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Our local Car Parts Manufacturer held a Family Open Day last Saturday which included lots of fun and activities for children.

The company went to a lot of trouble and expense to ensure everyone had an interesting and exciting time including a tour of the plant which was a real eye opener.

Robotics are a big part of the manufacturing process at Gestamp and one popular item for children was the sweetie dispenser using a robot. There was a choice of sweets on an electronic pad which when pressed put the robot into action dropping sweets into a plastic cup which fascinated the long line of people as they queued for their treat.

There was a Grand Prize Draw and Quiz, free for all who attended, with a valuable prize to be won. Other treats included free refreshments with coffee, tea, hot and cold food, pie and peas, hot dogs etc.

The families were entertained by a magician with DJ music. They also enjoyed crafts and a raffle in aid of charity. Mini Fork Lifts was another popular attraction for the children who tried their hand



Robot Sweetie Dispenser was very popular



Family touring the plant

at stacking storage boxes. Local Photographers "Eye Dream" were on site taking family shots to help them remember this special day and everyone went home with a goody bag.
More photos on page 6.

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Guided Walks in Aycliffe

The Bright Water walking group invites readers to join them on local walks.

The first walk starts at Aycliffe Village and takes in Heworth and Preston le Skerne deserted medieval villages (5.5 miles). This walk starts at 1:30pm on Sunday 21st May.

The second walk starts at the Oakleaf sports complex and is the Great Aycliffe Way walk (6 miles). This walk starts at 11am on Sunday 25th June.

Both walks are free of charge to attend, dog and children are welcome and they will be led by Great Aycliffe Town Councillor Ian Gray.

See advert for contact details on Page 4.

Inspired to Play Harp

The second concert in Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2017 series so enthralled a young concert goer that she was inspired to try playing the harp for herself, encouraged by one of the members of 4Girls 4Harps.

St. Andrew's Church in South Church was the perfect setting for a sublime concert with an appreciative audience being entertained with music by Handel and Prokofiev amongst many others.

The Alauda Quartet play at St. Andrews on Friday, 16th June from 7.30pm. This leading European string quartet will perform music by Mendelssohn, Haydn and Shostakovich in a concert not



to be missed.

Tickets priced £13.50 are available from Brotherton's Music (opposite Morrisons) or from Brian Varley (01388) 606 075

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Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 23rd May features the 1948 American musical "EASTER PARADE" starring Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Ann Miller and Peter Lawford. This film is 69 years old; but if you like music and song and dance then this is as good as it gets.

The film won an Oscar for Best Original Music Score with 17 tunes from Irvine Berlin, including "A Couple of Swells" "A Fella with an Umbrella" "Steppin' Out With my Baby" "Shakin the Blues Away" and "It Only Happens When I Dance With You". We will also show Judy's number "Mr Monotony" which was deemed too risqué at the time and so cut from the original film.

If you need your spirits lifting, then this film is as Feel Good" as it gets. Tea and coffee is 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.

Clay Pigeon Shooting - Noise Complaints

Planning Consent was granted temporarily for 3 years for the erection of an access gate and siting of three temporary storage containers and 1 portaloo and elevated timber walkway at the Dog Inn for people to enjoy Clay Pigeon Shooting.

It has been confirmed that Planning permission is not required for Clay Pigeon Shooting unless there are more than 28 shooting events per calendar year. The Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995 states it is the stationing of containers that requires the planning consent not the shoot. Heighington Councillor Gerald Lee has received numerous complaints from residents and said "Needless to say this concerns me when a shoot can be so close to houses without any thought of excess noise".

The Environmental Health Dept. confirmed they have received complaints about the clay pigeon shooting since it moved from Stobb House Farm (Redworth) to the new location off New Lane.

They are aware that Durham County Council have also received complaints from residents living in their area and the agreed approach is that Durham are to continue investigating complaints from residents in their area and Darlington officers will deal with complaints from residents in their area.

Noise equipment was installed in one of the complainant's properties late last week to coincide with a shoot on 14th May. The Environment Officer will collect the equipment and listen to the recordings. It is likely the area will be visited to witness the noise one Sunday.

Masterclass Sessions



Year 11 students from Woodham Academy recently took part in a series of masterclass sessions at the Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor.

The sessions focussed on Maths, English and Science, with the overall aim being to maximise student grades in the forthcoming exams. Sessions were all delivered by subject experts, with all having a real focus on examination skills, techniques and content.

Feedback from the students

involved was highly positive, with many feeling it will have a significantly favourable effect on their final grade. Head of Science, Andrew Jenkins, said "getting the students away from any potential distractions within the normal school day was superb.

The students could all focus solely on their science work and help address any areas of concern. All of the students are coming again during half term, which shows their commitment to hard work"

Meccano Magic at Loco

The popular Meccano Magic event returns to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon for Sunday May 28 & Monday May 29. This annual event, organised by the North East Meccano Society, features fantastic displays of models made with Meccano, the popular construction toy. Meccano is one of the oldest construction toys in the world. It was invented in England by Frank Hornby in 1898, when he created a system of reusable metal strips, plates and wheels connected with nuts and bolts for his two sons to play with.

For more than 100 years, young and old alike have used the Meccano system for creations from simple buildings to high tech robotics programming. The Meccano Magic event at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon will feature a wide range of static, mechanised and remote controlled Meccano models made by North East Meccano Society members. Plus there will be a hands-on area where



younger visitors can have a go at creating models using a plastic Meccano system. Steam train rides will also be available throughout the event behind Furness Railway No. 20, the oldest standard gauge locomotive still operating in the UK. Please note that a small charge applies for train rides.

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VIP Treatment for Town Students



On 22nd April, footballers from Stephenson Way Academy were treated to a VIP Match Day experience at Blackwell Meadows, the new home of Darlington Football

Club. The excited group of youngsters met the club's ambassadors, Andrew, Matty and Abi outside the ground where they were given their itinerary for the day. First stop

on the access all areas tour was a trip into the changing rooms to meet the players.

The children were given the opportunity to ask the squad a range of questions which would help them gain an insight into life as a semi-professional player. The interrogative bunch left no stone unturned and the players were impressed as pupils asked questions such as, "Who inspired you to play football?" and "How does your defence deal with pressure when under attack?" Demi was amazed that the players all had jobs, including being a labourer, carer and top model as well as training and playing all of the matches. Seeming to heed the players' advice to train hard and enjoy their football, everyone left in high spirits wishing them well for the game.

Having completed the grilling, pupils were led to the pitch where the DFC coaching squad put them through their paces. Reminders to communicate with one another and advice about moving tactically into spaces were well received by the team and school midfielder Dominic noted they echoed the words of Miss Whitfield during their recent matches. A guard of honour to welcome players from both teams to the pitch completed the pre-match activities and the children quickly found themselves a vantage point along the sidelines to watch the first half unfold. Despite a few chances and several near misses, the score line remained 0-0 as the half time whistle blew. This meant that the first goals fans in the die-hard tin shed end would see that day would be from penalties taken by Stephenson Way pupils.

Taking his rightful place in goal, Adam kept calm under pressure and managed to save the first few shots, much to the appreciation of the crowd. As the goalie dived both right and left, it was Alex's swift strike from the spot (which nestled sweetly into the bottom right hand corner) that received rapturous applause from the crowd. He later told us, "It was the most amazing feeling when everyone was cheering for me, for a moment I felt like Messi!" As the two teams returned to the pitch, Darlo led the attack and it was only a matter of time before there was a 1-0 score line. Though the visiting team, AFC Telford United, kept the Darlington goalkeeper under pressure right until the final whistle, the children were delighted to see a home victory on their visit. Pupils, parents and staff would all like to offer their thanks to Darlington FC for their hospitality and a truly memorable experience.

New Mayor Takes Over from Husband



Our new Town Mayor, Wendy Hillary, was elected on Wednesday, taking over from her husband Jed. Her family was there to see her installed including 5 day old Grandson. Jed was thanked for his excellent service to the town during his year of office and presented with a Council plaque. Deputy Leader Malcolm Iveson, in proposing a vote of thanks, said Jed was a fine ambassador for Great Aycliffe who worked tirelessly attending important events. Jed raised £5,200 for charity which he shared with Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, Aycliffe Village Hall Association and The Rifles Care for Casualties.

