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RETIRED POLICEMAN MEETS MINI POLICE ON SITE OF FORMER POLICE STATION

Last week a retired policeman from Newton Aycliffe was presented with an epaulette by the Mini Police at his new home, St Clare's Court, built on the site of the old Town Centre station.

Maurice Kay (85) was joined by his family to meet the Police and the Mini Police from Sugar Hill Primary School. Maurice told the children all about his career over the years in Newton Aycliffe and they later presented him a framed epaulette with his collar number on.

Maurice joined the police cadets aged 16 for two years. At 18 he was called up for National Service but returned to the police at the age of 21 as a constable. He did his round on the beat for five years and then became a traffic officer for ten years. Maurice later went on to join the special force until he retired in 1981. Care Home Manager, Andrea Blades said: "It was a pleasure to welcome our friends from Newton Aycliffe Police and the Mini Police to St. Clare's Court to meet Maurice. It was a very touching moment when they presented him with the epaulette with his collar number on and we all enjoyed hearing about the history of



Back: PCSO Daniella Jones, Cathy Leg Teacher, Sugar Hill School. Middle: Jack Greenwood, Cameron Bell, Emma Ainsworth, Maisie-Ann Elliott-Cummings.
Front: Maurice Kay with PC Simon Schoffield.

our care home site." St. Clare's Court on Central Avenue opened in October this year. The 58 bedroom, purpose-built Helen McArdle Care home provides residential, dementia and respite care, and has been designed to offer a unique living space, purpose-built to ensure that residents have a high quality of life and that they receive the very

best care. Facilities include: ensuite bedrooms with shower and some with doors out into the garden, a hair and beauty salon, a community room and beautiful landscaped gardens. On 9th December, residents and staff will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society at their Elf Day Coffee Morning from 10.30am - everyone is welcome.

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This Christmas gift offer is thanks to the generosity of donations from people our community. A total of £140,000 has been generated over the last nine years, which is fantastic, thank you all.

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Turkey Buns & Chips

Messy Church at St. Clare's celebrates with GLITTER HEAVEN on Saturday 10th December. A fun filled afternoon where through stories, craft and celebration we remind ourselves of the reason for the season! Painting, sticking, card making, cooking and of course lots of sparkle and glitter. Open to all families we start at 4pm prompt with doors open for registration from 3.30pm, ending with hot turkey buns and chips with jelly and ice-cream.

So come and pull a party cracker and spread some festive cheer - a fantastic time is guaranteed, a £2 donation covers craft and tea costs. Please come along, all are welcome - no membership required, no age limit - just come! Youth/Children St. Clare's is a contact page.

Football Club Support Kieran



Kieran Maxwell (centre) with Heighington F.C.

What a fantastic but very emotional day was had by all, when Heighington FC met with a very brave and inspirational young man Kieran Maxwell, fighting the disease Ewing's Sarcoma.

He's also trying to raise as much money as possible and is doing a fantastic job, so after a £200 donation from the football club, on a presentation cheque kindly donated by Newton Press, along with a shirt with his name on the back, we managed to get a cheeky photo as readers will see above.

We would like as many people in the Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas to help Kieran achieve his goal. You can do this via Kieran's facebook page or you can contact Heighington FC and we will gladly pass on any cheques and donations received.

There was also a big gathering at Heighington Village Green on Tuesday night at 6pm for Carol singing, all to raise money and awareness of Kieran's fund, where you will also see the Police Interceptors. Please support Kieran - Search for Kieran Maxwell Legacy, click about, then click the link at the bottom of the page.

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Police Appeal

Police are appealing for information after a 13-year-old boy was knocked over by a mini-motorbike at the boating lake in Newton Aycliffe.

The incident occurred at around 3.55pm on Monday, 28th November near the small wooden footbridge close to Honister Place, Newton Aycliffe.

The boy was making his way from school on his pedal cycle when the rider of an off-road mini-moto drove along the footpath and collided with him, knocking the teenager from his bike.

The rider failed to stop and made off eastbound from the collision, leaving his victim on the grass verge with injuries to his leg. The rider is described as male, around 5ft 9 inches tall with a black t-shirt on, he was wearing a full black bikers helmet with visor. The mini-moto is described as green and black in colour with black numbers on the side.

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Thursday 8th	11am - 5pm
Friday 9th	11am - 5pm
Saturday 10th	11am - 6pm
Sunday	Santa Returns to the North Pole

The cost is £3.00 per child (proceeds to our National Charity Partnerships Diabetes UK and BHF), each child will receive a present from Santa and the opportunity for their parent / guardian to take a photo with Santa and his helpers.

Greenfield's Fabulous Artwork for Shildon Railway



Students from Greenfield Community College and Shildon Youth Group 'Teen Spirit' have been working alongside local artists to create a visual legacy for passengers to enjoy on the platform at Shildon Railway station.

The project which is funded by BASH and is being developed by Greenfield Arts has not only provided a stunning collection of public art it has also provided a platform for young people to develop and voice their ideas through creative learning. The young people have been working with artists Nicola Golightly and Laura Degnan to shout about the many merits of the town and in particular, the significance of the railway,



helped along by 'Friends of Shildon Railway'. Teacher Lauren Braithwaite along with Year 9 art students from Sunnydale campus began the project with a brief to explore the past, present and future of Shildon and the

students rose to the challenge showing creative flair and a real interest in the history of the town.

Nicola has also been working with Lucy Mann and members of the Shildon Youth Group 'Teen Spirit' who have made a wonderful contribution to the project. Project Manager Nicola Golightly is thrilled with the progress they have all made, "it's been great to work with the young people of Shildon and see their positivity and determination to have an active involvement in a piece of public art" said Nicola.

The voices and perceptions of the students can be seen within the artwork which has recently been part of an Exhibition at the Civic Hall and was launched at Shildon Railway this week. The vibrant artwork is a fantastic celebration of Shildon and a testament to all of those involved. The launch was celebrated by an unveiling of the artwork by the Mayor of Shildon, Cllr Trish Pemberton, and a fabulous site specific dance performance from Greenfield Community College students who have been working hard with dance teacher and choreographer Mrs Dixon to help celebrate the day. Sophie Lewis, Greenfield Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator said "It was a brilliant way to celebrate the work of the young people and bring together the proud community of Shildon."

If you would like to know more about the project or about the activities at Greenfield Arts please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or check out our website on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Live Music Night for Kieran Maxwell Fund

Andrea Harrison has organised a ticket event on 16th December at The Phoenix Club Newton Aycliffe, featuring 3 great live acts. First up is Aycliffe's own Micky Richards from 7pm, followed by a young band from Newcastle 'The Byrons' and headlining the night is Aycliffe's own up and coming young band 'Metis'. There will be a raffle with prizes kindly donated by Hays Travel, Roman, Husqvarna, Game, Sunderland Greyhounds, Stan James, Tesco, Rof59, Planet Leisure, Ruff and Tumble, Middlesbrough FC, DHD Caravan Hire Haggerston Castle and Shaun Saunders. Tickets are on sale at The Phoenix Club but numbers are limited. Price £5 including pie and peas (must be purchased before 9th December) or £3 without supper. £4 on the door. Tel: 07773 275202 for more details.



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Speaking on this issue, Victoria Cheston of Newton Aycliffe Citizens Advice said: "If your tax credits were wrongly stopped by Concentrix, you may be able to claim compensation on top of receiving any backdated payments. I would encourage anyone who thinks this might be an issue to get help immediately"

If you believe your tax credits were wrongly stopped you need to go through HMRC's appeals process first, you've 30 days from being notified of changes, unless there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. being in hospital), however you can also ask for compensation if you believe your tax credits were stopped erroneously.

You can contact HMRC's tax credit office by phoning 0345 300 3900 or using its web chat service.

Should you need any help to appeal or to ask for compensation then call into your local Citizens Advice office. Newton Aycliffe CAB opening times: Tuesday 10am – 4pm, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 1pm.

Pop Star Visits Woodham

It's not every day an up and coming celebrity pays a visit to your school. For Year 7 and 8 students at Woodham Academy this day came last week when students had the opportunity to spend an hour with YouTube star and acoustic singer, Rich Cottell.

Rich, who has a social media following of over 110,000 people, has embarked on an anti-bullying tour, visiting schools around the UK for the last 12 months. The tour uses music and humour to discuss the tough subject of online bullying. Online bullying, also known as cyber bullying, is when an individual or a group of people upset, humiliate or hurt another person via the internet or digital technology. This includes emails, social networks, gaming, app, chat rooms and many more digital networks.

