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On Wednesday 17th August between 11.00am and 3.00pm Aycliffe Town Centre will again be hosting the Craig Andrew's Show, live on Star Radio. This free Family Fun Day will include - Walworth Castle Birds of Prey - A selection of animals, bugs and insects from Pet

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Contest from 2.00pm. Is your pet talented, funny, clever or just plain mad? Bring them down and show everyone what they can do and win a prize! All of this and much, much more at Aycliffe Town Centre on Wednesday 17th August. See page 7 in this issue for details. Don't Miss it!

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Hogg. They have a bar license as the cruise visits various countries along the way, where you can sample the cuisine and wines and beers from these countries. There will also be soft drinks available. Tickets are priced at £12 and are available through Beverley Marriner, telephone 07585 663723 or email bevmariner@hotmail.co.uk. Tel: Centre on 307522 or from the centre make it a date on the 20th August There will also be a Raffle, Quiz & Disco.

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Honest John Treats ACORN Youth Group



Little ACORNS would like to thank Honest John for his kind donation for a day out to remember, for young people who remain active in the group helping with events, litter picking and many other things.

They deserve a treat and this year we are proud to announce the group will be going to Flamingo Land thanks to Honest John. The group meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Pheonix Club at 5:30 just before the main ACORN meeting.

If you would like to come along and see what these guys get up to and have a chat the next meeting is 14th September. Keith Lovejoy, Youth Co-ordinator

GREENFIELD STUDENTS ON WORLD CHALLENGE MOROCCAN EXPEDITION

Students from Greenfield Community College had an exciting time when they travelled to Morocco as part of a World Challenge expedition. They had previously raised the £1,500 to secure their place by taking part in fund raising events such as bake sales, bag packs, tea parties and quizzes to name just a few! This once in a lifetime experience certainly lived up to the title of 'World Challenge' as it proved to be one of the toughest challenges of their lives. The students were exposed to extreme heat, 5.30 am wake up calls and trekking 30 km over challenging terrain reaching peaks of over 3000m as they negotiated the slopes of the High Atlas Mountains. The first phase of the expedition saw the group facilitate their own individual and team skills to help

renovate a community centre on the periphery of the mountains. It was a race against the clock to complete within the time restraints given and particular attention was paid to budget restraints and organising specific skills to create a more purposeful learning environment that will be truly special for the young pupils upon their return to pre-school.

During the week each student was given the freedom and guidance to assume the roles needed on an expedition (leader, accountant, etc) enabling them to learn more about their own strengths and weaknesses within the teams and develop invaluable life skills.

The challengers certainly took ownership for their own expedition and whilst staff were there to advise and support they showed superb self-reliance and responsibility for themselves and their team.

Special memories such as climbing mountains in searing heat, playing football against young Moroccans, sleeping on rooftops under the stars, haggling with Marrakech stall owners and enjoying the general hustle and bustle of Marrakech



square are just a few experiences that will stay with challengers. Seeing animals such as a cobra, camels, mules and monkeys and of course the fantastic treks and the satisfaction of creating a special environment for the young Moroccan pupils. The challengers did their school, their families and most importantly themselves proud during this visit to Morocco.

Well done to all challengers; Samantha Clark, Matthew Davis, Sophie Hayes, Max Hunter, Jordan Paramor, Ellis Plews, Nathan Shaw and Christina Shodunke. The school is planning on running another World Challenge expedition to an

unconfirmed destination in the summer of 2018 for the pupils currently going into year 9 and 10. More details and an assembly will follow during the autumn term where you can register an interest with Mr Butterworth or Mr Robson.



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 Review from Houghton Buffaloes: "Balls in The Buffs, twin lead guitar outfit, Balls of Steel, came out on a bitterly cold night to play for the Herd in Houghton Comrades on 12th December. Featuring ex-Venom guitar player Jim Clare plus son Sam the band played through a selection of classic rock favourites, kicking off with some Thin Lizzy and including tracks from Gary Moore, ZZ Top, Free, Jimi Hendrix, Deep Purple, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Kinks and T Rex. The dancers were up from early on and stayed on the floor for much of the night, genuinely nice guys and a pleasure to work with."

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On October 1st an event is taking place at Locomotion, NRM Shildon to celebrate the 191st anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway which will fall on September 27th. The celebration is being organised by the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, which was founded in 2013 to protect and promote this important part of world railway heritage and, hopefully, stimulate economic regeneration through heritage based tourism.

As a hugely important part of the celebrations, a Community Sponsored Jaunt is being organised by Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club with the support of the Mayor of Shildon, Aycliffe Town Council and Locomotion, NRM Shildon, amongst others.

The aim is to use the new tarmac path installed by Durham County Council, linking Aycliffe and Shildon, alongside the railway line which follows the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. We hope to symbolically unite the two towns – Shildon, the 'cradle of the railways' and Aycliffe,

presently witnessing the re-birth of the railways with the arrival of Hitachi in the town.

The Community Sponsored Jaunt will begin at Aycliffe railway station at 2pm, with free refreshment available at Locomotion for the participants making the two mile journey along the path. The proceeds from sponsorship monies are to be shared with the NSPCC, and the participants' own nominated charities. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Jed Hillary, will see everyone off.

As part of the overall celebrations, the mayor of Shildon, (who is chair of the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway), is organising a civic reception at Locomotion and receive the participants of the Community Sponsored Jaunt on the forecourt of the museum. The Mayor of Aycliffe, will be present to welcome them, together with other invited Mayors from around our area. We hope that the Lord Lieutenant, the Chairman of Durham County Council, our MP's and local councillors will attend. Perhaps

some of them will want to take part in the Jaunt, as well as the ceremonial part of the day and raise funds for the NSPCC and their own charities. Welcome speeches will be given by the Mayors of Shildon and Aycliffe. We are currently putting together a programme of events for this day of celebration, as the museum will be open to visitors and supporters of the Jaunt between 10.00 and 5.00pm. It will include steam train rides, provided by the celebrated Furness steam engine and by South Durham Model Engineers, both at a reasonable cost. Heritage Walks will be led by a DCC leader and potentially by Locomotion staff and volunteers.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

There will be railway-themed exhibitions, including one by the Middleton Photography Group on the Stockton and Darlington Railway today and railway artist John Wigston and by local Stockton and Darlington railway conservation volunteers, the Brusselton Incline Group. Music will be provided by Durham Music Service students, with contributions by dance troupes, singers and local theatre groups, and from local schools.

We are keen to make display stands available to event sponsors. Locomotion can supply trestle tables for interested parties and these are normally free of charge. We are pleased to say that Hitachi has already agreed to provide a display.

The day will build on the links already established between Aycliffe and Shildon by the amalgamation of Greenfield and Sunnydale schools. Head teacher David Priestley is enthusiastic, pledging full support for the venture. We hope that local primary schools from both towns will also get involved.

WALK, BIKE, & RUN etc.