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Anyone who is not registered or has recently moved house and has not informed electoral services is encouraged to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote by Monday, 22 May. Anyone who is listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote. The deadline for postal

vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday, 23 May and for proxy vote applications is 5pm on Wednesday, 31 May.

To request a paper copy of either application form, contact Durham County Council's electoral services team on 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk.

Election Thanks

May we thank the residents of Shafto/St. Mary's for their support in re-electing us to serve as Councillors on Great Aycliffe Town Council.

As always we will work with other councillors for the betterment of the ward and town.

Malcolm Iveson, Bob Fleming

Enjoy Exercise and Boost Mental Health



People across County Durham are being encouraged to take part in physical activities as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

Studies show that exercise not only helps with keeping fit, but also boosts a greater sense of calm, increases self-esteem and reduces the risk of depression.

Durham County Council runs a number of leisure centres across the county, offering fitness facilities for all ages and abilities from gyms, swimming and a wide-range of exercise classes.

One woman who knows the benefits of physical activity is Gemma Adams, from Sherburn, who joined Freeman's Quay leisure centre over five years ago and takes part in the regular free classes included in her membership – including Pilates, Metafit, Bootcamp and Insanity. She also believes that regular exercise has helped with her dyspraxia, which affects her motor co-ordination.

"The gym has boosted my confidence and makes me feel better about myself, and the classes in particular have helped relieve stress as well as allowed me to lose weight," she said.

Another active gym user taking advantage of the county's leisure facilities is Lynne Brown, who at 64 says she is fitter than ever after joining Freeman's Quay.

Lynne was one of the winners of County Durham's UEFA European Championship-inspired competition in 2016, during which members gained points for both their team's

results and their own gym sessions and swimming.

As the top performer for Freeman's Quay, Lynne bagged herself £50 worth of shopping vouchers for all her hard work.

"You can't beat the feeling when your happy hormones are released after a good workout and you feel good about yourself," she said.

"I enjoy the wellbeing that comes along with regular exercise and the social aspect with other members and staff."

A wide range of sports are on offer across County Durham, such as badminton classes which take place at Meadowfield Leisure Centre every Friday.

The Phoenix Badminton Club, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year, is keen to attract more members to its two sessions and has already increased membership by 15 per cent since moving to Meadowfield in October 2016.

For more information on leisure facilities across the county visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentres>



Have a Family Get Together to Help Heart Foundation

The average family in the North East last spent quality time together with their loved ones almost two months ago, according to new statistics released by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) for its Wear it. Beat it. fundraising campaign. (1)

A new survey by the BHF has revealed the stresses of modern day living are putting a considerable strain on family life. One in fifteen people from the North East said the last time they spent quality time with their family was over a year ago, or not at all.

More than one in three of parents in the North East said they leave the house at least once a week without seeing their children. A quarter of the region's parents also said they're so busy that in an average day they often don't spend any time whatsoever with their children, and (30%) had missed an important occasion because of it.

More than a third of parents from North East worry their children spend far less time with their family than they did when they were young. While it might be work getting in the way for busy parents in the North East, more than a quarter worried that social media is distracting their children away from quality family time when they are home. One in six said it's because everyone's busy schedules just didn't match up. Almost half of those polled from the North East said they feel guilty that they don't spend



enough time with their loved ones. The BHF is encouraging families to get together on Friday 9 June for the charity's annual wear red day.

By donning your favourite red garments and organising a red fundraising event, you can help support life saving research in the fight against heart disease. Sign up at WearitBeatit.org.uk

Donna Spriggs Elliott, Head of Community Fundraising at the British Heart Foundation, said: "It's clear that our busy modern day lifestyles, and the stresses of the daily grind, are keeping us from spending time with our families.

"Heart disease devastates the lives of millions of people across the UK, often without warning, so finding a way to break away from our normal routines to spend time together is important and our Wear it. Beat it. day is the perfect opportunity.

"By taking part and raising money for our research, you

can help us beat heart disease for good."

Last year more than 15,000 people took part in Wear it. Beat it. raising over £750,000. The BHF is calling for even more of you to get involved this year and help raise in excess of £1million for the charity's heart research.

It could be a yummy red bake sale after school or a red-themed garden party with friends and family. Whatever you choose to do, Wear it. Beat it. is a great way to bring everyone together and help make a difference to millions.

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Tuesday 6th June @10:30am
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Difficulty

Thursday 27th April @10:30am
Rockwell Park and the Skerne in Darlington 2 miles

On this relaxing circular walk we will take in the banks of the River Skerne and Rockwell Park Nature Reserve. The meeting point will be the Skerne Railway Bridge.

Difficulty

Sunday 21st May @10:30pm
Heworth and Preston le Skerne 5 miles

This walk starts in Aycliffe Village and will take in Heworth and Preston le Skerne, both of which are the site of Deserford Medieval Villages. We will then return to Aycliffe Village via Ricknall Mill and the banks of the River Skerne.

Difficulty

Sunday 28th May @ 2pm
Bishop Middleham 3 miles

Journey with us as we explore the site of the former Prince Bishop's Castle and deer park wall, Castle Lake and the River Skerne. The meeting point will be St. Michael's Church, which will be open for refreshments after the walk.

Difficulty

Thursday 1st June @ 1pm
Tuesday 27th June @ 10:30am
Barnington and Ketton 3.5 miles

Come with us to explore Ketton Ox country. We will walk a circular route from Barnington, which takes in Ketton Rickstone bridge. The meeting point is Barnington village.

Difficulty

Thursday 15th June @10:30am
Tuesday 18th July @ 10:30am
Hardwick Park to Bishop Middleham 3 miles

Come on a journey with us to visit the site of the proposed Bishops Fen Nature Reserve. This walk starts at Hardwick Park visitors centre, please be aware a parking charge is in force.

Difficulty

Sunday 25th June @11am
Tuesday 27th June @ 10:30am
Great Aycliffe Way 6 miles

Join us for a relaxing walk around Newton Aycliffe, taking in West Park lakes.

Difficulty

Monday 24th April @ 2pm
Saturday 1st July @ 11am
Historic Darlington 3 miles

Come and discover Historic Darlington with us. On this walk you will see some of the highlights of Darlington's industrial heritage including North Road Station, the Skerne Railway bridge and Edward Pease's house. Meeting point is the Head of Steam Railway Museum.

Difficulty

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BRASS BAND CONCERT

St Andrew's Church invite you to join them on Friday 26th May at 7.15pm for an evening with Fishburn Academy Brass Band. This will be in Aycliffe Village Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Pay at the door, £3.00 Adults, £2.00 children. Proceeds to the Church and the Band. A good way to begin the Bank Holiday weekend. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for Help & Votes

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank his family and friends for their help in the election campaign and also all residents of the West Ward who voted for me to be reelected as an Independent councillor back on Great Aycliffe Town Council. It is most appreciated and as usual I will do the job to the best of my ability with 27 Should any one require any help just phone me and I will always do what I can. Alderman George C Gray, West Ward Councillor

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Sharp New Internet Solution for Aycliffe Companies

Companies at Aycliffe can now access exciting new wireless technology providing cost-effective super-fast internet access with speeds of up to 1,000 MB. IT firm Razorblue, which has a track record of more than a decade of solving problems, has invested heavily to provide a new service to benefit firms across the North East.

Companies in areas of the business park have long had problems with their internet due to high cost of dedicated leased lines and limited access to super-fast fibre connections. Catterick-based Razorblue, with offices in Wynyard, Leeds and London, has come up with a cost-effective solution and have already installed a state-of-the-art rooftop point-to-point wireless internet solution at the Xcel Centre.

Razorblue has solved similar problems for industrial estates across the north – including Stockton, Wakefield, York and Catterick. The service provides cost-effective business-grade internet connections. Super-fast symmetrical bandwidth for download, as well as upload speed, complemented by 24/7 monitoring. Razorblue's local engineers will be on hand should an issue occur.

