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friendly working hours with repairs carried out until 8pm during the week and between 8am and 12 noon on Saturdays. Preparation for the contract commencement has been ongoing for some weeks, involving full co-location of 32 Mears staff now based at livin's headquarters in Spennymoor. Colin Steel, chief executive for livin said: 'These are exciting new times for livin. Working in partnership with Mears we are transforming service delivery through technology, offering improved access to our services at times convenient to our customers. Colin Middlemass, Mears Chief Operating Officer, said: "Mears and livin have worked in partnership for a number of years to deliver vital services to tenants and we are delighted to be awarded this new contract. We have some exciting new service developments in the pipeline to further improve services to customers whilst realising efficiencies across the partnership."

Photog (left to right): Wayne Harris (livin executive director of property and development, Alan Long (Mears executive director), Colin Middlemass (Mears chief operating officer), Colin Steel (livin chief executive)

HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

Heighington Village Hall will be holding their "Refreshment Fridays" each week from now until September 2nd. Homemade food will be on offer for morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas from 11.00am until 3.00pm. All at very reasonable prices. The Village Hall Association started the "Refreshment Fridays" last August and they proved very popular. We hope to repeat the success again this year. All the profits will go to the upkeep of the village hall. There will be no meeting of the Jigsaw Lending Library in the Heighington Village Hall in August. The next one will be on Thursday, 29th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

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Simpasture Layby Complaint Answered

Councillor receives explanation on the type of kerb used following complaints by vehicle owners.

Dear Cllr Adam,
I refer to your request for a response to a letter about parking opposite Simpasture Shops in Newton Aycliffe. The original plan was to create a layby at the location. However, during the design period it was established there are British Telecom cables beneath the footpath where the layby was proposed. For the layby to be created at this location, the BT cables would have to be lowered or

re-routed, at significant cost. It was agreed instead to leave the footpath at its current height and strengthen it so that it can withstand the impact of parked vehicles. Existing bull-nosed kerbs were replaced with splayed kerbs to make it easier for vehicles to access the path. I hope this information is useful.
Alan Ramsey
Highway Design Engineer
Durham County Council

INCONSIDERATE DRIVERS

Cllr Kate Hopper and I have worked closely with the local community to alleviate a long term parking problem caused by inconsiderate drivers. The raised kerb, as stated by the design officer, was a technical solution and therefore we had to seek a compromise to keep costs down.

This installation of the new bays has been welcomed by many and supports road safety and pedestrians alike. The new sloped kerb is significantly lower and more accessible than the original footpath and careful drivers can negotiate it without causing damage to vehicles or the kerb.

However, we cannot account for those inconsiderate drivers who continue to flout the law and park on the grass or in front of dropped kerbs.

Councillor Eddy Adam

Chairman's 14 Hour Sponsored Workout



Vince Crosby, Chairman at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre completed a 14-hour sponsored workout on Monday 25th July to raise funds for the Centre.

Vince visited various exercise stations throughout the 14 hours and by all accounts kept on going. To date he has raised over £200 with money still coming in. If you would like to make a donation you can do this in person at the Centre or through Vince on a personal level.

The Board of Trustees, his staff and volunteers are all very proud of his achievement, and the team are even more impressed that he could still walk the next day!

BRASS FESTIVAL ATTRACTS 1000's TO CO. DURHAM



Thousands of music fans, 17,000 schoolchildren, and 199 performers from seven countries, across two continents, have helped to make County Durham truly top brass.

After a week of superb sounds, with stunning shows from both local, national and international instrumentalists, BRASS Festival reached a crescendo with 12 bands descending on Durham Market Place for a fabulous finale.

Cllr Neil Foster, cabinet member at Durham County Council, which develops and delivers the annual celebration of musical culture and traditions, said: "Once again BRASS has been brilliant, bringing many thousands of people and marvellous musical talent to the county, and hundreds of thousands of pounds to the local economy."

"The sun was shining, there was a fantastic turnout, and everyone enjoyed the colourful and funky performances. "Well done to everyone involved – the bands, the staff, the partners and the volunteers – and thank you to everyone who attended. Roll on next year!"

As part of the Festival's 10th birthday celebrations the public were asked to vote for their favourite street band, with Mr. Wilson's Second Liners' mix of New Orleans and 90's club classics – including hits by the Prodigy and Stone Roses – seeing them scoop the inaugural Golden Trumpet award.

The Big BRASS Bash also came to a head with the week-long "battle of the bands" between New York Brass Band and Oompah Brass, seeing Oompah come out on top.

James Lancaster, from New York Brass Band, said: "We are very, very appreciative of what Durham County Council do here. The Festival brings together the very, very best musicians – and not only local – and that's what makes it really special."

"We spent a week together and you can see the guys all mixing together – it was a truly international gathering." Highlights of BRASS Festival 2016 included concerts by

New Orleans band Hot 8 and the award winning Fairley Band, the premiere of the Durham Hymns at Durham Cathedral, the return of Streets of BRASS, and the finale of the Big BRASS Bash party in the park tour, which saw thousands of people visit the newly refurbished Wharton Park.

Festival and events manager Kate James said: "We've had jam packed days of every kind of brass music and the audiences were absolutely fantastic. From the public events in Durham City to our week spent touring towns and attractions across the county it's been terrific."

"I'm particularly proud that we've reached so many children, with performances

and workshops in schools, opening eyes and ears to what brass music can be.

"I'd like to thank everyone who worked on and supported BRASS this year, including Arts Council England and Durham BID, as well the various Area Action Partnerships, councillors and town councils that supported the Big BRASS Bash tour."

"I'd also like to thank the volunteers who get behind the event year after year to help us reach so many people. And of course, I'd like to thank all of our musicians, artists, performers and venues." BRASS will return in 2017 with former Edinburgh Festival Fringe boss Paul Gudin as artistic director.

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Dated: 29 July 2016



Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

Friends of Senior Citizens AGM

Friends of Senior Citizens will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 8th August at 7.00pm in Neville Community Centre, Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe to present the Trustees Annual Report & Financial Accounts for the year ending 29th February 2016. Charitable Trust number 1099207 Public invited to attend.

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On Bank Holiday Sunday 28th August the Locomotion One Pub are arranging a Fundraising Event in Aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group who support patients and their families affected by cancer in our local community. Fun in the Car Park will be hosted by the Locomotion One Pub in association with Locomotion FC from 11am until late.

During the day there will be a CAR BOOT SALE with free admission to buyers and a £10 fee if you require a pitch or a stall. Spaces are limited so please call Allison on 07762



Daniel Mellanby, Allison White and Keith Johnston

258696. There will also be: Tombola, Face and Nail Painting, Bouncy Castles, Various Jewellery and Craft Stalls, Tuck Shop, Food stalls selling Hot Dogs etc, Games for the kids and a DJ playing throughout the day from Auckland Hospital Radio and Bishop FM.

The evening entertainment for adults with Free Admission includes three top Local Bands: Live Lounge, Metis and The Kenzies. There will be a Hog Roast, Fire Eaters and a Raffle. Bus service from various pick up points will be notified and a Taxi service will be available providing you get a reward card filled after buying various drinks throughout the night. More information can be obtained from Keith At Locomotion One - Tel: 01325 320132.

For the Big Raffle the group are looking for companies and individuals for prizes or donations towards the event. All money raised on the night will go to Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. Allison White, founder of the group, said: "I would like to thank Keith and Jade as well as Daniel Mellanby and the Locomotion Football Club for making this event possible. It means so much to me and the members of the group and the money raised will help our members enjoy short breaks away in our static caravan, spending quality time with their families. It will also help fund various social outings such as day trips, just getting out of your home environment for a few hours helps so much and getting the chance to talk to others going through the same illness".

"We have patients at different stages of cancer and for some who are terminally ill their time is so precious. We are also reaching out to those who are isolated and suffer from loneliness who have this awful disease. We want to make sure they are not fighting cancer alone and that we are here to help".

