

# Newton News

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## Primex European Division Support for MTB Athlete

Liam Clement (19), Enduro Mountain Biking Athlete from Scorton, Near Richmond, North Yorkshire, is very grateful to have the continued support of Newton Aycliffe based Polyolefin Sheet Extrusion company Primex European Division for the 2024 season of competition events. After a successful 2023 season, Liam has spent the winter months training which included a two-month trip to New Zealand where Liam practiced and competed in events including the New Zealand National Championship.

Liam's plan for this year is to again compete in the UCI EDR Under 21 World Series which consists of six rounds based in Europe, together with all the major UK events which will include Ard Moors, Ard Rock, Scottish Tweedlove Championship and the British Championship in August.

Liam recently returned after a busy period in Europe competing in the first two rounds of the World Enduro Series. Liam competes in the highly competitive Under 21 class, against 50+ competitors representing 16 countries from around the globe.

Round 1 took place at Finale Ligure in the steep Rocky Mountains above the Italian Riviera seaside resort. The event turned out to be extremely tough with 30-degree heat and very tight transition times. Liam dug deep and completed the event without any time penalties scoring UCI World Series points, qualifying him for the full series.

After a long drive, through Italy, Slovenia, Hungary and Czech, the team reached Poland to compete in the steep wooded mountains close to Bielsko-Biala. The Polish event covered five stages of steep technical tracks which also had very fast sections. Liam, competing as one of only two UK qualified riders, again scored UCI points finishing in 30th position to claim an overall World ranking of 25th.

Liam now has two UK based events to compete in, Ard Moors and the Tweedlove International, before a trip to the French Alps and Switzerland for further UCI EDR World Series events. Liam called in to Primex's Newton Aycliffe production facility to thank Alan Pollitt (General Manager) and show him the Merida One-Sixty 10K bike that he is riding this year for Meridabikes who, together with Primex European Division, The Dirtfund Project, Royal Racing, Siverback Xtreme, Smith Optics UK, 71dp protection and Danny Harts Descend Bike Park, help make it possible to compete at



international level.  
Photo: Alan Pollitt (Primex European Division General Manager) with Liam.

## The Queen's Award

Sunday 26th May 2024 saw the presentation of a Queen's Badge to Benedict (Benny) Crossen, a member of the 1st Newton Aycliffe company of the Boys' Brigade at Neville Parade Methodist Church during the normal, communion service led by the Rev. David Payne. The Badge was presented to Benedict by Councillor Carl Robinson, the past Mayor of the Great Aycliffe Town Council, with an address by Geoff Knapton, the President of Great Aycliffe Rotary, whose organisation supported the company and, which, they in turn, reciprocated. Other members of the company and their officer, Lieutenant Alistair Elliott, were present to witness the proceedings too. This event is significant for several reasons:

Benedict is the second born of twins to Gerard and Sharon Crossen, they are now 21 years of age. He and his twin brother both achieved their Queen's Badge at the same time and, while his twin, Bailey, was presented his award on 8th October 2023 by Cllr. Carl Robinson, while he was still Mayor, Benny was away at Preston University studying Computer Science so, recently, Cllr Robinson completed the job. Benedict and Bailey are the youngest two of a family of four boys, the older pair (not twins) are Gerard and Finlay who, in their younger days, also achieved the Queen's Badge, so the whole family are Queensmen. This may well be a record.

The Queen's Award is the highest achievement in the church-based Boys' Brigade and has been in existence since 1952, predating the Duke of Edinburgh Award which can be worked for in the BB as can the BB President's Badge, the award before the Queen's Badge. After this, it will be a King's Badge as it was before the late Queen ascended to the Throne.

Since the change of Monarch, it may be that this has been one of the last presentations of a Queen's Badge for a long time.

Photo: Family with Cllr. Robinson (L to R) Gerard Jnr; Gerrard (Father); Benedict; Bailey; Sharon (Mother) and Finlay.



## 40 Years in Business

C. Smilie, local joiner and builder, this year celebrates 40 years in business in Newton Aycliffe and has asked Newton News to pass on his thanks and gratitude to the residents for their support during the last four decades. Since starting his own business in 1984, Chris has made many good friends and acquaintances with those who have employed him in their building and joinery projects and looks forward to many more years assisting local residents.



# Community Carnival Returns to Darlington

There will be dancing in the streets, as a popular carnival returns to Darlington this month.

Nearly 30 community groups will come together on Saturday 29th June, for the annual Darlington Community Carnival, which promises a day of fun filled activities and performances for all the family. Spectators can expect to see a host of vibrant, wildlife inspired costumes, sculptures and banners which have been created in collaboration with local artist Yvonne Preston.

Festivities will begin in the market square at 10am and will be followed by the carnival procession at 11.30am. Musical performances and family-based activities will then continue in Stanhope Park throughout the afternoon and will include a range of traditional stalls including tombolas, cake stall, and bric-a-brac. Street collections will also be available on the day to raise funds for Darlington and District Samaritans. The nominated charity provides non-judgemental, confidential, emotional support to local people in distress, with volunteers answering over 500 calls per month.

Kate Culverhouse, carnival chair, said: "A small team of volunteers organise Darlington Community Carnival which has been an

annual event in Darlington since 1983. It is a fabulous celebration which showcases the wealth of opportunities available for people to get involved with their local community, make friends and pursue their interests. It's a hugely enjoyable day for all, offering a range of entertainment while supporting local groups and charities."