"The service will be live and available to all businesses very soon," said Razorblue managing director Dan Kitchen.

"There's a simple one-off installation cost and – as with any internet connection



Dan Kitchen and Kerina Clark

– a monthly fee. Except this delivers much higher speeds and uses tried and tested rooftop wireless technology, rather than cables in the ground. It's been great to help the team at Xcel Centre and it's also a major step in solving a lot of other people's issues."

Xcel Centre managing director Kerina Clark, who's also chair person of Aycliffe Business Park Community, said: "What I like about Razorblue is they listened and came up with a solution to meet our needs. The added value is the potential benefit they are bringing to our fellow residents on Aycliffe Business Park."

Razorblue was set up by Dan Kitchen when he was just 16 and began as a cloud hosting business. He still works with some early clients, but has evolved and now offers expertise in managed IT support, cloud, superfast connectivity, telecoms and bespoke business software.

Last year the company celebrated its 10th anniversary and opened a new office at Wynard Park, employing 45 across four sites.

Dan said: "Although our passion is IT, we recognise it's just one of many functions for our clients – albeit an increasingly important one. Most don't need to know the nuts and bolts of how we provide the service they require. They just need to know that it will work, that it is value for money and it's reliable."

Trip to Hawes

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Help Trace Second World War Ancestors

Amateur historians can discover how to trace civilian ancestors from the Second World War at a talk this month.

The session is part of Durham County Record Office's Branching Out programme, where people can pick up tips and advice on unearthing information about their ancestors.

This month's talk takes place twice – on Tuesday, 23rd May from 6pm to 8pm, and on Thursday, 25th May, from 10am to noon.

The next session, Electoral Registers and Trade Directories, will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, 13th June and from 10am to noon on Thursday, 15th June.

Costing £10 per person, the sessions are aimed at people who have already begun tracing their family tree or who have attended one of the Record Office's beginners' courses.

To book, or for more information, call 03000 267 626 or email record.office@durham.gov.uk

Survey on Garden Waste Collection

Residents in County Durham are being asked to take part in a valuable survey about their garden waste collection service.

The survey is being carried out in order to gather feedback to help the council identify areas of improvement.

The survey will be available on Durham County Council's website between Monday 15th May and Friday 30th June.

The garden waste collection service is a popular and useful discretionary service for residents in County Durham.

In 2015, Durham County Council could no longer fund the service and like many other local authorities introduced a subscription fee to ensure the service remained available.

The fee applies to all garden waste collections, including the service operated by Teesdale

Conservation Volunteers (trading as Rotters) and consists of 17 fortnightly collections per year.

Alan Patrickson, head of projects and business services, said: "We're inviting local residents to help shape the future of the service, and to do that we need their views and opinions."

"The survey is quick and easy to do online. Residents who require a paper copy will be able to pick one up at their local customer access points, leisure centres, household waste recycling centres and libraries."

The online survey will be accessible at www.durham.gov.uk/consultations. Additionally, details of your nearest library, customer access point or leisure centre can be found at www.durham.gov.uk or by calling 03000 26 0000.

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Tesco Staff Talk on Becoming a Dementia Friendly Store

It was Dementia Awareness Week, so fittingly 25 members of staff at Tesco Extra in Newton Aycliffe gave their day off to voluntarily attend a training presentation on becoming a Dementia Friend and all 100% of the staff happily signed up. Hopefully they will wear their badges with pride and be happy to explain their basic understanding of being a dementia friend and how they can apply what they have learned in the store.

The presentation was given by Joan Mitchie who is a Dementia Friend Champion, helped by Ron her husband who is waiting to complete his Dementia Friend Champion training.

Joan usually shares the presentation with Dorothy Bowman who runs a Dementia Cafe at Silverdale House



Joan Mitchie, Dementia Friend Champion

on a Tuesday and Thursday Mornings. New members are welcome at any time. The presentation explained the 5 Key Factors the Alzheimer's Society have identified as

being the major points society have to recognise if they are to help people living with dementia in our locality.

Joan is also Secretary of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership and Ron is Chairman. GACAP is an umbrella partnership whose group aim is to assist people in Newton Aycliffe who for one reason or another find themselves at a point of need.

Tesco in Newton Aycliffe are one of the 30 plus partners who currently make up GACAP. Helen Maynard Manager of Tesco and Joe Riley Customer Experience Manager and Shirley Cormack Tesco Community Champion, regularly attend GACAP meetings and are valued partners.

If anyone is interested in Joan and Ron sharing the presentation with a group you are connected to, please contact Joan on mobile number 07597 915378/07730 or 01325 471487 or email secretary.gacap@gmail.com

Election Thanks

I'm still reeling from the campaign, as I didn't realise it would be so much work and so demanding. I must take a moment, however, to acknowledge everyone who voted for me, all those who took the time to spread the message on social media and all who worked with me behind the scenes to achieve success.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported me in my endeavours.

Councillor Jim Atkinson

Photos from Gestamp Open Day

It has been 5 years since Gestamp showcased the Newton Aycliffe Plant and during this time it has grown in size, including a Press Shop extension, containing two new pieces of press equipment, a high bay racking system and die maintenance and storage areas.

Stuart Liddle, Plant Director told Newton News: "Our workforce is an important part of the business, not just locally, but globally within the Gestamp family and

we felt it was an excellent opportunity to invite our employees, their families and suppliers to visit the Plant.

With over 1400 employees and a major employer in Newton Aycliffe, we wanted to give people an insight into the manufacturing process of the Chassis parts, the history of the Plant, whilst keeping it fun for the children.

Turnout was excellent and I extend my thanks to those people and organisations who worked hard to make the Open Day a success".



Magician entertains families in the marquee



Goody Bags for everyone



Steak Pie with Mushy Peas was part of the menu



Fork lift Truck Training starts early



Visitors saw what Tallent's first produced at Aycliffe in the mid 1950's - the Colston Washing Machine.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY 2017
at 7.15 p.m.**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards, or by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) or our Website: (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) from the 11th May, 2017.

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ACORN Donate £100 to Scanner Appeal



Newton News Editor Syd Howarth (left) was the guest speaker at ACORN Residents' Association meeting last week. He was surprised when presented with a cheque from Chairman Ken Robson for the Darlington & Bishop Auckland MRI Scanners Appeal. Newton News is fully involved in supporting the appeal and accept donations on behalf of the Hospitals at their offices at the Blue Bridge Centre.

Election Thanks

Dear Sir,
May I take this opportunity to thank the people of Shafto, St Mary Ward for placing their trust in me and returning me as Councillor on Great Aycliffe Town Council. Please be assured I will do my utmost to represent you. Should you have any concerns please contact me on 01325 313273 and I will endeavour to resolve any issues I can.
Councillor Wendy Hillary

Independents Congratulate

Independent Town Councillors Ken Robson and Arun Chandran would like to offer congratulations to those Councillors who were elected in the May 4th elections and are eagerly anticipating working alongside them.

It is also with heavy hearts that we commiserate with those candidates who were runners up this time and say sad goodbyes to those colleagues who have lost their seats and whose experience and wisdom will be missed. We have found the experience of campaigning very pleasurable, if a little exhausting, and have spoken to many old friends and made many new ones. Cllr Ken Robson and Cllr Arun Chandran

Drivers Needed

Urgently needed volunteer drivers for our Aycliffe Community Bus. Must have D1 or equivalent driving licence. Needed possibly 4/5 times per month, but more can be arranged if available. This is driving mainly during daytime.
Please Ring 01325 308 094 or 07967 901 477.

STUDENTS ON THREE DAY ADVENTURE CAMP



On Monday 24th April, pupils from Stephenson Way School started the new term off in style with a fun-filled trip to an outdoor activity centre for three days.

After waving goodbye to their parents, 27 pupils from year four and five set off for 'Dukeshouse Wood' on the outskirts of Hexham. As one of top outdoor activity centres in the region, pupils were offered the opportunity to develop a range of physical and personal skills through engaging and challenging adventures.