Sponsored walkers/bikers/runners or people using any other appropriate mode of transport will leave from Newton Aycliffe at 2pm, arriving at Locomotion between 2.30 and 3.00. People will gather on the forecourt if the weather is good, or inside the museum building if the weather is inclement. Those on the Jaunt may want to return the way they came or take a train back to Newton Aycliffe. Participants on the Community Sponsored Jaunt who are resident in Shildon may want to take the train to Aycliffe or use the path and begin the Jaunt with everyone else at 2pm. We already have considerable interest from bikers, walkers, running groups, town

JOIN THE JAUNT AND RAISE CASH FOR THE NSPCC AND YOUR OWN CHARITY

organisations etc. and the aim is to spread the word and get as many people as possible involved, including individuals and families. We are particularly interested in getting a group of volunteers who will litter-pick the path – bags and litter sticks provided.

The publicity campaign will be ongoing through Newton News the Shildon Town Crier, posters etc. The Jaunt is expected to attract the interest of the media, and we already have indications of support from both the TV

and radio. We will keep you in the picture as the programme develops.

Registration Forms for the Jaunt are on Page 4 to be cut out and returned. They can also be collected from Newton Press Offices, Walkers Butchers, Tesco's, returned there and sponsor forms collected.

All sponsorship money raised is shared between the NSPCC and your group or own choice of charity, so come along and join in and have a great community day out.

New Model Making Club at Agnew



Bill and his 12 year old grandson Benjamin

A new Plastic Kit Model Club has been formed and their meetings are held each Thursday at the Agnew Community Centre at Morrison Close between 5.30 and 8pm.

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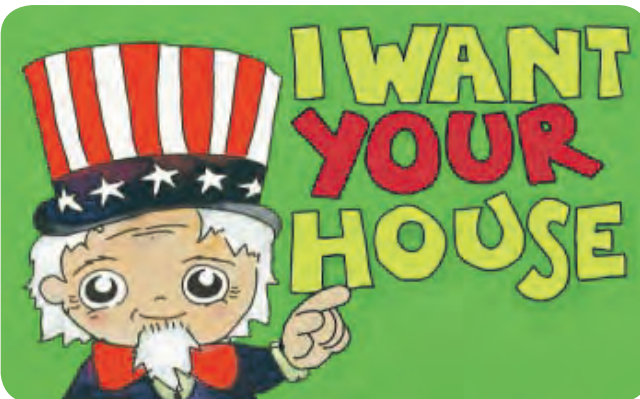
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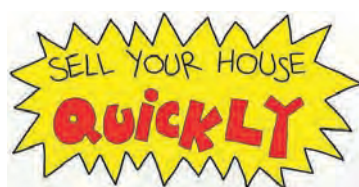


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Former Aycliffe Vicar's Trial Outcome

The following statement is made by the Right Revd. Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham: "Following the conviction today of the Venerable Granville Gibson on two charges of indecent assault, we offer an unreserved apology to all the survivors and those affected by this news. We commend the bravery of those who brought these allegations forward, acknowledging how difficult and distressing this would have been. "We are profoundly sorry for the abuse perpetrated by Mr Gibson and remain committed to doing everything possible



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Dear Sir,
A certain house owner claim the footpath outside their home is private and they could stop people using it! After speaking to the Highways Department at Durham County Council their reply is that footpaths are a public right of way and if anyone is injured due to overhanging branches and hedges from any property on a path then that owner is liable. Pathways outside houses do not belong to the household as their deeds will prove. Name & address supplied

to ensure the wellbeing of children, young people and adults, who look to us for respect and care. Abuse is a terrible crime and a grievous breach of trust, which has lifelong effects.

"I am asking the Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Management Group to commission a full and independent review of all the circumstances surrounding this case so that we can learn from what has happened. We expect that review to take place and report over the next few months.

"Our prayers are with everyone concerned and should anyone be affected by today's news or want to share concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Contact Line: 0800 689 4704" Mr Gibson was found not guilty on five further charges of sexual assault

From Managing to Running her own Firm



Newton Aycliffe resident and entrepreneur Justyna Hambly has successfully launched a translating, interpreting and HR consultancy business. Having spent over a decade managing various businesses Justyna wanted to do something for herself. She saw this as a great opportunity to use her fluent language skills and HR expertise to start a translation and HR consultancy business. Being Polish but having lived in the UK for over 11 years,

Justyna saw the need for her services in the North East and a gap in the market. She launched Avas Consulting in November 2015 and has never looked back.

The GAMP Employability Skills and Discretionary Fund, managed by Bishop Auckland College, provided funding, allowing Justyna to complete a translation and interpreting course, equipping her with the necessary qualifications, to be able to offer her services to both businesses and private individuals.

Justyna commented: "Thanks to the GAMP Employability and Discretionary Fund and Step Into Business GAMP funding I was able to fulfil my dreams and set up my own business. The application process for both projects was straight-forward and seamless. I would highly recommend these initiatives to anybody who has a good business idea but perhaps due to personal circumstances needs a little bit of help to make it happen."

Justyna is now running her business throughout the North East. You can contact her on justynahambly@gmail.com or 07833 452 139.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

It was almost inevitable following Brexit, that Nissan would be cagey about future expansion at Sunderland as they export 60% of their cars to Europe. Conversely Hitachi announced this week they are expanding their operation in Aycliffe, creating up to 150 new jobs including apprenticeships. Some companies are being extra cautious and it all comes down to uncertainty following the vote to leave the E.U.

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Helping New Businesses Start and Grow

The Durham Business Information Exchange (DBIE) will bring together more than 50 business support organisations under the same roof to showcase how they can help businesses to start up and grow.

The event is new and thought up by Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham. The Durham Business Information Exchange is being held in Chester-le-Street at the Durham County Cricket Club on Friday September 16, and in Newton Aycliffe at the Xcel Centre on September 20. Businesses can drop in between 9am and noon.

Sarah Slaven, Business Development Director for Business Durham, explains further: "We work with many different businesses every day and become their trusted guide, helping them grow and thrive in County Durham."

"It became clear to us that there was a need to bring the business support organisations together so businesses can see all at once the breadth and depth of advice and help available to them. It can seem confusing and certainly the landscape can change frequently so this is a great opportunity for businesses to chat to a variety of business support organisations on the same day."

Business Durham is pleased to announce that Lloyds

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Sonya Atkins, area director for SME Banking in Durham & Wearside, Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking, said: "This inaugural event is a great opportunity for local businesses to come down and get expert guidance from a range of specialist advisers who really understand the regional business landscape."

"Durham remains an exciting place to do business and through our support of this event and our network of specialist local relationship managers, we are confident we can continue to help firms in the region meet their individual growth objectives and make a real contribution to the area's bright economic outlook."

Exhibitors at DBIE will be clustered in zones: finance, skills training and talent, sectors, start up, NETPark Net innovation and business park communities. The event is open to people thinking about setting up a business or who have already started a business. Existing businesses will find services that can support them to export, to take on apprenticeships, recruit, implement training, and funding, or can get specific assistance in the space, automotive, process, defence,

digital, creative and service sectors.

Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The economy is one of our top priorities and we welcome every opportunity to help businesses in County Durham start up and grow. I would encourage all businesses to come along and find out about new support programmes to help win more custom, and opportunities to explore networks to help sustain and grow your business."

Western Area Trips & Fun Day

A trip to Whitby is planned for Saturday 20th August leaving Alston Cres. 9.20am silverdale Place 9.30am. and Wilkinson Bus Stop at 9.45am.

Seats cost £3. payable on booking to secure your seat. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

We have a special trip for all the parents and families who have supported all of our trips on Saturday 27th destination to be confirmed. Details in next week's Newton News.

£1 Single Bus Fare for Young People, Students & Apprentices

Dear Sir,

I am writing to advise you of improvements we're making to fares for young people and students that will apply across the North East Combined Authority (NECA) area on Go North East services.

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• *The ability for parents to purchase tickets on their mobile and gift it to their child's mobile instantly or in advance.*

• *Our day ticket price, which covers the entire NECA area, is frozen at £3.75 and our weekly and monthly ticket prices are simplified.*

• *Everyone in full time education regardless of age is eligible for our day, week and monthly student tickets, so if you're still learning you're still saving.*

• *Student tickets available to those on apprenticeships in response to the growing numbers of people on these government supported schemes.*

After five years of having the key smartcard for young people, our research and experience is showing that

young people in particular do not want to carry around additional cards. Therefore we are giving people the option of purchasing tickets via our mobile phone app, in addition to online and on the bus.

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student identification issued by recognised third parties such as universities and student unions. We are taking a more consumer and retail approach to such matters as part of these changes.

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Kevin Carr
Managing Director

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On 5th August the residents of Defoe Court Care Home had a wonderful afternoon being entertained by Age UK Ukulele Band who are based in Darlington. Residents thoroughly enjoyed this totally different musical experience singing along with the band who played a wide variety of hits from through the decades.

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Greenfield Arts invites the public to the preview of our latest exhibition by Derek Slater on Wednesday 31st August 6pm to 8pm.

Derek's work 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. Derek will be in attendance at the preview event to help provide insight into his work and practice. For more information, check out the website or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. Exhibition run from Thursday 1st September – Wednesday 21st September. Gallery Opening Times: Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm and Friday 10am – 4pm.



Speedwatch in Use Throughout Aycliffe



Speeding motorists are being trapped by this system on Aycliffe roads. Don't expect to be stopped - you will just receive a notice in the post that you were driving over the speed limit.

The purpose of Speedwatch is to catch drivers going well above the speed limit and to send letters to them following being caught going above the limit.

This is merely educational and the letter details the time, date and location that they were seen going over the limit as a normal Speeding letter would contain, however there are no fines or points being handed out.

PCSO Chris Noble told Newton News: "We find it is more of a deterrent and we are trying to broadcast the message as much as possible to make drivers aware we are conducting checks."

The Speedwatch machine is

not calibrated as the Laser Gun is and can only be used as an advisory. The Gun can be used to issue tickets and fines but only if a warranted officer with training in its use is operating it.

We keep a tally of the warning letters sent to certain people and should they feature more than once they are targeted and visited by a member of the Roads Policing Unit."

From last Friday a total of 10 drivers will receive letters.

More Effort on Halting Drink Driving

Leading UK road safety charity IAM RoadSmart has said the government needs to make bigger efforts in the areas of drink-drive campaigning and rehabilitation, better enforcement of driving standards and increased education on road safety if we want to see any reduction on the stagnant road casualty statistics announced on 4th August by the Department for Transport.

The charity said that after decades of good progress, the past five years have seen a disappointing plateau which is not acceptable.

Today's figures show there has been no reduction in drink-drive deaths since 2010 – remaining at 240 deaths a year; there has been no reduction in total road deaths and a 2% increase in serious casualties in the past 12 months (to 31 March 2016).

Tim Shallcross, head of technical policy at IAM RoadSmart, said: "The Government must get to grips with five years of disappointing figures now."

It needs to show stronger leadership to really drive down road deaths and serious injuries in the future.

"Road deaths are a serious issue; 35 people a week die in crashes throughout the country. In any other sphere, that would provoke national outrage, rule the headlines for months and provoke urgent government action. It happens week in week out on our roads

and it merits barely a mention. "More action on drink driving, more on-road enforcement of driving standards and more publicity and education are urgently needed if we are to return to the gains made before 2010."

"IAM Roadsmart urges the government to take back the initiative and put forward credible plans to address this vital issue."

Livin Helps Gardener with Job Offer

"livin futures" is an employability programme designed by Housing and Communities business livin to support tenants and residents into sustainable employment.

Stephen Cant, a livin tenant from Spennymoor was made redundant after 32 years' service with his employer and struggled to find work for over four years. Supported by livin futures mentors, Stephen was able to update his CV and target the type of work he was interested in. livin futures secured a four week placement for Stephen with their horticulture contractor Burleys to boost his confidence and gain new skills.

The placement proved successful for both Stephen and Burleys. His supervisor was so delighted with his work he has been offered a seasonal contract of employment.

Stephen said "I couldn't be happier with the outcome. I have always been a keen gardener and this way I will hopefully get to further my skills in something I love to do. I feel much more confident in myself; I can't thank the livin futures team enough"

Stephen is a beneficiary of a wider regeneration programme in York Hill estate. The regeneration will transform the estate environmentally and aesthetically by refurbishing properties to high energy efficiency standards making them affordable houses to heat and run. livin is



committed to sustaining tenancies in York Hill through employability and financial well-being initiatives, as well as encouraging community cohesion and helping York Hill to become a happier and more secure place to live.

Vicky Miller, community regeneration manager said "This is a great example of how providing support to people who need it really can change lives. livin futures has given Stephen the opportunities he needed to upskill, find employment and move into a new home in a community he wants to live in"

If you are interested in the livin futures programme or would like to know more please visit www.livin.co.uk / futures or email futures@livin.co.uk

YOUNG PEOPLE HELP LOCAL HOSPICE



Blake Reed (left), with Kate Huart and Rebecca Kirtley

As part of their summer activities NCS (National Citizenship Service), a team of 13 young people, have created an organisation called EPOCH (Eternal Protection Of Community Hospices). EPOCH's aim is to raise awareness of local hospices and how the community can help.

Facebook allows the team to spread awareness and in the group are three Newtonian's; Blake Reed, Kate Huart and Rebecca Kirtley. Others from the area include Francesca Scarr, Josh Price, Samantha Shaw, Emerald Lee-Rutter, Catherine Roche, Lucy Hilton, Emma Nicholson, William Danial Natrass and Helana Johnson.

They held a very successful coffee morning on the 9th August at Croxdale and hope to organise other events to spread awareness. They have chosen to support St. Cuthbert's Hospice and within the last two weeks of have raised over £850 to buy toiletries and necessary

things most people go into hospices without. EPOCH will continue spreading awareness and love for St. Cuthbert's Hospice.

