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Ofsted Rate Woodham "A Good School"



Woodham Community Technology College is a good school that is improving strongly. This was the inspectors' verdict following an Ofsted inspection in

September. The report goes on to state "Inspection evidence from lesson observations confirms that learning and progress are good overall, and sometimes outstanding. Expectations are high and students enjoy a challenge. Their behaviour contributes well to their learning." The quality of teaching was judged to be good with

examples of outstanding practice. Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, said "I am pleased that the inspection team recognised just how much Woodham has improved over the last two years in judging all aspects of the school to be good. I'm particularly pleased that much of what they saw in the classroom was outstanding."

As part of the inspection, students, staff, parents and carers were asked to give their opinions of the school. The following comments from parents exemplify the views of many, "The staff show a genuine care and concern" and "I have nothing but praise in the highest degree for this school". The full report is available on www.ofsted.gov.uk

AWARD FOR GREENFIELD

Future Business Magnates is a fun competition with an important business message and opportunity. 7 students from Greenfield Community College who are in year 8 competed last year to win an award, with our internet based company promoting a healthy lifestyle in teens, with our Jump 'N' Click social networking site. The group concluded the competition by winning the award for the best use of technology, which was fantastic! A new group has been assembled for the 2011-2012 Future Business Magnates, with big shoes to fill from the winning team last year; the team is ready to compete and begin our Business journey at the launch event this November. Good Luck team!!

FREE FILM SHOW AT MIDDRIDGE

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NEW ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER AT GREENFIELD

Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Sue Walker as Assistant Headteacher with strategic responsibility for English and Literacy across



the school. Miss Walker has previously been a Head of Department and most recently an Education Development Consultant for County Durham Achievement Services. Peter Bergg, Chair of Governors said "This appointment adds to a very strong team that continues to lead the school forward. This is an exciting appointment". Miss Walker has been working in school since September and is already well known by the pupils, this appointment takes effect straight away.

CUBBY EXTEND OPENING HOURS

The Cubby on Greenwell Road near the court, is now open 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday 9am-1pm, Tuesdays + Thursdays only - 9am-2pm. Try our basic home cooking with new cook Sally Symons. After moving from Bedfordshire Sally has volunteered to take the reigns and put a first class stamp to the meals also including sandwiches, toasties + snacks and all at very reasonable prices! You get a warm welcome, and will find their premises comfy and very friendly since being re-vamped. The Cubby has seen a new lease of life so please pop in and have a chat, in the clean, warm and friendly atmosphere - you won't regret it!

Friends of Byerley Park Nature Reserve

Recently Great Aycliffe Town Council has helped to re-establish Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve. In the past this group has been instrumental in helping to manage the reserve which skirts the Byerley Park residential area but had stopped operating in a formal capacity due to lack of support following the transfer of Sedgfield Borough Council to Durham County Council. Great Aycliffe Town Council aims to provide assistance to the group in the hope that local residents will again help to make the reserve an attractive haven for both residents and wildlife alike. There was a well attended inaugural meeting which took place on Tuesday 4th October where local people resolved to help the council to restore the reserve to how well it was maintained

in the past. A follow up meeting has been organised on Tuesday 18th October at Greenfield Art's Centre when a new committee will be formed and an election will take place to appoint the key positions in the new friends group. Everyone with an interest in this wonderful community asset is encouraged to attend this meeting to help the group in their efforts to improve their local environment. Anyone who is unable to make this meeting but would like to be kept up to date with progress should contact Great Aycliffe Town Council's Environment Officer on 0777 9090 842 or e-mail steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Help for Neville Community Centre



President Alan Crawshaw of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club presents Peter Beaty with a donation to Neville Community Centre, while Inner Wheel President Margaret Gent presents a cheque for the hire of the hall, at the Indoor Kurling and Quiz Night last week. "A lot of people learned a new sport, made new friends and had a great night out. People should try Kurling as it is great fun and the Centre holds regular games on afternoons where all are welcome" said Margaret.

Anonymous Letters

Newton News received an anonymous letter criticising the performance of our two Secondary Schools in the national GCSE results and highlighting other statistics. We cannot print this letter without first receiving the name of the correspondent which would be withheld on request. This applies to all letters received without a name and address.

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Sat 22nd October - "RELOAD"
Recent review - "With Reload you know what you're getting? Classic Rock Songs covering the spectrum from Free to Deep Purple and everything in between, played by a band that confidently knows what it's doing, and does it extremely well. Check out the music videos and music files on their web site for a fair representation of what the band is all about. No one leaves when this band is playing" - Don't miss them! - "Classic Rock never sounded better" Re-booked after a very successful debut gig last year at the Tub. www.reloadonline.co.uk

Saturday 29th October - "TOMMY & THE ODDBALLS"
Massive on the Bike Rally circuit, always first band booked for the "Heart n Soul"
Recent reviews from Teen Rock Pages: "Awesome band, as ever they played absolutely brilliantly. Tommy as fantastic as ever (THE best frontman in the NorthEast, bar none, the man is an inspiration, a legend), Jeff playing goosebump solos on Hey Joe. I can't believe how good they were. It was like walking into a pub, full of your best mates with the best goddamn juke box you could hope for. Every member of the band is a really good and talented player. The timing was great, the entertainment value was great too. The audience (well packed) loved it from the off."
Tracks covered by The Who, Bryan Adams, Thin Lizzy, Free, Hendrix, Stones, Bad Company, Kings of Leon and much much more. Should be one of The Gigs of the year. Don't miss it!
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Irene Hewitson's Granddaughter, Brody has lost her pet Bishon Frise dog "Lily". Brody is an autistic 4 year old girl and like most autistic children relates and communicates better with animals. On Friday 7th October her best friend Lily escaped from the garden of her home and there has not been no sign of her since. Brody sleeps with Lily every night and has been searching the house shouting for her which is really heartbreaking to watch. If anyone has any information on Lily's whereabouts could you contact her Grandmother on (01325) 318763