Alongside his management company, YellowBrick Music, Rich has been working with hundreds of students every day to communicate the impact of online bullying. The hour long sessions are designed to be engaging and something that the students can relate to. The sessions are fun and encourage students to come out of their comfort zone, but they also touch on modern types of bullying; cyber bullying. Students discussed how such bullying takes place online, how to report it and who to and the affects their actions can have on other people on the internet. Rich also discussed how to stay safe online by keeping your profiles private and only accepting requests from those that you know.

During the sessions the students were wowed with a performance by Rich and even had the opportunity to sing alongside him before taking part in the Mannequin Challenge—to see the Woodham



Academy Mannequin Challenge visit Woodham Academy's Facebook page: woodhamacademy.

The students were left to think about what they share online and how they use social networking sites. Rich explained, 'Think about what you are posting. Would you like the whole world to see the photo or status you are about to post? If the answer is no then don't post it.'

If you are concerned about online bullying or would like someone to talk to, visit www.childnet.com/young-people. If you are a victim of online bullying you can follow these steps; Block the people that causing distress. All social networks have the facility to block people and phone numbers can be blocked on your phone too.

Keep your profiles private. Don't openly give out your mobile number, email address of profile links to people you don't know.

Check your privacy settings. You can control the information that is seen by those you are not connected to by looking in the settings section on your social networks.

Save messages. If you are receiving unpleasant messages, save any evidence. Take a screenshot so you can explain what is happening. Don't reply as retaliation can often make the situation worse.

Report it! Don't deal with this on your own. There are many people you can speak to about bullying and seek advice from including family, friends, teachers and websites and hotlines such as childnet, childline and bullying.co.uk.

£1000 for Town's Cancer Support Group

The Co-op Funeralcare in Newton Aycliffe have donated a cheque for £1000 to Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. Founder Allison White said: "We would like to say a huge thank you from the group which is getting bigger meaning there are more cancer patients and their families struggling in our community".

The money will be used on social outings and courses for people to learn a hobby or interest so they can keep focussed on something positive while going through treatment.

There are several members doing a Basic IT course and just those few sessions have made such a positive impact on their lives. Its also good for when people are too poorly to work but still want to do something.

For more information about the group you can visit: www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk or you can call Allison on 07762258696 or Sharon on 07944187877

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Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 6th DEC features the 2015 romantic fantasy film by Disney Studios "CINDERELLA" starring Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Derek Jacobi, Helena Bonham Carter and Richard Madden. Plenty of romance and song, excitement and comedy to warm you up on a winter's day; a real Feel Good Film. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm.

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1900-2200 - Dancing Through The Decades
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 3rd December

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 4th December

0600-0900 - Easy Like Sunday Morning with John Clayton
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1400-1500 - Everything 80's
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AYCLIFFE DESIGN STUDIO EXPANDS

Success Story for Newtonian



After a successful freelance career, local graphic designer Adam Hill started his business in 2015 with the ambition to build a leading UK design studio offering something different.

The company opened its doors on Aycliffe Business Park with the help of a growing client base including Saks Hairdressing, Your Move and the locally based Certax Accounting. In June the company brought in a business development consultant and account manager to accelerate the growth and customer satisfaction inside the business with plans to recruit and expand in the new year.

Former Greenfield student and now Managing Director, Adam is confident in the business strategy going forward. Adam said: "Setting up the company in Aycliffe was absolutely the right decision, we are based in a growing business park with direct links into major cities to help grow our client base"

"We have had an amazing first year as a business and are proud to be based here – in the place I grew up. I never thought when I started this little over a year ago we would be here and it's all with a great deal of thanks to the companies who believed in us"

From Vane Road Primary School, Adam followed his passion for Art and went to Greenfield School utilising their fast-track program helping him secure his AS and A Levels two years early in Fine Art & Design. Following this success, he went to Darlington College as a media student and then on to Sunderland University to study Advertising & Design.

In early 2014 he started as a freelance designer for a range of agencies across the North East which lead him to establishing Creativehill in October 2015 as a North East based design studio. Since it's establishment the company has won three awards and now works with clients around the

world including Australia and the UAE.

Adam expects to grow his team over the next 12 months by bringing another designer into the business and becoming a hub for creative solutions.

Creativehill offer a range of business services including branding, design, web, strategy, communication and marketing for a diverse customer base. To launch into 2017 with a bang Creativehill re-launched their website showing the diversity of their services and clients. To find out more go to www.creativehill.co.uk or call the team of 01325 526119.

Time Running Out to Register to Vote

People who have yet to confirm or update their electoral details have just a few days left to do so.

Durham County Council's annual review of the electoral register ends next week.

Anyone who has not yet responded to the council's request to confirm or update their details must reply by Wednesday, 30 November. Even if there is no change, people must confirm their details if they wish to be included on the 2017 register.

People who are not listed on the register will not be able to vote in local and national elections, including county and parish council elections due to take place next May. Being registered to vote can also improve your credit rating.

For more information on registering to vote, call 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

Aycliffe Businesses Urged to Get 'On The Map'

Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) has launched a new campaign to gather more information on companies to enable them to put themselves 'On The Map'. The new company, officially formed with 11 board members earlier this year, has already started a number of initiatives to improve awareness of firms on the park.

The plan is to overhaul the ABPC website, with particular attention to improving the directory and news sections, and is currently going through a tender process, inviting local website firms to carry out the work. ABPC believes there could be as many as 500 registered businesses, relatively unknown. The board has embarked on an information-gathering campaign to compile a more definitive record. The main objectives of the project will be to:

- **Put businesses 'On the Map' increasing their visibility and showcasing their services to other businesses on the park.**
- **Ensuring businesses on the park are aware of the external support available and how this can be accessed**
- **Encouraging membership of the Aycliffe Business Park Community.**

South Durham Enterprise Agency chief executive and ABPC board member Steve Robson said: "This project is an obvious next step in developing the business park as a community. With potential benefits for suppliers and buyers it will support the understanding of what is both sold and purchased on the park, and further encourage local trade and the development of supply chains. This will in turn support the sustainability and growth of businesses on the Park".

As well as trying to get information on unknown businesses, On The Map is also designed to get more detailed information on existing businesses. ABPC and its board members will begin with a survey to get more information so the new database and access information can be shared on ABPC's new website.

Business Durham influenced the set-up of Aycliffe Business Park Community and continues to play a crucial role, with its business development director, Sarah Slaven, sitting on the board.

John Parnell, Business Durham's business development area manager (South) who sat on the original ABPC board launched nearly four years ago, also continues to work closely with the group.



Steve Robson (right) with John Parnell

"It's widely felt there is a need for more information on the park – who exactly is here and what services they offer," said John. I'm sure there will be examples of Aycliffe companies using suppliers from all over the country when, in fact, there will be companies on their doorstep who can offer the same product or service."

Aycliffe Business Park is the largest single employment area in County Durham and probably the biggest in the North-East, with several hundred companies employing an estimated 8-10,000 people.

- Businesses can contact ABPC to request a data form by emailing hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk

'Save' With Your Local Credit Union

Residents living in Newton Aycliffe, Spennymoor and the East Durham Rural Corridor area are being encouraged to start saving and borrowing from their local Credit Union. NEFirst Credit Union has recently been boosted by the news that three of Durham County Council's Area Action Partnerships have contributed funding towards the recruitment of a Credit Union Development Officer. Once in post, the worker will engage local residents and businesses to promote the benefits of saving and borrowing from the Credit Union.

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) contributed funding from the Neighbourhood Budgets of Durham County Councilors Eddy Adam, Kate Hopper, John Clare, Joan Gray, Mike Dixon, Jed Hillary and Sarah Iveson. Spennymoor Area Action Partnership and East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership also contributed funding from their Area Budget allocations towards the initiative.

Speaking on behalf of Durham County Council, Councillor Neil Foster, Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration, said: "Supporting Credit Unions within the county is a key priority for Durham County Council. It is hoped that once in post the Credit Union Development Officer will help promote the virtues of saving and borrowing from a Credit Union, instead of using other high interest loan providers".

Residents of County Durham are being encouraged to save and borrow from their local Credit Union, especially in the run up to Christmas. The benefits of saving and borrowing from a Credit Union can be far-reaching, for example, the Money Charity states that; "using a Credit Union loan rather than a high cost furniture provider saves on average £900-£1,200 per item, also £500 borrowed from a doorstep lender, for a school prom, could cost more than £2,000 to repay". NEFirst Credit Union can be contacted via: www.nefirstcu.co.uk or by calling 0330 055 3666



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Advent Fayre

Saturday 3rd December at 10am is the opening of St. Elizabeths at Woodham, Advent Fayre. All your favourite stalls with a festive theme and some new additions. All welcome, come to start your Christmas shopping and to taste our delicious refreshments.

Christmas Souper Lunch Party takes place on Wednesday 7th December at 12.30pm. Two Soups, Festive Puddings and Mince pies. Tea and coffee. All of this for £3.00

Please phone to book your place on 01325 789344.