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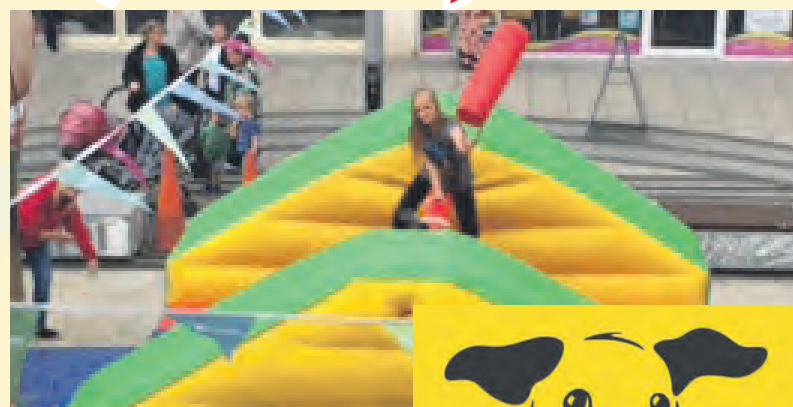
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Muddy Mayhem at Hardwick Park

Rangers are readying one of the UK's top parks to ensure runners have a muddy good time when its annual obstacle course race returns.

Muddy Mayhem has over the past four years seen thousands of thrill seekers turn out to prove they have what it takes – though as all have discovered, it is no mere walk in the park.

And with two months to go until the run – which takes place at Hardwick Park on Sunday 2 October – work is already underway to ensure that 2016's course is bigger and better than ever.

Durham County Council senior parks and countryside ranger Ross Carrick said: "From a small, very basic 2.5km event in 2012, Muddy Mayhem has grown to become something quite unique in the obstacle course run world, in that although it is only a 5km loop it is packed with nearly

40 man-made and natural challenges.

"We take inspiration from horse trial courses, motocross tracks, rock climbing centres, military obstacle courses, adventure playgrounds and – having personally become hooked on taking part in mud running events – we incorporate the best ideas from around the country, but with a County Durham spin."

On the day runners, who must be aged 16 or over, can tackle the 5km course either once, for £35, or twice, for £40, with waves of participants setting off between 11am and 3pm. Participants can go it alone or discover what trials Ross and his team have come up with alongside friends and colleagues – with discounts available for groups.

Ross said: "As our experience as a team has grown, and as the materials

we have available change, the obstacles are getting much bigger and much more fun – or harder - depending on which way you look at it. "But I would encourage everyone to have a go at all the obstacles as you will be really surprised at what you can do.

"I run a lot of these events on my own and I sometimes come up to a 12ft wall and think, 'How am I going to get over that?' Yet I'll give it a go, and if I fail you can guarantee that there'll be someone next to me who will give me a leg up until I get over that wall.

"That's the great thing about these events, it's all about teamwork and community, whether you know people or not."

Many of the obstacles are months in the planning, and Ross said this year will see yet more added to the already jam packed course. Ross said: "My favourite obstacle would have to be 'Don't Swallow' where runners are required to go through a four metre tunnel under one of our bridges, half submerged in water.

"Unfortunately we only have one tunnel at this bridge, so we are hoping to redevelop this obstacle for 2016 by adding some similar size pipes and putting these further around the course, in the main lake. "Our most challenging obstacle would have to be 'Steeple Chase' which is a series of climbing walls which range in size from around 4ft to 10ft, finishing in a backward facing overhang.

"And I think the most fun obstacle would have to be 'Greased Lightning' which is a water slide down a long tarpaulin in the amphitheatre bowl outside the Visitor Centre. It is quite steep so you can get some speed up with a running dive."

Places for Muddy Mayhem are selling well, with earlier time slots, between 11am and 12pm already filled up. Anyone who wants to take part is advised to sign up as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

For more information and to sign up visit www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem or call 03000 262 899.

Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 16th AUG features the comedy "SISTER ACT 2" Starring Whoopi Goldberg, James Coburn, Maggie Smith and most of the original cast from the first Sister Act film. Whoopi returns as Deloris AKA Sister Mary Clarence, helping her old friends to tame the class of pupils from hell and turn them into a hip hop gospel choir from heaven. Plenty of laughs, plenty of great songs to make it a Feel-Good film. A great family film and THE WHOLE FAMILY IS VERY WELCOME. 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.

"Darlington Needs a Labour Government" says Owen Smith

Labour leadership contender Owen Smith has appealed to Labour members and supporters in Darlington to back his campaign to lead a radical, credible opposition.

Mr Smith has been travelling across the country setting out his vision for a radical anti-austerity party that can defeat the Tories and return the Party to Government. Speaking at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington, Mr Smith said: "Towns like Darlington need a Labour government. Investment in jobs, industry, education and health are essential to the future of people across the North East and beyond. "The last Labour government could have been more radical, but still made an enormous difference to areas that had been victims of the Tories under Thatcher."

The event followed a major economic speech in Newcastle earlier in the day in which Mr Smith promised "a new industrial revolution".

"We need to re-shape our

economy so that it works for all. That is why I have made clear my vision for a new industrial strategy to back new productive sectors - backed by £40bn worth of government investment," he said.

Owen Smith was welcomed to Darlington

by Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader of Darlington Council and former Corbyn supporter.

Cllr Dixon said: "We need a credible leader who can win and who can engage with disaffected Labour voters. In my view that person is Owen Smith."

Do You Use the Town Centre Notice Board?



This imposing Notice Board was donated by the Rotary Club to mark the town's 60th Birthday in 2008 and many organisations use it to great effect advertising their forthcoming events. It is available for use by all clubs and groups in Great Aycliffe and you just take your posters upstairs to the Town Centre Manager's Office to be placed in the notice board.

SHILDON STUDIES

An exhibition by John Wigston, GRA



Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is delighted to be hosting "Shildon Studies", an exhibition of railway art by John Wigston, on display in the museum's Collection Building from Tuesday August 23 to Sunday October 2nd, 2016.

Born in Redhill, Surrey in 1939, John has always been fascinated by transport, especially railways. It was natural therefore for transport to be the earliest subject of his other hobby, painting. After receiving encouragement for his painting from his family, he attended evening classes at Hartlepool College, and went on to have his first one-man exhibition at the Gray Art Gallery, Hartlepool, in 1970.

Many exhibitions have followed, and John has spent time as "Artist in Residence on the QE2 and at the National Railway Museum in the past. He is elected to full membership of the prestigious "Guild of Railway Artists". John Wigston is a regular visitor to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, often drafting and painting from life on site. His exhibition "Shildon Studies" will feature some of the work inspired by his visits to the museum.

The National Railway Museum is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Parking and admission are free of charge. For more information, please call the museum team on 01388 777999.

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Funding Opportunities

Big Potential Opens for Applications (England)

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that its new £20 million programme to help Voluntary & Community groups and Social Enterprises (VCSEs) access social investment is open for applications.

