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One of the bands visits Aycliffe Brewery with owners Nick and Gulen Smith (right)

Newton Aycliffe. The bands playing are absolutely world class. It's a free event, anyone can come down to enjoy the vibrant music and perhaps indulge in a craft beer or two!" Durham Brass is having its tenth anniversary this year, and to celebrate they've commissioned the team at Steam Machine to create a brand new craft beer. "We wanted something that spoke of warm summer

evenings and good music. We've created a distinctive six percent blonde - "BIG BRASS BLONDE" - brewed with an eclectic mix of international hops. It'll be available all over County Durham for the Brass Festival. We'll have it cold and sparkling on tap at the Brew Room for the concert. There will be food as well. We've teamed up with local gourmet catering company the 'Whole Hog' who'll be offering their handmade burgers, sausages etc."

The free outdoor event takes place in the IES Centre, just behind the Blue Bridge Centre (home to the Newton Press) on Horndale Avenue between 19:00 - 22:00 on Monday 11th July. Further details can be found on Steam Machine's facebook page, or at brassfestival.co.uk

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RESIDENTS' MEETING

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expertise to the night. Tickets will be on sale soon at £4.00. August bank holiday weekend sees the return of The Northern Bygones classic car show. The vintage caravan club will have a number of caravans on display from Saturday 27th August with the car owners joining them on Sunday 28th August. To entertain our guests and members Daniel Cole, an acoustic guitarist and singer will be performing in the bar on Saturday evening, no cover charge for this one so come

along see the caravans and listen to the music. On Sunday 28th there will also be a table top sale in the hall - anyone wishing to book a table please call 01325321084 and leave a message and your phone number and I will call back thanks, £5 a table. The 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout group will be providing refreshments on Sunday. The social club is open every Friday 5.30pm till 11pm, Saturday and Sunday from 1pm till 11pm and Monday from 7pm. Monday evening is Darts and Dominoes night and in our first season in the league our darts team won 1st place in the final for Team Darts 1st place in the final for Pair Darts And runners up in Captains - well done to you all. Friday is pool night and

we have a team in the local league. We are a family club and children accompanied by an adult are welcome in our bar until 10pm at weekends and school holidays. The premises are run and maintained by a number of willing volunteers and all proceeds are used to maintain and improve the premises. There are two Scout groups using the premises on 4 nights each week allowing the young people of our town to experience activities such as archery, canoeing, climbing, baking, model making and a host of others. They are also learning the life skills they will require as they grow older. Currently the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts are in the process of redecorating the hall to gain their DIY badges.

The social club is open to all and new members are always welcome. If you want any more information or want to book the hall for a party, meeting or group activity please call 01325 318901 and leave a message or call during our opening hours. We also have a Facebook page that gives details of all our upcoming events.

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LOCAL MEDIUM AT CHARITY NIGHT



Sharna with Grandparents Barry and Helen

A granddaughter, Sharna Fittes, is organising a charity evening in memory of her grandfather Barry Fawcett, at the Phoenix Club with a night of mediumship with Danielle Smith who is based in Ferryhill. The event is on Thursday 18th August in the upstairs lounge at the former British Legion Club - doors open at 7pm starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 each and can be purchased directly from the Phoenix Club bar on the evening or contact Sharna on 07732 395795. All money from ticket sales including the raffle proceeds are going to Pancreatic Cancer UK. Barry was a much loved man around Newton Aycliffe and a patron of The Royal British Legion (now Phoenix Club). He finally lost his battle with this disease in August last year and the family are

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Medium Danielle Smith

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MARKS ARMED FORCES WEEK



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Jed Hillary, attended the War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church on Monday, 20 June 2016 at 11 a.m. to raise a flag on behalf of the Town to mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week'. The Mayor was assisted by Officers from Aycliffe Armoury and the Barnard Bearers from the Royal British Legion were present together with members and representatives from

the Club. The outdoor Service was conducted by Revd. Elizabeth Bland from St. Clare's Church and Arthur Middleton played the bagpipes whilst the Mayor raised the flag. Veterans and members of the public attended to mark this annual occasion.

LET'S HEAL THE RIFTS says our M.P.

After months of campaigning Britain has voted to leave the European Union. Having passionately campaigned for a Remain vote, I, like many, am deeply disappointed by the result and concerned about the impact of this decision on our region and our country. Britain's fragile economy has already begun to feel the effects of a Brexit vote. I worry what this will mean for businesses and jobs in the North-East, especially when over half of the 11,000 jobs on the Newton Aycliffe industrial estate rely on EU trade in some way. As the UK enters into a long period of economic uncertainty, business leaders throughout the UK are withdrawing or postponing future investment as they consider whether Britain remains the most attractive option to start or expand their business. As the clarifications and back-tracking have begun, I fear that some voters may have based their decision on the half-baked lies and wanton mistruths of the



Vote Leave campaign. Within hours of the result, Nigel Farage disowned a pledge to spend the £350 million we supposedly send to the EU each week on the NHS. Days later, this was followed by Iain Duncan Smith who denied promising this during the course of the campaign at all, despite this claim being emblazoned on the Vote Leave bus. Don't forget it was this figure which was spent countless times over by the Leave campaign on anything from the NHS to agriculture to regional development. Moreover,

after months of telling voters that a vote to leave the EU would enable Britain to control immigration, Leave campaigners, such as the Conservative MEP Daniel Hannen, have now admitted that voters expecting immigration to fall significantly would be 'disappointed'. Sadly, these misleading claims which unsurprisingly have since been removed from Vote Leave's website do little to restore voters' faith in a political system which is increasingly considered broken. This has been a long, gruelling and divisive campaign. Yet, the British people have spoken, with the majority of voters supporting a leave vote. However as disappointed voters may be by the result, and however regretful some may be for the way they voted, it would be disrespectful and undemocratic to simply hold the same referendum again. Now we must respect the outcome and move forward with the challenging task of negotiating Britain's exit from the EU and healing the rifts caused by the campaign. We must hold the Leave campaigners' feet to the fire for the promises they have made throughout the referendum campaign and work to secure the best possible deal, not just for the UK, but especially the North East.

