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would like to hear your views on what happens next. What type of agreement would you like to see? What would you prioritise in the negotiations? What type of Brexit do you want? Knowing what you think will help shape my views, so I can best represent you during the next two years of negotiations with EU. I will be holding a surgery on Friday 9th December, between 3pm and 6pm at St Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe, specifically to discuss Brexit with you. If you would like to make an appointment, please call my office on 321603 to book your slot.



Should you not be able to attend the surgery but would like to share your views on Brexit please complete my survey:
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Dear Sir,
For most of us Christmas brings up happy memories of time spent with friends and family. However, for many, Christmas represents a sad and lonely time. At that time of year many of the services and support groups people usually rely on, take a much-needed break. so the happy, smiling world can often seem an even lonelier place.

With your help the "Helping Hands" ministry in Aycliffe and members of Life Church are committed to changing that this year.

If you are going to be alone around Christmastime or even if you are a single parent who finds this time of the year daunting because of financial problems, then we'd love to hear from you by letting us know now! Phone or text 07936 431262 or you can e-mail lifeline.action@googlemail.com and we will get back in touch with you.

We offer a friendly confidential service and we are planning a Christmas Meal on Saturday 17th December at 1pm at Woodham Golf & County Club with a special performance from Cockerton Silver Bank. It really is going to be a remarkable event... please doesn't miss out if you'd like an invitation. It's going to be like one big family party with lots of friendship, fun and laughter, and one or two surprises.

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R.E.M.E. Meet

REME Association South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 30th November at 8pm in the Scout Centre Bluebell Way Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome.

GAMP FUNDS YOUTH PROJECT

A local youth project is starting to benefit from funding received from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

The Foundation of Light's 'Mini Kickers' and 'Kicks'



initiatives, which support young people living in the GAMP area, have recently benefitted from a small grant received from the GAMP Capital Small Grants Fund. The 'Mini Kickers' youth provision is delivered on a Friday evening at the Western

Area Community Centre and is aimed at 8-12 year olds. The programme provides a mixture of multi-sports and life skills. The 'Kicks' project builds on the work of 'Mini Kickers', but is adapted for 13-19 year olds and is delivered at Greenfield Community College on a Monday evening.

Thanks to GAMP funding the young people who participate in both projects will now have access to tablets to help them with their individual learning plans. The tablets will also be used to help with sport coaching sessions. Michael Colclough, Operations Manager (South) for the Foundation of Light said: "I would like to thank GAMP AAP for funding the tablets. Many young people and their families can now benefit from the use of technology in education and coaching sessions. "The tablets will also be very useful in engaging the youngsters and helping them

express themselves fully so that they can get the most out of the 'Mini Kickers' and 'Kicks' sessions."

The Capital Small Grants Fund allowed local community groups to apply for grants between £500 and £4,000 after GAMP allocated £20,000 of its Area Budget towards the initiative.

Other groups who have also benefitted from the grants were: St Elizabeth's Church, Sedgfield Water Polo Club, Woodham Village Community Association, Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association, North East Autism Society and Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre.

As a result of its success, the Capital Small Grants Fund is no longer taking applications. For more information on The Foundation of Light's 'Mini Kickers' and 'Kicks' programmes contact Michael Colclough at: michael.colclough@foundationoflight.co.uk

Ben Nevis Climbers

Patsy Scott, Marie Howard and Lesley Young of the Village Pharmacy, Cobblers Hall, successfully climbed Ben Nevis on Saturday 15th October in aid of Breast Cancer Care. A big thank you to all our family and friends who donated a whopping £5625.



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Sunday 27th November - "Skapones"
(4.00pm Start - £3 cover charge)

The six piece ensemble got together to play music that they all loved, and the chaps intend to perform a selection of Two Tone anthems and other foot stomping tunes, with the objective of making you dance and smile. They have supported acts like Bruce Foxton's From The Jam at venues such as ARC, Stockton-on-Tees where they had a successful performance. They have also played with members of The Specials, Bad Manners and The Selecter. They have played at Festivals such as Stone Valley, YSA Invasion 12, the Great Northern Mod & Ska Festival, the Woodhorn Festival and the prestigious gig at the Feuerwerks Open Air Festival at The Reduit in Mainz, Germany amongst many other successful gigs.

They have recorded two tracks in the past for the Specialized Project that raises money for Teenage Cancer Trust & Youth Music UK, "Police On My Back" for the Specialized Project Album "Combat Cancer- A Tribute to The Clash" and "Midnight Ravers" for the 2016 "One Heart - A Tribute to Bob Marley" album. The band have also headlined events for March Of The Mods, Our House all Dayers in York and Barnard Castle Big Day Out.

Saturday 3rd December - "This Machine"

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Councillors' Walkabout

DCC Aycliffe West Councillors Eddy Adam & Kate Hopper are conducting ward walkabouts as follows. On Tues 29th November, from 10am -12 noon and meeting at the junction of Hawkshead Place & Stephenson Way, we intend to cover the area on the side of Woodham Burn stretching from the start point to Williamfield Way. On Wed, December 13th, a walkabout in Eskdale, Silverdale and Langdale Places will also commence at 10am, meeting at the Western Area Community House in Silverdale Place.

Where available, 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 areas of concern or alternatively, get in touch about any issues via the contact details below.

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Quiz Challenge

This year's Bishop Auckland Civic Society's Annual Town Quiz will take place in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 7th December at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people - £10 per team entry - are invited to pit their wits against quizical quiz master, Glynn Wales, to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause - The Riding Centre for Special People, based at Escomb. A pie and pea supper will be available to buy - and the bar is open. Entry forms available from the Town Hall.

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When the results were announced "in no particular order" Mum, Belinda (Social Learning Mentor at Sugar Hill Primary School), Gran Sheila and Grandad John Atkinson (of C R Atkinson & Sons) cried tears of joy, hugged each other knowing this result could potentially give Shanaya the opportunity to live her dream and sing for a living.

Tickets are available for the Grand Final on Saturday 28th January 2017 at the NEC Birmingham, at a cost of £20.00 including car parking. Contact Belinda on 07771 814412 for tickets and travel plans.

From auditions, to regional lives, onto live area semi-final on Saturday 19th November (2 days after her 19th Birthday) Shanaya Atkinson competed at Dewsbury Town Hall. Entrants Travelled from Newcastle, Sheffield, Glasgow,

Award for Newtonian



Alex Newbould, who is from Newton Aycliffe and Head of Pricing Strategy at Asda, was last night announced as the winner of a prestigious Women of the Future Award in the Business category. The WOF Awards, now in their 11th year, which recognise the inspirational rising female stars of today and tomorrow across diverse categories including business, culture, media and

technology. Alex joined Asda from university and has progressed through to Senior Manager in five years. She leads the pricing team and multiple agencies, responsible for the creation and execution of Asda's pricing strategy. She has gained credibility and influence in the organisation through her use of data to drive business decisions. Commenting on the Awards, Pinky Lilani CBE DL, Founder and Chair, Women of the Future said, "We are delighted to celebrate the remarkable personal and professional achievements of the winners of this year's Women of the Future Awards. The WOF network grows stronger every year as we recognise the young women who are together shaping Britain's future through their shared passion, determination, and kindness. Congratulations to all the winners!" Aviva Group CEO, Mark Wilson, said: "I want a world with no barriers. No glass ceiling. Nothing that stops women fulfilling their potential. Aviva is delighted to support Women of the Future because it's an important step towards turning that vision into reality. But we still have a long way to go."



