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## WHERE'VE THE TOWN CENTRE TREES GONE?

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# LCA Open Day at Western Area Community Centre



Lifeline Community Action (Helping Hands) held their Open Day at Western Area Community Centre on Wednesday 16th September. It attracted people from all over the town, all with a common aim - to support the people in need in our community. LCA presented the projects its currently delivering and then extended that support to the voluntary and statutory organisations that attended. Alwyn White said 'It was a wonderful afternoon networking with agencies that have common aims as us. As a result of the day we hope to help a lot more people over the next 12 months'

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## Military Wives Choir at Xcel

To celebrate their centenary the WI are holding a Concert in the Xcel Centre featuring the famous Military Wives Choir along with contributions from Aycliffe "Shine Choir" and St. John's School 'Les Mis' Show. The concert is on Saturday 26th September starting at 7.30pm. Book tickets on 01388 819100.

## Two Champions Raise Dementia Awareness



Dementia Champions Dorothy Bowman and Joan Clarke gave an Awareness Presentation to Neville Parade Methodist Church Ladies Club. The presentation was well received with many thanks for the interesting talk. Several members of the group became Dementia Friends. Dorothy and Joan would welcome an invitation to give a presentation to any group in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas. They both are very passionate about dementia awareness and feel that more people would benefit from listening to their talk. Dorothy has a Dementia Awareness Group - 'New Pathways Together' which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place from 10.00am until 1pm. The number 5 & 5a from the town stops two minutes away at Lindisfarne Nursing Home. Bus trips, outings, talks, help and advice are arranged. New members are welcome the cost is £2.00 per session. Tea, Coffee served free but for a small cost a cooked lunch can be provided. On the 1st Tuesday of the month a Dementia

(BLUEBELL SUBWAY OFF GREENFIELD WAY, NEWTON AYLCLIFFE)  
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The Council, on 24.04.15 made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, to close to all pedestrian traffic a 15m length of Bluebell Subway that passes beneath Greenfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, to enable structural maintenance works to be undertaken. The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 6 months and is required from 28.09.15 and for the duration of the works, anticipated to be 4 weeks. However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. Alternative route: Northern side of the closure south westerly via the footpaths north of Hareson Court, Coverdale Court and Wolveston Close to the southern side of the closure and vice versa.

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 &: "This Metallica tribute band genuinely blew me away, every note sung and every chord played was clear as a bell and dead on. The band had an aura of cool and portrayed the real spirit of Metallica down to a tee, spectacular performers, amazing musicians, and one of the best bands we've seen at the Clayton so far on our Saturday night rock night. Thanks Damaged Inc for an amazing night, hope to catch you again soon for some more Rocking times. Come back and play for us AGAIN!"

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**Rotary Club Handover of SMOKING IN CARS Community Defibrillator**

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club President Denese Cartwright has urged people throughout the community to give up five minutes of their time to learn how to give others 'the chance to live for a lifetime'.

At the official hand-over of a new defibrillator in the town's Tesco store, she told local residents that the few minutes it took for them to learn how to use the equipment 'could make you a hero and save a precious life'.

The machine has been sited just inside the main entrance of the store and will enable even non-medically qualified personnel to provide emergency treatment for anyone who suffers a heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest.

After the Mayor, Mary Dalton, had pulled the ribbon to enable public access to the defibrillator, Denese commented: "As the population gets older and the National Health Service becomes more and more stretched, there is more need than ever for all of us to help when emergencies arise. With the technology now available, it is easier than ever before to acquire the knowledge that could make you a hero and save a precious life."

She added: "Every minute counts when heart problems occur. We hope you will never have to use the machine but five minutes of your time now could mean a lifetime to someone else."

The opening ceremony was watched by representatives of the North East Ambulance Service who were on hand to demonstrate cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques and to answer questions about the defibrillator, as well as Rotarians, local residents and Tesco staff including store manager Helen Maynard.

Denese thanked Tesco for their support as well as everyone who had helped to provide the defibrillator. In her message to local residents, she said: "As a club, we are always looking for ways to enrich the lives of



Mayor Mary Dalton pulls the ribbon to give public access to the defibrillator watched by Rotarians, their supporters and members of the Tesco store staff.



(l-r) First Responder Grant Holland, Rtn Jill Thompson (who co-ordinated the appeal for the Rotary Club), First Responder Jonathan Watson, Mayor Mary Dalton and Rotary Club President Denese Cartwright, with (seated) Rtn Michael Dalton the Mayor's consort.

the community, especially a community as generous as you are whenever we fund-raise for good causes both here and overseas."

There was special praise for Rtn Jill Thompson who co-

ordinated the project for the Rotary Club.

Footnote: Anyone interested in attending a free CPR and defibrillator training session should contact the customer service desk at Tesco.

From 1st October 2015 it will be illegal to smoke in a vehicle with anyone under 18 present. The new law will apply in England and Wales.

Both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50. The law applies to every driver, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence.

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**Residents Social Meeting**

The next meeting of the W.A.S.P.S. Residents' Association is on Tuesday 29th of September at 6.30pm in the coffee lounge of Simpasture Court.

A update of recent events and our plans for the future will be discussed. Directly after the meeting (7pm) we will be hosting a social evening with quiz, bingo etc. Refreshments will be provided but please feel free to bring your own if you like. (A little tippie if you want) All residents are welcome - this is not a closed group.

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# St. Mary's Pupils at Beamish AN EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL FOR EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE



On Thursday, 17th September Year 3 children from St. Mary's RC Primary, Newton Aycliffe visited Beamish Agricultural show. As a class they recorded their ideas and shared together the most exciting ones to produce this report. Our driver was Neville, from J and C coaches; he was very friendly and looked after us very well. The day itself was very busy, as the children all had an opportunity to get hands-on experience of new things. In groups they all made a scarecrow and after that they had fun working as a group to do some Ceilidh dancing, with traditional live music playing as they danced.

As well as being involved in these activities, our children also were able to watch new things in the main arena, from the Strong Man display,

to sheepdog herding, sheep shearing and a birds of prey show.

Mrs. Moran was asked to help with the Strong man display. We saw some Shetland ponies and llamas too. The children all got a chance to demonstrate their creative sides after the main awards in the craft marquees where they had a try at proggy mats, patchwork and wood turning. We also got to taste fresh honey and be a taste tester for the new fruit cordial range coming to the museum next year.

We were very lucky to come away from the show with lots of prizes and an overall Outstanding School contribution award. We got a first prize in the Flowers category, Second prize for our vegetables, Third prize for animals made from vegetables.

