

Newton News

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Street Food Markets Coming to Aycliffe

Following the huge success of The Bishop Auckland Street Food Market, produced by Social Enterprises, Bacchanalia & Bridge Creative, 2024 promises an even grander affair as the food extravaganza expands its reach to towns across County Durham.

Excitement is brewing as Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe and Crook emerge as the first towns confirmed to host these vibrant markets, with discussions already underway for additional locations, including Shildon and Barnard Castle, later in the year.

Set to transform town centres, car parks, and market squares into culinary showcases, these events will boost local economies offering a platform to champion local produce and foster a sense of unity among residents. With a focus on supporting local businesses and artisans, these events are all about nurturing community spirit and showcasing the best of what County Durham has to offer.

Last year, Bishop Auckland's Street Food Market drew between 3000 to 5000 attendees for each event, fostering cultural exchange and stimulating relationships between organisers, venues, locals and visitors alike in the Bishop Auckland area.

Acting as a cornerstone for local communities, Bacchanalia's street food markets will feature an array of delectable offerings from various traders, alongside local beers and ales on tap, live performances by talented local musicians, and family activities, all contributing to the festive ambiance. These events are sure to set the stage for summer 2024, leading up to the multitude of events County Durham has to offer. Thomas Wales, Bacchanalia, said "We're so excited to bring our Street Food Market to Newton Aycliffe this year. I think everyone in the local community is ready for a jam-packed evening of culinary delights and fun entertainment. The event also gives us the opportunity to support adults with learning disabilities and autism to gain work experience. It's an all-round winner."

The following are the dates for Newton Aycliffe when there is expected to be up to twenty street vendors on Beveridge Way from 4.00pm to 9.00pm:

Friday 19th April
Friday 21st June
Friday 16th August
Friday 18th October

Friday 17th May
Friday 19th July
Friday 20th September

Foodie enthusiasts have much to anticipate!



All Disabilities Matter Charity Night Success



On Friday 22nd March the Phoenix Club played host to a very special fundraising event in aid of the Mayor's chosen charitable group All Disabilities Matter. The Mayor and Mayoress were in attendance to enjoy what can only be described as an energy filled and entertaining variety performance.

The town's very own award winning Pipe Band kicked off the celebrations, and the Auckland Shanty Singers were there in strength to provide a colourful visual treat and a rowing vocal stage performance.

The Durham Ox Karaoke Singers brought their own style of music to the stage and, not to be outdone, All Disabilities Matter members Ava and Jeffery took to the stage to show how it should be done.

In recognition of the work All Disabilities Matter do in the community, the Mayor had great pleasure in presenting the very surprised and shocked recipients with the Around Town Radio Show Community Award. A very special presentation was also made by the Mayor to the parents of Jonathan Beddard with the



All Disabilities Matter-Around Town Jonathan Beddard Memorial Award. In recognition of Jonathan's involvement and contribution to the group, this annual special achievement award will be presented to a nominated recipient. The night was a resounding success but it wouldn't have been possible without the support of the management and staff of the Phoenix Club, with our special thanks to Tracy from T & M Kitchen for the excellent catering, and Dave, the entertainment manager, who did a fantastic job comparing the whole event. Phill & Andy, Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.



Clothes Swap

Dear Sir,
My name is Paige Banks and I work at the Newton Aycliffe Barnados Sorting Centre & Charity Shop. I'm reaching out to you to let our community know of a great new concept, that I'm bringing to Newton Aycliffe, for our town, the Newton Aycliffe Clothes Swap. I'm super passionate about recycling, upcycling, reusing, being creative and providing a more sustainable and environmentally kinder future for our children and combining this with a fashionable clothes swap is a win-win for everyone!



Bring a mug (keeping it too) and grab yourself a nice tea or coffee whilst your browsing, all money raised from the kitchen will go to the Barnardo's shop charity.

So, how does it work?

- Pay a £3 entry fee.
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- Receive tokens for your items (the more items, the more tokens).
- Your items will then be available for people to buy!
- Shop the rails/tables/baskets of other peoples items.
- Spend your tokens and bring home your goodies!

Extra info

- Items must be in good, clean condition, no rips, stains, etc.;
- Three item minimum, ten item maximum;
- Any items left afterwards will be donated to a local charity shop;
- Funds raised will be donated to Barnardo's Children's charity.

1. Venue: St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 5NT

2. Date: Saturday 13th April 2024

3. Time: 11.00am to 2.30pm

No booking required, just turn up, thank you for your support!

Paige Banks

Freelance Fundraisers Required

Our charitable organisation is looking for help. We need to raise money and wish to create at least one paid position. You will negotiate with business owners and managers for their sponsorship of our charity's plans and events. These include films, website, entertainment, ticket sales and many other fundraising projects. Contact me via noelbenett@uwclub.net and I will be in touch to discuss how you could help and what your remuneration would be.

Residents Reminder

Residents are being reminded of three elections taking place in County Durham in May.

On Thursday 2nd May, elections are taking place to appoint a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Durham Police area, which includes Durham and Darlington, and a Mayor for the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority.

There will also be a local election taking place on this day for Durham County Council's Horden division.

Poll cards will be delivered to residents from 25th March. Anyone currently registered and eligible to vote in this election will receive a poll card with details of their voting preference. Anyone who is listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote, which can now be done online.

To apply for postal or proxy vote online, voters will need to provide their national insurance number and their signature to be checked by the Department of Work and Pensions.

For these elections, the deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday 17th April and 5pm on Wednesday 24th April for proxy vote applications.

Online applications for postal and proxy votes can be found at www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election. Anyone who wishes to vote in person at these elections must show an acceptable form of photo ID, such as a passport, driving licence or concessionary travel pass. A full list of acceptable photo ID can be found on the poll card or online at www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need.

Voters who do not have an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.

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For these elections, the deadline to register to vote is midnight on Tuesday 16th April. Anyone who is not registered or has recently moved house and not informed electoral services is encouraged to register by the deadline. This can be done online at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

To request a paper copy of any application form, or for further assistance with voting, contact electoral services on 03000 261212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk



Scrutiny Panel Recruitment Now Open

The Office of the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is keen to hear from members of the community across Durham and Darlington who want to make a real difference and become volunteers for existing and new scrutiny panels.