COULD YOU MAKE A TWIDDLEMUFF?

Helping People with Dementia

As part of Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCP's) commitment to health improvement, staff are being encouraged to make Twiddlemuffs to support Dementia Friends, Sedgefield. Twiddlemuffs are knitted or crocheted woollen muffs with items such as ribbons, pompoms, or textured fabrics attached that patients with dementia can twiddle in their hands whilst in hospital or at home. Some have pockets attached for a hanky or photo.

People with dementia often have restless hands and like something to keep them occupied. The Twiddlemuffs provide a source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation at the same time as keeping hands snug and warm.

The campaign aims to promote relaxation, reduce stress and improve mental health through the making of Twiddlemuffs. PCP would like to open up this campaign to the local community, if anyone is interested in making Twiddlemuffs or has any items they'd wish to donate please get in touch.

The items needed are wool, all different textures, colours, thicknesses (chunky, mohair, fluffy or Aran wool is particularly good), bits of lace, ribbons, small zips and anything tactile that can attach.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief



Executive says "Participation in health improving activities at work allows individuals to develop knowledge, self-management and coping skills as well as build a social support network among co-workers, managers and family.

It would be fantastic if the community could also come together and gather as much as they can so we can make as many as we can for this terrific cause. There is a box at the Pioneering Care Centre reception to leave items. Patterns are also available on request and on our website and social media pages."

People with dementia tend to have routines and become agitated in hospital as they are out of their usual routine, having a Twiddlemuff distracts them and helps to soothe their anxiety. So by donating a small amount you can make a massive difference to someone's life."

For further information 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.

Chippy Closed - People Starving' in Wartime Heighington - Claim



Lord Haw Haw's wartime propaganda broadcast telling how Heighington's chip shop had been forced to close and people in the village were starving was reported again this week.

Rtn Jill Thompson told Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club how her prisoner-of-war uncle heard the statement while interned in Germany. (Lord Haw-Haw was a nickname applied to World War II broadcaster William Joyce whose programmes opened with 'Germany calling, Germany calling' spoken in an affected, upper-class English accent.) Jill revealed Lord Haw Haw's message as part of a nostalgic trip down memory lane based on a wealth of memorabilia discovered in her late mother's home.

It included newspaper cuttings of old stories about lions escaping in Darlington, a visit to Redworth Hall by a Russian prince, ghosts in her own back garden, an "I Spy" book from the war years and photographs of family members in knitted swimming costumes while competing in a bathing beauty competition.

Jill's presentation was one of several made by club members as part of a social meeting organized by Rtn David Hogg. Rotarians were entertained with amusing anecdotes, personal stories and experiences, and an old community song about the Peasants Revolt. David was thanked by club president Nora Scott.

Jill is pictured discussing stories in an issue of Newton News dated August 1974 with the newspaper's present editor and fellow Rotarian, Syd Howarth.

After more than 25 years of weekly Tuesday night meetings at Redworth Hall, the club has moved to Woodham Golf Club. Rotary club secretary Geoff Knapton and president Nora Scott thanked the management and staff at Redworth Hall for their long and valued support. Two projects for which the club is particularly grateful are allowing the hotel to be used as a base for a 1990s sponsored walk for the Yellow Brick Road children's charity and providing free accommodation in 2011 for a visiting team of Group Study Exchange Rotarians from Brazil.

First Show by Drama Group for Disabled

N-SPIRE is a Drama group set up by Craig Lee for people with Learning Difficulties and Autism at the Neville Parade Community Centre each Wednesday from 10:30 till 3pm.

From the demise of the Durham County Day Services Craig set this group up for the clients left without access to Dramatics. With help from Bill Blenkinsop the Community Centre gave reduced room hire so Craig was able to offer various private care companies the chance to come together to meet and for their clients to take part in Drama and Music shows.

From starting with only one person the group has grown to 12 people and are open for anyone who might just want to come to meet people and have a cuppa or for those that want to take part.

They are now in the process of becoming a not-for-profit charity group which will enable them to apply for funding for equipment desperately needed. To fundraise N-SPIRE are holding their first Drama performance at the Community Centre on 14th Dec at 1.00pm called "Lost In Love" featuring the group singing their favourite songs along with a story that we have all written.

There will be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the equipment and running costs. Everybody is welcome. "I would like to thank Honest John for donating £200 for us to receive once we get our constitution approved" said Craig.

M.P. Phil Discovers Aycliffe's Hidden Gem



Last week our MP Phil Wilson visited Stream Machine Brewing Company on Aycliffe Business Park. Visiting as part of the Small Business Saturday initiative, which highlights the success of small businesses, Mr Wilson was blown away by Steam Machine owners Nick and Gulen.

The couple only set up the business last year, and have gone from strength to strength. With things going full steam ahead, they have already had to move to a larger property to accommodate increased production.

With a diverse range of nine beers, Steam Machine supply their beers to over 60 venues in the North East, and supply

bottles and recyclable kegs to as far away as Plymouth.

Nick and Gulen opened a Brew Room earlier this year, creating a social space for locals to enjoy the hand crafted beer on offer, including Steam Machine weekly specials.

Phil said 'It is great to see a local business experiencing such success. What Nick and Gulen have created is completely unique in the area. I think we are very lucky to have such a fantastic business in Newton Aycliffe, and I hope they continue to grow.'

'The business, the beer, their hospitality is fantastic. I look forward to sampling a couple more of their beers in the near future!'

What's on at TESCO this Christmas?

Below is the calendar of events that are taking place in December in store for customers, which involve the local community and customer experience activities.

- 1st** National Food Bank Collection - All Day
- 2nd** National Food Bank Collection - All Day
- 3rd** National Food Bank Collection - All Day
Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-6pm
- 5th** Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-5pm
- 6th** Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-5pm
- 7th** Stephenson Way School Carol Singing 1.30pm
- 8th** St Marys School Carol Singing 11am
Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-5pm
- 9th** St Francis School Carol Singing 11am
Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-5pm
- 10th** Salvation Army
Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-6pm
- 11th** Salvation Army
In store Wine & Cheese Tasting 9am-8pm
- 12th** Rotary Club Collection
In store Wine and Cheese Tasting 9am-8pm
- 13th** Rotary Club Collection
Christmas Snacks Tasting 9am-8pm
- 14th** Rotary Club Collection
Customer Christmas Food Festival 9am-6pm
- 15th** Rotary Club Collection
Customer Christmas Food Festival 9am-6pm
- 16th** Rotary Club Collection
Winter Festival, Meet Santa & Reindeer 3-7pm (in the car park)
- 17th** Rotary Club Collection
Kids Christmas Craft Table 9am-6pm
- 18th** Rotary Club Collection
- 19th** Fishburn Brass Band
Kids Christmas Craft Table 9am-6pm
- 20th** Shop + enjoy FREE Mulled Wine and Mince Pies 9am-8pm
- 21st** Kids Juice and Chocolates 9am-8pm
- 22nd** Rotary Hamper Collection for delivery to needy families
- 23rd** In store sampling - Christmas Cakes & Mince Pies 9am-8pm



HOW WOULD YOU SPEND £100,000?

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 still have TWO options:

(1) By filling in the online consultation form: www.durham.gov.uk/consultation
(2) Phone 01325 327 441 to ask for a paper copy.

You have until **TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER** to vote and identify where money and resources should be targeted.

If you have any queries or would like any further

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Husqvarna Pink Campaign £2,000 for Cancer Care

Newton Aycliffe based manufacturer, Husqvarna, presented a cheque of over £2,000 to breast cancer support charity, Breast Cancer Care following a successful awareness campaign last month.

The world's leading outdoor power tool brand gave its Facebook followers the chance to win a money can't buy PINK Husqvarna 450 Rancher chainsaw, the only one in the UK, in exchange for donations. The giveaway, which took place on the day of Breast Cancer Care's Big Pink (Friday 14th October) invited Husqvarna customers and Facebook fans to get involved to help raise awareness of breast cancer in the UK by entering the name of their most inspirational woman.

For every Facebook 'Like' the competition received, Husqvarna donated £1. The post reached 1,700 'Likes' by the end of the day which the company turned into £1,700. This, combined with the efforts of the Husqvarna team in Newton Aycliffe dressing in pink for the day, baking cakes and raising money, took the final total up to £2,052.

Ken Brewster, UK Sales and Marketing Director for Husqvarna said: "We had a great time raising money for such a wonderful cause. We celebrate strong inspirational women here at Husqvarna and the day had a certain buzz about it in the office. We're happy we can help as a company and look



forward to more charity events in 2017."

Laura English-Rose, Community Fundraising Executive at Breast Cancer Care added: "We are so grateful to Husqvarna staff and customers for choosing to donate to Breast Cancer Care. The funds raised will go towards ensuring that Breast Cancer Care can continue to offer vital care, support and information to women with breast cancer, their families and friends."