Also a second prize for Gingerbread Men and finally prizes for our Handwriting both at Key Stage 1 and 2; In Key Stage 1, we got a Second prize and Key Stage 2, a First and Third prize!

Here are a few quotes:

"The drinks were fantastic and the honey tasty." "I liked it when Anthony was trying to herd the ducks into the pen."

"The birds of prey were cool and flew like lightning." "My favourite part was the prize giving- seeing our school win lots of awards."

"The best trip ever- I hated saying goodbye!"

Neville, our coach driver commented.. "The children were a pure delight and the teachers were thoroughly nice."

*Written by St. Mary's Year 3 children.*

It has been an extraordinary year for Greenfield Community College. In January the successful Newton Aycliffe School expanded to include Sunnydale School in Shildon, and there were double GCSE celebrations when the results were announced in August. Greenfield staff were delighted that the first set of results as an expanded school revealed high levels of achievement and great progress.

The college results were above the national average in English at both C+ grades and A/A\*; rapidly improving in Maths and ICT, outstanding in MFL and Art and, in fact, strong in all subjects.

The cohort of students at the Newton Aycliffe campus celebrated their impressive achievement of 62% 5 A\*-C including English and Maths. Special congratulations go to Katie Blenkinsopp, Maisie Clark, Holly Hardy, Stewart McCaffrey and Leonie Wong who each achieved 10 or more A/A\* grades. Across the whole school Greenfield students achieved a staggering 342 A/A\* grades, with almost half the cohort achieving at least one top grade.

The headline figure of 55% 5A\*-C including English and Maths is inspiring the young people of the college to believe in their futures.

David Priestley, Executive Headteacher, said,

"Governors and staff are delighted to celebrate such strong results on both campuses in our first year as an expanded school. These results will allow our students to move into the next phase of their lives and we wish them every success. Everyone at both sites has worked very hard to create a cohesive team in a very short space of time in order to enhance the learning experiences of all students"

2014/15 has been extraordinary not only because of the exam successes, but also because of the breadth of experiences that Greenfield has provided for the young people of Aycliffe and Shildon. Students were invited to speak at regional and national conferences to share best practice in teaching and learning.

The school hosted an international teaching and learning symposium with visitors from around the world. Students also had the chance to participate in a huge range of sporting, creative, cultural and wider educational opportunities. The year was rounded off with an incredible and highly praised production of Les Miserables.

2015/16 promises to be even more exciting at Greenfield with lots of educational visits and residential opportunities scheduled, the Anne Frank Exhibition, sporting opportunities,



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As always there will be delicious homemade refreshments available throughout the day.

There will be homemade soup, bacon 'butties', tea cakes and lots of homemade cake. Bring the family along; you may find the answer to some of your Christmas gifts.

All the profits from the day will go as usual to the upkeep and improvement of Heighington Village Hall.

Contact: Valerie Bedocs  
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v.bedocs@btinternet.com

## New Start for Neville Centre



Mayor Mary Dalton officially opened the newly amalgamated Neville Parade Community Centre and Cubby on Saturday 19th September. The Cubby has transferred its operation from the Town

Centre and early signs show everything is working out fine although there are some expenses to face in the process. Everyone is invited to drop in for hot and cold snacks at very reasonable prices.

## Film Show

There will be a "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church, on TUESDAY 29th September, featuring "THE EDDY DUCHIN STORY" starring Tyrone Power and Kim Novak. It is set in the 30's and 40's, the era of big bands, ballrooms and casinos, and tells the story of Eddy Duchin, the pianist and band leader.

The film is scored to the unforgettable music of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Frederic Chopin and Oscar Hammerstein. Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1, and the film starts at 1-15pm.

A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a lovely film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome; further info from Ric Hargreaves on 01325 316755.

## Harvest Festival

St. Andrew's Harvest Festival in Church Sunday 27th September at 6pm  
Supper and Auction in the Village Hall, Monday - 7pm for 7.15pm.  
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## COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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- From 1 October DCC are changing the prices at their Leisure Centres so that fees and charges are standardised across the county: [bit.ly/DCCPrices](http://bit.ly/DCCPrices)
- Landlords must fit smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by 1 Oct: [goo.gl/K7U06L](http://goo.gl/K7U06L)
- Bluebell Subway will be closed for 4 weeks from 28 September for structural maintenance works.
- Wednesday's DCC Cabinet meeting was very important: [bit.ly/DCCabinetSep15](http://bit.ly/DCCabinetSep15)
- In August the number of people claiming out of work benefits in the County was 12.9% (cf England 9.6%). South Durham area had the second highest worklessness rate in the County with 15.2% working age people classed as workless (17.9%).
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: [bit.ly/Roadworks19Sep](http://bit.ly/Roadworks19Sep)
- Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan consultation drop-in event - Thursday 1st October 4.30pm - 7.00pm at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
- There is a 'stopping up order' for the bridge in West Park to the rear of Whinlatter - comments to Cllrs Eddy Adam or Kate Hopper by 2nd October.
- 3 October 10am-4pm, County Hall, Durham: Fostering Information Session - find out what it's like to be a foster carer with Durham County Council.
- Thursday 1 October 10:30am-2:30pm is Celebrating Older People Day at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre: 03000 265442.
- DLI Museum: 'Call Up The Men' exhibition ends 4 October, [www.durham.gov.uk/dli](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dli)
- North Pennines Walking Festival, 26 September to 4 October: <http://bit.ly/NPWalkFest>

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In less clement weather conditions, we hire in performers, singers, of which the tribute acts are well received, Vaudeville and Country and Western are also in the line-up and very uplifting are K&L Therapy Ponies, as these can go room to room visiting all residents.


Upcoming events, to take us to Christmas Day, will be: October a Country and Western Singer; In November K&L Therapy Ponies and in December a Pantomime. There will also be an all-day Christmas Party, with a Vaudeville act in the morning and a Singer in the afternoon.

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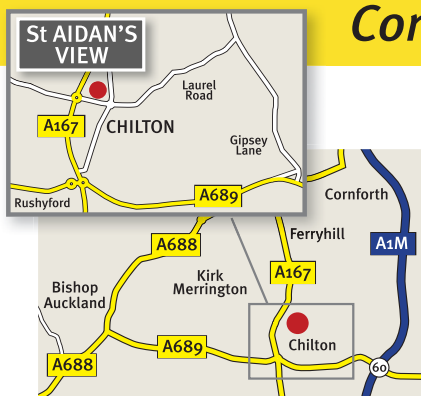
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# WOODHAM RECEIVES BREAKFAST CLUB GRANT £750 for Air Ambulance from Town's Rotary Club

Woodham Academy has received a £400 grant from cereal maker Kellogg's after completing an innovative online breakfast club training programme which has been developed by Northumbria University. The online course provides information on the benefits of breakfast clubs and healthy eating as well as offering helpful advice on planning, funding and marketing the club.