LOCAL BUSINESSES INVITED TO ENTER FOR AN AWARD

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION EVENT
 South Durham Business Network are celebrating business success across their area with an Awards Ceremony at a special Christmas Dinner to be held at Spennymoor Town Hall on Friday 9th December commencing 7pm. Firms throughout South Durham are invited to enter or make nominations for an award in the following categories:
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NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are holding a Craft Fayre on Saturday 5th November from 10am till 4pm. Tables to hire are £8. The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 19th November from 10am till 4pm Tables available for £8. To book either please ring 313924. Saturday 12th November sees the return of Darlington Big Band with a spectacular Concert at 2pm. On Sunday 13th entertainment for the whole family with "Balloon Magic". £3 per family. Bring the whole family to a Punch & Judy Show on Sunday 20th November at 3.30pm. £3 admission per family. For all these events ring, book and collect your tickets at the door. Join us for a Carvery Lunch at Walworth Castle on Monday 7th November. Cost £10 including bus, leaving at 11.30am. Sale of Bric-a-Brac every Tuesday from 10am - 12 noon at the Centre. This week buy a TV for just £35 or an Exercise Bike for £20.

Outings for Holiday Club

After a fabulous day out visiting Middlesbrough Football Club including guided tour of grounds and behind the scenes, Wildcats Holiday Club are looking forward to the October half term. Planned activities include travel by train to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon and a fun packed outing to Planet Leisure, as well as baking, crafts, sports and pumpkin carving. To book your place or for more information contact 01325 312288 or email littlecubs@xcelcentre.com

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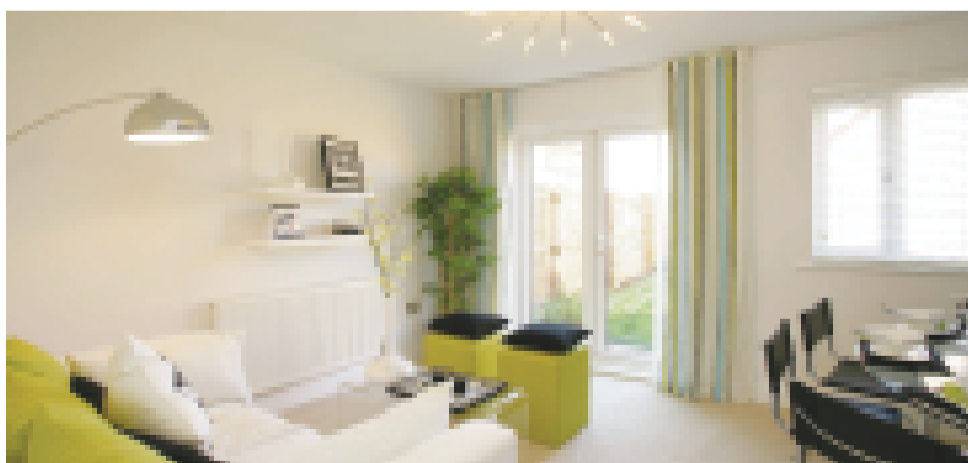
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Greenfield Connect with French School

Greenfield Community College is about to connect classrooms with yet another country as we have been successful with a bid to work in partnership with a school in France.

The project focuses on the seven Olympic and Paralympic values and challenging the stereotypes we are surrounded by today. The group have been selected and consist of 25 mixed ability and gender year 7 pupils.

The students involved will increase their knowledge and understanding of both the French language and culture, enhancing the purpose for communication in a different language. They will have the fantastic opportunity to visit France, make new friends and improve their linguistic and team working skills which, in effect aims to develop European citizens of today by opening their minds to new experiences.

The students are currently working on a welcome dance which they will share via video link with France in October. Throughout the project each school will work towards creating movement based upon the stimulus and will share these ideas in a variety of ways. The project will be completed with the French students visiting England to rehearse the finalised piece together and both schools will perform this routine at an exciting event.

Mindless Car Vandal

Dear Sir,
To the mindless person who vandalised the windscreens wipers on our car this week YOU WERE SEEN and details have been passed to the police.
Disappointed Pensioner,
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Aycliffe Web Design Firm Creates More Jobs



Staff of 365 with Alan Foster and Sarah Hunt (right)

Over the past year Newton Aycliffe based company Design 365; have doubled their members of staff.

The newest member of staff is Sarah Hunt as Business Development Manager. Other recent employments have included Natalia Watson and Curtis Maybury.

Natalia qualified from an apprenticeship and is now fully trained in all aspects of Search Engine Optimisation, which has resulted in a change of fortune for many local businesses including one company who have seen a 5000% increase in turnover and increase of staff from 13 to 24 to cope with demand.

Curtis Maybury joined the business 10 months ago as a PHP Developer, having been a freelance programmer for many years and has brought high end programming skills to the company and is currently working on a very complex online HR management system for a national company.

Sarah Hunt will continue to allow Design365 to remain in touch with their clients, help them implement new changes that are constantly coming from the major search engines which are designed to increase website traffic and improve search rankings. Design 365 now has over 110 clients, many

of whom have benefited from working closely with Design 365 and increasing business through effective use of the Internet.

Sarah says, "I couldn't be happier to have the opportunity to work with such a successful design company."

Alan Foster Director of Design 365 said, "I am delighted to be offering employment to local people and also creating employment for the companies that are succeeding as a result of working with Design 365." For more information on the company please visit the website on www.design365.co.uk or call Alan Foster on 311909.

LACK OF INFORMATION

Dear Sir,
The demolition in the Town Centre to make way for Aldi has been completed for some time but there is no sign of the new building! Don't the people of this town deserve to know what is happening? We are always kept in the dark and Tesco continue to have the monopoly. We need some good healthy competition from another store and it is apparent other towns smaller than ours have no trouble attracting superstores, so I ask those people in authority to keep us informed on what is going on!

Roger Mcneal.

Editor: As far as we can tell the proposed Aldi Store is still going ahead, but not likely to be open before Spring next year. We agree it would help if we had more information and regular progress reports.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 26th October 2011

Policy & Resources Committee
7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda. If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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Music Success for Woodham Students



Students from Woodham Community Technology are celebrating after passing graded examinations in a range of instrumental disciplines. Students are encouraged to learn to play an instrument and the College works alongside Durham Music Service, which provides expert tuition on a wide range of instruments. Students have the opportunity to develop their performance skills through an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities that the music department offers.