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Newtonian Bethan Howe is continuing her fundraising project for the Atlantic Whale Foundation. She currently has a raffle for a Christmas Fruit Hamper and Sweet Hamper. Tickets are being sold in the Thames Centre in Newton Aycliffe on the Fruit & Veg stall for £1 a strip. All proceeds will go to AWF and the raffle will be drawn on December the 16th.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Annual Christmas Fair organised by the PTA will take place at Aycliffe Village School on Thursday 1st December 6pm until 8pm.

There will be lots of Christmas stalls: selling Christmas Decorations, Candles, Perfumes, Greetings Cards, Gifts and Cup Cakes, plus many more.

Homemade soup and refreshments will be available.

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

Tickets are being sold on the night for our fabulous raffle* which has fantastic prizes up for grabs including several overnight hotel stays that include dinner and breakfast as well as meals out, afternoon teas and shopping vouchers.

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2017 Refuse Collections

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Yours sincerely
Andrea Bergg

Is Our MP Out of Touch?

Dear Sir,
On last Sunday's Politics TV Show, our MP Phil Wilson questioned the ongoing purpose of UKIP following the 'Leave' vote. His question demonstrates that Phil Wilson, was and still is, out of touch with the political climate and the majority of the voting public (including his own electorate!). The Leave side obtained a substantial majority, and yet, of all the mainstream political parties, only UKIP unreservedly accepts the DEMOCRATIC vote of the People. Only UKIP is still campaigning for the democratic instruction to the Commons, Lords and Judiciary to be carried out in full and quickly, to avoid

the uncertainty which the 'Remainers' claimed would destroy our economy. In the meantime, MP Phil Wilson is in his constituency continuing with his forecasts of doom and gloom, job losses, recession and the rest of the drivel his political masters told him to spout. All of which, the passage of time since the Referendum, has proved to be wrong. Is this his ongoing purpose? Is he fighting a rear-guard action against Brexit at the cost of his political future and his dignity?

I would suggest that, for Phil Wilson to have any worthwhile ongoing purpose as an MP, he accepts the democratic will of the people and gets behind the Leave Campaign and assists the elected Government in leaving the EU while achieving the best possible ongoing relationship with the rump of the EU, after Brexit. Phil Wilson should also apologise to his electorate for publicising Hitachi's and Nissan's veiled threats to their workforce and the electorate at large. As a politician he should have known that he was being 'used' by the multinationals to do their dirty

work. Both misled him and he did not have the gumption to put his electors' needs above theirs. Shame on you! What useful purpose can Phil Wilson now serve? I would suggest that, after he is deselected as MP by the Marxist/Leninist grassroots Corbynistas (alias, 'Momentum') he would best serve his Blairite past and his constituents by standing as an Independent Labour Member. This, to ensure that UKIP take the Sedgefield Parliamentary seat and assist in achieving the will of the majority of his electorate. He would make a good stalking-horse!

UKIP still have work to do to ensure that LEAVE means just that. Those who voted for Leave will need a strong UKIP to ensure that their democratic instruction is properly carried out despite the House of Lords being chock-a-block with 'Remainers' who have a vested interest in denying democracy. If you held referendum on who should be on the November the 5th bonfire next year, Guy Fawkes would come a poor second!
Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

SANTA WILL COME TO AYCLIFFE THIS YEAR



Santa Claus has promised children in all parts of Aycliffe that he will definitely visit the town this Christmas. He has assured local Rotary Club members that he will pay a quick visit on several evenings before Christmas Eve when he will return with his sack full of toys for well-behaved youngsters. Arrangements have already been made for Santa to fly in on his sleigh and visit Heighington on Monday, December 5, Woodham on Tuesday (Dec 6),

Cobblers Hall on Wednesday (Dec 7) and Neville Parade on Thursday (Dec 8). The following week, he will call at Simpature on Monday (Dec 12), School Aycliffe on Tuesday (Dec 13), Blue Bell Way on Wednesday (Dec 14) and the Stead Close area on Thursday (Dec 15). All the visits will be made

between 5.30pm and 7.30pm when Santa will be joined by his friends at Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club who, as in previous years, will be collecting to buy Christmas hampers for local needy families and other Rotary charities.

Thanks to the generosity of the Tesco Store management team, the Rotarians will be in the Tesco supermarket with their collecting buckets between Monday, December 12, and Sunday, December 18 (inclusive).

Rotary's annual, ever-popular, free Carol concert featuring local schoolchildren will be staged in the Leisure Centre Main Hall on Tuesday, 13th December, from 1pm to 2.30pm, using special sound equipment provided by John Melvin and with keyboard accompaniment by George Dixon. Rotarians are asking those attending to bring an elderly neighbour to enjoy what is now a firm favourite in the town's pre-Christmas events calendar.

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The presentation took place on Thursday 17th November at Oak Leaf Sports Complex where the winners were awarded their prize and certificate, by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Michael Dalton and Cllr Mary Dalton.

Thank you to everyone who entered from 'home', Stephenson Way Primary School, Woodham Burn Out of

School Club, Walworth School, Little Cubs Day Nursery, House of Eden Nursery/Out of School Club and St Oswald's Pre-Schools. Well done to all of you - don't forget to try next year!

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Year 7 plus: 1st Shay Andra-Welsh. A Highly Commended

Certificate was awarded to the entry from the House of Eden Day Nursery at Aycliffe Village, which was a group effort completed by the children aged 2 to 3 years.

HOSPICE XMAS FAIR

Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland would like to invite you to come along and join us at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December 2016, to be held at the Hospice from 11-3pm.

We will have Santa's grotto, tombola, raffle, mulled wine, games, stalls, face painting, cake stall, refreshments and much more. Free entry, donations welcome.

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Friday 25th November
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1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Star Radio Drive with John Clayton
1900-2200 - Dancing Through The Decades
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 26th November
0600-0900 - Wes Stakes
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock with "The Mystery Years"
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1800 - Craig Andrews
1800-0000 - Dancing Through The Decades

Sunday 27th 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

Monday 28th to Thursday 1st December
0600-1000 - Star Radio Breakfast with Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Star Radio Drive with John Clayton
1900-2200 - The Evening Takeover
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Radio House - Woodland Road - Darlington - DL3 7BJ
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Aycliffe TOWN CENTRE

Santa Letters
Our Magical Post Box will be set up in various locations, so look out for it, around the Town Centre from the 3rd December 2016 and every child that sends a letter to Santa will receive a personalised reply before the big day.

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

Wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LIGHT UP HEIGHINGTON PUDSEY AT WOODHAM FOR KIERAN MAXWELL

From 8am on Tuesday 29th November to 10am on the 30th November the road below bus stand running across West green towards the Bay Horse will be closed to traffic. A 40' trailer generously donated by Allinson's transport Darlington, will be reversing into this road some time during the Tuesday so it is important that this small road is kept clear during this period. We apologise for any inconvenience but the Trailer is to be used as a stage for Kieran's Carol Singing fund raiser. During the afternoon of the 29th bollards will be put down the main road through Heighington to keep it clear so vehicle parking will be restricted. Villagers should all walk to the event and if you have to drive, please car share. BBC television, ITV and BBC News are expected to be there and is an indication the interest shown in our neighbourhood and beyond so whilst the Village has lit up for Kieran can we do more?