The group has over 60 members each one needing help and support and we rely on generous people coming forward to help.

PRAISE FOR DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL EVENTS TEAM

Dear Sir,
Aycliffe Steam Machine Brewing Company thanks Durham County Council for the excellent events during their international Brass Festival 11th - 17th July especially for the two fantastic evenings in Newton Aycliffe. Steam Machine was lucky to host one of the first events of the county-wide festival, which saw hundreds of Newton Aycliffe residents flocking to the brewery to enjoy the eclectic performances of four superb international bands. Praise for the event's success was expressed by many of the attendees on the night, and everywhere we have been since then we have been met with compliments for the night's success, including the high level of organisation, the quality of the music, food - and of course the craft beer!

BRIDGE IS A PRIORITY

Dear Sir,
Councillors E. Adam and K. Hopper talk about priorities, but what are they! Are they respecting the concerns of local residents over the bridge connecting Whinlatter Place and Linden Place? It needs to be replaced as it is a right of way and it is the responsibility of Durham County Council to maintain these bridges and repair or replace them for the safety of residents.

Can I suggest what was said at meetings that instead of door knocking do what you are elected to do - stand up and speak for the residents who voted for you! There has been so many meetings and discussions on this matter. The cost should be paid by Durham County Council, and not the ratepayers! Please do not tell us they have no money and please do not try to blame the Government Cuts, How many more meetings have residents to attend and tell our County Councillors that the bridge must be replaced. Sorry but all the walking about, door knocking does not get jobs done and this is why we are suffering inattention in the West Ward.

We have residents meetings for people to come and complain about what is happening or what is not happening and for information to be passed on and recorded and note the results.

At the last meeting a request was made from resident about the state of the Burn and the safety of children playing in this area, Has this been taken to the powers to be? Alderman George Gray, West Ward Councillor,



Followers on our social media pages have shared countless photographs, videos, and thanks for the "Brass at the Brew Room" session. Those attending were such a great crowd, and the brass bands even commented on how it was one of the most interactive and willing audiences they have come across.

It is our hope that events such as these will be repeated in our great town, which is one of the largest in County Durham, yet never seems to have as much going on as other places.

Whilst we in no way blame Durham County Council for the lack of events, we would just like to say that we would



be ecstatic at any further ideas of bringing more culture and entertainment to the people of Great Aycliffe, and that

the Steam Machine Brewing Company would be there to shout about it! Nick Smith



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Barbara - pictured, left, with Rtn Bob Stevenson, centre, and Rtn Barry Knevt - was introduced by Rtn Geoff Batchelor and thanked by Rotary Club President Nora

Scott. The club was recently presented with a defibrillator from a local business and members are considering keeping the defib for use in the event of an emergency at any community event they attend in the Aycliffe area.

This is part of the club's campaign to encourage more organisations, schools and businesses to install defibs not only for their use but by the general public in their vicinity. It is vital in the event of a heart attack for a defibrillator to be used on the patient within 8 minutes to save life.

Newton News is compiling a list of all defibrillators in Newton Aycliffe to be published soon. Readers are requested to inform us if they have a machine available for use by the general public. Tel: 01325 300212 or email: syd@newtonnews.co.uk.

Police Commissioner's 5 year Pledge

Recently re-elected Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) Ron Hogg will today lay out his plan for the next five years.

The newly drawn up plan sets out aims and objectives for Durham Constabulary and includes how he will work with the police and other agencies, such as the council, to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. Reflected in the plan as the key theme throughout, is Ron's commitment to supporting victims, a pledge he made as part of the election campaign earlier this year. In addition to this, the plan has three clear aims which are to inspire confidence in the police and the criminal justice system, to support victims and vulnerable people, and to tackle crime and keep our communities safe.

There are also eleven objectives within the plan including tackling cybercrime, reducing the harm caused by alcohol and drugs and improving road safety.

Earlier this week, the plan was put forward to the Police and Crime Panel and it will now be taken out to public consultation for a period of two months.

During this time Ron will be attending a number of public events and meetings across County Durham and Darlington and hopes to hear from, and consult with, as many people as possible.

People can also feed in their views via the PCVC's website. Ron said "It is vital my plan delivers what matters to local people so I would like as much feedback as possible. This is so it can all be taken into account

before I finalise it later this year.

"This is so important because once finalised I will use it to set the aims and objectives for the police and the other organisations I fund and hold to account. I am confident the new plan will build upon the work that's already been done over the last few years in continuing to ensure County Durham & Darlington remains one of the safest places in the country to live and work."

Chair of the Police and Crime

Panel, Councillor Joy Allen, said: "I welcome the PCVC's new 5 year plan and his intention to consult with as many people as possible during the summer. I urge everyone living and working in County Durham and Darlington to take part at one of the various engagement events or simply complete the online survey."

A copy of the plan, and details about how people can take part in the consultation, can be found at www.durham-pcc.gov.uk.

NORTHERN BYGONES SHOW & RALLY

The Northern Bygones Society will be holding their first SHOW/RALLY at the Scout Centre Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PW on Tuesday evening 2 August from 5pm. This is the first time the club has held a rally of this sort and are hoping classic vehicle owners will come along and join in. The Scout Centre bar will be open and 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts group leader Cath English has 'volunteered' to provide the food.

Members of the public are welcome to come along to see the cars and pop into the social club.

Later in the month, August 28th the Northern Bygones will hold their ANNUAL CAR SHOW at the Scout centre. The veteran/vintage caravan club will be pitching up and the classic cars will be on show from 10am on Sunday.

There will be a TABLE TOP

SALE in the hall on Sunday 28/08/16 from 11am until 3pm. £5.00 a table please contact Karen 01325321084 to book your space(space is limited so please book early).

The Scout centre is hosting 'DANIEL COLE' - in the bar on evening of Saturday 27/08/2016 from approx. 8pm. Daniel has done a number of gigs around the area playing acoustic guitar. His music includes songs made famous by Roy Orbison, the Beatles, T Rex, Elvis, Oasis. The Who and many more.

To finish the weekend David Brown will be hosting a NORTHERN SOUL DISCO in the main hall from 7.00pm till 11.30pm. Tickets £3 on the door. All proceeds from the weekend will be used to run, maintain and improve the Centre so please come along and enjoy the vehicles on display and the entertainment.

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Local men have grown and bought plants to spruce up the Christopher Walk green in time for the popular ACORN fun day which is enjoyed by people from across Newton Aycliffe and beyond.

This year we would like to thank Great Aycliffe for the donation of redundant flowers

which are being integrated into our flower displays. Our County Councillor Eddy Adam arranged to have some soil delivered to cover up tree roots and allow us to plant flowers around the base of trees. Not only did the County Council donate soil but as a pleasant surprise they also donated flowers.

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News from St. Elizabeth's

There is no August Souper Lunch due to holidays. Look out for the September date when it resumes.

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Now is the time to vote for your favourite hymn. Each vote is £1.00 with unlimited votes.

The Top Ten will be sung and a Faith Tea will be shared afterwards. Voting forms are available at the church. For more information please contact Nora at 01325 789344.

New Dance Company Thrives

Infinity Dance Company are off to a flying start just four months in from their big launch! Following the huge success of the launch night back in April, the dance school has gained just under 100 pupils and is growing at a rapid rate.

Owner Emily Henderson said 'Myself and Frances still cannot believe how quickly the dance school has taken off. We never could have imagined it being this successful so early on. Our launch night was fantastic, the room was jam packed with people and by the end of the night we had 84 application



forms to go through! We were completely overwhelmed to be honest.

By our second week we had to start a waiting list for some of the classes as more and more people heard about us and were keen to join. We are confident that we will maintain the number of pupils we currently have, though the door is still open for new faces! Both parents and pupils of the dance school are happy with how the school is running and have given us continuous support.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our teachers Claire Johnson and Lydia Hall for their dedication to the dance school and also to our parents who have provided us with endless support and helped in getting us to where we are now.