Big Potential has two possible application routes - Breakthrough and Advanced: Breakthrough - Eligible VCSE organisations will be able to access specialist one to one support from the Big Potential programme partners before making an application for grants between £20,000 and £75,000 to undertake more in-depth investment readiness work with one of Big Potential's approved providers. Advanced - The Advanced route of Big Potential will be available to VCSEs that are clear about how social investment could work for them and can describe a potential deal or interest from investors and need help to close that deal. The Advanced route is also available to organisations that need help securing a contract. Grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available.

Eligible organisations can include registered charities, social enterprises, companies limited by guarantee with charitable aims, Community Interest Companies, mutuals etc.)

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/bigpotential/>



I would like to place on record my gratitude and appreciation to Tesco Newton Aycliffe, staff of Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre and especially the hundreds of customers who kindly and most generously gave over their change to the bucket collection for my Charities on Saturday 6th August 2016.

The magnificent sum of £316 was collected and will go to the Rifles Care for Casualties, Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association and Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre.

Jed Hillary, Mayor of Great Aycliffe

Government Urged to Honour Funding Commitment

Durham County Council is calling on the government to honour its commitment to funding any new burdens imposed on local authorities.

The call is being made specifically in advance of planned changes to how deaths are certified, which are predicated to put additional budget pressures on the council. The Ministry of Justice is currently consulting on proposals which will improve the safeguards in the certification of death process and result in councils having to employ independent medical examiners. These post holders would confirm the cause of all deaths that do not need to be investigated by a coroner.

In a joint response to the consultation, in partnership with its Public Health Team and the HM Coroner for County Durham, the county council has expressed concern that forecasted costs based on the government's figures for the new medical examiners service will mean it will not be self-funding, as is intended.

The council has received no indication that additional money will be provided to help fund these changes which Durham believes should be paid for under the government's New Burdens Doctrine. With plans to limit the amount that can be charged for anyone requiring the new service to £100, it's anticipated the authority could face additional costs of between £100,000 and £160,000.

The consultation response

states: "The current proposal to limit the amount that can be charged to the prescribed person in relation to issue of death certification will result in significant deficits to the council's budget.

"Even if the maximum proposed free was to be used, the council stands to suffer a further significant impact in financing the HM Coroner service as the pilots have shown that referrals to the coroner for investigation will increase.

"It is therefore suggested that new burdens funding is made available or that councils be allowed to charge on a full cost recovery basis."

The response was agreed by the council's Cabinet at its meeting on Wednesday.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, portfolio holder for adult and health services, said: "It is a major concern that it will not be possible for the new system to be self-funding resulting in a substantial shortfall that in these times of austerity the authority will not be able to afford to cover without potentially making cuts to front line service delivery."

Cllr Alan Napier, deputy leader and portfolio holder for finance & legal and democratic services, said: "We are asking the government to help us deliver this new service without further burden on taxpayers in County Durham and for them to honour their commitment to funding any new burdens imposed on us. "At a time of unprecedented cuts to local government

funding and the continued unfair allocation of cuts, this is an unacceptable position." The council has established a project team to prepare proposals

for the implementation of the new service from October 2017. Cabinet agreed that members be presented with further reports in due course.

Durham's Top Cop Talks To Star Radio



Star Radio's Head of News caught up with Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary to find out what he's going to be up to over the coming weeks.

Mike Barton exclusively opened up his diary to Louise Fewster to get an insight into what it's like being Durham's top cop.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Chief Constable has held a question and answer session on Facebook, welcomed at German policeman who is spending a couple of months with Durham Constabulary to learn more about British policing and has signed a Blue Light Pledge, amongst many other initiatives. Tune into Star Radio news on 102-107 for more details.

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Aycliffe Earn FA Cup Replay

Newton Aycliffe fought back after twice going behind to earn a draw at Washington. The result means that the two sides will replay at Moore Lane on Tuesday 9 August (kick off 7:30).

Aycliffe made a poor start & conceded a free kick just outside the box in the second minute of the game. Mark Davison took the kick for the home side which struck the underside of the bar before finding its way into the net. For the next 15 minutes it looked as though Washington would add a second as the Aycliffe defence struggled to cope. However, the visitors began to settle down & proved more



of a threat. Stuart Banks had a couple of shots which were off target but on 20 minutes

John Campbell grabbed the equaliser. Last season's top scorer broke through the defence on the left, coolly firing past the keeper.

Aycliffe came close to taking the lead a few minutes later when central defender Alex Kitchen's header went wide of the post.

Washington again and took the lead on the half hour. Again it came from a free kick, this time wide on the wing. The ball was crossed into the box which was met by a powerful header into the goal. Three minutes later Washington had another chance but their shot was blocked by Aycliffe keeper James Winter.

The final chance of the half fell to Campbell who was denied as he tried to round the keeper. The second half started much better for Aycliffe with a goal coming on 50 minutes. The Washington defenders failed to clear a cross & the ball fell to Ashley Coffey on the edge of the box. His shot was carefully placed giving the keeper no chance.

Although both sides continued to press there were few clear cut chances at either end. With 5 minutes remaining Aycliffe were reduced to 10 men when Dennis Knight was sent off for a second yellow card, but the team were able to hold out for the draw.

The result means a replay followed by a tough trip to Marske on Saturday as the League season starts, then a home game against South Shields on Tuesday 16 August. Shields are newly promoted but have big ambitions & will bring a big crowd with them to Moore Lane.

Tri Club Race Report

Hello readers, the first race report of August begins with a fantastic first place female for Michelle Scott in the Gr8events Sprint Triathlon that was held on the 6th. She finished the race in a time of 1:18:14, 13th overall.

The race shared the same route and start time with the Aquacycle competition, which two of our members participated in. Andrew Sedgwick, getting wet for the first time this year, finished 6th overall in a time of 1:32:37, while Tracey Warrior crossed the line in a time of 1:43:58, 9th position overall.

The following day in Allerthorpe, two of our members competed in the Allerthorpe Classic Triathlon, a standard distance but in challenging conditions. But gusts of wind of over 20mph and 23 degrees of heat didn't stop Nicola Darragh finishing in a time of 2:43:59, 157th overall, or Penny Johnson finishing in a time of 2:45:53, 169th overall. Penny was more than happy with her result, as she managed a PB and was 3rd in her age category.

NEWTONIAN COMPETES FOR OUR REGION

Adam Jarps has been selected to represent the North East alongside three other youth male riders at the upcoming Inter Regional Championships for both Road and Track racing, part of the 2016 School Games (UK School Olympic Games). The School Games hosted by Sport England and Loughborough University is aimed at giving talented young athletes an opportunity to compete alongside other sports for their chosen regions.

Earlier in the year Adam represented the North East at the Youth Tour of Scotland where the team finished 3rd after three hard days of racing in extreme weather conditions.

He has also won a number of regional Time Trials including the Junior GHS regional final and qualified for the national final in September. He is hoping for a top 10 finish and current training has seen him set a 10-mile TT time of 20:26, which equates to riding at nearly 30mph for 10 miles.

Adam competed in the Velodrome in the National Track Championships earlier in August where he qualified for the 60 lap points race final by finishing 2nd in his qualifying heat.