The Carol singing Tuesday night on the Green is going to be a night for all to remember. The Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowden and Ron Hogg, Police Commissioner will join us. Amy Tinkler, Olympic Bronze medallist is also coming along and Santa Claus from the Polar Express to meet the children. Michelle Chadwick has arranged for Cockerton Silver Band and Darlington Operatic Society to set the atmosphere for the night and lead the singing. Light refreshments will be served in the Village Hall courtesy of the Village

Hall Assoc, Heighington & Redworth WI's and Homemakers. All responded magnificently to the challenge only eight days before the event. All contributions of tea, coffee, cakes and scones, will be gratefully received - simply drop them off in the Village Hall after 4.30pm on the 29th November.

Please bring torches to 'Light up the Sky' for Kieran and use them for your own safety given the night will be dark and the Green is far from even. Also wrap up and wear sensible footwear.

The evening's Carol Singing is Michelle Chadwick's response to Kieran and his family who have asked for donations to his Ewing's Sarcoma Research Trust.

Michelle has performed miracles in organising this

event in so little time. Through her wonderful efforts she has managed to enable people to show their feelings, admiration and respect to the brave, courageous and tenacious young man, Kieran.

Tuesday is about bringing the community together to enjoy an evening of carols and raising money for Kieran's Research Trust. To date costs associated with Tuesday night is zero. Food, trailer, generator, village hall and the time given by volunteers is free of charge so please help by giving generously. A collection will be made, cheques should be made out to Ewing's Sarcoma Research Trust.

Do not forget the Village Hall Association has organised a Carol Singing session with Santa Claus coming into the village to meet the children on

Friday evening at 5.45pm. This event has been organised for some time so do come along and support the Association who are working hard to provide events to bring our community together and at the same time keep our Village hall looking so good.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee

Wednesday Talks in Heighington

Talks take place on the first Wednesday in each month in St. Michael's Church. On December 7th at 2.30pm we welcome back the distinguished speaker Jennifer Lee who will talk to us. Her subject this time is: '50 Million Year in 50 minutes'. Admission is £2.50 including Tea/Coffee and biscuits

Students at Woodham Academy pulled out all the stops for their visit from Pudsey bear last week. The school celebrated Children In Need by organising a dress up day, a raffle for a beautiful Pudsey cake made by Chef, Linda Vipond, and a giant Pudsey bear teddy, a teachers vs students football match, a dance off and having Pudsey spend the day in school.

Students were sponsored for a range of activities including wearing onesies and pyjamas to school, a sponsored silence and two students even spent the day handcuffed to one another all in aid of the charity.

Last year Children in Need raised an astonishing £37.1 Million. Each year Woodham Academy students take part in the fundraising for the charity and are proud to contribute to the total amount. This is the 10th year the school has taken part, raising a fantastic £12,000 in that time.

Year 11 student ambassadors formed The Pudsey Team, alongside Children in Need veteran, Miss Mclean to ensure the smooth running of the day. The Pudsey Team also led the



assembly for each year group, explaining how the North East benefits from funding received from Children in Need.

Pudsey enjoyed a tour of the school, meeting fans and having his photograph taken, as well as, refereeing a football match between teachers and students at lunch time.

Behaviour and Welfare Officer, Miss Mclean, said: 'Every year all of the students get on board and make a brilliant effort to raise money for Children In

Need. This year we've had students who have raised over £100 to come to school dressed up and another who was sponsored £50 to arrange the teachers' football match. Well done to Aliyah Smallwood, Drew Dixon and Callum Whitfield and all our students who put in a fantastic effort this year!

The latest amount raised by Woodham Academy students was £500 with more money still to be counted.

£700 for Aycliffe's Cancer Support Group



On Saturday 5th November at Newton Aycliffe WMC a Fundraising Event took place and £700 was raised for Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

We would like to thank Sharon and James Franklin along with Lorraine Turnbull for arranging it all and for all their hardwork. They run "Clear and Care" Charity and sell all sorts of clothing, toys etc at a very low cost, to help those families who are struggling and living in poverty as well as raising money to support local charities like the town's Cancer Support group.

We would like to say thanks to JD & The Woodmen and absolutely brilliant band and everyone who donated raffle prizes.

The next Meeting for Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is Thursday 1st December which will be our Xmas Party, where we will have food and refreshments as well as enjoying Sugar Crafting.

We will also welcome a new PCSO Faye who is popping along to introduce herself. We meet at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre at 6pm on the 1st Thursday of each month except Jan and Aug). For more information you can see us on our website www.greataycliffecancer-supportgroup.co.uk or you can call Allison on 07762 258696 or her secretary Sharon on 07944 187877. Any new members wishing to come along to our group can just turn up on the night, but if you would like to meet up prior to the meeting please call us and we will make sure you getting the right help and support



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Best Ever PCP Christmas Craft Fair & Family Day



On Saturday 19 November Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) hosted its annual Christmas Fair and Family Day at the Pioneering Care Centre. A fantastic 636 people visited the healthy living centre in Newton Aycliffe – making it the best attended yet. A variety of local stallholders sold candles, cosmetics, jewellery, knitted crafts, woodwork, cards and more. A local choir sang carols from the rafters and visitors took a break from shopping to enjoy seasonal snack in the Mall Coffee Shop. Families also enjoyed the festive foliage decoration workshop and designing Christmas biscuits, both delivered by Colour your Life. Carol Gaskarth PCP Chief Executive said “We were very pleased to see so many local residents enjoying themselves at the fair, and would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to all the supporters who came along and created such a great atmosphere! Thanks to our local MP Phil Wilson for coming along and also to the Mayor Jed Hillary for selling some of his handmade products in aid of his nominated charities. The staff, volunteers and stall holders did a fabulous job as always and Santa went down a treat too. If you came I hope

you had fun and bought plenty of festive gifts - I certainly did!” The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) team attended to gather local resident’s votes on priority areas and where council money should be spent locally. If you missed them you have until 13 December to vote. For further information about PCP visit the Pioneering Care Centre, tel: 01325 321234, email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre.

HILL FARM ADVENTURE

ACORN Residents group are off to Hill Farm on 10th December for a fun packed day with rabbits, goats, sheep llamas etc and the indoor play area. The famous bearded character will be there to chat with children. A few seats are available and a £5 donation is required to cover the bus, entrance fee, soups and a roll, a hot drink and a selection box. Ring Ken on 321471 or 07835 786668.



CIVIC QUIZ

This year’s Bishop Auckland Civic Society’s Annual Town Quiz will take place in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 7th December at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people - £10 per team entry - are invited to pit their wits against quizzical quiz master, Glynn Wales, to raise funds for this very worthwhile cause - The Riding Centre for Special People, based at Escomb. A Pie & Pea supper will be available to buy - and the bar will be open. Entry forms are available from the Town Hall.

Prompt Action by Durham County Council

Dear Sir,
I would like to place on record my thanks to the County Council’s emergency response team who were contacted at 10pm on Monday 21st November after I was made aware of a tree that had come down on Dalton Way in the storm. The road was blocked across one side of the carriageway, causing a significant hazard. The response team came out in the middle of the night, in high winds and driving rain, with a chain saw to clear the pavement and road. A job well done, that deserves our thanks. Jed Hillary
County Councillor

P.A.C.T. Meeting
Police And Community Together

PACT Meeting for Neville Parade & Simpature Ward will be held on Tuesday 29th November at 6.30pm at Simpature Court. PCSO Michael Crawford will be attending to discuss any issues local residents may have. PACT meeting for West Ward will be held on Thursday 1st December at 6:00pm at Burnhill Way Methodist Church, Sid Chaplain Drive. PCSO Steven Gill will be attending to discuss any issues local residents may have.