Grade 1 Bass Guitar with distinction – Alex Hindmoor (Y10)

Grade 1 Vocals – Bethany Clarkson, Gaynor Lambert, Francesca Porritt (Y9)

Grade 1 Vocals with merit – Keira Durham (Y9)

Grade 3 Drum Kit – Jordan McCabe, Rhys Morton (Y10)

Grade 5 Drum Kit with merit – Tom Bussey, Abbie Finn (Y11)

Grade 5 Electric Guitar – Tom Bussey (Y11), William Kirton (Y10)

In Summer 2011 students once again achieved outstanding results with 100% of students gaining A* to C grades in GCSE Music including 43% achieving A* to A grades.

Miss M Jackson, Head of Music at the College, commented “we are delighted that so many students are keen to enter graded music examinations. Their commitment to their lessons and extra-curricular activities plays a crucial part in developing each individual as a performer.”

“We take pride in the fact that many students go onto higher education studying either music or performing arts”.

Aycliffe Charity Helps Poorest People in the World

Buy a £10 Bag of Maize to Feed Starving Family

For more than 10 years a project based in Newton Aycliffe has been working in Malawi, Africa probably the world's poorest country, providing food and education for orphaned and very poor young people. By providing clothing and a daily meal the charity is helping the lives of those suffering. It started as an informal arrangement between Malawi based Revd David Graciano and Aycliffe priest Revd Colin Jay helped by Norma Wise. Supported generously by others in Newton Aycliffe it became an officially registered charity last July named The Malawi Trust of St Elizabeth. Trustees of the charity: Norma Wise, Alwyn White, Debra Hallworth and Nora Scott. Two of the trustees Norma and Debi Hallworth are now making a self funded fact finding trip to the area to see, not only what has been achieved, but also to find out future needs so that funds raised can be used to the greatest effect. In November they will visit a school, meet the children

and co-workers there. Help given over the years include three large consignments of clothes and blankets sent out and distributed to those in the local community and hospital. One of the aims of the trip is to see what further help can be offered to get people to help themselves visiting remote villages where people remain in abject poverty. “We want to offer immediate help in these areas and will be buying large sacks of maize, the staple diet of the poor, to help support those in great need. A bag of maize costs £10 so we have started a “MAIZE APPEAL” to buy as many bags as possible during our visit.” said Norma. If any reader would like to buy a bag of maize or contribute to one please ring Norma on 312930 or Debra on 321564 and we will call to receive your gift. Alternatively donations can be left at Newton Press Office, at their offices at St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Business Park.



Norma and Debi

The visitors will take photographs of the families receiving your bags of maize to bring back home. Any donations will be gratefully accepted until the end of October 2011. “We hope the generous people of Newton Aycliffe, who have always been so supportive, feel able to help us in this endeavour to help the world's poorest people.” said Norma.

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semi-detached house). The total outlay on an average home is £50.55. How much will I save? According to www.which.co.uk the typical cost of heating a 3-bedroom house is £730. A 20 per cent saving would equate to £146 each year and payback would be achieved in 4 months. How do I get them? <http://www.heatkeeper.co.uk>

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Guthrie Place Newton Aycliffe
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£148,000



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Emerson Way Newton Aycliffe
£75,000



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Quarry Road Skilton
£75,000



Three bedroom end terrace, full kitchen, WC, full garage, sitting room, double glazing, modern kitchen, full finished.

Beechfields Newton Aycliffe
£57,000



Four bedroom detached house, double WC, kitchen, living room, lounge, garage, sitting room, full garage, full finished.

Ida Place Newton Aycliffe
£74,000



A well presented and improved three bedroom house. Close to shops, school and play school. Modern full kitchen, central heating, modern bathroom, full finished house.

Carl Place Newton Aycliffe
£78,000



Three bedroom 3 bedroom end terrace house, full kitchen, double glazing, WC, full garage, full finished house - must be seen!

Swick Crescent Newton Aycliffe
£67,000



An excellent four bedroom end terrace house, full kitchen, double glazing, modern bathroom, WC, full finished house.

Chillingham Green Woodham Village
£115,000



An excellent 3 bedroom end terrace property. Full kitchen, modern bathroom, WC, WC, full finished house.

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MERZ ROAD
3 bed end terrace - £80,000

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3 bed semi - £88,000

MELLANBY CRESCENT
3 bed end terrace - £122,000

KESTREL COURT
3 bed detached - £142,000

LINGARD WALK
3 bed terrace - £115,000

CHAPMAN CLOSE
2 bed end terrace - £88,000

ROWAN PLACE
4 bed semi - £82,000

FINCHALE ROAD
3 bed detached - £185,000



Why You Should Oppose Wind Farm

Sir,
This issue of the Newton News includes a leaflet published and funded by The Isles Communities Turbine Action Committee (TICTAC). E.ON's proposal to build up to 45 wind turbines to the east of Woodham, Newton Aycliffe, Great Aycliffe and Aycliffe will have a significant impact on people living in those places as well as over 20 other villages and towns in the area.

This wind farm will not only be the biggest in England – it will also contain some of the tallest turbines in the Country. E.ON has designated most of the population affected by this development as being in 'the outer zone' and so has not been communicating directly with them.

Those who have managed to attend an exhibition or have seen the consultation document will have some idea of what E.ON is proposing. The small group of local people who make up TICTAC hope the leaflet will give those in the outer zone more information about the scheme.

We also have a website (theislescommunities.com) which has more information as well as a petition to download. The leaflet has been designed as a poster on one side so that people can show their support for us by displaying it in their windows.

The 1st phase of the E.ON consultation finishes on the 7th October but they will be back in February for the next stage. There is a huge amount of money at stake for E.ON in this development – most of it from subsidies funded by increases to our electricity bills.