The school announced exciting news last week that they will be performing their first ever show 'It's Show time!' at Spennymoor Town Hall in March 2017. Owner Frances Wade said 'We are so excited about performing our first IDC show! It is going to take plenty of planning, preparation and hard work, but it will certainly be worth it to see our pupils shine on stage.

Not only do we have a show coming up, but we have also entered two of our dance crews 'ENERGY' and 'INCEPTION' into two North East Street Dance competitions. Both crews have been training really hard and we know they will do themselves and the school proud.'

Infinity Dance Company are hosting a 2 day Summer Camp on Monday the 22nd and Tuesday 23rd August, for anyone over the age of 4. The 2 days will consist of Musical Theatre, Street, Commercial and Lyrical Dance workshops. Along with arts & crafts, games & other fun activities! For more details on the summer camp please contact Infinity Dance Company.

If you are interested in any of the classes at Infinity Dance Company please contact 07791 772965 Please note some classes are full, and others have limited

Local Decorating Firm's MD Stars on Craft TV Channel

Helen Follows in Sister Sara's Footsteps

A local interior design and decorating firm has entered an exclusive presenting partnership with hit craft TV channel HOCHANDA, The Home of Crafts Hobbies and Arts, to showcase its up-cycling kits created to revamp household furniture.

Wear Valley Decorating Centre's managing director Helen Johnson makes her debut appearance on HOCHANDA during two one-hour programmes on Sunday 31st July 2016 at 1pm and 3pm.

In November 2015, Helen took over the company reins from her parents after they spent over 30 years at the helm. Since then, the 27-year-old, who is sister to Aycliffe Crafter's Companion founder Sara Davies, has been focused on growing and evolving the decorating business to meet the changing needs of decorators and home lovers in the North East.

Helen said: "I'm delighted to work with HOCHANDA to showcase some of our product ranges. The up-cycling trend is very popular right now, so it's

exciting to bring some of our favourite brands to the channel. "One of the main product ranges I'll be presenting is our chalk paints, which are great for transforming any outdated items of furniture. As the channel is focused on educating and inspiring its audience, my plan is to use the demonstrations to show viewers new and clever ways to use our products to get the best results."

HOCHANDA launched in August 2015 and has a strong following of hobbyists interested in crafts and the arts. It airs on Sky 663, Freeview channel 39, Freesat channel 817 and is broadcast via its website.

Chief executive of HOCHANDA, Jamie Martin, said: "We're thrilled to welcome Wear Valley Decorating Centre to our channel. We're expecting a large audience to watch Helen's demonstrations as her products are very current and well-suited to our viewers."

"The HOCHANDA team are sure Helen will gain a fantastic



following after her shows have aired as her store and online presence is very popular in the North East."

Wear Valley Decorating Centre trades six days a week from its store and has a large selection of paints, wallpapers and supplies available online from its e-commerce website.

For further information about Wear Valley Decorating Centre, visit: www.decoratingcentreonline.co.uk For more information about HOCHANDA visit: www.hochanda.com

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ROSE LODGE SUMMER FETE SMASH HIT



It was a day of family fun at Rose Lodge Care home as the home hosted their annual Summer fete as part of the Aycliffe Festival.

From a bouncy castle to vintage cars, there was something for everyone as guests of all ages were welcomed to the free afternoon event. The dining room of the care home was converted into a vintage tea room, with cakes, cream teas and other treats on sale. The fete also featured a raffle and tombola, bric a brac, jewellery stall and retro sweets sale.

It was the second year running that Rose Lodge participated in the Aycliffe Festival, a wide variety of community-organised and hosted events which replaced the Great Aycliffe Show last year.

Rose Lodge, which provides residential care for elderly people and those living with dementia, raised over £640 from the day. The proceeds raised go towards the residents' fund and is used for extra treats for the residents such as day trips out. The home would like to thank Boots Chemist, The Cobblers Hall pub, Sore Paws Vets,

Julie's Pets and Petal Flowers florist for donating prizes for their raffle.

Rose Lodge Activities Coordinator Diane Tweddle, said: "We are delighted with the success of our Summer fete. We had a brilliant turn out and residents, families and guests on the day had a brilliant time. It's very important to us that our residents can continue to stay active within our community and participating in the Aycliffe Festival and hosting our family fun day was a great opportunity to further build relationships with those in our local area. We want to thank everyone who came along or donated prizes for their support."

Home for Cat

Dear Syd

Thank you so much for putting my ad in the Newton News about the stray cat.

I put a collar on him and he has come back wearing a message. He now has a home and an owner, so I am very pleased. All's well that ends well DR

Blessing for All Creatures Great & Small



As part of the Great Aycliffe Festival, St. Clare's Church held its first ever Family Service for pets and their owners on Saturday July 23rd. The theme for the weekend was All Things Bright and Beautiful and the church and halls certainly reflected this, with a display of flora and fauna photographs and a creative look at litter. The service began at 10.30 am and was almost an exclusive dog service if it were not for

the lovely Coco the guinea pig, who was very well behaved and squeaked in all the right places! After a short welcome by Reverends Debbie and Elizabeth the service began with the song 'If I were a butterfly', continuing with a reflective diary entry from both a dog and a cat's perspective - very different and oh so true. Each owner was then invited to come forward and receive a blessing for themselves as carers and the pets also were blessed and thanked for all they bring to our lives. The service ended with, of course, All Things Bright and Beautiful, All creatures great and small, with more than one dog joining in!

Then it was outside in the sunshine for a pet parade where awards were given for specific categories - the winners received a rosette, certificate and small treat and all the children enjoyed a lollipop. Inside the coffee morning, which is held every week, was extra busy with delicious cakes and bacon sarnies on offer with a chance to view the displays. A huge thank you to Clare from Wilson's Vets who helped judge the pet show and was on hand to give advice on pet care, also to the Dogs Trust for coming along and to the health and wellbeing team whose display was interactive and informative.

We hope to make this an annual event as it was such a great morning and we hope to encourage lots more of you, the townspeople to come along next time and join in and to have many more creatures great and small.

Rotary Club Saves Free Family Event



Neville Parade was packed with children and parents for a Free Fun Afternoon this Tuesday. Lots of activities were organised for the Town's Festival by the Community Centre but not all they planned received a Council grant. The Rotary Club came to the rescue funding the entertainment and Chairman Billy Blenkinsopp wishes to thank the Rotary Club members for their generosity.

Star Radio Help Multi-£million Exhibition for Durham Cathedral

On Saturday 23 July, Durham Cathedral unlocked the doors to Open Treasure, a new world-class exhibition experience, offering visitors access to the Cathedral's buildings and collections as never before and Star Radio was there to help with the promotion of the launch with interviews and programming support.

Supported by a grant of £3.9 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Open Treasure tells the story of Durham Cathedral and its place in the development of Christianity in the North East of England through the display and interpretation of its magnificent collections.

Combining old with new, Open Treasure embraces the latest in interactive exhibition technology, within the most intact surviving medieval monastic buildings in the UK. Among the permanent exhibits is an extensive collection of Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and Roman stones and casts, a timeline of the Cathedral's history and interactive exhibits detailing 14th Century monastic life at the Cathedral including the sounds and smells!

The newly created Collections Gallery will house a rolling programme of exhibitions starting with finds made during the work on Open Treasure. This will be complemented at a later date by exhibitions from other prestigious institutions. The Treasures of St Cuthbert, including fragments of his wooden coffin and his Pectoral



Cross, will have their home under the magnificent vaulted octagonal ceiling of the Great Kitchen once a 12 month period of environmental monitoring has been completed. Ahead of this, a display of stunning metalwork is housed, including elaborately decorated altar crosses, archaeological finds of medieval metal and objects associated with the Prince Bishops.