Lillian Howell, Fundraising Officer for Samaritans North, said: "We are very pleased to have been selected as the Carnival's charity for this year. We have been involved with the event for many years and always enjoy the community atmosphere. We look forward to seeing people at our stall on the day."

Amanda Riley, cabinet member for stronger communities, said: "Being part of a community is about more than being geographically close. Events like this are a fabulous opportunity to bring people together, to celebrate and help each other. The fabulous team of volunteers who support the carnival each year are helping to connect and strengthen our local communities, supporting the council's ambitions to build strong and cohesive communities and restore a sense of local pride and belonging."

Charities and community groups wishing to book stalls in Stanhope Park on the day should

email [admin@darlingtoncommunitycarnival.com](mailto:admin@darlingtoncommunitycarnival.com) - More information about the event is available online at [www.facebook.com/darlingtoncommunitycarnival](https://www.facebook.com/darlingtoncommunitycarnival)



## ACORN Residents Association

Our June meeting will be held on Thursday 13th, in the Phoenix Club (upstairs) at 6pm.

We have a speaker this month, Kirsty Cummings from Durham County Council Young People's Services. Bookings for any available seats on our popular day trips can be made. Everyone is welcome to come along. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.



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# £30k for 30 Years



A Durham-based digital and cyber security consultancy has pledged to raise £30,000 throughout 2024 to honour 30 years in business. As a people-first organisation, Waterstons agreed that the 30th anniversary celebrations should have a community focus, so the 300-strong team pledged to raise a minimum of £30,000 throughout this special year through a series of challenges and fundraising activities, for four selected charities including St Cuthbert's Hospice. CEO, Michael Stirrup, said: "Our organisation has always been focused on how we can support our people, our clients and our communities, so it made sense to come together and make a real difference to charities that mean something to our team."

"The charities were chosen by our people through voting, and we're proud to be supporting local as well as national organisations." St Cuthbert's Hospice, which supports people with life-limiting illnesses across County Durham, supporting not only the individual, but also their families, from diagnosis to their last days, was chosen by the Durham team through a vote.

Teams have pledged to take on several challenges including the Durham City Run Festival, a sponsored climb to Snowdon at sunrise, and take on the UK Three Peaks.

Stew Hogg, Associate Director for Cyber Security at Waterstons, explained why the team chose the Three Peaks: "As a cyber security division, we've wanted to take on this challenge for a while, but our 30th anniversary and the fundraising pledge meant now is the perfect time."

"As individuals, a team and a company, we are proud to support not only organisations close to our hearts, but also each other. This will not only challenge our physical and mental strength, but also our bonds as a team which we hope will only become stronger as a result."

The team of 20 will take on Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in a 24-hour period on 5th July.

To find out more about the challenges, and to donate, visit: [www.waterstons.com/waterstons30](http://www.waterstons.com/waterstons30)

For more information, to get involved or suggest challenges the team could take on, get in touch at [info@waterstons.com](mailto:info@waterstons.com)

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## PCP Events

Held on the first Monday of every month at the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC), 1.30pm - 3pm, the Book Club invites people to share stories, chat and make new friends, this is a free club with refreshments provided. One Book Club attendee said: "We always enjoy coming to the Book Club, we get to talk about books and make new friends and the staff are lovely."

Also, coming to the PCC in June, is a new Slow Stitch Meditation course. A free four week course that invites you to go on a creative adventure. Practising mindfulness whilst creating art, taking you to deep relaxation. You can contact the course leader, Jenny directly for more information on 07919 064741. Course starts 25th June, every Tuesday, 1pm - 3pm.

Looking slightly ahead to July, is our Luncheon Club hosted at the PCC every Thursday, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. This free two course lunch and an hour of activities from various providers, allows the community to grab a free lunch. Booking is needed and you can do so by contacting our reception on 01325 321234.

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](http://www.pcp.uk.net/activities) or you can pick one up from the PCC, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 4SF. If you wish to have a chat about anything on at the PCC, don't hesitate to call our centre on 01325 321234.

# Opera Nova New Outreach Project in Aycliffe

Opera Nova is an amateur group based on Teesside. We sing all types of music – but we especially enjoy singing and acting opera. We aim to give local singers the opportunity to sing and act opera / musical theatre and local audiences the opportunity to enjoy a live performance near to home and at a low price. New for 2024 is our Opera Nova Outreach Project – aiming to give everyone in our community, especially children and young people, the chance to enjoy opera and musical theatre. Thanks to generous support from Great Aycliffe Town Council, we are launching our Outreach project in the community of Great Aycliffe this June.

Friday 14th June will be Opera Day at Woodham Burn Community Primary School. Opera Nova singers will be in school all day teaching Year 5 children to sing and act scenes from The Merry Widow – a comical operetta. Helping everyone to learn will be a group of music students from Woodham Academy – talented singers who have starred in many Academy productions and concerts. The day will end with a short performance for the whole school by Y5 children, Woodham Academy students and Opera Nova singers. On Saturday 29 June at 7.30, there will be a performance of The Merry Widow in the Hall at Woodham Academy, with children from Woodham Burn Community Primary School and Woodham Academy performing as part of the Opera Nova company.

Sue Clements, Secretary of Opera Nova, says: "We are absolutely delighted to be launching our new Outreach project in Aycliffe and are very grateful to Great Aycliffe Town Council for making it all possible."

# Folk Night

Jez Lowe will be appearing at the Candlelite Club on Wednesday 19th June from 8.00pm to 10.30pm at Moore Lane Sports Club. Jez will be supported by Richmond Hillbillies. Tickets are priced at £6.00 please ring Joan on 01740 621347 to reserve places.