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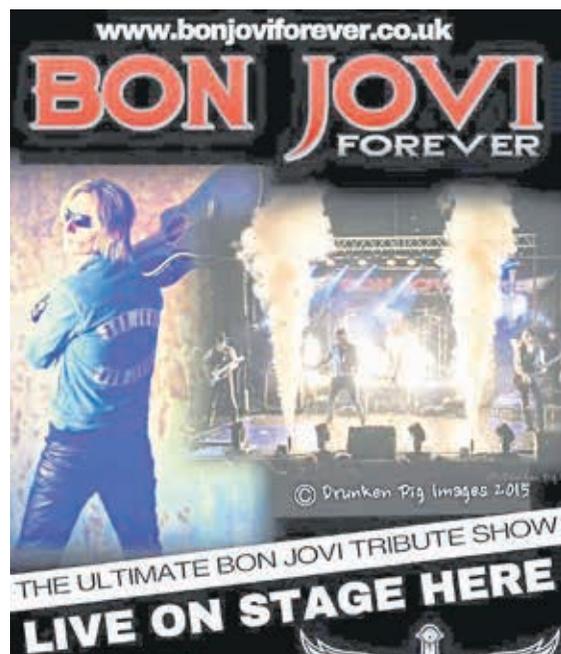
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Latest Greenfield Gallery Programme

This season's Gallery Programme at Greenfield Arts is now available showcasing lots of wonderful work from local and national artists of all disciplines. We begin with a showcase of the fantastic work by students studying for GCSEs in Visual Arts at Greenfield Community College, called Unfolded. It will include various art forms including sculpture, photography and graphics and is open from Tuesday 5th July to Friday 15th July 2016.

We also have Robert McManners who combines two of his passions – his art and his love of birdlife. Although illustrated realistically his birds by contrast often live in a background of fantasy as he combines traditional illustrative portrayal with a stylised graphic design technique giving a sense of fantasy to the image. This exhibition is open from Thursday 28th July to Wednesday 24th August 2016. We then move on to Derek Slater's work, from Thursday 1st September to Wednesday 21st September 2016, which involves paintings from his time spent working for British Coal, reflecting upon people's struggle in heavy industries and ecological issues. The range of his subject matter allows him to work in both a figurative and abstract style. The paintings also relate to a thought provoking aspect to what is happening on the planet and in industry.

This year we also host the previously unseen works by the wonderful artist Norman Cornish from Thursday 29th September to Wednesday 9th November 2016. It will include his works along with the Tyne Tees TV documentary 'The Shapes of Cornish' from the early 1970s (30 mins). "I paint human beings. I paint their hopes and their shapes and their attitudes and the feelings I have when I look at them. The images come from the people. They create them. I am just the medium." Norman Cornish. This is the second time we have

been privileged enough to host his work and can't wait to see it on display.

Last but not least we host the work of Alan Clements, from Thursday 24th November to Wednesday 21st December 2016, since discovering digital photography Alan takes his camera everywhere—from Death Valley to Tokyo. This exhibition has two broad themes—the human face and textures. Faces appear in many variations from the steampunk in Whitby to the courtesan in her gown in Venice. Textures range from patterns made by rivers photographed from 3,000 feet, to the crumbling ochre-shaded walls of Venice. Each exhibition will host a preview night 6pm – 8pm the night prior open to the public, with the exception of 'Unfolded' which hosts a preview on Tuesday 5th July 6pm – 8pm. If you would like to find out more about any of the exhibitions or how you can display your own work in the gallery please check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048, info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or pop in and speak to one of our team.

SISTERS BRING BACK SILVERWARE FOR AYCLIFFE CLUB

On Sunday 19th June, Hannah and Rosie Hatfield of Newton Aycliffe competed in a local Taekwondo competition. The sisters who have trained with Kim Chung Do Kwan from a young age, paired up to show their support in a charity event held in Darlington. The event raised over £1200 for charity and brought together Martial Artists from all over the area and showed a high standard of traditional Taekwondo and Martial Arts. Hannah and Rosie, who train at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, were part of a 15 strong team who brought back 20 medals including 3 golds.

The Newton Aycliffe Club



Flower Demo

At the next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club, on Monday 4th July, at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Hall, National Demonstrator, Bob Harris from Longhope, will present an evening of flower arranging under the title 'Memories are Made of This'. Free to members - Visitors £5 - pay on the door.

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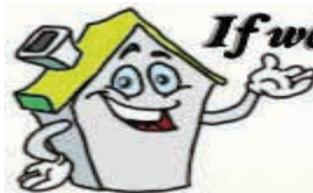
We stopped at Brough for refreshments on the way to 'The Imperial' at Blackpool for our lunch. Reputed to be the best hotel in Blackpool we enjoyed a superb three course lunch with no expense spared.

We spent 3 hours in this popular seaside resort before returning home with a stop at Teebay for refreshments.

We could not believe the fantastic day we had all free and so well organised by Marie and our Town Council. Who said old age had nothing to recommend it? We are still buzzing and wish to say thank you!

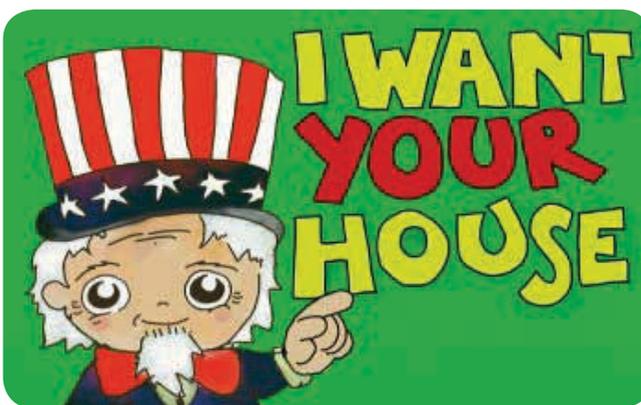
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Free Cycle Stands from the Council

A pilot project offering businesses and community groups free cycle stands is being extended into 2018 following an overwhelming response.

Funded by Durham County Council and provided by social enterprise ParkThatBike, the scheme will now be extended for a further two years with the aim of providing 400 more stands for premises across the county.

The project was previously launched as a pilot scheme in December 2015 but, after installing 35 stands and generating a substantial waiting list, has now been extended. The aim of the initiative is to help boost business by offering cyclists secure parking as well as encouraging healthier and more environmentally friendly travel.

Arch's Durham Workspace at Pity Me, just outside Durham City, was one of the companies to benefit from the pilot scheme.

Katie Mason, Assistant Workspace Manager said: "The initiative was designed to improve and promote sustainable transport and economic development within the



(l-r) Cllr Foster with Kerry Davies and Judith Musgrave (Arch), Victoria Lloyd-Gent (Sustainable Travel Officer, Durham County Council) and Paul Thomas and Katie Mason (Arch).

area and is something that Arch is keen to support. The stands have already proven to be a good facility for both tenants and staff alike by supporting them

to live healthier and more active lives." With the scheme extended, the council is now encouraging even more County Durham

based communities, local businesses, shops, offices, hotels, pubs and places of worship to come forward and apply for their free stands.

Applications are welcomed for up to four stands in a range of designs; from classic stands to heart-shaped ones or wall mounted rails to racks combined with planters.

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration and culture, said: "We're delighted with the overwhelming response we've received to the ParkThatBike scheme and would encourage businesses and community groups to get in touch and apply for their free stands."

"Free bike racks are just one of a number of ways we are working with businesses and communities to encourage and support greener and healthier travel across the county and we'd love to see even more premises and venues taking advantage of this offer and showing their support for a healthier County Durham."

Apply for a stand online at www.ParkThatBike.info or by calling 01594 564 344.