As a development project, Open Treasure has 'open access' at its heart. As well as creating a new visitor experience, the £10.9 million development project will help to maintain free entry to Durham Cathedral, the ultimate 'Open Treasure' and one of the world's most beautiful cathedrals, located at the heart of the Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dean of Durham, The Very

Revd Andrew Tremlett, said: "Open Treasure is a fantastic way for visitors of all ages to discover more about Christianity in the North East, the Cathedral's fascinating history as well as our current life as a working church. We hope that the interactive displays, fascinating artefacts and amazing spaces will draw visitors young and old from near or far to share this wonderful new venture with us."

Open Treasure will be open Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm (last entry 4pm) and Sunday 12.30pm - 5pm (last entry 4pm). Tickets to Open Treasure, priced from £2.50 - £7.50, are available at the Durham Cathedral information desk at the rear of the Cathedral Nave, online at www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/open-treasure

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Horndale News

The trip to Scarborough on Saturday 16th July was wonderful and a nice time was had by all. A short break now due to holidays except for the visit to Preston Park which is full!

The next residents' meeting is on Wednesday 7th September at 6pm. Tea and coffee served from 5.45pm at Greenfield College with local Councillors, Livin and Police Officers attending.

Hope to see you there to discuss future events.
E. Wood, Chairman

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A Night to Remember for Aycliffe Year 6 Leavers

Aycliffe Village Year 6 celebrated leaving the school on Tuesday 19th July. Sue Cutler and Danielle Mcalpine parents of Malana and William organised the event. ROF 59 and Club Cruiser was booked and Yearbooks, a new idea this year as a memento of Class of 2016, was kindly and thoughtfully designed and printed by our very own Newton Press.

The students had a fantastic evening. Laila and Sian said it was "The best day of their lives" and "the boys had a blast". A parent wrote "You have done an absolutely amazing job - well done ladies". Another wrote "Thanks Sue & Danielle for all the organising you have done - the kids' screams when they got on the bus said it all!"

Appreciation to all parents and the school for their support in making this event so special. We are pleased it all came together and everyone had fun. It was all about making memories with their school friends and making the night an evening to remember as they begin their next new chapter in their chosen secondary school.



LORD FOSTER AT PCP A.G.M.

The Pioneering Care Partnership held their Annual General Meeting on the 18th July at the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe. For over 18 years PCP has delivered high quality accessible projects and activities aimed at improving the health, providing access to services and reducing social isolation.

As well as managing the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC) PCP delivers a wide range of projects across the North East supporting the Charity's mission of Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All.

Attendees watched a film outlining the year's achievements and heard from Employability Pitstop service user David Whitfield and PCP Volunteer (now paid member of PCP staff) Margaret Peacock. Both of which expressed their thanks to the organisation for helping them improve their health and wellbeing. Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, spoke about the



LtoR: Carol Gaskarth, Lord Derek Foster David Whitfield, Margaret Peacock and Melanie Forham.

highlights from the past year and said this coming year is already shaping up to be exciting with new challenges on the horizon.

"During 2015-16 we have made significant progress with the PCC refurbishment, opening of additional sites in Durham and Redcar and mobilisation of new projects and services. Our Health Trainer services have expanded to work more closely with Adult Social Care

teams providing dedicated support for older people, people with learning difficulties and their families.

In Stockton the Navigation Project (SSNP) has taken on a new dimension supporting Asylum Seekers and Refugees and in Sunderland we were successful in securing the contract to deliver Patient Reference Groups for the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Many of our current activities continue to thrive with the Social Prescribing Colour your Life project and all local Healthwatch contracts being extended until March 2017. Options launched 'Café O' at PCC which is independently managed by the members and our befriending scheme continues to develop in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area.

Our work with local employers is also growing through our involvement in the County Durham Workplace Health Award and this will continue into 2016-17."

PCP's Patron The Right Honourable, Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland concluded the meeting with an inspiring talk saying he was immensely proud of what PCP has achieved "There are many parts of the world in turmoil. We have become much less caring as a society and much less co-operative than before but PCP is pointing the way forward to a better society.

We are here to serve one another and serve the community. There is no greater joy or sense of self-fulfilment in life than being able to serve people. It is a cure for some mental illness, certainly a cure for depressions. We all have the capacity to be a friend to someone. If we can take anything away from this meeting it should be 'serve a bit more, and spend a bit less'." For further information about the impact PCP has had locally and to hear about some of the key achievements, read their annual report at www.pcp.uk.net or pick one up in the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF

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What Happened to the Aycliffe £Millions?

Dear Sir,
After reading Newton News on how hard it is for the Whinlatter Bridge to be replaced I cannot believe the Ward County Councillors need to conduct a survey among residents. I ask these Councillors to reflect when we were under Sedgfield Borough Council which had vast sums of money sitting in the bank from land sales in Newton Aycliffe - money which should have been spent on projects in this town. Then the Labour Government decided we should come under a Unitary Authority promising to cut waste and save £0 million a year on Council Tax! This was the same government that doubled Council Tax during

their term of office. So all our £millions in reserve went to Durham County Council and I would ask our Councillors how much of our land money sale was invested in Newton Aycliffe? How much of our inheritance has been diverted elsewhere? I believe we have sent a lot of "Yes" men and women to County Hall who just do as they are told instead of looking after the interests of the people who put them in office. Name and address supplied

FOLK FESTIVAL

Sedgfield Folk Festival will be held 23rd August - 4th Sept in and around the village. We have a number of guests including Kieron Goss, Brian Willoughby and Cathryn Craig. Other Roads. and many more. There are free workshops singaround and concerts for young and old. Tickets are available from the Festival Office 01740 621347 or festival website www.sedgfieldfolkfestival.co.uk or www.facebook.com

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• Wildflower Grasslands Project - my report on the DCC Environment Scrutiny site visit: <http://bit.ly/DCCEnvSWG>

• A Green Flag Park: <http://bit.ly/HPGF716>

• Consultation on the County Durham Plan - Issues and Options closes on 5 August: <http://bit.ly/CDPIOs>

• June's unemployment figures for County Durham: <http://bit.ly/CDU616>

• Latest Aycliffe area roadworks information: <http://bit.ly/Roadworks29716>

COMMUNITY NEWS

• Public consultation on the Police, Crime and Victims Plan: <http://bit.ly/CDPCVP716>

• National Citizens Service opportunities: <http://bit.ly/NCS20716>

• North East Credit Unions promotional video: <http://bit.ly/NECUvid>

• Latest news from Durham Foodbank: <http://bit.ly/CDFB716>

• Courses coming to the PCP: <http://bit.ly/PCPcourses716>

• Starting 13 September - drop-in group for young parents (aged 16-19), every Tuesday 12-2.30pm, Newton Aycliffe Children's Centre: <http://bit.ly/OPYPDIG916>

THINGS TO DO

• A world-class 'summer of culture': <http://bit.ly/CDSoC16>

• DCC Summer Fun guide: <http://bit.ly/DCCSFG16>

• Great Aycliffe Town Council's 'Fun in the Parks': <http://bit.ly/GATCFITP>

• Summer Holiday Activities in the Newton Aycliffe/Shildon area: <http://bit.ly/GAMPSHA16>

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There are no council meetings in August, so the next County Newsbits will be in September.

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Our local PCSO Beat Bobbies volunteered to do some gardening at The Hub Community Centre on Bluebell Close last Friday.

After speaking with Aristeia Stathopoulos the Support Co-ordinator she said tenants had expressed wishes to spruce up the area and improve the communal gardens.

Neighbourhood Police Team PCSO's 7430 Gavin Laycock, 7497 Chris Noble, 7875 Michael Crawford, 7956 Daniela Jones, 7858 Steven Gill and 2696 Mike Welch all pitched in to help.

Other volunteers put up hanging baskets to make the area look more colourful



PCSO 7956 Daniela Jones - a "fair" cop

for residents with the police assisting with litter picking, potting and laying down new wood chippings amongst other things.