The OPCC carries out a wide-ranging programme of external scrutiny via groups and panels made up of partners and members of the community and are an additional mechanism for the PCC to hold the force to account and form part of the wider OPCC Accountability Framework.

Scrutiny Panels consist of the Custody Detention Panel, Best Use of Stop and Search/Use of Force (BUSS), VAWG/DA/SV (Violence Against Women and Girls, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence), Public Complaints, Independent Ethics Committee, Out of Court Disposals (OoCD) and Animal Welfare Scheme.

Scrutiny panels, which will be ran on a voluntary basis, will look to support a consistent, coherent, and credible approach that results in evidence-based recommendations to Durham Constabulary for positive change and will look to constructively challenge the Force's existing ways of working and identify any organisational learning.

The groups will be responsible for critically examining a sample of cases, including Body Worn Video footage and documents, and identifying any issues which point to disproportionality in police actions, leading to corresponding changes by the Constabulary to rectify these issues. They will also recognise good practice that takes place.

Andrea Petty, Chief of Staff (OPCC), said: "It is so important that we create opportunities to hear voices from our local communities and respond to any feedback and recommendations made to promote trust and confidence in policing.

"Not only is this an excellent opportunity for volunteers to let us know their thoughts, but it is also a chance for them to get some experience of understanding policing practices to ensure we are continuously improving, addressing concerns, celebrating successes and meeting the needs of victims and the public."

To learn more about scrutiny panels or to submit your expression of interest to be a volunteer, please visit:

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Aycliffe Livin' M J&C COACHES aycliffe

British Science Week



From 11th - 15th March, St. Joseph's celebrated British Science Week. To kickstart the week, the children had a visitor from FUJIFILM Diosynth (called Mrs Sullivan) who talked to them about how the company make medicines. Mrs Sullivan said, "I hope to help inspire the next generation of scientists." Across the week, the children took part in a range of investigations such as making electrical circuits, making volcanoes, making rain clouds in a jar, making lava lamps, stick chain reactions and super bubbles. They also learnt about a range of scientists including Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Galileo Galilei, Carl Linnaeus and Nicolaus Copernicus.

On Thursday 14th March, the Key Stage 2 eco warriors visited J&B Recycling in Hartlepool to see what happens to our household recycling. One of the pupils said, "It was really interesting to see how the things are separated into the different materials. They use magnets and lasers. They also have a hawk called Mia to scare away the seagulls."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sullivan and J&B Recycling for working with us.

Woodham Performing Arts Stages SIX: Teen Edition



Audiences were delighted by students from Woodham Performing Arts Academy, as they took to the stage with three performances of the hit musical Six: Teen Edition. The musical depicts the six wives of Henry VIII, with a focus on their stories as individuals, rather than as merely the wives of a monarch. Students auditioned for roles in the show back in September and with a hugely successful turnout, staff were able to offer the main six roles to two different casts, allowing more students to have their moment in the spotlight. The roles of the Queens were performed by a cast of eleven, students as opposed to six, with performers ranging from Y7 through to Y11 students, several of whom were making their debut performance in a solo role. As well as the six main characters, there was a strong ensemble cast of supporting singers and dancers, who performed admirably alongside the Queens. Following six months of incredibly hard work from all of the students involved, the final performances showcased the talent on stage perfectly, with an overwhelming amount of audience members stating that this was the best production the school has staged. Notable mentions also need to go to the students of the backstage crew and technical team, who kept each performance running smoothly.

Spreading Kindness



Over the past few weeks, the children from Year 1 at Sugar Hill Primary School have spread kindness throughout the local community. Small groups visited Neville Parade Community Centre, Aycliffe Care Home, St. Clare's Care Home and Woodham Village Community Centre to work with local groups, residents and staff, making cards, planting bulbs, providing refreshments and singing songs.



In order to celebrate this work with parents and carers, the children then hosted a finale event in the town centre for all to come along to. The children shared kindness stickers, key rings with personally designed messages and hot soup. We enjoyed performing our songs and would like to thank everyone for coming along. We would like to offer special thanks to the four venues, J & C Coaches, for providing transport for free; Shirley, the Community Champion from Tesco, who donated soup and buns, and the town centre management who kindly allowed us space to showcase our learning. The Year 1 Team at Sugar Hill Primary School.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

**Newton Aycliffe 2 v
Winterton Rangers 0
Saturday 23rd March 2024**

Newton Aycliffe picked up another impressive home win against Winterton Rangers last Saturday. Brian Atkinson's side now haven't lost at home since early February and are in the playoff places as the season approaches the business end. The first chance came when Toby Pascoe crossed the ball to Jack Clarkson, Clarkson then deftly lobbed the ball over Joe Simpson and exhibited great acrobatic skill to find the ball again and fire a shot at Nathan Popple who was forced to make a one handed save. Charlie Dawson hit a shot from range soon after but once again, Popple made a one handed save.

Winterton have been bottom of the table for a large majority of the season, but they were still a very competitive side in the first half. Ethan Ord had to think fast to dispossess Owen Vincent who was almost one-on-one with James Winters. Winters would be called into action again when Vincent's cross easily found Paul Grimes, but Grimes' header was parried by Winter and all Sam Aynsley could do was fire it high and wide.

Scott Matthews, for Winterton, whipped in a dangerous free kick from outside the box, but Winter quickly saved it before Grimes could get to it. After this Winterton pressure however, Aycliffe would score their first goal of the afternoon, Cieran Jackson's cross grazed the leg of Dawson, and the ball found the foot of Kyle Davis who fired a spectacular volley at an incredibly tight angle to make it 1-0 in the 28th minute. The first half would finish 1-0, ending with Matthews having another free kick in a promising position, but this time Winter didn't even need to move to save a poor low shot from range.

The second goal came when Lee Ridley initially won an aerial duel with Liam Jarvie, only for Ridley's header to gift the ball to Liam Adamson. Adamson then proceeded to waste no time in getting near Popple and cheekily nutmegging him to finish off a truly sublime goal. Aycliffe would carry on attacking, and Jarvie fired a curling low shot, but was denied by Aynsley almost on the goal line.