FOLLOW US ON

Honest John Collects £340

Honest John’s Community Kitty wish to thank Tesco Management and staff for hosting a collection for the fund in their store on 20th November. Customers were very generous and John and Valerie collected £340 during a six hour stint and the thank everyone for their support. Their next collection will be on Christmas Eve, outdoors, opposite the Job Centre

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Council Meeting - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, and its Committees.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-Ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council’s Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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Film Show

“BIG EYES”
The “Feel Good Film Show” at St. Clare’s Church on Tuesday 29th November features the 2014 biographical film “Big Eyes” starring Amy Adams and Christopher Waltz. It tells the amazing true story of an outrageous art fraud in the 1950’s and 1960’s when it emerges that a famous artist isn’t the artist at all, his wife is. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

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25th November 2016

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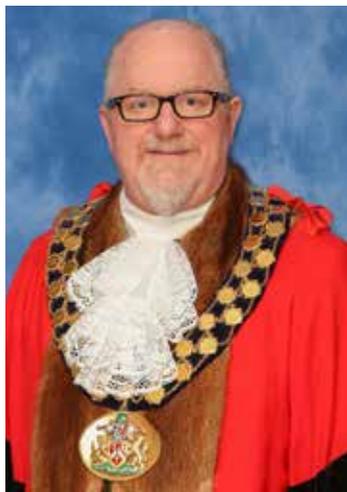
MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As the evenings draw in and winter approaches, we naturally think of the coming festive season. This is a time of year when we reflect on the past and look forward to the future.

Since taking office as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, I have been honoured to meet so many of our townsfolk, members of the business community and visitors to the town. The common message that comes across in conversation is how pleased people are with Newton Aycliffe; how it is a clean environment; and how vibrant the flower displays are on our main routes within the town. I have been most impressed by the positivity and enthusiasm that is shown by so many people, especially our younger citizens. The civic calendar started on a sombre note with the funeral of former Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Ernie Elmer. This was followed a few days later with an interview for Tokyo TV, who were excited about the opening of the Hitachi Rail manufacturing site. It's quite amazing to think that only six months later, the first completed train will be leaving Aycliffe.

My chosen charities this year are The Rifles Care for Casualties; Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre; and Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association. I would offer my sincere thanks to the Newton News for advertising the various fund raising events in support of my charities. I would also like to place on record my thanks to officers and staff of the Council without whom the various events would not take place. It would be remiss of me not to mention that the firework display was superb this year, with a change of firing point giving much better views of the pyrotechnics. The Remembrance Parade was once again well attended, in this the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. The sacrifices of so many have benefitted us all in so many ways.

Looking forward, there are great things on the horizon for Aycliffe. The town continues to grow, with planned development of new homes on the former equestrian centre site, on the edge of Woodham Golf Course; and on the eastern side of the A167 at Copelaw. Refurbishment of the Leisure Centre will shortly be completed with the library moving into its new home on the site. A replacement school is planned for the Vane Road site, and development has only recently commenced on an extension to the Business Park, that could create up to 3000 new jobs in the future. I offer my thanks to the emergency services, our service men and women, and those caring for others who will be working on our behalf during the festive season. May I take this opportunity to offer Yuletide greetings to all Newtonians and wish you all a peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2017.



Councillor Jed Hillary
Mayor of Great Aycliffe
2016 - 2017

SANTA'S COMING

Check Newton News Christmas issue on Friday 16th December for routes and times of Santa's visits, also Newton News Website (www.newtonnews.co.uk) or Great Aycliffe Town Council / Oak Leaf websites (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) from mid December. Please remember, because Santa and his helpers don't know how many people will be out to see him, the times are only a guideline.



Santa will soon be touring our streets,
Ringing his bell and giving out sweets.
Sadly, some roads are a 'no-no',
So be ready and waiting to hear his ho-ho
At the corner if you can -
Listen for the music from his van.
Tell him how you've been good all year,
As that's the news he likes to hear.

Whisper the gifts you'd like to receive,
With any luck he'll deliver these.
His reindeer friends will be having a rest,
So a truck he will use, as that's next best.
Rudolf and co will be out later that night
With sleigh piled high, what a wonderful sight!
Our Santa teams wish you all the best
Be happy, keep safe, at this Christmas fest.

FORTHCOMING MAYORAL EVENTS

MAYOR'S CIVIC & COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY, 20th DECEMBER 2016



Councillor Jed Hillary will be holding his Civic & Community Carol Service in St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 20th December, commencing at 6.30pm. The Mayor would like to invite you to join him on this Festive occasion. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Service in the Church Hall.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY 2017

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner to be held at the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club at 7.30pm.

Entertainment and dancing will follow the dinner and the event will conclude at midnight. Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £30.00 each.

Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Mayor's nominated charity: "The Rifles Care for Casualties"



LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that all of the boys and girls from Newton Aycliffe can post their letters to Santa.

When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa replies to about 800 letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, so he is very busy and has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.

We have been told that the post boxes will appear on Monday 5th December at the following locations:

- ⊗ Post Office Beveridge Way
- ⊗ Post Office Neville Parade
- ⊗ Horndale Post Office
- ⊗ Woodham Post Office
- ⊗ Joy Marie Hairdressers Aycliffe Village
- ⊗ McColls Newsagents Simpasture



The boxes will disappear on Monday 19th December, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered right up to noon on 23rd December. Santa has a special e-mail address:

Santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk and the website address is: <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html>



THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Monday, 26th December 2016

Tuesday 27th December 2016

Monday, 2nd January 2017

Councillors & Staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

GREAT AYCLIFFE 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.



It may only be December, but some people are already planning what they will be doing in July next year. These people are the Festival Organisers, those amongst you who are arranging an event near you for the annual Aycliffe Festival.

The aim of the Festival is to involve local groups, businesses and voluntary organisations, to encourage people to organise an 'event' within the time-frame of the Festival.

The dates for 2017 are 14th – 30th July inclusive, so there is still plenty of time to apply for a grant for an event for your own community.

It doesn't have to be something the size of Glastonbury, it doesn't have to cost a fortune. Your event can be something really simple that would appeal to the people in your community, a board games day, a treasure hunt, a nature walk etc. the possibilities are endless.

Even if you don't need a grant, you can still benefit from our advertising campaign by letting us know about your event.

We will organise training and support to help you with any problems or queries you may have with the organisation.

Any event will be considered, large or small, indoor or outdoor but it must be held in the Festival period in Aycliffe. If you are thinking about organising an event or just want to talk it through with us, contact Marie Robinson on 01325 300700 or festival@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is Friday 31st March 2017.

Town Council to limit the Council Tax increase to 1.99% next year, despite facing further grant cuts and unavoidable increases in costs

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2017/18 financial year.

The Council's finances remain in a healthy position and in the short term the outlook remains fairly positive, with a balanced budget in place, savings continuing to be achieved in the current year, and healthy levels of balances and reserves

As a result, the 2017/18 Revenue Budget will ensure that the many services provided to the community of Great Aycliffe by the Town Council can be maintained next year.

