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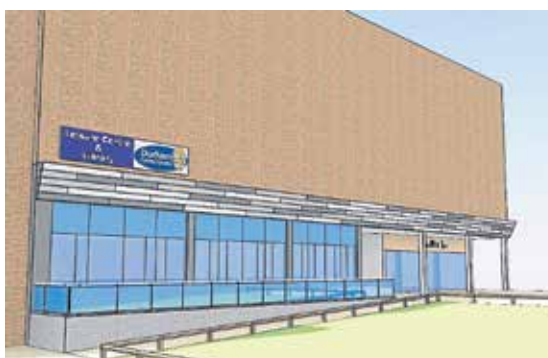
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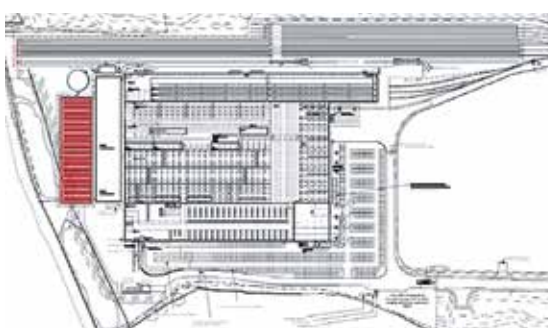
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## Newton Aycliffe Library & Leisure Centre Changes

People in Newton Aycliffe will soon get a first look at the changes taking place at their local Leisure Centre. The first phase of work to revamp the front of the building will be unveiled next week with the opening of a new main entrance. The £1 million project, being carried out by Durham County Council, will also see the town's library moving to a newly refurbished space within the Leisure Centre. Once the scheme is complete, the new entrance, on Beveridge Way, will also provide access to the library when it opens in December. Until work is finished, residents can continue to use the existing library on Central Avenue. There should be no disruption to services at the leisure centre while work is ongoing and visitors to the Pathways service are advised to continue using their normal entrance.



## Hitachi to Build New Vehicle Holding Bay



New Building marked in red

Hitachi have applied to the County Council to build a new to the west of their existing plant. The 4000 square metre building will house 18 vehicle holding bays and will match the metal cladding of the Hitachi factory. This new building will probably hold completed rolling stock ready for delivery for the Scottish contract Hitachi are currently manufacturing.

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## Councillors' Ward Walkabout

Aycliffe West Councillors Eddy Adam & Kate Hopper are conducting a ward walkabout in the Agnew estates between Stephenson Way & Burn Lane at 9.30am on Wednesday, 16th November starting from the Burnhill Way Methodist Church. We hope to be joined by partners from the DCC Neighbourhood Warden Service, NA Neighbourhood Policing team, GAMP and livin. Local residents are invited to come along to show us any areas of concern or alternatively, can get in touch about issues via the contact details below.

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# AUTISTIC TEENAGER INVITED TO EBAC VALUERS RAISE MONEY FOR EX-SERVICE CHARITIES

Ebac has made a young boy with Autism's birthday dreams come true. Adam Robinson, from Gateshead, who will be 13 in November and attends Hill Top Specialist Arts College, has been obsessed with washing machines since he was a toddler and thanks to Ebac's

new production line he had the opportunity to see the appliances being made. Mum, Dad and brother, Jack (14) joined Adam on a VIP visit to the Newton Aycliffe factory, which has recently started washing machine production in the UK for the first time in decades.



Adam Robinson with his Dad Keith and Ebac's Carol Jordan

Mum Amanda said: "Since he was two Adam has loved everything to do with washing machines. He knows every make and model and the loads they can take.

"We've never been able to visit a factory before because they were all abroad but to visit Ebac was like all his birthdays and Christmases at once for Adam.

"We didn't tell him until the

day before where we were going but the expression on his face when he saw the washing machines parts and the machines being put together was priceless and something I'll remember for a long time.

"He can't stop talking about his visit and I can't thank Ebac enough for inviting Adam down."

Carol Jordan of Ebac who showed Adam and his family around said: "I really think Adam knows as much, if not more, about washing machines as we at Ebac do!

"I was delighted to show off our new production line and Adam was interested in every aspect of the process. We love making things at Ebac and to have someone as keen as he was is a real joy and I hope that it was a birthday treat he'll never forget."



Police are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle had its tyres slashed on Osbert Place, Newton Aycliffe. The incident occurred overnight between Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th October, 2016. The vehicle concerned was a green Vauxhall Astra. Anyone with any information should contact PC 2687 Pitt on 101.

The team of coin & medal valuers from the Medal Centre have been asked to return to County Durham to run one of their popular valuation days. They are being held over six days at the following locations, Monday November 7th at St Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe, Tuesday November 8th at Shildon Methodist church, Wednesday November 9th at Chester-le-Street Methodist Church, Thursday November 10th at St Augustine's Parish Centre in Darlington, Friday November 11th at Allington House Community Centre in Durham City Centre and a final event at The Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute. The events are open to all who may wish to come along and sell unwanted medals and associated collectables. Each event will run from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

It is several months since the Medal Centre ran valuations in County Durham and the proprietor Andrew Jukes said that on every occasion they visit here local people are amazed at just what the Medal Centre is able to offer for unwanted inherited coins and medals along with associated items of militaria, gold and silver items.

At the last event the team of experts purchased a tin box containing medals of a young local volunteer soldier who gave his life for King and Country on the first day of the battle of the Somme during the 1914-1918 war, serving with the Durham Light Infantry. He was later awarded a posthumous gallantry medal. This is the type of item the Medal Centre is looking to buy on the day and they are able to offer exceptionally good cash



prices for items of this nature. People are more than happy to sell this type of item as they know their family medals will be in the hands of genuine experts who will find a proper home. As the vendor pointed out, they had been stored in the back of a drawer for many years and in her opinion the next generation of her family had no personal connection to the original owner and no interest in their history.

The Medal Centre makes immediate cash offers on all items and the proprietor of the Medal Centre said "There has never been a better time to cash in one's inherited items as we have a vast client base and are able to offer exceptional prices from a single item to a complete collection". Please see our advert on page 7 and come along on any of the days advertised. Or contact the Medal Centre direct on 01434-609794 or 07950-421704

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## Livin Accused of Poor Open Space Maintenance

Dear Sir,  
It amazes me that Livin create a song and dance about untidy gardens of property that they own, yet don't keep their open spaces tidy by keeping the grass cut, and have even stopped cutting pensioners lawns to save money.  
How many complaints does it take to get them to do a simple job of cutting the grass?