The game became a quieter affair later in the second half until Wayne Whitfield received a red card in the 86th minute. Winterton would not make the man advantage count, however, & the score remained 2-0.

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Museum Gala Open Day

**Saturday 6th April,
10.00am till 3.00pm
Admission Free**

You are invited to the Open Day at our Museum on Aycliffe Business Park.

Our seven vintage vehicles will all be on display, including one that is under restoration, you can also view our in-house workshop. See what you can win on the tombola or guess how many sweets are in the jar and visit our new shop with jigsaws, Christmas cards, t-shirts, key rings and more. Free tea, coffee and biscuits (while stocks last).

We will be running a free shuttle service from the town centre to the museum from 10.00am, these will run from the bus stop opposite St. Clare's Church every hour, on the hour, from 10.00am until 2.00pm with a return from the museum each hour from 10.50am until 2.50pm. If travelling by car, the museum entrance is on the junction of Durham Way and Burtree Road on Aycliffe Business Park, look for the signs. Please note that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and be supervised at all times when in the museum or on the buses. We look forward to seeing you there.

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KidzFlicks

Our April KidzFlicks movie is 'MIGRATION'. A family of ducks decides to leave the safety of a New England pond for an adventurous trip to Jamaica. However, their well-laid plans quickly go awry when they get lost and wind up in New York City. The experience soon inspires them to expand their horizons, open themselves up to new friends, and accomplish more than they ever thought possible. Please come along on 6th April at 2.00pm to enjoy this fun film with family and friends! Admission is £1, with lots of sweets and treats on offer. We have Easter Prizes to give away too.

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St. Clare's Court Rated in the Top 20 North East Care Homes

HC-One's St Clare's Court in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham are celebrating success after residents and relatives voted them as one of the Top 20 recommended care homes in the North East in carehome.co.uk awards 2024. Carehome.co.uk, the UK's leading care home directory and comparison website, holds its annual Care Home Awards to recognise the 20 top-rated care homes in each region of the UK. These are based on individual review scores that carehome.co.uk have received from residents, and their friends, family and loved ones, demonstrating real life opinions and first-hand experiences from those most closely connected to the home.

St Clare's Court received an overall rating of 9.9/10 based on independent reviews, in recognition of the high standards of care provided at the home - which provides residential and residential dementia services for the local community. The 58-bedded home received a 'Good' CQC report, with 'Outstanding' in Responsive in February 2022, demonstrating that the home is safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led. HC-One is committed to providing the highest standards of care in every community they serve, which is demonstrated by their 9.5/10



average rating on the carehome.co.uk website - which is among the highest review scores across the care home sector.

St Clare's Court's General Site Manager, Sarah Todd, said: "Our residents and their families, friends and loved ones are always at the heart of everything we do at St Clare's Court and so it means the world to know that they recognise the dedication and kind care of the whole team - as reflected in their independent reviews on carehome.co.uk and our position as a Top 20 Care Home in North East."

HC-One's Managing Director, Lisa Moorhead, said: "I am delighted that St Clare's Court have been announced as a winner of the Carehome.co.uk Top 20 Award 2024 in North East, based on independent reviews by those using our services over the past year. This is an amazing achievement, which reaffirms our mission to be the first-choice care home for residents, their loved ones and our Colleagues in each of the communities we serve."

In total, 18 HC-One homes received awards for being among the Top 20 care homes in their respective regions, with nine receiving awards for being in the Top 20 Care Homes in the North East of England.

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Swimming Success

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club swimmers were in competition action at two events in March. Three swimmers travelled to the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds for Richmond Dales Swimming Club's April Fool gala in the 50m pool there. The location attracted clubs from all over Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria, as well as the North East, giving some different opposition for our swimmers.

Charlotte Lee, Charlie McEwan and Aviana Wilson took part, with Charlotte swimming 50m fly and breaststroke and 100m freestyle. Charlie did just the one event, 50m freestyle. Aviana had a busier schedule with seven swims, in which she swam good personal bests in 50, 100, and 200m freestyle. There were medals too for Aviana as she took gold in 100 and 200m backstroke and bronze in 50 and 100m freestyle.

Also in action, in March, was swimmer Mia Barry, who took part in the Darlington Primary Schools Gala swimming for Heighington Primary School. She had a fantastic day, winning individual bronze medals in butterfly and backstroke, and also gold in the mixed freestyle relay and silver in the medley relay. Meanwhile, the club has restructured its training and has vacancies in all groups including swim for fitness and a new '8-10' group taking Swim England level 7 swimmers on to higher levels.

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Aycliffe Senior Football News

Promotion For Women

Newton Aycliffe Youth Women FC 2 v Chester-le-Street United Women Reserves 1

Last league game of the season and Aycliffe needed a win, and get favours from other games, to guarantee second place and promotion, and that's exactly what happened.



From the kick off the game was end to end, but Aycliffe couldn't get past the CLS defence. Then 17 minutes in and Kate wins the ball, with 30 yards to goal she got in front of the defender, drove into the box and slotted the ball past the keeper. Just after the half hour mark and Aycliffe double the lead, Kate this time popped up with an assist, poking the ball through a gap in the defence for Alex to run onto and shot past the keeper, HT 2-0. Second half and a poor clearance led to a shot from distance for CLS that ended in the back of the net.

With CLS now on the front foot Aycliffe got all of the subs on, for fresh legs, to get a grip of the game. A few chances came and went for both teams, but Aycliffe held on to take the three valuable points. POTM Kate Williams, one goal, one assist and then filled in at the back to ensure we got the win. Elsewhere and the only team that could catch Aycliffe were beaten meaning Aycliffe finish the season runners up, also still in two cup competitions, so still plenty to play for

Durham Corinthians 2 v Newton Aycliffe Youth Seniors 3

Away game in the league and, after last week, all that mattered was three points and get the surge to the title back on track. Twenty players available, which was a massive help with having two games in 48 hours, again, this week. The team was shuffled around to give Aycliffe the best chance of winning both games. A very strong wind made football difficult, but the lads started brightly and created chances, nothing clear cut, but took the lead when a passing move found Andrew Burrows thirty yards out, he moved forward and struck home. This was followed by a corner from Jack Mortimer which was flicked on

and Corbyn Mitchell finished neatly two up after 30 minutes and controlling the game. Then a mistake and wind influenced ball in the box, saw Durham grab one back, followed five minutes later with a Durham equaliser. Aycliffe were playing better into the second half but were still short of their normal standard of play. However, Aycliffe finally found the winner when Kieran Maughan set away Joseph Fawcett who squared for Jack Mortimer to score the winner. Scrapy game, but the three points secured. MOM went to Charlie Jackson on his first start for the club, looking at home in centre of midfield.