Christine Forsyth, Headteacher at Woodham Academy said:

"The funding is fantastic but the handy tips we picked up through the training course were priceless. We are looking



forward to using the grant money to subsidise breakfasts for the children as well as

buying some new crockery and play equipment for the club. "It's so encouraging to see companies like Kellogg's supporting breakfast clubs like ours as it means we can carry on delivering the same excellent service to our children and their families."

Kellogg's has been supporting breakfast clubs for 16 years and has set up more than 1000 new clubs in some of the most deprived areas of the UK.

Earlier this year, Kellogg's commissioned a national audit of school breakfast clubs across the UK which examined the challenges schools face in sustaining them. The findings revealed 85 per cent of schools had a breakfast club and 45 percent of these admitted funding was the single biggest need for the future of their breakfast club. This is why Kellogg's is offering sustainability packages of training and funding to schools nationwide to help safeguard the longevity of their breakfast clubs.

Kate Prince, Corporate Social manager, at Kellogg's, said "We're really proud of what we have achieved through our breakfast club programme and are always looking for ways to offer schools more support. "After sixteen years of setting up breakfast clubs, we've decided to focus on our support on existing clubs like Woodham Academy which is why we have developed this

training programme to give staff the skills they need to make their breakfast clubs as sustainable as possible to ensure a long and prosperous future."

Woodham Academy Breakfast Club is open from 7.45 am, serving a wide range of cereals and smoothies as a much reduced price, also serving bacon rolls, egg muffins and bagels.

## NEW ACTIVITIES AT AYCLIFFE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Belly dancing 6pm - 7pm for just £5 per class - if you're looking for something a little more exotic and something new then try your hand at one of the oldest forms of dance. Learn the dance that has been a much loved art form all over the Middle East and North Africa for centuries. You don't have to have a dancer's background to start belly dancing, although Egyptian belly dance does use moves from ballet and some other classical styles, belly dance is its own genre of dance and is taught as such.

Belly dancing promotes femininity, balance, posture, strength, coordination and confidence as well as being a fun and highly expressive art form. Not only is belly dancing all those things, but the empowering dance is a fantastic form of exercise which concentrates on isolating different parts of the body, and depending on the style, emphasises the fluidity of the moves. The torso-driven low impact dance can help you burn up to 300 calories per hour, where the very aerobic activity can help you keep in great shape.

Burlesque Dance Class 7pm - 8pm for just for just £5 per session Unleash your sensual side and liberate your body... Whether you want to boost self-confidence, create a better body image, improve your posture or simply learn a new life skill, then our blend of Burlesque Dance is an endlessly enjoyable way of doing so!

Playful, expressive, and classic with a contemporary twist, our classes cater to all levels of experience - this is your chance to shine.

If you do the Belly dancing class and then would like to go and take part in the Burlesque class you can do both sessions for just £8.00.



Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club President Denese Cartwright presented a cheque for £750 to the Great North Air Ambulance this week. Their representative Janet Hume received the cheque after giving the members an update on the life-saving work carried out by the charity.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE SESSION

# Shopkeepers Not Interested in Newton Aycliffe

Residents are invited to come along to a drop-in session at the Youth Centre, Newton Aycliffe, on Thursday 1st October, between 4.30pm and 7pm for the latest information on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan. Work on the Plan has progressed well over the summer months and this session will aim to bring residents up to date. It will include information on the findings of a Character and Heritage Assessment, which has been carried out by consultants, and will look ahead to the forthcoming 'Your Issues, Our Proposals' public consultation. In response to issues residents

identified as important to them, this consultation will include a number of proposals to protect the green and spacious environment of Aycliffe, including the greens of the older parts of the town. There are also proposals to ensure that future housing development meets the needs of all residents, particularly the elderly, within the limitations of a Neighbourhood Plan, which is concerned with planning policy only. There will be the opportunity to vote on these proposals at this session. In last year's town-wide Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, retail provision was ranked the most important

topic and in recognition of the strength of feeling of residents, an independent soft retail test was obtained, which asked 139 national and local retailers if they would be interested in locating a store in Newton Aycliffe. The results were disappointing, as there was practically no interest from retailers, who took a purely commercial decision. However, there are some proposals, regarding retail provision, which the Neighbourhood Plan could facilitate, and your views would be welcome. For more information, please contact Christine Walton at the Town Council, Tel: 300700.

# OUR CHILDREN MAY NOT GET FULL EDUCATION

Dear Editor, I am writing with great relief today and to share some information in the hope that it may help others. The government has announced plans to amend the Schools Admissions Code in order to allow parents the automatic right to start their summer-born child in reception at compulsory school age (CSAge), if that is what they wish. Most children start school at 4 and reach CSAge (the term following their 5th birthday) at some point during their reception year. But a "summer-born", legally defined as being born between April 1 and August 31, doesn't reach CSAge until the start of the academic year in which they will turn 6. And while many parents are happy for their children to start school early, at age 4, it is a well-kept secret that there are other alternatives. In fact, very little flexibility is openly offered to parents, even though there are provisions within legislation for part-time attendance and a deferred starting date, as per section 2.16 of the Schools Admissions Code.