# Unjustified Council Tax



Dear Sir,  
I am really starting to question just what on earth do we, the residents of Aycliffe, get in return for the council tax that we have to pay? It is extortionate, unjustified and, in a lot of peoples' cases, I don't doubt, unaffordable. The green spaces in Woodham, on both sides of Woodham Way, where the BMX bike track is, were cut on the 14th May. The grass was a foot long, well overdue and the leftover cut grass would provide enough silage to feed a herd of cows for a full month! How are kids expected to play any ball games on there with that much cut grass lying all over the place? And then there's the recurrent issue of overflowing bins. This has been a problem for years and has been commented on previously, though it does not get any better. I can't imagine they are emptied more than once a week, but, if they are, then it needs to be even more than the current number. It's just not good enough.

I'm only living in a band C property and yet I have to pay £2300 a year, or £230 a month for ten months. To some families that will be a big chunk of their monthly income. As a pensioner, that is a lot to me.

What happened to the rant that Councillor Stead made about the double taxation we are forced to pay in Aycliffe, whereas residents in Chester le Street, Crook and Consett pay significantly less than we do? Like all politicians, he has dropped the subject like a hot potato.

I'm sure other readers will be able to highlight plenty of other examples of reduced services in Aycliffe that are seeing this town fall further into decline. Perhaps it's time the salaries of the Chief Exec of Durham County Council, (well in excess of £100,000), and other top ranking councillors, were cut just like our services that are dwindling more and more, year on year.

Name and address supplied.

# Spectrum Skating News



Spectrum Roller Skating Club proudly hosted their second Competition at both Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, on Friday 24th May, and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024.

Twelve clubs travelled from all over the UK to attend the three day event, with competitors taking part in a range of artistic roller skating disciplines including figures, free, solo dance, couples dance, duo, quartet, adult and child and club show.

Spectrum Roller Skating Club who train at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon, had a team of 21 athletes participating. Together they gained 15 trophies and 40 medals, winning the club event with their club routine to Barbie.

"Thank you to our super team of coaches, fabulous officials, calculator and guest judges, as well as everyone who sponsored the event and donated prizes and also all the amazing athletes who took part. Thank you to Andrew Timmis from Athena Gymnastics who supported us with music and announcing. Thank you to former Men's Senior British Champion, Christoph Prior, for performing an exhibition to inspire the youngsters. It really was an awesome weekend of skating fun with our friends from around the UK. We very much look forward to hosting the event again next year!" Head Coach, Tracy Stevens - Spectrum Roller Skating Club.

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# Brian Agar, Candidate for 'Transform Party'

My name is Brian Agar, I will be standing as a candidate for The Transform Party in Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

The only alternative the country has to a Labour/Tory baton change every time one or the other breaks the country, is for voters to realise that real change is entirely in their own hands.

If you don't vote, because they're all the same, or don't believe they work for your interests, then vote against the main parties to get them out. If you're not registered to vote, please get registered. It's so important this time because the baton will be handed to Labour on a plate, and they will not upset the apple cart by going against the big businesses that now back them. They have said they will keep Tory policies, including the work assessments for the sick and disabled and the increase in pension age. Just another shade of Tory. Both Labour and Tories are just a slightly different shade of Blue.

Transform are backed by the Collective and the Left List. Collective are a group of 15 political parties and organisations who have agreed to work together as one, a group wanting real political change, narrowing the ever widening earnings gap between the bosses and workforce in all industries in the country. Giving control back to the people rather than enriching CEOs and the 1%.

Left List is a list of candidates who want the same changes and are also wanting a ceasefire in Palestine. Our main parties have all voted to keep selling arms to Israel. They don't want sanctions and even Starmer said he believed Israel had the right to cut off

electricity, water and food aid to starving women and children. He is supposed to be a human rights lawyer. Whatever you believe and whichever side of the debate you are on, the Genocidal slaughtering of women

and children is not how any country should be fighting wars.

My links to Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor: I'm 58, originally from Stockton, lived in Newton Aycliffe for 23 years with my wife Lesley, who is a born and bred Aycliffe lass, with our cat, Ted, and puppy, Rico. Whilst on the town, I built a business as a football and fitness coach. I worked for Darlington and Middlesbrough in schools and as a scout. I then branched out into disabled football where I set up the first disabled football club in Newton Aycliffe at St. Oswald's who played under Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. It was a 7 days a week commitment working in SEN schools all over the County and North Yorkshire. I gave my Saturdays and Sundays free to the Special Olympics Northern team who won a gold at



the Leicester British games in 2009 and asst head coach with the Great Britain team in Athens which took one 11-a-side, four 7-a-side and a Ladies 7-a-side with all teams coming back with medals in 2011. I also worked in mainstream schools, coaching lessons, after school clubs and holiday clubs.

We also worked as foster carers for twelve years, fostering teenagers who were offending or on the verge of offending.

On top of all this, I worked as a Coach and Bus Driver, on and off, for all of my working years. So, to cap it all off, I have a working knowledge of the transport industry, disabled community and their issues, the social care and child care industry and the problems they face, and also the leisure industry. I am not a career politician to be shunted into a ministerial role he neither understands or wants, nor would I take money from big business or the Israeli lobby. I will work for constituents in Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor and only them. I will endeavour to answer any question or problem put to me in a timely manner, or pass your issues onto the right people who can help. I'm amiable, approachable, honest and, to be honest, sick to death of what consistent governments have done to our area.

If you feel the same, register to vote now.

If you want to be part of a changed, TRANSFORMED political landscape, then lend me your vote.

