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breakfast meeting began with bacon and sausage sandwiches, fruit with hot cups of tea and coffee presenting an opportunity for members of the business community to meet socially and talk shop.

The meeting began with a welcome by Chairperson Kerina Clarke who informed everyone how well the organisation was performing announcing an update on the ABP website, putting Aycliffe on the Map and the forthcoming Awards Dinner in March.

Other board members Rachel Townsend Green and Steve Robson covered other important business topics and this was followed by information on Durhamworks, Durham Lumiere and Aycliffe Business Park expansion. Andy Palmer from DCC



DCC Officer Andy Palmer

talked on the work being carried out at Forrest Park, near Macdonalds, explaining the reasoning behind the new Aycliffe Business Park entrance. This County Council initiative was justified by the arrival of Hitachi and the prospect of other investment at Aycliffe including the possibility of a new Rail Freight Interchange. It was clear from the Questions and Answer session that the DCC role will stop after the infrastructure is completed. Thereafter the future relied on them marketing the site to developers. When Newton News asked if any consideration has been given to providing a Retail Park at this site, they received an emphatic NO!

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Many jobseekers desperately want a job but are filled with dread at the thought of going for the interview. Would you like to learn how to make the most of your interview and get yourself that job?

Lifeline Community Action will be starting their Job Club at the PCP at Cobblers Hall on Tuesday morning from the 31st January 2017 10am – 12.30pm. The course runs for 10 weeks and part of the course will help participants to deal with interview nerves so they feel confident at their next interview. The skills covered on the course are informative and fun and designed to help people back into work, particularly if you have been out of work for a long time. Job Club coaches are aware that most people have worries about how they will cope at an interview and understand that many people get so nervous during an interview they feel disappointed after the interview feeling they could have done better or should have said things they didn't say.

The Job Club will help participants to deal with their concerns, keep the nerves in check, be happier with their interview experience and hopefully get that job. If you think you could benefit from support like this then please contact Pauline Chambers by email paulinechamberslea@gmail.com or telephone/text 07746111385. The 10 week course is free of charge and includes a light lunch and refreshments.

Town Funeral Service Helps Hospice Funds



Memories of lost loved ones have helped to raise

hundreds for hospices. Throughout every festive period, remembrance trees are erected by staff at Whitehouse Funeral Service in their reception areas.

Families are invited to write messages in remembrance of their loved ones and hang them from the trees. Their memories have helped to raise £300 for Darlington's St Teresa's Hospice and £250 for the Butterwick Hospice.

Julie Whitehouse (photo right), from the Whitehouse Funeral Service, said: "We are always amazed at the response. Some families come back year after year to put tags on the trees and often want to donate to a charity. For several years now, we have decided to support our local hospices."

"The bulk of this money was raised from the trees in our receptions at our Darlington and Newton Aycliffe branches. Some were added by our Sharing Together group, to round it up to a nice sum." The service's Sharing Together group works with volunteers to support good causes.

CRAFTERS APPOINT COMMERCIAL EXPERT

Newton Aycliffe based Crafter's Companion has followed-up an impressive year with a high-profile hire that will help the company to continue its growth into 2017. After making a multi-million-pound investment into its retail operations and doubling its headcount to 115 people in 2016, the craft supplies business has appointed experienced commercial expert John Nicholas to drive the company's expansion plans from its headquarters in Newton Aycliffe.

John will be responsible for all of the company's commercial teams, including marketing, sales and retail. His main focus will be on driving sales across various channels, developing customer experience and shaping a clear growth strategy for the company's operations in the region and beyond.

The businessman joins the company as chief commercial officer for the UK and Europe after working with its board in a strategic advisory role for 18 months and subsequently as a non-executive for six months. Crafter's Companion founder Sara Davies MBE said: "Despite economic uncertainty last year, we pressed on with our commitments for a bigger corporate HQ here in the North-East, our flagship store in Durham, a second store in Chesterfield and a major recruitment drive."

"The appointment of a professional of John's calibre will help us to continue our success and underlines our commitment to seriously expanding Crafter's Companion as a global business very much embedded in the region for many years to come."

"Having spent time with John over the last two years, I know that not only is he an astute businessman, but he understands the value of our company culture, our roots in the North-East and our commitment to staff, suppliers and the local community that we operate in."

Having worked in senior roles with Pure Collection, Hotter, Traveler and Vodafone over the last 20 years, John brings a wealth of retail experience to the award-winning organisation. His notable career achievements include taking a business from a £30million turnover to £100 million in just four years.

Commenting, John said: "I have witnessed the progress of the Crafter's Companion business over the last few years and I've been very impressed by the culture and the growth opportunities that exist. It's a great example of the potential that the North-East business community has."

"We have fantastic people and very loyal customers,

which is a great foundation, and as a truly multichannel retailer there are so many opportunities for continued expansion."

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Livin is asking the County Council for permission to demolish 14 Garages and take away the Green in Armstrong Close to provide five new 3-bedroom houses. This has happened elsewhere in the town where garages have been allowed to fall into disrepair, rather than rent them out.

The residents of Armstrong Close and St. Oswald Court are objecting to the plan, collecting signatures and support to block the scheme. "It is bad enough to lose garages, but to lose a green where children play is unacceptable and parking problems will be worse when people who use

the garage will be forced onto the roadside", said a spokesperson.

It is noticeable that Livin do not mention the loss of the Green in their application.

Vehicles that park there already present a problem to large lorries such as Bin

Wagons and Emergency vehicles who at times have to reverse all the way out as there is no room to turn.

Objections to the application have to be lodged by e-mail by 6th February to: planning@durham.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning

Department (South West) County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL.

Local Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary have registered concerns on the following grounds:

1. A loss of public green open amenity land that generations of children have safely played on, in the vicinity of their own homes.
2. The applicant has given no consideration to the loss of existing parking facilities, and exacerbation of problems associated with off-street parking. Within the local vicinity there are existing parking problems with no vehicle access to the residents of St Oswald's Walk and Hutchinson Walk.
3. There are already considerable access issues with large delivery vehicles/bin lorries in this area.



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Macmillan Cancer supported me through reassurance, hugs and smiles. They even agreed with me that I would provide protein shakes to build my Mam up! Their lovely gestures were a breath of fresh air and the only contact we had to the outside world, whilst we remained in our cocoon.

I decided to run the marathon as it helps me keep her memory close to me. It reminds me of her determination never to give up and pushes me to achieve. Most of all I wish to make her proud.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS KEEP MUMS IN WORK

New research reveals a third of today's working British mums would have to give up work if it wasn't for the support of school breakfast clubs.

Describing the mornings as 'tiring' and 'stressful,' just a fifth of working mums and dads claimed they found time to enjoy breakfast with their children, with nearly 60 per cent ranking breakfast clubs as 'very important' for their families survival and routine. The Kellogg's study, 'The Parent's Lifeline', which looks into the role school breakfast clubs play in the lives of working families, showed how stretched families are also relying on breakfast clubs to provide adequate childcare.

More than a quarter (27 per cent) of parents feel the absence of a breakfast club would mean at least one parent would be forced out of work, however it is mums who will bear the burden (33 per cent).

Interestingly one in five recognised the cost for alternative morning childcare would mean they would have to tighten their purse strings,

with nearly 20 per cent of parents claiming they save more than £50 every week by sending their children to breakfast clubs.

The survey of 2,003 working parents showed how it isn't just 'squeezed' families who rely on the clubs.

A quarter of top level professionals admitted they needed breakfast clubs to help juggle childcare, with nearly a third of public sector managers and office workers using the clubs as a life line to get to work on time.