I have been working with the Summer Born Children Campaign to help get the legislation changed so that the parents of summer-born children have fair and equal access to reception places at CSAge and an uninterrupted education after that. As such, the recent government news is well received; admission authorities have been urged by the Minister to implement changes

immediately to ensure no child is made to miss a year of education from this point forward. However, Durham CC has decided that it will continue to implement its current policy, which is where parents 'request' a start in reception at CSAge but it is left with the local authority and/or school to decide whether to agree or only allow a year 1 start (thus making the child skip the important formative education they receive in reception class). The process for me to have my summer-born daughter

start reception at CSAge remains a ridiculously long and complicated process and one which, after scrutiny by myself and the Office for Schools Adjudicator, was found to be non-compliant and has now had to be amended. I am fortunate that I have the backing of our MP Phil Wilson, who has been a supporter of the Summer Born Campaign for some time, and I am hoping that with his influence we will be able to bring about changes within Durham County Council proposed by Government. Other councils in the country have already taken positive action, and it's completely unfair that children in Durham may not receive a full education as penalty for starting school at CSAge. I am also in the process of contacting all the schools within Newton Aycliffe for their view on the matter and I would ask other parents with concerns about their summer-born child starting school to find out more at summerbornchildren.org. S. McCormick

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## Town's Community Aid Partnership Thrives

Susan Sadler GACAP's Vice Chairman and founder of Lifeline Community Association chaired the GACAP September meeting welcoming all partners. Two new partners representing Great Aycliffe Cancer Support were introduced to the ever growing number of partners wanting to link in together to support those who are less fortunate in our community. Allison White and John Bell explained that their group started out with 10 members 2 years ago but had now increased to 26/30. They meet at NAYCC on a Thursday Evening. She advised that the group was open to all, cancer being no respecter of age or gender. Funding from various sources had helped the group go on holiday and have some exciting days out and adventures. Once again the meeting of the partners of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership was overflowing with enthusiasm from one partner to another and the exchange of advice between people left the meeting room buzzing after the meeting ended with no one making a dash for the door. So if you feel your organisation has anything to contribute to GACAP or you just want to know what is going on the next meeting is as the Agnew Community Centre at 4pm on Monday 5th October. See you there.

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# Giveaway Fashion Show Returns

## Free Invitations available for the Needy

Back by popular demand award winning charity Lifeline Community Action are hosting another amazing Fashion Show Giveaway. Deborah Taylor-Smith will comper the event at Woodham Golf Club in Newton Aycliffe on Friday October 9th between 7-9pm. The charity have run several shows before and they have always been highly successful, making the lives of unfortunate people in our community very happy with some wonderful new clothing, shoes and accessories they wouldn't normally be able to afford. Alwyn White said 'Our amazing team at Lifeline Community Action endeavour to make those who are in financial crisis feel valued. We would like

to give some VIP tickets out to people struggling financially and make it an evening for them to remember' Entry to the event is by invitation only so if you know anyone who you feel would benefit from a top class evening, free clothing and food please contact us immediately! Each guest will receive five vouchers to redeem at the fashion show, enjoy delicious food and wonderful entertainment on the night. There is clothing to fit all sizes and aim to help anyone in financial crisis. Deborah said " I am so excited to host the fashion show, and I feel privileged to help the team. Its such a wonderful feeling and

where would you have the opportunity to attend a fashion show in your own town? This is a chance of a lifetime to be involved whether as a model, guest or otherwise. We already have our models and I am positive they will be putting on a show stopping performance. Members of Life Church stepped up to be models as

well as other. Dan Whittle an experienced model will also be showing off fabulous men's clothing! There will be performances by 'Elev8 dance group' with Daniel Wilkinson and Deborah also performing. If you or anyone you know feel you may qualify for a GOLDEN VIP invitation to the event please contact Deborah Taylor-Smith 07771 874391.

# Answers to Heighington Car Parking Problems

Dear Editor,  
I write in response to the article by Councillor Gerald G Lee "Heighington Matters " and in particular to Parents Parking at Heighington Primary School. How completely and unnecessarily frustrating this must be for Councillor Lee who has campaigned on safety issues outside the school grounds for so many years. It is down to one factor only and that is selfishness. There are some parents who would drive their children into their classrooms if possible!

However there is a wider issue to address. Heighington Village is a nightmare for pedestrians with so many narrow lanes, traffic parked on footpaths, lack of footpaths and blind exits. Surely the first thing to be considered is a 20 mph zone in the direction of the crossroads by the school. This would be from the lower end of Hall Lane, from The Snackgate Lane exit/Millbank, from Highside Road / Hopelands, from The Village Hall and from the junction with the main road from Redworth. This zone should operate from 8.30am to 9.15 am and from 2.45pm to 3.45pm each school day. There would need to be flashing lights and warning signs.

This system operates in the USA and Canada. Are our children less special than their children - I think not! Such a system would also deter those drivers who use Millbank/Hall Lane as a "rat run" to Newton Aycliffe rather than using the main road. Meanwhile whilst such a measure is considered perhaps parents could leave home ten minutes earlier, wear sensible shoes, use a coat and walk their children to school from a safe parking place. Don't let this be an accident waiting to happen. Come on parents of Heighington pupils

the answer is in your hands. Keep each and every one of these precious children safe. A very concerned Grandparent



## Aycliffe 2015 Garden Competition Winners



The winners of this year's Community Enhancement Award were Mr & Mrs K Vincent of 7 Heatherburn Court. The Mayor, Mary Dalton, presented them with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl' following them being chosen as the winner of the 2015 Award. The Mayor was delighted to make the presentation and congratulated the couple on their outstanding entry.

## Boxing for Briannah



An Aycliffe terminally ill baby girl has touched the heart of boxers in the north to enter the ring in aid of the hospital which cared for her. Rachel Hetherington's daughter, Briannah, contracted Group B Streptococcus (GBS) during labour, which led to meningitis and irreversible brain damage. Six months later the youngster has still not opened her eyes and it is unlikely she ever will. Briannah has been given weeks to live but her mother is determined to care for her daughter at home until the end.

Miss Hetherington, friends and family have raised more than £1,600 for paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at James Cook University Hospital - describing the care there as second to none.

Sports promoter Daryll Hall heard about her fundraising efforts and decided to organise a charity boxing tournament at Rainton Meadows Arena, Houghton-le-Spring, on Friday, November 13th featuring 14 bouts, along with entertainment, a raffle and auction.

Daryll from Newton Aycliffe heard what Rachel is going through and wanted to help. Rachel fears waking up each morning not knowing whether her daughter is still alive. Tickets for the event are £30, including ringside seats and table service available from Rainton Meadows Arena or Tandos Tanning Shop in Spennymoor. Call 07880 693320 or search for Daryll Hall Promotions on Facebook. Offers to donate raffle prizes would be gratefully received.

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# JUNIOR FC MATCH REPORTS **Aycliffe 1st XV Dominate Jarrow**

It was a much anticipated return to league action for most of our teams who compete in the TJFA league and a continuation of early season games for others this weekend. With teams from under 7 through to under 18 in action it was a busy weekend.

**Under 7's** were away at Bishop St Mary's Kings and put in a strong performance. Aycliffe took a 2-1 lead in to half time with goals from Ashton and Isaac. This was a game of two halves and whilst Aycliffe could not add to their lead Bishop scored 3 to win 4-2. This scoreline was reversed in the second game as Aycliffe dominated with Oscar and Isaac each getting a brace to seal the 4-2 win. Man of the match was Lennon in the first game and Lewis in the second.