Roadworks

• Until September, on the A1(M) between junctions 60 and 61 (Bradbury to Bowburn) there will be occasional contraflow and road closures for resurfacing and bridge works.

• Until 15 July there will be two-way lights on Woodham Way for a sewer installation.

• Until 1 July there will be 2-way lights on Heighington Lane on Aycliffe Business Park for cycleway works.

• On 1 July there will be 2-way lights on Burnhill Way/Woodham Way for a street lighting column replacement.

• On Travellers Green the road closure continues.

• Throughout the Sedgefield area there will be traffic management as required for minor maintenance and patching works.

• On 22-31 July there will be traffic disruption for the Shildon Railway Museum event.

• July - January 2017, on the A167 at Newton Park Service Station by the motorway, there will be traffic management as required for construction of a new junction.

• On 1-9 August, on the A1(M), junction 60 to 59 (Bradbury to Aycliffe) there will be closures (8pm to 6am) for resurfacing.

Note you can check up on roadworks throughout the county on the DCC webpage: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/roadworks>.

Centenarian Sends Thanks for Good Wishes



Dear Sir,
Mrs Fryer former Head Teacher at Sugar Hill School would like to thank Newton News for enabling friends and ex pupils to help her celebrate her recent 100th birthday. The e-mails and cards forwarded by you were greatly enjoyed. My Mother received cards from the Queen and Secretary of State and I attach a photo of 'the birthday girl' with many thanks from my sister Dorothy and me for your help.
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Rotary Honours Ron Heighington Curate Celebrating 65 Years Marriage



Journalist Ron Eyley found himself making the news this week when, to his complete surprise, he was presented with a special award for outstanding service to the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe and Rotary International.

The Robin Watson award presentation was made by Rtn Denese Cartwright during her Presidential Lunch at Whitworth Hall Hotel.

Ron, a member of the club for just over a year, was presented with a trophy and certificate in recognition of his public relations work in support of Newton Aycliffe cancer victim Anna Swabey whose campaign to raise awareness of the need for more government funding for brain tumour research recently earned her a Rotary UK Young Citizen of the Year award and a Durham County Council Chairman's Medal.

"I couldn't believe it when the announcement was made. I feel very honoured," said Ron. Before moving to the North East, Ron was a long-serving member of the Rotary Club of Hope Valley in Derbyshire where he was a former President and Paul Harris Fellow.

Heighington Curate Ordained Priest

Ruth Dawson is ordained a priest at the age of 71 after having her faith tested by a series of difficult family experiences. Ruth, who trained at Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership, becomes a priest at Heighington, St Michael and Darlington, St Matthew with St Luke.

Born in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, she made her career in the commercial sector, beginning as a secretary and progressing through to Administrative Management and Personnel work.

She said: "Since mid-life I have felt that there was something more I had to give, but the time never seemed to be quite right.

"Then, after retiring, I found I could no longer ignore the pull that I felt to more formal ministry, and so I commenced training to be a Reader. This opened my mind even more and made me realise my deep desire to be involved in growing Christ's body in the Church through the administering of



the sacraments.

"My first year of curacy has been the most challenging. The day after ordination, my youngest daughter told us she had breast cancer, and I began travelling down to Lincolnshire every three weeks to be there for her chemotherapy sessions. Then, in August I suffered a stroke and was hospitalised for almost six weeks.

"On my discharge, my husband, whose health has been vulnerable for a number of years, was once again unwell. The week before Christmas things improved for him and we thought that once again we were "out of the woods". Sadly, on 29 December, he suffered a massive and fatal heart attack at our home.

"A month later my son was made redundant. All this has proved immensely challenging – trying to rationalise and understand, trying to see where God was amidst all this sadness, trying to discern how I could turn this to a positive in my own life and in my ministry. Trying to embrace new life after illness and bereavement.

"This Easter was a poignant time as my own experiences and challenges made me realise even more the sacrifice Jesus made for us – how hard it is to carry the cross.

"When I had my stroke I feared that I would not be able to carry out my ministry but I realised that it was happening even whilst I was in hospital. I came closer to the suffering of others and I found that nurses and patients, on finding that I was ordained, wanted to talk to me about faith. I feared that my parishioners might feel they could not approach me with their problems because of mine, but in fact my vulnerability gave me more empathy with them and they approached me more. This was even more apparent following my bereavement.

"Thankfully, I feel that slowly I am turning my negatives into positives, with the help of being held in prayer and supported by family, Church family and very good friends. And all the time I feel that my husband is with me, supporting me in what I do." Ruth will be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Durham, The Right Reverend Paul Butler in Durham Cathedral at 5.00pm on Saturday 2nd July 2016

Margaret and Ike (Sandy) Sanderson celebrated their 65th "Blue Sapphire" Wedding anniversary on Thursday 23rd June. and the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe, Jed Hillary, called on them to bring congratulations on behalf of the townspeople.

They were married on Saturday 23rd June 1951 at St Mary's Church, High Harrington in Cumbria, followed by a Reception at the local Welfare Hall.

The couple moved to Newton Aycliffe 52 years ago in May 1964 with their three children Robert, Ian & Jacqueline. Within a year Margaret's Father & Mother (Jack and Margaret) joined them along with Bob and Ann, Margaret's Brother and Sister in-Law plus their two children Irene and John.

It was a mass family move from West to East and their first home was in Walker Lane quite close to the Iron Horse at a time when the Pub's rear car park was actually a bowling green.

Their next home was in Dalton Way where they resided until all the children had flown the nest. They then moved into their current residence in Newburn Court. Both Margaret and Sandy



Margaret and Sandy with the Mayor, their son Rob and his wife

worked at GEC from 1964 until their retirement. Margaret worked part time while looking after the children. Sandy worked initially as an Auto Setter moving on to become Foreman & Paint Shop

Superintendent. They have 6 grand children and 9 great grandchildren plus one on the way. A party to celebrate their 65 years of marriage was held at The County, Aycliffe Village on Sunday 26th June.



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I recently received a parking fine for parking in Aldi's carpark and not entering my number in the machine. The notification arrived 21 days after the offence and no one keeps a receipt that long for a bottle of wine.

I do make a point of entering my registration number but I also suffer from asphasia, a disability in the way I write things down. So out of interest I went to Aldi's and deliberately made a mistake in the number I entered and got the message "you have been recorded". I then tried made-up registration numbers and they all got the same message. So, if like me you get an unexplained parking fine this may be the reason why. The system does not take into account the fact the vehicle is not even in the car park and if you make a mistake entering your reg number you will receive a ticket.

This probably breaks the Equality Act 2010, where people should not be discriminated against because of a disability, and potentially hundreds of people will have been caught out by this error in the programming of Aldi's system.