On arrival, the children were greeted by centre staff and shown their accommodation so that they could unpack. After grabbing a bite to eat, pupils from Stephenson Way were joined by children from schools across the 'Tudhoe Learning Trust'.

Over the next three days, the pupils participated in a range of thrilling adventures that many of them had never experienced before and will never forget. Some of the activities on offer included: abseiling, laser tag, rock climbing, zip wire, den

building, orienteering, 3G swing, leap of faith, survival skills and archery. As well as a full daytime schedule, the children had an evening of singing songs around the campfire while drinking hot chocolate. On the second night, the children donned their best clothes and had a disco with their new friends. Exhausted but happy, children and staff returned to school on Wednesday afternoon. They were all excited to share their adventures with the teachers, pupils and parents. One of the children commented, "It was fantastic, I made loads of new friends and I did the zip wire. The instructor said I was really brave." Another year four child said, "My favourite bit was the leap of faith. I was really scared but I managed to do it. I'm really proud of myself." All staff, who accompanied the children, were really proud of how the pupils conducted themselves throughout the trip and plans are already being made for next year's visit.

Churches Together "Love Aycliffe"

The Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging Christians of all denominations to #Pledge2Pray as part of global prayer movement called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Check out www.thykingdomcome.global for more details about this initiative.

As Churches Together in Aycliffe we are going to be playing our part in what we think is a great idea. Throughout the week of the 29th May the LOVE AYCLIFFE hub will be open in the town centre (situated in what was Grannies Choice). Representatives from all the different churches will be there to meet and chat with those who call in, to pray with you for God to meet your specific needs and to be praying for different things to do with our town each day as well. Maybe you are a Christian and would love to join in with this prayer initiative. You can call in and join us as we focus our prayers each day or pray at home instead.

Prayer focuses will be:

MONDAY: Aycliffe & surrounding areas, Leaders, Councillors etc

TUESDAY: Schools, young people & families

WEDNESDAY: Elderly, Care Homes & Support Services

THURSDAY: Employment, promotion, businesses

FRIDAY: Healing, addictions, mental health issues

SATURDAY: Thy Kingdom Come / Pentecost Sunday / Churches

As one of the Pastors at Xcel Church I am excited about this, as it is not just one church praying but all of us coming together and asking God to move across the town that we love.

The Bible clearly says that where there is unity amongst believers God commands a blessing, and we full of faith to see how God can bless our town and its residents.

Please call in and visit us, or you can send us your specific prayer request to loveaycliffe@gmail.com, go to loveaycliffe.org for more information.

Finally we'd like to invite you all to join us at our Churches Together Pentecost Service at Harvest Church, in the Bethany Centre, at 3pm on Sunday 4th June.

LOVE AYCLIFFE

DETAILS:

Opening Times: 10am-2pm Tuesday 30th May - Saturday 3rd June.

Email Prayer Requests to loveaycliffe.org

Web: www.loveaycliffe.org

Parish Councillors Retire After 34 Years



Left to right: Sue Smith, Helen Alexander, Anne Clarke and John Clarke

Middridge Parish Council has lost two of its longest serving Members. John and Anne Clarke, who have been Councillors since the Parish Council was first formed in 1983, decided not to stand for re-election, so they can enjoy a well-earned retirement. Anne Clarke is currently the Chair of the Parish Council. Last year Her Majesty the Queen recognised their 34 years of service to the community when they attended one of Her regular Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace.

They are being replaced by

local residents Helen Alexander and Sue Smith, who have been elected to serve on the new Council in an Uncontested Election.

Please note that it is planned to make a Presentation of an appropriate Memorial Gift at the Chair's Dinner to be organised after a new Chair of the Parish Council has been elected when the Parish Council meets on 15th May. I will inform you regarding details of this once these have been finalised.

Alan Jordan
Clerk, Middridge Parish Council

Free Job Club at PCP

You are WELCOME to attend Lifeline Community Action JOB CLUB on Tuesday 23rd May, 10am - 12.30pm at PCP, Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe

The Job Club is a 10 week FREE course and aims to help people back to work by providing a personal service which gives people both practical and emotional support to meet their personal needs while looking for work. You will get full support throughout (so it's not scary!)

Sessions cover lots of practical topics and whilst doing them they will help build confidence and self-esteem

If you would like to come along just send a message here or email paulinechamberslca@gmail.com or telephone 0774611385 X

MIGHTY WURLITZER FETE

Saturday 27th May at 11.00am till 2.30pm brings a great opportunity for everyone to visit the New Victoria Centre, Howden-le-Wear, Nr. Crook and see and hear the Mighty Wurlitzer in all its magnificence with wonderful sights and sounds to enjoy at the North East Theatre Organ Association's Annual Fete. Also present to bring a continental atmosphere to the day will be Stuart Wright's 'Perlee' Street / Fairground

Organ the same as you hear in the streets of Amsterdam or Paris. Stuart, a Funeral Director from Durham, takes an interest in a collection of Street Organs and sometimes his Perlee Organ is played at funerals he attends.

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Aycliffe North & Middridge

Dear Editor,
We wish to thank all those who voted for us from in the recent local election. We have enjoyed working with the local community groups and are proud of the many improvements and benefits we have brought to the ward and the wider area of Great Aycliffe generally. We hope that the work will continue in the future.
John Clare, Mike Dixon, Joan Gray.

Aycliffe Marie Curie First Anniversary

Marie Curie (Newton Aycliffe Fundraising Group) celebrated its first year anniversary recently and declared a total raised of £7168, which will further help in the care provision for people with terminal illnesses in our area. The Group would like to sincerely thank the generous contributions given by all individuals who participated in the events held throughout the year which included the recent

Daffodil Appeal, our many tin collections and regular coffee mornings. Added to that we had a fantastic Ladies Night held at Moore Lane Sports Club, as well as two successful Book Sales held at Heighington Village Hall and St Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe.

The Group would further like to thank the support provided by Tesco, Poundstretcher, the committee of St Clare's Church, the Town Centre Management and numerous retailers and businesses who provided both fund raising opportunities and raffle prize donations.

We are now looking forward to the 2017/2018 year where we can build on the success already achieved and are constantly searching for new team members who would welcome the opportunity of participating in such a worthwhile cause. In return for a couple of hours per month your ideas and enthusiasm can bring real benefit to people who are in real need. The Group meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm. in the Training Room at Tesco (next meeting Thursday 1st June 2017). Please come along, you will be most welcome.

We have recently launched our Facebook page - 'Newton Aycliffe Marie Curie Fund Raising Group' which we will be using for contact details, communicating past and future events, photographs etc. If you "like" what you see please share with your friends and colleagues.

A Coffee Morning is to be held at Heighington Village Hall on Saturday, 20th May 2017, between 10am and 12 noon. Admission is £2.00 to include either Tea/Coffee and Scone. On sale will be homemade cakes, ladies scarves and a raffle prize draw.

Town Plan Needs Residents' Approval

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to public referendum on Thursday 22 June 2017.

It is important that residents of the parish vote, as the Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document which sets out policies relating to key areas such as landscape, environment, housing, heritage, retail provision and parking. These are local policies which will govern the future development of the town and parish. A simple 'yes' you agree to the Plan and the policies contained within it, or 'no' you don't is all that is required.

After a long and comprehensive series of public consultation throughout the parish, Great Aycliffe will be the first parish to reach the referendum stage in County Durham. In addition, the Plan's 'Housing for Older People' policy, which includes bungalow provision, will be the first of its kind in the country should a 'yes' vote be achieved.

Residents emphasised that the green and open feel of Great Aycliffe was of key importance and the Plan aims to both protect the existing environment and ensure that any new development maintains green spaces and has adequate parking provision. In addition, at the request of residents, we have asked for the highest possible energy standards to be used in new developments. Parking

was highlighted as a major issue in a number of areas, and again specific policies have been included to try to mitigate these problems. An 'Area of Separation' has been included to ensure Aycliffe Village does not become engulfed by the Town.