Over the past 12 months myself and many others have noticed a steady decline of Newton Aycliffe green spaces, be it uncut grassed areas (that Livin own) or litter everywhere.  
When Durham County Council decided they would only cut grassed areas they own, they opted to cut HALF an open area, leaving the rest to Livin, and they didn't bother to do any cutting at all in the Moule Close, Simpasture area.

I have rung Livin five times asking them to cut the open spaces where I live and still nothing has been done ... now the grass is over 10" tall - a lovely habitat for rodents to thrive.

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## Councillor Concerned About Burn Flooding

Dear Sir,  
Having read the information provided by Stuart Priestly from the Ecology Dept at DCC and also taking into account the additional information from Jeff Talbot I would like to raise the following points of interest.

It is clear that protecting wildlife and biodiversity is increasingly important, and is indeed essential to protect the habitat and wildlife corridors in our increasingly developed town. However it would appear that we are happy to let the Burn become a flood risk and potentially a Health and Safety risk to residents and children who live and play in the area.

I believe with a consultative approach to some simple waterway management we as a town would be able to secure and prevent any future flooding risk and manage the ever increasing amount of self seeded vegetation and flora (Himalayan Balsam and Willow herb) that occupies the Burn each year.  
We could remain sympathetic towards the animals and wildlife that live in and use the Burn as an essential wildlife corridor.

As some of you will know we've had flooding from the Burn in years gone by and indeed fatalities have occurred from falling into the Burn.

I therefore believe that some level of ongoing maintenance is required to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. Our intention is not to damage any of the wildlife or plants but equal priority should be considered for residents as for the wildlife.

I would suggest by working together with both DCC and the Volunteer Group we may still be able to find a compromise that will allow some level of maintenance to keep the Burn flood free and also better maintained. It could go hand in hand and not disturb any resident wildlife that currently inhabits the Burn, but equal priority should be given to Residents and Wildlife.  
Alderman George Gray  
West Ward Councillor



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We are putting on a Christmas Party on Tuesday 20th December 5pm until 9pm at the Scout Hall when our special guest will be ???????? - Guess who? Tickets will be £2.50 with food provided. There will also be a Pantomime Trip before Christmas and Ice Skating at The Life Centre Newcastle during the



Christmas Holidays. We have a Free Kids Club on Friday 4pm until 5.30pm with two youth workers from Sunderland Foundation of Light working with the 8 to 12 year old young people from 5.30 until 7.30pm. For further details ring 01325 308094.

## Church Craft & Gift Fayre

On Saturday 12th November we will be holding our Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fayre at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

We have a number of stalls offering a wide range of products most of which are handmade. There will be tempting cakes, bacon & sausage sandwiches, great value church lunches and even more tempting desserts.

This is our main fundraising event of the year so please come along to support us. The Fayre runs from 10am - 2pm admission 50p to include a free drink. We look forward to seeing you even if it's just for a coffee & a chat.

## Rose Lodge Care Home Hold "Come Dine With Me" Event

It was a high class affair as guests of Rose Lodge care home, Cobblers Lane, were treated to a sumptuous three course luncheon on Friday 28th October as the home hosted the latest in their highly popular 'Come Dine With Me' lunch events.

Sixteen guests attended the dining event which saw a choice of two delicious three course menus. The starters on offer were a homemade cream of tomato soup served basil and cream and a crusty bread roll side or a mango and avocado salad with mint oil dressing.

This was followed by main courses of Pan fried Chicken with wild mushroom sauce or Cumberland sausage and onion gravy served with sides of spring onion mashed potato, baton carrots, and fine green beans, and for dessert was a choice of white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake served with winter berries and crème Anglaise or toffee apple sponge served with vanilla ice cream.

Guests, which included residents and their family members as well as guests from community groups and people living in the local area, enjoyed socialising over the lunch and refreshments and were given party favours and a photo taken



on the day to take away with them as a memento.

Head Chef David Nevison and Second Chef Karen Jackman were greeted with a round of applause as they came to meet with guests after their meal and were presented with gifts

on behalf of the home to thank them for their on-going efforts to ensure that the food selection and presentation at Rose Lodge remains first class.

Rose Lodge, owned by care provider Countrywide Care Homes, offers residential and specialist dementia care for up to 54 people.

Care manager Nicola Wheatley Said: "We are absolutely delighted that they day was such a big success and would like to thank everyone who joined us for making the day so memorable. Our Chefs really pulled out all the stops to create two completely delicious menus and we had glowing feedback from guests which was wonderful to hear."



## Keep All Dogs on Leads

Dear Sir,  
Being a dog owner I felt I must write a letter regarding dogs off leads. I remember just a couple of weeks ago a young Red Setter dog, which was on a lead, was attacked by Staffordshire Bull Terriers, which were off the lead.

Most dog owners are afraid when they see Staffie type dogs running loose, because of quite a few attacks from these unpredictable animals.

I think it is irresponsible to have them off a lead, especially when the owner can see people with dogs on leads! I must add there are signs around Aycliffe saying 'Keep Dogs on Leads' in certain areas.

Reading the letter I wonder why this gentleman didn't just put his dog on the lead when there were people not happy about a Staffie type dog roaming free!

Just because this gentleman is a retired Police Officer doesn't mean his dog might not attack another dog. I would have thought a retired Police Officer would have been more thoughtful towards other dog owners.

Responsible Dog owner.  
Name & address supplied

## Christmas Lights Before Remembrance Day

Dear Sir,

Once again I write to express my disappointment that Christmas celebrations have begun in our Town Centre just before November 11th when we pay sombre respect, on that day, to those who gave their lives for us and our country in wartime. Could we not hold back Christmas lights and decorations until after we have recognised this time of remembrance? N.S.

**Editor: This is one of many complaints received which we hope the owners of the Town Centre will note. If they cannot change their schedule perhaps the organisers of the November 11th small Service could move it to the War Memorial.**

**It would be more appropriate and complement the large Parade that precedes or follows the actual day.**

## Remembrance Day – Silence Friday, 11th November 2016

Please note that a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Friday, 11th November 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble outside of Boyes / Wilkinson's in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45 a.m. on the 11th November.

A short service will be led by Revd. Andrew Bryer.

## ROAD CLOSURES AND CAR PARK CLOSURES

### REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2016

#### PLEASE NOTE:

In order that the **Annual Remembrance Day Parade** can take place the following roads will be closed for short periods when the parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

**Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.**

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Royal British Legion and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00a.m. until approximately 12.30p.m. for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Great Aycliffe Town Council



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Email: [stjosephsnewtonaycliffe@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stjosephsnewtonaycliffe@durhamlearning.net)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

### Newton Aycliffe Sunday, 13th November 2016

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short Service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00a.m.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Salute this year will be taken by Col. B. Banerjee, OVRM, DL, VR, RAMC. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

### Aycliffe Village Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 13th November 2016 commencing at 3.00p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths.