Currently racing for Hetton Hawks Cycling Club Adam will be joining the Manilla Cycling Racing Academy as a Junior rider in 2017 where he will be part of a team competing both regionally and nationally.

Manilla Cycling are a North East based cycling race team and are creating the Junior / U23 Academy to support riders in their transition from youth to senior racing. The Academy is looking for both youth riders wishing to move into a dedicated and supported racing



environment as well as sponsors to support the riders throughout the 2017 season and beyond. If you are interested in joining

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Judith Porter completed the Durham Clamber on the 27 July. She completed the course in 1:47:00 and claimed the first prize for her category of female over sixty.

Two club runners participated in the Worstead 5 mile race in Norfolk on the 29 July. Peter Milburn came home in a time of 31.39. He came 26th out of 357 runners and placed 1st in his category of male over 55. He was followed in by Sue Milburn, who on very little running completed the course in 41.08.

On Sunday 31 July club runners participated in the Hamsterley Forest 10k. It was a very challenging course along trails, gravel footpaths and roads through the forest with three tough climbs, a couple of steep descents and stepping stones across the stream. Trish Kay was first back for Aycliffe in 53:15 and 5th female finisher overall, next was Mick Brunskill in 53:55 and then Susan Clark 1:08 and 1st in her category of female over 60.

On Sunday 7 July club runners participated in Darlington 10k. First home for the club was George Dixon in 39:58. He was followed by Tom Porter in 40:12, Richard Campbell



in 40:14, Martyn Knox in 43:28, Stephen Smith in 44:08, Michelle Zamir in 44:16, John Burnside in 44:29, Rob Young in 44:39, Dave Blewitt in 45:39, Susan Blackburn-Rees in 46:36, John Young in 47:56, Sandra Collins in 48:17, Michael Brunskill in 49:47, Louise Wright in 49:47, Angela Barrett in 49:56, Dean Barclay in 50:56, Gary Minns in 52:04, Vivienne Pow in 53:11, Lisa Sheldon in 54:16, David Thompson in 56:34, Denise Evans in 57:35, Ian Barowski in 59:34, Kat Aspey in 1:02:45, Laura Knox in 1:02:48 and Susan Clark whose chip didn't work, but she recorded 1 hour 2 minutes on her watch.

Aycliffe Teenager Wins Darlington 3K

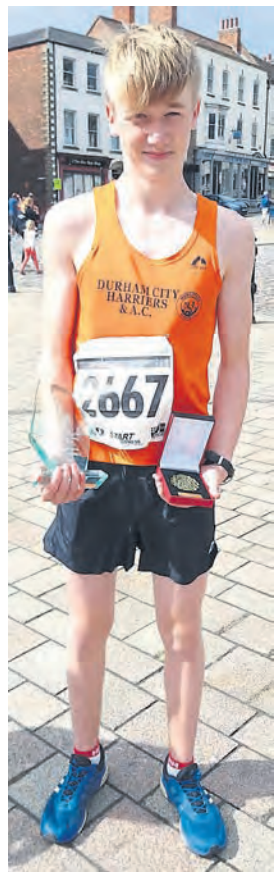


Newtonian, and Greenfield student Adam Ord took the 3K Darlington race on to lead from the front and win the Junior event at Darlington's 10K event on Sunday 7th August.

The 13 year old, a member of Durham City Harriers (Orange Army) was over the moon to confidently cross the finishing line first - in his debut at the distance. Despite the challenging blustery conditions Adam still completed the course in 10 minutes 21 seconds. Adam would like to thank his lead coach George Reid for all the support, time and laughs along the way, and thanks also to his Durham City Club and coaches.

"This was a particularly

well organised, enjoyable annual family event and we look forward to doing it all again next Summer" said his Mum. In Adam's words his achievement was "Not bad for a track runner!"



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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring were defeated at home by 49 runs to promotion hopefuls Darlington 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors chose to bat first and scored a decent 221 for 6 from their allotted 50 overs with Aycliffe's leg spin bowler Patrick Howe picking up 3 for 35 in the process.

Aycliffe got off to a good start thanks to a solid innings from opener Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phenix Energy), who top scored with 48, Sam Telford with 44 runs and 25 from Michael Howe as they reached 115 for 3 at the half way stage.

However despite a fighting unbeaten 28 from Colin Myers, Aycliffe just missed out on a deserved draw when they were bowled out for 172 with only 9 balls of the game remaining.

The 2nd team were well beaten by 62 runs away at Preston 1st team in the

NYSD 3rd division. Preston elected to bat first and scored 234 for 9 in their 50 overs with Stephen Sweeney (4 for 54), Joe Teasdale (2 for 19) and Tony Travis (2 for 43) bowling well for the visitors. Aycliffe batted well thanks to superb innings from both Dan Craggs (68 runs) and acting captain Tony Travis (55 runs) taking them to 157 for 4. However both batsman were dismissed in the same over as the last six wickets fell for just 15 runs as Aycliffe were bowled out for a respectable 172 after 44.5 overs.

The U15's finished their season with a 36 run defeat at home to Sedgfield in the NYACC league. The visitors chose to bat first and scored 106 for 7 off their 20 overs despite some superb bowling from Luke Grindlay who finished with three wickets for zero runs. In reply, opener Jack Lowery smashed a powerful 31 at a run a ball, with six boundaries, but once

he was dismissed Aycliffe batted out their 20 overs to finish on 70 for 7.

The U13's travelled to Darlington and put in an excellent performance despite running out losers by 6 wickets. Batting first, Aycliffe captain Lucas Pilling smashed the homesides bowlers all over the field scoring 31 off only 11 balls before the mandatory retirement on reaching 30 runs.

The in-form Harry Wright also batted superbly and scored a career best 30 as he retired as well with Aycliffe reaching 82 for 7 in their 20 overs. In reply, Darlington comfortably reached their winning target with Iain Robson the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking two wickets.

Our U11's team had no game this weekend as Darlington RA were unable to field a team due to some of their players being away on holiday.

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health and wellbeing in the local area. Denise Gibson, a mother of three from Aycliffe in County Durham is looking forward to lower bills thanks to a free 'A' rated new gas boiler from Warm Up North. Denise said: "My gas boiler was 10 years old, and didn't have a working thermostat, so when I saw a letter about the scheme it

seemed like a good idea to get it replaced. "The team was absolutely brilliant, and now it is installed, my gas boiler heats up quickly, and I can control our hot water and heating without having to manually switch the boiler on and off. "As we qualified for the scheme it meant we didn't have to pay anything towards the new gas boiler, or the installation, which saved us thousands of pounds. I've got peace of mind that the boiler won't break down, and have the flexibility of being able to control my heating and hot water via the thermostat." Amanda Bruce, lead Partnership Development Manager at Warm Up North, added: "Warm Up North is here to help residents reduce their energy bills, regardless of their energy supplier. A warm and working home is essential for a healthy life, and an efficient gas boiler is a huge part of achieving this. Your gas boiler typically accounts for half the cost of your energy bills, so replacing an old or inefficient one with a new A-rated one could save you around £215 every year. "The free gas boiler scheme means there's never been a better time to replace what can be a very expensive essential item." The scheme is open to anyone who qualifies, not just British Gas customers, subject to a free gas boiler survey to check eligibility. Households may qualify for the scheme if they receive income related benefits such as State Pension Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or Universal Credit - and have an inefficient gas boiler. For more information about the Warm Up North free gas boilers scheme, contact 0800 316 4320* or visit www.warmupnorth.com/freegasboiler

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There will be an election of officers and a new Management Committee. We welcome new members to join us on a voluntary basis, working to establish the Centre as the hub of our community for everyone to enjoy. A lot of work has been put in by a few volunteers on your behalf so your support is greatly appreciated. Please come along on the 5th.