The Plan is available to view on Great Aycliffe Town Council's website

<http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/info/neighbourhood-plan-4/> or at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3285/Neighbourhood-Plan-submissions>

Paper copies are available to view at Newton Aycliffe Library, the Youth and Community Centre, Woodham Community Centre, Pioneering Care Centre, Xcel Centre and Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices.

GAMP Support Junior Running Section

Aycliffe Running club would like to thank Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership for their significant grant allowing us to train four England Athletics qualified coaches. Without this support our Junior section would not have come into being.

Training is on Tuesday evening 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. All welcome, come along, and give it a try! Juniors up to the age of 8 require an adult to be present.

Application for Houses on Middridge Lane



As promised, here is some additional information for Middridge Lane from Persimmon Homes Durham. The Middridge Lane application was validated 3rd May under application ref: DM/17/01436/FPA. The application is for 69 dwellings with mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings which includes a policy compliant 10% affordable housing.

Bags of Support from Cornmill Centre



Entrants in a pirate-themed charity stroll are set to receive a goody bag full of treasure thanks to a local shopping centre. 350 drawstring bags have been donated by the Cornmill Centre, Darlington, to be filled with a bounty of pirate treats for women taking part in the St Teresa's Hospice Midnight Walk on Friday 19 May.

The sponsored event is now in its tenth year and has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the Hospice, which provides care and support to people across South Durham & North Yorkshire.

The Cornmill Centre first adopted St Teresa's Hospice as its nominated charity in 2003, and caring staff have raised over £117,000 since then, as well as donating prizes and other items.

Kelly Hutchinson, Admin Manager, said: "St Teresa's Hospice is a cause which is close to our hearts and we're glad to be able to support the Midnight Walk this year. We

wanted to give something back to all those lovely ladies who are taking part to raise funds for such an important service." Walkers will undertake a new 2.8k route through Darlington's South Park, with the age restriction now lowered to 11 so that more supporters can join in. The walk will get underway at 10pm, with pirate themed activities until Midnight.

St Teresa's Hospice Chief Executive Jane Bradshaw said: "It's so good to see local businesses helping to make Midnight Walk 2017 a success. We have been fortunate to have had support from the Cornmill Centre for so long and I'm thrilled that they can get involved in what looks set to be another fantastic event." Registration for Midnight Walk costs £10 per person, with entrants asked to try and raise £50 sponsorship money for the Hospice.

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Jack's the Lad to Promote "Big Club"

When Jack Hall was given the opportunity to provide The Big Club with entertainment on a monthly basis he thought all his birthdays had come together. The club has a fantastic main hall, with a large stage, dressing rooms, a mezzanine and wooden sprung dance floor and three additional large rooms. This was going to be a huge challenge - but one he absolutely wanted to try and make work. Jack said "There's a stalwart Northern Soul scene in Newton Aycliffe, so this is about getting it right for the locals - but also a chance to promote new bands with the old music and open the Club to a wider audience, bringing in fresh faces and ideas and making it a place that people look forward to going to regularly".

This will be a monthly gathering of like minded people, that love music, dancing, singing and having a great night out - without it costing a fortune. The first one is on Saturday 20th May.

Dave has the support from Gary Hepple and the Club's staff and committee, plus local Soulster Tony Norton who has been extremely helpful with Public Relations, extending as far as Teesside and Crook.

"It's exciting times, and we are planning live music dates to attract more people to the Club and really show what the venue has to offer. On Sat 22nd July we showcase the stage in an all day event - with five bands playing live on the afternoon, with the Junction 59 Soul Club event on the evening. Ideally I would like to provide live music every 2 weeks and if the 'following' picks up and we start to get more people interested, there's enough local talent in the North East to make this a weekly event".

Jack is setting the PA system up a few evenings a month for open mic/band practice to give local musicians a chance to meet regularly, and generate a lively music scene in the town. He also plans to hold auditions to put a mod style covers band together - He has



the ability to play them and pay them, so it could be a real win-win situation if he gets some candidates through the door! Dave has plenty of ideas, and plenty of dates to fill for the Big Club with Elaine Atkins assisting with band bookings. This has freed up Jack to spend fine tuning the schedule and preparing the promotion side Jack lives in Darlington with his wife Carol and children Garvey and Fleur. He's been working two part time jobs mornings and evenings to allow him freedom to complete

the school runs, do the ironing, wash the pots and do the shopping, and when everyone goes to bed, he start planning schedules and sending e-mails. Jack is a very enthusiastic person and will certainly help boost the profile of the Big Club.

Sedgefield Green Party Candidate



I am thrilled to announce that I have been selected as the Green Party candidate for the Sedgefield constituency.

I have lived and worked in Darlington all of my adult life with my husband and 4 children who were all raised in Newton Aycliffe and attend local schools.

Having been on my village hall (Brafferton) committee for 6 years, and a founder of the campaigns 999 Call for the NHS and 999 Call for Education, I am an active member of the community and have campaigned on many issues in the area.

In 2015, I stood as a Green candidate in the Darlington local elections for the Heighington and Coniscliffe ward.

The 3 main points on which I will base my campaign are the NHS, Education and Housing. All of these issues directly affect many constituents in Sedgefield and it's time for people to understand that there is more choice than the 2 main parties.

Melissa Wilson
melissa.wilson@greenparty.org.uk - facebook.com/MelissaWilsonSedgefield

Aycliffe UTC Compete in Silverstone Competition

On Wednesday 10th May, 5 students from UTC South Durham attended a VEX robotics competition at UTC Silverstone. Y10 students, Sam Dixon, Lee Reynoldson, Steven Lowe, John Anderson and Thomas Shepherd, dedicated several months to creating a robot that would be capable of completing the various tasks efficiently.

The idea of entering the competition was initiated by the students themselves. They made a proposal to the Principal of UTC South Durham, Tom Dower, and from this the school bought the kits so that the process could begin.

It took a lot of consideration and creativity to build the robot. They had to consider, size, weight and the wiring and design of the robot itself. The experience also provided a valuable opportunity to develop their team working skills; they divided the jobs that needed to be completed between themselves, meaning they were match-fit and fully prepared for the competition. Lee Reynoldson, Team Leader, said 'We organised ourselves like real engineers; everyone had a specific and important role.'

As the competition loomed, the students became more dedicated. They spent as much time on it as they possibly could, even if this meant staying back after school and coming in during weekends. Mike Reid, Engineering Teacher at the UTC, said, 'Each student has put in around 70 hours of work since March; they really have worked tirelessly.'

The team travelled to Silverstone on Tuesday and stayed in a hotel room overnight. They spent their night making sure they were as prepared as they possibly could be. When the competition



finally arrived, the UTC South Durham robot had to complete a number of tasks against other UTC robots from around the country.

Upon reaching the semi-final,

UTC South Durham's robot, Ernie, won by 1 point, the score being 27- 26. Despite nerve-wracking, last minute breakdowns and late repairs, this success continued against all odds into the final and they finished in a fantastic second place out of all the participating UTCs. Mike Reid added, 'They were up against a team of much older students with much more experience. The winning team had already won other competitions. To finish in second place is an excellent achievement!'

Tom Shepherd, Electrical Engineer, said 'It was a really enriching experience.' The team believe that this experience brought them all closer together as well as expanding on their knowledge. Tom Dower, UTC South Durham Principal is immensely proud of the students.

He said, 'I was delighted, but not surprised, by the team's success. What has impressed me most has been that they have taken the initiative completely by themselves, from their initial business case to convince me it was a good idea all the way through to their final design.'

The team are already considering bringing in a second team for next year to increase their chances of winning. So look out for more exciting news from the UTC VEX club!

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Dear Editor,

I was interested to read Mr Connolly's letter of 5th May regarding my selection as the Conservative Party Candidate for Sedgefield, the constituency which, of course, covers Newton Aycliffe.

Mr Connolly's assumptions about me as nothing more than a young student with no idea what full time work is like and no life experience couldn't be further from the truth, and represent a damning representation of the sort of stigma many of our young people face today.