## BRAVE LADY RETURNS STOLEN SCOOTER

Dear Sir  
My son's scooter was stolen from him on Monday 31st October 2016 outside of Greenfield School. He had just left school and was stood at the bus stop outside of the school above the subway.

A man approached him and said that it was his scooter now and took it off him, and rode away. A lady in a car saw this happen and unknown to my son drove after him and got the scooter back.

My son had already left the area and returned home, so the lady took the scooter into the school to be returned to him. She did not left any details but we would like to personally thank her for her bravery and for restoring our faith in human nature. This lady did not have to go after this man or

attempt to return the scooter, but my son is so grateful to her. We would like her to get in touch with Newton News (01325 300212) so that she can pass her details on to us so that we can thank her.

This story just goes to show there are some really good people in our community who will go out of their way to help others.

Lindsey Eltringham

## History Talk

MIDDRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY presents 'A Short History of Midldridge, Riseburn and Eden Pit' - a film by Mike Ablett. Thursday November 10th at 7.30pm in Midldridge Village Hall. Everyone will be most welcome

## Aycliffe's Siesta Blinds Celebrate 30th Anniversary



Jim Forbes, Michelle Alderson, Tony Robb, Lynn Robb, Rob Spoors, Karen Goldberg

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## Poor Notice of NHS Important Issues

Dear Sir,  
John Clare's article 28th October left me rather confused and I wondered if certain points could be explained:

1) NHS public consultation about improving services. Does this refer to the recent questionnaire concerning opening hours of Walk-in centres. Any result published yet?

2) The Better Health Programme was held at the Leisure Centre on 13th. October and though of great interest, in my opinion was poorly advertised and attended by the general public.

3) I was unaware of an "Engagement Meeting" last week said to have been held in the town centre and would have been interested in attending. Surely these meetings with the general public deserve prior advertising, perhaps even by posters in GP's surgeries in addition to our Newton News. It is disappointing to hear of these events after they have taken place.

4) Perhaps the MP for Bishop Auckland might be more forthcoming about her concerns relating to "certain documents".

5) I have a long relationship with Bishop Auckland General Hospital that started in July 1949, have witnessed many changes and improvements made at that facility and would not wish to see this wonderful hospital, or any of it's services lost through general public apathy.

Name & address supplied.

*Editor: This correspondent is right to criticise the lack of publicity over important issues such as the possible closure of local A&E Departments. It appears the "consultations" are kept quiet deliberately to create insufficient opposition to controversial proposals. Poor publicity and lack of information is not apathy.*

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## Fundraising Expert Visits GACAP Meeting

### OPEN TO EVERYONE

The Secretary of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership invites all partners past and present PLUS anyone interested in fund raising to our monthly meeting on Monday 7th November.

We are greatly privileged to have Tim Davies Pugh as our guest speaker. Tim is an Investment Director for "Numbers for Good", a leading social investment organisation and heads up their Newcastle office.

He has extensive experience working across the voluntary, public and social sectors, including the Cabinet Office, and as a Director for the Big Lottery Fund, where he was responsible for operational grant delivery and strategic programmes creating systemic change including building the social investment marketplace. He is on the Executive Board of Food Newcastle and a trustee of both the Virgin Money Foundation and Tyneside Cinema.

Our meeting is at 4pm at the DISC Officers near the Blue Bridge on Monday 7th November. Our invitation



Tim Davies Pugh

goes out to one and all, but I would be pleased to know if you plan to attend to ensure we use the correct size office. Tea and Coffee will be served before the meeting so come a few minutes early and have a chat to GACAP Officers if you do not know what we are all about.

Officers are Chairman, Steven Mitton, Vice Chair, Susan Saddler, Treasurer, Liane Taylor, Secretary, Joan Mitchie, Assistant Secretary Ron Mitchie.

## Aycliffe's New Care Home has "Wow" Factor

Hundreds of guests accepted the invitation to St. Clare's Court Open Day on Saturday 29th October. Located on Central Avenue the 58-bedroom Helen McArdle Care Home is truly high class. The home provides residential, dementia and respite care, and has been designed to offer a unique living space, purpose-built to ensure residents have a high quality of life and that they receive the very best care.

Facilities include: en-suite bedrooms with shower and some with doors out into the garden, a hair and beauty salon, a community room and beautiful landscaped gardens. Andrea Blades, Manager, said: "We are all thrilled with the response from the community and it was lovely to meet so many new neighbours. We are really looking forward to welcoming residents to their new home next week."

"St. Clare's Court is located in the centre town and we want it to be the heart of the community; we have lots of events planned including monthly coffee mornings and



a Christmas Fair – everyone is welcome."

Helen McArdle Care provides residential, dementia, nursing, respite and home care throughout the North East of England. In August this year Helen McArdle Care was the first in the UK to achieve four outstanding CQC inspections. The national average is one in 200 and Helen McArdle Care has four out of 17, and will be opening two new care homes in the next six months in Jesmond and Peterlee. Company founder and chairman, Helen McArdle, was awarded a CBE in 2015 for



Manager Andrea

## Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 8th NOV features the 2015 British-American film "WOMAN IN GOLD" Starring Helen Mirren. It is based on the true story of Maria Altmann, a Jewish woman who fled Vienna with her family to escape the Nazi holocaust. Decades later she battles with Austrian authorities for family belongings taken by the Nazis. 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.

## TakeOff Festival Big Hit at Greenfield

Students at Greenfield Community College were treated to a fabulous live performance as part of TakeOff Festival produced by the renowned Theatre Hullabaloo recently. They visited both the Aycliffe site and Sunnydale campus with touring performers to entertain an audience of lively Year 7 students and local primary schools.

The performance is part of the annual TakeOff Festival which brings the excitement of live theatre to young people in our region. Theatre Hullabaloo, who are based in Darlington arranged for the unique production of Fairytale Gone Bad: Zombie-Rella/Blood-Red Hood to reach a captivated audience of students.

Talented performance poet Joseph Coelho from Half Moon Theatre 'unravels' well known fairytales by taking on the role of a mysterious vaudeville storyteller showing the humour in the darker side of fairytale endings with great enthusiasm and comedy. Performances like this are a brilliant tool in the classroom, lending to PSHE discussions about gender, cruelty, power.