Our best hope of making our voices heard is to make both E.ON and the Government aware of how many people are unhappy with County Durham becoming the dumping ground for wind turbines. We hope that you will support us by signing the petition and displaying the poster. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you
Susan Fox
On behalf of TICTAC

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Autumn Stay 'n' Play



On Friday 7th October the Foundation Stage at Stephenson Way Community Primary School invited their parents to come and join them for an Autumn stay 'n' play. Everyone enjoyed a wide range of Autumn craft activities : leaf printing, handprint hedgehogs, natural collages, mask making, play dough hedgehogs, storytelling etc followed by a delicious Autumn tea which the children had baked themselves, biscuits, cakes, sandwiches, chocolate hedgehogs.

The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all! Stephenson Way Nursery offers 15 hours free funded places for 3 and 4 year olds. Parents can choose either morning or afternoon sessions or 2 and a half days. Lunchtime provision and wraparound care is provided by House of Eden Nursery on the school site.



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CREDIT CARD SCAM TARGETS AYCLIFFE

Durham County Council's Fair Trading Team are warning County Durham residents of a telephone scam targeting our area again.

The scam involves a phone call from a person, generally from an overseas call centre, stating they are from Microsoft or an Internet Service Provider and are calling because there is a problem with your computer, such as it is running slow or may have been attacked by a virus that needs fixing.

The caller then asks you to access a website that allows them to gain control of your computer and all of your information, sometimes showing a list of fake faults with your computer. They will then ask for a substantial fee, requiring your financial details such as credit card or bank details.

Craig Hudson, Fair Trading Manager, within Environment, Health and Consumer Protection Service of Durham County Council said, "This type of scam is quite common, and seems to re-appear in waves targeting consumers in various parts of the country.

From time to time

everyone's computer runs slow and unfortunately some people are taken in by an unsolicited phone call offering to fix the problem. Fraudsters based abroad, are thought to have obtained consumers details or may just make random calls hoping that you have a computer and claiming that a problem exists which they can solve.

Residents should think very carefully about giving control of their computer over to someone they don't know and certainly not give out credit card or other personal details to someone who has phoned them out of the blue."

Giving out personal information such as

computer passwords, address details and financial information such as credit card or bank account numbers can leave consumers open to fraud and identity theft, leaving people open to having debts run up in their name, being added to a credit rating blacklist, and it taking time to resolve the problem.

Information is available on protecting yourself from identity theft on the National Fraud Authority website, www.actionfraud.org.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Advice on a wide range of consumer problems is available to residents by contacting Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

HELPING MACMILLAN

Newtonian Jamie Maddison started her own business a year ago in Darlington and celebrated her 1st birthday with a Macmillan Coffee Morning, and a sponsored walk with a large group on Sunday 9th October.

She is also holding a charity fundraiser party night on the 22nd October at the Leisure Centre.

Jamie decided help Macmillan as she lost her mother to lung cancer on Mother's Day last April and found this charity so helpful during and after her mother's illness.

All the events are being held in memory of her mam Carol Ann Maddison, and hopes friends, family and acquaintances will support this very important cause. Phone 0773 5961043 if you require more information.

GAMP Fund Allotment Project



Everything is coming up roses for a green fingered group of allotment lovers thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership. (GAMP) Newton Aycliffe Councillors Enid Paylor and Mike Dixon have supported a project to enhance an allotment with funding from their neighbourhood budgets.

The allotment is managed

and used by the Oaks Centre Push Group, supported by their carers and family. The Push Group is made up of adults with various needs ranging from mild learning disabilities to severe complex needs.

Funding will be used for repairs, new materials and equipment, tables, seating, the hire of a rotavator and labour.

Brian Riley, GAMP

coordinator, said: "GAMP funding has allowed the centre to enhance a fantastic resource that will allow members of the Push Group to interact with the wider community and develop a wide range of skills."

The aim is to upgrade and enhance the allotment to help develop team working skills as well as encouraging the wider community to get involved.

RUNNERS ABUSE ELDERLY WALKERS

Dear Sir,

May I highlight the level of abuse elderly people endure walking on public footpaths by runners, joggers cyclists who seem to think they have the sole right of way.

I walk in a group to socialise and for safety, but because we don't get out of the way for these people we have been threatened and bad mouthed.

I have also noticed that gates and fences have been damaged so that their way is kept clear for racing quickly without stopping. Public footpaths are not a running track, nor are they a bridle way unless specified as such.

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Network Over a Curry

South West Durham Business Network invite business men and women to a Curry Night to meet, socialise, network and enjoy a good meal! The date Tuesday 25th October from 6pm at the Spice Lounge 11 Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland. A special meal will be served with a range of menu options for £10 to £15 per head To register and book places you can either do this online via the link below or contact <mailto:info@sdbn.org.uk> or M: 07947 409838

Brazillians Visit Aycliffe



The town's Rotary Club hosted a team of professionals visiting the north east on a four week exchange scheme to promote international understanding. The Mayor Mary Dalton and Leader of the Council, Bob Fleming invited the visitors to the Council Chamber to give information to the Brazillians on how the local authorities operate in the UK. The visitors found the experience fascinating and asked Newton News to thank the Town Council for their hospitality. A group of four young business people from the North East and a Rotary Leader will now make the return visit to Brazil. Photo: The Mayor and the Group Leader exchanged gifts



Craft Course at Agnew

A new 5 week 'MIXED CRAFTS' course is starting soon for 2 hours per week at the Agnew Centre. The course is free if you receive employment support allowance [esa] or job seekers allowance [jsa]. All other learners pay £23.00 for this 5 week course. It will be held on dates and times to suit the majority of learners that apply. If interested contact the secretary on 01325-321504 office or 01325-301033 home