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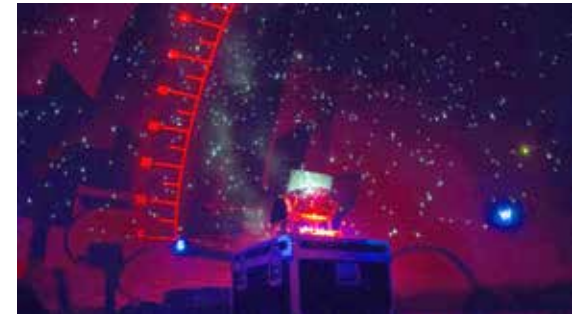
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Journey Through The Cosmos

In a remarkable convergence of educational outreach and astronomical fascination, nine schools from the Newton Aycliffe area joined forces with students from Durham University for an unforgettable journey through the cosmos. Spearheaded by Nic Jenkins, a passionate advocate for science education at Woodham Academy, this collaborative effort culminated in a mesmerizing planetarium experience that left participants in awe of the wonders of the universe.



The initiative, which brought together students from primary and secondary level, aimed to ignite a sense of wonder and curiosity about space exploration, while fostering collaboration and camaraderie among young learners. Under the guidance of enthusiastic support of Durham University students, participants embarked on a celestial adventure unlike any other.

The centre piece of the event was a state-of-the-art planetarium, a portable dome that transformed school auditoriums into immersive cosmic theatres. Inside the domed structure, students were transported millions of light-years away from Earth, embarking on a

brehtaking journey through the cosmos. Led by Durham University students who shared their expertise and passion for astronomy, participants marvelled at stunning visuals of distant galaxies, nebulae, and star clusters. They learned about the birth and death of stars, the formation of planetary systems, and the vastness of the universe, all from the comfort of their own school. The planetarium experience was more than just a passive viewing session; it was an interactive exploration of astronomical concepts that encouraged active participation and engagement. Students eagerly asked questions, shared their observations, and pondered the mysteries of the cosmos, guided by the knowledgeable facilitators from Durham University.

For many participants, the planetarium experience served as a catalyst for newfound curiosity and interest in science. Students were inspired to delve deeper into the wonders of astronomy, sparking discussions about space exploration, the search for extraterrestrial life, and humanity's place in the universe. Beyond its educational value, the event also emphasised the importance of collaboration and partnership in advancing science education.

Hoppy Easter at the PCP

A range of new classes and courses are coming to the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC) this Easter.

On Friday afternoons a host of new classes, from Lauren Harrison, are available:

- Parent and Child Preschool Ballet 2.15pm - 3.00pm
- Ballet Barre Fitness Class 3.15pm - 4.00pm
- Grade 1/2 Ballet 7-14 years old 4.00pm - 4.45pm
- Pre Primary Ballet 3-5 years old 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Contact Lauren on 07367 663606 for pricing and to book.

An opportunity for sharing ideas and social integration whilst producing a Batik piece of work, with 'An Introduction to Batik'. A new course from the PCC starting 8th April for four weeks. Free for those with a means tested benefit or £20 for those without. To book, contact Pioneering Care Partnership reception on 01325 321234 or enquiries@pcp.uk.net or you can email ann.bell@pcp.uk.net.

Our Easter Fun Day is set to return this April! Join us at the PCC in Newton Aycliffe for 'egg-cellent' activities with a face painter, interactive storytelling session, Easter crafts and more. No booking required. Simply join us Wednesday 3rd April from 12noon to 3pm. To find what other classes and activities we have going on, you can download a What's on Guide by heading to www.pcp.uk.net/activities or you can pick one up from the PCC, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 4SF.

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Community-Focused Arts Charity Prioritises Workplace Health

Jack Drum Arts has started its journey in prioritising the health and wellbeing of its staff by signing up to the Better Health at Work Award (BHAWA).

The BHAWA encourages organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of their employees, by supporting workplaces to deliver health focuses that address key public health priorities. The award is free, and available to all businesses across County Durham. Socially-focused arts organisation, Jack Drum Arts, signed up to the BHAWA in October 2023. Speaking on the award, Jill Chambers, Operations Coordinator at Jack Drum Arts, said: "As a socially-focused arts organisation, it made sense for Jack Drum Arts to sign up to the Bronze BHAWA. Looking after our own staff team is key to providing a strong foundation for our extensive community work and since our central ethos is to enable people and communities to thrive through creative practice, it is only natural that we extend this aspiration to our own team too."

The BHAWA is available for all organisations in County Durham, no matter what sector, or how big or small an organisation is. Karen Stubbings, BHAWA County Durham Project Lead, said: "We are so pleased that Jack Drum Arts have signed up to the award. The award was created to improve workplace health in as many organisations as possible, no matter the size of the organisation or the amount of employees. By signing up to the award, Jack Drum Arts will receive full support from our team to help them improve the health & wellbeing of their staff. In the financial year of 2022 to 2023, the County Durham BHAWA team successfully aided 92% of people in their improvement of their lifestyle and physical health, and supported a total of 40,776 employees with health and wellbeing information."

Health and Wellbeing charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), is proud to deliver the BHAWA to the people of County Durham, to inspire workplaces to engage with employee health and wellbeing. To sign up for the award and start your journey to better health in the workplace, contact workplacehealth@pcp.uk.net To find out more about the Workplace Health initiative and the award, visit www.betterhealthcountydurham.co.uk

Heighington Matters

Near Miss Outside School

There are few emails that I receive which cause me as much consternation as those that report irresponsible driving, which could have resulted in school children ending up in hospital, or worse. Such was the message received from a grandmother who witnessed a large white car driving into the school gates and preparing to reverse back onto Hopelands Road, where cars were parked on yellow lines, cars dropping children off and many parents crossing the road to take their children into school. Had it not been for the Grandmother, the white car would have smashed into two children on their bicycles. There is no excuse for such irresponsibility. Vehicles MUST NOT park on yellow lines anywhere outside of the school, parents dropping off their older children can do so where the bollards are positioned having driven down Highside Road into Hopelands and no-one should drive up into the school gates. Please, please drive slowly and with great care.