Lifting the lid on the stressful home lives of Britain's parents, the study showed how the fast-paced modern dynamic leaves more than half failing to provide their children with a week day breakfast.

Interestingly fathers are still relying on mum to organise the kids in the mornings (29 per cent) despite both parents going out to work, with double the amount of mums left 'stressed' when attempting to organise breakfast at home.

Megan Jarvie, Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the Family and Childcare

Trust argued breakfast clubs are not just about ensuring children have an adequate meal in the mornings but also providing busy families with much needed support.

She said: "Breakfast clubs are about much more than just cereal and toast in the morning – our research shows that breakfast clubs can help children do better in school and beyond, can help parents commit to their job's work hours and can provide working families with the support they need to manage a work-life balance in modern Britain.

"Too many families are struggling to access childcare that meets their needs, but extended schools services like breakfast clubs can help fill the gaps when there is not enough out of school childcare available. They help boost outcomes for children from all backgrounds and support parents to work."

Despite Brits becoming increasingly health focused, working mums and dads are still letting their busy day get the better of them.

Many parents admitted they offered their children bribes to get them out the door on time – with 20 per cent handing out the biscuits and 17 per cent opting for chocolate and sweets instead of breakfast.

Kellogg's has been supporting breakfast clubs in schools for 18 years providing funding, cereal donations and training to a network of 2,500 Breakfast Clubs across the UK.

Dave Lawlor, UK managing Director for Kellogg's, added: "Recent research has shown eating breakfast improves educational attainment.

"However it is not just children who benefit, Breakfast Clubs are also a vital resource to help working parents, saving millions in childcare costs and delivering benefits for employers across the UK.

"They are a lifeline, particularly for those parents on lower incomes.

"However it isn't just the financial benefits, interestingly the report showed parents who take advantage of breakfast clubs are, on the whole, more likely to feel happier and calmer, with 59 per cent saw a boost in wellbeing."

AYCLIFFE FIRM EXPANDS AFTER WINNING NEW CONTRACTS



Photo: Gary Finley (left) with (left to right) Mark Reynolds, Brett Hartland, Steven Dykes and Mike Dowson.

SCH Site Services has taken on 10 new employees after winning a raft of new contracts. SCH has added four new office staff, three new site employees and added three to its in-house fabrication team, boosting employee numbers to 45.

SCH is working with McAlpine on projects at the Gates shopping centre in Durham, the Durham branch of City Electrical Factors in Meadowfield and the Student Union buildings at Leeds University.

SCH has brought in Mark Reynolds as technical

manager, Mike Dowson as trainee estimator, Brett Hartland as draughtsman and Steven Dykes as trainee draughtsman.

In addition, SCH has added one new painter, a new machine operator and a new plater/welder to its fabrication team as well as two erectors and one foreman to its site team.

Managing director Gary Finley said although he's still concerned about a skills shortage, and is still looking for good skilled staff, he's happy with his recent recruitment boost.

the Gates, managing the site and steel erection.

Finley added: "It has been a very encouraging, busy period, especially for this time of the year. A lot of enquiries are coming in and a lot of jobs are being priced in the North-East, which is a positive sign.

More projects are being awarded to SCH because of their ability to deliver complex work – getting steel into awkward places and in and around existing buildings and they are confident in winning more jobs this year.

Formed in 2006, SCH first operated as a crane hire company with four mobile cranes and four drivers working for local companies, but it grew into steelwork and in 2011 recorded a turnover of £325,000.

After moving into new premises in 2012, sales grew to £2.2m and then £3.43m before hitting £4.1m in 2013, £4.1m in 2014 and £4.5m in 2015, while staff numbers have more than doubled to 47 in the last five years.

As well as Sir Robert McAlpine, SCH include Hall Construction, B&K Structures, Wates Group, Interserve, Peikko and Balfour Beatty among its impressive client list.

For more details about SCH, go to www.schsiteservices.co.uk or call them on 01325 327149.

"We're delighted with our recent additions to the team after trying very hard for a long time to get numbers up," said Gary. "We experienced a slight dip in the middle of 2016 when, we dropped to around 35, but now we're up to the biggest number of employees we've had since the company was formed 10 years ago.

"The skills shortage remains a concern and we're continually looking for staff, both on site and in our fabrication team, but we're certainly happy with the team we have together at the moment and we're hopeful 2017 is going to be a positive year for us."

SCH is working with sister company Finley Structures at

Cold Calls Prompt Police & Fire Warning

Police are reminding elderly or vulnerable people not to feel pressured into signing up for products or services if they receive a telephone 'cold call'. The warning comes after a number of elderly residents in the Teesdale area reported receiving calls from one company in particular trying to sell them security or fire alarms for considerable amounts of money.

While there is no suggestion the company concerned has done anything illegal, police and fire chiefs say some people may be vulnerable to the sales tactics and easily persuaded to sign up for a system or device they do not need, or cannot afford.

"Businesses are perfectly entitled to try and drum up trade, but judging by the reports we have had a number of people feel the

tactics being used are quite high-pressure," said PC David Williamson from Barnard Castle police.

"We are concerned that some people may be vulnerable to this kind of approach and we would urge them to seek free advice from ourselves or the Fire and Rescue service before they commit to anything."

Andrew Allison, community safety manager for County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Free, unbiased advice and practical help regarding home security and home fire safety is available from the fire service and police so there is no need to pay large sums of money to private companies who unexpectedly call you at home.

"We would advise elderly and vulnerable people, or their families on their behalf, to call CDDFRS or email to arrange a 'Safe and Wellbeing' visit with the fire service.

"During the visit firefighters and community safety officers can make an assessment, provide information and even fit smoke alarms and locks to make properties safer."

• Free security and fire safety advice can be found via - <https://www.ddfire.gov.uk/safer-homes-project>

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The residents feel that Livin have not considered the impact of this application where a large increase in traffic will be created and

more pressure on car parking in an area where problems already exist.

People who use the garages will need to park their cars on an already congested area making it impossible for large vehicles like Bin Wagons, Fire Engines and Emergency vehicles to enter. Have Livin considered where the children, who live nearby, will play when the Green has gone and used for housing?

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We have a wonderful array of toys and activities for preschool children. There is a fun craft activity every week so the children have something to take away with them and each session finishes with singing, and snacks for children and adults.

Come along and make new friends. Everybody welcome!



Carrie Takes on newEVENTure



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Social occasions are normally a chance to enjoy, learn new things and meet new people, which for a social butterfly like Carrie Howarth, are great opportunities. Having helped with many charity events, parties, meetings and church events in her youth, she went on to study Events Management at Leeds Metropolitan University, which is the Centre of Excellence for Events Management in the UK. During this time she planned events for local pubs, charity fundraisers, clairvoyance nights and birthday parties. Carrie also worked at Darlington Football Club, Northern Echo Arena organising parties, weddings, meetings, conferences, trade shows and corporate match days. This was good experience learning how to run an event that suits clients' needs.

After receiving her B.A. (Hons) in Events Management, Carrie continued to plan and coordinate weddings, launches and many other functions, whilst working in marketing, including working at Newton Press. "I returned to my passion after having my first child and I'm ready to 'Start 'NewEVENTure'" said Carrie.

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A good knowledge of the parish would be highly desirable. The ability to use Microsoft Word and Excel and to correspond by email is essential. Access to own PC required.

7 hours per week (£11 per hour).

Please email your CV to heighingtonpc@btinternet.com or send by post to:
The Parish Clerk
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School Aycliffe
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Closing Date: 14th February 2017

Wellbeing for Life Talk

Leanne Hopper health trainer with Wellbeing for Life is our guest speaker at our next Horndale Residents' meeting Wednesday 1st. February. Wellbeing for Life service is free and aims to help people to live well and maintain good health for themselves and those around them.