Dave Morton
Editor;
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AYCLIFFE'S MEDITEK TARGETS DIRECT SALES EXPANSION

A stairlift manufacturer, which exports across the globe, is targeting new markets selling direct to consumers in the UK. Newton Aycliffe manufacturer MediTek Stairlifts, which also has a site in North Carolina in the US, exports more than 3,000 of its lifts per year across Europe, Australia and America. But now the company, which employs 30 staff at its site at Aycliffe Business Park, has brought in Nikki Rotherham as business development manager to target sales direct to the consumer in the UK. And with a new showroom, customers and occupational therapists can try their stairlifts before they buy. Philip Carmedy-Pye, the

recently appointed manager director of MediTek, said: "Nikki joins us at an exciting time in the business as the new strategy of offering direct sales to the North East is a key part to the growth of our company. "People can buy direct from us, the manufacturer. We design it here, make it here and so we can ensure that the customer is getting exactly what they want." Nikki said: "It's great to be working for a company such as MediTek and I'm looking forward to building on the hard work which has been done." MediTek was established 20 years ago. The company also makes children's stairlifts and specialist standing stairlifts



MediTek apprentice Nathan Gilbey at work on a stairlift



Business Durham's John Parnell (centre) with MediTek's MD Philip Carmedy-Pye and business development manager Nikki Rotherham

as well as their traditional ranges. As part of its development, the firm is keen to invest in young talent and take on apprentices, such as Nathan Gilbey who has joined the engineering team in the research and development department after a stint in a department dedicated to improving user experience and comfort. Philip added: "We're keen to bring people on and see them grow within the business. Nathan has an outstanding work ethic and we're delighted to have him on board." John Parnell, business development manager (South) for Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham, helped MediTek identify suitable funding sources so the company could realise its ambitions. He pointed them in the direction of the North East Microloan fund, which

freed up more working capital for them to pursue their new strategy. Said John: "Meditek have been a successful company for more than 20 years but earlier this year they decided they needed a new direction in order to increase sales and expand the business further. One of their ambitions was to re-shore manufacturing of their component parts and the other was direct sales as they had always sold through external distributors. They're a fantastic business and we look forward to seeing them grow further as they target more direct sales and fulfil their business plan."

Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 5th JULY will feature the musical romantic comedy "LULLABY OF BROADWAY" starring DORIS DAY, GENE NELSON. With musical numbers such as "Just one of those things" "Somebody loves Me" "Please don't talk about me when I'm gone" "You're Getting to be a Habit with me" and "Zing went the strings of my Heart" make this a real Feel-Good film to give you a lift. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

"We Will Pull Through" says our M.E.P.

Jude Kirton-Darling, Labour Member of the European Parliament for the North East said "It is with great disappointment and sadness that I have learned that the United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union. "I have fought long and hard for the rights of workers across Europe as a union representative and have continued that fight into the European Parliament. "There's been lots of anger on the doorstep about the future direction of this country and people are rightly concerned about housing, precarious work and the state of our public services. People must be listened to and I hope the government listens now. "I accept that this is the democratic mandate of the British people and I call upon those responsible for our leave negotiations to now produce the best deal possible."

Paul Brannen Labour Member of the European Parliament for the North East said "This is not the result the Labour Party and the main trade unions were hoping for. "We strongly believed that our place is within the Europe Union, working together with our neighbours for peace and prosperity. "Many of the issues raised on the doorstep were the responsibility of the Conservative Government – not the European Union. The government needs to listen to the understandable anger within our communities and act on housing, unemployment and inequality. "Too many people in the North East feel that no one has been listening to them and this needs to change. "I hope that those who negotiate our exit from the

HISTORY TALK

John Davison will speak to Aycliffe Village Local History Society on "Durham Men in the Great War" on Wednesday 13 July at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall. All welcome members £1 non members £3. Further details on 01325 301093.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



There will be a PACT Meeting to be held at the Village Hall at Aycliffe Village in conjunction with the Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th July 2016 from 10.30 to 12 noon. This is a drop in session so please feel free to drop by and give us any comments about policing or other issues you may face in your area. PCSO Mike Crawford will be available to give updates on what's going on and answer your questions. Councillors and Partners from GATC, DCC and Livin will attend if available. Kind regards, Michael Crawford (7875) Police Community Support Officer Neville and Simpature Ward Email: Michael.Crawford@durham.pnn.police.uk

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New Instruments for Woodham Musicians



Students at Woodham Academy have recently been benefitting from a range of new musical instruments. The music department received a grant from the Education Funding Agency in order to purchase ukuleles and djembes for full classes to further enhance the musical provision in the school. Year 7 and 8 students worked over a period of 6 weeks to rehearse as part of a class orchestra with students selecting their chosen

instrument. Students had to learn to play the instrument, learn their part and develop essential skills such as team work and listening. Most of all, students were able to develop their ensemble skills as they performed in a group of up to 30 students. Music teacher, Mrs Taylor, commented "The purchase of these new instruments has really enhanced the music provision at the school. Students are able to select instruments of their choice, and work on something which interests and engages them. Some students have actually gone and purchased their own ukuleles! The final performance was very impressive, with all students performing together to a high standard. We look forward to seeing students perform at our annual Summer Concert on Thursday 14th July at 7pm, tickets are available now."

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Star Radio Media Academy

Star Radio's Media Academy at Darlington College opened its doors to new students from across Darlington, North Yorkshire, Aycliffe and Durham on 28th June for the first taster session within Connecting to College, for soon to be Year 12 students.

The learners got an insight into how to use some of the key camera and recording equipment they will use as part of the Level 3 Creative Media Production Course and learned basic interview techniques to put together a case study on each other as part of the day.

The Star Media Academy provides students with dynamic and exhilarating live work experience within broadcasting. They will have opportunities to meet and interview people from various organisations, help Star Radio create the day's news with the potential to be involved in programming for shows, very practical experience crucial for CV's. The College have recently celebrated a new Ofsted report which shows that they have bounced back to 'good' in less than 16 months after it was deemed to be inadequate in all areas. The report, which was published on 23rd June praises the significant improvement across every



Front left to right: Abbey Warne, Hannah Crooks-Grace & Lucy Hartley; Back, left to right: Jamie Low & Matt Spare

area including teaching quality, leadership, outcomes for learners, and personal development. It also rated the adult learning programmes as outstanding. The report emphasised students get highly effective and comprehensive support during their studies.

Principal Kate Roe said the report showed what a remarkable journey of transformation the college had been on since the devastating result in February 2015.

"The report is testament to the hard work of every single member of staff who have all pulled together to adapt to change, make improvements and raise standards."

Star Radio is very proud to be associated with Darlington College and welcome any students who are interested in talking to us about the Star Media Academy to please contact Darlington College on 01325 503030 for more information.