Tree Planting - Volunteers:

An ideal opportunity has arisen to do your bit for Climate Change and make Heighington an even greener village than it is now. I have obtained 400 whips from DBC and the Parish Council have kindly given permission to plant them in the Sports Field. So, all that is needed is a spade, wellingtons, or similar, and a bit string, wrap up to suit the weather and turn up at 10am on Sunday April 7th at the Sports Field to plant a whip which will grow into a magnificent tree - something that you can watch grow over time and with it a happy memory of a Sunday morning when you made the time to plant a small tree which is so important for future generations.

And Remember: Egg Rolling, Easter Sunday at 10.45am. Councillor Gerald Lee (Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward)

Bus Changes

Dear Sir,
The Arriva bus timetables, from 31st March, are changing. There will be changes to the number 5 and 8. The number 7, from 1st April, is changing to less frequent times, every twenty minutes through the daytime service.
Helping Hand.

Unveiling the Melodic Journey

Title:

Unveiling the Melodic Journey: Meet Hakeem Oladimeji Popoola, also known as Soundwise, Maestro of Music, Pioneer of Soundwise Sessions

Introduction:

In the vibrant tapestry of the North East UK music scene, one name resonates with symphonic brilliance and transformative vision SOUNDWISE. As a multifaceted musician, musicologist, and founder of the groundbreaking platform Soundwise Sessions, Hakeem is not merely a creator of melodies, but a beacon of opportunity for emerging artists seeking to carve their niche in the industry.

Embarking on a Musical Odyssey:

Born from a passion for music that transcends boundaries, Hakeem's journey began as a virtuoso pianist, captivating audiences with soul-stirring performances that echoed the depths of human emotion. However, Hakeem's musical odyssey didn't stop at mastering the keys; it expanded into the realm of musicology, where a deep understanding of the intricacies of sound and composition took root.

The Birth of Soundwise Sessions:

Fuelled by a desire to bridge the gap between talent and opportunity, Soundwise founded Soundwise Sessions, a platform dedicated to nurturing and promoting emerging artists across the North East UK. More than just a showcase for talent, Soundwise Sessions serves as a launchpad for budding musicians, providing them with the exposure and support needed to thrive in a competitive industry.

Empowering Emerging Artists:

At the heart of Soundwise Sessions lies a commitment to amplifying independent voices and celebrating diversity in musical expression. Through collaborative efforts, Soundwise and the Soundwise Sessions team work closely with up-and-coming artists, crafting transformative music covers that showcase their unique talents while resonating with audiences worldwide.

Spotlighting Talent, Shaping Futures:

The impact of Soundwise and Soundwise Sessions reverberates far and wide, shining a spotlight on hidden gems and paving the way for a new generation of musical maestros.

Through strategic promotion across various platforms, Soundwise Sessions brings these artists into the limelight, propelling their careers to new heights and shaping the future of the music industry.

Conclusion:

In a world where talent often goes unnoticed and dreams remain unfulfilled, Hakeem Oladimeji Popoola, also known as Soundwise, stands as a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and the transformative potential of music. Through Soundwise Sessions, Soundwise continues to champion the cause of emerging artists, offering them not just a stage, but a chance to be heard, felt, and remembered in the symphony of life.



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Last week, week commencing Monday 18th March, started with a constituency meeting with the ladies from Unique Abilities for People with Disabilities. They operate a sensory session/support group every third Saturday of the month in Neville Parade Community Centre for anyone who'd like to find out more. Then it was off to London in time for the Lords Amendments to the Safety of Rwanda Bill. This concluded with ten votes as the House of Commons sent the amendments back to the House of Lords having disagreed with them. The voting time is substantial as each vote takes eight to ten minutes, with a short gap between each, meaning ten votes can take close to two hours. On Monday evening, whilst the votes were taking place, I was simultaneously at an Armed Forces dinner listening to Major General Felix Gedney, OBE, who enlightened us on many of his experiences. Trying to be at a dinner and vote led to a very disjointed evening and I felt for the Major who had numerous MPs constantly going up and down to the voting lobbies. Tuesday was Treasury Oral questions in the Chamber, meaning I was on the second bench supporting the team. Following this, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Nigel Huddleston MP, held a meeting to discuss progression of the Finance Bill and later it was the Transport Select Committee private meeting before meeting Lee Rowley MP, the Minister for Housing in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to raise concerns about housing tenancies in Ferryhill.

Wednesday started at an All-Party Parliamentary Group meeting on Eggs, Pigs and Poultry before a phone catch up with Durham County Council leadership. Then it was a Teams meeting with Byers Gill about the planned Solar Farm between Brafferton and Bishopton where I reinforced the need for better communication with residents, before heading to the main transport Select Committee session. Lunchtime was the usual Prime Minister's Questions then an Urgent Question in the Chamber about the HM Revenue and Customs helpline before the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill which was all about repealing the sentences of the Post Masters who were victims of such an appalling miscarriage of justice. There were meetings about Pharmacies and then National Highways before heading over to the 1922 Committee. As this was the last 1922 Committee meeting before a recess, as usual the Prime Minister addressed us. The support in the room for the Prime Minister was strong as he reminded us about the many good things that have been delivered by the Government since 2010.