However, the Council must also keep a close eye on what is likely to be an increasingly challenging future, and try to plan ahead now, for the difficulties that lie ahead.

The Council is reliant on Council Tax Support Grant funding paid by the Government, via Durham County Council, of nearly a quarter of a million pounds and which amounts to 15% of its Revenue Budget. It has been confirmed that this funding will be cut by 13% in 2017/18 and will continue to be reduced in the coming years, while there remains a risk that it could be withdrawn altogether at some stage in the future.

The Council is also facing a number of significant spending pressures including ongoing increases to the National Living Wage, pension contribution increases and automatic enrolment, pay awards and inflation, and increasing pressure to take on services that are being cut by Durham County Council such as flower beds.

Unfortunately, in order to maintain the Council's own services, and absorb the cuts to funding and increases in costs faced over the longer term, the Council needs to consider making a small increase in the Town Council Tax next year.

This decision has not been taken lightly, particularly in light of the on-going 'cost of living' difficulties we know are being faced by local residents, and following on from the four year freeze in council tax that the Town Council was proud to deliver between 2010 and 2013.

However, by agreeing, in principle, to limit the proposed rise to 1.99% next year, the increase in the Town Council Tax Bill at Valuation Band A would be limited to less than £3 per year or 5p per week.

This increase will ensure that all of the important services provided by the Town Council to the community of Great Aycliffe can be protected and maintained for at least another year, whilst maintaining some contingency funds to help the Council to offset some of the budget pressures faced in the longer term.

The Council is due to set its 2017/18 Precept and the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax in January next year, and we will keep local tax payers informed of future developments in relation to the budget via the Council website and in the local press.

Should you wish to have a read of the Council's draft 2017/18 budget proposals, you can view detailed information on the Council website via the following link:-

<http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/meetings-diary/past-meetings.html?y=2016&m=oct>

Detailed information on the Council's finances is also available to view on the Finance Section of the website (found within the 'Council and Democracy' Section).

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

23rd Nov. 2016	Environment	7.15 p.m.
23rd Nov. 2016	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
30th Nov. 2016	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
9th Dec. 2016	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
11th Jan. 2017	Environment	7.15 p.m.
11th Jan. 2017	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
18th Jan. 2017	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
25th Jan. 2017	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
22nd Feb. 2017	Environment	7.15 p.m.
22nd Feb. 2017	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
1st Mar. 2017	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
8th Mar. 2017	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
5th Apr. 2017	Environment	7.15 p.m.
5th Apr. 2017	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
12th Apr. 2017	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
19th Apr. 2017	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

* The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

WED, 17th MAY, 2017 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15pm

WED, 24th MAY, 2017 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15pm (*)**

(***) (N.B. – this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).

Christmas Lights Enhancement Awards

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Enhancement Awards for residential Christmas Lighting displays which portray the spirit of Christmas.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing date for applications: - Monday, 12th December 2016.

I would like to nominate the house below for a Christmas Lights Enhancement Award for its display of Christmas Lights 2016.

Address.....

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Householder Name.....
(if known)

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL 2016 - 2017



Aycliffe Youth Council elections were held in October and created lots of interest. Four additional places have been made available to the South Durham University Technology College. The Town Council is happy to report that 25 out of 26 places were filled by young people who were elected to the position of Youth Councillor.

The Youth Councillors this year are a great mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This certainly helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet.



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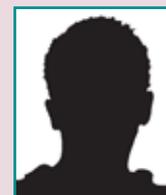
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Jessica Butterworth



Jacob Ireson



Sam Dixon



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Thomas Burn



Thomas Roberts

If you would like to know more about the Youth Council, contact 01325 300700

Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small budget available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area.

If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. The Youth Council will also need to see your recently audited accounts and/or most recent balance

sheets. The Grant Guidelines are available on the Town Council website - <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/info/council-and-democracy/community-engagement/aycliffe-youth-council.html>

Please put your requests in writing to Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF



ST. OSWALD'S PRE-SCHOOL

(St. Oswald's Park, Wren Close, Newton Aycliffe)



The children have had lots of fun over the last few weeks; they have created some wonderful Bonfire pictures which were entered into the Bonfire poster competition. They have enjoyed walking in the park looking at the changes in the environment, looking at the similarities and differences between themselves, and painting self-portraits.



When revamping our Music Area, we asked the children what they wanted in it, and a microphone was their priority. They have also helped with the decoration of the stage area. We have seen lots of lovely singing and dancing, and we definitely have some popstars in the making!

St. Oswald's is open Monday to Friday 8.45am to 3.30pm during school term time for all children from their 3rd birthday.

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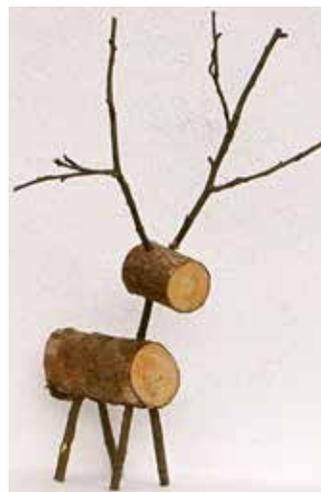
Wednesday 14th December

Session 1: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Session 2: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

This session gives local residents the opportunity to make their own wooden reindeer ready for display at home. Not suitable for children under 6 years. *This is a free event and booking is essential as places are strictly limited.*

Bookings can be made by telephone to Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.



Christmas Garlands

Thursday 15th December

Session 1: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Session 2: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Here's your chance to make your own natural Christmas Garland from locally sourced materials. One Garland per participating family. Not suitable for children under 6 years. Bring along decorations to personalise your creation.

This is a free event and booking is essential as places are strictly limited.

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Making Great Aycliffe a Safer Place



Following a number of incidents Great Aycliffe Town Council has recently successfully deployed key council staff with body worn cameras. Dash-cams will also be introduced to council vehicles over the coming months.

The aim of providing the cameras was to improve the services Great Aycliffe Town Council provide to residents and users of the Town Council facilities whilst also safeguarding staff from potential false allegations and providing evidence of any incidents.

Certain front line members of staff are now carrying the camera while on duty including the Park Patrol Team. The cameras are worn by the operatives at all times, however, they will only be activated when the operative considers there is the potential for a situation to become volatile or an incident has occurred. Body worn cameras are visible at all times with CCTV stickers prominently displayed. Council vehicles which are using cameras will also display CCTV signage.

Guidance on the implementation of the cameras and operational training to users has been provided by Durham Police Authority. Cameras have proved a useful tool on numerous occasions around the town since being deployed when they have been used to record potential incidents without any issues.

If you would like to know more about this service improvement please contact Steve Cooper, Works and Environment Manager, Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.



There is Light at the End of a Very Long Tunnel

After an intensive and at times frustrating two and a half years the Draft Plan will shortly be considered by an Independent Examiner to ensure the Plan meets the legal requirements for a future planning document for the Parish.

We are waiting to have an Independent Examiner and examination date confirmed. Once the Plan has undergone this examination - and should there be no major concerns - we will finally be able to undertake a referendum. The referendum will be a simple yes or no vote.



County Newsbits

Compiled by
County Councillor
John Clare

Type the shortened bit.ly and ow.ly links into your internet browser to go to the relevant webpages and find out more.

Last week's Cabinet meeting was important, and you will want to know about fuel poverty and flooding. Next week's GAMP meeting is considering some exciting local funding proposals, and don't forget to vote for your GAMP priorities.