Sophie Lewis, Centre Co-



ordinator at Greenfield Arts, was thrilled with the performance and the reaction of the students, "it was brilliant to see the students enjoying live theatre at Greenfield, they all seemed to really have fun and enjoy the humour. It's great to make a connection with our local primary schools and offer such a great opportunity".

Greenfield Community College are always thrilled to host the TakeOff Festival which is delivered through Greenfield Arts, if you would like to know more about the many activities provided by the Art Centre please call our friendly team on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or check out the website on www.greenfieldarts.co.uk

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# AYCLIFFE UTC AT DURHAM EVENT

The UTC South Durham appeared at their first public outing since opening its doors to the first wave of 150 students back in September 2016. The three day event organised by the University of Durham "Celebrate Science", started on the 25th October and both staff and students at the University Technical College provided a stand which involved year 10 and 12 students explaining the science behind a host of short demonstrations with a wow factor. The free event included activities, workshops, experiments and lectures, all celebrating science skills. Something the UTC specialises

in alongside Engineering, Technology and Maths. Jak Heslop, Faculty Director at the UTC said "Both our year 10 and 12 students attended the event and did a fantastic job of engaging with young children and sharing their passion of Science. I join the many others who congratulate them on their fantastic work". Students were Arianna Robinson, Jess Winkworth, Kody Davison, Ellie Forrest and Phillipa Walton. The event was organised by Durham University, held on Palace Green outside the cathedral, and there were well over 2200 members of the public attended.



UTC South Durham opened in September 2016 and is the first University Technical College in the North East. UTCs are state-funded technical schools that give students the skills they need to innovate and invent. Studying at a UTC provides young people with the opportunity to gain both an academic and technical education in an exciting and inspiring learning environment. UTC students work closely with employers to enable them to be qualified to work in sectors that are growing and looking for skilled

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# Town Council 2017/18 Budget Consultation

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2017/18 financial year, and we wish to seek the views of the local community on our draft budget proposals and the proposed 1.99% increase in the Town Council Tax. We would also welcome your views on the Council services that are most and least important to you, and whether there are new services or initiatives that you would like to see the Council make investment in. Your views are very important to us and will be used to help to inform the Council's service and financial planning over the coming years. We have developed a survey to formally record your views and we would encourage

local residents to complete this questionnaire. The results of the survey, including any specific comments or concerns, will be reported to the Council before it meets to set the final budget in January. You can access the survey from the link on the Council website or by typing the following into your internet browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gatc2017budgetsurvey> A summary of the Council's current financial situation and the draft 2017/18 budget proposals is set out below for your information.

# Cinderella Pantomime

The Pantomime Cinderella is to be performed by a professional group at St. David's Church Hall, Tudhoe, Spennymoor. on 12th December 2016 at 6.45pm. Tickets are £6 for adults and children (aged 3 years and over). Children to be accompanied by adult. Tickets available from Tel 0333 666 3366 (small fee applies) or visit website [brighterskiesfundraising.co.uk](http://brighterskiesfundraising.co.uk) or from Croxdale Corner Shop, Croxdale, or Claytons Candy Corner, Spennymoor. Proceeds to Alzheimer's Research UK.

## Council Officer "Braves the Shave"



Chrissy Walton, Great Aycliffe Town Council's Corporate & Policy Officer 'braved the shave' on Friday 21st October to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Chrissy was inspired to undertake this challenge after losing two work colleagues to cancer earlier this year. She donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust and has raised over £1250 to date for this fantastic cause. It's not too late to donate – go to [www.bravetheshave.org.uk](http://www.bravetheshave.org.uk) and search for Christine Walton.



## ACORN Meet

ACORN Residents Association November meeting will be held on Thursday 10th at 6pm in the Phoenix Club. Little Acorns meet at 5.30 - same venue. Everyone welcome to come along and involve themselves in our community. We usually have a local PCSO and Councillors in attendance who welcome any issues you would like to discuss. Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat all included.

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

A meeting of the Review Sub-Committee of the Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2016**  
at 6.00p.m.

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

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# Free Wellbeing Fitness Course at Neville Parade Students Taste University Life



The PCP Wellbeing for Life service is delivering two exciting new physical activity courses at Neville Parade Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Circuits Your Way is a free 8 week course starting on Monday from 31 October 11am - 12noon. Everyone is welcome from complete beginners to people already benefitting from keeping fit and feeling healthy.

Beginners Pilates is also free and starts on Tuesday 1 November, 2-3pm for 8 weeks. Both courses combine manageable exercise within a welcoming environment. The classes aim to promote fun, friendship and feeling good! The Wellbeing for Life service supports people to live well, by helping to address the factors which influence their health. The

service will build capacity to enable people to be independent, resilient and maintain good health for themselves and those around them.

There will also be the opportunity to get extra support on a 1-1 basis from the Wellbeing for Life Health Trainers. Health Trainers can support you and your community to improve your wellbeing, signposting you to other local services where necessary.

To book your place, please contact Liz Oakes, Wellbeing for Life Development Officer on 07584703815

For further information on the Wellbeing for Life service and how it can help you contact freephone: 0800 8766887 or visit: [www.wellbeingforlife.net](http://www.wellbeingforlife.net), Facebook: @CountyDurhamWellbeingForLifeService



As part of Rights Respecting Day, approximately fifty Year 11 students from Greenfield Community College visited Teesside University for a 'Taster day', which gave them a useful insight into university life. The students were met by

a group of enthusiastic ambassadors who devised a range of activities that helped the students explore potential courses and areas of future study.

After lunch the students enjoyed a tour of the campus followed by more workshops which stimulated their interest and helped them recognise the true value of pursuing a university future.

"I never thought university or Teesside would be for me, but

now I've really changed my mind" said Josh, one of the many students who realised that now was the time to begin thinking about other possibilities.

Greenfield Community College is grateful to all the ambassadors and organisers who helped to make the day worthwhile.

We look forward to future work with one of the North East's many wonderful higher education providers.

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## Residents go to 'The Dogs'



Horndale Residents' Association took a party of fifty to Newcastle Greyhound Stadium recently where they were treated to a 3 course meal and a drink. Everyone had a tremendous night with most coming away with a winning smile. The group were asked to name a race which they called "The Horndale Stakes" after our area where most of the race-goers live and where their monthly meeting is held. The H.R.A. Committee thank their County Councillors for funding this event, also Tesco and Wilko for their continued support for the Residents' group.

## Aycliffe Teenager Set for a Modelling Career

Local girl Holly Sanderson aged 16 years old who attends QE 6th Form in Darlington and Stepping Out with Clare Walton Dance School recently attended a Viva Promotions Dance event where she was selected as a winner for potential modelling by Tyne Tees Modelling Agency.