Breast Cancer Care is the only specialist UK-wide charity providing support to people with breast cancer. Their free services include; support over the phone with a nurse or someone who's been there, welcoming online forums, reliable information and support groups.

For more information about

Breast Cancer Care, visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk



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

This week's GAMP meeting was very important, as is Small Business Saturday (3 December). If you are unemployed, you will be interested in the Mickel Grove Employability course, and – as always – there are some ideas for things to do next weekend.

COUNCIL

- GAMP Board meeting of 29 November: bit.ly/GAMP1116
- GATC Recreation Committee, 23 November: bit.ly/GATCR1116
- GATC Environment

Committee, 23 November: bit.ly/GATCE1116

- Boundary Commission Consultation ends 5 December: bit.ly/BCC1216
- Latest roadworks information for the Newton Aycliffe area: bit.ly/Roadworks21216
- Latest report from our MEP Jude Kirtton-Darling: bit.ly/JKD271116

COMMUNITY

- Support your local retailers on Small Business Saturday, 3 December: bit.ly/SBSDurham16
- Free Christmas E-Cards to publicise County Durham: bit.ly/EXmasCards
- Northumbrian Water Mains Cleaning, 30 November to 16 December: bit.ly/NWLMC1116
- Mickel Grove Community Hub course - Stepping Stones To Improve Employability: bit.ly/MGCHSSE
- What are your autism support needs: bit.ly/NEAS1116
- Christmas with Durham Cathedral Choir, 10 December, 7:30pm, tickets from £10: bit.ly/CaXmas16
- Toddler Trails at Hardwick Park: 'The Night Before Christmas', 7 and 10 December, 10am or 1pm, £4: to book phone 03000 262 899.
- Locomotion Museum Shildon: Santa's Christmas Special, 10-11 December, 10am-4pm, Adult: £8.50; Child: £10; family tickets available: bit.ly/LOC01216

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Suzanne McKerr took this photo of a robin living in her garden. "He is such a cheeky little fella, very friendly and was with us in the garden on Sunday whilst we were picking up leaves" said Suzanne

Marie Curie Fundraiser



Joanne Baker, Elizabeth Varley (Chair BA Marie Curie Group), and Alison Headley.

Joanne Baker, together with friend Alison Headley, organised an 18th birthday party with a difference for Joanne's daughter at The Belvedere Club in Bishop Auckland. The Northern Boys provided the entertainment and the £172 raised was donated to the Bishop Auckland Fundraising group of Marie Curie. A Marie Curie spokesperson commented how thoughtful it was for such a young person to think about supporting a worthy cause and that all monies raised would be used to provide care for the terminally ill within their own homes in the Bishop Auckland area.

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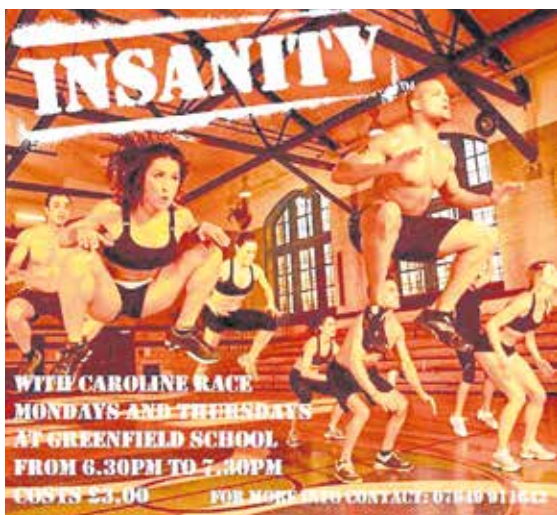
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Acorn Meeting

Our December meeting will be held on Thursday 8th in the Phoenix Club (upstairs) at 6pm. Little Acorns, our Junior Members, meet at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along to meet our local Councillors, PCSO and residents. Tea and biscuits will be available. Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Christmas and 2017 from all of the members of our group.

GET FIT FOR CHRISTMAS WITH 'INSANITY'

Why not come along to our regular fitness class which is held at Greenfield Arts every Monday and Thursday. The friendly class is run by experienced dance and fitness teacher Caroline Race who has 25 years' experience teaching



fitness and dance classes. Caroline is a great motivator who can help you get fit and feel the benefits of regular exercise.

Caroline is officially qualified to teach the popular insanity fitness programme and has been teaching the high intensity workout for over two years. Why not warm up on these long winter nights with a regular workout and a chance to meet new people.

Caroline is always keen to welcome new members and is passionate about fitness, "it's great to see the levels of fitness improve over the weeks, working out regularly has so many benefits, it's a lovely

class why not come along and give it a try!" said Caroline.

The class runs from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm every Monday and Thursday and is held in our purpose built dance studio. If you would like to know a bit more about the insanity workout you can contact Caroline on 07949 911642 or 01325 312573 or check out her website www.southdurhamschoolofdance.co.uk

If you would like to know more about our full programme of activities at Greenfield Arts why not give our friendly team a call on 01325 379 048 or check out our website www.greefield-arts.co.uk

1000th Apprentice Supported by Durham County Council

Durham County Council has just supported its 1000th apprentice, following the launch of the innovative County Durham Apprenticeship Programme in November 2011.

The scheme was set up to assist in the creation of apprenticeship opportunities for unemployed residents who live in County Durham and who are aged from 16 to 24 years.

As well as providing a brighter future for young people the scheme also highlights the benefits apprentices bring to employers.

And this month, 18-year-old Ryan Lumley from Chester-le-Street became the 1000th young person to benefit from the scheme when he secured an apprenticeship with local joiner Phil Mullen.

Ryan is also studying at New College Durham alongside his apprenticeship and said: "It is great to have the opportunity to get some hands on experience, really working on the job, while I'm studying. I've learned so much by actually doing the work I'm training for and I love being part of Phil's team."

Phil added: "It's been great working with the council on their apprenticeship programme and the support they have offered is really

helpful. We're delighted to be giving young people like Ryan the chance to put their training into practice and from our point of view it is great to be able to shape young workers early on and get them skilled-up in a way that will benefit our industry in the long run."

The council's apprenticeship programme provides an incentive to employers (from Small to Medium Enterprises or Social Enterprises) who are considering recruiting an apprentice by offering financial support as well as advice and guidance. It also connects employers with the national programme of support (AGE - Apprenticeship Grant for Employers), the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) and local training providers for further support. Continues...

Leader of Durham County Council, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "It is fantastic to see that 1000 young people have now benefited from our scheme and that more will continue to do so. We are committed to improving the prospects of the county's young people so they have a bright future. The programme is just one of the ways we are working to provide access to training for our young people as well as giving local companies the

opportunity to benefit from having apprenticeships on board.

"By offering this unique support network, the project is helping us to tackle the high levels of youth unemployment in the area, while raising the skills and aspirations of our young people."

Since launching the programme of support, the council has worked with over 480 employers, as well as colleges and training providers to promote the benefits of the apprenticeship route and to match the various opportunities with relevant individuals and employers.

A number of Area Action Partnerships have also been involved, providing funding contributions and helping to promote the opportunities to local residents.

Durham County Council portfolio holder for regeneration and economic development, Cllr Neil Foster, said: "The feedback we have received from employers and apprentices has been very positive. It is pleasing to be able to put this scheme in the spotlight, which has found places for 1000 young people from our county; it will help improve their skills and experience, improving their chances of securing long-term work in the future."

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Midnight Mass

Xcel Church

December 18th at 10.30am
Christmas Family Service
December 18th - 6pm
Christmas Production
(Ticket Only)
December 24th - 6pm
Christmas Eve
Family Carol Service

Methodist Church

Neville Parade:
December 18th at 6pm
Carol Service
December 25th at 3pm
Christmas Day Celebration
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Burnhill Way:
December 24th at 3pm
Carols around the Tree

St Clare's Church

December 10th at 4pm
Messy Christmas Party
December 17/19th at 6pm
"Lights, Camel, Action!"
(Ticket Only)
December 20th at 6.30pm
Civic Community Carol Service
December 24th:
4.30pm Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

St Elizabeth's Church

December 13th at 12.45pm
Toddler's Christingle
December 19th - 6pm
Carols in the Huntsman Pub
December 24th at 6pm
Christingle Service
December 25th at 10am
Parish Communion
Service

Harvest Christian Centre

December 18th at 10.30am
Christmas Family Service
December 24th at 6pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

St Thomas'

December 24th at 4pm
Christmas Eve Mass

St Mary's

December 24th at 5.30pm
Family Mass
December 24th at 8pm
Christmas Eve Mass
December 25th 10am
Christmas Morning
Mass

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Aycliffe Students Hear the Amy Tinkler Story

Local hero, Bishop Auckland gymnast Amy Tinkler told students the story of her journey to the Olympics at an event in Sunderland.