The staff, work with individuals on a 1-1 basis and in groups to recognize the issues that are affecting their wellbeing. They can assist with mental health issues, physical activity, healthy eating and much more.

If you would like to find out more about this vital service come along to our next meeting or contact them freephone 08008766887/ www.wellbeingforlife.net.

We hope to have your local Councillors and representatives for the local Police beat team and someone from livin. Our meetings are very informative and a relaxing and comfortable way to meet people and ask questions or report issues or ideas that affects our daily lives.

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Tesco Donate Soup Bowls



Community Champion fundraiser for Tesco, Shirley Cormack, has worked her magic once again for the Parish Church of St. Clare's, Newton Aycliffe. The Church APA, Pam Lovell, approached Shirley for help in funding new soup bowls as theirs were looking worse for wear and they were hosting this year's Women's World Day of Prayer to be held in St. Clare's on 3rd March. "Tesco donated new soup dishes and we wish to thank Shirley and Tesco management for their gift which is very much appreciated" said Pam.

FINDING DORY AT FLICKS

Come and join us on Saturday February 4th@2pm for the showing of Disney's FINDING DORY - an undersea adventure full of imagination and humour. When Dory the forgetful blue tang fish suddenly remembers she has a family which may be looking for her she sets off on an unforgettable quest to find them, meeting lots of friends along the way. KIDZFLICKS is a family friendly children's film club based in the movie hall in St. Clare's Church Hall, welcoming all children, parents, grandparents and when only costing £1, it's an affordable treat. Great value sweets and hot chocolate too. We will also be having our popular FREE PRIZE GIVEAWAY with lots of film related gifts to win. Get your free raffle ticket on entry. Doors open at 1.30pm and we have lots of room so please bring along a friend or two, sit back, relax and enjoy! Youth/Children St. Clare's

Free, Friendly Courses to Help You Feel Good!

If you are wanting to set yourself a fitness challenge or are interested in starting a new hobby whilst meeting new people, the Wellbeing for Life service are delivering some exciting new courses to suit you in Newton Aycliffe.

Couch to 5K Park Run is a structured programme led by qualified run leaders. The course started Tuesday 17 January 5.15-6.15pm at the Leisure Centre, but it's not too late to join, there's still another 9 weeks to go to meet the end goal of completing a 5k park run.

Booking is essential, please call 03000 262754 or email Lee.Bloomfield@durham.gov.uk to confirm your place.

Men's News and Brews is the name of a new social group Wellbeing for Life are delivering 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.

People can just turn up or if you would like further information contact Simon on 07584703814.

A new Craft Group is also starting on Tuesday 31 January, 2pm at the new library in the Leisure Centre. Guidance and materials are provided for people to learn new skills. Or people can take along any crafts they would like to work on in a social setting. The class aims to promote fun, friendship and feeling good!

People can just turn up or if you would like further information contact Liz on 07584703815

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

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

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: @CountyDurhamWellbeingForLifeService Twitter: @WBFL_Durham

Retail Opportunity in Aycliffe Town Centre



Are you considering starting a new retail business in 2017? South Durham Enterprise Agency and Durham County Council would like to invite you to an information session for a Step Into Retail project based within Newton Aycliffe.

The project is to enable people who are considering starting a retail business within the Newton Aycliffe area to learn about the support and guidance available to help that dream become a reality. During this session we will outline what the project will entail and how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity.

At the end of the information session you will be able to apply for the Step into Retail project to undertake fully funded advice and guidance and training sessions linked to becoming a self employed retailer, and have the opportunity to start trading

within a town centre retail outlet.

If you would like to attend please contact: Colin Jones Start Up Manager South Durham Enterprise Agency 01388 771507 email: colin@theenterpriseagency.co.uk or find us on Eventbrite to book your place. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/step-into-retail-tickets-30916857152>

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AYCLIFFE Business Park NEWS

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ENTREPRENEURS STAR AT BUSINESS AWARDS

Two very high-profile entrepreneurs are set to star at the annual business awards event in Aycliffe. Peter Wilcock and Andy Preston will be keynote speakers at Aycliffe Business Park Community's third annual Make Your Mark business awards ceremony. They'll both share their insight and colourful business careers during the black-tie event at the Xcel Centre on March 1st, which singles out the business park's stars recognising outstanding performances in 2016.

Yarm-based Peter Wilcock worked in sales for Unilever, Seagrams, In-Wear and Initial before he was one of the founding directors of Comcast UK in the 1990's. He launched Comcast UK with no customers, but left it with a workforce of 12,000 people and 6.5 million customers. He now runs Carpeo Call Centre in Swindon, and marketing consultancy Growth Machine. As well as being a conference speaker, he is a published author.

Peter is encouraging businesses to enter this year's competition. "For a business it's about profile and brand and there's a discipline entering for an award, but if you're even short-listed that creates a good reputation. I also think you can underestimate the value of awards to employees.

Andy Preston, from Middlesbrough, was a high-profile City trader and ran a \$5.5bn international hedge fund business. After retiring, he returned to the North-East where he has been involved in several charities.

The first charity he founded, in 2011, was the Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to boost communities across Teesside. Preston launched a new charity 2 years ago called CEO Sleepout, which holds events in the UK to raising funds to combat homelessness and poverty.

In December 2016 Preston launched a charity restaurant, The Fork in the Road, in Middlesbrough, providing employment opportunities for ex-offenders, recovering addicts and long-term unemployed.

Andy is chair of Tees Valley Education, a three-school academy trust which operates in disadvantaged areas. He also invests in start-up businesses and commercial



Andy Preston



Peter Wilcock

property. Preston is also urging Aycliffe businesses to enter this year's Make Your Mark competition. He said: "Success in business comes down to a range of things, but one of the biggest and most important areas is marketing and getting your message out. Entering the awards is one of the best, most effective and most affordable ways of promoting your company. ABPC chair Kerina Clark said: "We're delighted to have secured two high-profile speakers in Peter and Andy for this year's event. A lot of planning has already gone into this year's awards and we're confident it will be successful."

An independent panel of judges decide on 11 awards for this year's event, including Apprenticeships, Employer of the Year, Apprentice of the Year, Engineering and Manufacturing, Export, Heart of the Community, Innovation, Newcomer, Service Business, Small Business and Company of the Year.

The deadline to enter is Monday February 20th, and businesses can enter online easily at www.aycliffeawards.co.uk Tickets for the evening itself have been subsidised, priced just £29.95 each. Sponsorship packages are available from www.aycliffeawards.co.uk or by emailing hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 31st January features the romantic musical "An American in Paris" Starring the magical Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron in her screen debut, and music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, this film picked up 6 Oscars.

Songs like "Embraceable You" "I Got Rhythm" "S Wonderful" and "Love is Here to Stay" make it a real feel-good film, great to watch in friendly company. Tea and coffee will be served at 1pm, included in the £2. 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.

Urgent Call For Navy Personnel

Do you, or have you served in The Royal Navy, WRENS, or Marines - or are you a Reservist?

If so your local Royal Naval Association in Newton Aycliffe need you to join to keep the branch open.

If it closes the Royal Naval Standard will not be represented on Remembrance Sunday and any other official Forces occasion.

If you need more information please ring Liz on 01388 810197. We meet in the Navy Club at Bluebell Way at 7pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Great Result for Aycliffe Cheerleaders

Last weekend Nemesis Cheerleaders attended the huge International Cheerleading Coalitions Competition and entered 15 different sections. After 2 very long days of competing the Cheerleaders were placed in every single section gaining six 1st place, five 2nd place, three 3rd place, and one 4th place.