Holly was invited to attend a photo shoot and after a very successful session was told by the agency she had been successful in a place on their books. Lesley Lister Managing Director said her books were full but after seeing Holly's shoot there could be no question she would be taking her on board.

Holly is delighted for this opportunity brought to her by Tyne Tees Modelling Company in conjunction with Viva Promotions Dance Events and can't wait to see what the future holds.



First appointment is a meeting with a Milan agent this week along with 12 other models. What an opportunity for a local girl. Good luck Holly and we hope you go right to the top in catwalks all around the world.

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# Morpeth Beat Aycliffe 5 - 0 AYCLIFFE YOUTH FOOTBALL SCORES

Newton Aycliffe FC's disappointing recent league form continued with a 5-0 defeat at Morpeth Town on Saturday. After a good midweek win against Bishop Auckland in the Durham Challenge Cup hopes were high that Aycliffe could repeat last season's wins over the FA Vase holders, however, they never really threatened to rob the Highwaymen. Morpeth had an early chance when, after 8 minutes they had a free kick on the wing which was headed over the crossbar. The first half hour saw end to end play but with neither keeper tested. It was Morpeth, though,



Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club is making good use of their goalkeeping coach Craig Lowe. Craig has been a coach with the club for a number of years but has specialised in coaching young goalkeepers. Craig has been attending a number of the clubs training sessions over the past few weeks to work with that team's goalkeepers. His hard work is paying off because there are a lot of happy smiling goalkeepers on a Saturday and Sunday morning.

## U10 Eagles: 8 Norton & Stockton Ancients 1.

Back to winning ways this week and it was all down to hard work from the lads, disappointed from last week's defeat the lads started well and from the beginning worked hard for each other with some nice football and finished off with some good team goals and a couple of cracking individual goals. Ashton scored 4, Jack got 2, Noah scored 1, and Joe got 1. Man of the Match was Ashton.

## Under 12 girls 9 - 1 Consett

A great day for football on the 4G pitch at Consett's Northern League ground. The girls improved throughout the game but it was 15 mins before the opening goal as Kate whips in a cross and Alex slots at the back post. Olivia then jabs the ball over the line for Aycliffe's 2nd. A great run by Hattie across the edge of the box and an unstoppable screamer into the top corner. Then just before half time Olivia weaves passed 3 defenders and slides home for her... second HT 4-0. The girls were dominating the play and with close control and spreading the ball to the wings, 5th goal came courtesy of Kate after a weaving run from Alex. A mistake from the keeper and Hattie finds the corner followed with her completing her hat trick. Then we switch off to a through ball and Consett find the corner for their goal. Then as Brook is moved to centre forward. The birthday girl, drives into the box and shoots wide of the keeper for



her opening goal for the u12's. A lot of quality football in the second half as Aycliffe played for each other and passed round the opposition and put so many dangerous balls into the box FT 9-1

## Trimdon 1-1 u13 Falcons

The Falcons travelled to Trimdon with a full squad after the holidays. Aycliffe tried a new formation in the first half but the lads struggled a bit to implement it. Aycliffe created a few chances but could've conceded 3 or 4 goals if it wasn't for some very good goalkeeping from Cameron Vaudrey. Half time 0-0. Second half Aycliffe went back to our usual formation and created much more in terms of chances. They were caught out with a long ball counter attack with Trimdon opening the scoring. 1-0. Aycliffe kept our heads and dug in to force an equaliser

through Tom Jasper. Aycliffe couldn't find the winner but a decent point in the end. Good attitude from the lads to not give up and retrieve something from the game.

Man of the match was Cameron for his saves that kept us in the game in the first half.

## N&S Ambers 0-3 U14 Falcons

Well done to the lads as the Falcons kept up their excellent start to the season. Good goalkeeping and defensive display to keep a clean sheet and supporting our midfielders and forwards who all worked very hard. Goals: Cameron Cook (2) and Freddie Cockburn with Charlie Hirst picking up the Man of the Match award. More information about our FA Charter Standard Community Club on our website www.nayfc.com or telephone our club secretary Berni on 07939045242.



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who were looking the more threatening & their first goal came after 31 minutes. A free kick was played to the left wing, led to a cross into the box where Mark Davison fired past James Winter. Three minutes later Winter pulled off a great save diving to his right as Morpeth piled on the pressure. Aycliffe tried to respond with a 25yd shot from Zak Boagey just wide. However it was only a brief respite & Winter had to perform more heroics before halftime.

The second half didn't improve for Aycliffe with Morpeth scoring their second just after the hour with a header from Davison. Ten minutes later they made it 3-0 through Henderson, then a fourth a minute later from a 25yd shot from Sayer. Davison completed his hat trick in the last minute. Aycliffe will be looking to revert to the good form they showed early season when they play home games against Dunston on Tuesday 1 November & Ryhope Colliery Welfare on Saturday 5 November. Meanwhile Aycliffe have been drawn at home to Worksop Town in the Second Round of the Buildbase FA Vase. That game will be played at Moore Lane on Saturday 12 November, kick off 3pm.

## Pre-Christmas Party



Christine and the team at Lagoon Hair, and Glam Angels Beauty, give a huge Thank You to everyone that attended their pre-Christmas Party on Wednesday 26th October in aid of "Breast Cancer Awareness".

This was an event and cause that is close to many hearts. It was a fantastic evening with great success, collectively raising £350 and donations are still coming in. Without you and your support we couldn't have done it, so thanks again.

## Students Raise £800 for Cancer Charity

Staff and students at Woodham Academy spent the last day of term in their casual clothes to raise money for Cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

The charity was chosen by the family of a child who attends Woodham Academy for the support they have received during her illness, providing vital emotional, practical and financial support to young cancer patients and families during and after treatment.

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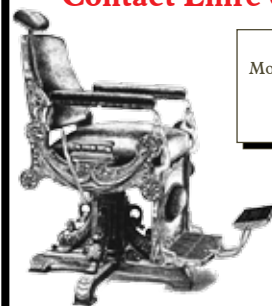
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From 1st November communities across County Durham can take part in an online vote on how their Area Action Partnership (AAP) should spend £100,000 next year. An annual budget of £100,000 is given to each of the 14 AAP's to spend in their local

area and for the first time, an online survey has been set up to allow even more residents and organisations to get involved in supporting their AAP to decide on which priority areas this money should be spent. Should it be community safety or children and young

people or older residents? There are 10 key priority areas to choose from, but each AAP will need help to decide what priorities to concentrate their efforts and funding on. People have until Tuesday 13th December 2016 to vote for their area's priorities and identify where money and resources should be spent first.