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COUNCIL NEWS

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COMMUNITY NEWS

- Share your views on the Durham Urgent Care Transport Service, and the Volunteer Car Driver Service, which transport patients to health care services: bit.ly/DDESPTFF
- A new consortium will deliver Healthwatch in County Durham: bit.ly/HWCD23616
- Free cycle stands for community groups – apply at www.ParkThatBike.info or 01594 564 344
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See G5 Steam Engine Be Rebuilt

Come on board with the growing band of G5 supporters who are rebuilding this famous Steam Engine at Shildon. There were 110 G5 engines built between 1894 and 1901 at the North Road Works and the aim is to rebuild one from scratch using the same drawings. Work can be seen in progress at the workshop on Hackworth Industrial Estate, DL4 1HF on the first Saturday each month, the next one being 2nd July between 10am - 1pm.

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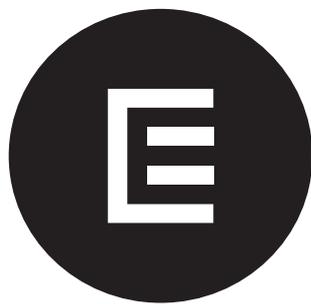
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- A quarter of all young offenders have a reading level below that of a 7 year old (source)

- 1 in 5 adults don't have the reading skills to find a plumber in the Yellow Pages

Beanstalk, the national children's literacy charity, provides trained reading helpers to work in schools to ensure that children across the North East can leave school confident and able readers.

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We currently have vacancies in Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe and would love to hear from you To find out more, or to become a Beanstalk reading helper, call Beanstalk on 01325 315040 or visit <http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/reading-helpers>

Sale at Town Library

A sale of books has commenced at Newton Aycliffe Library.

It will include non-fiction books, CD's and DVD's all priced at £1 each



Alan Wilks took part in the recent North East Masters track and field champs at Monkton stadium. He was placed first in his category of over 65 in the 1500m, completing the race in 5.58. He came first in his category in the 800m, completing the course in 3.09. He also participated in the 3000m, and was well in the lead, and looking like a hat

trick. Unfortunately he stopped a lap short thinking he had completed the race, only to realise there was one lap remaining, so he had to re-join the pack at the end, meaning he came in last position.

Lambton 10K was held on 26 June. The race is set in the beautiful grounds of Lambton Estate surrounding Lambton Castle. It is an undulating mixed terrain route which includes woodland paths, tarmac lanes and some grass sections. There is also a tough grassy ascent at approximately 8.5K.

The ground was muddy and slippery, but weather was good for running. First home for Aycliffe was Mark Wade 9th position in a time of 39:07, followed by Dave Blewitt in 47:33, Rob Jayne in 48.01, Trish Kay in 51:54 and Susan Clark in 66.38. There were 458 runners in the 10K and there was also a 3K fun run.

Messy Seaside Pilgrimage

A reminder to all Messy Church families who have booked their seat on the seaside trip on Saturday July 9th, of some details. The coach will leave St. Clare's Church at 10.30am - so please make sure you are there in plenty of time - no later than 10.15am. You will all need a packed lunch with you and of course anything else is heavily weather dependent. The coach plans to leave Seaton Carew to return to Aycliffe, no later than 3pm - again a lot depends on the summer sun!

We have arrangements with a local church in Seaton Carew to use their facilities if needs be. We will be joined by Bishop Mark of Jarrow for some of the time, eager to meet our Messy Team and families and join in the fun.

A fun day is planned with activities on the beach and sharing our lunch together as well as spending some quality time as a church family which is so important. If you are a Messy regular and are unsure of whether your name is on the trip list please contact helenmccormick@hotmail.com or telephone 319002, evenings only.

There are also a small number of seats still available if anyone would like to come along, priced at £2 each or £5 for a family booking. Again use the contact details above.

Thanks
Messy Team Leader
Helen McCormick



Hardwick Hall Hotel was filled with excited students and immensely proud parents on Tuesday evening as everyone awaited the results of the Woodham Sports Academy Presentation Evening.

The annual awards night is always well attended and this year was no different. Joined by Durham County Cricketer Keaton Jennings, the crowd were given an insight in to the life of a sports star and students had the opportunity to ask the cricketer questions. Students were recognised in a number of categories including the Individual Achievement awards for each year group, the Woodham Sports Academy Team of the Year award, and the Leader of the Year award.

A further award, The Mark Bulman Award was given to a student who has shown hard work commitment, determination and a passion for what they do. This award is in memory of former student, Mark Bulman, who died of cancer in 2010. The award symbolises everything students should aspire to. Through hard work, resilience, a positive mind-set and strength you can achieve anything in life, no matter how difficult. The winner of the Mark Bulman Award was Charlotte Lough. Charlotte received the award for her commitment to dance this year, taking part in a number of regional and national competitions, her fundraising efforts and receiving a scholarship to dance in Hollywood. Woodham Sports Academy has over 200 members all of whom train and compete at regional and national level in a variety of disciplines including dance, gymnastics, football, cricket, softball, American football, table tennis, swimming, basketball, handball, water

polo, leadership and girls' football.

Director of Woodham Sports Academy, Liam Clough said: 'Well done to all students, you should all be incredibly proud of the achievements and contributions this year. Your hard work, dedication and desire to improve is what makes Woodham Sport the success it is today.'

The winners on the evening were:

Year 7 Achievement Award

- Sydney Etherington Year 8 Achievement Award
- Jake Mendelsohn Year 9 Achievement Award
- Christopher Jones Year 10 Achievement Award
- Lisa Robinson Year 11 Achievement Award
- Billy Wade Leader of the Year
- Sam Dawson Team of the Year
- Woodham Cricket Academy Mark Bulman Award
- Charlotte Lough

MINI POLICE ON THE BEAT

Primary School Children Join Forces

On Wednesday 6th July, Stephenson Way School will host the launch of the Mini Police project in Newton Aycliffe.

Durham Constabulary & Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) have joined forces to launch the Mini Police project in Newton Aycliffe. GAMP, through Area Budget Funding, has supported the introduction of Mini Police Officers in four schools: St Francis, Sugar Hill, Woodham Burn and Stephenson Way.

This exciting project will see 80 Mini Police Officers being recruited from the participating schools. The programme is exclusively for Primary School children aged 9-11 years (academic years 5 & 6).

The children will be chosen by the school, as the school has detailed knowledge about each child involved. The children

then volunteer to participate in a variety of events.

The events are either Community led Initiatives - projects nominated by the children, with them taking ownership in tackling local community issues e.g. Speedwatch, litter picking etc, or Force led Initiatives - planned by Durham Constabulary throughout the year, supported by the children through pro-active community engagement e.g. Bikewise, Durham Miners Gala etc.

Duties can include giving out leaflets, directions, fundraising, delivering force messages in a fun way. There will also be Reward Events - Visit to HQ (including Control Centre, Armoury, and Tour of HQ building), Visit to Dog Section, NPAS Base Visit and Tea with the Chief Constable. The Mini Police launch in the GAMP area will also see the recruitment of the

750th Mini Police Officer. To commemorate this achievement, Ron Hogg, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, and Deputy Lieutenant Mr Simon Still will attend the launch. Additional funding to help introduce the initiative into the GAMP area has also been secured from Great Aycliffe Town Council through their Youth Council. The funding from GAMP and GATC will be used to purchase 80 Mini Police Uniforms and to help with transport costs.

Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "Children's encounters with the police can have a lasting effect on how they view and engage with them as adults."

"I'm hopeful that projects like the Mini Police will help develop long term relationships between the community and the Police".

Aycliffe's Front Line NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By T/Inspector Mark J Edwards



Hello readers, hope you've all been enjoying the sunshine (while it lasts!). Here's the latest report from Aycliffe's front line....

WITNESS APPEAL

On the evening of Saturday 25th June 2016 at around 11pm Police Officers were called to Dalton Way in Newton Aycliffe after receiving reports of an injured man lying in the street. A 44 year old local male was subsequently taken to hospital. It is believed that the victim had approached a number of youths in the street, having left his home when he was attacked by one or more of the group. The suspects, who are described as teenage boys and girls, left the area on foot following the incident. The matter in question is under investigation by local CID Officers - with support from the NPT, who are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the altercation that took place or who may have information relevant to the enquiry to contact them via 101, quoting reference number 525 of the 25th June. Alternately, you can contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Newton Aycliffe.

TEAM INFO

Since my last report we have had another Officer join the team. PCSO Christine O'BRIEN transferred across to the NPT from Darlington where she served as the local community cohesion Officer. She has an array of skills and expertise which her colleagues here are already benefitting from. Whilst the NPT address issues within the

town as a collective Christine's dedicated beat area is Greenfields and Middridge where she is working alongside Pc Mike Welch, PCSO Steven Gill and PCSO Chris Noble. Details of your local NPT - and the areas each Officer covers, can be found on the Durham Police website behind the 'Your Neighbourhood' tab.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Mini-Police initiative sees its' Newton Aycliffe launch on Wednesday 6th July at Stephenson Way Primary School. The Mini Police project is a fun and interactive volunteering opportunity for 9 to 11-year-old children. The Mini Police support the force priorities, through participation in community engagement events and those involved can look forward to developing a confident voice through enjoyable experiences. You can follow the Durham Mini Police on Facebook.

On the subject of community engagement the NPT are currently engaged in rolling out some further initiatives as we delve into the summer period so watch this space as details will be released very soon. Keep monitoring our social media sites...

That's it for this edition, until next time...

Mark J Edwards

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Aycliffe Cricket Club News Free Junior Tennis in Newton Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, were looking set for victory away at Yarm 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division when rain brought proceedings to a halt with the homeside still 114 runs short of their victory target. Aycliffe scored an impregnable 237 for 9 from their 50 overs with major contributions coming from in-form Michael Howe (sponsored by Kezia Benson Photography), who smashed his third half century of the season, finishing on 65, Luke Telford with a season's best 55 and 38 runs from Mark Woodhead. Yarm were struggling at 124 for 5 after 33 overs, when the umpires called a premature end to the game because of the inclement weather. The second team had a thrilling draw at home to promotion hopefuls Thornaby 2nd XI in the NYSD 3rd division. Asked to bat first Aycliffe scored 145 all out after 47 overs thanks to good innings from Sean Morgan (44 runs), James Layfield-Carroll (21 runs) and 19 runs from Dan Craggs. The visitors innings was reduced to 29 overs due to stoppages for rain but still

appeared to be coasting to victory when they raced to 54 without loss after just 8 overs. However there was a great fightback by the four pronged bowling attack of George Slatcher (3 for 26), James layfield-Carroll (3 for 39), Sean Morgan (1 for 31) and 13 year old Lucas Pilling (2 for 46) and with support from Elliott Holt, who equalled the club record when he held four brilliant catches, Aycliffe almost won the game, but the visitors held on for a draw at 142 for 9 at the close of play. In mid week, the first team, playing in coloured clothing which was sponsored by Vanilla Design & Print, had an excellent 20 run win at home against Darlington RA in the NYSD 15/15 competition. After being put into bat first, Aycliffe were in deep trouble at 30 for 5, but a brilliant innings by Michael Howe, who finished unbeaten on 84 from 44 balls faced, including 12 boundaries and two huge sixes and 23 runs from Graham Telford helped the home team to 131 for 6 from their 15 overs. Captain Luke Telford bowled superbly finishing with 4 for 9 from his three overs as Aycliffe restricted the visitors to 111 for

9 from their allotted 15 overs. The club's newly formed u19's team played their first ever game away at Hartlepool in the Durham Nat West u19's blast and were defeated by 67 runs. The homeside were asked to bat first and scored 139 for 8 in 20 overs with both captain Patrick Howe (3-14) and Tom Wickins (3-25) bowling well for Aycliffe. In reply, the visitors were dismissed for 72 after 15.5 overs with only Arran Taylor (20 runs) and Dan Bowmer (16 runs) managing double figures. An inexperienced u13's team containing six u11's, played really well but still lost by 28 runs at home to unbeaten Wolviston in the NYACC league. Wolviston batted first and scored 108 for 4 in 20 overs with Iain Robson the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking two wickets for nine runs. Aycliffe were restricted to 80 for 7 from 20 overs with captain Joe Bowsher continuing his good form, scoring 19 runs from 29 balls.



Greenfield Junior Tennis Club is offering a free tennis session to players aged between 4 and 16 years during July. The popular Junior Tennis Programme has been running at Greenfield Tennis Club since 2001, offering a fun tennis experience to boys and girls of all abilities.

Equipment is provided and sessions can be indoors if weather is poor. To take advantage of the free session, contact Head Coach, Ian Wilkinson. The Club are also welcoming players to the Summer Junior Tennis Camp taking place from Monday 25th July to Wednesday 27th July. The activities begin at 10am until Noon each day. Application

forms and enquiries from Ian. Enquiries on the Free Coaching session, the Summer Camp and weekly coaching activities on Saturday mornings can be received from Ian Wilkinson (Head Coach) rootennis@hotmail.co.uk The full programme offered by Greenfield Tennis Club, including Adult Social Tennis and more can be found on www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk

Children Raise Cash for Cancer Research



My granddaughters Alana and Hannah Thompson with their friend Abbie Forster, who all attend Woodham Burn Junior School held a Summer Night's event in Pinewood Close last Saturday to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. They painted the names of family and friends who had died of cancer on a sheet. With a bit of help from Mam and Dad they had a barbecue and invited lots of people raising £140. Well done girls! - Jean Gibson.