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Quick Cricket Sessions for Children at Moore Lane



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1400-1500 - Everything 80's
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1800-0000 - Dancing Through The Decades

Sunday 14th August

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1400-1500 - Everything 80's
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0600-1000 - Star Radio Breakfast with Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - John Clayton
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Newton News - Worldwide New Council Finance Chief Appointed



John Hewitt has been announced as the new corporate director of resources at Durham County Council.

The appointment comes after a highly competitive recruitment process to succeed the previous postholder, Don McLure, who retired earlier in the year. John will move from South Tyneside Council where he is currently corporate director for business and resources and will take up his new position on 18 October 2016.

Terry Collins, chief executive of Durham County Council, said: "I'm delighted to announce the appointment of John and we welcome the wealth of experience he will be able to bring to the role. We look forward to John playing a major part in the council's future, helping us to deliver the best possible services for our residents."

No stranger to the county, Spennymoor resident John started his career as an accountant at the former Sedgfield



Borough Council. Following this he rose through the ranks with financial roles at first, Durham Constabulary, and then, County Durham Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, where he became the deputy chief executive before moving to South Tyneside.

John said: "I'm extremely proud to have been appointed as the corporate

director for resources at Durham County Council. As a resident of the county – and where I've spent most of my life working – there's a real sense of coming home. Although I'm aware of the challenges that await me, I'm also very excited by the opportunities it brings and am very much looking forward to getting started."

No Changes to Bank Holiday Bin Collections

Families are being reminded that there are no changes to Durham County Council's bin collections over the August bank holiday.

Rubbish and recycling will be picked up as normal, on the usual collection day, during the week commencing Monday 29 August.

Garden waste will also be collected for those who have signed up to the scheme.

To find out when bin collections are scheduled, residents should visit the My Durham section of the council website, enter their postcode and house number, and download a calendar of pick up dates.

Bins should be put out for collection by 7am and for information on which items should go in which bin visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere

We are happy to take up this suggestion by one of our readers - Take a copy of Newton News to your holiday destination and send us the photo, as above, for inclusion in our popular community newspaper and website.

The photo shows Denese Cartwright, with her Granddaughter, in front of the Sydney Opera House in Australia where she and her husband Alan are spending a few weeks holiday.

In Memoriam

Lee George El-Hakim



11th August 2006

Well my love it's been 10 years on the 11th August since you left your loving family. Time goes by but your memories will never die. I see your picture every day, your smiling face. You were my man full of grace. A true gentleman through and through. A loving Husband honest and true. A wonderful Father so full of love. That's why God took you high above. A man of principles a good heart. That's why I loved you from the start. They say time heals . . . but the pain won't go away. I long to hold you every day. A gentle kiss, a warm embrace, oh God I would love to see your face. But that's so hard as we all know. God took you 10 years ago. At first I was mad and very sad. Why did you leave us, guess I will never know? They say God only takes the best, so now I lay you down to rest. My heart is sad but this I know, one day I will be with you, the perfect show! So until then sleep my prince, my love, my man. I will love you forever till we join our hands.

Marie El-Hakim
Georgie and Kay
Michelle and Alistair
Elie Jnr., Solomon
and Georgia Grace
(Grandchildren)

SHAUN HARPER 13th August. The years go by so fast. In my thoughts. Glen STAN WILLIAMS passed away 20th August 2015. 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. Love you always. Jean, Tracy and David; Eric and Tracy; Steven, Emma, Ella, David, Danielle, Harry, Luke and Jayde

LORAIN SIVELL A loving lady and friend. Always in our thoughts. Marie El-Hakim and Family.

KATH BENNETT (11/02/1941 to 15/08/2013). Nan, words are not enough to say what we want to say. Nan, we will never forget you and will remember you every day. Although we cannot see you it doesn't mean you have gone, because we love you and you are always in our thoughts, your memory will always live on. Missing you always Nan. Love, Ben and Sam xxxx

KATH BENNETT (11/02/1941 to 15/08/2013). I awake each morning to start a new day, but the pain of losing you never goes away. I go about the things I have to do, as the hours pass I think again of you. I want to call you and just hear your voice, then I remember that I have no choice. For you are not there and my heart cries, just to see you again, to say my goodbyes. To say Mam I love you and always will, and hope that much of you in me you've instilled. And now all my memories of you are so dear, but how I miss you and wish you were here. Someday I know all will be well and I'll see you again with stories to tell of how you were missed and how we have grown. Until then my memories of you I will keep near, and I will pass them on to those who are dear. Miss and love you always Mam. Love, Helen and Sandy xxxxx

Obituary

MARY REK

Mary of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully at Darlington Memorial Hospital on 7th August, aged 86 years. Much loved Mother to Trevor; Mother-in-Law to Linda; Grandmother to Melanie, Beverley, Sarah, Matthew and Justin. She also leaves behind nine Great Grandchildren and two Great Grandchildren. Service to be held on Thursday 18th August, 9.30am at Durham crematorium.

YVONNE ROBINSON (nee Young). Peacefully on 8th August, aged 76. Beloved Wife of Sid; treasured Mam of David and Lesley; dear Mother-in-Law of Trevor; loving Grandma of Lauren and Katie. Funeral Service to take place at St. Clare's CE Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 18th August at 12.15pm, followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Macmillan Nurses and St Teresa's Hospice.

GRETA MORRIS. Greta of Newton Aycliffe. Formally of Hartlepool. Peacefully at home on the 2nd August, aged 80 years. A much loved Wife, Mam, Nanna and great Nanna. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 10th August for 3.30pm. By request of the family, no black to be worn.

ANNE CARR, of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 5th August, aged 79 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Robert; much loved Mam, Nanna, Great Nanna and a dear Sister. Family and friends please meet for Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday, 19th August for 10.15am. Followed by interment at West Cemetery.