The highlight of the weekend was the fabulous 1st place Junior Cheer routine that went on to get the Grand Championship award and received a fully paid bid to the Battle of the Champs competition.

All athletes worked very hard and these are fantastic results for them. If you are interested in joining Nemesis Allstars please contact us on sarahbee83@gmail.com or message us on facebook Andrea Sarah Burke or call 07808504132

NEWTONIAN OPENS CAFE AT FISHBURN AIRFIELD

Well known Aycliffe Sign Language expert and teacher, Margaret Bain, has opened the "Aviator Cafe" at Fishburn Airfield, an unlicensed grass flying strip, close to Sedgfield - Post Code DL17 9DY

Margaret has been seeking a Co. Durham venue where deaf people can meet and socialise, and this venture will be used for that purpose, but also for the general public and airfield club members. The café is open every day 9.30am - 4pm serving hot beverages, Panini's and freshly made sandwiches. This week a Burns Night, was held with an entertainer, and other events are being organised throughout the year.

Margaret has worked in catering over a number of

years, managing and co-ordinating events such as weddings etc. She also works at Woodham Golf Club Restaurant.

She has 2 grown up children Christopher and Katie. Margaret is educated up to Degree level in British Sign Language and is a communicator and interpreter for deaf students at New College, Durham.

Other interests are going to the gym, walking the dog, and organising functions. Visitors are welcome and the Airfield can be found along the A177 taking the first turning right after the Bishop Middleham left turn. The right turn takes you up a narrow farm road which is also the entrance to the local Clay Pigeon Shooting Club.



Play Equipment for Aycliffe Village School



Aycliffe Village Primary School send a huge 'Thank you' to Honest John, local hero fundraiser who has donated £1,000 to the School for use in the Early Years' Outdoor Teaching Area. This equipment will further enhance the teaching and learning within the Reception Class which was complimented in our recent inspection.

The play equipment will enable the pupils to develop their gross motor skills and their co-ordination skills as they use the equipment. It is a valuable addition to the school grounds.

We are very grateful for Honest John's contribution and also to the PTA, which works very hard to support the school, through its own fundraising efforts. The additional funding is always welcome and enhances the education of the pupils.

Top Comedians Come to "The Tub"

The Turbinia Pub in Aycliffe have been chosen to work with top comedy promoters 'Hilarity Bites' and will be their main venue in this area. "It's a massive honour for us, and we are looking forward to hosting some of the biggest names in stand-up from all over the UK.

As we do with the rest of our entertainment the acts will be picked on quality and NOT price. Gigs will be the first Wednesday of every month, starting 1st February. This show features 3 top international comedians

John Scott: "A genuinely gifted comedian"; Adelaide Rocks: "Always plays a blinder, never hits a dry patch. People were literally in tears of laughter" - The Observer

Dan Nightingale: "Can make just about anything funny. He's lightening quick" - Time Out. "Pretty damn funny" - Fest.

Rob Mulholland: "Very, very tall & equally as talented" - Time Out. "Great delivery & confident swagger, A riot" - Lancashire Evening Telegraph

Tickets available at the venue, or online at www.hilaritybites.co.uk £5 in advance or £8 on the door. Venue open 7pm, show starts 8pm

For info on future events check Hilarity Bites website or www.turbiniapub.co.uk

This tops a great year for the Turbinia, coming shortly after becoming the only Aycliffe pub ever to feature in 'The Good Beer Guide'

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Aycliffe's UTC Principal Welcomes PM's Support

Dear Sir,
I was delighted to hear Teresa May's speech on the Government's industrial strategy today. The importance of engineering and manufacturing to the country's economic growth and jobs is frequently overlooked and it's excellent to hear that the Prime Minister both values industry and is looking at long term planning. The focus on the North East as a region of growth for advanced manufacturing is very welcome; there are many wonderful manufacturing companies which are thriving here, though perhaps they don't get the recognition that they deserve for their innovation and leadership in their sectors. The base is certainly there for significant expansion. Technical education is at the heart of a successful long term industrial plan and it's already happening! A large number of companies are focusing on giving a great start to young people through University Technical Colleges. There are 50 across the country and UTC South Durham, on the Aycliffe Business Park, is the first in the North East. It opened in September 2016 and provides an innovative education for 14 – 19 year olds. Students have joined from

29 different schools from across 5 counties and study GCSEs or A-levels alongside technical engineering qualifications. Crucially, they also spend valuable time visiting companies, on placements and engaged in industry-led projects. There is no reason why young people can't study academic qualifications alongside real, practical experiences. The UTC is open to any young person who is interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and we have spaces in Years 10 and 12 for this September. Businesses are working with us because they want to employ bright young people; we will provide the talent and skills that they say is lacking in applicants for jobs. But how can we expect a teenager to make good decisions about future career direction unless we give them direct experiences of the types of jobs and organisations they can work for. Until we do that consistently both employers and employees will be guessing in the recruitment process. We are yet to see the detail of the industrial strategy. The technical institutes will only be successful if they are integrated with the rest of the education system and properly funded for the long



term. But this is a welcome step in the right direction.
Tom Dower
UTC Principal



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.

This week you will be impressed by the DCC Cabinet and Environment Scrutiny Committee meetings, and by Cllr Andrea Patterson's Care Leavers' Challenge. Please vote for Durham Cathedral, and support our MP's campaign for Darlington A&E. COUNCIL

- DCC Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday 18 January: bit.ly/DCC18117
- DCC Environment Scrutiny, Tuesday 24 January: bit.ly/DCC24117

- Well done DCC and DurhamWorks - a heartwarming story: bit.ly/DW19117
- Cllr Andrea Patterson's Care Leavers' Challenge: bit.ly/APCLC
- Campaigning for Darlington A&E: bit.ly/MPC4DAE
- Aycliffe Business Park, Forrest 2 expansion: bit.ly/ABPFP2E
- Unemployment in County Durham: bit.ly/UCD1216
- GATC Policy & Resources Committee, Wednesday 18 January: bit.ly/GATCPR117
- Fly tipping - well done GATC: bit.ly/GATCP117
- Latest Roadworks information: bit.ly/RW27117
- COMMUNITY
- Vote for Durham Cathedral – heritage site of the year: bit.ly/DCHSOY17
- Horndale Residents' Association meeting, Greenfield Arts, Wednesday 1 February, 6pm
- PCP #TimetoTalk coffee morning, Thursday 2 February, 10am-noon: bit.ly/PCPT2TD
- Art exhibition at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, 21 January to 24 March: bit.ly/BAAE17
- Explore Tibetan Prayer Wheels with your 5-11-year-old, Durham Oriental Museum, Saturday 4 February, 1-3pm: bit.ly/DOMTPW

Two Groups Helped by Honest John

Hi Syd

Just to comment on an amazing man we have living in Newton Aycliffe - Honest John. Making donations to charities and helping groups and care homes etc. I wrote to Honest John to see if he could help two groups who need equipment and he has kindly given £350 each.