Aycliffe Tri Club News



The Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon was held in Leeds this year on the 11th - 12th of June. Sharing the open water, roads and streets with the likes of the Brownlee Brothers Alistair and Jonny, and top female British triathletes Non Stanford, Vicky Holland and Jodie Stimpson, our club members did themselves proud. Various events were on offer that weekend, with Alan and Anne Kellet both entered the GoTri on Saturday, a short novice distance comprising of a 200m open water swim, a 10k bike ride and a 2.5k run. This event is open to anyone, especially those who have never done a triathlon before, or for those who have little experience of open water swimming. Anne had a great race, enjoyed it immensely ('even the bike leg'), finishing 5th overall in a time of 1:03:57, only losing time when she stopped for a cup of tea in Transition 1. Alan had a solid race getting the open water monkey off his back, finishing 6th male overall in a time of 0:53:01. In the sprint distance triathlon, Susan Brown finished 4th female overall. In the standard distance that preceded the elites, Graham Atkins finished, what seemed to him a long day, in a time of 1:25:14, 14th in his age group. Tracey Warrior crossed the line in 1:38:38 and Stuart Rimmer's results sadly never surfaced, due to technical issues with the timing. Everyone enjoyed themselves regardless of the weather, which was dull, overcast and cold. On the 18th June, a very cold Melanie Rowland ('out of her comfort zone') finished the Dambuster Triathlon 9th in her age group in a time of 2:55:00. We are all proud of her as this means she qualified for the ITU standard distance Triathlon World championships in Mexico. At this year's Amphibian Swim held on the 19th June, Dan

Halladay finished the 5k open water swim in second place, finishing in a very respectable time of 1:15:01, while Susan Brown finished the shorter 2k swim in 3rd, in a time of 0:32:51. That same day in the Lakesman Long Distance Triathlon, 3.8km swim, 180km cycle and a full marathon at 42km, Julie Hodds completed the course in a fantastic time of 14:19:21. In the Catterick Sprint Triathlon, five club members participated, Shane Doe on his first ever triathlon. He finished 48th overall, 40th male in a time of 1:16:24, a great start for this novice triathlete. One place behind him in 49th overall, 41st male, was Martin Sedgwick, who finished in a time of 1:16:30. Mickael Casey was 53rd overall, 97th male, in a time of 1:17:28, while Stuart Rimmer led the team home, finishing 31st overall, 28th male, in a time of 1:08:38. The only lady entered that day was Tracey Warrior. She finished 59th overall, 13th female, in a time 1:18:26. Everyone had a great time in the perfect weather conditions.

OUR MP SHOULD GO!

Dear Sir, Considering County Durham's overwhelming support for Brexit (57.5%) can we now expect the resignation of Phil Wilson? His audacious scare mongering and intense support of the 'Remain' camp clearly showed that he does not represent the views of his constituents and in this respect should he do the decent thing and step down? Derreck Pinkney



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see all eighteen here: bit.ly/CDPIOV). The consultation then asks 50 questions designed to give us a chance to set the underlying principles and direction of the CDP.

The CDP, as you know, will frame our local development until 2033, so it is vital we get involved. Last time, residents intervened to place Newton Aycliffe at the centre of the Council's plans, and it is important that we do so again. I would recommend people to attend the consultation event at the Youth Centre on Monday 25 July, and to consider the consultation in its entirety. However, may I draw readers' attention to FOUR issues of particular relevance to the future of Newton Aycliffe:

QUESTION 11: ECONOMY The Plan proposes a target of 73% employment, and outlines the principles which might underlie the County's economic development (paragraphs 3.5-3.29; bit.ly/CDPIOemp). Forrest Park (the extension of Aycliffe Business Park) is specifically identified as a location for growth (paragraph 4.11), and Question 11 asks whether the CDP should focus on the most attractive economic market areas. Aycliffe people will wish to agree, stressing not only the primacy of Aycliffe Business Park and the need for the Forrest Park extension, but also that the CDP might include the flexibility to extend the Business Park even further, should the opportunity arise before 2033.

QUESTION 13: HOUSING Question 13 gives four options as to where future housing

might be situated - do we put it mostly in Durham City, or spread it to various degrees around the County (paragraphs 3.34-3.56; bit.ly/CDPIOhou)? Some places actively do not want new houses. By contrast, a town seeking to thrive would support the 'Wider dispersal' option, which places most growth in the south of the county. I often hear it suggested that Newton Aycliffe does not feature in the Council's plans; this is our chance, should we wish, to offer to be the focus of future growth!

QUESTION 22: HIGH QUALITY HOMES

Question 22 talks about the kind of housing we want, and gives an opportunity to ask that developers be required to build bungalows, multi-generational housing etc. Here is our chance to say what kind of housing Newton Aycliffe needs as we seek to grow (paragraphs 4.39-4.49; bit.ly/CDPIOqua).

QUESTION 31: TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Question 31 asks if there are any places which need a new road (paragraphs 4.76-4.93 bit.ly/CDPIOroad). I will be repeating my request for a north Darlington bypass connecting Aycliffe Business Park directly to the A66, but I guess that readers will have other suggestions - not least the pressing need to upgrade the C35 to Rushyford. We must not allow the CDP to become wholly about Durham City's traffic system. You can respond to the consultation by post to FREEPOST SPATIAL POLICY, or reply online via: bit.ly/CDPIOw

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- on the Well House Drive estate, meeting at the Phoenix Centre car park at 2pm on Tuesday 12 July.

They hope to be accompanied by the neighbourhood wardens, police and representatives from Livin and GAMP.

Anybody with questions or concerns is welcome to accompany them, or to inform them of issues prior to the Walkabouts by emailing: mike.dixon@durham.gov.uk joan.gray@durham.gov.uk john.clare@durham.gov.uk or http://bit.ly/JDClare

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Dave Barron's wife and family

After a very successful year many of the members enjoyed the Presentation Night held at the Navy Club. Special guests for the evening were the wife and family of Dave Barron who sadly passed away during the year.

Dave was a long standing and highly respected member of the Club and will be greatly missed. A trophy - The Dave Barron Memorial Trophy - has been provided from donations from Club members and was awarded to the winner of a new annual Open Singles competition created in his memory. The inaugural winner was Dave McDonald.

A buffet was enjoyed after the prize-giving, provided by members, together with games of bingo and raffle. The evening was rounded off by a fabulous act, Jeff Wright, who kept everyone entertained with his comedy and singing, ensuring that the dance floor was kept very busy.

The summer season is continuing with the on-going summer leagues and a £1 drop in session at the Oak Leaf Leisure Centre at 6.30pm on a Wednesday for anyone interested in trying their hand at bowling, no equipment necessary!

The Club looks forward to another successful year and welcoming new members.

ZOMBIES ROAMING AYCLIFFE

Back in April you may have noticed some strange activity on the town. A pack of Zombies were seen trudging through Newton Aycliffe causing panic and chaos wherever they went! They were spotted in the Leisure Centre, down the Burn, at the train station, in the town centre and even down the aisles of Tesco! The question everyone has been asking . . . where have these Zombies come from and where on earth are they going?

Well, they are making their way to the Xcel Centre for Aycliffe Dance Academy's annual show 'Dance Evolution.' 160 of the Academy's students will be taking to the stage to perform show-stopping routines!