FOSTER, Peacefully on 7th August, Enid (nee Burlinson), aged 67 years. Much loved Wife of Terry; loving Mum of Mark and much loved Sister of Stewart. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and cremation at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 15th August at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired may be made to Aristocat Rescue, plate provided at the crematorium. JONES, Newton Aycliffe. 3rd August, Kerry in her 80th year, (the little Welsh Lady), passed away peacefully with dignity. Cocooned in serenity and love she gently slipped away into the arms of her Husband, Mal and held by her Sons, Allan and Glyn. A remarkable Mam who will be missed dearly by Margaret, Carol, Gareth and all her family. Funeral on Tuesday 16th August. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.00am. Family flowers only please. Donations, in lieu, in aid of St. Teresa's Hospice, may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Congratulations

Congratulations

Shannon Williams



Happy 21st Birthday
10th August 2016

Happy 21st to my beautiful Daughter. So proud of you. Your party was fab. Love you loads and loads, Mam and Nev xxxxxxxxx

Happy 21st Birthday

Happy 21st birthday Shannon. Hope you have a good birthday Princess. Lots of love, Dad, Lorraine and William xxx

Happy 21st Birthday

Happy birthday Shannon, hope you get everything you asked for and have a perfect day. Love you all the world. Dom xxxxx

Happy 21st Birthday

Happy 21st birthday little Sis. Have a fab day. Love you lots, Nicola xxx

Happy 21st Birthday

Happy 21st Aunty Shannon. Lots of love, Jack, Megan, Blake, Hallie and Frankie xxxxxxxx

Happy 21st Birthday

Happy 21st to my beautiful little Sister. Not just a Sister, but an amazing friend. Love you always from Denise and Steve xxxxx

Kevin and Deborah Carr



Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad

30 years gone and so many more to look forward to. You have shown me just what it takes to have a successful and wonderful marriage, and I feel so lucky to have you as not only my parents, but my role models. If Elaine and I can be equally as happy as you are today then I know we have done something right.

Have a great anniversary Mam and Dad. Love you always, Lewis

Thomas & Olive Sproates



Diamond Wedding Anniversary
11th August 2016

Love and congratulations to the most wonderful Parents and Grandparents. Sixty fantastic years together. What an amazing achievement. Love from Christine and Will, Peter and Andrea, Shaun and Charlotte, Michael and Victoria, Lauren and Olivia xxxxxxxxxx

Matthew Todd



Happy 18th Birthday Son Hope you have a lovely day. Love you forever and always. Love, Mam, Steve, Grandma, Grandad, Uncle Brian, Auntie Lynn and Ruby xxxxx

Happy Birthday Matty

Big 18 Now

We are so proud of you! Have a lovely day. Lots of love, Carl, Kiera, Kate, Nathan and Jake xx

Maureen Harnett



Happy 50th Birthday Love from Cecily, John, Alexander, Lauren, Matthew, Erika and Graham

Maureen Harnett



Happy 50th Birthday Maureen

Love and best wishes from Mam and Frank xx

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THE RAINHILL TRIALS, MANCHESTER

CrossFit All Out Coach Chris Knight took part in the Rainhill Trials competition in May. The no-qualifier event is open to all, via a ballot where keen CrossFitters register and are chosen at random. The 320 athletes were given a series of WODs (workouts), allowing them to be ranked with similar level athletes in one of four subsidiary competitions, from 'elite' to 'beginner'. Chris qualified 29th out of 40 in his 'advanced' category.

Chris and some of his supporters then travelled to the competition in Manchester where he qualified top 10, which got him through to the Finals and finished 4th overall, just missing out on a podium finish.

Chris fully embraced the experience and said "this was my first competition as an individual and I loved it. It was such a brilliant experience performing in front of the crowd at SportCity, especially with the support from the CFAO travelling party!"

IN-HOUSE THROWDOWN

Saturday 11th June saw 34 members take part in the in-house throwdown, with 2 categories in the male/female divide. It was a great day with lots of support from other members, with special thanks to Nathan Abbott for organising the event, Darren Slade for music, Jess Hughes for photography and Coaches Joe Allinson, Kelly Keers and Chris Knight for all their help. Some of the more advanced Academy members (aged 11-16) took part in a fun team WOD against their Coaches...and were pretty smug after winning by a mile! Everyone who took part in

the competition gave it their all and it was a really positive experience for everyone involved. The very deserving winners each taking home a trophy, were:

RX1 male: David Heslington 1st, Tom Johnson 2nd, Matthew Taylor 3rd

RX1 female: Claire Dale 1st, Emma Anderson 2nd, Vicki Finn Smith 3rd

RX2 male: Alex Armstrong 1st, Josh Burlison 2nd, Dave Cooke 3rd

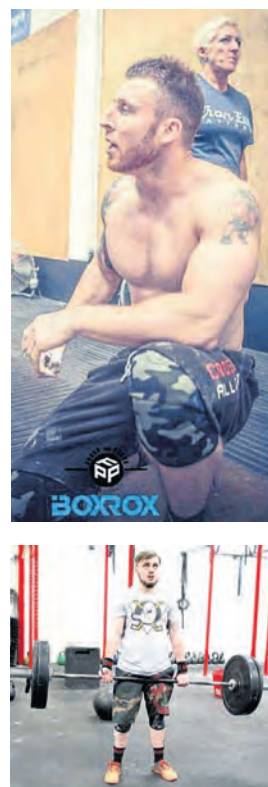
RX2 female: Rebecca Topping 1st, Michelle Hogan 2nd, Jules Baxter 3rd

SCALE THE HEIGHTS, LEEDS

Colin Wooster took part in the Scale the Heights competition in Leeds on Saturday 17th June, taking 2nd place in WODs 1 and 3, 6th place in WOD 2 and finishing 3rd overall. Colin said "Scale the Heights always put on a great show and it is great to be part of. My best moment was winning the 2nd workout in my heat. It keeps me striving to work harder. I'd like to thank everyone who supported me."

THE GLACIER GAMES, GATESHEAD

Colin travelled back from Leeds ready to compete the



following day with 3 team mates, Chris Knight, Becki Hogarth and Claire Dale at the Glacier Games in Gateshead Stadium alongside 49 other teams. The team worked together smoothly and efficiently, making the most of the sunshine and having a fun day. Claire said "It was just such a great day, thankfully the weather was perfect and we are really proud to have finished 4th place in the first workout and 27th overall. It's our first team competition and we all really enjoyed it, now looking forward to next year!" Becki added "we weren't even expecting to qualify, so to qualify 35th and finish 27th was brilliant. I knew I wasn't one of the strongest but to take part in the competition showed me that CrossFit really is constantly varied and everyone has strengths and weaknesses, so in a team that all counts and we had an awesome team." Chris Knight gained an improved clean & jerk of 110kg at the competition, an 8kg increase on his previous best!

POUND FOR POUND,

NORTHAMPTON

CrossFit All Out owner and Head Coach Terry Anderson competed Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June. The competition is based on personal body weight so is designed to be a more fair playing field for all athletes. Terry finished 27th after the 4 WODs, which he was happy with. "I was happy just to qualify as it's a really tough competition to enter and really helps puts things into perspective a bit more, looking at my strength compared to my bodyweight in comparison to other competitors. There were some really amazing athletes there who I was proud to be competing alongside in quite a unique competition."

CrossFit All Out are always keen to welcome new members, encouraging anyone who enjoys general strength and fitness training and might consider taking that to a competitive level within CrossFit "the Sport of fitness", to get in touch. More information can be found on their website www.crossfitallout.co.uk



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