Thursday was a one-line whip, meaning I could have headed home Wednesday night, but it was Transport Oral Questions on Thursday morning and I wanted to raise

some issues, so I stayed. I managed to get the Bus Minister, Guy Opperman, MP, to support my campaign, to replace the X21 that used to connect Sedgefield, Fishburn and the Trimdons to Newton Aycliffe. I was also very pleased to get the final question in Topical Questions to encourage the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Mark Harper MP, to do all he can to support the rail rolling stock orders for companies like Hitachi. I know that he and the team at the Department of Transport are doing all they can and the misleading and non-deliverable commentary from opposition politicians is neither helpful nor productive. I have engaged consistently with the Transport team, Hitachi management and Hitachi Union representatives, and I will continue to work with anyone and everyone to support Hitachi and any other business in Sedgefield. Then it was a train north ready for Friday which started with a surgery where we used the services of the Deaf Empowering Network to provide British Sign Language assistance for a constituent in our meeting with her. We will always try to facilitate extra support for anyone who needs it when we meet. I had the pleasure of going to St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Newton Aycliffe to take questions from their Year 5 and 6 pupils and later had meetings with other businesses. On Saturday, I finished my week by calling in at Neville Parade to see Unique Abilities and also met Tony and Neil from Ferryhill who operate an inclusive football group for those of all abilities, including disabilities, before then going to the Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre to visit the Rotary annual model railway exhibition.

Week commencing 25th March is a short week in Westminster as the House rises for Easter recess on Tuesday evening after which I will be back in the constituency. As always, if you would like to catch up with me, it's paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk or call Aycliffe 790580. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and I look forward to catching up with some of you when I'm out and about.

Bridge Club

We meet at the OakLeaf Sports Complex every Monday at 7.00pm in a lovely setting with full disabled access available.

As a few of our older members have retired from playing, we are looking for new members to join us.

A yearly membership fee of £5, plus £2 a night for members and £3 for visitors, makes for a pleasant and stimulating evening in a friendly atmosphere.

Contact, Chairman, Linda Lawson 07817 822196 or Secretary, Cynthia Scott 07873 758087.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It's been another busy week for Aycliffe Running Club, with the main focus, the final NYSD Cross Country meeting of the season with the relays as well as presentations. A special mention this week for John Burnside and Cath McDonnell who finished third in the series of races, in their age categories, achieving a bronze medal, which was presented after the relays. There was a fantastic turnout from the club for the relays across all categories.

In the Under 11 Boy's Race, Will Allison (6:29), Joe Dickinson (6:47), Joseph Ashmore (7:13), Luke Thompson (7:15) and Elijah Turnbull (10:04) represented the club.

In the Senior Ladies Race, there were five teams including Bernadette Cooper (15:11), Lucy Postle (13:34) and Sarah Gill (15:35) (total time 44:20); Michelle Scott (13:34), Carley Cooper (16:40) and Cath McDonnell (17:02) (total time 47:16); Melanie Rowland (18:36), Viv Williams (19:24) and Em Flynn (19:13) (total time 57:14); Tracey Pickering 20:04 and Christina Lambert (24:15).

In the Senior Men's Race, there were four teams, including Adam Harker (11:58), Karl Hume (12:09), Richard Trowles (11:37) and Mikey Taylor (11:24) (total time 47:10); Floyd Jones (12:06), Rob Young (12:23), Martin Turnbull (12:11) and Richard Holland (13:03) (total time 49:45); Ian Payne (13:19), David Stothard (15:12), Trevor Needham (14:12) and Daniel Tatham (14:20) (total time 57:05); Keith Hatton (16:36), Salv McDonnell (15:01), John Burnside (15:48) and Jean-Pierre Hupin (18:22) (total time 1:05:49). There was also one incomplete team, with Jimmy Agnew (13:27) representing the club.

On Saturday 9th March, 28 members started their weekend with a parkrun, taking in the Gateshead, Sedgefield, Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Cotsford Fields, Leazes, Wynyard Woodland and Thonock Lane Farm events.

At Gateshead, David Stothard (25:27) and Ian Stothard (36:24) both set new personal bests for the course, with Steve Williams (29:17) and Viv Williams (32:19) completing the course for the first time.

At Hackworth, Mikey Taylor finished first, setting a new personal best of 18:31. At Leazes, Sarah Gill (24:45) completed the course for the first time. At Wynyard Woodland, Angela Sutherland (24:33) completed the course for the first time, finishing as third lady. At the same time Keith Hatton (31:50) completed the event at Thonock Farm for the first time.

On Saturday 16th March, 28 members started their weekend with a parkrun, taking in the Town Moor, Roundhay, Sedgefield, Darlington South Park, Hackworth, The Pastures, Blyth Links, Leazes, Jubilee, Talkin Tarn Country Park and Market Bosworth Country Park events. At Roundhay, Jean Pierre Hupin (30:30), Carley Cooper (30:36) and Em Flynn (33:17) all completed the course for the first time. At the Pastures, Paul Dalton (22:23) completed the course for the first time, finishing second, with Jayne Rudd (34:13) also completing the course for the first time. At Blyth Links, Viv Williams (30:56) set a new personal best for the course, with Steve Williams (33:49) completing the course for the first time. At Leazes, Tracey Pickering (37:09) and Cliff Pickering (52:12) both completed the event for the first time.

Sandrine Hewitt completed the course at Talkin Tarn Country Park for the first time with Kathleen Tonge (32:23) and Richard Tonge (32:31) taking part at Market Bosworth for the first time.

On Saturday 23rd March, 31 members started their weekend with a parkrun, taking in the Town Moor, Sedgefield, Stewart, Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Potternewton, Hamsterley Forest and Wynyard Woodland events.

At Stewart Park, Richard Tonge (32:31) and Kathleen Tonge (33:16) completed the course for the first time. At Hackworth, John Surtees (18:06) finished first with Tracey Surtees (22:28) finishing as first lady.

Over at Potternewton, three members continued with their parkrun tourism. Carley Cooper (31:01), Jean-Pierre Hupin (31:10) and Em Flynn (34:49) all completing the course for the first time.

If you are feeling inspired, and are interested in joining the club, you can turn up for one of our sessions. More information is available on our website www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email ayclifferunningclub@gmail.com - If interested in the Junior Section you can email arc.juniorsection@gmail.com - Make this year the year you or your children get into running and join us to keep it going for many years to come.



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Heighington F.C.