**Under 8's** enjoyed a very pre-season with tournament success however they did not quite play at the same level and had a disappointing result against Billingham Synthonia. Goalkeeper Lucas Acuna Ocana made some great saves and Jake Smith's battling performance was rewarded with a goal.

**Under 9's** got the season underway at Billingham Synthonia with strong showing from the squad as two Jason Beadle goals earned the team a 2-1 win. Defensively Charlie, Cody and Kiera were strong whilst Parker made some fantastic saves in goal. In midfield Jason, Reece and Jack saw their efforts rewarded whilst up front Jude, Thomas and Lewis were proving a handful and were unlucky not to score. The second game



saw a resounding 8-1 win with goals from Reece, Thomas, Jason, Lewis and Jude. Man of the match was Reece.

**Both Under 10 teams** were also in thick action, and the Russell Foster league side bagged 11 goals for the second week in succession. They raced to a 6-2 half time lead and completed the victory with five more second half goals. Two for Ted, Taylor, Matty and Branton as well as one a piece for Evan, Ollie and man of the match Sam.

**TJFA Under 10's** side began the defence of their division one title with a 4-0 win over Golden Flatts. They dominated the first half and goals from Zack (2) and a wonder strike from Aaron gave them a 3-0 half time lead. Thomas made two amazing double saves in the second half and Charlie added the fourth to complete the win. The second game was a 7-2 win as Thomas came out of goal to claim a hat-trick. Lucas added 2 with Charlie and Aaron completing the scoring. Both teams were looking the part too, as pictured, in their new kits provided by Beanies to whom all involved are extremely grateful.

example throughout as the team battled to get something from the game. They lost 5-3, but the whole squad produced a fantastic second half effort and there are lots of positives to take to next week.

**Two under 18 sides** had mixed fortunes, the Reds started with a home game against Thirsk Falcons. The home team tested the visiting keeper with shots from Ryan Peart, Lewis Race and Jack Smith, further first half pressure did not get the opening goal. The home dominance continued in to the second half, then the home team began to tire and Thirsk got the opening goal with what seemed to be their first attack. Aycliffe then changed formation and played with three up front to push for the deserved equaliser.

Their endeavours were not met with luck and the Thirsk striker scored a lovely individual goal. It ended 2-0 to Thirsk, Aycliffe's man of the match was Nathan Acuna Ocana. Under 18 Black got their season off to a flier with a 9-1 win away at Hardwick Youth

No game this week for the Under 23's as they look to start their league season at home to Wolviston on the 27th after a cup game against Hebburn Argyle next week.

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Despite some dogged defence from Jarrow during the opening minutes ever reliable Jonny Griffiths was the first to cross the line, after exceptional passing in the backs. Luke Tinkler kicked the conversion. The next try came from Captain Liam Kelly, who powered over the line from within 5 meters. Tinkler converted. Aycliffe pack began to dominate up front, destroying another strong pack in the scrummage. Due to a change of personal in the forwards, Aycliffe used winger Jonny Griffiths in the lineout to great effect, spoiling Jarrow's ball in the first half. The tries now began to flow as Tinkler crossed under the posts after excellent hands by the back three. Adam Gascoigne scored the first of his three tries with his outstanding pace leaving the Jarrow defence in tatters. Newboy JJ Rudge finished off one of the tries of the season. The well worked 'double S' move, saw the whole backline crisscrossing and switching in the midfield, before Rudge scored in the corner. Rudge's second try came soon after when he ran untouched, due to a massive burst of pace, from the half way line to go under the posts. Tinkler kicked his fourth conversation of the first half to finish 38-0.

The second half kicked off with Aycliffe allowing Jarrovians to drive over from close range. Adam Gascoigne's second and third try came in close proximity to each other, after good passing along the backline. Aycliffe's brilliance in the backline was built upon the foundation created by the ferocious running of Craig

Holmes and Warren Parsonage who constantly put Jarrow on the back foot. However Jarrow were not easily perturbed and it was down to the hard work of John Whitehouse and the tenacious tackling of Niall Kelly that kept Aycliffe in the driving seat.

Jarrow came back again with another try from good work by their pack, scoring again in the bottom left corner, making the score 50-10.

James Thacker, who had been selfless all game, finally got the try his hard work deserved – brushing off two defenders to go under the posts. The highlight of the day came when James Thacker made a break from within his own half, scything through the defence before getting stopped 15 meters out. It was at this time that veteran debutant Mark Silvester, who had ran himself ragged all day, popped up on James' shoulder to charge under the posts. Gascoigne and Thacker kept the ball alive wonderfully before releasing Griffiths who side stepped three players to score the final try. David Judge kicked the last three conversions. Final score 71-12

## AYCLIFFE 2nd XV BEAT LOCAL RIVALS

The continuing story of the new 2nd team saw them host local rivals Bishop Auckland's 3rd team at Moore Lane. Old boys Eddie Presch and Andy Holmes made their first appearance and there were fathers and sons present in Stuart and Jason McLean and Terry and Matt Parsons.

The game began badly for Aycliffe as Bishop pounced on a dropped ball in the first

minute and scored a try. It was not long however, before Mikey Dunn outpaced the entire opposition back line to score a try that Jason McLean converted. McLean added a try to his tally when he touched down in the corner from a ruck close to the line. Chris Wilson, making his first appearance of the season added two tries before the half was over. A powerful run from 10 metres out saw Ronnie Gilyeat score a try; and a second conversion from McLean and a converted try from the visitors made the score 29 – 12 at the break.

Newcomer Connor Blakey made a great impression on the match and after creating 3 tries, he finally went over for a try of his own. Dunn scored his second try midway through the half and Wilson completed his hat-trick as the greater pace of the Aycliffe backs was released by the good work of Dom Owens in the centre. Captain Darryl Pettit scored a conversion. Two further scores were forthcoming from Bishop as a couple of defensive lapses let them through, but Aycliffe were well worth their 46 – 24 winning margin at the end.

The 2nd XV are beginning to form a good unit, despite the number of players who have already played for them in two games, and look forward to getting stronger as the season continues and more players return to the squad from injury and holidays. Contact Head coach Pete Ryans 07796 172599 if you fancy playing rugby for Aycliffe.