Losing our Rights

Dear Sir, Tories believe that the rich are the 'wealth-creators', and that we need to make it easier – and profitable – for them to do so. That's what lies behind most of what they are doing at the moment – although it is happening piecemeal, and so fast it is almost impossible to respond. Osborne promises the rich tax cuts ... whilst he hammers those on benefits and pensions. Council services, Job Seekers, Surestart and old people on fuel benefit – we're the ones who are paying off the deficit, while the bankers and big business keep their bonuses. The new Planning Policy is mostly about removing Councils' rights to stop business developing wherever it wants. The NHS reforms are primarily about giving the profitable bits to private firms. Meanwhile, the redun-dancies go on apace – Tories like a big pool of unemployed to create a nervous and pliant workforce. Hence also all the talk of cutting 'red tape' and workers' rights. The key issue here will be the minimum wage; it is already under attack in the right-wing press – if it goes, abandon hope. In the meantime, our democratic rights are being chipped away. The Boundaries Commission changes will see an unassailable Tory majority in Parliament. Elected police chiefs? A friend sent me a press cutting highlighting one retired army colonel who intends to stand. And, last week, the Home Secretary (under a smokescreen of immigrant-baiting) actually recommended that we scrap the Human Rights Act – a list of 16 fairly fundamental human rights including the right to life and freedom from torture. No one batted an eyelid. And so we sleepwalk towards plutocracy. John D Clare You can follow Cllr Clare on twitter @johndclare

Songs from the Shows

"2's Company" will present "Songs from the Shows" at Grange Road Baptist Church near Sainsbury's on Friday 21st October. There are actually 5 members in the group but they are company for us and we for them - hence the name! The concert starts at 7.30pm and the admission price of £5.00 includes light refreshments. Do come and join us - all are welcome. For further details call 01325 319591

NEW FUNERAL SERVICE OPENS IN AYCLIFFE

One of the oldest established Funeral Directors in the County has opened a branch in Newton Aycliffe at Cobblers Hall. Gordon Fletcher & Sons is a family businesses founded in Spennymoor by Gordon Fletcher's father, Thomas Atkinson Fletcher or "Tommy" as he was known to almost everyone in the town. He originally worked with his uncle, Percy Byers in the same line of business. It was then run for many years by son Gordon Fletcher, who is now enjoying retirement. The family business was set up at its present main offices at Charles Street, in 1938 where it is currently run by Gordon's sons Colin and Peter. The business has grown over the years and is now entering its fourth generation, expanding with the building of additional premises in Ferryhill and now Newton Aycliffe where the same high



Colin Fletcher outside the new offices at Cobblers Hall

standards of service and care will be maintained. "We have being looking for a location for premises in Aycliffe for the past 3 years, after being asked more and more by families and their friends to organise funeral arrangements for them in the Aycliffe and surrounding areas. Finding the right position was a major problem as the main criteria was to have quiet, peaceful surroundings, together with easy access and enough space to accommodate our needs" said Colin. The service is now open and later on in the month an Open Day is planned for Newtonians to inspect the premises. Contact: 01325 319519.

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Saturday 29th October - Night Fever at the 70's Disco
Arrive at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, two course buffet. £10.95 per person
Sunday 30th October - Great North Air Ambulance Wedding Fair & Designer Dress Sale
Event begins at 10am, Fashion Show 11am - 12noon. View dresses 12 - 2pm, Auction 2pm - 4pm. A great opportunity to try before you buy and purchase on the day. Pre-book for a champagne afternoon tea and receive it at a discounted price of £18.95 per person.
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Aycliffe Dance School "Tapathon" Record Attempt



The Macadam School of Dance wish to thank Sainsburys at West Auckland for allowing us to Bag-Pack in their store on Sunday 1st October. We raised £569.47p for our Xmas Show Costume Fund. The show will be performed on 3rd and 4th December. We also extend our gratitude to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for the use of their facilities to take part in the BBC Children in Need "Tapathon" on Sunday 16th October from 12 - 2pm. 64 members have signed up to attempt a record for the Guinness Book of Records for the most people dancing at the same time.

GRANT FOR AYCLIFFE THEATRE COMPANY



Stage One Productions of Newton Aycliffe have been awarded a small grant of £610 towards their forthcoming production of Stephen King's 'MISERY'. The funding has been received through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) small grants fund, and will help towards the costs of staging their production to ensure that local residents have the opportunity to see this

fantastic piece of theatre. You may have read the book or seen the film, but have you seen the stage version? 'Misery' which was adapted for the West End stage by Simon Moore following the popularized film version in 1990, that starred James Caan as romantic fiction writer Paul Sheldon, and Kathy Bates (Academy Award for best actress) as Annie Wilkes, his "number one fan". Playing the parts of Paul Sheldon and Annie Wilkes are Dean Brennan of Newton Aycliffe and Katy Baker of Aycliffe Village. This psychological thriller is a suspenseful masterpiece that delivers genuine chills and thrills, as it draws you into the harrowing game played between two cunning minds; one as sharp as a tack and the other as blunt as a... sledgehammer. 'Misery' will be seen as somewhat of an exclusive to Newton Aycliffe, an opportunity surely not to be missed! 'Misery' Wed 26th - Sat 29th October, 7:30pm (Thurs 8:00pm) St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe. Tickets £7.00 Cons £6.00 For a limited time only, get 2 tickets for £10. To book your seat tel: (01325) 324932 or book online www.stage-one-productions.co.uk

LOSING CONTROL OF LOCAL PLANNING RULES

Last week I wrote about the need to object to the proposed new National Planning Policy Framework. This policy will abolish our planning regulations, and leave us almost powerless to prevent development, however inappropriate. Even if you think planning rules are too prescriptive, this new policy is not the answer.

If you had thought of writing, why not use my points below? You can email planningframework@communities.gsi.gov.uk or post to Alan C Scott, NPPF, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU. Consultation ends on Monday 17 October and this

is what I am going to say:

Dear Alan C Scott
Please receive my comments on the Draft National Planning Policy Framework (DNPPF).

1. The existing 1300 pages of planning rules were developed to protect us against predator development. Replacing these rules with a few general principles is mistaken; both applicants and Planning Authorities need to be able to measure applications against clear rules.
2. I object to the unrealistic burden placed upon Local and Neighbourhood Plans to define the explicit limits

to development (¶20-52).

3. This is particularly so because the DNPPF grants permission where the Plan is 'silent or indeterminate' (¶14) - this automatic consent must be deleted.

4. I object to the blanket presumption in favour of sustainable development, and feel that the DNPPF goes much too far in helping development of Green Belt land (¶133-147) and heritage assets (¶176-191) on the grounds of 'benefit to the community'.

5. This is particularly so because 'sustainable' development is inadequately defined in the DNPPF (¶10) - the definition should be much more precise.