The day was a huge success and couldn't have been done without the help of all the staff at the Hub, the NPT, the volunteers at the Hub and plant and flowers donated by Glendale and Shildon Alive.



Students Train Visit to London



Before the end of term, students in Woodham Academy's More Able Academy travelled to London to spend a few days exploring the city and absorbing the culture. The students, from a range of year groups, travelled by train, arriving with plenty of time to take in the tourist attractions.

While in London they had a chance to see "Wicked" a west end musical. They went to various tourist sites across the city including

the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum, Changing of the Guard outside Buckingham Palace, Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament.

During the three days, the group went to convent Garden, spending time browsing stalls and sampling the delights of the Southbank Food Festival. The students arrived back on Saturday, extremely tired but having enjoyed their time in London.

Greenfield Students in France



Students from Greenfield Community College recently enjoyed a trip to France which not only enriched their linguistic and historical experience, but also gave them the opportunity to enjoy the local culture in the Somme and Paris regions.

The students from both the Aycliffe Site and Sunnysdale Campus were privileged to be in the battlefields during the week of the 100 years' commemorations of the Somme, and were able to visit the Canadian site at Beaumont Hamel, the Historial de la

Grande Guerre museum and to see lots of artefacts from the First World War, as well as the Mill Road cemetery where students engaged in the poignant process of looking for possible relatives.

A particular highlight was a visit to Thiepval Woods where they had a guided tour of the trenches which have been uncovered by archaeologists, together with an enthralling commentary from a volunteer which was a very moving experience for all.

The trip then ventured onwards to Paris, where students were

able to savour the views of Paris by night and the Champs Elysées as well as to climb the steps to visit and enjoy the views from the Basilica of Sacré Coeur and Montmartre, where some students asked for portraits to be done. They continued to enjoy a river cruise along the Seine, complete with a commentary of the surrounding historical buildings.

The final mission of the very busy trip was to visit the Eiffel Tower, which everyone enjoyed despite a heavy rain shower!

INNOVATIVE SERVICES HELP TO IMPROVE LIVES AND KEEP PEOPLE SAFE

RESIDENTS, businesses and victims of crime have more opportunities to access services and support, than in previous years, in a report published today.

The development of a new Victim Care and Advice Service across County Durham and Darlington, a new Live Link system for victims to give evidence by video in court, without being face to face with the perpetrator, and a new Community Peer Mentors Project are just some of the initiatives of the last financial year.

In the latest Annual Report for 2015-16 published by Ron Hogg, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) for County Durham and Darlington, Ron encourages victims of crime or anti-social behaviour to seek the support available to them. Ron said: "It was a really successful year for instance implementing new services for victims and the vulnerable and improving engagement with communities. I have worked closely with partners and I would like to thank them for the tremendous effort they have put into helping improving the lives of our residents.

"Support has been made available for those suffering from long-term neighbour disputes or anti-social behaviour, vulnerable people can seek help from isolation

and victims of crime can get support from the recently commissioned Victim Care and Advice Service.

"My annual report also provides information about how I have spent my budget, including the £150,000 I awarded, jointly with County Durham Community Foundation, to local projects. These projects included services to young people, victims and offenders.

"I am also working with partners and the business community across the region to help businesses to stay protected from threats such as cyber crime."

Another successful initiative last year aimed at reducing re-offending in the community is the voluntary adult offender scheme Checkpoint, which has seen a 90 per cent success rate in its first phase.

"This scheme targets low and medium level offenders at the earliest stage of the criminal justice process" said Ron. "As well as offering them an alternative to prosecution and giving them the opportunity to turn their lives around, this scheme also helps reduce the number of future victims of crime throughout County Durham and Darlington." To view Ron's Annual Report, and find out more about how you can access the services available, visit: www.durham-pcc.gov.uk.

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QUEEN'S AWARD FOR AYCLIFFE CHARITY



Garreth Murrell receiving the Queen's Award from HM Lord-Lieutenant Mrs Sue Snowdon

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service - the equivalent of an MBE was presented by County Durham's Lord Lieutenant Mrs Sue Snowdon to Forces charity Veterans at Ease. Phil Wilson MP said: "It has been a delight to watch this Newton Aycliffe charity go

from strength to strength. I first came across them a few years ago when they were looking for new premises. I was pleased to be able to advise them with this, and was delighted when they successfully secured a place on the Business Park to deliver their vital services. The support they provide to ex members of the armed forces is much needed. As Chair of the Defence Select Committee in Parliament, I understand the importance of a strong ministry of defence and valuing all those involved. I wish Veterans at Ease every success in the future."

Veterans at Ease has a close relationship with the people of Newton Aycliffe for almost the entire life of the charity. After using the spare room of his house Garreth, then ran the fledgling charity from a small office in Newton Aycliffe kindly donated by a local business woman. Five years later VAE have helped over 140 men and women, some from Newton Aycliffe, and opened up a third office here earlier this year

Three Charities Receive Tesco's Surplus Food



Tesco Food Connection initiative has gone live in the Newton Aycliffe store and last week they welcomed three charities and organisations who came in to collect the surplus stock that would have normally been wasted. This food is now being used for fantastic causes by providing ingredients to make balanced meals. The charities came and collected the products from store in the evening and were welcomed by the store team. If you are still interested in taking part in our food collection please visit <http://www.tesco.com/food-collection/>

Honest John Donations



Honest John has made donations amounting to £1300 and among them was £500 to Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership, £600 to Acorn Residents' Association and £200 to a new drama group. Liane Taylor Treasurer of GACAP is shown receiving a cheque from Honest John. Liane, an officer at the DISC charity, was instrumental in offering Honest John part use of the charity's second hand furniture showroom in premises next to the Blue Bridge. They also have a cafe serving hot and cold food and it is well worth browsing the furniture store and John's shop.

AYCLIFFE TRIATHLETE TO REPRESENT G.B. IN MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP

In May Aycliffe Triathlete Melanie Rowland, took part in the Southport Triathlon, which was a qualifying event for the 2016 ITU Age-Group World Standard Distance Championship, and also the Triathlon England North West Regional Standard Distance Championship.

Melanie was third in her age group (45-49), which means she has qualified to represent GB in the World Triathlon Championships in Cozumel, Mexico later on in the year. Melanie is looking forward to the challenge, where she will be racing on the same course, on the same day as GB Olympians the Brownlee Brothers. Melanie took part in a National Biathlon and National Triathlon as a child, which she enjoyed. She joined Aycliffe Tri Club in 2013, and began



to compete again, winning her first triathlon towards the end of the season. She continued to have three age group, and a team win in 2015, but qualification for the World Championships has been the highlight so far. Athletes have to self fund their trip and equipment. If any business/person would like to sponsor Melanie, please contact her on 07867 555801.

Greenfield Youth Cree Arts Award

Greenfield Arts have been privileged to be part of the ten-year celebration for Arts Award 'We are Ten' which is part of an ambitious programme established by Culture Bridge North East, in partnership with the Customs House. Greenfield Arts was one of 10 organisations working with young people in schools throughout the North East to offer them the opportunity to work with talented local artists and practitioners to achieve their nationally recognised Arts Award qualification.

The Youth Cree students, all from Greenfield Community College and supported by GAMP and Public Health funding, have been working on 'Bring the Funny' a community arts project which will culminate in artwork and sound installations to brighten up the day for passengers at Newton Aycliffe Railway station. Working with comedian Ruth Johnson, artist Nicola Golightly and film maker Laura Degnan, they have created a comical



and innovative experience for visitors to the platform which will be installed this summer. Sophie Lewis, Art Centre Co-ordinator has been responsible for co-ordinating the award and monitoring the student's progress. Sophie is very proud of the Youth Cree group who have risen to the challenge to create fabulous work for the project and have grown in confidence throughout the weeks. "This isn't the first time we have put our young people through this brilliant qualification but it is the first time we've done it in this way. Being able to share expertise with other organisations was a really valuable experience. The Youth Cree group said they would recommend doing an

Arts Award as it is thoroughly enjoyable".