An exciting day for Heighington FC as our U6's and U7's teams took to the pitch for their very first friendly match against Willington FC! Both age groups have been putting in tremendous effort in training, learning the fundamentals of football and building a strong team spirit. Today's friendly match was a fantastic opportunity for them to put their skills into practice in a competitive, yet fun, environment. These young footballers showcased their enthusiasm and growing skills on the pitch. There were plenty of determined tackles, exciting runs, and fantastic goals, with lots of teamwork on display from both Heighington and Willington. Thank you to everyone involved. This first friendly is sure to be a springboard for a successful season for Heighington FC U6's and U7's. If you have a son or daughter wishing to join, please feel free to contact the club on Facebook.

Football Tournament for St. Francis' FC



On Friday, our year 5 and 6 football team headed to Chilton Academy to take part in a GoWell Football tournament. We had a great day; the children did an amazing job and showed such determination, resilience and teamwork. They made it to the Shield round and, after lots of games, still put in all their effort throughout the whole match. We are very proud of the hard work each and every child put into this tournament and the run up to this, training together. The children received a certificate for their achievement. Well done St. Francis' Junior School FC!

Obituary

Brenda Craggs
 2/1/1946-23/3/2024
 Forever remembered, eternally missed. Memorial gathering will be at the Cricket Club, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 2nd April at 12 noon. All welcome. Please, no black clothing. Also, if you have photos of times you shared, please bring along, as we are compiling a memory album.

In Memoriam

Peter Woodhead
 Dad, although you can't be here with me, we are truly not apart. Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart. Lots of love, Gary xxx

Peter Woodhead
 In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly, tender, fond and true. There is not a day dear Dad, that we do not think of you. Lots of love, Mandy & John xxx

Christine Robertson
 30th March 1999
 Can't quite believe it's 25 years since you left us. Certainly not a date to celebrate, but more to contemplate what might have been. Miss you daily Mum. All our love, Dean, Michelle, Graham and Grace xxxx

Elaine Harris
 Passed away 2nd April 2023
 For my darling Wife, Elaine. The pain of losing you will never leave me, but the love and joy you gave me will stay forever in my heart. I will miss you so very much and my life is empty without you. From your ever loving Husband, John

Elaine Harris
 1955 to 2023 2nd April
 Elaine, we all miss you so much, you come to mind when we talk about what's on TV, plus the soaps. June misses you going to the shops and sitting down in the town and having a natter. Your loving Sisters, Mary and June, Brother-in-Law Tony and Nephew Thomas. You are with the angels now.

Birthday Remembrance

Grant Edgar
 27th March 1968
 Happy birthday to my beautiful Son on his special day. Time cannot heal the heartache and stop a silent tear, but it won't take away memories of our lovely Son Grant. Love you so much, miss you. Mam, Paul, Andy, Lindsay and family xxxxxxxx

Tina Allan
 30th March
 It's especially difficult today not to have you near to celebrate your birthday for another year. I wish I had one more chance to see your happy smile, to laugh and celebrate with you just for a little while. I'll keep you safely in my heart, sending lots of love your way, special times remembered on your treasured birthday. Love, Mum xxxx

Obituary

John Atkinson (Jack)
 Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully in Bethany House Care Home on 15th March, aged 95 years. Dearly beloved Husband of the late Wyn; a much-loved Dad to Alan, Kevin and Elaine; a dear Father-in-Law to Lynne; treasured Grandad to Jason and Jordan also a friend to many. Family and friends please meet for a service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday 9th April at 2.30pm.

Sudoku

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In her final race of the day she managed to get away well, only to be caught up in an incident where three fellow competitors had a coming together resulting in one of them being sent spinning into her path giving her nowhere to go other than to hit the other kart. Scarlet rejoined the race and had a great recovery drive making back eight of her lost places, but her race was already spoilt. "Scarlet drove very well all weekend and learnt so much moving forward to the next race," said Mam. I'm eminently pleased with how the qualifying went and have learnt a huge amount during the weekend and am pleased with how it went," said Scarlet.

2024 Race Dates – Teesside (9 rounds)
 March 23rd-24th, April 27th-28th, June 22nd-23rd, July 26th-27th-28th, August 24th-25th, September 21st-22nd and October 25th-26th-27th.

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You buy the tickets for this event at £2 each and sell them for £4 each. Act now and you will have plenty of time to sell them. The event is on Friday 10th May 2024. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. If there are any tickets left in your hands on the evening of the event these can be purchased at £5.

Aycliffe Youth Football News



A good week for the Youthy with half of our 22 teams finally getting games.

Aycliffe U14 Angels 5 v Easington Girls 1

Despite the windy conditions, Aycliffe took a 4-0 lead into halftime with goals from Heidi, Hannah, Romilly & Eveie. The Angels defended resiliently and controlled the final twenty minutes, scoring a fifth. Star players: Hannah and Julia.

Aycliffe U14 Boys 2 v Leven Whites 0

Massive game for the lads, in context of the league table. After the first ten minutes, they grew into the game, defending well & winning the midfield battle. Two second half goals got the job done. Goals - Josh and Charlie. POTMs: Harry & Josh.

Winlaton 1 v Aycliffe U15 Eagles 1

Aycliffe dominated possession in the first half. Against the run of play, Winlaton went ahead with some help from the wind. The lads battled on and were rewarded when a ball into the box from Harry saw Hamza find the back of the net and the points shared. MOM Finn.

Aycliffe U14 Girls 0 v Darlington Young Bulls 0

First half, Aycliffe had a few efforts with the wind behind us but were not clinical enough. Second half, the opposition had more chances to win but a draw a fair result. POTM Pippa.

Aycliffe U17 Girls 5 v Middlesbrough 1

Playing into a strong wind, Emma Curry opened the score. After a few more attempts Daniella Jackson pounces on a deflection score. Imogen Milburn finally completed a run through to join the list. In the second half, a long run by Sophie McLean crossed to Mia Glasper for another, then Boro managed to claim one back. Mia once again took advantage in a crowded box to finish.

Pools Youth 5 v Aycliffe U13 Girls 2

Pools scored three goals before HT. As the game continued, Aycliffe grew more confident in possession and scored two goals in quick succession. Both goals were scored by Hannah and assisted by Payton and Imogen. Hartlepool hit back just before the end.

Aycliffe U8 Eagles v Hurworth

This was the first home game for a number of months and the lads found themselves a couple of goals down early on. The boys battled back, 3-2 down at HT. The opposition scored early in the second half, but Aycliffe never gave up and managed to get a draw. Two goals for man of the match Toby and one each for Josh and Mason.

