018



Aycliffe Youth Council has 17 young representatives this year who are once again a mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This certainly helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet. We have a great range of ages from 11 to 18.









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Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small budget available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area.

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If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. We do ask that you come and tell us about your grant request at one of the meetings. The Youth Council will also need to see your most recent balance sheets. The Grant Guidelines are available on the Town Council website - http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/community-engagement/aycliffe-youth-council/

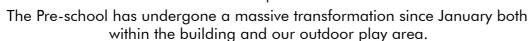
Please put your requests in writing to:

Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.



St Oswald's Pre-School

St. Oswald's Pre-School has been operating for many years and is set in the beautiful grounds of St. Oswald's Park at Wren Close. We are open from 8.45a.m. to 3.30p.m., each weekday, during school term time only and can accommodate up to 40 children.



We were inspected by OFSTED in June this year and achieved a 'Good' rating across all areas. The report is available on-line or you can request a hard copy from the Town Council Offices.

We hold Stay and Play days so parents can experience a day in the life of a pre-school, we hold parents evenings to keep you up to date with your child's progress, we have educational visits and bring interesting learning experiences into the pre-school.

Our children enjoy growing their own vegetables then preparing and cooking them for snacks or taking a trip to the local shops to get supplies. A recent addition to the pre-school is their very own guinea pigs.

All children are eligible to receive nursery education funding the term after their 3rd birthday. The 15 hours can be taken flexibly over a minimum of 3 days. From September 2017 funding has been available for children of working parents for up to 30 hours. You will need to check if you are eligible for this additional funding.

We provide very competitive rates and until your child is eligible for a free place the cost will be £4.00 per 3 hour session.

We provide flexible hours to meet your individual needs: however flexible places are limited and will depend on our capacity.

We still have some places available please contact the Pre-School on either 07968 379 009 or 07974 704 213. Why not make an appointment and come and visit our beautiful facility.



BREAKING NEWS **

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Seasonal Events at Moore Lane Eco Centre

Great Aycliffe Town Council is offering the events from Moore Lane Eco Centre. Events are aimed at family groups with children of 8 years and over. Booking is essential are places are limited. While the event is free, a donation to the Mayors charity would be welcomed for attending the sessions.

Rocking Reindeer Session 1

Saturday 9th December 10.30am – 12 noon

Make your own rustic wooden Rudolph or wooden snowman with the help of the local experts. Participants are encouraged to bring their own extras to personalize their creations as required. Not suitable for children under 7

Rocking Reindeer Session 2

Saturday 9th December 1pm - 2.30pm

Your final chance to make your own reindeer in this second session.

Gorgeous Garlands

Saturday 9th December 3.30pm - 5pm

Make your own festive garland with locally sourced natural material. One garland per participating family. Not suitable for children under 7 years. Bring along decorations to personalise your creation.

To book your place please contact the Town Council on 01325 300700 or visit www.great-aycliffe. gov.uk





Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 28th November features the Octavia Spencer, Taraji P Henson, Janelle Monae and Octavia GP THENSON, Janelle Monae and Kevin Costner. Set in 1961, in an America of racism and segregation. Three black women of considerable mathematical engineering and mathematical ability crossed gender and racial lines, working at NASA

and becoming an inspiration to

future generations. A funny, heart-warming and inspirational film. Tea and coffee are served at lpm, included in the £2. 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.

Juniors Football Report



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It was another weekend of great footballing action for Aycliffe Juniors. Fine performances led to positive results with others looking for improvement next week.

The Under 6's enjoyed a friendly against neighbours Shildon. There were plenty of goals and a win for the Aycliffe team. Over the three mini games played there were goals for Denver, Jack, Dom, Daniel,

Marley and Kai.

The Under 7's visited
Darlington to play Spraire
Lads but couldn't quite get the win. The score was 3-0 at half time but in the second half Aycliffe created more chances and scored a good goal through

after brilliant work by David. The game ended with the score at 4-1 as despite a great effort there were no further goals for the Aycliffe team. The Under 8's hosted Stranton

and found themselves 3-0 down after ten minutes. Thomas' hat trick brought the half time score to 4-3 after the visitors also added one more goal. In the second half goals from Oliver, Dylan (2) and another from man of the match Thomas saw the game end with a 7-5 win for Avcliffe.