Amy became famous overnight after taking home a bronze medal from the Rio 2016 Olympics. The young athlete was only 16 years old when her floor performance landed her the top three score, making her only the second British female to win an Olympic medal in gymnastics.

The event, organised by Education Network was part of a competition which schools across the region

could enter to win a place at the talk and to meet Amy. To enter students had to say how Amy inspired them. Students from Woodham Academy submitted a video explaining their reasons, with their entry winning them a place at the event.

The four Year 9 students from Woodham Academy listened to Amy's story of her years of training, beginning gymnastics at the age of two and progressing on to competitions across the country and internationally before being selected for the British Team for the Olympics. Reliving the moment she won her



medal, Amy recalled, 'it was incredible. Waiting for the last score to come in felt about 4 hours long. Seeing your name alongside some

of the best gymnasts in the world was amazing. It still hasn't sunk in, I am so proud of this medal.'

When asked who she would consider her role model to be, Amy replied, 'Beth Tweddle' - someone she now calls her friend. Amy continued, 'At the moment I am focussing on training for Tokyo in four years' time. After that I would maybe like to go and work in media, like Beth Tweddle is doing. I'd like to visit schools and talk to young people and young gymnasts too and inspire them.

The students watched in awe as Amy demonstrated one of her routines before taking time to meet the students and have her picture taken. One of the winners of the competition, Jessica Cherrie, said: 'Amy is amazing, she has done so well and worked so hard with her GCSE's, her training and going to the Olympics. She is an inspiration.'

Farewell Coffee Morning at the Library

On Friday 9th December, from 10.30am until Noon, the Library is holding a final coffee morning before they close and relocate to the new library in the Leisure Centre. Open to all, come along and say goodbye to our current library with a cup of tea or coffee, and join us wearing a festive jumper to support the Butterwick Hospice's Xmas Jumper Day. It would be a lovely end to our time here, if we could raise some money for a very deserving cause.

M.P.'s Brexit Survey

Dear Sir,
Our MP had his face on the front page last week and perhaps he should have his own column? We were asked to make an appointment for his Brexit Surgery and it is nice to know he is not going against the wishes of the people who voted "out". How many people will he see in the short 3 hour period and will he be able to draw any conclusions? But then we can go on-line and complete his "Monkey" survey. From other questionnaires what has been the response? Not all of us have Government supplied laptops, phones and staff to help us in our hectic daily lives. Name & address supplied.

Buffet-style Breakfast for Children's Ward



A new buffet-style breakfast has been introduced to the Children's ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital to encourage young patients to eat something healthy at the start of the day. Two young patients, Julia, aged 6, and Taylor, aged 9, were on hand to help with the first buffet.

Matron, Angela Price, said, "We want all our young patients to have the best experience they can when they're in our care which is one of the reasons we've introduced the buffet breakfast. Children on the ward tend to wake up at different times, depending on whether they have had a good night and how unwell they are. When you're under the weather, your appetite can be one of the first things to suffer and we hope that making the buffet available for two hours each morning, between 7.30 and 9.30am will give them the opportunity to wake up in their own time, then eat when they

feel able to. Eating well at the start of the day is so important for young children and even more so when they are poorly. "The buffet includes cereal, fruit, yoghurt and toast if they want it, which we will make for them. There's also milk and juice to drink. Many of our patients have a parent staying with them, who can help with their selection, but otherwise, we will. They can either eat in the breakfast room or take a tray back to their bed. Of course, if they feel too poorly to get up, we'll bring breakfast to them."

Taylor's mum, Sharon, said, "This is a great idea and a good way to encourage the children to have a nice breakfast and to choose what they would like. Taylor was admitted last night and was quite tired this morning, so it was reassuring knowing he could have breakfast when he wanted it and that the choices are all healthy. I hope he doesn't expect a buffet at home!"

Free Community Concert



Don't miss the annual FREE Rotary Club Community Christmas Concert to be held in the Leisure Centre on Tuesday 13th December from 1pm - 2.30pm. Choirs from our local schools provide the entertainment and it is a very heartwarming occasion. The audience also get the opportunity to sing popular carols and Christmas songs. The Rotary Club has organised this event for nearly 30 years and warmly invites everyone to come along to take part in this pre-Christmas Community Concert.

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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.

Christmas Event in Aycliffe Town Centre

Saturday 3rd December

In the Marquee

We are creating an indoor event using a 225 person marquee. Access limited to 'golden ticket winners' - **Listen to Star Radio**.

There will be music piped outside the marquee as well as inside. The event is anchored by TWO tribute acts: **Bruno Mars**, award winning tribute act who was complimented by Bruno Mars himself also appearing is **Rob B. Williams** who will be our event closing act.

Christmas will be the theme of the day and our overall event is a

'A Celebration of Christmas'

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3 the Magic Number... Funding for Defibrillators in England by BHF Uninsured Vehicles Seized



Three students studying on full-time engineering courses at South West Durham Training (SWDT) have recently been successful in securing apprenticeship at PSP and Cepac.

All 3 apprentices joined SWDT in September to gain skills in their respective fields within engineering and have already been snapped up by companies who are new to working with SWDT and who were looking to strengthen their workforce. Linton Hollins aged 16 from St Helens, Bishop Auckland, attended King James Academy until June last year and started his practical training in fabrication and welding. Linton has since secured an apprenticeship with PSP in Shildon who manufacture rain screen systems and metal fabrications. Alfie Willetts from Ferryhill and Thomas Watson from

Barnard Castle, both aged 16, have recently gained maintenance apprenticeships with Darlington based corrugated packaging supplier, Cepac.

SWDT has a great relationship with new and existing companies based in the region due to its 50 years of experience providing students with the skills they require to progress on to an apprenticeship.

We are currently recruiting for our next intake of full-time students who to start with us in September 2017. We are currently offering courses in Machining, Fabrication & Welding, Electrical and Maintenance.

Come along to our next Open Evening on Tuesday 13th December from 5-7pm to find out more about our courses and the centre or contact Kirsty Haden-Collier on 01325 313194 for more information.

The British Heart Foundation are delighted to have been awarded a further £1m from the Department of Health to make public access defibrillators and CPR training more widely available in communities across England.

Applications opened on Friday 11th November and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

There are three packages available:

1. A free public access defibrillator, CPR training kit and a cabinet
2. A free public access defibrillator, CPR training kit
3. A cabinet to improve accessibility to a current defibrillator

The defibrillators available are the ZOLL AED Plus and the iPad SP1 and the cabinets offered are Aivia 200 and DefibSafe2. Both cabinets are provided unlocked and without key-codes and we are unable to consider requests for alternative versions. The CPR kits provided are our Call Push Rescue training pack. These contain enough equipment to train 10 people at a time. Anyone can watch and learn how to do CPR in less than 30 minutes. All you need is means to watch the educational film

either on a DVD or online and some space to practice in.

A maximum of five packages can be requested per organisation.

The funding is available in England only. Successful applications must demonstrate:

- That the defibrillator will be accessible to the public, preferably 24/7
- A commitment to train the local community in CPR
- A clear need for the device such as high footfall or a rural location

Replacement defibrillators will not be funded.

Applications must be made online. The local NHS ambulance service is required to provide extra information about the local area before the application form can be submitted and subsequently assessed.

For more information go to: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/>

NEW MEN'S GROUP

'Men's News and Brews' is the name of a new social group Wellbeing for Life are starting up at Woodham Community Centre on Thursdays between 9.30am and 11.00am.

The group is for local males to meet and discuss news, views or simply catch up over a cuppa with friends. The group is free and attendees will have access to free newspapers, tea/coffee or juice, men's health information/activities and volunteering opportunities.

The Wellbeing for Life service provides support to people to live well in County Durham, by helping to address the factors which influence their health and build their capacity to be independent, resilient and maintain good health for themselves and those around them.

The wellbeing approach goes beyond looking at single-issue and instead aims to take a whole-person and community approach to improving health. The service operates within the 30% most deprived communities in County Durham making a difference to the individual and their sense of community. The Wellbeing for Life Service are supporting and promoting the health and wellbeing of men in County Durham by offering advice to live well, by helping to address the risk factors which influence their health.

Wellbeing for Life runs courses in the community and Health Trainers support people on a 1-1 basis to enable people to be independent, resilient and maintain good health for themselves and those around them.

To book your place, please contact Simon on 07584703814. For further information on the Wellbeing for Life service and how it can help you contact freephone: 0800 8766887 or visit: www.wellbeingforlife.net, Facebook: @CountyDurham WellbeingForLifeService

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This funding follows the Government's commitment to invest a further £1m to improve defibrillator availability as announced in the March 2016 Budget.