The two groups are run by men who work full time but give their spare time to teach children. Kevin Mitchell teaches Woodham Tigers at Chi Taekwondo Woodham at Woodham Community centre on a Tuesday night at 6pm-7pm also an older class on a Sunday and Kevin Atkinson teaches Gymnastics on a Friday night 6.15pm-7.45pm. I am truly amazed by the kindness of Honest John and I wish to thank him publicly through our newspaper.
Susanne Mckerr

AYCLIFFE CHARITY WANTS MORE UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD GOODS

A call has gone out for more donations of any type for a local social enterprise set up to help local people. Demand for second hand goods has never been higher at More Time, and a steady stream of customers at the showroom in the DISC headquarters next to the Blue Bridge in Newton Aycliffe means they need more good quality second-hand goods. Dawn McCreanor, Manager at More Time, said: "We're always looking for more furniture, DVDs, books and bric-a-brac as well as white goods and other electricals which are all tested on site. These are sold on to local people who may need quality items but prefer not to buy them in the shops. We're keen to receive any type of saleable donation that is no longer needed. We offer a free collection service and are happy to travel to collect suitable items." All the money raised from the sale of these goods goes back into the More Time service, helping local people develop new skills in retail, sales and cleaning, with the aim of them securing employment in the future. Opportunities are also available for local people to

develop skills in catering within the More Time Café based alongside our furniture showroom. The café serves hot and cold food available for take away or eating in. Dawn said "If anyone is struggling with low confidence, this is an excellent place to volunteer to work alongside a great group of people who make you feel really welcome." People who would like to donate household goods or are interested in volunteering opportunities are encouraged to telephone 01325 731294. More Time is based at The IES Centre – Horndale Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park (near the Blue Bridge), The More Time Furniture Scheme is open Monday to Saturday between 9am until 4pm. More Time Furniture Scheme provides good quality second-hand furniture at reasonable prices, enabling local people to source the furniture they need, with a cost effective delivery option for those people who don't have access to a delivery van. It also provides fully certified house clearance services for those people who need to have bulky/unwanted items removed from their property.



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Hitachi Bids for £2.75bn HS2 Contract

Hitachi Rail Europe has set-out its vision for very high speed trains, which are to be built in Aycliffe. Its bid aims to capitalise on its expertise in manufacturing high quality trains in Britain, while drawing from its Hitachi's heritage of building the world-leading Shinkansen bullet trains in Japan.

The rail manufacturer, which is headquartered in London and is building trains in Newton Aycliffe, has a reputation for combining world-leading Japanese technology with British engineering, which it would employ when creating UK's fastest trains. Nick Hughes, Sales Director, who is



spearheading Hitachi Rail Europe's bid, said: "Our HS2 trains would be built in Britain, for Britain, and combine world-leading Japanese Shinkansen technology, with British manufacturing know-how. By building the trains at Hitachi's facility in the

North East, our high speed offer would bring together values of pioneering engineering, industry-leading reliability and innovative design. "The trains will offer next generation passenger experience, utilising the latest smart and digital technologies. The announcement last week in bidding for the HS2 contract is a positive step towards procuring new high speed trains for Britain's most important rail project."

Hitachi's credentials in the competition to build HS2 trains are boosted by the strength of its existing British-based manufacturing offer. Hitachi boasts a newly-built rail manufacturing facility at Newton Aycliffe in the North East of England, and has recruited a 900-strong skilled workforce underpinned by a strong regional and UK supply chain.

Intercity Express trains, capable of speeds up to 140mph, are currently being built at Newton Aycliffe and are due to enter into service on the London-Bristol-Swansea route in 2017.

Where its UK-based competitors tend focus on slower, less technologically complex regional and metro-style trains, Hitachi's expertise in high speed in Japan, Italy and now the UK is viewed as a major competitive advantage. Were Hitachi Rail Europe to be successful in its HS2 bid, it would build on investment that already made in its Aycliffe facility and be a further boost for engineering skills and expertise.

Raising the Bar with Star

Star Radio's Emil Franchi is helping to get your new year's resolutions moving. If you are looking to kick start your new year's fitness regime, like Emil, why not take advantage of Durham County Council's great membership options this month – join one of their multi-site gym or swimming memberships at their Open Weekend this Friday 27th to Tuesday 31st January for only £5 and pay nothing more until March.*

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Only want to use Newton Aycliffe gym? You can choose their single site option for only £19.99.

Only want to swim? Swimming only membership starts from £15* per month and gives you unlimited swimming across all 6 Durham County Council managed pools.

What's happening in the Leisure Centres?

They have been continually improving the facilities within Newton Aycliffe. Recent investment has included a £1 million project to move the town's library into a newly refurbished space within the leisure



centre as well as continuing refurbishment of the leisure facilities and the addition of new equipment within the gym.

GX Classes

A wide range of exercise classes are included as part of your membership.

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Join for £5 offer not available on single site membership. For more information visit: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentrememberships>

Wrong Date for Start of New Club

Dorothy Bowman apologises for the mistake on the date for the start of a new Senior Citizens Club at The Phoenix Club, Macmillan Road (formerly The Royal British Legion). The start date is 27th January 11am - 3pm every week.

"Come as strangers - Leave as Friends" will be their motto. The No. 5 and No. 7 bus and Town Service bus stop for the town centre is almost at the door.

Don't be shy give it a try. Please. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for more details.

Livin Don't Follow Their Own Rules

Dear Sir,
I read Livin's reply to the neglect of empty bungalows in the Clarence Green area and wonder why they don't follow their own conditions of tenancy.

How can they insist that tenants keep their gardens tidy while at the same time do not maintain gardens in empty properties?

The hedges are overgrown and the gardens look very bad. I believe these bungalows are being left to deteriorate, by Livin, like garages they have demolished in order to build new houses.

Name & address supplied

STAR RADIO

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Frequency: 102-107FM

Friday 27th January

0600-0900 - Star Radio Breakfast – Wes Stakes
0900-1000 - Mystery Years – Wes Stakes
1000-1400 - Craig Andrews
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Drivetime – Emil Franchi
1900-2200 - Dancing Through the Decades
2200-0000 - Wind Down Zone

Saturday 28th January

0600-0900 - Best Of Breakfast – Wes Stakes
0900-1400 - Michael Weadock
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1800 - Craig Andrews
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Sunday 29th January

0600-0900 - Easy Like A Sunday Morn, John Clayton
0900-1400 - Dave Sherwood
1400-1500 - Everything 80's
1500-1900 - Emil Franchi
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Monday 30th to Thursday 2nd February

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South Shields pool was the perfect setting for a weekend of PBs. The beautiful new facility along with the great organisation set the team up for PBs in every race and a gold and 2 silver medals. Kathryn Lee, Pippa Sanderson, Kate Carmichael, Kate Tolley, Sophie Wilkinson, Leah Smith and Katelyn Craig swam a total of 29 races between them and each one set a personal best for each of their races. These results are a fantastic achievement after the club has had a difficult time following the closure of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. It is great to see such an improvement and also to see new swimmers coming into the club and progressing following dedication in their training.

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership meets on Monday 6th February at 4pm in their regular meeting place in DISC Offices next door to Newton Press by the Blue Bridge. Peter is also Support and Account Manager for TTRS (Touch, Type, Read and Spell) who develop literacy skills for those who have difficulty with reading, writing or spelling, to increase their level of confidence, self esteem and motivation. TTRS has been established 20 years and has served thousands of students in schools, colleges, prisons, charities, dyslexia associations, community and literacy projects. Also Paul Atkinson of NE First Credit Union will be present at the meeting to advise partners of services available through the union. Partners representing statutory and voluntary welfare organisation or any interested parties are welcome to attend.



Stephenson Way School were very fortunate to kick start our first week back into term with a Judo lesson from the GB Club Destination Judo. The instructor, Dan, held lessons for years 3-6. The children were involved in many exciting activities from group work to individual tasks. 'Judo Dan' delivered several great sessions, filled with skills training, games and music. Each lesson lasted for approximately 30 minutes.

One year 4 child described the lesson as "Amazing" and said he definitely wanted to start judo lessons outside of school. Other children were similarly enthusiastic.

Judo Dan was kind enough to show some medals and trophies that Destination Judo had won at many competitions and left leaflets with information on how children could join the club outside school. Stephenson Way would like to thank Dan for another brilliant visit and they look forward to him coming back into school next year.