The Under 9's played away at Leven AFC but couldn't beat a strong team and lost the game 4-2. Jayden did score first for Aycliffe before Leven piled on the pressure and took the lead. Kai scored in the second half and Josh T was the man of the match.

The Under 10's 'Black' made the short trip to Darlington to play Young Bulls they scored first when Jake finished well. The Darlington team though scored two second half goals to win 2-1. Goal keeper Jack was named as man of the match.

The Under 10's 'White' were at home playing against Golden Flatts. They secured a 3-0 with Jayden (2) and Niall scoring the goals. Jack was named as man of the match

The Under 11's played Kader FC at Sunnydale after a goal less first half their efforts were rewarded with two second half goals. Zak got the first with a lovely strike then after Charlie P hit the bar it was Thomas who added the second. Kader were kept out with man of the match Mackenzie excellent in defence so the game ended with a 2-0

The Under 12's Russell Foster League team were playing away at Jarrow FC Phythons. They conceded goals early in each half then Ashley's superb strike made it 2-1. In a close game it was Jarrow who went in to add two late goals and seal a 4-1 win. Taylor was captain for the day and named as man of the

The Under 13's had a local derby playing at home against top of the table Ferryhill Wanderers. It didn't turn out to be a great day for them as they fell to a 9-0

The Under 16's travelled to face Northallerton Juniors but lost out 6-0 in a game they ended with ten men after a sending off. The Under 23's visited Bishop Auckland knowing a win would see them go above their hosts in the league table. Things didn't go there way and they slipped to 9-3 defeat

Aycliffe Take 3 Goals & 3 Points from Billingham Game

and scored 3 goals in this game against bottom of the league side Billingham Synthonia The result takes Aycliffe to 23 points from the 22 games played so far this season.

The first 30 minutes of this game were hard work for players and spectators alike. With both sides struggling to create chances the game was becoming bogged down in midfield. However, bogged as the game progressed Aycliffe began to look more threatening.
After 35 minutes a Stuart

Banks free kick from the left wing was met by a flick from Marc Costello but off target. Two minutes later another free kick, this time taken by Glen Lane was fired straight at Synners keeper James Dawson. Three minutes before the break Kurt Matthews broke from defence playing a ball forward to Paul Kane but Dawson beat him to it.

The home side's pressure paid off with a goal on the stroke of half time. Jamie Davis played a ball through to Craig Hutchinson who did well to get a cross over to Glen Lane whose shot gave the Synners keeper no chance. HT 1-0

Aycliffe began the second half as they finished the first. Three minutes into the half a ball into the box was chested down by Paul Kane into Hutchinson's path. The Aycliffe forward fired a low shot home to make the score 2-0. Synners tried to respond and on 55 minutes saw a long range free kick hit the Aycliffe crossbar. However, a few minutes later Hutchinson again had the ball in the Synners net. Kane beat the defence and crossed to Hutchinson whose shot beat the keeper but not the offside flag. There was a suggestion that Kane had played the ball backover to Hutchinson the officials convinced.

Aycliffe put the game beyond doubt on 67 minutes and once again Hutchinson was instrumental in causing the damage. The man of the match met a cross with a shot which found the net despite Dawson getting a hand to it.

Despite the 3-0 win the game ended on a worrying note for Aycliffe. Sean Tarling came on as a late substitute but within a few minutes he picked up a nasty leg injury. The game was stopped for over 10 minutes as treatment was administered on the pitch with the popular former skipper later taken to hospital. Everyone at NAFC wishes Sean well and a speedy

recovery from his injury.
The Synners match was Aycliffe's sixth consecutive home game in three weeks. They now face away games at North Shields on Wednesday 22 November and Sunderland RCA on Saturday 25 November before returning to Moore Lane on Saturday 2 Saturday December when the visitors will be Jarrow Roofing BCA. Goals: Lane Hutchinson (48m and 67m) Substitutions: Jack Oliver and Matthew Pennal for Greg Lane and Craig Hutchinson (70m), Sean Tarling for Andrew Grant Soulsby (77m) Cautions: James Oliver (77m)

Craig Hutchinson takes on the Synners defence

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If you have no transport there is a Free collection and return within 10 miles of Newton Aycliffe.