We will be supported in the management of this project by a network of charities and organisations concerned with improving the UK's low survival rate from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, including Arrhythmia Alliance, the Resuscitation Council (UK), the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, NHS England and the Department of Health.

86 uninsured vehicles were taken off Cleveland and Durham's roads during a week of action targeting those flouting insurance laws.

The national operation, ran by the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) and the National Roads Policing Intelligence Forum, took place between Monday 17th October and Sunday 23rd October. Those drivers found without insurance face six penalty points on their licence and a minimum fixed penalty of £300 each.

Nationally, the MIB estimates that 1 in 38 vehicles on the UK's roads are being driven uninsured.

Chief Inspector Graham Milne, from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "Taking part in this operation means that there are now 86 drivers who are not on the roads of Cleveland and Durham using uninsured vehicles. Those found to be without insurance now face six penalty points on their licence and a hefty fine."

"It is really disappointing that we still see uninsured vehicles being driven on our roads despite our warnings and our message to any uninsured driver is that they will be caught."

"The results that we have seen have wholly supported our view that we need to continue with these initiatives to reduce the number of uninsured drivers on our roads in order to keep other road users as safe as we possibly can."

Every week in the UK around 3000 uninsured vehicles are seized under police powers to tackle the issue.

Aycliffe Ju-Jitsu Club Thrives



A successful International Ju Jitsu course with Australian and Italian instructor proved to be a big hit.

Congratulations to Sensei Trevor Forsyth for gaining his 5th degree black belt, Sharon Bridge, Mark Robson and Martyn Butterfield for gaining their 3rd degree black belt.

Also congratulations to the lower grades seniors and juniors who graded. The course after the gradings was enjoyed by everyone and the juniors loved the games and interaction.

Newton Aycliffe Ju Jitsu runs on a Monday night from 5:40 for little ninja's and juniors, and from 7:30pm for seniors at Greenfield Community School in the gym. Everyone is welcome. Please come along have a go - your first night is free for all ages.



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Can you give an old dog a new home?

Pippa is one of Dogs Trust Darlington's golden oldies. She is a 13-year-old Crossbreed who is currently living with a foster carer as part of Dogs Trust's Home from Home fostering scheme

Pippa was recently returned to Dogs Trust because her owner was no longer able to care for her. She is a very sensitive girl who will take her time getting to know you, however she really comes out of her shell once she does and will be your friend for life.

This lovely lady would prefer a quieter home, with a family who are willing to shower her with attention. She may be older but this certainly hasn't slowed her down as she is still very active. Her ideal family would have no other pets as she prefers human companionship and likes to soak up all the attention for herself.

If you think Pippa could be the one for you, please visit him at Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Friday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm and 12pm-7.30pm on Thursdays. It is closed on Wednesdays. Or to find out more about Cyril or any of the dogs at the centre, go to www.dogstrust.org.uk or call 0300 303 0292.



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

Wednesday 14th - Bluebell Way

Thursday 15th - Silkin Way

Listen for the music and bring your children out to meet Santa.



Youth Football Round-Up

This week saw some of Newton Aycliffe Youth's games called off due to the weather conditions. Thankfully some of the fixtures were able to be played either at other venues or on the Sunday.

Newton Aycliffe U8's Eagles 3-1 Byers Green Merlin's.

Great game which showed lots of determination after the opposing team came out playing long balls straight from the keeper. This worked for them once leaving us 1-0 down at half time. Second half Aycliffe changed tactics a little and this didn't take long to pay off after Will found himself in a little bit of space to slot home a great goal.

1-1 and with Aycliffe's heads held high and a few hard tackles taken from Byers Green, Aycliffe's team pulled together and scored their second goal through Will, his second of the match. The last 5 minutes saw Adam slot home a fantastic finish and 3-1 was how it finished. Well done Trystan, Edwin, Adam, Will, Jack and Faith.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 9s 4 - 3 Chester le Street Hoops

A good game although Aycliffe didn't play at their best, but managed to score 4 goals. Moore Swainston was asked to play in goal again as Thomas was not available and he was Man of the Match. Aycliffe went 1-0 up with a well taken goal from Jake Laheney Clark, a second followed from Alex Bellwood who is showing he knows how to finish.

Chester battled hard and



deservedly got a goal back. 2-1. Half time came and Peter, the Aycliffe manager, asked everyone to up their game as Chester kept looking for an equaliser. Declyn Nelson scored a long range lob over the keeper to put Aycliffe 3-1 up. Chester came back at them 3-2, then after some good play from Tyler Percival and Jake, Alex scored again to make it 4-2. Once again Chester came back and got a third with seconds to go. Final score 4-3. **Barnard Castle 1 -1 U10's Eagles**

Another couple of cracking games of football despite losing five players at the last minute to a virus, the lads who turned up put in a good shift. Aycliffe started the game well and created a good chance but

Barnard Castle quickly upped their game and started making a lot of chances, but credit to Dan who made some cracking saves: 0-0 at half time.

In the second half, Aycliffe started well, playing some nice football ending in a really good team goal scored by Jack. It was an even game after that with chances at both ends, but looked like Aycliffe would hold on for the victory until Barnard Castle popped up and scored the equaliser with practically the last kick of the game. The lads came off the pitch downhearted but the Aycliffe manager told them they could be proud of their performance. Man of the Match - Jack

In the development game there was a lots of lads playing in different positions and it was

another exciting game with Barnard Castle taking an early lead. Aycliffe battled hard and they equalised, and then went in front. Barnard Castle equalised twice more to finish the game 3-3, Goals from Dan, Noah and Jack. A couple of assists from Joey, and Laughlan was like a rock at the back. Man of the Match - Sam.

Newton Aycliffe U10's Girls 5-0 Easington Girls. Saturday morning saw a bright frosty start in Peterlee, for a game against Easington. The girls played well, putting together good passes and working as a team. Easington worked hard in defence and their goalkeeper on excellent form, kept thwarting Aycliffe's chances.

Eventually a breakthrough, and Imogen scores. Heads lifted, and Aycliffe continued to hound the Easington goal and their efforts were rewarded by another goal from Imogen. Any breaks from Easington were swiftly dealt with by our experienced defenders. A run up the wing and good passing again found Imogen scoring to give her a hat-trick. In the second half, an ever busy Heidi found the net for her goal and later in the half an ever improving Lily poked in a rebound (well watched). The girls grow in confidence every week and always give 100%. A good win!

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.

Aycliffe Junior Football Results

Aycliffe Juniors footballing exploits continued with further matches enjoyed over the weekend which saw the Under 7's winning our first title of the season.

The Under 7's wrapped up their first league title with a 4-2 win away at Stranton FC. It was their toughest challenge of the season so far. Dylan's hatrick and Alex's goal secured what was an impressive and hard fought win. They lost the second friendly game with Dylan and Oliver named as the mornings men of the match. The Under 9 Russell Foster league team were playing North East Sports United at Castle View Academy. They didn't start well and Jack was called upon to make a great save, shortly after though they went 1-0 down.

A great team goal involving Noah and Jay was finished by Jake and it was 2-1 at half time. Charlie had one effort disallowed and then shot wide but the next goal went the other way. Lucas scored a great diving header for Aycliffe and the final score was 3-2. Jake Smith was named as the man of the match.

The Under 9 TJFA league team hosted Spraire Lads in a top of the table clash. It was 0-0 at half time despite some great passing play from James, Connor, Jayden, Dom and Niall. It was a very tight affair and the visitors scored first with Aycliffe going close through Harvey. There was no further score and this game ended 1-0. The second game saw a 5-2 win and the mornings men of the match were Dan and Jack.

The Under 10's were away to Hartlepool based Saxon Juniors. Jake had a great early run beating two defenders and he was inches away from opening the scoring. After a couple of errors saw the team go behind Jake hit a lovely free kick but was denied a goal by the cross bar. Zak came on and got one goal back but as Aycliffe pushed for the equaliser two more goals were conceded in a 4-1 loss. Of the two under 11 teams it was just the TJFA league side playing this week. Middleton Rangers visited Sunnydale



for this game and the Aycliffe team were in good form. Jacob scored from the edge of the box and Jake P doubled the lead before the break. In the second half Lucas and Charlie both scored and Jake P converted a penalty to make it 5-0. The visitors got one back before Jacob and Charlie scored again in a 7-1 win.

The Under 12's lost 2-0 away to top of the league Saltburn and the Under 15's drew 1-1 against Cargo Fleet.

The Under 17's hosted Middleton Rangers and stormed in to a 2-0 lead with

Jamie and Kieran on target. A sloppy period before half time saw the visitors draw level at 2-2. In the second half Kieran scored from the penalty spot and Lewis added another in a 4-2 win.