I'm the daughter of a self-employed stone mason and a nursery nurse. Contrary to Mr Connolly's statement, I'm not "from Hull", but was brought up in Sheffield in a council house that my parents managed to scrape together the money to buy. At 13, my Dad was killed, and there followed extensive court proceedings, the final parts of which were

still going on well into my late teens.

My Mum and Nan (my Dad being her only son) found it difficult to cope, so I stepped up because I had to - my family needed me. I worked hard at school because I wanted to do my Dad proud, and became the first in my family to go to University.

I paid my way through my studies, at one point working two jobs, at a shop in the day time and at a casino overnight - not much time for socialising! During my studies, my Nan was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away 18 months later. Determined to make my family proud, I graduated from University and went on to study for a Masters. Now I'm a Parliamentary Candidate. I won't apologise about who I am or where I'm from. I'm a member of the Conservative Party because, to me, it is the Party that has always been more concerned

about what a person can do and where they are heading rather than where they come from.

That's why (contrary to Mr Connolly's other assumption that I was parachuted in) I was chosen from a shortlist by the local Conservative Association to fight the seat here in Sedgefield, much like an earlier figure, Tony Blair, was selected by the local Labour Party back in 1983 despite then living in London.

Interestingly, of course, the current Labour candidate was credited with campaigning for the London-residing Mr Blair to be selected! [source: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2007/jul/04/byelections.tonyblair>] I hope Mr Connolly can rest assured that I live up to his life experience test, so I can and will fight for the people of this constituency.

Dehenna Davison
Conservative Candidate
Contact details on left.

Phil Wilson - Backing your Brexit

Last year the majority of people voted to leave the EU. That is why in March I voted to trigger Article 50, so the UK could begin the process of leaving.

I have been, and will continue to be your voice on Brexit. I have spent the last year asking local people in Newton Aycliffe and Sedgfield constituency their views on Brexit, so I can do this.

Our priority is bringing jobs and investment to the area, protecting local services such as the NHS, our schools and our police force. We need a Brexit deal that benefits the people of this town, and the North East. People did not vote to make themselves poorer

after we leave the EU.

My commitment on Brexit is to be your voice, not the voice of Theresa May who will never put the needs of Newton Aycliffe and the North East first. They don't care about us in the North, they never have. If we relied on the Tories then we wouldn't have Hitachi and the 1000 jobs the plant has created.

Your vote in Sedgfield on June 8th won't affect who is in Number 10 on June 9th. But it will effect who your local MP is. A vote for me, is a vote for a local man who will put the needs of this constituency over the wants of those in Westminster.

Phil Wilson

AYCLIFFE NORTH & MIDDRIDGE TORY COUNTY COUNCILLORS



Paul Howell (left) and Scott Durham confounded the polls and were elected Conservative County Councillors.

Paul was brought up on the town and educated at Sugar Hill and then The Avenue. His father was Station Officer at the fire station before being promoted which led to the family moving to Darlington. Paul worked for local manufacturing companies qualifying as an Accountant with an MBA from Durham University. He subsequently became a Financial Director spending a number of years as operations director where he had responsibility for Purchasing, Warehousing and Distribution.

He retired last year and looked to increasing his involvement in community work. He plays golf and recently got a private pilots licence. he has been married for over 30 years and has a 24 year old daughter.

Scott is also an accountant with experience in public transport, clothing manufacture and Waste Management/Haulage. He is currently the Financial

Controller for Emerald Biogas on Aycliffe Business Park. Having started from the ground up I believe in apprenticeships and mentoring plays a key part in helping young people achieve their goals in life.

Scott is the Father of toddler twins, and values family life. He is a keen Liverpool football fan and watches Darlington home and away.

P.E. QUALITY MARK FOR GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Greenfield Community College PE department are delighted to announce they have been awarded the Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark for PE and School Sport. This prestigious award is a powerful way of celebrating the success of the department. The afPE Quality Mark recognises, through a thorough self-review and evaluation process, the strength and quality of physical education and sport in the school. It raises the profile of the subject and the school both locally and

nationally and promotes the high quality work that is being undertaken on a day-to-day basis.

At Greenfield, we are fully aware that all young people are entitled to benefit from a high quality physical education and there is significant evidence to show this supports other learning right across the curriculum. It also contributes to healthy and active lifestyles, improves emotional well-being, reduces poor behaviour, increases attendance and develops key skills such as leadership, confidence and social skills. High quality physical education and all the additional benefits are a great cause of celebration and the afPE Quality Mark

has provided the independent endorsement of this at Greenfield Community College.

Schools across the UK are invited to apply for the afPE Quality Mark which has become the benchmark and industry standard for high quality. Greenfield PE Department now joins only three other PE Departments in the county to hold this award. Jason Rhodes, County Durham Secondary Lead for Teaching, Learning and Assessment in PE and afPE Validator recently presented the department with a certificate and an engraved plaque with the school now listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. Martin Butterworth, Subject Leader for PE, who was responsible for coordinating the application with his team, commented 'It is very pleasing for the department to be acknowledged with such an esteemed award. It pays tribute to all the hard work of our PE staff on a day to day basis at Greenfield that has allowed us to realise our continuous commitment to ensuring that pupils receive high quality PE and school sport provision'.

Great Night Out at Woodham Golf Club

A Butterwick Hospice Charity Event at Woodham Golf and Country Club on the 31st of May is hosted by Zoe Efthymiadou!

Please join us for an evening full of laughter and fun! Singing live are two dynamic local vocalists Chrissy and Ian James who will keep us entertained with a variety of music all evening.

Also, tuck into a delicious homemade pie and peas in a welcoming atmosphere where you can enjoy the beautiful panoramic views.

Raffle and cash action prizes will be on offer, a chance to win a luxurious spa for 2 at Rockliffe Hall with a 2 course meal, golf package and carvery

for 4 at Woodham Golf and Country Club and a bottle of Champagne, also many, many more wonderful prizes.

This is a fantastic Charity Event in aid of Butterwick House Hospice for Babies, Children and Young Adults. The aim of Butterwick House is to improve the quality of life for those who have a progressive life limiting illness. It also offers support to those close to them.

Please come and support this event and don't miss a great night out!

Tickets can be purchased from Woodham Golf and Country Club, please purchase your tickets in advance.

31st May 7pm. Ticket price: £7

New School to Replace Vane Road



Town Mayor Jed Hillary called in at Vane Road Infants School last week, where parents were being consulted on a new school to replace their old 1959 building which is well past its replacement date.

The new build will be erected on a site adjacent to the existing school and when complete the students move in and the old school will then be demolished.

Head Teacher Kieran Pavey is very excited that work is starting very soon and said the new ultra modern design is outstanding and the whole site when landscaped will be a real asset to the town.

Sugar Hill School which was built 5 years earlier and has the same post war problems, should be next in line for renewal or rebuild, if the money can be found!

NEVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOC.

Residents' Associations in Great Aycliffe work well for their communities, sorting out issues with the authorities and bringing people together for social activities.

Neville Community Centre has offered its premises as a meeting place and focal point for the new association if formed.

The intention is to call an Inaugural Meeting in June to form the Neville Residents' Association subject to sufficient interest being shown by people who live in the ward. Great Aycliffe Resident's Association is behind this project and need to see if the Neville Ward residents support the idea.

Please contact GARA Chairman Syd Howarth on 01325 300212 (business hours) or e-mail: syd@newtonpress.net

COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Council business has begun in Great Aycliffe and Middridge with their AGMs. Please do the DCC consultations. Some amazing local events coming up. Links to the articles below are at: bit.ly/CNB175

COUNCIL

- Consultation – Council Tax and Care Leavers
- Consultation – 20mph part-time speed limits
- Consultation – Garden Waste Collection Service
- County Durham Handyman Service
- Great Aycliffe Town Council AGM
- Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, 22 June
- Middridge Parish Council AGM
- Latest roadworks

COMMUNITY

- Report on the Woodham PACT meeting
- Free Nursery and Pre-School Care
- Hoax-Slayer
- Short film & presentation:

Riseburn and Eden Pit, 7:30pm, Tuesday 23 May, Bishop Auckland Town Hall, £2

• Hot Air Balloon Festival, 26-29 May, Houghall, Durham

• Tour Series Cycling event, 3-7pm, 27 May, South Street, Durham

• Find out about the Japanese Tea Ceremony (5-11s), 1-3pm, Saturday 27 May, Durham Oriental Museum

• Reach for the Beach Festival, 27 May-4 June

• Meccano Magic, 10am-5pm, 28-29 May, Locomotion Museum, Shildon

• Durham Pride Parade, 11:30am, 29 May, meet at Durham Cathedral

• Join the NE Autism Society's Run the Spectrum on 1st July

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• Ebac named as one of the Stock Exchange's 1,000 Companies to Inspire Britain

• Great news for Tekmar – from Taiwan

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Simon Goon, managing director of Business Durham, is stepping down from his position at the economic development company to take up a job as chief operating officer at Synoptica, an early-stage Artificial Intelligence company based in Guilford, Surrey.