RESERVE your lunch before Monday 11th December by calling John on 07900 251258 OR email john. angeletta54@gmail.com Places Limited.

Xmas Memorial Service BEOURGUEST

Christmas is fast approaching so we would like to give you notice of our annual Memorial Service. Although we think about our past loved ones often and, who are always in our thoughts and prayer's it is lovely to have a time of quiet reflection at the busy time of Christmas when we can remember our love

for them in a special way. On Sunday, 3rd December there will be a Parish Memorial Service for ALL who wish to come along to St. Clare's Church in the town centre at 3.00pm to hold our loved ones

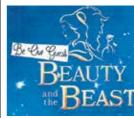
There will be the opportunity to join in with some Carols and prayers, and also to light a candle in remembrance of those who have passed on in previous years, as their names are read out. As in other years, we will also have stars for you and your children to write a special message on and hang on our Advent Tree in the church. There is no cost for any of these but there will be a collection

box for you to give a donation if you would like to.

The memorial book in the church library room will be on display, and if you would like your loved one's name placed in this book there will be a form to fill in. The total cost for this is a

one-off payment of £25.
After the Service please stay for light refreshments in the choir vestry, and there will be a chance to chat about any problems you are facing concerning your bereavement. To allow plenty of time to place your loved one's name on our sheet please do come along early as we usually fill the

church up very quickly. If you would like any further information please cor Revd. Elizabeth Bland contact 324622 or Pam Lovelass 316841



Local award winning Youth Theatre Group C.A.T.S. Theatre Group C.A.T.S. have just started on their rehearsals for their next musical production which is 'Beauty and the Beast" which will be staged as an Easter Pantomime at the Civic Hall, Shildon, in March 2018. The group have just a few places left to fill in the production for Dancers, Singers, and Actors, and are therefore on the lookout for young people aged between 8 and 16 years to fill them. Not only will you be apart of a well respected group, but you will meet new friends and have a lot of fun and laughs too. Any young person interested should go along on Friday evenings at 6.30pm to the Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, or ring 01325 313363 / 07747 826324 for more information.

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Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

Featuring a really important Cabinet meeting, #OurDay, a 'relaxed' Panto performance, a facebook warning, progress on the Business Park, some great events for next weekend, and much more. Please respond to the consultation on the DCC Budget. Find out more on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB2211 Council

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October - Council finances, Review of Schools Provision, County Durham
Plan, Humanitarian Support.

Operation Spruce
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Aycliffe.

• Last Tuesday was #OurDay,

when people acknowledge the work of their local councils and councillors.

• DCC Chief Executive Terry Collins celebrates the success of Lumière.
• GATC is waging a campaign

against dog-dirt. Latest local roadworks information

Community & Economy • Universal Credit updates – about the 'waiting days' and

the 'Nil Income Form'. · Robinson Crusoe 'Relaxed' -

for people with SPD.

• A facebook Virus/Phishing

warning.
• DCC is getting ready for Small Business Saturday on 2 December.

• Stiller's new £2m distribution The Oktoberfest 'Incubator

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The flowers may wither. the sun may set, but the ones who loved you will never forget. From all your family

IRENE SANDERSON 22nd November 2014. I can not believe it is three years since you passed away. Time goes by so quick. I miss you every day sweetheart. Your loving Husband, Richard xxx

IRENE SANDERSON 22nd November 2014. Nan (Irene). Words cannot even describe how it feels to lose my best friend, Mam, Sister and Nana, as you were everything to me. All that is left is a huge hole in my heart that can't be filled. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. Until we meet again. Love you forever and always, Louise, Billy and Lilly xxxxxxx

BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. Thoughts go back to happy days when we were all together. The family chain is broken now, but memories live forever. Miss you Dad. Love, Roberta and

Reggie xx BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. Dear Lord up above give Granda our love. Hug him and kiss him and tell him we love him and are always thinking of him. Love, Robert, Hayley, Ann-Marie, Andrew, Adele, Orin and all

BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. In the quiet of the evening I sit and think of you. I open up my memory book of the things we used to do. And as I turn the pages, my eves are filled with tears. For although I have memories, I can't hold back the tears. Your

loving Wife Agnes xx
BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. A face from our household gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A chair is vacant in our home which never can be filled. Love, Thomas, Julie, David and

Andrew xxx **BOBBY MORRELL** 26th November 2009. A beautiful memory, dearer than gold of a father whose worth can never be told. There's a place in my heart no one can fill. I miss you Dad and always will. David. Jenny and Brogan xxx

HAVE A SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES Different Children in Need Event

Residents in Great Avcliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next

Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late Kerry Sharon Hood wish to express their deep appreciation for all of the kind words and support, which has brought so much comfort to us all. We would like to thank Colin Farlow of Co-operative FuneralCare for the guidance and compassion throughout this sad time and also a big thank you to Kerry's friends and carers of DaleCare who played a massive role in making sure Kerry was well looked after in her final months. Finally, a big thank you to all who contributed to Macmillan collection of which £169 was raised. Kerry; in life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place that no one could ever fill. God bless our Brave Angel.

THANK YOU To Paul

and Sally Symons, Town Councillors. Thank you both for all the help and advice you gave me. Thank you both very much. Mrs C Metcalfe

Congratulations

Barrett & Sutheran



Congratulations Angela and Stephen on your recent wedding

-Wishing every happiness and all the many blessings that marriage brings! Mam, Dad and Family

Billy Wade



Happy 18th Birthday Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Lee xxxx

EMILY Have a great 18th. Hope you both have a fantastic weekend. Love, Paul, Michelle

board meeting later this month. The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Board will be meeting on Tuesday 28 November 2017, between 6pm and 8pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Local

Birthday Remembrance

Molly Johnson

26th November 1927 90th birthday wishes we send today to a star in the sky, not far away. Engraved in gold on a cloud above, just for you with all our love. Forever in our thoughts, always in our hearts. Love from Tommy and family xxxx

If roses grow in Heaven Lord, then pick a bunch for us, and place them in our Nana's arms and tell her they are from us. from Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxx

Forgham **Bennett**

28th November

It doesn't take a special day to remember you, I do it every day. I hope you're celebrating your 60th birthday, in every possible way. I'll raise a glass and send a toast to you, As my love for you is so very true. Love and niss you always, Sheila, Billy, Sean, Dean, Becca and families xxx

Loving memories of you will never die. Thanks for all the happiness you brought to your Dad and myself. Wish you could be here to celebrate your 60th birthday. Missing vou so very much Son. Love you forever. Mam

GORDON DOUGLAS 25th November. What once was such a happy day brings many painful sorrows, when silent tears are shed for all our lost tomorrows. No special birthday cards or gifts just a message fond and true, to say that not a day goes by without precious thoughts of you. And as time passes by it seems that you're missed more and more. But we know you are with the angels and you are being cared for. Loving and missing you always. Rosemary, Lorraine, Amanda. Nathan, Kyle, Catriona, Conor and Matthew
PAULINE ANNE WATSON Time slips by and life goes on. But from our hearts you are never gone. We think about you always, we talk about you too. We have so many memories. but we wish we still had you. Husband Joe and family xxxx JEAN PARKER 25th November 1933. Memories of a wonderful Mam and Nana, miss you always. Love, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe

PARKER November 1933. Thoughts of a special Mam. Love you,

people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the Board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting. The Board will be receiving an update presentation at the meeting from a senior council in relation to budget officer proposals for 2018/19

Anyone who would like to Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who attended our Sale at Simpasture Court last Saturday and help make it the success it was.

Some unclaimed raffle prizes on green ticket numbers 50, 54, 43, 120, 60 and 55.

Obituary

Elizabeth **Brown** (Betty)

Peacefully November in Avcliffe Care Home, late of Ňeville Parade, Elizabeth (Betty) aged 95 years. Beloved Wife of the late Ted and the late George Hodson; dearly loved Mam of the late Diana; much loved Gran to Tania, Dawn, Sharon and Alyson; a proud Great-Gran and Great-Great Gran.

