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Walking in a Winter Wonderland at Greenfield

Residents and community groups turned out in force to the free Winter Wonderland event at Greenfield on 25th November. The event arranged by Greenfield Arts and supported by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership showcased lots of Christmas craft and food stalls, activities and the unveiling of a winter light sculpture.

Greenfield Arts, had a lovely evening hosting the event where the masses came to sing, dance and be merry! Everyone received a free gift of kindness from the Youth Cree volunteers who wanted to bring light to the dark Winter months. A colourful exhibition by Chrisitne Bowron was opened showing how colour can have positive effects on mood. This is open until 23rd December.

Hoads of wonderful local crafters came to display and sell their artwork and the Cree Lodge was officially opened, created by the Cree volunteers to offer warmth and comfort this Winter. You can still come down to see their work at Greenfield Arts Mondays to Thursdays 10am - 9pm and Fridays 10am - 4pm. It looks especially great in the dark! A huge thanks to everyone involved and who came to visit!

A vital part of the event was to ask local people to vote on their most important priorities that GAMP and its partners should be working on for next year. The voting proved very popular, with residents identifying what matters to them most in their community. The GAMP Board will now look at the results of the public vote when setting their priorities at the January Board meeting (more news to follow on this soon). GAMP has an Area Budget of £120,000 to spend on local projects, with the public votes helping to decide which priority areas the funding is directed towards. Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: 'A really



vital part of the Winter Wonderland Event was to encourage local people to vote for their most important priorities. The results will give the GAMP Board members a steer when they look at deciding what priorities we should be working on for the area next year. On behalf of GAMP, I would like to thank Greenfield Arts for arranging this event and also thank local residents for attending and taking the time to vote on their priorities. If anyone is interested in becoming involved

with GAMP or receiving information on the work of the partnership, please email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk or call 01325 327441 for more information.

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Aycliffe Hair Specialist in National Top 10

Newton Aycliffe hair stylists specialising in extensions have been awarded VIP status by a national stockist which caters for stars including Cheryl Fernandez-Versini and Nicole Scherzinger.

Lox of Love, based on Aycliffe Business Park, is the first salon in the North – and only the eighth globally out of 2,000 outlets – to be given the VIP rating by Cheshire-based Beauty Works. It will mean Lox of Love will now benefit from special offers which they will be able to pass on to their growing list of clients, who come from across the North-East region for extensions.

Beauty Works, based in Cheadle near Manchester, was set up six years ago and supplies extensions to Dannii Minogue and Katie Price, as well as for hit TV shows including the X Factor, Strictly Come Dancing, Love Island and The Only Way Is Essex. “This is a very prestigious reward scheme which we’re only offering our best performing clients,” said Barbie Dines, Beauty Works’ sales manager North. “We only have eight VIPs at the moment, out of 2,000 globally, which is testament to how well Victoria and her team are doing offering literally everything like a one-



Barbie Dines, Victoria Cartwright, Emma Stevens and Toni McLeod

stop shop for hair extensions” Victoria, a fully-qualified hair dresser, compiled a business plan for Lox of Love while taking a business degree at Teesside University, launching the company in 2012, originally as a mobile service before opening her own premises at Evans Business Centre in May 2014. The mum-of-three has since added hair stylist Emma Stevens and beautician Toni McLeod to her team, as well as a part-time Saturday girl, while her client list has grown to over 2,000 people, with customers coming from as far North as Stanley and as far South as York. Victoria has

long-term plans to take on more staff in 2016, including a new secretarial and social media apprentice.

“We want to grow the business over the next 12-18 months, take on more staff and recruit a new apprentice for the reception and our social media channels.

“A good two-thirds of our clients are regulars because we really do focus on quality, and we’re highly recognised for that, which is something we are proud of.”

To book or make an enquiry with Lox of Love, call them on 01325 327362, or for more details go to www.loxoflove.co.uk

Too Many Councillors for Newton Aycliffe

Dear Sir,
I sent a copy of the following letter to Durham County Council:

I want to comment on the charge for the garden waste bin. I would not have paid for it this year if I had known the bins would only be collected until 16th October, for goodness sake! The hanging baskets and pots are still in full flower. The trees full of leaves and I am still bagging leaves from the Council trees in the woods behind our house!

I must point out Newton Aycliffe Council tax is one of the highest in the Country, yet the County still charge £20 to empty garden waste, and not even when the collection

is most needed (after 16th October).

I would also like to comment on the number of Councillors we have for Newton Aycliffe, far too many for such a small town. We could save a lot of money by getting rid of some of them. They get a huge allowance, plus huge expenses, and it would save a lot of money and maybe the Council wouldn't need to squeeze more money out of the Council tax payers with another Council tax increase.

Councillors should have fought to stop the Council charging for the poor garden waste service and the Council Tax increase. We know why they don't of course.
Mrs J Taylor

Remembering Loved Ones

A Memorial Christmas Carol Service is being held in St Cuthbert's Church in Darlington Market Place on Tuesday 8th December. The Co-operative Funeralcare would like to extend a warm invitation to the Newton Aycliffe community to attend an Evening of Remembrance which begins at 7pm and will include Christmas readings, candle lighting and carols and will feature the Cockerton Prize Silver Band.

There will also be an opportunity to place a memorial message on the Christmas tree in church.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

The Co-operative Funeralcare will again have memorial Christmas trees in each of our funeral homes throughout December where tributes to loved ones may be placed, please call in at your local funeral home in Macmillan Road in Newton Aycliffe to leave your tribute.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who bought a hand made poppy from us this year; in total Funeralcare in our area raised £338.59 for The Royal British Legion.
Barbara Bates

Wonderful Speakers at Rotary Club Meetings

Recent recipient of the French Legion d'Honneur, John Twigger was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club last week.

The 92 year old related his remarkable life story including his part in the Normandy Landings in the 2nd World War.

He recalled the carnage on the beaches and his work in transporting the wounded to hospital.

John is enjoying his retirement in Newton Aycliffe near his family and was so happy to spend a night with the Rotary



Club and thanks them for their kind reception and hospitality. On the same night, Anna Swabey, the courageous 24 year old Newtonian suffering from a life threatening brain tumour, received a £200 cheque from Rotarian and Consort to the Town Mayor, Michael Dalton.

He brought Anna to the club as a guest speaker recently and the members were overwhelmed by her selfless attitude and fortitude in the face of such a devastating illness.



Christmas Fair at Aycliffe Village School

The Annual Christmas Fair organised by the PTA will take place at Aycliffe Village School from 6pm until 8pm on Thursday 10 December. There will be an array of Christmas stalls including Christmas Jams & Sauces, Chocolates, Christmas Decoration, Cupcakes, Candles plus many more. Why not try your luck on the children or adult tombola or buy a ticket for this year's raffle which has some fabulous prizes up for grabs including overnight hotel stays and meals out. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from the school office and will also be available to buy on the night. Hot food and refreshments

will also be available. Santa will even be paying us a visit so come along and bring the family, it should be a great night. Everyone Welcome!