COUNCIL
• Last week, my councillor-blog passed 1500 friends: bit.ly/JDClare1500
• DCC Cabinet meeting, 16 November: bit.ly/DCC161116
• DCC Environment Scrutiny Meeting, 18 November: bit.ly/DCC181116
• Fuel Poverty in County Durham: bit.ly/CDFP1116
• Flood Prevention Update: bit.ly/DCCFPU1116
• Get the latest flood information and alerts here: bit.ly/CDfloods. And follow local river levels here: bit.ly/GAEAFI
• The 'Growing Healthy' bus: bit.ly/DCCGHB
• Last week the Journal had an 8-page supplement on Durham: bit.ly/CDJournal
• Latest edition of the Visit County Durham newsletter: bit.ly/VCD1116
• GAMP Board meeting, Greenfield Arts, 6pm, Tuesday 29 November. Public welcome, but register on 01325 327441.
• Have you voted for your GAMP priorities yet? bit.ly/GAMPSS16
• Latest unemployment

figures (May 2016): bit.ly/CDU1116
• Latest local roadworks information: bit.ly/Roadworks261116
• Latest report from our MEP Jude Kirton-Darling: bit.ly/JKD201116
COMMUNITY
• Shildon Foodbank running short: bit.ly/SFRS1116
• County Durham Furniture Help Scheme Open Day, Monday 5 December at Unit 19, Chilton Industrial Estate DL17 0PB: bit.ly/CDFHSOD
• Disc's World of Work Club for 18-24 unemployed – Fridays 10am-2pm at Sapphire House, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6DS: bit.ly/WOW1116
• Durham PCVC's quarterly magazine HoggWatch is published: bit.ly/Hoggwatch1116
• Friday 2nd-Sunday 4th December, Durham Christmas Festival, Palace Green, Durham: bit.ly/DCF1216
• Make your own Korean Moon Jar (5-11 year-olds) – drop-in, 1-3pm, Saturday 3 December at Durham Oriental Museum: bit.ly/DOM31216
• Woodham Academy Christmas Fair, 10am-1pm, Saturday 10 December: bit.ly/WACF16
• Thrive Quiz night for Butterwick Hospice on December 13th at Planet Leisure: bit.ly/TBHQN

Aycliffe Lose Match to League Leaders

Aycliffe gave league leaders North Shields (the Robins) a good test, despite having 4 key players missing. Both sides tried to play good football throughout the match, but it was the Robins who dominated the first half, going in at the break 0-2 up. They came out strongly from the start, and James Winter made two good saves in the first quarter of an hour. The pressure exerted by Shields came to tell though, when on 17 minutes a good cross from the right was volleyed in by Ryan Carr. Aycliffe pressed for an equaliser, and Robins keeper Kyle Hayes made a good save on 21 minutes. Robins left-back Mark Lancaster was proving to be a good outlet, and prompted many of their attacks. Aycliffe were struggling to come to grips with the speed of the Robin's



counter-attacking style. This was punished again on 27 minutes, when another good cross from the right was turned in by Dean Holmes. Half-time

0-2. Aycliffe played much better in the second half, and had the edge. On 59 minutes, Campbell brought a good save from Hayes. Three minutes later, a handball in the penalty box led to a penalty kick. John Campbell stepped up and put the spot-kick away with confidence, for 1-2. Aycliffe were having a good spell in the game, and within a minute Scott Howes hit the post. After that, Aycliffe pressed for an equaliser, but couldn't make the breakthrough. North Shields continued to counter-attack, but couldn't reproduce the quality of their first-half crosses and finishing. The match was dominated by the midfield players, with Brian Close and Gary Ormston having fine games. Final score 1-2.

Aycliffe Drawn Home to Holders in FA Vase
Newton Aycliffe FC's reward for victory over Worksop Town in the Buildbase FA Vase is a home tie against Morpeth Town. The Highwaymen are the current holders having won last season's competition at Wembley in May. The Third Round tie will take place at

Moore Lane on Saturday 3 December with a 3pm kick off. Aycliffe beat Morpeth three times last season, putting them out of the FA Cup & winning both league games. However, their only encounter so far this season saw Morpeth put five

goals past the Aycliffe defence. Fortunately Aycliffe's form has improved since then & so the tie on 3 December looks as though it will be an exciting game. Once again the club is hoping that Newtonians will turn out to support the team.

Fun at Horndale for 'Children In Need'



Pupils at Horndale County Infant & Nursery School have been raising lots with spots! Pupils and staff have come dressed in spots with a massive assembly with fun games to raise awareness and much needed funds for Children in Need. Some children had to sit for the whole assembly with their feet in a tray of spaghetti or custard! Some had to eat a doughnut off a string with help from the school council and others had to eat a yoghurt fed by a member of staff! In this link provided (<https://www.facebook.com/180164015652000/videos/370281566640243/>) pupils had to see how many times they could splat the Head Teacher, Mr Brown, with a cream pie! He hadn't planned on this!

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GAMP Board Consider Councillors' Projects

Next week's Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) board meeting will consider three projects that Aycliffe North County Councillors John D Clare, Mike Dixon and Joan Gray have been seeking. The first is a response to increasing parking problems at the Aldfrid entrance to King's Drive. To ease parking congestion there, the GAMP Board will consider a £10,800 proposal to extend the capacity of the nearby parking bay. The second project is a £15,500 proposal to install dropped kerbs throughout the King's Drive estate. Councillors have already installed accessibility improvements into the Well House and Horndale estates, and this - along with the parking-bay and the recent transformation of the DCC-owned red tarmac areas - represents our commitment to value the King's Drive estate, and to work with residents to upgrade and improve it where we can. The third - a £21,700 project to buy and maintain a flashing speed-warning visor - will benefit the whole town, and has been supported by all Aycliffe's

County Councillors and the GAMP Community Safety Task Group. The idea came from door-knocking residents in Ryder Court and The Grange, who are worried about speeding on Burnhill Way and Woodham Way, but all the Aycliffe County Councillors knew of places where speeding is a concern. One proven way to slow traffic is to deploy from time to time a flashing speed visor - whereas drivers 'become immune' to a permanent visor, temporary deployment on a rota basis cuts speeds by making drivers aware. DCC has a speed visor for the South Durham area, but it is fully-deployed. If this proposal is successful, GAMP will purchase a speed visor exclusively for Great Aycliffe and Middridge, which can then be deployed around the area on a rota basis as necessary ... hopefully saving lives by cutting speeding. The GAMP Board is meeting at Greenfield Arts at 6pm on Tuesday 29 November. Members of the public are welcome to attend, but please register by phoning 327441. County Councillors John D Clare, Mike Dixon, Joan Gray

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Grants up for Grabs in National Tree Week

There are just two weeks left to apply for a grant of up to £150 to help make your community greener. Durham County Council is offering the cash to schools, community groups, parish councils and farmers to

mark National Tree Week. The annual event, which this year runs from Saturday, 26 November to Sunday, 4 December, aims to encourage tree planting and celebrate the importance of trees. Launched in 1975, it now sees up to one million trees planted across the country every year. Parish councils, community groups and schools wishing to undertake tree planting projects that involve children or the community, such as the planting of trees in urban parks and open spaces, memorial trees or community orchards, can apply for a grant of up to £150.