Sadly missed by all her family and friends. held Funeral to be on Wednesday 29th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Neville Parade Methodist Church at 11.00am, followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Alzheimer's Society may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

MARJORIE ASPEY (nee Douglas) of Newton Aycliffe formerly of Ferryhill. Peacefully in Lindisfarne Care Home on 9th November, aged 84 years. A much loved Wife, Mam. Nana and Great Nana Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Thursday 30th November for

DOREEN CRUDDACE (nee Wallis). Died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday 19th November, aged 93 years. Dear Wife of the late George and also a sadly missed Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Auntie and Friend. Funeral Service to take place at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 1st December at 1pm followed by a private family Service at the crematorium. Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu of flowers will be gratefully received on behalf of The British Heart Foundation.

Mary's RC primary held their first ever auction. The aim of this on Children in Need day nationwide was designed to support all children in the North East, including these in our school community who are already carers. As a school we are working to support the Young Carers Charter. The day before parents were

invited to bid on any of the 22 lots by phone. On the morning itself we had lots of parents, grandparents and staff watching the lots and Mrs Kengyelics, the school's parent support adviser, and Mrs Darnell kindly helped to assist Mrs Hargreaves, the deputy head in the auction process, encouraging people to bid higher to raise as much money possible.

There were a range of lots on offer, quite a few of these being kindly donated from local businesses in the town. Walkers butchers donated a £10 VOUCHER, Petals florists also gave £10 and the Crafter's Companion donated a party for 10 children for 2 hours. Stephen Hall hairdressers donated £20.00 voucher. Brennan Pet Food donated dog food. Local artist donated two first edition canvas prints. Remy Cointreau donated a bottle of Artisan Gin; Compari Corporate donated a bottle of Aperol Spritz (currently the number 1 cocktail drink). Other prizes were either donated by parents or through contacts that Mrs Kengyelics had; to a luxury duvet, to some unique artwork; which included a 1-1 session on felting.
Quite a few of the staff were

successful in winning bids too,

which was great.
The children enjoyed the bidding process and were very

supportive as bids rose.

Because of your generosity we managed to raise £683 for Young Carers. At the end of the auction, Phillipa May from the Young Carers charity spoke about how overwhelmed she was at the money that was raised. I think the total is now over £700 and we got another private donation of a Harry Potter sorting hat. This is going to be auctioned by sealed bids only and will run up until Tuesday, 5th December.

Mrs Hargreaves, our deputy head commented, "I can only congratulate all those who were successful in the bidding and for some bids there was a

TEA FOR TRUSSELL

On Monday 27th November at 4pm your local Durham Foodbank is hosting a TEA for TRUSSELL to say thank you to all volunteers and supporters, past and present.

If you have given support in any way or would like to do so now, please join us in St Clare's Unity Hall so that we can say thanks to you. Ernie and June Temple, who were the first coordinators of the Distribution Point at St Clare's Church, are to be our guests of

The SHINE Community Choir will end our Tea Party for us. So please come along, with a smile, everyone is most welcome, and any donations given will go to the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network. Donations of cakes and scones will be very welcome and eaten – or given to those in need of food next week.

Alison Firby and Kath Pinne



"I would also on behalf of the staff, thank you to the winning bidder of the cakes who

donated them to the staff- they were delicious. Cake doesn't hang around long in the staff



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Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC were celebrating this week with the success of our club secretary Berni Borsberry winning the East Durham and Sedgefield District award for developing girl's football within Aycliffe since 2004. This is a fantastic achievement which is very well deserved. The club has girl's teams at Under 9's, 10's, 11's, 13's and 16's as well as a very successful development section.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U10