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Brian Agar

PPC for Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

# Summer Fair at Avon Court

A Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd August 2024 from 1.00pm at Avon Court on Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7LR. If you would like a stall at this event please call the Local Housing Manager, as soon as possible. Stalls are £5.00 per table.

Contact Hazel Davis, Local Housing Manager, Avon Court, Tel: 0370 192 4553 or Email: [hazel.davis@housing21.org.uk](mailto:hazel.davis@housing21.org.uk)

The event will be held in the grounds of Avon Court, so stall holders may bring parasols and gazebos.



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The election takes place on Thursday 4th July and poll cards will be delivered to residents from Friday 7th June.

Anyone currently registered on the electoral register and eligible to vote in this election will receive a poll card providing details of their voting preference, either voting at an allocated polling station or voting by post or proxy.

Anyone who is not registered or has recently moved house and has not informed electoral services is encouraged to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) by midnight on Tuesday 18th June.

Anyone who wishes to vote at these elections must be registered to vote in County Durham and must also show an acceptable form of photo ID which include passports, driving licences and concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters will also be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photograph. Polling cards will contain a full list of accepted voter ID and full details are also available at [www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate). Residents who need any help applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or who would prefer a paper application form should contact Durham County Council's electoral services team on 03000 261212 or email [electoralservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@durham.gov.uk).

All applications for a free Voter Authority Certificate for this election must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 26th June.

Anyone who is listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote. The new government online portal is the simplest way in which to complete a postal or proxy vote application. Residents will need to provide their national insurance number and upload a sample of their signature when making their application. This information will be used by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to help confirm their identity.

Postal vote applications can be made online at [www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote) and proxy vote applications can be made online at [www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote).

To request a paper copy of either application form, contact the council's electoral services team on 03000 261212 or email [electoralservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@durham.gov.uk).

For these elections the deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday 19th June and for proxy vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday 26th June.

Anyone who needs any further assistance can contact the council's electoral services team on 03000 261212 or email [electoralservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@durham.gov.uk)

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It has been another busy week for Aycliffe Running Club which started off with the fourth race in the Darlington Trail 5k Series and the South Park 5k. There were 19 members taking part with John Firby (18:27) first and Sam Keenan (19:27) third. Lucy Postle (21:59) finished as third female. Also taking part were Richrd Holland (20:11), Jimmy Agnew (20:56), Daniel Tatham (22:47), Trevor Agnew (24:16), Sarah Gill (24:58), David Stothard (26:13), Keith Hatton (27:26), Sue Podmore (28:15), Melanie Varley (29:29), Rob Nicholson (29:48), Sam Harding (30:21), Sandrine Hewitt (30:36), Peter Varley (31:57), Em Flynn (32:02), Nici Ingman (32:21) and Ian Stothard (38:13).

On Thursday 30th May, Richard Holland (41:52) took part in the Angel View Run. This is a 5.5 mile race which incorporates two laps around the iconic Angel of the North.

At the same time, the club entered seven teams in the NYMAC Relays at Stewart Park in Middlesbrough, each running a leg of one mile. Representing the club were Richard Campbell (5:26), Richard Trowles (5:40), Adam Harker (5:54) and Karl Hume (5:38), total time 22:38; Martin Turnbull (5:27), Gareth Hamblin (5:36), Max Todd (5:46) and Lucy Postle (6:34), total time 23:23; Salv McDonnell (6:52), David Stothard (7:04), John Burnside (7:19) and Richard Trowles (5:48), total time 27:03; Daniel Tatham (6:49), Andy Talbot (6:50), Bernadette Cooper (6:51) and Trevor Needham (6:41), total time (27:11); Rob Nicholson (8:30), James Wilson (9:30), Martin Turnbull (5:45) and Keith Hatton (8:03), total time 31:48; Carley Cooper (7:59), Kirsty Cameron (8:49), Sarah Gill (7:22) and Sue Podmore (8:21), total time 32:31; Angela Sutheran (7:00), Samantha Harding (8:34), Em Flynn (9:23) and Anne Kellett (9:34), total time 34:31 and Cath McDonnell (8:02), Alan Kellett (8:20), Ian Stothard (11:09) and Jean-Pierre Hupin (8:43), total time 36:14.

On Sunday 2nd June, three members took part in the Morpeth 10k with Angela Sutheran (48:48), Steve Williams (56:25) and Viv Williams (1:07:06 and first in the female over 65 category) representing the club.

On Saturday 1st June, 42 members started their weekend with a parkrun. At York, Lou Mann (30:37) completed the course for the first time. At Sedgfield, Shaun Dodds (25:06) completed his 100th ever parkrun at this event. At Darlington South Park, Kieron O'Connor (19:14) and David Stothard (25:43) set new personal bests for the course with this being the 25th run in this event for Dave.

At Hackworth, Floyd Jones (20:44 whilst finishing second) and Carley Cooper (27:13) both set new personal bests for the course. This was also Carley's 150th ever parkrun, an amazing achievement. Kirsty Cameron (31:17) completed the course at Hartlepool for the first time with Sam Harding (29:48) running her fastest parkrun for over a year and getting back below the 30 minute mark. Tomas Heywood (37:39) completed the event at Whinlatter Forest for the first time. Keith Hatton (27:52) continued with his parkrun tourism, taking in the event at Poolsbrook for the first time.