01325 300212
or syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Volunteers from Kays Hill Animal Sanctuary, (just outside West Auckland), are holding a fundraising event in the Middridge Village Hall on Saturday 25th February, between 10am and noon. Volunteers have a number



of stalls selling tea, coffee, home-made produce, new, and Christmas goods. There will also be a bottle and tombola stall.

Kays Hill is a not-for-profit organization which provides shelter to a wide range of animals from domestic cats, rodents, birds, sheep and pigs, to the slightly more exotic, alpacas, coatimundi, civets and racoons.

They never turn any animal away with many arriving as previous owners are unable to offer the care and attention the animal requires. Others are brought in after neglect or abandonment.

For anyone coming along and wishing to donate food for the animals, there will be a food bin available on the day. Entry fee is just 50p with all proceeds going towards the upkeep of the animals and includes free entry into the prize raffle.

More details about the work and animals can be found on web site: kays-hill-animal-sanctuary.com

In August 2016 Willow had a major operation on her hip and has since been recovering very well. Potential owners should be aware that she will need further help during her recovery with little exercise due to her hip. Staff at the Rehoming Centre can advise on her care going forward.

Willow has a sensitive side and likes taking her time getting to know new people. However once she does, she is very affectionate and loves nothing better than to snuggle up for some cuddles. Willow may prefer to be an only dog in a home and have all the attention for herself. With time and some guidance Willow's true personality will shine and she will be a fabulous companion. Willow can live with young adults over the age of 16.

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If you think Willow could be the one for you, please visit her at Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Hill House Lane, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm. It is closed on Wednesdays. Find out more about Willow or any of the dogs at the centre, go to www.dogstrust.org.uk or call 01325 333114.

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Aycliffe YMCA Charity Shop Appeal

Local residents are encouraged to donate their unwanted Christmas gifts to their local YMCA shop this year, to support the shop's work across the North East.

More than £2.6billion [1] is spent on unwanted Christmas presents each year and more than a third of people receive a gift they don't want [2]. Many will sell off their presents on internet auction sites shortly after the festive season.

YMCA is instead asking for unwanted Christmas presents to be donated to its charity shop to help the organisation continue its work in the next year and help even more people in the local community.

Wendy Teague, Shop Manager Newton Aycliffe shop said:

"Most of us have been in the predicament of receiving a gift we don't really want.

"With the festive season coming to an end, we're asking members of the local community to donate their unwanted gifts to our local shop to help provide valuable services for those who need it.

"Our shops are stocked with the most interesting and unusual items. One person's sock nightmare is another person's dream, so leave your presents with us and we can guarantee your donations will find a new home through our lovely customers."

Anyone who wants to make a donation can drop of their gifts at the shop Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

YMCA Newton Aycliffe is part of the wider national YMCA federation that, in total, supports 228,000 young people. It now operates in 119 countries across the world, supporting almost 600 million people.

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The headstones on these graves have been assessed and judged to be in need of immediate remedial attention to render them safe.

Ecclesiastical Insurance have advised the clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Great Aycliffe Parish that if the families responsible for the care of the headstones are not minded to pay for the work to be done, then permission should be sought from the Diocese to lay the headstones flat immediately, in line with a duty of reasonable care to employees, volunteers and visitors to the graveyard. Anyone with information regarding these graves is asked to contact Revd Elizabeth Bland, c/o The Parish Office, St Clare's Church, St Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 5NT before the end of February.

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RNLI Seeks Financial Support

The dramatic story of a County Durham man who survived a horrendous gas explosion at sea which, one dark winter's night, blew him off his ship and into the water 50 feet below was told to Newton Aycliffe Rotarians this week.

David Hastings, who now lives in Fencehouses, was a deck officer on a huge tanker when leaking explosive gas turned into a fireball and blasted him "like a projectile from a gun barrel" over the rails of the ship.

By the time a lifeboat reached him, David had drifted a half-mile away because of the strong current. He was then rushed to hospital where the doctor on duty turned out to be a leading specialist in the treatment of burns. "I was very lucky", he says.

That wasn't the only time David had to be rescued at sea. On another occasion, off the coast of Friesland, he was helping to deliver a boat to Germany when its engine failed. The boat was in real danger of drifting on to rocks when a Dutch lifeboat arrived and towed the boat and its crew to safety.

"Both times I was very grateful for the availability of good equipment, well-trained crews and people willing to risk their lives to help me," he told the Rotarians.

Today, David is honorary secretary of Durham branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution which celebrated its 21st birthday in 2015 and was honoured for the outstanding work of its supporters.

Since the Institution was founded in 1824, it has saved over 141,500 lives - equivalent to the population of a city the size of York. Its lifeboats cover some 19,000 miles of coastline around the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland from 230 coastal stations and rescue the equivalent of one person every hour of every day throughout the year. But despite their efforts, 170 people died in water-related incidents around the UK coast last year.

"Our lifesavers", says David,



"are ordinary people who do extraordinary things".

Virtually all of them - that's 4,800 crew members, another 3000 shore crew and station management personnel, and 20,000 community fundraisers - are volunteers. "Without them, we simply could not save lives at sea, says David. Life-saving services cost £168million every year (over £5 per second of every day) and all of the money is raised through voluntary donations and legacies. The Institution gets no government aid for its work in providing lifeboats, lifeguards, inland flood rescue, safety advice and

education.

Urgent help, says David, is still needed locally. "We are very grateful for financial gifts of any kind, but what we really want is people's time," he told Rotarians. "If anyone can spare a couple of hours once or twice a year, we should love to hear from them"

RNLI volunteers will be collecting in Tesco at Newton Aycliffe on Sunday, February 12, and would be happy to talk about volunteering with the RNLI locally or how to make a donation.

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Greenfield Project Secures £10k Funding

Greenfield has, once again, been successful in securing funding from the British Council via the Lefevre Fund to the tune of £10 000. The bid which was put together by the subject leader for Performing Arts, Ali Dixon, will enable students to work on an International project with a new partner school in Amiens, France. 'Together we will create

work which utilises other subjects using the theme of transport, particularly the railways, through the creative medium of dance. We will research and create writing & poetry about the history of the railways and work jointly on the creation of a series of stories, films, images which will be narrated and intertwined with a series of dance pieces to explain the impact the railways

have on our lives'

Mrs Dixon explained the rationale for the anglo part of the project is based on the local culture and the history of building and developing transportation, especially the railways and including the Shildon to Darlington lines for the first passenger railway as well as the new Hitachi business site in Newton Aycliffe which is manufacturing trains for the global market. Darlington also happens to be twinned with Amiens, the historic town which is close to the site of the school Greenfield will be working with.

The transport theme will allow a multi-discipline approach to exploring the impact of transport on civilisation across Europe but particularly UK and France. The general topic of transport links with the contemporary subject of sustainable development and forms a natural connection between our countries. Work around researching local transportation links, industrialisation and

the future of travel will provide the framework for this intercultural dialogue and a platform for dance choreography, photography, design and technological research. Pupils and staff will communicate, where possible, in each other's languages.

Mrs Dixon added, 'this is an exciting project which will help young people from Newton Aycliffe and Shildon learn much more about where they live both in terms of heritage and culture but also about the importance of travel and how people and industries connect at a local, national and international level and the impact this has on communities, opportunities and diversity.'

Greenfield Art Exhibition

Greenfield Arts invites you and the public to the preview of our latest exhibition by Stephen Wiper on Wednesday 8th February 6pm to 8pm.

Stephen hopes this exhibition captures his love of drawing, painting and printmaking and serves as a good example of his longstanding belief that we have the right to explore the world creatively. Stephen is fascinated and reassured by the changing world, how we see and what we observe over time, by the ebb and flow of nature including ourselves.