Mr Goon, who will leave in August, has held his position at Business Durham for the last four years, overseeing the growth of the NETPark science site at Sedgefield, as well as developing employment sites elsewhere in the county.

He said: "I have enjoyed a great few years at Business Durham, helping the organisation to achieve its

aim of supporting businesses to create wealth and jobs for County Durham and driving enterprise and innovation.

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Simon who previously worked at regional development agency One NorthEast as head of business investment, said he would work with Sarah Robson and Ian Thompson, the Council's head of

economic development and corporate director, on ensuring a smooth transition. Mr Goon, who has a PhD in organic chemistry from

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Local Singing Star Performs in Durham



A singer who honed her skills in the North East brought her work back home last weekend. Hayley McKay, was born in Durham and went to school in Hurworth near Darlington. She performed a unique mix of pop, electro and country to the Gala Theatre on Saturday, 13th May.

"To have a headline gig at Gala was amazing as it's such a great venue," she said. I performed there at the premiere of the feature film Harrigan starring Stephen Tomkinson in 2013 as I sang on the soundtrack". "I spend about half of my time in London, but I always love coming back home to catch up with friends and family. It's even better when I have an opportunity to perform for them as they've been so supportive of me."

After achieving one of the ten highest grades in the UK in her drama GCSE, Hayley went on to study Performing Arts, Drama, Drama Theatre and Music Tech at Queen Elizabeth College in Darlington and later graduated to an artist development course in London with Access to Music, where alumni include Rita Ora and Ed Sheeran. She has recently released her second single The Bottom Of My Heart and has played a number of high-profile gigs including Northumberland Live, Cornbury Festival and Glastonbury.

Mother's Union Trip

The Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship are having a trip away on Wednesday June 7th. This is to Kiplin Hall, and on to Richmond for the afternoon. If anyone would like to join us on our trip you are more than welcome. The cost has not been finally decided until we fill the coach, but should be no more than £15.00. This includes return travel, entrance into the grounds and Garden at Kiplin Hall, and Tea/ Coffee with various scones on arrival. If you are interested please contact Pam Lovelass on 01325 316 841 for more details.

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Fifteenth Birthday of Air Ambulance



This weekend, the Great North Air Ambulance Service will celebrate with more than 350 supporters at its annual ball, held fifteen years to the day it was formally registered as a charity.

Grahame Pickering MBE, the charity's chief executive, said the landmark was a testament to the generosity of the people of the North-East, Cumbria and North Yorkshire. He said: "The charity has evolved from very humble beginnings to become one of the UK's leading air ambulances. Over the last 15 years, with the support of the general public, the charity's innovative and ground breaking practice, often months or years ahead of other pre-hospital services, has enhanced the standards of care delivered to more than 16,000 patients in our region.

"Never before has the region had such an advanced critical care out of hospital service that has benefitted so many individuals and their families. A credit to the people of the North." Among those in attendance at the celebration at the Hilton in Gateshead will be Henry Brooke, the professional jockey whose career was thrown into

jeopardy in a fall at Hexham Racecourse last year. Thanks to GNAAS, and subsequently from the team of medics and the rehab centre, Mr Brooke has since returned to the saddle.

He said: "It's hard to imagine what we did before GNAAS existed. My life certainly wouldn't have been the same. It's a great reminder for us all to dig deep and get behind this cause."

Mr Brooke and his family have donated several items to the auction at the ball, including a Grand National racecard signed by all participating jockeys, and signed Premier League football shirts.

Mr Pickering said: "We are proud to have some of our patients coming along on the night. We are hugely grateful to Henry for supporting us. After all, he and the other patients are the living embodiment of what we are here for."

Ahead of the ball, which is hosted by GNAAS patron Pam Royle, Mr Pickering met patients at the charity's Cumbrian base at Langwathby. Neil Wilson, of Berwick, was one of those present. He needed a pre-hospital blood transfusion - one of the first to take place in the North of England - when he was involved in a cycling accident. "GNAAS are phenomenal," he said. "It's only when you need them that you realise how vital they are."

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Great Performances by Woodham Dancers

Woodham Dance Academy are exceptionally busy around this time of year. They recently competed at the Great Big Dance Off in Warrington, where they were placed second. They also held their annual Dance Showcase at Woodham Academy where they were able to perform pieces to their families and friends.

Monday 24th April saw the Dance Academy put on a spectacular performance at the 'Feet First' Dance Showcase, which was held at the Gala Theatre, Durham. The Dance Academy has been part of this performance over the years and work hard to prepare creative, exciting pieces for the audience. They performed in two separate groups that showcased two different styles of dance, both of which were fun, energetic and complex. One of the groups performed a piece that is always enjoyed by the audience and really brings the atmosphere to life. The 90's mash up was choreographed by Kay Clarey of Joanne Banks Dancers.

Not only is this technically difficult, but it requires a huge amount of stamina as the dancers are required to stay in character throughout their performance. The bright colours and beaming smiles really showed off the talent and hard work that went into this piece.

The other group performed the jive. This is a much loved piece that has been choreographed by Hannah Kent, Director of Woodham Sports Academy. The dance is Woodham Dance Academy's own take of a traditional 1930's ballroom dance. The students really show resilience, as the dance is physically demanding due to its high energy and continuous bounce.

Whilst at the Gala Theatre, Woodham Academy's students were complimented on their outstanding behaviour and were great ambassadors for the school. They remained professional when performing and also showed appreciation for the other schools that performed in the show.

Due to their success, the Dance Academy have been asked to perform at a local event to

support a Cancer Support Group who are hosting a fundraising event at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. There will be table top stalls, children's entertainment and professional stalls. There will also be the performance from Woodham's Dance Academy. This event will be held from 10:30am until 2:30pm on Saturday 1st July.

Election Confusion

Dear Sir,
I was somewhat confused by the article in the Newton News about the Tory candidate for Sedgfield as it mentioned "teams of activists from Open Britain" here in the constituency.

This has certainly not been my experience in the constituency. The people helping Phil Wilson, the Labour candidate, are in fact local volunteers and residents rooted in our communities who all believe that Phil is the best candidate to be our MP.

I bumped into some of the Tory candidate's campaigners in Aycliffe - it turned out that none of them were local they were all from Hull University Conservative Students Association. How can this be any good for our community?

I trust the local people who are backing our local candidate not posh students from Hull coming here to tell us to vote for their friend who lives miles away in Hull.