Gordon Elliott, head of partnership and community engagement, said: "One of the AAPs' key roles is to help residents shape their community and with online voting already proving a success with school children, we hope even more people find it easier to get involved and help choose the priorities for their local area." To vote, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation). For more information about AAPs call 03000 262 056, email [aap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:aap@durham.gov.uk) or visit [www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs](http://www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs).

# Meetings for People with Long Term Illness

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We also have a group meeting on Thursday at 10am until 3pm with morning coffee a cooked meal and, weather permitting, a trip out in our Community Mini Buses and sometimes we go out for Lunch.

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acclaim. She also won awards for exaggeration which topped the Amazon humour chart so she is officially a best-selling author. Eileen's first children's picture book, 'The Shmoogly Boo' was published last year by Hogsback books and another is in the pipeline entitled, 'My Dad's Better than Your Dad.' That will be illustrated by Aycliffe Artist, Graham Stead. Her first crime novel, 'Blanket of Blood,' published by Bloodhound Books, is launched as a paperback on Friday 28th November. The ebook has sold very well and Eileen is working on the sequel 'Tears, Hair and Gnashes Teeth'. Eileen teaches English at

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# Aycliffe School Overall Winners in County Cross Country Race



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# HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE YOU LIVE

People who live, work, study or volunteer in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area are being encouraged to get involved and vote for the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) priorities for 2017-18. GAMP will have £100,000 to spend next year, and people are being asked to tell them how this money should be spent. Voting is open to anyone over the age of 11 years who lives, works, volunteers or studies in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area, and the GAMP team is urging people to cast their votes.

To vote for your GAMP priorities, you have FIVE

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- (1) By filling in the online consultation form: [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation)
- (2) At the GAMP stall at the Pioneering Care Partnership-PCP Christmas Craft Fair and Family Event on Saturday 19 November 10am-1pm.
- (3) At the GAMP stall at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26 November 10.30am-2.30pm.
- (4) Phone 01325 327 441 to ask for a paper copy.
- (5) At the November GAMP Board meeting on Tuesday 29 November at Greenfield Arts Centre.

You have until **\*\*TUESDAY**

## AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB

After a very busy racing season, the year closes with the annual Grand Prix results. Certain races throughout the calendar are chosen so points can be earned from winning times to qualify. The top 3 males and females in each age group will be awarded prizes at the end of the year.

We had two men in the Vet 50 category with Graham Atkins picking up the prize for 3rd position with 424.0 points and Stuart Rimmer finishing 5th with 382.8 points.

We also had two men in the Veteran 60 category. Just outside the prizes were James Wilson finishing fourth with 344.9 points and Michael Casey finishing 5th just over one point behind with 343.7 points. In a very tough age group, a special applause goes out to Nicola Darragh who grabbed 3rd prize in the women's senior category with 428.1 points.

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# Aycliffe Junior Football Report

Aycliffe Juniors continued their season with a series of league fixtures for all the players to enjoy. For these fixtures to go ahead we are always dependent on referees so it was great this week that two of our players, Tom Cayless and Sam Dawson, both qualified as referees and took charge of NAJFC games.

**Under 7's** were again victorious with an 8-2 win at Billingham United Hornets. The team are improving their passing and also working hard for each other. This effort led to goals for Thomas (4) with Alex and Dylan both getting two each. The man of match was Alex and credit to Joshua, Thomas and Dylan for sharing the goalkeeping duties.

**Under 9's** TJFA league team faced Leven who had won four of their opening five games so far. Rhys scored the opening goal as Aycliffe took the lead after some quality build up play from James, Harvey and Jayden. Good defending kept Leven out and then Dom headed a goal to make it 2-0 at half time. In the second half Dom added his second and Niall also scored in a 4-0 win. The second game was won 5-1 and the mornings men of the matches were Harvey and Niall.

**Under 11** Russell Foster league team played at home against Washington Lions. The first goal came when Jake's shot was saved and the rebound fell to Reuben who finished well for a 1-0 lead. Good goalkeeping and defending kept a clean sheet and then the second goal came, this time it was Noah's chipped shot that was first saved but he followed up to score. Alex was named as the man of the match.

**Under 11** TJFA side travelled to play Whinney Banks for a clash between the league winners from either half of the league structure last

season. The hosts dominated the first half and were 3-0 up at half time. In the second half Aycliffe dominated and had many chances with Lucas scoring, and an own goal also going in their favour. Aycliffe went on to create enough chances to win the game and both the side netting and cross bar took a battering but despite all the good effort and opportunities the game ended in a 4-2 defeat.

**Under 12's** won 3-1 at home against Darlington All Stars, the visitors started off well and took a 1-0 lead. This seemed to spur Aycliffe in to action and a great solo goal from Hume levelled the score before half time. Cayless finished the second goal well and then Clark calmly added the third to seal the win.

**Under 13's** away to Kader FC had to play with only 10 players. All involved put in a spirited and determined effort for which everyone involved was really proud. They were defeated but stuck to the task until the end, Nathan was the man of the match.

**Under 15's** put on a great display at home against Darlington RA 'Spitfires' who have not had the best start to the season. This one turned out to be a one sided affair and

goals from Stoker (5), Burrows (4), Hynes (2), Own Goals (2) and one each for Pattison, Sanderson Homes and Wardle provided a 16-0 win.

**Under 17's** faced Normanby and their struggle for a settled team continued as they prepared to kick off with 10 men before some late arrivals joined the team. Normanby caught Aycliffe on the break to score first before Nile got the equaliser. This pattern of scoring was repeated with the equaliser from Jimmy this time making the score 2-2. A couple of disputed decisions were made as the hosts gained a two goal lead at 4-2. Blake scored one to claw a goal back and make it 4-3 but this game was unfortunately lost 5-3.

**Under 23's** were away to Chester le Street in the league cup. They found themselves under pressure at the start but still scored first through Jack Oliver. Rob Gustard made a few outstanding saves but Chester le Street then drew level at 1-1. Aycliffe were dominant for the rest of the first half and four more goals from the lively Jack Oliver gave a 5-2 half time lead. The second half was quieter and a 5-3 win was secured and the referee named Jack Slatcher as the man of the match.

## Anniversary Donation



Peter and Terry Egglestone from Newton Aycliffe celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends recently. The thoughtful couple asked that guests did not bring presents to the party but instead make a donation to Marie Curie. They presented a cheque for £445 to the Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie at the local group's recent meeting. The money raised will be used to provide 'end of life care' in the area.