He is interested in the ways in which people impact on and engage with their environment, and the options we discover to make our mark, building bridges, carving names into stone, spraying symbols.

'This exhibition consists of new work, paintings, etchings and drawings, created since 2014, inspired by various ingredients including my environment, the way people leave a mark on places, music I've listened to whilst working, exhibitions I've seen, photographs snapped on walks and books and postcards containing works I admire by particular artists. The work explores various things and tests different approaches. I'd not explored acrylic paint and medium before this exhibition or created an exhibition and had previously been rather more

traditional in my painting technique, not experimenting so much.' Stephen Wiper Stephen will be in attendance at the preview event with artworks for sale throughout the exhibition. The evening will include an artist talk at 6:30pm by Stephen, along with the auction of two paintings – one for the 700 Club charity and one for the Bridge Centre for Visual Arts charity in Darlington at 7:15pm.

For more information, check out the website or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

ROMA GENOCIDE EXHIBITION

Greenfield Community College was chosen to be part of a prestigious event on Holocaust Memorial Day this year. Working with Durham County Council's equalities team, students from Greenfield's Sunnydale and Aycliffe campi spent time understanding the genocide of Gypsy and Roma people under the Nazis.

Porajmos – the term used to describe this genocide – became part of an exhibition that the students will deliver to other schools across the county at Durham Cathedral. As well as this, the students continue to share the exhibition in school and raise awareness of an event which is often overlooked which resulted in the deaths of around half a million people. Peter Davies - teacher of History – said, 'this has been a brilliant way for the students to develop skills in public speaking and engage with a topic which is fundamental to our understanding of the world. I am always proud of the maturity of our young people and how much they recognise the importance of raising awareness about these terrible moments in our past.'

Thank You

JOYCE HOPE wishes to thank everyone who attended the Navy Club for her Birthday Disco; for their lovely gifts and cards. Special thanks to my Daughter Karen and Nicky for arranging everything and to Marnie & Chris, Hilary & Jim for helping. Also many thanks to John Melvin for his great disco. Also to Vicki at the Telegraph for her superb buffet.

Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY of Elizabeth (Betty) Peacock would like to thank everyone who helped with her care during her last few months, especially Dr. Middleton and everyone at the Bewick Crescent Surgery and Pharmacy, Liam and the rest of the team of magnificent District Nurses, Barbara the Macmillan Nurse who provided us with comfort during the final hours. Also via the pages of your newspaper, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words and cards and for their donations, £250 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Angela, Michael, Eddie and family.

PAYNE. The family of the late Stanley (Stan) John Payne wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy shown, also for all the letters, cards of condolence and beautiful flowers received at this sad time. Special thanks to St. Clare's Court for exceptional care and helping him settle into your lovely new home and to Bryan Shepherd at Whitehouse Funeral Service. Generous donations to The Great North Air Ambulance Service amounted to £218.75. Many thanks.

PEGGY DICKINSON. The family of the late Peggy Dickinson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad bereavement. Also for the cards, flowers and donations to the British Heart Foundation. A special thanks to David Scott from Co-op Funeralcare, Newton Aycliffe; The Phoenix Club and Lisa Howarth for the catering.

Cowardly Criminals Target Pensioner

The news of a pensioner being attacked and his life savings stolen in a raid on his home should act as a warning to other vulnerable people. The 77-year-old man was alone in his property in Coronation, near Bishop Auckland when he went outside to get coal for his fire.

He was tackled by three men, who took the coal shovel from him and hit him over the head. He was taken into his home, pinned to the floor while two his life savings.

DS Peter Lonsdale, of Durham Constabulary, said: "This is an abhorrent attack on a pensioner. It must have been extremely terrifying for the victim who was put through a horrendous ordeal."

"He is obviously very shaken by the incident but thankfully does not appear to have suffered any serious injuries. Although investigations are at an early stage, this would appear to have been a targeted raid."

"I would urge anybody who has any information to please contact us and help bring those responsible for this despicable crime to justice." Call 101 with crime ref 444 of

January 21 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

In Memoriam

Frances Matthews

25th January 2012.
Your love we hold in our hearts, so dear. Precious memories keep you near.
God bless Mam

Eva Elizabeth Mavin (Betty)



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Always on my mind, forever in my heart. Love and missed so much.
Husband Alan and family, Jeffrey, Mandy, David, Nicola and Eva

Births

HOWEY Congratulations Paul, Heidi and Olivia on the safe arrival of "Emilia Eva". Another beautiful Granddaughter for us. Love, Mam, Den and all the family xxxxxx

ABRAHAM Alexander and Lauren, congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby boy "Noah Henry" on 16th January 2017. Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family

Obituary

HILDA HEATON (nee Bell). In Hospital after a short illness on 16th January, aged 80 years. Beloved Wife of Peter; much loved Mam of Stephen, Phillip and Peter; dear Mother-in-Law of Fiona, Jan, Tracy; adored Nana and Great-Nana. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 31st January at 12noon in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Followed by Interment in West Cemetery. Family and friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired to Liver North.

MY WIFE, Lesley Topping, known to her friends as Jean, died on 20th January in Bethany House Care Home. She was 62 years old and was a very dearly loved Wife to Bob of 42 years. A Mother and Grandmother who will be greatly missed by all her family and especially by Husband Bob.

BURNS. On 19th January, peacefully in Holly Lodge, Shildon. Derek, aged 80 years of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Ferryhill. Beloved Husband of the late Marjorie; much loved Dad of Stephan, Julia, Joanne and Vikki also a dear Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral on Wednesday 1st February. Would family and friends please meet at 2.15pm for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, can be made to Holly Lodge Care Home - a plate will be provided at the crematorium.

Congratulations

Christine Gallacher

Happy 60th Birthday

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Chloe Louise Farlow



Happy 21st Birthday

Have a great time, all our love, Mam, Dad, Emily and all the family xxxx

Maddison Chatha



A year's gone by, how time has flown. We can't believe how much you've grown! You are a little bundle of joy, and so much fun. Oh my! Our little baby we're thrilled your turning One! Happy birthday Maddison. Love you lots, Mummy, Daddy, Fletcher and Rhys xxxx

SPENSLEY Vic and Sylvia. Happy Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad for 2nd February. Love always, Julie, Den and family xxxx

CHRIS COGLAN 25th January 1967. Happy 50th birthday to my gorgeous Husband Chris. From your loving Wife Gillian xxx

CHRIS COGLAN Happy 50th birthday to a special Son. Lots of love, Mam, Eddie and little Bob

CHRIS COGLAN Happy 50th birthday Dad. Lots of love, Amy Lou xxx

Birthday Remembrance

MARILYN BAKER. All our life we miss you as the years come and go. But in our hearts you will live forever, because we love you so. Happy birthday Mam, Nan and Great Nan xxxxx

ANN TOMLINSON 29th January. Put your arms around her Lord, don't leave her on her own for today is our Mam's 86th birthday, the first away from home. Happy birthday Mam. Love and miss you always. Lyn, Stan, Sharon, Nigel, Tony, Karen, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxx

THE TURBINIA COMEDY NIGHT

Wednesday 1st February
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MC - Rob Holland

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John Scott

Multi-award winning Scotsman John Scott took his first tentative steps into stand up in 1999 and just 3 months after his first appearance found himself doing his first run at the Edinburgh Festival. Since then, John has appeared at a further five festivals, and returned this year with a brand new show. In the meantime, he picked up the Spike Milligan award for new talent in 2003 and then paired that up with the Take the Mic award at the 2010 Edinburgh Fringe - the richest prize in UK comedy.