The Under 23's were in the quarter finals of the league cup away at Peterlee. A terrific strike from the hosts after 35 minutes opened the scoring and then a penalty doubled their lead. Aycliffe got one back but could not find the equaliser and it ended 2-1 with Liam Craggs named as the man of the match.

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Happy Member of Town Badminton Club

Dear Sir,
A recent letter invited "other people" to write in and share their experiences of Aycliffe Badminton Club. I would like to add mine if I may.

I went along one Friday night in 2015 and was immediately made to feel welcome. Whilst it is true that after 6 visits the club will decide whether to ask you to join or not, this is due to Badminton England rules on insurance and it is important to

maintain a good night for all as the club only uses 4 courts and doesn't really have room for raw beginners. There are however other opportunities in the area for players starting out to get involved and learn the basics before joining a competitive club - maybe this would be an option for 'PK'.

It was not long before I was playing in Ladies and Mixed Doubles matches against other clubs in the area. We even got promoted to the "A" Division in the local League at the end of my first season - not a bad achievement after not playing for years!

During my first year, the rest of my family joined the club after hearing the positive experience I had, and the friendly welcome received, getting them off their chairs and active again - It's quite a family night.

I feel it is such a shame that 'PK' feels the need to negatively affect a club that is run solely on volunteers trying to build a community activity that provides both health and social benefits to the local area. I suggest instead that positive encouragement of any organisation trying to promote these benefits should be actively welcomed.

We currently have very few ladies down to club nights, perhaps due to negative comments such as those of 'PK' discouraging them from trying something new. So, any sporty ladies (or gents) out there get yourself along as it is Newton Aycliffe's only Badminton Club, and we need to support it in every way.

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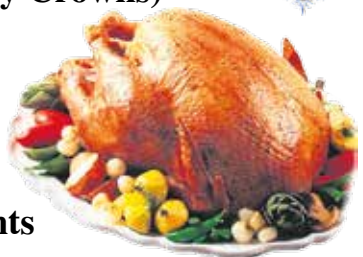
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AN EVENING WITH MEDICAL EXPERTS

The latest in a series of free events hosted by a local NHS Trust for its members will focus on two key services. Experts from County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust will discuss how they look after patients in need of intensive care and the changing role of palliative care in modern medicine. Consultant in intensive care medicine and anaesthesia,

Dr Matt Wayman, said, "In intensive care, we're looking after people who are very ill, which often involves collaboration between specialists from several areas and highly trained nurses caring for patients on a one to one basis. Often there is a lot of equipment around the patient which can be very alarming and distressing for relatives, who may also be coming to terms with the shock of finding their loved one so poorly. Patients themselves

often only find out how unwell they have been, and for how long, as they begin to recover. Helping them through this shock and the start of rehabilitation is a key part of our role." Consultant in palliative care, Dr David Oxenham, said, "Care at the very end of life isn't a subject most people want to think about but there comes a time in everyone's life when medicine, and the role of the doctor, is much more about care rather than cure or treatment. Palliative

care starts to be relevant at this time. Many people think of palliative care as something which is only important to people with cancer or at the very end of life whereas palliative care helps many people with other illnesses and sometimes for months or years.

"I'll be talking about how thinking about palliative care earlier and talking about decisions in advance may be really helpful."

The free event is on Wednesday, 7 December 2016, 6.00 – 7.30pm, at Prospect House, Aykley Heads Business Park, Durham. It's aimed at those without a medical background who want to find out more, including anyone considering a career in health care. Trust membership is free to anyone over 14, living locally and there will be an opportunity to become a member, on the night. To register for a place or find out more phone: 01325 743625 or email: cdda-tr.foundation@nhs.net

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Jude Kirton-Darling MEP and Paul Brannen MEP have raised concerns about evidence given to their consultation about what the North East requires from Brexit negotiations. The event, held at the Centre for Life on Friday, was a public event to allow members of the public to ask their MEPs questions about Brexit and its implications for the future of the North East. It was raised that German students studying at a North East university have recently asked one of their tutors which pubs in Newcastle are safe to speak German in, after several recent incidents of hostility towards them on public transport.

Figures recorded in August showed that the North East had the highest increase in hate crimes since the referendum vote, an increase of almost 110%, and incidents on public transport were a particular increase, with the British Transport Police recording a rise of 44%.

Jude Kirton-Darling MEP said: "We have a reputation as a welcoming, warm people and I'm appalled that the reality for some coming to the North East has been the exact opposite. The North East should be a safe place for everyone to live, work and study, and the evidence we are seeing from our consultation is that this simply isn't true. Prejudiced comments and public hatred do not represent the North East I know, and more must be done to combat the rise of bigotry on our streets, in

workplaces and on public transport," Paul Brannen MEP said: "It is very important that the North East does not become unwelcoming for foreign students, especially as EU students in the North East generate £82m a year for local economy"



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For those who are not be able to make their way to the venue there will be a free bus service which can also accommodate wheelchair users to be provided by John Angeletta. Gloria Cox whose idea it was to host the event said: "I wanted to give something on Christmas day for those people who don't have anyone to spend the day and when you can feel more lonely than usual. It will also provide a pleasant environment where families can relax and enjoy Christmas Lunch cooked by a professional chef".

Alan Joyce who will be preparing the meal has over 25 years experience as a chef and has a 5 star hygiene rating. He said he is looking forward to giving something back to the community. Sarah Cox owns Aycliffe Tyres on the Business Park and will be providing the funds for this great event. "We are happy as a business to donate to such a great cause and hopefully make

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Photographic Exhibition



Alan with his wife Sue of 45 years, former Aycliffe Teacher

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UKIP VISION FOR THE NORTH EAST

The likes of Tony Blair, Jeremy Corbyn need to be reminded as they screech about the need of a second referendum, that the people were never consulted over the question of freedom of movement and were never asked if they wanted their communities 'enriched' by multiculturalism, nor were they given the chance to vote on whether they wanted to see their local hospitals and schools buckle under the pressure of uncontrolled immigration, which has been encouraged and supported by Labour in Britain over the last two decades.

The people of Britain were asked if they wanted to remain or leave the EU and it was a resounding Leave vote that won the day. These pro EU politicians should respect this decision as the people would have been expected to respect a Yes vote had it gone the other way. Statistics from The Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford state that between 1993 - 2014 the foreign-born population in the UK more than doubled from 3.8 million to 8.3 million.

The very fabric of our society is being torn apart by uncontrolled immigration, hospitals are failing, schools are buckling, infrastructure is declining and the possibility of home ownership is now a fantasy for millions of people.

Maybe people should remember that it was the Labour party that have engineered all this using the same political genius that gave us the Iraq war.

I would like to draw attention to UKIPs vision for the North East outlined in a new publication which covers employment and manufacturing, fishing and agriculture, affordable energy, a fair immigration system, transport and infrastructure (upgrading our roads and railways), replacing EU funding, education and innovation getting a fairer deal for our children in the classroom and a fairer deal for working parents, bringing back apprenticeships that

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You can read this publication in full by visiting the following link <http://www.ukipne.org/vision/>

If you are interested in joining UKIP, please contact your local Sedgefield branch for details or contact johngrant@ukipsedgefield.org. John Grant

GALA SHAKES THINGS UP FOR PANTOMIME COW

Visitors to a Durham City milkshake parlour were left in udder disbelief when their shakes and ice creams were served up by a friendly pantomime cow!

Milkshake the Cow, one of the stars of Gala Theatre's upcoming pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, popped into Split & Glory Ice Cream Parlour and Milkshake Bar to lend a hand.

And not content with just meeting the customers, Milkshake got behind the counter to help serve up too! But Milkshake will be back to the day job on the Gala Theatre stage when Jack and the Beanstalk opens on Thursday 24 November and runs until Saturday 7 January.

As the cow of the Trotts - Jack, Silly Simon and Dame Trott - Milkshake gets caught up in the now infamously bad trade, where he is exchanged for some 'magic' beans.

But there ends the traditional tale and in true panto fashion, the story takes a number of twists and turns, including asking audiences to check their tickets in order to discover the fate of the friendly cow.

Director Neil Armstrong said: "Everybody loves a pantomime animal and Milkshake is a really friendly looking cow that we're sure the audience will love. We've got him doing all sorts of fun bits throughout the show, but we couldn't resist the temptation to get



him out to his namesake bar at Split & Glory to meet the public. There were some pretty shocked faces when he came in but everyone loves him too, especially the kids, so it was great fun." Jack and the Beanstalk is the Gala Theatre's fastest-selling pantomime and is on course to become Durham

City venue's best-selling show of all time with over 28,000 tickets already sold. Tickets priced from just £10 can be purchased from the Gala Box Office in person, by calling 03000 266 600, or online at www.galadurham.co.uk

Obituary

EARLE PHYLLIS aged 89. Peacefully in hospital on 22nd November 2016. Beloved Mother of Richard, Helen, Janet and Robert; dearly loved Grandmother of Jason, Wesley, Helen, Laura, John, David, Michelle, Julie, Lisa, Matthew and Daniel; dearest Great Grandmother of sixteen.