Grants of up to £150 are also available through a separate scheme to farmers who wish to plant in fields, parkland, or hedgerows or in field corners or to supplement small copses. To be eligible, the scheme must be visible from a road or public right of way and not be within a private garden or within the boundaries of a residential property.

Rebecca Beeston, Durham County Council's landscape officer, said: "We've been supporting National Tree Week since 1979, during which time we have helped make the county greener by funding the planting of hundreds of trees. We would encourage people to make the most of this annual opportunity to get planting in their local area."

To apply for a grant, contact Durham County Council's landscape and arboriculture team on 03000 267 133 or email landscape@durham.gov.uk
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One of the six team mates must leave the show after each round so if the team don't challenge their leader, they will have to go head to head with each other. This continues until only two players remain and they will play together in the final. If you think you've got what it takes to walk away with the prize pot, get in touch ASAP! BBCNorth.Casting@bbc.co.uk

AYCLIFFE JUNIORS FOOTBALL RESULTS



Aycliffe Juniors football teams had a mixed weekend with some cancellations of away games due to the inclement weather and others enjoying their home games at Sunnydale.

The Under 7's (pictured) are proving to be unstoppable this season and gained an impressive 14-2 win at Billingham this week. Alex was on top form and scored a superb nine goals and Zeke was the man of the match. The second game also saw an emphatic win and Dylan was the man of the match in this one.

The Under 9 Russell Foster league team faced Spennymoor Castles, it was a keenly contested affair. Charlie scored for Aycliffe and Jack was named as man of the match in a 2-1 defeat. The Under 9 TJFA league team hosted Darlington All Stars on the 3G pitch at Sunnydale. They opened the scoring when Jayden finished from Niall's deflected shot. Harvey scored the second and it was 2-0 at half time. In the second half two goals were conceded and the game ended 2-2. They won the second friendly game and the mornings men of the match were Harvey and Jack.

The Under 10's played away at Leven on a very wet morning. Parker, Alfie, Lewis and Jake were linking up well early in the game. Lewis' strike which hit the upright was the best chance of the first half. The second half was not the same

and the Aycliffe team slipped to defeat.

Of the Under 11 teams the TJFA league game was cancelled on Sunday but the Russell Foster league team faced Humbledon Youth on Saturday. Noah had a superb game, scoring a fine solo goal and being named man of the match. Tom A scored from the penalty spot and Tom B made a good break and finished well for his goal. Despite a great effort and performance though Aycliffe suffered a 5-3 defeat.

The Under 12's had a local derby at home against Shildon and started really well. Clark and Hillman got on the score sheet before Shildon scored a penalty to make it 2-1. At half time it was 5-1 after Clark completed a hatrick and Hume scored. The second half performance was just as good with Clark, Wilson and Talman scoring in an 8-2 win. Jacob Hume was the man of the match on a day when the full squad of 14 players were on top form.

The Under 15's were also at home and faced Kader FC this was an exciting affair. A first half hatrick from Stoker put Aycliffe 3-2 up at the break. Two more goals from man of the match Stoker then opened up a 5-3 lead. Aycliffe though let their guard down and Kader came back to earn a 5-5 draw. Neither the Under 17's or Under 23's fixtures survived the weather. We hope all teams get their games played next week.

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Sugar Hill Primary School received a surprise visitor last Thursday. Children were working hard in their normal lessons when they heard a knock on the door. In walked Pudsey Bear, to celebrate this year's Children In Need appeal, and he spent time shaking hands with the children and bringing delight to their school day. On the following day, the children wore 'spotty' clothes for school instead of their usual uniforms and raised a fantastic £385.65 for the Children In Need cause. Thank you to all pupils, parents and carers who donated and contributed to a marvellous day.

Newton Aycliffe is a Wonderful Community



Aycliffe Freemasons presenting a cheque to Nicola Maull the proceeds from a recent fundraising event. Nicola was very grateful and said how much she appreciated the help from our community since she contracted her devastating illness which has left her part paralysed. "People may call Newton Aycliffe but I have nothing but gratitude for the generosity of all those who have given me and my family their support."

KIDZ FLIX

The Secret Life of Pets Movie will be shown at KIDZFLICKS on Saturday 3rd December at 2pm. This 2016 film has fantastic reviews and is guaranteed to make you laugh. The quiet life of Max, a spoiled terrier, is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray who has taken a shine to moody Max. Will the pair ever be friends? Come along and find out!!

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OLYMPIC VOLUNTEER "3 WEEKS OF BLISS"

Unique experiences of working as an unpaid volunteer at this year's Olympic Games in Rio were outlined in an illustrated talk to Newton Aycliffe Rotarians this week by retired local teacher Bill Robson. He described the trip with his wife, Jill, as "three weeks of bliss". Bill worked in the Aquatic Centre as part of the competitor drug-testing programme while Jill was a volunteer in the Badminton Centre. The couple paid their own air fares to South America - flying out to Rio on their 40th wedding anniversary staying with friends during their time in the country. They received no payment for their services and there was no pre-event training for the work they did. The only 'perk' was their free uniforms. Despite press reports about the confusion and scandals

surrounding the Games, Bob told Rotarians: "I thought the Rio organisers did a fantastic job. I'm sure there will be huge benefits for the country". Highlight of the event for Bob was a meeting with legendary swimming champion Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time. "He showed me what a nightmare being a famous sportsman can be", said Bill. He was introduced to club members by Rtn Pat Pickersgill and thanked by Rtn Bill Tyrens. A Special surprise for Bill during his visit to the Newton Aycliffe club was a meeting with two of his former students at Woodham Comprehensive School - Rtns Brian Winwood and Gary Blenkinsopp. Bill is a former President of the Rotary Club of Bishop Auckland.

Birthday Remembrance

MOLLY JOHNSON
Birthday wishes to a very special Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother on what would have been her 89th birthday. We think of you every single day and our greatest wish would be that you were still here so that we could celebrate together. All our love, Tommy and family xxxx

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Obituary

DOROTHY CHURCH Passed away on 18th November 2016 at Lindisfarne Care Home. Peacefully in the night. Funeral Service to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Tuesday 29th November at 1.00pm
EMMERSON (nee Welsh). Barbara of Chilton Care Centre, formerly of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully in hospital on 17th November, aged 78 years. Beloved Wife of the late Edward; loving Mam of Ian and Paul; Mother-in-Law of Jackie; cherished Nana of Callum, Jack, Sarah and Ben. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Durham Crematorium on Monday, 28th November, at 10.00am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of Guide Dogs For The Blind and Alzheimers Research, plate provided at the Crematorium. At Peace.