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Give 16 Year Olds the Vote!

Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, is pleased the House of Lords has voted in favour of allowing 16-17 year olds a vote in the EU referendum.

Whilst the government have yet to decide how it will react to the Lords decision, allowing 16 – 17 years olds to vote in the EU referendum could see 1.5 million added to the electoral register.

Mr Wilson has said "Young people are the future of this country and deserve a say in a decision which will shape Britain for future

generations."

"Current government policies comes down particularly hard on those below the age of 24. They won't see their minimum wage rise, and their access to welfare has been restricted. The least this government can do is ensure they have a voice."

A survey of businesses conducted by Mr Wilson in his constituency discovered thousands of jobs could be at risk should the UK withdraw from the EU. According to Mr Wilson "The survey

revealed many employers think leaving the EU will affect their business. Of the 4000 jobs respondents collectively provide in my constituency, over 2500 of could be affected should the UK opt to withdraw from the EU, with many businesses concerned that their overall future in the North East."

This potential loss of jobs has not escaped the attention of Tom Dower, the Principal of UTC South Durham, a technical school set to open in Newton Aycliffe next autumn. Mr Dower expressed concern that leaving the EU could impact the local and regional job market his graduates would go in to. "Young people need to understand the implications of either staying in or leaving the EU and giving them a vote is the best way of engaging them in the debate. They will be most affected and it is important that they have a say in the decision."

Phil echoed this sentiment "We cannot deny young people a voice on a decision that will affect them and their future. Young people already have had the 'worst economic prospects for generations'. Leaving the EU could make the prospects for young people even worse." He continued, "If the local job market stops growing and expanding, jobs will undoubtedly be effected. And judging by the current prospects young people face, I am not sure we can afford to lose these jobs."

Mr Wilson therefore asks the government "to listen to the House of Lords decision and not to deny over a million young people a voice on their future."

Police Event in Town Centre

Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding a public event on Saturday 5th December 2015 in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre between 10am and 4pm.

Members of the team will be present in the town and will be available and offering bike marking and crime prevention advice. Please feel free to call in and meet members of the team.

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CHARITY APPOINTS NEW PROJECT COORDINATOR

Lifeline Community Action (LCA) has recently recruited a new project co-ordinator to join their team for 6 months. Pauline Chambers comes to them with a vast amount of skills and experience from her previous role as Chief Executive of Sedgefield & District Citizens Advice Bureau.

As well as her role with LCA, Pauline is also an Assessor for Senior Police Selection with the College of Policing and an Independent Board Member at HMP/YOI Low Newton as well as a volunteer member



of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership (GACAP). Pauline said "I am delighted to have this opportunity to

work with LCA and to help the Charity grow, as the work they do in the community benefits people from the most disadvantaged families and individuals and the number of people they help on the funding they receive is extraordinary.

Their holistic approach and on-going support to their clients is exemplary and I am happy to be part of the team". LCA operates a number of projects in the town such as Helping Hands, Baby Basics, and Healthy Heart Hub as well as other targeted

projects such as the Job Club & Money Course. If anyone one would like to support the organisation then please drop Pauline an email on paulinechamberslca@gmail.com or telephone mobile 07936 431262

Susan Sadler, Founder of LCA said "Not only is Pauline more than capable of doing the role, she is also conscientious, and to top it all she is a wonderful lady who is a sheer pleasure to work with. The whole team think she is a star and we are blessed to have her part of our charity!"

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Allotments Available at Middridge Village

There can be few more satisfying times for an allotment holder than Christmas when the Dinner table is adorned with all the festive favourites including a host of vegetables grown on your own plot.

Yes you can buy sprouts, parsnips and carrots at the supermarket but why settle for the varieties that are grown for the benefit of the supermarkets profits when you can have varieties that are grown for flavour rather than uniformity and yield.

You can also be satisfied knowing that only the trip to your plot need be counted in the food miles added and if you decide to grow organically, then you will know that your veg is free from any unwanted residues and pesticides.

Of course having an allotment does require dedication and hard work but even the smallest crop grown is money saved from the supermarket.

Come the New Year when

the Christmas excesses sit uncomfortably around your middle, you can rest easy knowing that all that hard work you will expend on your plot for next years meal will also save you money on gym membership.

There is a social side to having an allotment too that has become much more apparent in the last 20 years with many allotment associations actively promoting and encouraging their members to join together to share tips and stories from their plots.

Middridge Allotments currently have plots available for new ploholders looking to provide vegetables for their Christmas meal in 2016. Plots of different sizes are on offer so if a full plot is too daunting, or you just don't have the time to commit, then smaller plots are also available from as little as £15 per year.

Middridge Allotments is a small friendly allotment association that organises an annual social event in August open to all ploholders and their families. For more information please contact Kathy Booth on 01325 319638.

Bin Collections Days and Times for Christmas and New Year

People in County Durham are being advised of arrangements for bin collections over the festive period.

Collection arrangements will remain the same for all residents whose rubbish and recycling bins are emptied on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

This includes both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, which fall on a Thursday, when normal collections will take place.

However, collections which normally happen on a Friday will change during the Christmas and New Year weeks.

Collections which would have taken place on Friday 25 December will instead be done on Monday 28 December.

And instead of Friday 1 January, rubbish and recycling collections will take place on Monday 4 January. Normal collections will resume on Tuesday 5 January. There will also be changes to the council's bulky waste collections, which will not take place between Monday 21 December and Monday 4 January.

Residents who have bulky

items to dispose of are reminded that they should ensure anyone they employ to take items away is properly licensed to help prevent flytipping.

People can arrange to have their real Christmas tree collected free of charge by contacting the council on 03000 261 000 before Friday 8 January.

Residents are urged to double check their dates over the festive period and are reminded to put their bins out by 7am on their collection day. People can download a bin collection calendar by

entering their post code on the My Durham section of the council's website - www.durham.gov.uk

People can also visit the website for information on what items go in which bin and tips to ensure they recycle as much as possible during the festive period.

Watch out for Bag Snatcher

A young girl walking home last Monday (30th November) at 6pm had her handbag snatched off her shoulder by two young men wearing hoodies.

The jobs approached her on Westmorland Way and then ran off down Faulkner Road with her bag, described as a "Jack Wills" in pink and navy blue.


Sophie Atkinson, aged 17, was quite shook up and called the Police who are checking nearby CCTV cameras for clues to the identity of the thieves.

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UKIP still need volunteers in their spare time to leaflet, put posters up or help the local UKIP branch. If you are interested in joining the party then email the branch chairman, john.grant181@o2.co.uk or alternatively call 07477 440362.

Xmas Lights

Dear Sir,
I appreciate the effort made by the Town Centre owners in providing Xmas Lights which are always very nice to see. But I would ask them not to put them up until after Remembrance Day, 11th of November, which is too early and seems disrespectful to those we mourn at that time of year.