Girls 5 - 2 Hebburn.
The under 10 girls were in action on Saturday morning knowing a tough game was ahead against Hebburn as we've played them twice before and they are a strong side going forward. Aycliffe started slowly and a couple of defensive lapses let Hebburn in and we found ourselves 2-0 down. The girls showed great character not to let their heads drop and continued to play with excellent effort levels and Imogen pulled one back for us before the break, half time Aycliffe 1 Hebburn 2. For the second half we made some changes introducing Aisha & Sophie onto either



wing knowing it would change the game in our favour as they both bring excellent energy, work tirelessly for the team and provide us with blistering pace on the counter attack. the game was turned on its head as 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the second half saw us take the lead 3-2. We continued to improve as the half went on and a

further 2 goals saw us see out the second half rather comfortably winning 5-2. Girl of the Game went to Jasmin who was excellent

as sweeper today, although we were outstanding going forward Jasmin stopped many a Hebburn attack at crucial times to ensure we kept control of the game. Really impressed with how these girls continue to improve each week developing into quite a resilient and entertaining little team. Keep up the good work girls!! work girls!!

Newton Aycliffe Youth U13's Girls 7 - 1 Washington Juniors

In the absence of Berni the manager, Tom took the reins and watched the girls play some outstanding football They played from the first whistle till the end. The goals were scored by Hattie x 4, Alex x 2 and Olivia x 1.

Norton and Stockton 0 – 2 Newton Aycliffe Youth U16's Girls

A trip away to Norton and Stockton for the ul6 girls on Saturday. Aycliffe had a feeling that a battle would be required as the results for Norton and Stockton showed an improvement since last season. The girls started off quiet and saw the ball getting passed round them with ease which was worrying after everything they had been doing at training.

The girls then decided to start playing with the ball more at their feet. A Lottie cross saw the ball hit the back of the net 0-1. The girls continued pressuring with a couple of shots that came to nothing, HT. discussion with the girls about wasted passes which seemed to have a positive effect in the second half. Aycliffe started with more shots at goal saw a through ball from Lottie set Katie B away and she calmly round the GK 0-2. The girls were then told to defend and that's what they did. A couple of shots at goal were defended brilliantly.

Trimdon Juniors 1-7 Newton Aycliffe Youth U15's Falcons

Due to injuries, Darren selected a Team today that meant some players played in new positions and asked everyone to play to their true potential, give 100% and put a performance in for themselves, myself and the Team. Having gone 1-0 down to a goal given when offside, we continued to battle hard, play our football and we went on to equalise then find our way 2-1 up at HT. We spoke at HT about

continuing the football and attitude and knew we would be too strong which proved to be the case with another 5 Falcons goals in the second half. Goal scorers Adam Askew x 2, Cole Harrison x 1 and Dylan Burnside x 1. A fantastic hat trick and Man of the Match award going to Jack Ewin for his efforts all game. Aarron Hepburn was solid in goal, Jacob Gibson McKenna Longstaff Jack Birbeck and Lewis Gray all played well and intelligently at the back with the hard working Spencer O'Sullivan and Luke Robinson adding fantastic support in Midfield. Amazing performances all round and a very big well done to all players and parents for not reacting when provoked.

We used our feet and our heads and let our football do the talking - the best team

If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website where there are lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.nayfc.com

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Dancers from the Newton Aycliffe area are being invited to take to the floor for a Christmas Party Supper & Dance, popular local organist Graeme Scarlett

holds his annual Christmas Dance on the last weekend before Christmas. This year the event is being held on Saturday 23rd December, the event, this has been staged for several years and will this year be held in the Sycamore Suite at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre which Graeme says "is an excellent venue for dancing". Tickets for the event are rickets for the event are priced at £20 which includes a four course supper. For more information you can contact Graeme on 07450 880138.

Newton Avcliffe Juniors under 7's football team would like to thank Tesco, newton Aycliffe, and also all the very generous shoppers who contributed to the bag packing on Saturday 18th November. The team managed to raise

£650 which will go towards supporting the team throughout the season.

Thank you very much to everyone and Merry Christmas

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Presidency Conferred on **Cricket Club Stalwart**



Lee Weldon and his family moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1969 when he was just 7 years old and he has lived on the town ever since.

He joined Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club towards the end of 1987 and started playing for them in 1988 and immediately volunteered to take on the off-field roles of both Treasurer

and Fixtures Secretary.
Two years later Lee also took on the job of Club Secretary and has just completed his 30th

consecutive year with the club and still is Club Secretary. This year Lee was very honoured to take over the role Cricket Club Congratulations on such long

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