In Memoriam

GEORGE RICHARDS 30th November 2016. It will be one year since all your family cocooned your bed and said their goodbyes. You left a huge void in our lives, tho' I smile and seem carefree, no one misses you more than me. "Your wings were ready, my heart was not". Loved and remembered always, Lily xxx
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BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. I thought of you today, but that is nothing new, I thought of you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. Now all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in my heart. Love always, your loving Wife, Agnes xxx
BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. To us you are so special, what more is there to say? We only wish within our hearts you were here today. Love you Dad. Love from David and Brogan xx
BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. In the hearts of those who loved you. You will always be there. We miss you in so many ways; we miss the things you used to say and when old times we do recall, it's then we miss you most. Love you Granda. Love from Robert, Hayley, Anne-Marie, Andrew, Adele, Orin and Andrew
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BOBBY MORRELL 26th November 2009. There's not a day that goes by that we don't think about you. Love you always Dad. Love, Roberta and Reggie xxx
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Congratulations

Joseph Dixon-Dawson
Happy 16th Birthday to a wonderful Son! Lots of love as always from Mam, Phil and Adam xxx

Jacky Langlands
Happy 50th Birthday 24th November 2016
Congratulations Jacky. A special day and a special wish just for you. Have a fabulous birthday. All my love, Scott xxx
Happy Birthday Mam We love you loads. Have a wonderful day. All our love, Laura and Aran xx

Friends of Loco Outing



Friends of Locomotion, Shildon took time out from their spit and polish routine to visit the Discovery Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne last week. In keeping with the historic theme vintage transport was provided by the Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society using their 1958 United LS coach to get the party into nostalgia mode. Friends of Discovery led a conducted tour of the reserve collection housed in the basement where the party viewed the history of electrical engineering over the last 150 years for manufacturing industry and also how domestic housing was provided with electricity. Following the tour the group took a leisurely lunch before a further hour to view the Turbinia and other iconic electrical items housed in the Great Hall.

N-Spire First Production



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CALLUM ROBB Happy 21st birthday. Love from Aunty Yvonne and Tommy xxx



GOLD FOR AIDEN



Aiden is a local 12 year old Greenfield student. He started training with Viper MMA in Newton Aycliffe earlier this year. Since starting he has gone from strength to strength, training Monday to Friday with his coach Mark Reay. Aiden also attends CSW Legit Pro-Wrestling in Stockton. His coach, Christopher Patrick Crossan invited Aiden to enter into the Junior European BJJ Championship. Aiden travelled to compete at 59.8kg and his first opponent was 68kg. Aiden lifted gold in this fight. He then went on to fight in the 12 to 13 under 60kgs category and came third. This is an amazing achievement for Aiden. Viper is a great local gym and Aiden was offered free training at the start to get him off the streets and out of trouble. His coach, Mark, really has time for the lads and puts all into keeping them right. Aiden has achieved so much and we are all really proud of him.

Youth Football Round-Up



U13's Eagles 4 - 2 U13's Falcons

Sunday morning saw the first ever competitive league fixture between both teams. The game promised to be a close affair and it didn't disappoint. With the Falcons flying high, the Eagles knew it would be a tough game, and it was. The Eagles took the lead through a fantastic strike from outside the box that lobbed over the reaching Falcons keeper. Aaron Ross was the scorer. The Eagles continued to look dangerous but the Falcons were also growing into the game. They passed the ball down the right flank and whipped in good cross that was tucked away. 1-1. That's how the score stayed till half time.

Second half saw the Falcons come out strongly and played some very good football. This was rewarded with a nice finish from one of the league's top marksmen Sam Peat, 2-1 to the Falcons. The Eagles heads looked like they had gone down so the coaches asked them to show them what they were made of. They had done so well and now wasn't the time to throw all that effort away. The lads didn't disappoint. They pushed forward and created chance after chance. Jake Fleming latched onto a through ball

and with his lightening pace, he managed to tuck the ball past the Falcons keeper. Game on! The Falcons hit the bar and had one or two other chances before the referee ruled out an Eagles goal for offside which was probably the right decision. A few minutes later, the Eagles were awarded a penalty for hand ball. Up stepped Aaron Ross to smash the ball into the roof of the net. 3-2 to the Eagles. Following a few changes, the Eagles substitutes looked hungry and ready to get into the action. Reece Dawson showed unbelievable strength to hold off 2 Falcons and coolly finish making the final score 4-2 to the Eagles!

What a game to watch and the main winner today was the football club. Difficult to pick a man of the match today but for the Eagles it went to Dylan Bowater for his midfield performance, and for the Falcons their man of the match went to Lewis for his craft and composure in the last third.

U14 Eagles 3-3 Hartlepool Warriors.

Today we asked for the continuing improvement that the lads had been showing. It wasn't fully there in the first half resulting in Hartlepool taking a 1 goal lead at half time. Talk was brief just try

harder and the game would be theirs.

The Eagles had listened and scored three goals to lead 3-1! Then the unthinkable happened and with 20ish minutes to go, the Eagles pressed the panic button and somehow looked like losing a game they were comfortable in.

2 good goals by Hartlepool had Aycliffe scrapping for a point, but they got it. First point of the season, so again an improvement. Goals Jake x 2, Tyler x 1. MOM was Jay.

U14 Falcons 5-1 Great Ayton

In a reversed fixture the Falcons played outstanding TEAM football which involved ever single member of the squad, played to tactics and selections that saw them bag another 3 points. The Falcons battled through an even and competitive first half that saw both sides level at 1-1. At HT, Aycliffe spoke about their tactics and how they needed to pressure and close down more to win more possession and create opportunities to score. The lads didn't let the coach down and each and every Falcon gave 100% and delivered everything asked for with Captain Spencer O'Sullivan leading by example with a bullet header and a Man of the Match performance, possibly the best ever in a Falcons shirt. Goals: Adam Askew x 3, Jack Birbeck x 1, and Spencer O'Sullivan x 1. A massive thanks to Sam Pascoe for refereeing at short notice and to everyone involved in a memorable victory. This victory has now moved the Falcons top of the league!

For more information about our FA Charter Standard Community Club, visit our website www.nayfc.com or telephone our club secretary Berni on 07939 045242.

Running Club News

On 5 November club runner Mark Wade participated in Hellvellyn 10k trail race, which is part of the Lakeland Trail series. The conditions on the day were cold but sunny; ideal running weather. Mark completed the race in an impressive time of 37:39 and placed 2nd overall.

Four members of the club turned out for Tees Trail Winter 5k at Billingham Beck Sunday 6 November. It was cold and wet when they arrived and the course was quite muddy, but the runners still enjoyed it once they got going. Graham Atkins was 1st home for the club, placing 22nd in the excellent time of 20:37; followed by John Burnside, 38th in 21:45 and 1st in his category of male over 60. Alan Wilks was next to cross the line, and 58th in 23:04; followed by Kelly Smith, 118th in 28:02.

Club runners turned out for the Tees Trail Winter 5k race at Cowpen Bewley on 20 November. This was also the Gavin Duffy memorial race so attracted a big turnout. Conditions were very muddy. John Surtees was first home for the club and 3rd overall in the time of 18:34; followed by Mark Wade, 9th overall in 19:32; John Burnside, 59th in

23:46 and 1st in his category of male over 60; Michelle Zamir, 59th in 23:52; Tracy Surtees, 79th in 25:20; Cyd Upton, 88th in 25:48, and Dave Blewitt, 90th in 25:53.

Also on 20 November club runner Graham Atkins participated in Wooler trail half marathon. The day was great running weather with blue sky, sunshine and a cold zero degrees. The race incorporated 590 meters of climbing and was hard going. He completed the race in 2:13:11 placing 14th overall and placing 2nd in his age group of 50 - 60.

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Rotary Club's Annual Street Tour with Santa

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe will be out with Santa's Sleigh in the areas shown on the following dates, each evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. They will be collecting to provide Christmas Hampers for needy families, an annual event which also involves a collection in Tesco.

- Monday 5th - Heighington
- Tuesday 6th - Woodham
- Wednesday 7th - Cobblers Hall
- Thursday 8th - Neville Parade
- Monday 12th - Simpasture
- Tuesday 13th - School Aycliffe
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