To erect the lights after that date is still early enough for Christmas and this minor consideration would be courteous.

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Nanny 911 has Arrived in Aycliffe Greenfield Recruiting for Craft Programme

Sue Clark, an experienced Early Years Practitioner from Newton Aycliffe, will open her new business in the Pease Way Clinic in January 2016. Sue has worked for a local authority for the past 7 years supporting children and parents in health, education and social care. She has

now decided to focus on delivering private parenting programmes and one to one consultations for all parents. Sue is an expert in children's behaviour and parenting techniques and has proved that parenting programmes are successful for 8 out of 10 families.



The NHS and The Education authority have shown that there is evidence to show that these programmes substantially reduce costs to their services and improve child and adult mental health as well as improving the children's intellectual development.

Primary schools can also benefit from these programmes as they improve children's behaviour and learning. Sue has worked in many other child care sectors over the past 25 years as well as having children and grandchildren of her own.

If you would like further details or would like to book a consultation or parenting programme please contact: The Pease Way Clinic 01325 529 000 or 07938 904 916

The Craft Programme is Greenfield Arts' home grown programme of cabinet displays which offers artists the opportunity to display their craft and design work, which isn't always suitable for a large gallery space. It gives artists the chance to promote their work and skills in a more flexible way with multiple locations.

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We are host to a programme full of workshops and courses as well as external businesses who hire our spaces so audiences are not limited, and the cabinets can bring a new lease of life to your work, offering new display options and giving great potential to how you sell your work and skills.

We are currently looking for artists for the New Year so if you are interested in exhibiting in the space please contact us on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk.

We will also be launching our Open Art entries soon so keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks about this opportunity to exhibit your work.



Residents Meet

Linden Place Residents Association Meeting is on Tuesday 8th December 2015, 6pm at Silverdale Community House. All residents welcome.

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Christmas: - Wednesday, 23rd December

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No Edition - Friday, 1st January, 2016

Friday, 8th January, 2016 (back to normal)

Deadline: Wednesday 6th January, 5pm

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or online at www.newtonnewsads.co.uk

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Closing 4.00pm on Wednesday 23rd December

Skeleton Staff in attendance until re-opening

on Monday 4th January 2016 at 8.30am

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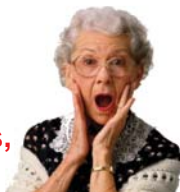
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Busy Month for Air Cadets

Cadets and staff at 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets have had a busy month. We'd like to thank all the shoppers at Tesco, Newton Aycliffe for helping us raise over £400 at our recent collection.

Congratulations to Cadet Warrant Officers Tom Lowe and Karl McCormack who have been promoted to the highest possible cadet rank after a successful interview with the Wing Commander. The promotions are the result of years of hard work and dedication. Well done also to Corporal Peter Hastie on his promotion. He's making a promising start to his cadet career.

Cadets had the fantastic opportunity to visit the National Police Air Service helicopter at Newcastle Airport. After a presentation on what the NPAS does we



had a guided tour of the aircraft and got to see lots of crime stopping equipment. With rock climbing, kayaking, flying, X-country, shotgun shooting and first aid qualifications coming up, the next few months look to be action packed too! If you're in Year 8 or above and under 17 and are interested in fun

and adventure then come and see what the Air Cadets have to offer. See our website www.1407aircadets.org or find us on Facebook.



Bombing Syria Wrong

Dear Newtonians
I was so disappointed to see our MP Phil Wilson on the news supporting bombing Syria, which is only going to end in killing innocent

citizens. There is no reason for us to risk sending out UK airplanes into this war, we are not going to make a difference in the war in Syria. If the French, USA and Russia cannot kill off IS, the UK is not going to be able to do it.

It is again politics and money not a sensible head going to war and risking our airmen, we all know it will not end at planes bombing and it will be troops on the ground before you know it. I am sure if Phil Wilson asked the people he represents, the majority of people would say do not vote YES. But he decides on his own back to vote YES. Bombing Syria is just going to give IS sympathisers in the UK the ammunition they need to attack more UK targets (like happened with the IRA in the past). We could quite easily be in the Metro Centre and be bombed, all because of this action now. IS always bomb when they are bombed, just like the IRA did all those years ago.

I have sent Phil Wilson many messages about this and guess how many he answered? None!

I ask everyone who voted for Phil Wilson in the last election to remember this and do not vote for him again in any election in the future as he is not interested in representing your opinion.

Ian Bussey

Editor; If you have a view on this subject please submit to: syd@newtonpress.net

NAYCC Seek Trustees

A local community organisation is appealing for people with appropriate skills to join its team of Trustees. Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre (NAYCC) – in addition to its popular Youth Club – provides a service at the heart of the town for people seeking further education, personal support or just a meeting place to reduce isolation and improve mental health.

As well as regular activities such as the Little Gems Toddler group, Destination Judo for young people, Tai Chi and Dancercise for the over 50's, and specialist classes such as Slimming World, Boot Camp, Belly Dancing

and Duke of Edinburgh, the NAYCC building offers rooms of different sizes for local people and businesses to hire. NAYCC is seeking 'asset transfer' of their building from Durham County Council to the Board of Trustees, and hopes to provide more support, education and fun for the children, young people and families of Newton Aycliffe. Are you self-motivated and enthusiastic? Could you spare a few hours per month to share your expertise with an ambitious team to enhance opportunities for the people of Newton Aycliffe? If so, please contact NAYCC Chairman Vince Crosby on 01325 307 522 or chairman@naycc.co.uk

Acorn Players Brilliant Pantomime



The Acorn Players thank everyone who attended their performance of Sleeping Beauty where once again the society showed Newtonians how to put on a good Show. The audience participation of cheering and hand clapping brought lots of fun and laughter to the occasion. All concerned in the production worked extremely hard. Thanks to honest John for his wonderful donation, the general public for their support not forgetting friends and local shopkeepers who donated raffle prizes which raised nearly £200.

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LARGE NUMBERS VISIT PCP'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Busy Month for ACORN

Last Saturday the annual Christmas Fair at the Pioneering Care Centre saw over 500 local residents gathering together to shop, make family decorations and visit Santa. Visitors had the chance to enjoy festive music from local performance groups with face-painting and seasonal stalls in the Mall to pick up early presents. Families who came together spent the morning getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating biscuits and making table centre pieces for the big day. Young and old alike enjoyed a visit from Santa who took time to listen to make lists of what children wanted for Christmas.

One stallholder commented that it was a "brilliant venue, great successful day and without a doubt would like to come back next year!"

The Pioneering Care Partnership would like to wish all residents in Newton Aycliffe a very happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming old and new friends in 2016!

For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Tel: 01325 321234 Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre



ACORN Residents Association are busier than ever over the festive season; commencing at 6pm with their monthly meeting on Thursday 10th December. Where members will be reflecting on the year's events and contemplating community activities for the coming year. Little ACORNS will begin proceedings at 5.30pm by discussing future plans. The group continues to go from strength to strength with numbers growing from year to year.