Aycliffe U10 Wildcats v TIBS

Strong wind made for difficult conditions, though both teams did their best to get the ball down and play. Erin's long range effort was the difference at half-time. Penny put in another POTM performance to keep TIBS at bay until they bundled one in mid way through the second half. Aycliffe looked dangerous on the counter, but just couldn't find the finish to nab the victory. POTM: Penny and Erin.

Aycliffe U17 Eagles 4 v Eaglescliffe Elementis 2

A good result at home in the cup. Eaglescliffe started the game well and the first half finished 2-1 to the visitors. In the second half, a number of changes resulted in Aycliffe drawing level. Two more gave Aycliffe the win. Goals: Xander x 2, Travis and Alfie. MOM Cole.

Nunthorpe v Aycliffe U7 Eagles

Despite taking the lead after four minutes, when a ball from Oliver found Luke to score, it was Nunthorpe who took the game. The development game ended in a draw with a goal from Oscar.

10 Year Anniversary

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group

2024 sees the 10th Anniversary of the founding of The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, your local cancer charity.

From six members in a small church hall, to now a three-figure number of patients that we have supported since the charity came into being. We have had many success stories with patients living after cancer, but we also remember those who have sadly lost their battle against cancer. To celebrate this landmark, the charity arranged a function at the Phoenix Club in Newton Aycliffe on Friday 8th March 2024. The event was a huge success with the fantastic singer Marie St. Clair singing songs by Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey, Donna Summer and others, along with Miss Annbag providing the disco on the night. Thank you everyone who attended and enjoyed the nights entertainment. Funds raised from the event amounted to £904.00 which is fantastic and will help this most worthwhile of local charities to continue its support of cancer patients in the local area.

We had a raffle on the night with 31 prizes. There are some prizes still left to claim, so please do take your raffle tickets to the shop during opening hours to see if you have won a prize. The GACSG shop and hub, opposite Savers, in Aycliffe Town Centre is open Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-3pm and Friday 10.00am-2.00pm.

You can keep in touch with future events and fundraising by visiting our Facebook page or our website: www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk - contact details can be found on the website, or alternatively call 07442 991859.

N.A.F.C. JUNIORS

Below is a roundup of football from Newton Aycliffe Junior Section.

Under 7's travelled to Marton, who scored early, but Aycliffe did not let their heads drop and went on to dominate the game with goals from Joey (2), Theo, Lewis and Cooper.

Under 8's Whites played Washington Athletic Santos, in what was a very tight game, with a goal from Oscar.

Under 8's Reds faced Billingham Juniors and put in an impressive performance with a goal from Kian which was enough to earn him opposition managers MOTM. The teams MOTM was awarded to Orig for this performance in goal.

Under 8's Juniors played North Ormesby in a fantastic match, Aycliffe stuck to their game plan playing some great passing football and clinical finishing. The goals were scored by Linc (3), Felix K (3), Reuben (2), Colton and Felix C. MOTM went to Linc for good organisation and hard work.

Under 9's put in an impressive performance against Billingham Juniors with Goalkeeper Harvey scoring from the halfway line. Further goals were scored by Oliver, from the penalty spot, and Noah. A wonderful team performance with MOTM going to goalkeeper Harvey who made some fantastic saves as well as scoring.

Under 10's played against Stockton Town and, after a slow start, they implemented their attacking game with goals coming from Jayden, Charlie, Koa and a Stockton Town own goal.

Under 10's Blacks played in the sunshine against Hartlepool FC and got a great result. After working tirelessly, it was JJ and Grayson who scored the goals. POTM was awarded to Grayson, by opposition, for tireless running all game.

Under 11's Whites had an eventful game away to Durham United Tigers, with goals galore. Kai scored a hat-trick and there were further goals for Ethan, Oscar and Bradley. MOTM was Luca who stepped up to play in goal and was excellent.

Under 11's Blacks entertained Thirsk, after a tough start, Aycliffe got themselves into the game with goals from Max and a superb hat-trick from Tyler. MOTM was shared between the whole team.

Under 12's Blacks played against Waldrige in windy conditions.

Waldrige opened the scoring before Connor equalised with a cracking goal. Further goals from Jack and Lucas, on his debut, saw Aycliffe lead 3-1 at the break. Oliver scored before Waldrige grabbed a consolation goal to give Aycliffe a 4-2 win. MOTM was shared between Jake and Cody, both had great games in defence.

Under 12's Juniors lost 6-4 in a ten-goal thriller at home to Kader. It was a hard-fought game with some great play but was not to be Aycliffe's day. The goals were scored by Shay and a hat-trick from MOTM Jonah.

Under 13's had a top of the table clash away to Kader, who could not cope with Aycliffe's pressing and high tempo which resulted in a 5-1 win. The goals were scored by Grayson (2), Oscar M, Rhys and Oscar J. MOTM was Sam.

Under 15's Blacks travelled to face Felling Magpie Whites, who took an early lead before Aycliffe took control of the game, eventually running out 4-2 winners. In a wonderful team performance, Jayden (2), Leon and Zak scored the goals. MOTM was Danny.

Under 15's Whites made the short trip to face Darlington 21st Allstars Colts, Aycliffe only had eleven available players, but all were superb. Aycliffe were clinical on the counterattack with two goals from Tom, to lead 2-0 at half-time. Jayden scored the vital third goal to give Aycliffe the 3-0 win. MOTM was captain Josh. Unfortunately, the result was overshadowed by an injury to Danny which sees him require surgery and missing the rest of the season.

Under 16's Blacks travelled to Boldon, with only ten players available it was going to be a tough day. An injury ended up with the Aycliffe centre back playing in goal for the last thirty minutes. Eventually Boldon run out 4-1 winners with Aycliffe's goal coming from Will. MOTM was Kai.

Under 16's Whites were edged out 2-1



away at Hartlepool FC. Aycliffe took the lead when Jake scored with a great finish from outside the box, but Aycliffe, unfortunately, ran out of steam in the second half and Hartlepool scored twice. MOTM was shared between Harvey and Jake.



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