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Senior Instructor and Secretary for Newton Aycliffe Karate Club. E-mail: naanshinryu@gmail.com

**Aycliffe FC Home Draw**



A last minute equaliser rescued a point for Newton Aycliffe in what was only their third league game at Moore Lane Park so far this season.

As has too often been the case this season Aycliffe took a while to get into their stride as RCA started well. The visitors took the lead after 15mins when confusion in the Aycliffe defence was punished by Wayne Buchanan who poked the ball over the line from inside the 6 yard box. The home side had little to show for their first half effort but came close to an equaliser just before half time when a Jordan Laidler free kick was tipped round the post by the RCA keeper.

Aycliffe made a greater impression in the second half and with 53 mins gone Matty Moffat found himself through only to be brought down by the advancing keeper, outside the box. To the surprise of many onlookers the referee only waved a yellow card at the RCA man and the resulting free kick came to nothing.

As time ran out Aycliffe pressed harder and thought their luck was out when sub Alan Harrison mis-kicked a shot from a good position. However, all was not lost and in the last minute the ever-reliable Brian Close saved the day with a headed goal from a cross to the back post.

This was another valuable point for Aycliffe but everyone's attention now turns to the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round

game at home to North Ferriby the current holders of the Trophy. They compete in the National League North which is three divisions higher than the Northern League. The draw has perhaps been tough for Aycliffe but it gives the players the chance to pull off a huge giant-killing act.

The game takes place at Moore Lane Park on Saturday 26th September with a 3pm kick off. Admission is £8 adults, £5 concessions.

**Premier League Ref Talks to Local Fans**

Premier League Referee, Kevin Friend, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association next month. Kevin, from Leicester, will be guest speaker on Thursday 15 October at the Association's meeting at The Manor public house, Cornwall Road, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6UR at 7.30pm.

Terry Farley MBE, former top flight referee from Aycliffe and now Secretary of Bishop Auckland Referees' Association said: "We're delighted that Kevin has found the time in his busy schedule as a top flight referee to come to Bishop Auckland for our meeting."

"I'd like to extend a welcome to anyone interested in football or refereeing to join us on 15 October and hear about Kevin's career and his experiences officiating in one of the most exciting leagues in the world."

Kevin took up refereeing as a 14-year-old and plied his

trade in local football and Midlands leagues before he started to progress through the Football League pyramid. Prior to his appearance in the Barclays Premier League, he was regularly officiating in the Championship.

Alongside numerous high profile Barclays Premier League appointments, Friend's most notable honours so far include the 2012 FA Community Shield between Manchester City and Chelsea and the 2013 Capital One Cup final between Swansea City and Bradford City.

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If you would like more information about becoming a member of Aycliffe Tri Club please contact the club via email [aycliffetriclub@gmail.com](mailto:aycliffetriclub@gmail.com)

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**PCP COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

As part of PCP's mission to promote "Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All", individuals living in Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland, Darlington and surrounding areas are being asked their views on what would enrich their lives.

PCP has issued a call to the local community to take part in consultation to decide which classes would be of greatest benefit them in developing their skills and interests. Those taking part will be informed of any classes that are started at the Pioneering Care Centre in response to demand. Carol Gaskarth, CEO of PCP, had this to say: "Having grown rapidly over the last few years, we at PCP feel it's essential to focus our

service provision on what our communities need to enrich their wellbeing in a broader sense. This will be our first piece of engagement work in this area and we're hoping it will give everyone a chance to feed in to the future direction for PCP."

All residents are warmly invited to fill in the online questionnaire available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D8FBXPY> For further information contact: Pioneering Care Centre Carer's Way Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Tel: 01325 321234 Email enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare Facebook: /PCPandCentre

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**County Durham Plan Back on Track**

**NEW INSPECTOR APPOINTED!**

Readers will remember that the County Durham Plan received a serious blow in February when the Inspector rejected large chunks of it. Teh Council believed the Examination in Public was flawed - for example the Inspector courted objectors, whilst those who agreed with the Plan were not allowed to contribute and DCC threatened to take the issue to a Judicial Review. However, in July, pending talks with DCLG, DCC agreed to a 'stay' to the court proceedings. We now have a resolution which will see the inspector's interim report quashed and a new examination held under a new inspector as soon as possible. Cllr Foster said: "This outcome is sensible, reasonable and fair for the plan and for County Durham. As I explained previously the council had taken these steps to defend the principles of the County

Durham Plan, following the interim report by the planning inspector. This updated plan will proceed through a new public examination providing a further opportunity for all interested parties to have their views heard." The new plan will be submitted as soon as possible with a new examination held in early 2016. I will keep people advised on how this matter is to be taken forward as the details are known". County Councillor John Clare said: Whilst we might be pleased that the plan is 'back on track', the delay has been extremely harmful. A number of very unpopular planning applications are going through simply because there were no valid planning grounds on which to oppose them. We need to get the Plan - with its emphasis on GROWTH - through as quickly as possible, and begin an economic revival of the county."

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**PCP QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Pioneering Care Partnership are working towards our mission "Health, Wellbeing & Learning for All". As part of our work we would like to know what kind of course or club you would be interested in attending at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Please fill in the following questionnaire to help us choose which activities to offer to the community.  
**Please hand in at the PCP Centre.**

Age .....

**TYPES OF COURSE/CLUB**

- Arts & Crafts - e.g. photography, painting & drawing, sewing etc.
- Beauty - e.g. nail art, make-up etc.
- Baby Group - e.g. parent/carer group, baby yoga, buggy walking group etc.
- Creative Skills - e.g. cookery, floristry, gardening etc.
- Culture - e.g. family history, film club, writers club etc.
- Physical Activity - Boxercise, Metafit, Pilates, Yoga etc.
- Wellbeing - e.g. Aromatherapy, Gem stones, Reiki etc.

From the categories above, please let us know which course interests you or, alternatively, suggest a new one:

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Which times would suit you best:  
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# COUNTRY'S TOP STUDENTS AT WOODHAM ACADEMY

Two Woodham Academy students have celebrated scoring full marks in their GCSE History exam, with a third pupil only dropping one mark across two papers. When the GCSE results were published in August, Olivia Tarn, Emma Sandford-Hodgson and Sian Boulwood, now all 16, discovered they were some of the country's top performers. "This is an amazing achievement. History is a subject that is open to



opinion, so I am really proud of the way these students have worked to achieve such a rare and exceptional standard" said History Teacher Pam Hall. Overall the History department performed extremely well and bucked the national trend. The headlines this summer have been dominated by a fall in the number of A/A\* grades but Woodham saw an increase in this percentage for History, with nearly 36% of the students taking the subject achieving the highest grades 7.2% above the national average." Olivia, Emma and Sian have all gone on to do the A-Levels of their choice.