ACORN welcome representatives of other community groups, residents of Great Aycliffe and beyond, Police, living, County Councillors and Town Councillors to discuss issues and inform us of local developments

Swiftly following this ACORN are organising a Christmas party on 12th December 6pm till 10pm featuring a disco, games, raffle, snacks and a visit by the big guy in the red suit. These events are family friendly and encourage parents to have a good night out with their children. Kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Panto night with ACORN is something really special. 70 people of all ages will be crying with laughter at the Gala Theatre Durham on January 2nd as they watch a super performance of Cinderella.

ACORN group would like to wish all of our members and partner groups a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ken Robson
01325 321471



CAMRA Meet at the Turbinia

Darlington Branch members of CAMRA are coming 'out' to Aycliffe to socialise and meet with those who find it difficult to get through to Darlington based meetings. They also want to raise the profile of Darlington CAMRA and how we are helping prevent pubs closing in rural/urban areas by the use of ACV orders (Assets of Community Value). This is a very useful procedure to layer onto threatened pubs, an extra degree of protection from closure. We have already nominated The Kings Arms at Great Stainton under this procedure and are awaiting the decision of the Council. We are seeking out other pubs that people think should be protected in this way. The meeting is on Tues 8th December at the Turbinia Sid Chaplin Drive from 7.30 pm onwards, open to both CAMRA members and non members.

Further details please phone David Till on 07952 489 966

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HELP THE HEROES WITH A CHRISTMAS STOCKING

The Bishop Auckland branch of Darlington Building Society is an official charity partner of Help for Heroes' Stockings for Heroes campaign and needs the help of the public to bring Christmas cheer to the wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans. Stockings for Heroes collect donations from the public, companies and organisations to provide Christmas stockings. Since the campaign began in 2007, Help for Heroes has distributed hundreds of stockings to personnel and veterans who are in hospital, rehabilitation centres or recovery centres across the

country during Christmas.

The stockings are intended to boost morale and will be filled with a variety of treats such as books, games, toiletries, sweets and chocolate, all of which can be dropped off at any of Darlington Building Society's 10 branches.

The society is also running a social media campaign. For every retweet, like or share its Help for Heroes posts receives, it will donate 10 pence from its community fund. The Society is seeking donations of gifts from members of the public to make sure there are enough gifts to fill the stockings.

We need donations of toiletries,

playing cards and sweets to ensure that every serviceman or woman, who is in a hospital, or a recovery centre, will receive a stocking filled to the brim with goodies.

The stockings are a fantastic way of showing our support to those who need a boost at a time of year when they should be enjoying time with their families – to remind them that they are not alone and are in our thoughts.

People are asked to deliver stockings to the Darlington Building Society on Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland, 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday & 9am to 12 noon Saturday.

Town Group Bowled Over by GAMP Funding



Members of the group enjoying an outing to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex where they enjoyed learning to play bowls.

Newton Aycliffe social group "New Friends New Places" is celebrating securing funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

New Friends New Places was set up seven years ago by Dorothy Bowman with the help of Gloria Wills and three other ladies who wanted to start a club within their community that would encourage more likeminded ladies to get out of their homes and take part in social activities. Since the group started, its membership has flourished, with over 50 ladies now regularly attending.

The group meets every Tuesday 1.30pm until 4pm at the Navy Club. The group

enjoy line dancing, quizzes, singing, talks, bingo and a wide range of outings and day trips. They also enjoy a good old cup of tea and a natter. Funding has recently been secured through GAMP's Community Grant Fund to help the group cover the cost of arranging day trips and activities for its members. Dorothy Bowman from New Friends New Places, said: 'The funding we received from GAMP will allow the club to plan future activities for our members. For some of our members the club is the only time that they get to meet other people, socialise and leave their homes. On behalf of the group I would like to thank GAMP for their support.'

COUNTY NEWSBITS

compiled by County Councillor John Clare

The bit.ly links are shortened URLs; type them into your browser to go to the relevant webpages.

COUNCIL

- DCC has revealed its proposals for a poll on devolution: bit.ly/DCCDevoPoll
- DCC bin collections over Christmas and the New Year: bit.ly/DCCBins
- My report on the DCC Environment Scrutiny meeting of 1 December: bit.ly/DCCESDec2015
- Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership - GAMP priorities vote: bit.ly/GAMPpriorities2015
- DCC Health and Wellbeing Board news: bit.ly/DCCHWBBNov2015
- 'Free after three' parking back for 2015: bit.ly/DCCparking
- My report on the Town Council's Environment and Recreation Committee meetings of 25 November: bit.ly/GATC25Nov
- The National Christmas Drink&Drugs-Drive campaign has started in the region: bit.ly/DCDDcampaign
- Upcoming roadworks of which I am aware: bit.ly/Roadworks27Nov2015

COMMUNITY

- 5 December is 'Small Business Saturday' – please support our small local retailers.
- Healthwatch County Durham's December E-Bulletin: bit.ly/HWCDDec2015
- Stay Well This Winter: www.nhs.uk/staywell/
- Local Safeguarding Children Board newsletter and training: bit.ly/LSCBAut2015
- Hardwick Park's December 2015 update: bit.ly/HPDec2015
- Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group Primary Care Strategy refresh: bit.ly/DDESCCGrefresh
- Did you know about the End-of-Life transport scheme: bit.ly/EoLtransport
- 'Better Together' VCS forum, Tuesday 8 December, 1pm at DISC, Sapphire House, IES Centre, DL5 6DS – contact 03000 263 595 or ian.huntersmart@durham.gov.uk
- 'Colour Works' by Christine Bowron - exhibition at Greenfield Arts until 23 December
- Saturday 12 December, Christmas with Durham Cathedral Choir, 7:30pm, tickets £8-£25 – contact 03000 266600 or bit.ly/DCXmas2015
- Saturday-Sunday, 12-13 December, 10am-4pm at the Locomotion Railway Museum Shildon, Santa's Christmas Special, Adults £8.50, Children £10: bit.ly/LoCoXmas

OLD POSTCARDS DO YOU COLLECT OLD POSTCARDS?