Dave Blewitt (22:55) set a new personal best at Jubilee. At Carlisle Park, Paul Dalton (22:29) and Jayne Rudd (32:24) both completed the course for the first time. This was also the final parkrun in the North East that Paul had left to complete, earning him the North East regionnaire status. At Chopwell Wood, Daniel Tatham (24:58), Tracey Pickering (41:07) and Cliff Pickering (50:52) all completed 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.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk) - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com) - If interested in the Junior Section you can email [arc.juniorsection@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Neville Community Association

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre, Neville Parade.

This is your opportunity to find out what the Association has done during the year and what happens going forward.

If you are interested in being a Trustee, Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Heather on 07751 385250 before 11th June 2024. You should have a passion for helping the community and, on average, a few spare hours per week.

If you would like any items included on the agenda, please let us know before 11th June 2024 by sending an email to: [neville.community.association@btinternet.com](mailto:neville.community.association@btinternet.com) Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be available.

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# Thank You

Dear Sir,  
 It feels very strange not writing the Parliament Talk column that I have provided for the last four years, and I hope very much to recommence after the election on 4th July. This is just a short 'Thank You' to the numerous people who have taken the time to write thanking me for the efforts of my team and I since being elected. Whilst I am proud to have delivered a commitment to a railway station returning to Ferryhill and was disappointed that Aycliffe Town Centre Levelling Up bid did not make the cut, our biggest satisfactions have been at the micro level.

It has been the individual stories that never make the press, but mean so much to the person or persons they affect that matter most. Whether this be a personal issue like housing, or the businesses they work at. I spent significant time meeting people and it is particularly heart-warming to get feedback, thanking me for my support and engagement in their current challenges.

Please note, my office and team will still be able to help with any urgent or time sensitive casework over the next few weeks, until the result of the General Election is announced, so, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office by email to: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk

If you want to contact me to discuss my campaign as the Conservative Candidate for the new constituency of Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor, please feel free to email: paul@paulhowell.org.uk

I have been immensely proud to be your Conservative Member of Parliament and hope most sincerely that you choose to put your trust in me again on 4th July.

Yours sincerely  
 Paul Howell  
 Conservative Candidate for  
 Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

# Free Activity at Green Arts

Green Arts are excited to offer a brand new activity for young people at the Eco Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

'Hands On' is a family focused activity aimed at families with children under five. The weekly sessions will be fun and creative and offer young people and families the chance to learn new skills in a friendly environment.

The workshops will run each Tuesday morning from 10.00 to 11.00am with guidance from professional artist Dawn Belshaw, starting on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

Why not come along and enjoy the fun sessions and find out new ways to be creative at the sessions and get ideas to take home. The sessions are free and you can reserve your space on our website using our simple form.

The sessions form part of a wider programme including our creative explorers (age 7+) and a full seasonal programme for all ages. We have some exciting new workshops on offer for adults too, including the beautiful art of cyanotype and a new workshop working with ink and watercolour.

Find out about more by visiting: [www.green-arts.co.uk](http://www.green-arts.co.uk) or email: [info@green-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@green-arts.co.uk) to contact our friendly team.

Thank you, for continued support, to Great Aycliffe Town Council, Councillor Jones, Public Health AAP and Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership.



# Car Boot Sale



Dear Sir,  
 Quick update for Newton News readers, our next car boot sale will be held on Sunday 16th June (Father's Day) at the Scouts Hut. All indoor stalls have been taken, but there is still plenty of room outside. Food will be available as well as ice cream on site. A very big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, long may it continue.

Tom Carroll

# Health & Fitness

Sunday's show was a health and fitness special with local athletics world record holder Laurie Cummings, and our resident health and fitness professionals Tina and Matt from Space to Thrive health and Fitness. Check out Matt and Tina's Facebook page for details of their forthcoming health, fitness and meditative retreats, the first one is for ladies, with further residential planned for the future details available on their Space to Thrive Health and Fitness facebook page and website.



Laurie Cummings is 83 years young and, in Laurie's case, the word bionic would be more appropriate than spritely for a person of his age. His resume is quite exceptional; from Queen Scout as a child to police officer, with a number of commendations and a bravery award to his name. A police explosives officer retiring after 31 years service. Looking for another challenge to keep him out of mischief, he became a Sub Aqua diving instructor working in Turkey and Egypt with close to 13,000 dives to his credit.

If that wasn't enough, Laurie's wife Judy acts as his personal trainer and dietitian and encourages him in his passion for running and, as a result, Laurie holds every age category record in 5k Park Runs covering Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, parts of North Yorkshire, Scotland, and other parts of the UK. I suspect Laurie hasn't peaked yet, so who knows what he will achieve next, but we will do our best to keep track of the next stage of Laurie's athletic journey.

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# N.A.F.C. JUNIORS



**Under 8's Whites** played Washington AFC Wildcats with an early kick off. With seven players to choose from, help arrived from Michael and Thomas from the Reds. The team played a great game, with Louie getting opposition managers MOTM and parents player MOTM for his outstanding display in goal.

**Under 11 Whites** played their last game of the season against Durham Tigers. Aycliffe started well, with a goal after five minutes. An excellent corner kick from Ethan, resulted in Oscar scoring a brilliant goal. It was Kai's turn next, he scored Aycliffe's second goal before the break. MOTM was William C.

**Under 12's Blacks** played against Chester-le-Street, with Aycliffe starting off really

strong, controlling the game and keeping the pressure on. After some missed chances, the breakthrough finally came through Connor with just over ten minutes to play. It led to a very tense last ten minutes with the opposition looking for the equaliser, but Aycliffe held firm for a well deserved win. Parents chose the whole team for MOTM. Opposition chose Kaylm as MOTM for a really strong performance at the back. Coaches MOTM was Charlie John, who worked tirelessly for the entire game.