## In Memoriam

### Kevin McGlone



We thought of you with love today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday. And days before that too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have is memories. And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake. With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our heart. Les and Marie

**McGLONE.** Kevin Patrick. 1951-2012. Where I have lost, Heaven has gained. The most wonderful Dad this world contained. There's just one thing that makes me glad, God chose you to be my Dad. Love always, Rebecca, Frankie and Lydia xxx

**BILL MILLING** 28th September 2014. Your life was a blessing, your memory we treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. These special years will never return, when we were together, loving you forever until the end of time. I'm so glad you were mine. Your loving Wife and family, Marjorie, Julie, Anthony, Claire and Amy

**EILEEN CHOPPIN** 10th August 1941 to 26th September 2012. Three years have passed since we lost you, you put up such a fight in hospital, which lasted 5 months. Words can't describe the pain of losing you and how much you are sadly missed. Not a day goes by without tears for you, a Mother and Daughter's love lasts forever. You are my everything, my world, just want to give you that one last cuddle. You are truly beautiful in every way and hope you are at peace with the Angels, with our hearts overflowing with love for you. Caroline, Andrew, David, Janet, Gemma, Laura and Andy xxxxxxxx

**KEITH WILSON** 27-9-2009. If memories are close, we will never be apart, because you are always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Gina, Julia, Louise, Helen, James and all family and friends

**OLGA KIRTLEY** 24th September 2009. Six years Mam have passed since we said goodbye. We love and miss you always. Lesley and Lauren xxxx

## Congratulations

### John-Paul Howarth



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
All my love Lisa xxx  
**Happy 30th Birthday Dad**  
Have a wonderful party. Lots of love, Dylan, Kameron, Loren & Aimee xxx

### Bill Nicholson



**Happy 90th Birthday Dad**  
Love from Joyce, Ann, Carol, Ian, Keith, your four Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren

### Emma Turnbull



**Happy 21st Birthday**  
Hope you have a great weekend with your friends. Lots of love from Mum and Dad xxxx

### Loren Ballantyne



**Happy 12th Birthday Sweetheart**  
Have a fab day. Lots of love, Mam and John-Paul xxxxxxxx  
**Happy 12th Birthday**  
Lots of love and kisses, Aimee, Dylan and Kameron xxxxx

### Paul Cooke

(Cookie - Mr Newton News)



**Oh Dear, Oh Dear**  
**Look who is 40**  
Have a great birthday from all the Press Gang

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to all staff at Bethany House for the care, compassion and kindness they have shown. All staff have been willing to go the extra mile and have at all times remained person centred. Your support which you have given us all has made a very difficult time more bearable and we will never forget this. From the family of Gillian Currington

**BARBARA YOUNG** Thank you for 40 wonderful years of marriage and being my best friend. Love, John xxxxxxx

## Free

**PALLETS** free - collect from Newton Press at the Blue Bridge Centre (goods inward door)

# Ghoulish Goings on at the Leisure Centre

ACORN Residents' Association are busy planning their Spooktacular Halloween Party to be held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 31st October. Gruesome grub and Deadly Dad Dancing are to be the order of the night with entertainment orchestrated by Professor Nincompoop the dark disco diva.

- Which Witch will be the scariest?
- Which Warlock will terrify?
- Which Zombie is coolest?
- Which Vampire is in vogue?
- Which Ghost is the most?
- Which Werewolf howls at the moon?
- Which Skeleton rattles his bones?
- Whose fancy dress will impress?

A great opportunity to have a night out with family and friends. Light refreshments and raffle included in ticket price. Bar open. Tickets are available from the leisure centre priced at a Scary £1. Children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Another great function promoted by ACORN for the benefit of our community. Thanks to the Big Lottery "Awards for All" Scheme  
Ken Robson Chair  
ACORN Residents Association

# COUNCILLORS LEAD OBJECTION TO BRIDGE REMOVAL

Dear Sir,  
In reference to last week's Newton News article concerning Durham County Council's proposal to remove the public right of way to use the footbridge at Whinlatter Place across Woodham Burn. We, Cllr Kate Hopper and Cllr Eddy Adam have raised our objections to the proposed removal of the public right of way to use this bridge and have requested that DCC fully consult with local residents to gauge their opinion.

Cllr Hopper and I have been campaigning to retain all bridges in the West Park area and were surprised to read the letter in the Newton News. However, it is our intention to continue this campaign provided we can get support from residents in and around the town especially those who regularly use this bridge. We believe this is a valuable asset, but without public support, demonstrating that the Whinlatter Bridge is an essential right of way and access point, then our campaign may fall on deaf ears. We therefore encourage all interested residents to

write to us, and to DCC stating why you object to their proposal to withdraw the public right of way, which will ultimately lead to the permanent removal of the bridge.

Residents need to be aware when considering their objection as to whether the cost of approximately £25000 to £30000 to replace the bridge is value for money and efficient use of public funds? Also bearing in mind there are concerns for the other two bridges in the West Park area as they are also showing signs of deterioration and may need some remedial work.

Please use the reply slip below and send it to us by Friday 2nd October, 2015.

You can drop it off at McColl's shop at Oakfield in a collection box or contact your local County Councillors:

Cllr Eddy Adam - 58 Arncliffe Place eddy.adam@durham.gov.uk  
Cllr Kate Hopper - 3 High Barn Road kate.hopper@durham.gov.uk  
Ian Raine - Senior Engineer Durham County Council, County Hall DH1 5UQ

## REPLY SLIP

DCC Proposal - To remove the public right of way to use the footbridge over Woodham Burn near Whinlatter Place, leading to; **THE PERMANENT REMOVAL OF THE BRIDGE. Please circle to demonstrate your view of the statement above.**

ACCEPT PROPOSAL      REJECT PROPOSAL

Please state why: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: .....

Post to Newton Press, Blue Bridge Centre, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe Co. Durham DL5 6DS

## Obituary

### Jennifer Anne Murray



of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully at home on 20th September aged 69 years. A dearly loved Wife, Mother, Nanna, Sister and Sister-in-Law. And a friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Thursday 1st October for 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Butterwick Hospice and Macmillan Nurses. No black clothing please.