WOOD. 23rd November, peacefully at home. Terry, aged 80 years, loving and much loved Husband and soulmate to Trish; beloved Dad to Linda, Jimmy, Terry Jnr. and Brian; devoted Granddad to Sarah, Shannon, Lewis, Joe and Christopher; a dear Father-in-Law to Kat. Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral on Tuesday 6th December. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe at 11.00am followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu may be given in aid of The British Heart Foundation or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

ILLINGWORTH. Joan, of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 26th November, aged 92 years. Beloved Wife of the late Derek; much loved Mum of Dianne; also a devoted Nana and Great Nana. Forever in our hearts. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Darlington Crematorium on Friday, 9th December, at 1:15pm.

HUNTER. Edward Rowell. Peacefully at home on 25th November. Eddie, aged 88 years. Beloved Husband of Marjorie; much loved Dad of Wendy and David; loving Grandad of James, Sam and Joe and a loving Brother to Lilian. Funeral Service and Cremation to take place on Tuesday 6th December in Wear Valley Crematorium at 11.00am. Friends please meet at the Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the families chosen charity, a collection plate will be provided at the chapel.

In Memoriam

Stephen Ibinson

Special memories of Stephen (Ibbo). A dear Son, Husband, Father, Brother and Uncle. Died 16th April 2009, aged 33. They say that hearts don't break but we know it's not true, the day God took our Son away, it broke our hearts in two. There will always be a heartache and often a silent tear, but always beautiful memories of the days when you were here. A beautiful life came to an end, you died as you lived, everyone's friend. Till we meet again Son. Mam and Dad

BRIAN MAGEE 2/11/1936 - 5/12/2015. 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

BRIAN MAGEE 2/11/1936 - 5/12/2015. A year has passed since you were taken away from us so quickly. We miss your happy and smiling face every day and nothing can stop the pain, if only we could see you again. All our love Dad. Daughters Susan and Julie; Sons-in-Law Dennis and Billy; Grandsons Tony and Wife Maddie, Ross and Luke

JEAN CARTER 6th December 2015. Your presence we all miss, when we talk to you, but our thoughts are always in our hearts. The wonderful family you saw grow up and the memories which you left us with we will never forget. Your name is always there, with our love from Martin, Andrew, Samantha, Oliver, Emma, Ian and Phoebe xxxxx

JIM ROBINSON 3rd December 2006. It's been ten years but you are with us always. We miss you very much. We still love and miss you. Loving Wife Chris, Daughter Shearee, Granddaughter Paige and Boys David and Paul

Crafter's Companion in the Christmas Spirit

Crafter's Companion at Horndale Avenue, is helping its customers get their festive shopping underway with its first ever Christmas Fair. On December 11, the company's store will be giving visitors the chance to buy gifts from a number of specialist crafters selling artisan goods including wood carvings, patchwork quilts, knitted toys, handmade cards, home accessories and cakes.

The fair will also include a Crafter's Companion stand where the team will be selling this year's craft inspiration pieces to raise money for their Charity Foundation.

The foundation was set up in 2016 to support local charities. The proceeds Crafter's Companion makes from the event will be donated to the organisations it supports.

There will also be a Christmas grotto where children can meet Santa Claus and receive a special gift. Sara Davies MBE, founder said, "Christmas is an amazing time of year and we want to hold a special event for everyone to enjoy. Craft is getting more and more popular and it really is the perfect way to give friends and family unique gifts they'll love"

"We hope our regular crafters and people from in and around Newton Aycliffe will come along, have some festive fun with us and help us to raise some money for some amazing charities."

The event at the Aycliffe store will run from 10am until 4pm and is free to attend. Entry to Santa's Grotto costs £2 and pre-booking is essential, you can book your place at www.craftercompanion.co.uk/aycliffestore.

The Aycliffe store opened in May 2016 and includes themed shopping areas, a coffee shop, a central hub for workshops and two dedicated demonstration areas. The store also operates an ongoing community engagement programme and runs a regular events programme.

Thank You

JULIE DURHAM Big thank you to everybody who made my 50th birthday amazing. Being taken out, Lumley Castle, trip to New York and Dublin and the beautiful cake, pressies, cards and flowers. Love always, Julie xxxx

Congratulations

Joanne Fahey (nee Degnan)



Happy 50th Birthday
Love from all the family
xxxxxxx

Look who is 40! Stephen McIntosh



Have a wonderful birthday. Good luck for your future career. Life begins at 40! Love from Mam, Dad and Family

David Thomas



Happy birthday to a special Husband, Dad, Grandad, Father-in-Law and Brother on his 70th birthday

Well Done Kayleigh Atkinson



For winning the beauty pageant at Hampshire on 26th November. Winning best photographic, best smile, natural beauty and best dress. Coming away with "Mrs Sensational UK", crown and sash. Lots of love Mam, Dad, Liam, Col and Jess. Dress sponsored by Couture Heaven, Newton Aycliffe. Good luck in "Mrs Galaxy".

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5 - 1 VICTORY FOR AYCLIFFE F.C.

Aycliffe got back to winning ways with a 5-1 victory away to West Allotment. A hat-trick from John Campbell ensured the points & gave Aycliffe a great preparation for next week's big FA Vase game. Both sides played passing football throughout, on a good surface. It was Aycliffe who took the lead, when after 7 minutes a back-header to the keeper was intercepted by John Campbell, who put it over goalie Chris Bannon for 0-1. They went further ahead



John Campbell flicks the ball into the net for his second goal.

James Winter for 1-2. Half-time 1-2. Aycliffe came out strongly, and on 50 minutes made it 1-3 when a good passing move was finished off by Jordan Laidler, Dennis Knight getting the assist. Aycliffe made a double substitution on 64 minutes, with Close and Knight being replaced by Riley and Harrison. It was Alan Harrison who scored next, converting a Paul Garthwaite pass for 1-4 on 75 minutes. Aycliffe were well in the ascendancy now, and made it 1-5 when Campbell scored his third and Aycliffe's fifth, on 86 minutes, taking a pass from Michael Riley and finishing past Bannon. That gave Campbell 22 league goals for the season, and put him back at the top of the

Division 1 scoring chart. Final score: 1-5. This win takes Aycliffe to fifth in the Ebac Northern League Division One with 38 points from the 24 games played so far. Newton Aycliffe now move on to face Morpeth Town in the Buildbase FA Vase. The Highwaymen are the holders of the trophy having won it at Wembley in May. The Third Round Proper tie will take place at Moore Lane on Saturday 3 December (kick off 3pm). Admission is £6 adults and £4 concessions.



Northern League leading goalscorer John Campbell

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Aycliffe Karate Kids Grade



Zanshin-Kai Red Dragons class finished off the year with a roar when they took part in their third & final grade test on Thursday 24th November. These Karate kids showed great effort & technique throughout the grading & the Instructors and assistants would like to say congratulations & well done to the youngest members of our club, who all successfully gained their new belts Green belt 6th Mon: Maddison Fenton, Martha Noble, Iwo Socha, Filip Wilczyski, Adam Smith, Emma Smith, Evie Wilds & Jonah Harrop. Orange belt 7th Mon: Harrison Fleming, Ollie Fleming, Ellis Fleming, Sammy Lake, Miley Simpson, Cory Mitchell, Jaydon McGill, Joseph Hayman, Erin Sutherland & Lola Rose Giudice. Red Belt 9th Mon: Travis Alton, Maisie Cochrane, Emelia Cane, Connor Clark, Zak Hull Zanshin-Kai Red Dragons is a class specifically for children who range in ages from 5-9. The class aims to introduce children to the benefits of sport, exercise & the values of the Martial arts. All our instructors are insured, first aid trained and have undergone advanced disclosure checks with the criminal records

bureau and been cleared to work with children and vulnerable adults. We are breaking up for Christmas but will be accepting new starters in January both in our Red Dragons class & our Adult and Junior classes. For more information on Zanshin-Kai Karate or Zanshin-Kai Red Dragons call into Woodham Community Centre or telephone an Instructor on 07917 203421 / 07970 554524 / 07746 204064 or email zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk. Face book (zanshin kai karate newton aycliffe).

Williamfield Meeting

Williamfield Residents' Association meeting is on Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm in the Western Area Community Centre. We are hoping to formalise the Constitution and take things forward to access funding. Police LIVIN and Councillors will be in attendance.

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