**Under 12's Whites** played their last league game of the current campaign against a tough opposition of Jarrow, in what proved to be a great team performance with the limited numbers available. A tremendous 6-0 victory for Aycliffe.

**Under 12's Whites** played in a tournament at 21st Allstars, Aycliffe were absolutely fantastic all day, remaining unbeaten in the group stages, whilst scoring eight goals and not conceding. The team suffered the heartbreak of losing the semi final in a penalty shoot out.

# Major Milestone for North East at NETPark Phase 3

The £62million expansion of one of the UK's premier science parks has taken a significant step towards completion. The Phase 3 development of the North East Technology Park (NETPark) at Sedgefield reached a major milestone as the last piece of steelwork was fitted at the site.



Representatives from Durham County Council and construction partner Kier, as well as the North East Combined Authority, Ryder Architecture, Clear Futures, gathered on site to mark the occasion.

The Phase 3 expansion will provide 11 new units and an initial seven hectares of space – rising to 16 – for laboratories, offices, production, and storage. It builds on the success already achieved by the park, which is home to 40 companies and 700 employees.

The expansion has the potential to create another 1,250 skilled jobs, plus 2,200 in the supply chain, and to be worth £625million to the local economy over the next 10 years.

A further 44 hectares around the site have been designated as development land, paving the way for a fourth and potential further phases of NETPark and the site ultimately hosting 3,000 to 4,000 high-value jobs.

Cllr Amanda Hoggood, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "We are pleased to have reached this key milestone, which signifies the Phase 3 expansion of NETPark taking shape. It really is an exciting time for the park given the significant investment we have made, allowing Phase 3 of the site to come out of the ground, and its designation as a Growth Site in the new Investment Zone for the region.

"The entire phase of development unlocks huge potential for the county, with over 230,000 sq ft of new lab and scale-up production space, creating high-value jobs and widening supply chains. It will provide more and better jobs and benefit the local and regional economy by enabling growth and attracting and retaining leading businesses in the science, technology and engineering sectors."

Construction of Phase 3 is being delivered by Kier.

As part of its appointment, the company is delivering social value back into the local economy by supporting the council's County Durham Pound initiative through training opportunities, work experience, employment initiatives and local spend.

Daniel Doherty, regional director at Kier Construction North & Scotland, said: "We are incredibly proud to have reached this significant milestone at NETPark. This is an exciting project for Kier which represents the ongoing importance of the North East as an area of growth for us, as well as our commitment to delivering outstanding projects in the science and technology sectors.

"The completion of the steelwork gives us the opportunity to celebrate the expertise, hard work and dedication of the team responsible for delivering such a remarkable building, which will leave a lasting impact on the local community for years to come."

An initial £5.1million Local Growth Fund grant awarded by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership allowed the necessary highway infrastructure to be put in place to open up the land for development. Building on this investment, the North East Combined Authority has awarded a further £10.7million, alongside £3.9million of North East LEP funds from its North East Investment Fund and Getting Building Fund, to support the creation of high-quality units for research and production activities.

Due to its strategic importance to the region, NETPark has also been designated as a Growth Site through the creation of a new Investment Zone for the region, aligned to the £4.2billion North East devolution deal.

At Growth Sites, the council and businesses will have priority access to significant flexible funding which, it is intended, will take the form of a capital-based co-investment programme.

It will see the region benefit from £160million of government money over the next 10 years, unlocking hundreds of millions of pounds of investment from the private sector and creating up to 4,000 new jobs.

*Photo: Durham County Council, Kier and representatives at NETPark Phase 3.*

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**Obituary**

**Robert Wilkinson (Bob)**

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**Heighington Matters**

**Heighington Village Fete** On Saturday 15th June there will be a traditional Village Fete on West green starting at 2pm. This promises to be lots of fun with plenty to do for everyone including your pet dogs as they are invited to take part in a Fun Dog Show. Cockerton Silver Band will be providing a delightful range of music with the School Choir, Birds of Prey, Plant Stall, Children's Games, Cake Stall, Craft Stall, courtesy of the WI, and even a Beekeepers demonstration, all contributing to an afternoon of enjoyable entertainment. Do come along to support this lovely day.

**Speeding in the Village** I am receiving emails expressing concern over recent incidents of speeding through the village. Given the narrow roads and the sharp bends throughout the Parish there are still drivers who are driving far too fast. In response, I have asked everyone to take the registration number of any speeding vehicle, its colour, make and time of the incident and pass this information onto me so that the Police can identify the offending driver.

**Coatsay Moor Road Speed Limit** Following complaints from residents living on Darlington Road, about the excessive speed of vehicles entering and leaving the village and a meeting with DBC, the speed limit is to be reduced to 40mph.

**Twinsburn Road** I am pleased to confirm that footway reconstruction works to Twinsburn Road, is starting from the 17th June for approximately 5 weeks - drivers take heed!  
**Vandalism** Sadly, trees have been cut down and recently a seat burnt out completely by someone using an accelerant, parents talk to your children as the PC have quite rightly involved the police.  
Councillor Gerald G. Lee

**Angela Weston**

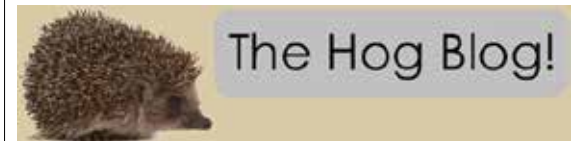
Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away suddenly on 21st May, aged 68. Beloved Wife of the late Brian Weston; much loved Mam to Kate and Laura; Mother-in-Law to Austen and Stewart; dearly loved Nana to Louis, Alex, Oliver and Emily. Funeral service will be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 14th June at 10.30am.