A spokesperson praised the couple's decision and reminded anyone interested in supporting Marie Curie nurses that they meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Community Fire Station of Watling Road in Bishop Auckland at 1.30pm.

The group's next venture is a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Sunday 11th December in West Auckland Memorial Hall 2.00 - 5.00pm. A sherry reception will be followed by afternoon tea and seasonal entertainment. Tickets priced £15 available from Elizabeth Varley (01388) 606075. All welcome.

Image shows Terry Egglestone presenting the cheque to BA member, Dorothy Davison while other members look on

# Aycliffe Dance School Brings Home 33 Trophies



Local Dance School 'Stepping Out with Clare Walton' based in Aspire Studios in Newton Aycliffe, attended The East Coast Championship Dance Competition with a full competitive squad at Cayton Bay near Scarborough. After weeks of hard work and preparation for this event teachers were delighted with the title and trophy haul, 33 winners in total! Clare Walton said each and every child danced better than ever before reaching new levels in their individual progress

which was delightful to see, we as teachers are very proud of all of the dancers.

Stepping Out have had an amazing year reaching new heights as a school and are currently rehearsing for their show to be staged at The Majestic Theatre in Darlington in the next few weeks. All dancers are excited and would like to invite all patrons of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas to see the amazing talent from our home

town and area.

## Congratulations

### Marcus Richard Barron

8th November

**Happy 10th Birthday** to my gorgeous Son Marcus. Love you and Lucy so much. Mam xxxx

**Happy 10th birthday** Marcus. Hope you enjoy your day! Lots of love from Nan and Uncle Keith xxx

**Many Happy** returns for 8th November Marcus. Hope you have a wonderful day. Lots of love from Auntie Anne, Cousins Daniel and Chloe xxx

## In Memoriam

**BRIAN MAGEE** 2/11/1930 - 5/11/2015. I miss you Brian so much. You were taken from me so quickly and sudden. A year has passed but the pain and ache in my heart does not go away. Miss you so much. All my love forever, from your loving Wife Joan

**BERYN RICHARDSON** (nee Kelly). 25th February 1949 to 13th November 2015. One year has passed, no one knows the bitter pain without you. For one lovely lady the gates of Heaven opened. I miss you so much and I will never forget you and your love. Your face will always be hidden deep inside my heart. Each precious moment you gave me shall never, ever part. Love you, Grumpy Old Joe

**SANDRA ANN FARRELL** 3/4/1965 - 8/11/2001. In a special place gently sleeping. Where flowers softly sway. Lies a very special Daughter, Sister and Auntie that we love and miss every day. Miss and love you always Sandy. Mum, Dad, Helen, Laura and Millie xxxx

**KATHLEEN JACKSON** 7th November 2015. In loving memory of my dear Wife. One year since you passed away, words cannot describe the sense of pain and loss. The memories I have of you, the good times we shared will stay with me for life. You will be missed, but you will be forever in my heart and soul. All my love, Tony

**DAVID COLLIER** 6-11-1998. There is always a face before me and a voice I would love to hear. A smile I will always treasure of a brother I loved so dear. Deep in my heart lies a picture, more precious than silver or gold, of my brother David whose memory will never grow old. I lost two special things in life, my brother and my friend. Forever in my thoughts, your loving Sister Irene, Bill and all the family xxx

## FREE ENTRY TO BEAMISH

Beamish Museum are offering free entry for people in receipt of Employment & Support Allowance, Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit and Universal Credit during 7th to 13th November. The offer is valid for up to 4 people including the benefit holder for one visit only. Proof of benefit and one other form of ID is required.

## Acknowledgement

### Doris Jackson

Ghislane and Dave, Alan and Jennifer would like to thank our family, friends and Mam's neighbours for their cards and support during such a difficult time.

Special thanks to Pam Lovelass for her love, support and beautiful Service. Thank you to Bryan Shepherd from Whitehouse Funeral Services for his care and professionalism

**WHITE.** The family of the late David Frederick White would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, condolences and support during such a difficult time. Special thanks to Dr Bamford and staff at Bewick Surgery; Bewick Pharmacy Staff; Andrea McFadden and the Palliative Support team; Barbara Myers and the McMillan Care Team; Geradeen Horsley and team at John Meynell Funeral Service for their help and professionalism; Roger McAdam for a beautiful Service. Finally thank you everyone for attending David's funeral and for the donations to the McMillan Nurses, £1142.84 was raised. David would be very proud.

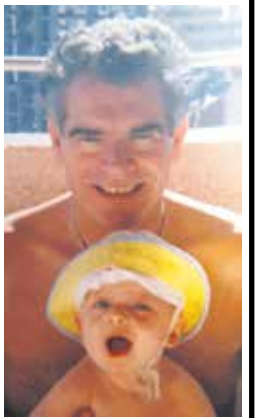
## Obituary

**SCORER** (nee Dixon), Sheila of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully at Defoe Court Care Home on 27th October, aged 79 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Don; much loved Mam to Stephen, Jacqueline and Joanne; Mother-in-Law to Linda, John and Lee; dearly loved Nana, Grandma and Great Grandma. Also a dear Sister. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 11th November for 12.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Macmillan Nurses. Everyone is welcome back to the British Legion for refreshments following the Service.

## Birthday Remembrance

### Brian Magee

2/11/1936 - 5/12/2015



Today would be your 80th birthday. I still cannot believe it is nearly a year since you left us. Not a day has gone by that I have not thought about you. I miss your laughs when I tease and wind up Grandma. She will say "your Grandad would be laughing at that". Bella still looks for you when we go round and goes straight to your room. I hope you are somewhere warm, enjoying your Friday night Fish & Chips and a pint of John Smiths. Much love always Grandson Ross xxxx

### Jacqueline Stainsby



#### Happy 70th Birthday

31st October 2016

Happy birthday Mam. Love from Sharon, Samantha, Tony and Wayne xxxx

### Jacqueline Stainsby



#### Happy 70th Birthday

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Happy birthday Nanna. Love from Jack, Tira, Ronan, Cheyenne and Ashly xxxx



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2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

#### Saturday 5th November

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

#### Sunday 6th November

0600-0900 - Easy Like Sunday Morning with John Clayton  
0900-1400 - Dave Sherwood with "The Mystery Years"  
1400-1500 - Everything 80's  
1500-1900 - Wes Stakes  
1900-2200 - Non-Stop Star Radio  
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

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1000-1400 - Craig Andrews  
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Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent their young under 13 team to the Cheshire tournament at Warrington. In their first game they were up against Chester and gave a very disciplined performance to win 7-0. In their next game they played Liverpool and once again dominated to win 9-1. In their final group game they were up against the home team Warrington and proved tougher but Sedgefield still won convincingly 11-5 to reach the final. In the final they fought the team from Birkenhead Bridgefield. It was a close

game at half time with Sedgefield only leading 2-1 but in the second half Sedgefield's better fitness told and they ran out winners 6-1. "Player of the Tournament" for Sedgefield was Ryan Jay Griffiths 11 who scored 16 goals ably supported by Ben Alderson 11 with 9 goals. The other members of the Sedgefield team were Jude 12, Amelia 10 and Rohan 11 Henderson, Kes 12 and Charlie McEwan 10, Ben Hodgson 11, Dan Barron 11, Max Byles 10, Kyle Alderson 8 and Liam Hughes 10.