On the successful completion of the project, the students were invited to attend the awards ceremony and 'We Are Ten' celebrations at The Discovery Museum in Newcastle, where they were presented with their award and were able to join in a fun day of activities with other participants from the 10 schools and organisations. Harry Wilson, Millie Dent and Jack Smith attended on behalf of the Youth Cree group to accept the awards alongside artist Nicola Golightly and Sophie Lewis, and were brilliant representatives for both Greenfield Community College and Greenfield Arts Youth Cree.

Scoot Park Finished

An eagerly awaited Scoot Park is now complete and ready for action in time for the school summer holidays. Local residents were keen to get started as soon as the safety fencing was dismantled and the unanimous view from riders who have tried the track is that it is a massive success. The track is designed to complement the current wheeled play provision provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council of the Skate Park at Town Park and the BMX track at Woodham Park. The facility provides a

series of carefully designed tarmac ramps which can be utilised by a wide range of ages and abilities. While designed with scooters in mind it is also suitable to be used by skateboards, skates and BMXs.

The new facility is located at the rear of Horndale Play area, created by Bike Track. It is provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council and much of the funding necessary for its development has been provided by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership.



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If you think you could give Ricky the home he is longing for, please call 0300 303 0292 or visit him at Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Friday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm and 12pm-7.30pm on Thursdays. It is closed on Wednesdays. Or go to www.dogstrust.org.uk



140 Mile CTC Ride for CLIC Fundraiser Makes Over £1500 for Freya

Lee Brown, the Assistant Team Manager of Lidl's distribution centre in Newton Aycliffe, is gearing up to cycle 140 miles in just two days to raise vital funds for the children and young people's cancer support charity CLIC Sargent.

Lee Brown and friends Chris Gettins, Andy Dent and Paul Livingstone – otherwise known as the Queasy Riders – will set out from Whitehaven in Cumbria on 29th July and hope to arrive in Sunderland the next day. In 2014 Lidl UK chose CLIC Sargent as its charity partner, and pledged to raise £1 million. On 25th July it was announced, thanks to the incredible support of Lidl employees like Lee, and its shoppers, the target had

been reached six months ahead of schedule.

The total raised means that CLIC Sargent could fund 40,000 hours of care for children and young people. The Queasy Riders hope their challenge will add £1,000 more to the pot, and are appealing for local people to sponsor their efforts. In the North East, the CLIC Sargent team includes social workers, nurses and play specialists who are based at the Royal Victoria Infirmary and Freeman Hospital in Newcastle – hospitals in the region that specialise in cancer treatment. Lee, said: "Each member of the team has been affected by cancer in some form in the past, and nobody should be without the support and care

they need at such a traumatic time. CLIC Sargent's nurses and social workers are there for young cancer patients and their families every step of the way, which is why we hope to raise as much money as possible for this amazing charity."

Fern McDonald, Fundraising Manager at CLIC Sargent said: "Thanks to the backing of Lidl UK, the CLIC Sargent team is makes a huge difference to the lives of thousands of families who are going through the hardest of times. To sponsor the Queasy Riders Challenge visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/QueasyRidersC2C>

Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST features the Roald Dahl fantasy-comedy "MATILDA". Starring 9 year-old Mara Wilson, who had already appeared in Miracle on 34th Street and Mrs Doubtfire, Danny DeVito and Pam Ferris. A great Feel-Good-Film for the whole family, AND THE WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME. Children must be accompanied. Tea, coffee and juice will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1, and the film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.



Friends, family and local football teams came together to raise funds to help support Freya Aither and Ward 4 at Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary. Young Freya is currently receiving treatment for a brain tumour. She is a beautiful young lady who is always smiling and came along to hand the trophy out to tournament winners Newton Aycliffe Sports Club.

Four teams took part in the charity football matches, Aycliffe Youth, the Sports Club, the Navy Club and team Freya. "I would like to thank all those who took part and to all those who donated prizes and helped make the day possible. The day was a huge success and the family were overwhelmed with the support received" said Martin Palmer Smalls.

ICE CREAM AT KIDZFLIX

Come along and enjoy the hit movie KUNG FU PANDA 3 with friends on Saturday 6th August at 2pm. KIDZFLICKS is a community film club held in the main hall next to St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe.

'Po must train a village of fun-loving clumsy pandas to defeat a supernatural villain that threatens to destroy KUNG FU.' This is the latest movie in the Kung Fu Panda trilogy and is great for the whole family to share.

The film club is open to all - and any children 5 and over can be left in the supervision of the Children's Team.

All seats are priced at £1, with first come - get the best seats! The movie is screened on a large screen with surround sound for that real cinema feel. We will have ice-creams with sauce and sprinkles for 50p and a sweet shop with party bags from 20p, drinks and crisps too. So please come along everyone, no need to book - just turn up! Doors open 1.30pm.

STUDENTS TRI GOLF



Woodham Academy offers students the opportunity to become involved in a leadership programme during their time at school. The Leadership Academy is a joint initiative between the Tony Blair Sports Foundation and Woodham Academy. The programme provides the opportunity for students to not only gain nationally accredited sports qualifications but also the chance to gain invaluable volunteering and coaching experience.

A group of Year 9 and Year 10 students successfully

carried out a Tri Golf event at the Oakleaf Sports Complex engaging with seven primary schools from across the town.

Tri golf is a popular and successful initiative that is aimed at younger students, giving them an opportunity to be introduced to golf.

The young leaders proved that their leadership and communication skills had improved and were vital in the organisation of the event. The Woodham Academy student's ensured that the primary school pupils had a highly enjoyable and fun day.



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result, I must comment on
how unhappy I and several
other people are about the re-
surfacing work carried out two
weeks ago in Oakfield.

The condition of the edge of the
new road outside my property
in Oakfield is absolutely
terrible. The actual main body
of the road is ok but the edge of
the new surface is a whole one
inch higher than the footpath
in parts.

One of my neighbours actually
commented about this to the
workmen on the day, asking
'since when was the road
supposed to be higher than the
footpath?' and the answer
he received was 'we are only
doing what we have been told
to do'.

Unless this is fixed, there is
a potentially serious accident
waiting to happen. The work
was supposed to be carried out
over two days and as requested,
people moved their vehicles
ready for commencement
on the Wednesday morning.
However, the workmen didn't
turn up until Thursday, hence
the work was done in one day
and it is obvious that it has

been a rushed and amateurish
job.

Apart from the edgings being
unsuitable at certain points,
the road surfacing was too
high at all the gutters. As a
result of this on Monday this
week, workmen turned up with
equipment and have drilled out
a six inch border around all the

gutters, and placed cones over
them until they get back to fix
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Joining The Dots, which is in the very early stages of development, aims to connect people with existing services to get the help they need around income, housing, practical support such as housework or dog walking, lifestyle and emotional support.

Clr Lucy Hovvels, chair of the County Durham health and wellbeing board, said: "It is very exciting for County Durham to be at the forefront of improving the lives of people affected by cancer. As many as one in two of us will be affected

by cancer in our lifetime and currently there are many different services offering support to people affected so it is quite difficult to work out the most appropriate place to go for help. It will make sure that people receive the help that they need at a time when they need it and significantly improve the quality of life of people living with and beyond cancer." The Macmillan Joining The Dots team is keen to hear your experiences of being affected by cancer. You can contact the team by emailing: JoiningTheDots@durham.gov.uk or by phoning: 03000 267345.

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she studies Media Studies. She is particularly interested in journalism and public relations and approached Roman to see if it would be possible to gain some work experience in their Marketing Department.