**Kathleen Cox**

Passed away peacefully on 29th May 2024, Kathleen, aged 79 years. Much loved Wife of Tom; an amazing and loving Mam of Adrian and Joy; a cherished Nana of Jessica; a special Great Nana of Albie and also a dear Sister of Betty and John. Funeral service to take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Family flowers only please by request, donation in lieu if so desired, for Great North Air Ambulance.

**Allsorts**

Allsorts Charity Shop is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm at St Clare's Church. A warm welcome awaits you.



To start with, I want to start by saying a big thank you to our Tesco Community Champion, Shirley, for allowing me to spend time in store, it was lovely to see you all, thank you for your company and your very kind donations too. I have a fussy bunch of prickly ones in rescue and I am fortunate enough to be able to meet their needs. There is lots of nice food on the way because of your support.

A special thanks to June and Valerie who made a lot of the beautiful knitted items too. Thanks also to Donella, Wally, Mandy and Wendy of Grannies Choice, they currently have a book of raffle tickets and I have some lovely prizes, Marian has also supplied more, but I haven't managed to put the prizes on my Facebook page as yet, it's been really busy here.

I have admitted two over the weekend, on Saturday evening Julie messaged me about a little female on Central Avenue, she has some spines missing, but otherwise seems in good health, she has been called Heather, she will need to regrow her spines before she goes anywhere.

My second admission is my first baby of the year, she has been named Foxglove, Bella of Grange Vets admitted her on Sunday afternoon. This little hog is a female and a mere 20grams on admission to the vets. Elaine, our lovely vet nurse, made it possible for me to liaise with Bella in order to bring her into rescue. Because of everyone's donations I have a beautiful incubator, Foxglove needs to stay inside the incubator until she is 200g plus. She currently is having four hourly feeds of 2ml at best and, yes I am knackered but she is doing very well, she huffs, and is very strong and healthy, her eyes are still closed and she cannot hear, I check her weight nightly, like the other poorly hedgehogs here, that's important, especially being so tiny, her sibling wasn't so lucky, she passed away.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, they have my number, theirs is 01584 890801 24 hours. My Facebook page is: Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel or for general comments etc., my email address is: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com Thank you.

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# St. Francis' Juniors Are Pop Stars

In May, St. Francis' Juniors were once again joined by the fantastic Rach from Pop CD UK, who taught us lots of original songs and dances as well as some familiar favourites. We all had an amazing time thinking about being hopeful, what it means to work together and be a team, as well as what makes us the amazing team that is team St. Francis'. We will be practicing these songs and dances ready for our performance at St. Clare's church this month. We will also be recording our own album! The children and staff are so excited and grateful to be able to experience this together for another year.

# Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park to Open in Teesside Park This Summer

Inspired by ITV's hit TV show, the Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park will bring climbing, balancing, bouncing and swinging challenges across obstacles to the North East this July.

An activity park that will challenge thrill seekers to climb, balance, swing across obstacles, and bounce across inflatables is opening in Teesside Park this summer. Ninja Warrior UK Teesside, inspired by ITV's hit TV show, is the first of its kind in the North East, with the nearest Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park currently being in Leeds. The 28,570sq ft indoor venue will feature a mix of adrenalin-fuelled TV show-style courses and inflatable runs inspired by the family favourite programme. It promises to fire imaginations and help many discover their inner Ninjas through fun and fitness. With a capacity of 365 people per hour across the courses and cafe, the venue will accommodate a steady flow of participants, spectators, and staff, ensuring an enjoyable experience for all.

The venue, which will open in Teesside Park in July, will include the famous Warped Wall, two fixed obstacle courses, a giant inflatable course complete with tunnels, battle towers and the ultimate obstacle course to race through. Younger ninjas will have a dedicated inflatable course for under fours. After completing the challenges, there will also be a gaming zone, six party rooms, a viewing mezzanine and a cafe to refuel at.

The new Teesside venue will also be hosting their epic kids' parties, perfect for young thrill-seekers looking for an unforgettable Birthday. The action-packed packages include an hour of conquering the obstacles and inflatables course, followed by 45 minutes of an exclusive party room where they can celebrate with their friends and enjoy some refreshments. With a dedicated party host and unlimited excitement, it's the ultimate celebration for kids aged 4 and above.

Whether in the company of friends or as a solo fitness enthusiast looking for a unique workout, Ninja Warrior UK Teesside will also be offering Ninja Lates, a thrilling monthly event exclusively for over-18s to conquer the iconic obstacle courses in 60-minute sessions, with absolutely no kids around!

Dawid Kaminski at Leisure TV Rights Ltd, the company behind the venue at Teesside, said, "It's fantastic to announce the opening of the Ninja Warrior UK experience to the North East this summer, right in



time for the summer holidays. We will be bringing an action-packed experience to this massive venue, which offers activities for the whole family to enjoy, as well as our Ninja Lates for those who prefer to visit the venue during adult-only sessions. We cannot wait to deliver this famous experience to Teesside, which welcomes everyone to enjoy fitness challenges whether with groups of friends and family or solo training."

To be among the first to experience the excitement at Ninja Warrior UK Teesside, sign up to their database for early bird access and to also be in with the chance to win one of 10 family passes. T&Cs apply.