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CAROLS WITH BRASS BAND
AT AYCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL
DECEMBER 24TH - 3.00PM
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
DECEMBER 24TH - 11.30PM
CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

XCEL CHURCH

DECEMBER 20TH - 10.30AM
CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE
DECEMBER 20TH - 6.00PM
CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION OF
SCROOGE
(TICKET EVENT)
DECEMBER 24TH - 6.00PM
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

METHODIST CHURCH

NEVILLE PARADE
DECEMBER 20TH - 7.30PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
DECEMBER 25TH - 10.30AM
CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION
BURNHILL WAY
DECEMBER 20TH - 10.00AM
CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
DECEMBER 24TH - 3.00PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

DECEMBER 19TH/21ST - 6.00PM
"STRAW AND ORDER"
TICKETS ARE NEEDED
DECEMBER 20TH - 6.00PM
CIVIC CAROL SERVICE
DECEMBER 24TH - 4.30PM
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24TH - 11.30PM
CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST
JANUARY 9TH - 10AM
MESSY EPIPHANY

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH

DECEMBER 15TH - 1.30PM
TODDLERS CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
DECEMBER 21ST - 7.00PM
PUB CAROLS IN THE HUNTSMAN PUB
DECEMBER 24TH - 6.00PM
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
DECEMBER 25TH - 10.00AM
CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTRE

DECEMBER 20TH - 10.30PM
FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ST. MARY'S & ST. THOMAS'

DECEMBER 20TH - 7.30PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
DECEMBER 24TH - 4.00PM
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST. THOMAS'
DECEMBER 24TH - 5.30PM & 8.00PM
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST. MARY'S
DECEMBER 25TH - 10.00AM
CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS AT ST. MARY'S

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Rev. Debbie Loughran Tel: 01325 310767
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The recent framework successes also follow on from BES's appointment to the Network Housing Group M&E framework in London last year, which means Morgan Tucker is now part of three major London Housing frameworks for M&E services.



If you wish to join the group which has an age range from 17 - 83 years, Allison, also a victim of cancer, can be contacted on 07762 258 696. You would be most welcome and bound to receive pleasure and very helpful information from being a member.

Care homes in the town are specially invited to bring their residents to this lovely community event.

ACORN Residents Assoc. First Christmas Party



ACORN Residents Assoc. 01325 321 471



*Wishes everyone
a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New year*





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TOWN CENTRE



Santa Letters

Our Magical Post Box will be set up in various locations, so look out for it, around the Town Centre from the 5th December 2015 and every child that sends a letter to Santa will receive a personalised reply before the big day.

Xmas Eve Santa Phone In

Before Santa starts working on Christmas Eve he will be live on Star Radio answering questions from children who have sent him a recorded message so listen out on Star Radio between 4-6pm





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Interviews to be held on: **Wednesday 20th January 2016**

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VIDEO BEING FILMED IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE



Hip Hop/Rap & Grime artist, Lewis Bygate aka BYG is set to drop his brandnew music video titled "GRIME IN DL5" on 19th December. The video will be shot in Newton Aycliffe at a couple of iconic locations and is set to be a very successful piece of work!

This is great for the town itself and for the younger generation to perhaps find a new hobby by finding BYG as their local inspiration. The video will be released on YouTube on the morning of 31st of December. If you want to stay up-to-date with other things from BYG

himself and also ensure you get to see the music video once it is released, please visit BYG's fan page at www.facebook.com/bygnortheast

The video will be posted on his Facebook page as soon as it is released but you can check the page out in the meantime to see his previous work and for any other local information! BYG has stated this could possibly be his best work yet, and the video is being shot by a man who is very good at what he does and makes all his work to a very professional standard.

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Dear Sir,
About ten years ago I had a bad fall just outside the Thames Centre and I was amazed at the number of people who stopped to help me. I wrote a letter to the Newton News at that time to say thank you to everybody who helped.

Last weekend I went to Tesco armed with my own carrier bags. I fastened these onto the hook of the trolley. I put my pound coin into the slot but the trolley refused to come out. I tried two more trolleys before finally found one that worked. I then carried out my shopping and proceeded to a check

out. After I had loaded the conveyer I noticed there were no shopping bags on the trolley. I had left the bags on one of the trollies with a faulty money slot.

Panic set in, but I loaded my goods into the cart and paid my bill. I then called at the customer services counter and to my relief found that some kind person had handed in my bags.

I hope that person reads this paper because I would like to say a huge Thank You! There are still some kind and honest people about. Great! Steve Hirst – Malvern

Brafferton Village News

It was all change in the village this weekend when high winds meant the Christmas Market which had been planned to be held at Cozy Coffee had to be moved indoors to the village hall. Cozy Coffee stayed open to provide refreshments as planned so no one had to miss out on their delicious bacon butties, cakes & mince pies! The event was considered a huge success despite the relocation and there has already been talk of "next time" so watch this space!

This was followed by our village light switch on later that evening. The lights were switched on by the youngest resident who came along, Marnie Swainston, who was very excited by the twinkling lights! Our tradition of carols around the tree was abandoned again because of the weather and we opted for the softer alternative of singing them in the hall whilst sipping warm mulled wine! It was lovely to see new faces and we hope they were made to feel welcome.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday 11th December for our Badapple

Production of Farmer Scrooge's (Yorkshire) Christmas Carol. This premiered at the end of November and it has received good reviews as expected. Tickets are £8 adults, £5 children/concessions and £20 for a family ticket (2+2). They can be bought in advance via www.badappletheatre.com or through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/braffertonvha. You can reserve tickets over the phone by calling 01325 312161 or 07710 478583 or you just turn up on the night and pay on the door. The performance will start at 7.30pm prompt with doors being open from 7pm. Please remember to bring your own drinks and snacks as we will not be serving refreshments on the night. We will however be selling our festive raffle tickets, the proceeds of which go towards the general running and maintenance of the village hall and allow us to host community events throughout the year.

Badapple Theatre Company have a wonderful reputation and this is really shaping up to be a fabulous evening!

Lost Postcards

Dear Sir,
I am looking for a man living in Aycliffe that collects old postcards and photographs. He bought a collection from Andy Storey in Shildon in 1993 included in the package were photos of my late uncle's Fun Fair parked in Shildon next to the Masonic Hall. I would love to have the postcards and am willing to pay for them.
Paul Evans (07836 350507)

HONEST MAN

Last week a gentleman handed into me at Woodham Community Centre a purse he had found in the car park and left without leaving his name.

Can I thank him and say that we managed to get it back to a very grateful owner.

David Sutton-Lloyd
Woodham Village
Community Centre

Aycliffe Junior FC Report



The Aycliffe Juniors football season marched on with the usual variety of games (or postponements!) spread across our teams. The Under 7's faced a determined Primrose Hill, these sides having had a recent close game in the cup. Aycliffe dominated the game on this occasion and played some excellent attacking football. Kai, Harry and Isaac shared the goals in an 8-3 win. The second game was a different story as Primrose Hill got an early goal and Aycliffe could not find an equaliser, a second was conceded on the break and this game was won by Primrose Hill 2-0.

The Under 8's enjoyed a series of friendly 'mini' games against Crook at Sunnydale on Friday evening but unfortunately their scheduled league game was called off on Sunday morning.

The Under 10 Russell Foster



team faced Washington Lions on Saturday and found themselves a goal down despite being on top in the first half. The second half saw the lads continuing their great effort and they applied pressure at every opportunity. This was rewarded with an equaliser from a Taylor header. Evan then rattled the bar with a well struck volley. The winner came after several chances with Ted, Taylor, Isaac and Noah going close before Matty hit a goal bound shot and Bo

ensured it crossed the line for a 2-1 win.