## 3 - 1 Win for Aycliffe in Durham Cup Game

Aycliffe started their defence of the Durham Challenge Cup with a 3-1 win over Bishops. Both sides looked to prise openings early on, with Aycliffe going closest on 10 minutes when Brian Close hit the post from a Stuart Banks free kick.

They were unlucky again on 19 minutes when Ben Wood turned his marker and hit a fine shot against the crossbar. Bishops were also having chances, with Aycliffe being indebted to goalie James Winter for a point-blank save on 29 minutes.

It only took the Bishops another minute after that to get the breakthrough, following a corner. Winter failed to clear and Adam Nicholls got the final touch for 0-1.

Aycliffe got back on level terms after 35 minutes when Zak Boagey scored a typical goal for him, hitting a great 25-yard shot over ex-Aycliffe keeper Scott Pocklington into the top of the net. 1-1 remained the score at half-time.

Ben Wood repeated the feat from 30 yards out on 61 minutes, hitting it over the goalie for 2-1. Boagey nearly got his second after 78 minutes when he beat Pocklington but the ball came back out off the post.

Aycliffe put the game out of reach on 85 minutes when John Campbell curled a free-kick over the wall for 3-1. Bishop's Alex Francis was sent off on 86 minutes for 2 bookable offences

## Rugby Club's Second Home Win

Saturday 22nd of October saw Aycliffe 1st XV play their second match at home, hosting Seghill. Given Seghill's reputation for hard rugby up front supported by a decent backline, expectations were high that this would be a good fixture. The game was a special one for several reasons, Aycliffe were in their new match strips made possible by the generous and kind sponsorship of Carmel Safety Training Services Ltd, Whitehouse Funeral Service, The Shred Centre and Hoggart Haulage. Aycliffe were led out by an excellent pair of mascots Anna & Abbie Tonkin, daughters of first team flanker Andy. A final special touch for the game was the officiating of Catalan referee, Augustine Stregrau, on an exchange programme. The game began in a physical nature which was to continue, and Aycliffe off to a good start. It was the visitors, however, who struck first, making the most of an Aycliffe infringement and taking the first three points of the game through a converted penalty. Aycliffe bounced back almost immediately, and in another scything run, wing James Thacker did what he seems to do every week, and charged over, taking the home side into the lead on fourteen minutes.

The period of play that followed saw both teams struggle for the ascendancy, and whilst Seghill applied pressure in the scrumage due to a somewhat larger pack, Aycliffe dictated the pace in open play. The game oscillated between the twenty twos, with multiple penalties resulting in a somewhat stilted game. This was broken as Aycliffe got quick ball from a lineout to the backs, who played wide and fast, sending right wing Luke Crossen over the line, a try which was converted by Skipper Alex Lineton. Half time Newton Aycliffe 1st XV 12 - 3 Seghill.

The second half saw Aycliffe with an unchanged fifteen, but a changed attitude. This was demonstrated by openside Andy Tonkin making his day complete as he spotted a gap in a pressured Seghill defence to dance over under the sticks. Aycliffe continued to pin Seghill back into their own half through quick picks and hard carries.

This intense phase of play was stopped as Captain Lineton was deemed to have elbowed rather than handed off a loudly complaining Seghill defender, who influenced the referee, and managed to force a penalty. Lineton shortly made good on his misdemeanour by slotting a penalty to break Aycliffe into the twenties. Straight from the restart Aycliffe were back into the Seghill half, with powerful runs from deep by loose forwards Wiper and Littlefair proving too much for the defenders, whose beleaguered line was no match for the cutting lines of Thacker, who crossed again on fifty-two minutes. A short period followed in which Seghill kept ball in



hand, but were no match for the Aycliffe defence, and had to take three points from the twenty two following an Aycliffe infringement at the ruck. Again Aycliffe were back on the offensive, forging forward through the full fifteen and sending versatile eight Andy Littlefair over to take Aycliffe out of sight, the try was converted by replacement ten and Army representative player James Cocks.

The following phase of play saw prop forward Dan Peck penalised for deciding to get up and keep running once tackled, he then made a nuisance of himself to the Seghill player who tried to take a quick penalty, which resulted in a scuffle from which a flying leg struck Spanish referee Augustin, who was forced from the field.

Luckily Referee at large John Denham was visiting

the club with Durham RFU Chairman and was able to take on the mantle and see the game through to the end. Despite this upset, Aycliffe were able to run another try in, with winger Luke Crossen making it two for both wings and taking Aycliffe to thirty-nine.

All Aycliffe needed to do was see out the remaining time, but unfortunately, a loose pass was intercepted by a Seghill player, who ran in from twenty out, which was converted just before the end of play.

The game finished with a total of six tries run in by Aycliffe with the backs taking four to the forward two. Tries came from James Thacker (2), Luke Crossen (2), Any Tonkin and Andy Littlefair. Two of the tries were converted by Alex Lineton and one by James Cocks. Final score Newton Aycliffe 1st XV 39 - 13 Seghill.

## Report Vehicle Street Obstructions to the Police

Dear Editor,  
May I respond to the lady whose access to her home was obstructed. I am amazed she did not call the police regarding the issue, as it is wilful obstruction without doubt. If it was on your land you could have had it removed and bill the culprit, and if it was on the highway the police would have to come and find out whose vehicle it was through the DVLA records, and it could have been removed.

It would then cost him or her a lot of money to recover it, and this is to deter them from doing it again. I have suffered this on several occasions, and it still happens, however, if you go to the police with your photo, they would issue the driver with a warning.

If she had the car reg number, take it to the police and ask them to speak to the culprit, but do get a reply on the incident for future obstructions, keeping a record of them all. A word of warning - it is an offence to interfere with someone's vehicle ie; leaving notices on the windscreen. These drivers have no concept of their actions, as it is plain for them to see they are blocking entrance to a drive or garage. George Thompson

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