<https://ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/teesside/competition/>

# Bluey to Appear at Hippodrome

For the first time ever, hit theatre tour Bluey's Big Play will visit Darlington Hippodrome following sell-out shows across Australia and the US.

Bluey's Big Play, a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the BAFTA & Emmy® award-winning children's television series produced by Ludo Studio which airs on Disney+ and CBeebies, will visit Darlington Hippodrome later this month.

Audiences of all ages will get to see Bluey, her younger sister Bingo and Mum & Dad Bandit and Chilli, as they've never seen them before, as Bluey & Her family embark on their first live theatre show, made just for you, featuring brilliantly created puppets, live actors, and iconic sets.

Natasha Spence, Head of Attractions at BBC Studios Live Entertainment said: "Following the incredible reaction to the live theatre show in the US and in Australia, we are so excited to bring Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show to fans across the UK and Ireland." The stage show has enjoyed much success in Australia, where it premiered in Bluey's hometown Brisbane and went on to perform 447 times across 65 venues, including the Sydney Opera House.

Since bursting on to TV screens in 2018, Bluey has enjoyed critical success at home and abroad, recently winning a 2022 BAFTA Children & Young People Award in



the International category and picking up its consecutive fourth AACTA Best Children's Programme award to add to an International Emmy and numerous awards for craft and production around the world.

Bluey's Big Play runs at Darlington Hippodrome from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th June. For more information or to book visit [darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk](http://darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk) or call the Box Office on 01325 405405.

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# Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, managed to hang on for a draw away at Rockliffe Park 1st XI, thanks to a determined last wicket stand by the two youngest members of the team. 17 year old Tom Dearden and 18 year old Leo Mercy batted with amazing maturity to defy the homesides attack for nine overs to help their side to, what had earlier seemed, an unlikely draw. Earlier in the game, the homeside chose to bat first and piled up a huge 304 for 7 in their 50 overs despite some good bowling from Aycliffe captain James Layfield-Carroll, who finished his 15 overs spell with 4 for 70. In reply, opener Tom Dearden (sponsored by Kevin Burton) put on a dazzling display of batsmanship, to become the first batsman in the club's history to score a hundred in consecutive league games. Dearden carried his bat and finished with a brilliant unbeaten 101 off 150 balls and his marathon innings included 17 boundaries and a six. Sam Telford (21 off 28 balls) and Adam Gittins (12 off 43 balls) supported well and Leo Mercy's invaluable six not out off 19 balls, at the death, helped Aycliffe to close on 184 for 9 at stumps. The club's second team put in a tremendous effort, but were agonisingly beaten in a nail biting finale by just one wicket at home to promotion contenders Wolviston 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe struggled throughout their innings and

were bowled out for just 113 after 33 overs. 18 year old Ramzan Hussain (sponsored by Athena Sports Academy) top scored with 36 off 41 balls and was supported well by Matty French (15 off 51 balls) and Jai Sander (12 off 17 balls). In reply, the visitors also found batting difficult thanks to some excellent bowling by Leo Stout (3 for 31), Jai Sander (3 for 35) and Ramzan Hussain (2 for 23) and this was backed up by some equally good fielding with Charlie Cayless and Leon Patel both holding onto two catches apiece. In a dramatic finale, captain Dan Weldon took the 9th wicket with the scores level and the Wolviston last pair managing to scramble the winning run to take them to victory after 26.1 overs.

The club's Ladies team had a narrow nine run victory, away at Thirsk, in the Hambleton League. Aycliffe all rounder Tina Masterman continued her good form this season with another excellent all round performance. In the Thirsk innings, she took two wickets for just ten runs and was supported well by Louis Jackson (sponsored by Canny Comps), who bowled equally well, taking 2 for 28. When Aycliffe batted, Masterman top scored with an unbeaten 24 off 17 balls and Claire Ebdon was also amongst the runs, scoring 14 off 19 balls.

The club's U17's lost an entertaining game by six wickets, at home to Northallerton, in the quarter final of the NYSD Junior league cup. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe's openers got their innings off to a flying start as both Tom Dearden (51 off 31 balls) and Leo Stout (50 off 58 balls) reached excellent half centuries before having to retire. Ramzan Hussain chipped in with 19 off 18 balls as Aycliffe reached 148 for 2 in their 20 overs. In reply, the visitors timed their innings perfectly and, despite a couple of wickets from Will Moffatt in the last over causing some alarm, their winning target was eventually reached for the loss of four wickets and with just two balls remaining.

Aycliffe's U15's were well beaten by ten wickets, away at Richmond, in the NYACC League despite a fighting innings by Liam Scott, who top scored for Aycliffe with 18 runs off 20 balls, including two boundaries. The U13's lost by 90 runs, away to a strong Darlington RA, in the NYACC League Cup. The home side scored 133 for 2 in their 20 overs with Archie Brown (1 for 11) and Dan Collett (1 for 19) having some success with the ball. In reply, Aycliffe were skittled for just 43 after 19 overs with only Trent Telford (15 runs off 14 balls) and his younger brother Miles (9 runs off 8 balls) offering any resistance with the bat.

The U11's had another thrilling victory, this time by ten runs at home to Barnard Castle



in the NYACC League. Luke Boyd bowled superbly for Aycliffe taking three wickets for just two runs off his three overs. In reply, Aycliffe captain Harvey Palmer (sponsored by Claire & Andy) led from the front, hitting an excellent unbeaten 17 from just 11 balls and Morgan Jones also batted well, scoring 10 not out off 13 balls. *Photo: Our victorious Under 11's team after their victory against Barnard Castle with proud team coach Leo Mercy.*

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