The Under 9's, 11's and 12's had games called off and the Under 10 TJFA side and 14's did not have scheduled games so it was just the older teams potentially involved in action on Sunday afternoon. However the Under 18 Reds and Under 23's were both prepared for their respective games when they were called off at the last minute. Here is hoping for better conditions next week.

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Diabetes Should Not Spoil Your Christmas

Dear Editor,
As preparations and excitement for Christmas grows, some of your readers who have diabetes will realise that Christmas is not as straightforward as they would like it to be. For most people, Christmas is a time for treats and a bit of over-indulgence but for someone with diabetes, Christmas can be a time of temptation, unpredictable or delayed meals, extra nibbles, excitement and stress, all of which can lead to varying blood sugars. We recognise that Christmas can be a difficult time for people who have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, especially the first Christmas with

diabetes, so we have an information pack which includes our booklet. 'Diabetes - Everyday Eating' and our 'Christmas Tips'. These give various options for Christmas dinners, a recipe for homemade, lower carbohydrate and calorie Christmas pudding and many other tips to make life a little easier over the festivities. We are happy to send out this Information Pack free of charge to any of your readers to help them over Christmas. To obtain this information, your readers can contact IDDT on 01604 622837 or email enquiries@iddtinternational.org Jenny Hirst

Derby Win for Aycliffe F.C.



Newton Aycliffe FC pulled off a tough Derby win against second placed Shildon on Saturday. The game was played on a heavy pitch with Shildon doing well to get the game on after our recent spell of wet weather. The first half was hard work for Aycliffe, not helped by losing Dennis Knight to a hamstring injury after just 12 mins. Shildon had the best of the chances during the first 45 including hitting the crossbar after 37mins. They took the lead a few minutes before half time. Shildon cleared an Aycliffe corner with Connor running onto a flicked header and finishing well giving James Winter no chance. Within a minute the home side might have a second but missed a free header in front of goal. The second half saw a transformation in Aycliffe's fortunes & the improved

performance put Shildon under pressure. With the hour approaching Stuart Banks made an excellent run into the box & crossed to Zak Boagey whose low shot found the net. Aycliffe pressed on with twenty minutes remaining a John Campbell shot was tipped round the post for a corner. Campbell took the corner himself and his curling cross found its way into the net with a hint of wind assistance. From there Aycliffe dug in to take the valuable three points. Aycliffe now have a run of six consecutive home games starting with West Allotment Celtic on Saturday 5th December. That will be followed by a big game in the FA Vase against Atherton Collieries of the North West Counties League. Aycliffe are now in the last 64 of the Vase and looking to continue the good run.

FIXTURES

Saturday 5 December
West Allotment Celtic (h)
Saturday 12 December
Atherton Collieries (h) Vase
Saturday 19 December
North Shields (h)
Saturday 26 December
Bishop Auckland (h)

Bikers Charity Toy Run

Every year 'Aycliffe Bike Club' and the Party Fire Engine tour local pubs collecting donated toys which are handed over to Bishop Auckland Women's Refuge. This event has been running for 8 years with thousands of toys to give kids a Xmas they could only have dreamt about. Please support this worthwhile cause and buy an extra present this year and leave it, unwrapped, at the Turbinia Pub. Better still, hand it over in person and greet the cavalcade of motorcycles (many in fancy dress) & the 'Party Fire Engine' at 3pm on Sunday 13th December. All bikers are very welcome to join the fun, suitable for all sizes of bikes, trikes and scooters. Just donate a toy and meet at the Turbinia, Aycliffe DL5 7PA at 11.45am. Call Gary for more details on 01325 313 034.

Christmas in the Library

In the run up to Christmas Newton Aycliffe Library will be having a children's competition - Design a Christmas stocking. There will be prizes for the best stocking depending on age group, so if you like crafts why not ask for a template and we will put on a lovely display in the junior library. We are also having a Christmas craft session for children aged from 4 to 11. We will be making Christmas cards and this will take place on Monday 21st December from 10.30 to 11.30am. The session is free but to make sure your child gets a place please book in advance. For more information on the forthcoming craft session, please either call into the library or telephone us on 03000 269 519.

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Rugby 2nd's on a Roll

Braving driving wind and rain, Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club 2nd XV travelled to Acklam to play the Hustlers in their latest game. Aycliffe were able to field a strong team, but lack of preparation led to them conceding early penalties which resulted in Acklam driving over between the posts. With 2 minutes gone the home team were 7 - 0 ahead. Aycliffe soon settled down and equalised when Matthew Wiper fielded a loose kick and went over to score his first try in an Aycliffe jersey. Phill Sangster added the conversion. Aycliffe were playing into a strong wind in the first half and kept the ball in hand as much as they could. James Thacker added another try, stepping in from his wing. A piece of individual skill from scrum-half, Ben Walton led to Aycliffe's third try; he stepped through a number of defenders to cross in the corner, but then ran around under the posts to make Sangster's conversion easier. A second Thacker try and a full set of kicks from Sangster saw Aycliffe 28 - 7 at the break.

With the wind behind, Aycliffe looked forward to adding more points in the second half. It was not to be. The Aycliffe scrum tightened up and became dominant, but good defence from Acklam nipped every attack in the bud, helped in part by some over-elaboration from the visitors. Acklam used the home advantage to field no fewer than 21 players against Aycliffes 17 using rolling sub allowances. A great test of endurance for the Aycliffe team. Regardless to that fact the game was played in good spirit and, despite the inclement conditions; there was some good ball handling on show from both teams. Next Saturday the 2nd XV enjoy a rest week whereupon the 1st XV resume league duties after a 2 week lay off against 3rd place Yarm. A must win game for Aycliffe to maintain their 100% win record. Ko 2:15. Supporters are more than welcome to follow and cheer them on. Aycliffe Rugby are proudly sponsored by The Shred Centre and The Mortgage Advice Centre.

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Youth Crime Halves in Co. Durham

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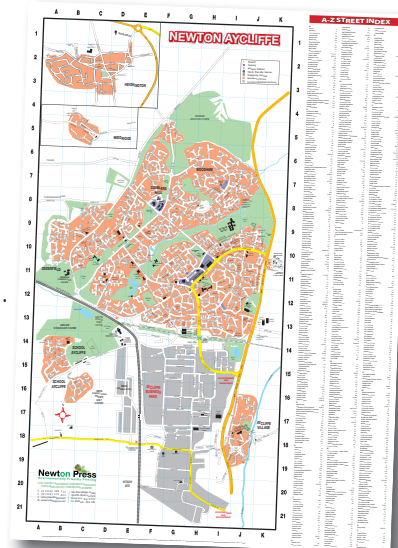
fall by 51.5 per cent, with the number of crimes they commit down by 46.8%. Gill Eshelby, CDYOS' strategic manager, said: "Restorative justice is never an easy option and it takes real commitment from all parties to make it work, but the results are worth it." Each year the youth offending service works with both many young people who offend, and victims, on a range of restorative justice projects that benefit not only those directly affected by crime, but the wider community. In total CDYOS oversaw 5,231 hours of restorative justice during 2014/15, with nearly three in five victims of youth

crime participating – but such work was not just about litter picking. It also included working with local organisations, undertaking environmental projects, building maintenance and potentially any other project that a victim suggests - especially if it helps develop a young person's skills. And charitable initiatives, including young people making poppies for Remembrance Sunday, Christmas wreathes, spring flower baskets and summer nesting boxes, have, over the last three years, helped raise nearly £5,000 for local charities.