6. I object that renewable energy projects seem to be regarded as sustainable by definition - the DNPPF is a carte blanche for energy companies to cover the country with wind farms (e.g. ¶146 and ¶153).

7. I object to the lack of need for developments to be aesthetic (¶119),

or compatible with the existing townscape (¶151); ALL development should be required to be attractive, sympathetic to the locality, and in the vernacular materials and style.

8. Provision regarding polluting developments (¶172) is utterly inadequate. HOWEVER:

1. I agree that a community should be able to set its own housing density (¶109) - in Newton Aycliffe we have plenty of building land available, and would welcome the opportunity to be able to build attractive, low-density housing estates.

2. I also approve of the proposal to remove the requirement to use brown field sites first (¶19) - in Newton Aycliffe we are opposed to 'infilling' which will make our town more crowded.

3. Living in a town with an appalling town centre, I also welcome the provisions (¶76-80) for town centre development.

J. D. Clare

SPONSOR THE SPANIARD!

Darlington's Spanish star Jonatan Sanchez-Munoz is still available for fans to sponsor this season. Jhona played his third game for Quakers in a heart-stopping 4-3 win at Stockport County on Tuesday night. And Darlo fans can show their support for the man from Marbella by putting their name next to him in the club's official matchday programme. Supporters can sponsor their favourite players' kits for the

2011-12 campaign. It costs just £240 to sponsor the home or away kit - both of Jhona's kits are currently available, as well as Adam Rundle (home and away), Paul Arnison (away), Marc Bridge-Wilkinson (away), Kris Taylor (away) and Michael Brough (away). Fans who sponsor a players' home or away shirt will be presented with the shirt by their player at the end of the season. They'll also be listed as in the club's matchday programme Quakers for every home game.

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DARLINGTON GRAY JOINS AYCLIFFE ON LOAN

Young defender Phil Gray has joined Northern League neighbours Newton Aycliffe on loan.

The 18-year-old left-back, who is yet to feature for Darlington this season, will join the County Durham club initially for a month.

Gray graduated from Craig Liddle's youth set-up in the summer and also impressed boss Mark Cooper with a handful of assured appearances in the Quakers first team last season, earning a one-year pro contract.

The South Shields-born defender spent the majority of the season in Liddle's successful youth side before making his debut for the club in Darlo's FA Trophy quarter-final win at home to Salisbury City in February, as a 75th-minute substitute for Aaron Brown.

He then went on to make five league appearances, two of which were starts.

Gray, who featured in a Darlington XI at Aycliffe's Moore Lane Park in an August pre-season friendly, joins up with another product of Darlo's youth system, left-sided midfielder Josh Gray, who joined the Newtonians in August.

Aycliffe are currently fifth in the Northern League first division after winning the second division title last season. Gray is expected to play for Aycliffe against Shildon.



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Well done Katie for making the North team once again and good luck and lots of love from Dad, Mam, Sophie and all the family. We are all so proud of you all the hard work, time and dedication you put in is paying off.



EX-PRO'S HALF-TERM COACHING COURSES



Three former professional footballers will deliver half-term coaching courses to children in Newton Aycliffe. The Martin Gray Football Academy (MGFA) is holding the sessions in Newton Aycliffe and Sedgfield during the autumn school holiday.

Former Sunderland midfielder and Newton Aycliffe coach Brian Atkinson and ex-Darlington striker Danny Mellanby, star of Aycliffe's Northern League promotion-winning team earlier this year, will join Gray to deliver the fun and enjoyable courses for boys and girls aged between five and 13.

"The courses are a great way

for children to enjoy their school holiday in a safe and fun environment," said Gray, a former Sunderland and Darlington midfielder who was appointed Greenfield College's director of football operations earlier this year.

"The emphasis of the courses is on fun, so regardless of ability the children are encouraged to enjoy them and hopefully make new friends.

"Or the courses might simply offer a solution for busy parents looking for baby-sitters during the half-term holiday!"

Gray, who holds the Pro Licence coaching diploma, set up MGFA in summer 2010, and with members of the coaching staff all fully CRB-checked and with the relevant coaching badges, it now delivers the most comprehensive soccer coaching courses in the area.

The three-day half-term courses, which cost £35 each, are at Greenfield Community College in Aycliffe from Monday October 24 to Wednesday October 26 (10am-3pm), and at Sedgfield Community College from Wednesday October 26 to Friday October 28 (10am-3pm).

Meanwhile, the Academy's Little Strikers courses, specially designed for 3-5-year-olds, are held at Greenfield every Tuesday night (5-6pm) and Saturday morning (9-10am), costing £4 each per session.

Booking forms and more details can be downloaded from www.martingrayfootballacademy.co.uk, or call Martin Gray on 07738 131 914.

CHELSEA GOALIE TURNBULL VISITS HOME CLUB



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Chelsea star Ross Turnbull took advantage of a rare weekend off to visit to his hometown club last Saturday. The former Middlesbrough goalkeeper dropped in to watch Northern League Newton Aycliffe's first division game at home to Newcastle Benfield at Moore Lane Park.

Turnbull, 26 from Aycliffe, joined Chelsea from Boro in July 2009, and is pictured with 12 children from Stephenson Way School, who took part in a half-time penalty shoot-out at the Aycliffe Sports Club ground.

The inaugural competition was organised by Aycliffe's new community liaison officer Jaime Jay, who is looking to get more local schools involved as the club try to strengthen its links with the community.

Pupils from Bishopton and Heighington junior schools will take part in the next shoot-out, scheduled to take place during Aycliffe's game at home to Penrith on Saturday October 22.

Meanwhile, Aycliffe crashed to their third league defeat of the season with a 2-1 reverse at home to Newcastle Benfield last weekend.

Despite the Newtonians taking a 15th-minute lead through Darlington loanee Phil Gray, Benfield hit back and claimed the points with goals from Shaun McAvoy and Michael Chilton.

Aycliffe missed the work rate of striker Dale Jardine, with too many forward

balls coming straight back, something which was a far cry from their brilliant 4-1 win at Shildon just three days previous.

Scott Pocklington, making his 50th appearance for the club, was in scintillating form, claiming the man-of-the-match award with two top-notch saves to warden further embarrassment for the home side.