**CURRINGTON** 19th September, peacefully in Bethany House, Woodham. Gillian Elizabeth, aged 83 years. Dearly beloved Wife to Derek; loved and adored Mum to Joy, Martin and Emma; dear Mother-in-Law to Elaine, Justin and Andy; cherished Nanny to Charlotte, Katie, Andrew, Marc, Elliot, Alex and Niamh and a proud Great-Nanny to Nellie, Harper and Eleni. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral on Monday 28th September. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 10.15am.

## Birthday Remembrance

### Lee El-Hakim



We all miss you and love you, even though you are not here to celebrate your birthday. We will never forget, our memories will never fade and our love for you will never die. Marie, Georgio, Kay, Michelle, Alister, Solomon and Elie and all your family in the Lebanon

### Nathan Sowerby

21st September. Treasured birthday memories of a much loved Son and Brother. Always in our thoughts, miss you, Dad and Joanne

## Table Top Newton Aycliffe



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**GREAT NORTH RUNNERS**



Photos of Bo Wilson-Lee (9) after the Junior Great North Run and his sister Kitty Rae (5) after the Mini Great North Run on Saturday 12th September. Their parents were super proud of both of them! Kitty ran at 10am so it was an early start for them all! She ran 1.5k with her dad, in the rain! They then waited all day in the rain until 4pm when Bo ran 4k in 24 minutes! Both of them thoroughly enjoyed the day out despite the weather – The family then went to the Pasta Party and watched the Great City Games.

**Aycliffe Teenage Cyclist Qualifies for National Final**

Adam Jarps a cyclist from Newton Aycliffe attends Carmel College Darlington and is a member of Hetton Hawks Cycling Club.

On 18th June 2015 he took part in the GHS District Championship, a 10 mile time trial held on course M105 (North East) in Ponteland for children aged 12 to 16. He was the fastest 15 year old and also the fastest rider overall with a qualifying time of 24 min 24 sec, which is 30 secs faster than the official Under 16's record on this course.

This meant he qualified for the GHS National Championship Final on 12th Sept on course F10/10 an open road course on the A46 at Ware near Stevenage, the terrain is rolling with an elevation of just under 200 feet, the day was warm and windy. The start was delayed due to a broken down lorry blocking a roundabout on the course, but eventually the riders got underway.

A total of 132 riders took part and Adam finished 34th overall with time of 22 min 58 sec and was 12th out of 38 in the 15 year old boy category. A great achievement as he only started cycling in Oct 2013.

Adam also took part in the Scunthorpe Track League over the summer riding on an outdoor velodrome and was the winner in the U16 category, he's looking forward to riding on the new velodrome at Middlesbrough Sports Village which officially opened on Wed 16th Sept.

He was also part of the North East U16 boys team that rode in the Prudential London Grand Prix on 1st August where they finished 8th out of 14 regional teams after two team riders just missed being caught up in a crash. He said 'it was like riding a pro race, with team areas and team jerseys and riding down



the Mall towards Buckingham Palace was great'

Adam was invited to attend the Regional School of Racing (RSR) Circuit training sessions run by British Cycling GBCT Coaches throughout the country over the summer and he is hoping to be invited to join the

RSR Track training session held at Glasgow Velodrome over the winter season. He is now looking forward to the National Closed Circuit 10 mile Time Trial and the National Hill Climb Trial later in the year and to competing in Cyclocross over the winter.



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT**

Lots of action from Aycliffe Juniors again this weekend with games in both league and cup.

The under 10's Russell Foster league team had a 4-2 win against Shotton Colts Reds. Aycliffe conceded first and could not break Shotton down before half time. In the second half Aycliffe took the game to Shotton and Bo volleyed home the equaliser after a good ball from Evan. Straight from the kick off Bo got his second after finishing off Taylor's pass. This lead was extended, as the team grew in confidence, with goals from Taylor and Ollie, a late Shotton goal ended the game in a 4-2 Aycliffe win. Taylor was the player's man of the match with Evan and Sam sharing the parent's award.

The Under 10 TJFA side were in the first round of the League Cup against Dormanstown at Sunnysdale. They raced in to a 4-0 half time lead with goals from Lucas (2), Zack and Charlie. Jacob added a penalty in the second half after he was brought down in the box to complete a 5-0 win. In the friendly game Harry scored a first half hat trick before Aaron, Lucas, Evan and Zack added goals for a 7-0 win. The Under 12's were involved in an evenly matched cup game at Brompton Juniors. The home team scored first before Dylan Howe scored



twice to give Aycliffe a 2-1 lead. Brompton equalised with a penalty late in the first half. The lead was re-gained when Zack Stewart finished a good move, it was not to be enough though as Brompton scored twice to gain a 4-3 win. Man of the match was Ethan Parkinson who did not put a foot wrong in defence. Both Under 18's teams suffered first round cup exits, the Blacks having a bad day and losing 10-2 to Stokesley.

The Reds went down 6-2 against Division 1 side Kader FC despite goals from Declan Maughan and Ryan Peart.

**REME Meeting**

REME Association South West Durham Branch, monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th September at 8pm in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way. All serving and ex-serving military personnel welcome.

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**CRICKET SCOREBOARD**

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's first team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store finished their season with a four wicket defeat at home to Barnard Castle 2nd team in a low scoring game.

Electing to bat first Aycliffe were skittled for just 42 after 10.4 overs and only opening batsmen John Cavanagh managed to reach double figures when he top scored with ten runs.

In reply the visitors also struggled, but they eventually reached their target of 43 after 13.1 overs for the loss of six wickets, despite some good bowling from both Cavanagh (2 for 13) and Colin Myers (2 for 10). Aycliffe first team's playing record for the season was played 26, won 14, lost 10, drawn one and one game abandoned due to rain. Total points 376 and a creditable 5th place in the NYSD 2nd division table.

The second team finished their season with a comprehensive seven wicket victory away at Thornaby to complete an excellent double over them. The home side chose to bat first and were dismissed for a below par 74 after 32.5 overs with Jack Slatcher again the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 7 from his 9 over spell and Michael Howe chipping in with 2 for 13.

In reply Aycliffe romped to victory in the 22nd over thanks to good contributions from Ben Nicholson (19 runs), Adam Gittins (17 not out) and Michael Howe (13 not out).

The second team improved upon last years points total by 23 to finish with 280 points from their 26 games after recording 9 wins, 13 defeats, two drawn games and two games abandoned because of the weather to finish in a respectable 9th place out of 14 in the NYSD 3rd division.

The Cricket Club hold their AGM at the Sports Club on Sunday 4th October at 6pm and all members are invited to attend.

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