Street Map of NEWTON AYCLIFFE

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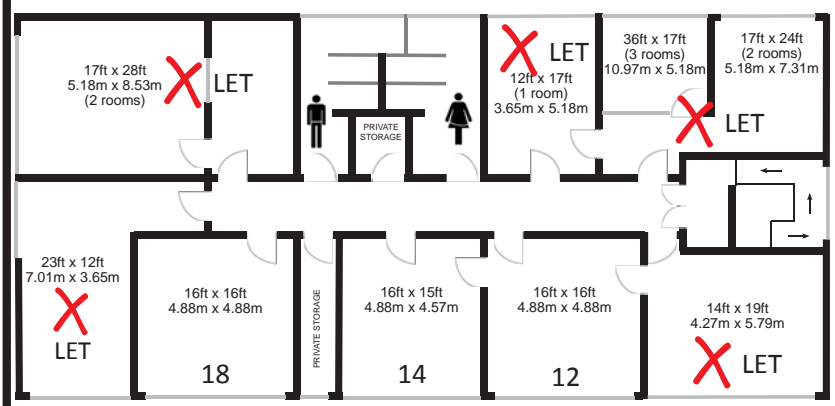
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COUNTY DURHAM'S YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE HONoured

County Durham's Youth Offending Service has been highly commended in the SLCN Innovation Award category at a glittering awards ceremony in London, hosted

by comedian David Baddiel, for effectively responding to young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). The 2015 Shine a Light Awards

are a national awards to celebrate innovative work and excellent practice in supporting children and young people's communication development. County Durham's Youth

Offending Service realised they needed to address SLCN when they became aware of national research that suggests that 60-90% of young people in the youth justice system have SLCN. The service realised that young people's difficulties with communication were the 'missing piece of the jigsaw' and they needed to ensure early identification of any needs, as well making their screening processes communication friendly.

Since March 2014, a speech and language therapist has been seconded to the service and staff have learnt how to identify warning signs of SLCN and how they can refer young people for further support. This was previously a formal interview in professional language but is now much more interactive, helping to reveal any SLCN the young person might have. This work has resulted in more young people being referred for speech and language therapy in a three month period than there were over the previous 10 years.

Eighty-nine percent of staff at the Youth Offending Service now report they are confident at identifying SLCN and the service has been asked to deliver training and share resources with another youth offending service.

Sarah Caden, (Practice Improvement Officer, and Susan Stewart (Clinical Lead Speech and Language Therapist, said: "We are delighted to be Highly Commended for the SLCN Innovation Award for our ClearCut Communication Screen Resources. We want to dedicate it to all the young people who struggle to make sense of the Youth Justice system. Our screen will ensure that many more young people will get the communication support that they need for the future. Supporting young people's communication needs makes the youth justice system fairer and more meaningful for young people who offend and victims."

Chris Hall, Director of Clinical Assessment at Pearson, says: "Congratulations to County Durham's Youth Offending Service for being highly commended for the SLCN Innovation Award at the 2015 Shine a Light Awards for their remarkable achievements. Each year the applications get stronger and more inspiring. We have seen examples of children and young people being supported by some truly inspiring individuals and groups like the County Durham Youth Offending Service.

THE DEVOLUTION DEAL (2)

In this second of his four-part series, John D Clare explains the Devolution Agreement's PROPOSALS FOR BUSINESS.

'Devolution' is not about new powers and funding, but about transferring existing functions from the government to the region. What you think about devolution, therefore, will depend on whether or not you think that regional officers can do a better job for us than Whitehall civil servants.

SOME POSITIVES

Durham County Council Regeneration officers, for example, desperately want to control the EU funding process, and also UKTI (the department which oversees exports and inward investment) – both of which are poorly managed by the government.

There will be a £30 million a year grant. It is true that this sum is less for the whole region than the government is cutting from DCC's budget next year alone. And yes, it might allow us to borrow an investment fund of £1.5 billion, but at the end of the term we will have to pay it back plus interest. However, the opportunity here is that assured funding would allow regional officers to develop a long-term economic plan, rather than the year-by-year budgets they have at the moment.

In addition, the Devolution Proposal offers a single allocation of the Local Growth Fund to support a programme of investment – though the amount is undefined. Again, despite disappointments over the sums, the key opportunity here is for the region – not the government – to control regional investment. Here, therefore, is a chance for a partnership with business which will see growth policies explicitly designed to help the North-East economy.

There are some attractive further offers on the table – the area "will receive" extra Enterprise Zones to attract business. There will be an emphasis on rural growth. There will be a science and innovation programme with local universities to create more 'catapult' (innovation and development) centres in the region. We are also promised the roll-out of 4G broadband.

Other offers are more vague. We are assured that the North-East will not be "disadvantaged in relation to the tax freedoms granted to the Scottish government" (our greatest fear being over Airport Passenger Duty). There is also a promise of "fair and equitable" funding to local councils in the future – whatever that might mean.

A CONCERN

The biggest worry is the government's scheme for Business Rate retention; because the North-East economy is so weak, this will actually mean a reduction of income to local councils. The Devolution Proposal allows the Mayor to increase Business Rates to fund investment ... but, since wealthier areas may reduce their Business Rates to attract firms, this is not a feasible policy. Having said this, retention of Business Rates is happening anyway, whether or not we join the Devolved Authority.

MY VERDICT

Some risks, and inadequate funding ... arguably outweighed by the opportunity of greater control over our own destiny economically.

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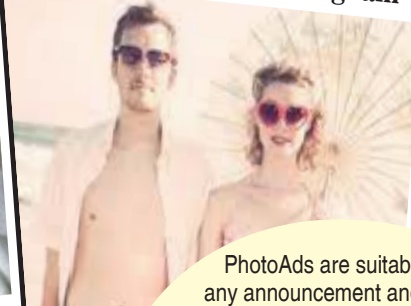
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Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Round-up

Not much action across the weekend as again the weather took its toll. Nevertheless there was some great action and excitement in league and cup duty.