After completing her first week at Roman, she has already undertaken various tasks. Tasks include writing blog posts; content for the Roman and Roman at Home websites; creating email campaigns; and has helped on a photo shoot. Roman has also given Fysh the opportunity to gain a clear insight into their PR department with introductions to the various magazines that Roman targets and then having a go at writing her own press releases.

In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in public relations because of her enthusiasm towards blogging and writing, which has been encouraged whilst on placement at Roman.

When asking Fysh about how she has found her time at Roman so far, she said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Roman. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. The tasks I have been involved with have made me really excited for the future." Roman welcome at least one summer work experience placement every year in the Marketing Department and



in other areas of the company. They also have various apprenticeships in different departments of the business from IT; engineering; customer services and joinery. David Osborne, MD of Roman, commented: "Here at Roman we have always been a big supporter of work placements to give young people the opportunity to get first-hand experience in the working environment."

LOCAL COUNCILLOR LAUNCHES CARE HUB



On Friday, 15 July, Vice-Chairman of Durham County Council and local County Councillor Mike Dixon opened the new Newton Aycliffe Care Hub. Durham County Council has set up five Care Hubs across the county, designed to provide therapeutic and multi-sensory activities for people requiring specialist care. One of these is based at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Pathways Group.

The Care Hubs will provide a wide range of therapeutic activities including rebound trampoline sessions to enhance movement patterns, therapeutic positioning, exercise and recreation; hydrotherapy to relieve discomfort and promote physical wellbeing; specially adapted sports and games; and food awareness, touch, taste and sensory sessions. Cllr Mike Dixon, said: "As well as therapeutic activities to improve muscle tone and limb strength, the Care Hubs will increase service users' sense of wellbeing and quality of life. They will be welcoming and friendly places for people with the most complex and specialist care needs." Refreshments were laid on as part of the 'Great British Tea Party', and a good time was had by all.

Spiritualism

DARLINGTON Spiritualist Church, Denmark Street, Darlington DL3 0LP invite you to a fantastic workshop "Fine Tuning Your Mediumship" with Minister Val Williams (International Teacher, Medium and Tutor at the Arthur Findlay College) on Saturday 6th August from 10.30am to 4.30pm. £20 with light buffet lunch provided. To book phone Irene on 01325 316901 after 6pm

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Woodham's Natural Approach



Students at Woodham Academy are blooming delighted with the results of an ambitious conservation programme they have been running for the past two years. Members of the school's Wildlife Club have been busy transforming corners of their school grounds into havens for local wildlife. They have planted several hundred trees, they have installed bird boxes and have manufactured hedgehog homes, insect houses, bumblebee hotels, and a variety of other initiatives, but mostly they have simply let nature do what nature does best. And producing flowers is definitely one of the things nature does best. The rear of the school has become a cornucopia of multi-coloured wildflowers, buzzing with bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. Such is the success of the school's summer meadow patches that they now attract dragonflies – which can

be observed hunting over the fields once the students with whom they share their precious habitat have moved on to pastures new. And how have they created this little corner of paradise? Simple. They have done next to nothing.

According to the club's founder, Mr. Heaven, doing nothing is something which does not come naturally to most people: "The problem is that people are always trying to tidy things up, or tidy things away, and in so doing they get in the way of those natural processes which provide food and shelter. Nature abhors a vacuum, and left to its own devices it will fill those gaps with plants and animals." Deciding that doing nothing was the best thing to do, Mr. Heaven then decided to do something about it. Starting with the existing hedgerows, which are now only cut every three years to provide nesting sites and winter feed for native and migrating birds, the school is inching towards a more environmentally sensitive model of grounds management, where the ethos is one of 'help only where it is needed.'

Woodham Academy's students are currently busy cataloguing its stock of wild orchids, and can boast an impressive 56, including Spotted Orchids, Northern Marsh Orchids, and two specimens of the very rare Bee Orchid.

That this is a remarkable occurrence is made more so by the fact they have not been planted, but have lain dormant

in the soil for many years, awaiting the opportunity to flower. "Nature is resilient." Says Mr. Heaven. "For fifty years since the school was built, these plants have been awaiting their opportunity to reproduce. By only cutting the grass at the end of the summer, instead of all year round, we are providing a breathing space for our native species - which in-turn provides food for a variety of animals – who themselves become food for others."

This approach, it seems, isn't only good for the environment, it is good for people too. Members of Wildlife Club are enrolled on a conservation course run by the prestigious John Muir Trust, and are currently working towards their Level 2 Award. They are also learning new skills, such as haymaking, and the school is working with a local farm to harvest their rich grasses for use as winter feed. It is, says the Wildlife Club facilitator, a win-win situation.

And what do the Wildlife Club's members think of their latest achievement? "The flowers are nice," says Award winner Allanah Milburn, "I like the fact we get to work outside, and I like the fact we get to do things, like the pond we are digging at the moment." So struck is Allanah with what she has helped to achieve she has set her heart on becoming a conservation worker. "I think people need to take more care of the world," she says, "It makes better people of them when they do." What a flower!

DEDICATED PHYSICIST

Josef Bedford has been recognised for his enthusiasm and dedication to physics at the annual Durham University Schools Physicist of the Year event. The ceremony, which took place on 21st June 2016, was attended by the most promising physics students in secondary schools from across the county. Attendees at the awards evening had the opportunity to take part in several hands-on physics activities provided by Durham University.

Josef was presented with The Ogden Trust's Schools Physicist of the Year Award by Professor Carlos Frenk, Director of Durham University's Institute for Computational Cosmology. Professor Frenk is one of the most highly cited researchers in Astronomical Physics and a leading figure in world academia.

As a member of Woodham Academy's More Able Academy, Josef has shown a keen interest in and mastery of all aspects of Physics within his GCSE Triple Science course. He has also been a key contributor to Astronomy Club, held after school in the Science Department. In addition to a prize of £25 in book tokens to purchase scientific literature, the Award gives Josef the opportunity to apply for a scholarship of £1500 per year should he choose to study a Physics related degree at university.



Obituary

SWAINSTON, Newton Aycliffe. July 27th (peacefully in the loving care of St. Teresa's Hospice) Michael aged 71 years, much loved Dad to Michael and Caroline, devoted Grandad to Moore and Farrah, dear Brother to Heather. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Thursday August 4. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village at 1.00pm followed by interment in The West Cemetery, Darlington. Donations in lieu of flowers would be much appreciated in aid of St. Teresa's Hospice, Darlington

Students in Maths Challenge

Year 7 and 8 students from Woodham Academy took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Challenge exam with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Woodham Academy students achieved 8 gold, 4 silver and 13 bronze awards.

Winners of the Gold award in Year 7 and 8 were; Nathan Lawton, Charlie Pemberton, Callum Fielden, Richie Steward, Andrew Blair, Joseph Capstack, Emilie Dunn and Jake Mendelsohn. Charlie, a Year 7 student was also best in his year and Callum, a Year 8 student was best in his year and best in the school overall with his maths challenge results.

Winners of the silver award for Year 7 and 8 were; Angel Woods, Michael Taylor, Owen Lister and Max Turner.

Last but not least winners of the bronze award in Year 7 and 8 were; Caitlin Kavanagh, Jak Kennedy, Liam Luck, Jay McWilliam, Chloe Paterson, Kieran Pearson, Joe Richardson, Bonscott Alan, Katie Cooper, Curtis Shaw, Erin Towler, Hannah Urwin and Zak Winter.

The challenge involved a combination of maths trivia designed to test the students and push them to think outside of the box.

Further to the UKMT Maths Challenge, the top 2% of high achievers are invited to take part in the Kangaroo Challenge. Three Year 8 students, Callum Fielden, Richie Steward and Andrew Blair were asked to take part. The students did exceptionally well to achieve such a result and then go on to the further maths challenge. Callum Fielden received a Merit certificate for his results

in the Kangaroo Challenge meaning he is within the top 0.5% of everyone that took part in both challenges nationally. A truly outstanding achievement.

UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2016

Various pupils from year 9 and year 10 from Woodham Academy achieved 1 silver and 7 bronzes in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Silver Year 10
Conor Gibson-Walker (Best in Year and Best in School)

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Kate Reynoldson
Joseph Fawcett
David Burniston
Courtney Teasdale

Bronze Year 9
Jackson Cooper
Christopher Jones
Aaliyah Smallwood Foster

Masterclass celebration

From the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, the UK Mathematics Trust invited Woodham Academy students; Conor Gibson-Walker and Jackson Cooper, to attend a Masterclass celebration event in Newcastle at the Northumbria University on the 16th July. This event is organised by Think Physics and Northumbria University,

in conjunction with the Royal Institution Masterclass team. This includes workshops and activities in mathematics and engineering as well as a keynote talk from Professor Danielle George, 2014 Royal Institution's Christmas Lecturer, for a 'Hack your home' special.

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Community Tidy-up at Bluebell



It was a good day at the Bluebell Hub when residents helped by Neighbourhood Police officers all had a good time on a "Volunteering Day" tidying up the communal gardens in Bluebell Close. A number of different activities took place including a BBQ and Raffle to raise money for the Nicola Maull Fund and together with food donations from the day, £161 was raised. It was a really good community team effort with thanks to all who gave support.

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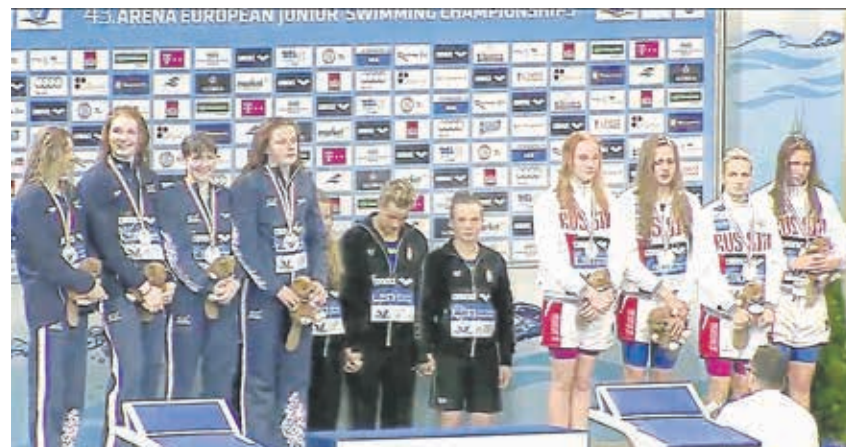
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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had an excellent seven wicket victory at home to Hartlepool 2nd XI. The visitors batted first and were dismissed for a below par 135 all out after 40.1 overs, thanks to some good bowling from Patrick Howe (4 for 19), Jack Slatcher (3 for 42) and Subhan Christudas (2 for 12). Sam Telford (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Telford) smashed the bowling to all parts of the ground as he reached his sixth half century of the season off just 30 balls. He was eventually

out for a superb 66 off just 38 balls and his memorable innings contained 11 hard hit boundaries and two big sixes. Other notable contributions came from opener Adam Gittins, who scored 27 and Subhan Christudas, who finished unbeaten on 23 as Aycliffe romped home to victory for the loss of just three wickets after only 24.1 overs. The second team were heavily defeated by 122 runs away at top of the table Norton 2nd XI in their NYSD 3rd division match. Norton batted first and scored 221 for 7 declared after 43.5 overs with Elliott Holt the pick of the visitor's bowlers taking 3 for 49 and he was supported well by Joe Teasdale (2 for 54). In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 99 after 24.2 overs despite good innings from Graham Telford (sponsored by DS Fitting Services) who scored a determined 38, Dan Craggs who scored a typically robust 20 and Stephen Sweeney who chipped in with 14. The second team were knocked out of the Eggleston cup in mid week when they were beaten at home by Coundon first team by 8 wickets. Electing to bat first Aycliffe scored 118 for 9 in 20 overs with good contributions with the bat from Joe Teasdale, who top scored with 27 and Stephen Sweeney and Dylan

Tribley, who both scored 17 runs. The visitors eased to victory after 17.2 overs to take their place in the semi-finals. The u13's were beaten away at Seaton Carew, but there were good performances with the bat from acting captain Joe Bowsher, who top scored with 19 and makeshift opener Will Varley who scored 8 runs. Kieran Shingler bowled well taking 1 for 17 from his 4 overs and special mention must go to both Nathan Slater and 9 year old debutant Daniel Heaton, who fielded superbly for Aycliffe. The u11's had a tremendous 34 run victory at home to Barnard Castle in the NYACC league. Aycliffe bowled and fielded well with Matty Greaves, Harrison Pearson and 7 year

old Will Dearden all taking two wickets each. In the Aycliffe innings, Josh Imerson top scored with an aggressive 16 not out to help the hosts to their sixth win of the season. Special mention must go to debutants Gregor Mills and Ollie Coulter, who both bowled and batted well in their first game for the club. The club continue to run the successful "Quick Cricket" sessions every Wednesday during the schools six weeks holiday, and have another session planned on Wednesday 3rd August, from 10am to 12pm, cost £3 per person, per session. These sessions are open to boys and girls, of any ability, aged 11 or under. Further details, from Club Secretary Lee on 07759 754959.



Saturday 9th July saw Sophie Wilkinson, Katelyn Craig, Kate Tolley and Leah Smith travel to Leeds for the Richmondale Summer Gala. Competing in a total of 22 races between them the team won nine medals and again obtained some brilliant personal best times.

The girls swam some great races and are really improving their pacing in the 50m pool. Four days later Hannah Featherstone left to represent Team GB at the European Junior Championships in Hungary. The photo shows Hannah third from left with her GB team mates getting silver in the 4 x 200m. Hannah returned with 3 medals in total, bronze in the 4 x 100m freestyle, bronze in the 4 x 100m individual medley and silver in the 4 x 200m freestyle. Hannah also reached the final of the individual 200m freestyle an incredible personal achievement.

Hannah will now go to Sheffield on 25th July to compete at the National British Summer Championships. Also during July Elisabeth Yaneski competed for Sedgefield District 75 at the Northumberland and Durham Masters. Elisabeth won gold in

the 800m freestyle. Anyone wishing to find out more about the club or come for a free trial should contact John Moore - Head Coach on 07836 385487 or go to <http://freeteams.com/sedgefield75/contact.html> and complete the contact page.

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Aycliffe Retain Frank Swinburne Cup

Newton Aycliffe FC played four games last week as their preparations for the new season intensified. A draw against Rotherham side Maltby Main was followed by wins over Brandon & Darlington RA. The final game of the week saw Aycliffe ensure that the Frank Swinburne Memorial Cup stayed in Moore Lane with a win over Northallerton. It was, however, a close game with Aycliffe short of several key players. Northallerton took the lead on 14mins with a good shot from Mark Sims. Aycliffe had two chances to equalise from the penalty spot but both were squandered by last season's leading scorer John Campbell. Ashley Coffey eventually pulled a goal back for the home side with a powerful back post header.

With the final whistle approaching the prospect of the trophy being shared for the first time was a

possibility however referee Helen Conley awarded Aycliffe their third penalty of the match. This time Stuart Banks stepped up and made no mistake from the spot.

John Campbell lifted the trophy named in honour of one Aycliffe's best loved committee members, Frankie Swinburne, remembered by Club Chairman Allan Oliver as 'the heart and soul of the Club.' It was fitting that several members of the Swinburne family attended the game and his son, also Frank, presented the trophy.

Meanwhile Aycliffe conclude their preseason with home friendlies against Spennymoor Town on Tuesday 26th July and Easington Colliery on Saturday 30th July. The season proper starts on Saturday 6th August with a trip to Washington in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup.

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