Team: Pocklington, Gibson, P Gray, Tarling, Peck, Craddock, Broom, Portas, Gardner, Robson, Knox. Subs used: J Gray, Owen, Oliver. Unused: McMullen, Campbell. Star Man: Scott Pocklington.

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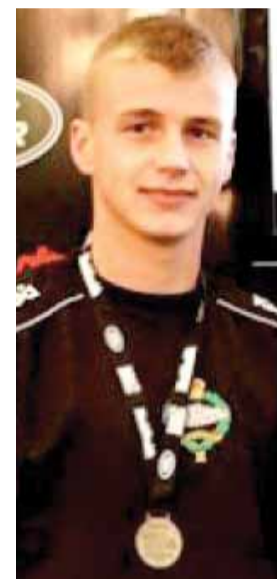
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SUPER FIT AYCLIFFE REME SOLDIER AIDS CHARITY

Natalie Bradshaw is so proud of her partner former Greenfield student Kyle Cook, a REME soldier from Newton Aycliffe, currently training hard with his friends to raise money for "Scotty's Little Heroes" charity.

Along with his friends Kyle aged 21 is taking part in various 'survival of the fittest events' around England to raise money for this cause. In a recent race and survival course he came 5th.

Kyle, recently promoted to Corporal, is based in North Tidworth and is hoping to raise £500. Donors can obtain more information by visiting <http://www.bmycharity.com/mhsurvivaloffittest>



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The school has embarked upon several exciting projects to raise the profile of the international dimension within the school and to give learners a greater understanding of the world in which they live. These projects have included international linking work as well as international visits that have increased significantly within the school.

Greenfield are heavily involved in the British Council's Connecting Classrooms project and have developed strong links with two schools, one in Sri Lanka and the other in Pakistan. Colleagues from both international schools have visited Greenfield and been extremely impressed with the perception changing activities that are currently taking place. The reciprocal visits are scheduled to take place later this academic year. The school

also enjoys established links with partners in India, Papua New Guinea and France.

Pupils are also looking forward to new and exciting international visits to embed the work carried out in the classroom. Pupils are currently raising money to fund two 'World Challenge' expeditions, one to the Moroccan Mountain range and the other to Malaysia.

During these expeditions, pupils will carry out charitable projects including helping build new schools, a trekking element over a series of days and the all-important rest and relaxation amidst some of the world's greatest scenery. Other visits include the cultural linking project 'Comenius' which involves our French partner school.

The culmination of this event will be a European dance which will be one of the highlights in the BBC televised event when the Olympic torch comes to County Durham in June. Pupils will also enjoy a cultural visit to Germany this academic year as well as the established annual ski residential.

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Staff initially filled in a questionnaire prior to assessment, Melanie then observed each member of staff while they worked, and demonstrated, how to set up a workstation that was more efficient for their needs. Melanie then completed a final report for the PCP with recommendations. Melanie said "I very much enjoyed working in the Pioneering Care Centre as they are a proactive organisation, and I was able to offer an individual tailor made service."

Mr Chris Thwaites, Operations Manager said "The ethos of PCP is that it's not about the business it is about people. Melanie's assessment of staff work stations has proven to have a positive impact on the day to day running of the PCP with staff saying they feel more comfortable in their work environment, especially knowing that the PCP values the health of its staff and volunteers". Melanie has worked with Electrolux, and Husqvarna (formerly Flymo), and given talks and advice to other companies and organisations. Melanie practices Osteopathy

at the Pioneering Care Centre and for appointments please telephone 321234.

If your company/organisation requires assistance with any workstation, or staff related musculo-skeletal problems please contact Miss Melanie J Rowland BSc(Hons) Ost Med, DO, ND, GOSc, IEHF. Email: info@osteopath-ergonomics.co.uk, Web: www.osteopath-ergonomics.co.uk
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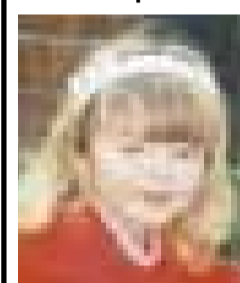
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AGENCY WORKERS BENEFIT FROM NEW RIGHTS

Thousands of agency workers in the North East will benefit from improved working conditions when the new equal treatment rights for temps come into effect on Saturday (1 October). Unlike fixed-term employees and part-time workers, until now agency workers have not had a right to the same pay and holiday rights as directly employed staff in the same workplace. This lack of rights has left them open to abuse, says Stephen Hughes MEP.

Nearly half (46 per cent) of the agency workers who responded to a YouGov survey commissioned by the TUC said they received less holiday entitlement than permanent staff. One in three (33 per cent) reported getting less pay for doing the same work as directly employed staff and nearly one in three (28 per cent) said they lost out on overtime and unsocial hours payments. According to

the Labour Force Survey, the average agency worker gets five days less holiday a year than permanent employees. The Labour Force Survey also found that temps earned on average 68 per cent of the pay of permanent workers - a 32 per cent pay gap. However, following years of campaigning by Mr. Hughes and Labour colleagues within the European Parliament, with support from trade unions, from 1 October agency workers will benefit from new, improved rights at work.

From the first day of an assignment, agency temps working in the private, public or voluntary sector will have a right to use any facilities provided by the hirer - such as a crèche, canteen or transport services. They will also be entitled to information about internal vacancies at the company

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Obituary

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Winning Ways Continue

Newton Aycliffe 21 Richmondshire 7

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club recorded their third straight victory in Durham and Northumberland League 3 by beating Richmondshire at Moore Lane. Richmondshire have rejoined the league this season although they had beaten Aycliffe in friendlies in recent seasons. Aycliffe were able to pick from strength with 25 players available for the game.