League Cup Semi Final day for the Under 14 Girls' who welcomed Washington Wildcats' to a wet and windy Oak Leaf. Sadly, three first half goals put paid to any hopes. The visitors' used the wings to great effect and assisted by the wind, found the net with a speculative cross, which looped over everyone into the far corner. This gave the Wildcats' confidence to go forward at

will and after winning a free kick well outside the box, the ball flew passed everyone again and nestled in the far corner for 0-2. Not many chances came our way at all of note in the first half – any breakthroughs were mopped up by a determined defence. In all honesty, the first two goals stunned our Girls' and this was compounded as they added a third on the stroke of half-time.

We needed to score early on in the second half to give us any hope. It wasn't to be as we found a resolute goalkeeper in great form. Whilst we very much were the better team in the second half – creating chance after chance, two outstanding stops from their Number 1 proved the difference.

Under 12 Falcons triumphed again on their travels away to Great Ayton. The Falcons defence wasn't giving much away and breaking well with the likes of Dylan, Declan Kane breaking with pace from Midfield. The Falcons took the lead just before half time with a good delivery from Declan Scott turned in by Dylan Redpath. The second half saw the Falcons with the wind and slope advantage dominate much more. Kieran Gillham was causing lots of problems with his wing play on the left, winning a couple of free kicks right in the edge of the box. From the 2nd one of these, Kane Hopwood curled a beauty into the top corner. 2-0.

The third goal was scored by Dylan Redpath to put the game to bed after some nice football in midfield 3-0. MOTM for his two goals and carrying the ball well up the pitch first half when our backs were to the walls, Dylan Redpath.

The Under 11 Girls' v Durham Cestria was all Aycliffe as the pace and movement up front and the assured tackling at the back left Faith a spectator, the goals created today were superb for such young players, and assured finishing give the girls an 8-0 win. Kate 4, Hattie 2, Alex, and an excellent surging run and goal from Olivia.

Next up v Hartlepool Pools Youth, could the girls get any better, you bet they could! all the first half was played in the opposition half and within 5 mins it was 4 for Hattie closely followed by Kate and 2 for Alex HT 7-0. Changes were being made as often as the action would allow, then a corner from Hartlepool beat everyone to find the back of the net, this spurred the girls again, a further 4 goals from Hattie, Kate completing her hat-trick and the game was over but for Hartlepool to have the final word FT 13-2. An outstanding attacking performance but I must mention the girls who still have to concentrate despite being spectators for long spells of the game - Faith, Neve, Emily, Macy, Grace, Olivia.

Under 10 Girls' v St Cuthbert's

– an excellent performance from the girls as they controlled the game. Midway through the first half, a strong run from Brooke finishing with a shot that the keeper couldn't hold HT 1-0. The defence looked confident and as Niamh stopped a rare attack she slid the ball to Brooke who calmly finished for her second and the points were secured FT 2-0. Next up v Boldon. A team sitting second in the division was always going to be tough. We were caught out ball watching with players alone in the box giving Alysha no chance. 0-4 at half time.

We needed to regroup and learn from the mistakes, Georgie, Neve, and Phoebe started the second half a lot more determined, the midfield of Ebony and Keira were making opportunities for Brooke and Heidi, eventually we got our reward as Brooke slotted into the corner, FT 1-4, great second half performance from everyone.

The Under 7 Eagles were home to Farrington Detached in the Russell Foster League this morning. The weather was windy and bitterly cold but our boys and girls turned on their football brains and played some great football giving us a 4-3 win. Well done to all involved but a special mention to Will and his 4 goals.

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Sunday Morning Football

Following two weeks of postponed fixtures, The Huntsman were back in action on Sunday, at home to Kirk Merrington Half Moon. Manager Neil Dodds was forced into a couple of changes, as Anthony McDonald played in goal and Ollie Gell was called back into the side at left back.

The game got off to a scrappy start, as the wet and windy conditions made it difficult for both sides. However, the away side struck first as they were awarded a contentious penalty for handball. The Half Moon striker made no mistake, calmly dispatching his effort from the spot.

That goal certainly galvanised the home team, and they got level as an interception from Paul Barnes enabled Reed Molloy a run at goal. The Huntsman's top scorer duly obliged, as his left footed effort went in off the post. The home side were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box shortly after, which should have been a penalty. Up stepped Molloy, who bent his free kick over the wall and into the top corner.

The first half scoring was rounded out when Ryan Mercer was played through one on one by Molloy, and his effort trickled over the line to

make it 3-1.

It was one way traffic in the second half, as The Huntsman began dominating possession. John Jamie Herd added a 4th shortly after the break.

Molloy then completed his hat trick to round of a man of the match performance, as he was able to convert from close range from a cross by Shaun Sproates.

Mike Sproates then got on the scoresheet himself, as a good piece of work down the left hand side enabled him a tap in at the back post. The home side added a seventh, as substitute Craig Woodhead's clever lay off found captain Lee Redpath, who bent the ball into the top right-hand corner from the edge of the box.

Woodhead then got on the scoresheet himself, as Dave Neale's cushioned ball enabled him to lash home from 6yds out. The away side then got a consolation as a hit and hope from their centre midfielder lobbed McDonald in The Huntsman goal from 30yds out.

Next up is a top of the table clash against Coundon Durham Ox at Simpasture Park 10.30am kick off both teams have 100% league record so get yourself down to see good competitive game of Sunday morning football.

Running Club News



There was a good turnout from the club at the NYSD cross-country meeting at Summerhill, Hartlepool. It was a mild day and the rain kept away, but the damage had already been done by the heavy rain on previous days. This left the course the muddiest it has been for years with runners sliding about all over.

The club had a strong team in the Senior Women's 4.6k race and finished in 6th position. First home for the club was Michelle Zamir, 18th in 21:40, followed by Michelle Jane, 27th in 22:28 and Cyd Denise, 35th in 23:21. Susan Milburn was next to cross the line, 39th in 23:50 and it was a cross-country debut for Angela Barrett, 60th in 26:59. Julie Spring was next finisher, 77th in 32:32, followed by Susan Clark, 78th in 33:32 and finally Eve Doe in her first cross-country race was 79th in 33:41.

In the Senior Men's 8.9k race

Mark Wade put some distance between him and his fellow team mates finishing 15th in 36:53, followed by Dez Fielden, 37th in 39:33 and Peter Milburn, 50th in 40:49. In his first cross-country race 17-year-old Shane Doe showed great promise to finish 104th in 48:23, followed by Steve Smith, 107th in 49:48 and Colin Gibson 111th in 51:03. Trevor Needham, reaping the benefits of retirement and in his new 60+ age group finished a respectable 118th in 55:23 and Rob Nicholson, 130th in 60:16 just managed to hold off a fast finishing Dave Thompson, 131st in 60:17. The men's team finished 7th.

In the over 65 men's 4.6k race, Ray Todd was the only finisher in the O/75 category in 33:40. On the same day some other members of the club travelled down to Leeds for the for the Abbey Dash 10k. This is a very popular race as it is a flat and fast course and is good for PB's.

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