The show is taking place on Friday 8th July at 7pm and Saturday 9th July at 1pm and 5pm. Tickets are £8 an Adult and £6 a Child and can be purchased by contacting ADA on 07908 162868 or bought on the door. 'Dance Evolution'



is a show that is not to be missed! ADA students have worked harder than ever to put on this extravaganza with lots of exciting surprises in store!

If you dare to watch the footage of the Aycliffe Zombies and want to spot which areas of the town they took over you can find the video on ADA's Facebook page or find it on YouTube by searching for #AycliffeZombies.

Emma, the Dance Principal would like to thank local business Simply Media

Productions for creating the most thrilling zombie movie with her! She would also like to thank the Town Council, Leisure Centre staff and staff at Tesco for allowing them to shoot the movie on their premises and for being so supportive and accommodating!

Obituary

DAVISON, Heighington, 24th June, peacefully. Terry, aged 71 years. Dearly beloved Husband to Joyce; much loved Dad to Paul, Kathryn and Lindsey; dear Father-in-Law to Helen, Gary and Paul; devoted Grandad to Laura, Katie, Jake and Joe. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Tuesday 5th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe at 2.00pm followed by committal and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please.

REG BEVERLEY, of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Ferryhill. Passed away peacefully on 25th June, aged 84 years. Dearly beloved Husband of Margaret; much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Father-in-Law. Family and friends please meet for Service at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 5th July for 3.00pm.

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Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY of the late Jean Franklin who died on 15th June, 2016, would like to thank family and friends for their kind wishes of sympathy, flowers and donations. Special thanks to Dr Walker and staff at Peace Way Surgery, not forgetting all the District Nurses Jean was so fond of. Also thanks to the Co-op Funeralcare for making everything run so smoothly

In Memoriam

DES WALKER 30th June 2008. There will always be a heartache and often a silent tear as we treasure the beautiful memories of the days when you were here. Love always, wife Julia and all our family xxxxx

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DAWN ELLIOTT Happy birthday to my Mam and best friend, always in our hearts. Lots of love, Jack

Nora's Presidency a Family Double



Officers left to right: Tony Robinson, Denese Cartwright, Geoff Knapton, President Nora Scott, Jon Bean and Barry Hutchinson.

New President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Nora Scott, followed in her husband David's footsteps when she received her chain of office this week. David was President of the club in 2008-9 and will be its Sergeant at Arms for the next 12 months.

Nora, from West Auckland, has been a club member since 2006 and takes over the presidency from Rtn Denese Cartwright (pictured, front with Nora after the handover ceremony).

Denese was praised for her leadership during the year which, said Rtn David Anderson, was hallmarked by her professionalism and sense of humour.

New Senior Vice President is business development executive Tony Robinson. Financial planning consultant Jon Bean becomes Junior Vice President.

Long-serving club member Geoff Knapton is to be club secretary with Barry Hutchinson as treasurer.

Appointed chairmen of the club's various committees were: Tony Robinson (Club Service), Malcolm Masterman (Community Service), Jon Bean (Foundation), Roger Curtis (International), Syd Howarth (membership), Ron Eyley (Public Relations), John Burrows (Railway Event) and

Robert Manners (Golf Day). The club meets at Redworth Hall Hotel on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm.

Thank You

Mr & Mrs Hind

Would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful family and friends for making our wedding day so special. We are so very grateful for our cards and gifts and are truly overwhelmed at your generosity. Lots of love, Paul and Lee xxxxx

JOAN MORTIMER.

The family of the late Joan Mortimer would like to thank family and friends for messages of condolence, sympathy cards and floral tributes following their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the District Nurses and care staff who helped care for Joan in recent weeks. Thanks to family who attended Joan's funeral and gave generously. Over £167 was donated for the Salvation Army
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HARRY LEE Happy 3rd birthday Harry. Love you, Great Gran Lily xxx

HARRY LEE Happy 3rd birthday Harry. Lots of love, Auntie Karen, Uncle Matt, James and Thomas xxx

HARRY LEE Happy birthday Harry. Love, Auntie Jaynee, Luke and Jake xxx

LAURA GRAHAM Congratulations to Laura Graham on achieving her teaching degree, enjoy your Graduation Day on Tuesday 5th July, we are so very proud of you and all your hard work has paid off. Lots of love, Dad, Lisa, Jessica xxx, also your Nana Maud would have been so proud and happy for you xxx

JEFF CLARK

Died 4th July 2002

Loving memories of a dear Brother-in-Law and Uncle. To us you were so special, we only wish with all our hearts that you were here with us today. Love always, Carole, Adam and Matthew xxx

In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xxx

Jeff Clark

4th July 2002

Treasured and special memories of my dear devoted friend Jeff.

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Joy-Marie

Paul Clark

Died 8th July 2009

Life long memories of my very dear friend Paul.

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Joy-Marie

Barbara Sutton (Together again with Les)



Our first year without a loving Mother and Nana who had a heart of gold. In life we loved her dearly, we love her still. She holds a place within our hearts no one can ever fill. Always remembered. From all the family. R.I.P.



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Friday 1st July

0600-1000 - Star Radio Breakfast with Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Star Radio Drive with Tim Lichfield
1900-2200 - Dancing Through The Decades
2200-2400 - Wind Down Zone with John Clayton

Saturday 2nd July

0600-0900 - John Clayton
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock with "The Mystery Years"
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1800 - Craig Andrews
1800-2400 - Dancing Through The Decades

Sunday 3rd July

0600-0900 - Easy Like Sunday Morning, John Clayton
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock with "The Mystery Years"
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Tim Lichfield
1900-2200 - Non-Stop Star
2200-2400 - Wind Down Zone

Monday 4th to Thursday 7th July

0600-1000 - Star Radio Breakfast with Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's with Wes Stakes
1500-1900 - Star Radio Drive with Tim Lichfield
1900-2200 - The Evening Takeover
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Aycliffe PCP Awarded Healthwatch Contract

Dear Sir,
 As many will be aware, following a recent procurement exercise, Durham County Council has awarded the contract to deliver the Healthwatch service in County Durham to another provider. HWCD Community Interest Company (CIC) employees and service will be transferred into the new provider which is a consortium led by Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) with Citizen Advice County Durham and Durham Community Action.
 This means that the CIC which was set up in April 2015 to solely deliver the service will no longer be running this provision and we are in the process of transferring staff and service to the new organisation. The new contract commences 1st July 2016. In order that Healthwatch continues to deliver the service in a seamless manner it is our intention to pass details of our members, supporters and interested individuals and organisations to PCP.
 If you do not want to have your details transferred to the Pioneering Care Partnership please let us know before Thursday 30th June. A new Healthwatch County Durham Board will be set up within the next few weeks and the PCP's Chief Executive, Carol Gaskarth has requested that anyone interested in receiving a recruitment pack for the new Healthwatch County Durham Board to please contact Kath Ferry kath.ferry@pcp.uk.net or 01325 327462.
 Many thanks for all your support of Healthwatch
 Sam Palombella, Chief Executive, Healthwatch Co. Durham CIC

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