Dan Nightingale

Fresh out of University in the early Naughties, Dan Nightingale started working behind the bar in a local comedy club and already the seeds for his future career were sown. He took to the stage for the first time only a few months later and found himself catapulted to the forefront of the comedy scene. Dan is now one of the best performers found on the comedy circuit. Mixing fiendishly accurate observation with energetic characterisations and killer punch lines his comedy is original, playful, intelligent, exciting and sometimes ridiculous, but always hilarious.

Dan recently appeared in 'John Bishops Only Joking' on Sky.

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WATER POLO PLAYER AWARDS JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS



Ryan Jay Griffiths, John Pratt, Ben Stephenson and Ben Alderson

The joint winners of the under 13 award were Ben Alderson and Ryan Jay Griffiths both 11 for their dedication in attending 5 training sessions per week. They both represented the North East District under 14 team two years under their age and helped

the team to the Silver Medal in the National Championships at Walsall. They are showing great potential for the future. The under 17 Award went to Ben Stephenson 15 who has made some big steps forward in 2016 with being picked for The England

under 17 squad for the European Championships qualifiers in Manchester in May and being picked for the England Schools under 17 team for a tournament in Malta last October where England were second. Again Ben has great potential for the future.

The Open Player of the Year Award went to John Pratt 17 for his all round contribution to the club and being England under 19's leading player in their International programme in 2016. John also has started to make a big impression with Sedgefield's sister club Northumbria University in the National League.

John hopes to get a scholarship to one of the top USA Californian colleges in 2017 to further his polo career.

All these young players will be hoping to emulate the illustrious career of Scott Carpenter 27 who unfortunately was forced to retire in 2016 with serious shoulder injuries and missed the Olympics in Rio for Australia.

Anyone who wants to play this fun but tough exciting game and likes swimming can come and give it a try any Saturday afternoon 5 till 6.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre aged from 6 to 13 years.



A good weekend of games for the Aycliffe Juniors this week with some thrilling action to enjoy across the age group teams.

The Under 9 Russell Foster League team played Washington in the ninth game of their winter league. Noah opened the scoring before Jack made a great save to keep the score 1-0. Jake and Jay were then on target to make it 3-0. Jake scored the fourth and sixth goals of the game either side of half time to get his hatrick. It was Kenzie who had got the fifth in a 6-0 win. Layla was the games player of the match.

The Under 9 TJFA league team were away against Middleton Rangers. They opened the scoring with Jayden and Niall added the second goal. Niall then completed a first half hatrick one goal was a superb bicycle kick and Jayden scored his second with a 'rabona' to make it 5-0. In the second half Niall scored his fourth goal and Dom made the final score 7-0. The second game saw another great performance and a win with Connor and Dominic the men of the matches.

The Under 10's played Billingham at Sunnydale, they contested well in the first half and it was 0-0 at the break. A few team changes in the second half and the visitors got ahead. A penalty from Lewis was the only Aycliffe goal scored in a game that ended in defeat. Noah was the games man of the match.

The Under 11 Russell Foster league team played away against HFC United Hoops and came out 3-2 winners. They dominated the opening minutes but fell behind after a good finish by the HFC striker. Noah's curling shot drew the game level at the start of the second half. The

hosts got back in front but Sam equalised after a great passing move to make it 2-2. Reuben got the winner after a goal mouth scramble, the boys had all played really well to ensure the win.

The Under 11 TJFA league side played an entertaining game against Stockton Town Yellows. The Aycliffe side dominated early possession but Stockton scored from two breaks and led 2-0. Charlie pulled one back before half time to make the interval score 2-1. A slow start to the second half and Aycliffe were 3-1 down. The lads stuck to the task though and a well hit goal from Evan came before Lucas equalised. With the game in the balance at 3-3 both sides had chances to win but no further goals came so this one ended in a draw.

The Under 12's were beaten 3-1 away at Leven and the Under 15's put in a great effort against table topping Cleveland Juniors with Hynes, Burrows and Pattinson scoring in a 4-3 loss.

The Under 17's, who sit in second place in their league played third placed Great

Ayton away. Lewis showed great pace to latch on to a through ball and finish from a tight angle to put Aycliffe ahead. The second goal was almost a carbon copy with Sam providing the ball for Lewis to finish and double the lead. Another good move was finished by Dan H and it was 3-0 at half time. A penalty from Sam was cancelled out by a Great Ayton goal and the game ended 4-1. The defensive players Jack, Tom, Arran, Joe and Dan R were all outstanding in this game.

YOUTH FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Under 8 Eagles v Lambton Lions

Great game in freezing conditions at Farrington. The Eagles had battle on their hands throughout the first half with not many chances for either side but some great midfield play. HT 0-0. Second half started with Kai making way for Faith and Nathan coming off for Adam.

The Eagles were pushing hard for a goal early in the second half and eventually they got the break through with a great goal from Will. Several accurate free kicks were creating chances but they just couldn't find the second goal. Edwin coming very close on a couple of occasion from some very direct runs. As the final whistle drew closer Edwin put in a fantastic corner with lots of movement in the box Adam was able to slot home FT 2-0

Under 11's v Greatham

Aycliffe started strong on a sticky pitch and went ahead with a lovely strike from Charlie. The lads played some great football and passed the ball well and a great assist from Jake ended in Isaac making it 2-0. However Aycliffe switched off and let Greatham back into the game, and it was soon 2-2. Then a flurry of goals heading to half time gave a score of 4-3 to



Eagles Under 8's Team

Greatham.

Half time talk and a couple of changes with Finn coming on and Thomas making his debut, Aycliffe got it back to 4-4 with Charlie completing his hat trick. The lads then stepped up a gear and really looked the part, playing some lovely unselfish football and took the lead with a superb effort from Charlie and great support from midfield. The defence were then put under enormous pressure but solid work from Isaac and goal-keeping from William kept Aycliffe in the game. Then a quick break enabled

Isaac to score a fine goal. The lads worked hard to keep possession and with Matty running his socks off and battling for every ball, he put in through ball, which Isaac put away. Game and points secured FT 7-4
Goals: Charlie 4, Isaac 3
MoM: Thomas
U13's Eagles v Stockton West End

What a fantastic team performance from the Eagles with every player working hard and attacking from the start. Goals from Jack Fleming and Luke Minnikin but the lads were so unlucky not to get a couple more. It was very difficult to pick a man of the match as this was a great team performance. However it went to Joey Howarth for keeping the opposition centre forward quiet for the majority of the game and an all round solid display. FT 2-1
Under 15 Girls v Lumley

A great performance from the girls as they came straight out of the blocks, passing the ball around and working for each other. They got their reward with a superb goal from Lydia HT 1-0.

This made the half time team talk easier and the girls were asked just to continue where they left off. The 2nd got underway as they passed and tackled and Aycliffe soon got

their 2nd goal from Becky. Lumley then hit the post and started pushing forward. Eventually they got their reward and grabbed a goal back.

Aycliffe then made a couple of changes and started to dominate again, a great cross from Katie B and Lydia slots passed the keeper for her 2nd. The girls then controlled the rest off the game to take the 3 pts from a tough away game FT 3-1

Selection of other scores

Under 18's 6 v

Hebburn Town 2

Durham Athletic 0 v

Under 17's 7

Under 14 Eagles 1 v

South Park Rangers 2

Under 13 Falcons 8 v

Redcar Town 1

Golden Flatts 1 v

Under 12 Eagles 2

Hebburn Town 3 v

Under 10 Girls 1

Under 9 Eagles 1 v

Waldridge Park 4

Under 7 Eagles 5 v

Durham City 2

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