From the kick off, Aycliffe were on the ball for once and good rucking saw the ball find its way to Gareth Parsonage who ran through the visitors' defence with ease to score a try. Stephen Middlemas added the conversion. Richmondshire's forwards fought back strongly, showing great physicality in the loose play, but they did little with the possession they gained and the game went through a period of stalemate. Aycliffe's backs were unable to take advantage of their greater speed until, near the half hour mark, Parsonage was again able to break through the defence to add his second try with Middlemas again doing the honours with the kick. At the break, Aycliffe's lead was 14-0. In the second half,

Richmondshire had more of the game but there were less than 20 minutes to go before they were able to put the Aycliffe line under sustained pressure, scoring a converted try after valiant Aycliffe defence. The Aycliffe forwards worked hard with Jeff Hodgson and Craig Holmes both putting in plenty of work in the rucks. Aycliffe battled back up the field and won a 5-metre scrum after forcing the defenders to touch down behind their line. The scrum ball was safely won and the Holmes was able to find the space to force his way over the line. With Middlemas again adding the kick, Aycliffe were now looking for the 4th try to win the bonus point, but, despite coming close, they were unable to add to the score. The game finished with Aycliffe winning 21-7.

With this 3rd straight win, Aycliffe remain in joint 2nd place in the league. The encouraging feature being that they have yet to play to their full potential. Fixture to be arranged for Saturday 15th. Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are sponsored by Workshop Supplies and Lift Right Forklift Training. Visit the website at Aycliffe-rugby.co.uk

Two Teams Wanted for League



Greenfield School's community sports manager Michael Rippon is looking for two new teams to join the league with the new season starting Tuesday 27th September. The games run between 7 and 10, each team playing each other twice to make it a 22 week season. It has been a fantastic

season for newly crowned champions the Huntsman. They made it a season to remember only losing on two occasions.

They ended the season with a vital 2-1 win over OMG. West Auckland Athletic yet again proved close title contenders, finishing in 2nd place for the 2nd season in a row after a 2-1 victory over AC Athletic, three points behind the huntsman.

North Brit improved significantly this year improving to 3rd from 9th, edging out Blackstars on goal difference.

The title winning Huntsman squad (pictured): Neil Dodds, Peter Waters,

Steven Williams, Michael Rippon, David Mavin, Calvin Young, David Neale, Paul Blackburn, Luke Black & Mark Snowball. Team Manager Neil Dodds was thrilled with their first piece of silverware "It's been a hard fought season, but the lads have given 110% throughout the season and thankfully came out on top."

Registration costs £20 per team and each game, which lasts 30 minutes, costs £21 per team. There are still places left for teams to enter - contact Michael on 01325 379041, 07879 117224 or email: communitysport@greenfieldschool.net

Junior Runner Raised £800 for Charity

"Samuel Taylor is 10 years of age and attends Vane Road Primary School. In March 2011 he decided to do the Junior Great North Run and raise money to help the injured soldiers which he had seen on a TV program.

Sam has always had an enormous amount of respect for the Armed Forces and wanted to help. He trained every week with his dad, Shaun regardless of the weather. On the 17th September Sam completed the Junior Great North Run with his dad in 20 minutes 15 seconds.

He has raised over £800 with the help of friends,



family and colleagues and would like to thank Northumbrian Water, HCS and Kwikflow for their generous contributions."

Aycliffe GKR Karate



Students from Aycliffe & Darlington travelled to Bradford for the Northern zone qualifiers. The students did very well in the Kata & Kumite and brought back 11 medals and have Qualified for the Nationals in Sheffield in November.

Results are as follows:

Annalise Tinkler 14 - 17 years black belt opens, Individual Kata: Bronze, Kumite: Gold, Team Events Kata: Bronze, Kumite: Gold.

Denise Askew 35 - 44 years 6th - 4th Kyu Kumite: Gold.

Maxine Bellwood 45 - 54 years 6th - 4th Kyu Kata: Silver, Kumite: Silver

Daniel Askew 12 - 13 years 6th -4th Kyu Kata: Silver, Kumite: Silver

Jon Aspinall 35 - 44 years 6th - 4th Kyu Kata: Bronze, Kumite: Bronze

A special well done to Annalise who came home with 4 medals in a very tough category.

TRY SWORD FENCING

Darlington Sword Club, based at the Leisure Centre were delighted at the enthusiasm and ability of "have a go fencers" at the recent Great Aycliffe Show.

Fencers ranged from kids trying mini fence with plastic weapons to Grandmas with steel blades and every one inbetween.

Anyone who would like to have a go at fencing should come along on a Thursday night from 7.30pm to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. For further information please email mark.mew@ntlworld.com

Athletics News

Last weekend saw the second running of the Kielder Marathon, a 26.2-mile route around Kielder Water in Northumberland with nearly 2,000 runners taking part. Aycliffe was represented by Julie Nisbet and Judith Porter who both put in excellent performances to come in in 5:07:30 and 5:07:49 respectively.

There was also a good turnout from Aycliffe Running Club for the first of the South Durham, North Yorkshire cross-country league meetings at Acklam Grange, Middlesbrough. It was a fine mild day, but the overnight rain had made parts of the course very muddy. First home for the club in the 10k mens senior race was James Askew who suffered a really bad blister but still managed to come home in 7th place in a time of 38:53. John Burnside, who ran the last part of the race minus the soles of his running shoes, came 94th in 50:02. In the women's race, over 5.8km, Michelle Scott was 11th in 25:38, with Georgette Reid, 27:37, Penny Johnson, 29:15, and Laura Lineton, 30:16, also completing the course.

Other club times were: George Reid 42nd 44-39 Lee Wren 47th 45-00 Andrew Sedgewick 72nd 47-50 Alex Lineton 88th 49-27 Martyn Knox 91st 49-42 Tony Capstack 109th 52-59 Colin Gibson 114th 53-51 Trevor Needham 117th 54-31 Richard Campbell 120th 55-49.

The previous weekend Alex Lineton competed in the Capernwray Clearwater Standard distance triathlon in the Lake District. In only his second triathlon, Alex recovered from a disappointing swim to make up places on the bike course despite the typical Lake District wet weather making the long climbs and steep descents even more treacherous. After a run along a wet and muddy trail Alex came home in 2:44.04 placing him 16th out of 60 competitors.

Also in action that weekend was Andrew Robertson who faced vastly differing conditions in the heat at the Snape 10k in North Yorkshire, Andrew was pleased with his time of 48:53 on the multi-terrain course.

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