Mr Jordan Gill

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Dear Sir,
I have received e-mails from residents living in the Chestnuts and from the editor, Syd Howarth, from Newton News expressing their concern that they have not received notification of the proposed new development. Some say there was insufficient time to make an objection or to call a public meeting to discuss the new housing, and how increased traffic alone, will impact on the environment. Having discussed this with a DBC planning officer he confirmed that DBC only inform those houses that are directly affected by the proposed housing development. I was not told which houses received notification but I assume that houses on the east side of the Chestnuts for example would not have been informed. With reference to the consultation period, I am told that it will be at least 3 or even 4 months before the application comes to Committee so there is time for you all to submit your objections should you be minded to think this way. On another matter. In planning on Wednesday, I objected to a planning Application to construct a 2m high boundary

fence around a property on the chestnuts. My decision is unbiased of course and as it is acceptable to put up a 2m fence without planning permission, I knew my objection would not stand. The reason for my objection was based on safety for the next door neighbour whose vision would be impeded by the new fence and simply based on observation. The Chestnuts was built as an 'semi open' estate. It has matured into one of the best designed estates in Darlington if not the BEST. Given the right to build fences ends up with a multitude of different designs of different heights, open boarded, closed boarded, latticed, larch lapped which can then be painted brown, blue, green and any colour under the sun. This in time discolours if not looked after and ultimately we could end up with a housing estate that looks completely different to that designed by the developer. Needless to say this is a personal opinion which is not shared by our Planning Authority. Councillor Gerald G. Lee
Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward
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C.S.I. Experience



Tuesday the 25th of April 2017 seemed like an ordinary day on the Sunnydale Campus, Greenfield Community College. Little did the students know that they would get the chance to form their own Crime Investigation Team. Thornhill students from Year 5 were handed the job of solving the crimes which included a 'mock' celebrity kidnapping, the victim being from a very famous girl band! The day began with a clue hunt, as the students from Group 1 performed various movements on the trampoline they were given clues to decode. Group 2 found clues whilst orienteering around the school grounds. Both groups ended up in Science where they were dressed in forensic investigator uniforms including gloves (naturally they couldn't contaminate the crime scene). In the Science department, the students were faced with three fingerprints, fibres, and an ink test which they analysed. Opinions were divided in regards to the perpetrator and further tests were required. The Science sessions ended with an experiment using potassium and Bunsen burners. Students were left slightly puzzled but had their bag of evidence including the fingerprints and fibres.

Art was a quick hit with all students but they were faced with the difficult task of building the fingerprint lifted from the crime scene. In small groups, and then eventually as a whole class, Year 5 had a white frame in which they needed to create/build the print using black sugar paper. Once completed, the visual analysis left all students with a clear picture of the perpetrator. The afternoon sessions started with a lesson in the history of girl bands. Matching world, historical events with the girl bands popular at the time proved tricky yet fun. Questions such as was JFK assassinated when The Supremes were popular? were buzzing around the room and the students displayed superb team skills to complete the timeline which included Banarama, Destiny's Child and of course The Spice Girls. The day ended in English with both groups creating a news broadcast of the crime. Students were also surprised with a visit from a real Crime Scene Investigator who provided information about the solving of crimes. Thank you to the students of Thornhill Primary School who were very welcome visitors, it proved to be a very enjoyable day for all.



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring got back to winning ways with an excellent seven wicket victory at home to Northallerton 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors elected to bat first and at 114 for 2 looked to be heading for a big score, despite some hostile fast bowling from Aycliffe's James Layfield-Carroll who took 2 for 28. However the introduction of left arm spinner Luke Telford (photo attached) into the attack had a dramatic effect as Northallerton lost their last 8 wickets for just 16 runs and Telford (sponsored by Pheonix Energy) finished with a season's best 6 for 26 as the visitors were dismissed for just 130 after 41.3 overs. In reply, Aycliffe got off to a flying start with opener Joe Haines smashing a brilliant 52 from just 60 balls, including eight boundaries and a six. When he was dismissed, captain Adam Gittins continued the good work with an unbeaten 35 to see Aycliffe home after just 25.4 overs. The second team were well beaten by nine wickets away at high flying Maltby 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Aycliffe chose to bat first and were skittled for 72 after 19.5 overs with only Steve Sweeney (15 runs) and Dylan

Tribley (14 runs) reaching double figures. In reply the homeside romped to victory in just 13 overs despite some decent bowling from 14 year old Lucas Pilling (1 for 20) and 13 year old Harry Wright (0-11) (sponsored by Commercial Expert Ltd). The club's u13's team (see photo above) had a fantastic victory by 3 wickets away at Wolviston in the NYACC League. Batting first the homeside were restricted to 73 for 9 in their 20 overs thanks to some superb Aycliffe bowling from Josh Imerson (4 for 15), Matty Greaves (3 for 12) and Leo Mercy (2 for 15). In reply, Aycliffe reached their winning target with ten balls in hand thanks to excellent innings from Matty Greaves (15 runs) and a nail biting unbroken 8th wicket partnership by David Robinson, who top scored with an unbeaten 16 and Jack

Paylor who batted well to finish 7 not out, seeing their team home for a memorable first win of the season.

In Memoriam

MARIA HALPIN Died 22nd May 2016. A special Daughter. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that never goes away. Love, Mam, Dennis and family
MARIA HALPIN Died 22nd May 2016. Beloved Niece, deep in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Auntie Florence, Uncle Bruce and Diane
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JOHN NISBET (Ian) 27th April, aged 61. Much loved by all his family. You will always be in our hearts. Would family and friends please meet for Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 1pm on Monday 22nd May.
CORNER (née Dunnington) Greta of Newton Aycliffe, Peacefully at Rose Lodge Care Home on May the 10th aged 75 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Trevor. A much loved Mam to Lynn. A treasured Grandma to Bethany and Owen. A dear Mother in law to Mark. A loving Sister, Aunt and Friend. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Thursday May 25th for 12.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, to the Alzheimer's Society.
TREVOR "SPUD" WILLIAMSON (1954 - 2017) Died on the 9th of May in Farnborough, following a short illness, aged 62 years. Newtonian Trev will be sadly missed by brother Des, sister Val, brother-in-law John, sister-in-law Helen and fondly remembered by many friends on the town.

Birthday Remembrance

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Today is full of memories Of happiness and tears Of birthday celebrations We've shared throughout the years
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TREVOR PLASKITT 23.5.1941, died 12.12.2010 Happy birthday Trevor. hope you are celebrating with the Angels, knowing we all love and miss you very much. God Bless, sadly missed. Love, Valerie xxx Daughters Shirley, Julia and Adam, loving Grandchildren, Jonathan, Maxine, Louis, Mia and family xxx

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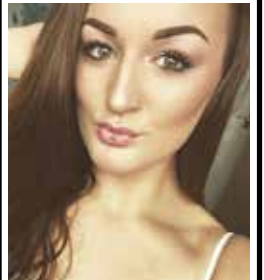
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Bishop Auckland College Win N.E. League Title



Bishop Auckland College Team with two of the players from Newton Aycliffe - Lewis Simmons and Ross Hutchinson

Bishop Auckland College's football team is celebrating after winning the North East Colleges' League.

A 3-1 victory over title rivals New College Durham in the last match of the season secured the championship for the first time in six seasons by six points, with the team having won all but one of their games.

The league also includes the Martin Gray Academy at Darlington College, Gateshead College, Darlington College, Wolsingham School and Community College, and Framwellgate School U18s.

The squad, which is coached by Iain Leckie, Andrew Dixon and Ben Trotter, will be presented with the league trophy at the annual staff

v students charity match. This takes place at 6pm next Friday (May 19th) at Bishop Auckland FC's Heritage Park Stadium, and is in aid of Cancer Research UK.

The staff team has won for the past three years, so a hotly contested match is expected. Tickets cost £2 and are available on the evening at the ground (under 10s are free). Entertainment includes sporting activities, a bouncy castle, face painter, half time penalty shoot-out with prizes, and a raffle with prizes including £100 in cash.

Top flight referee Nigel Miller from Esh Winning, who ran the line at the 2003 FA Cup final and has officiated at Premier League and Football League and cup matches for

more than 20 years, will be returning to supervise the match alongside his team of professional match officials. Andrew Dixon, sport lecturer and football coach at the college, said: "We are very proud of our football team, which won all but one of our matches this season – a magnificent achievement. The staff team will have to put on a strong performance to make it four wins in a row at next week's charity match!"

Election Thanks

Once again may I thank residents of Aycliffe East who have given me their support and voted me to be returned as their County Councillor.

I will continue to work closely with other Aycliffe Councillors for the benefit of Aycliffe East and Great Aycliffe.

Sarah J. Iveson

Star Cast at Theatre's First Full Show



As the first full-scale production to play the restored Darlington Hippodrome, this year's spectacular family pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, will star Lee Ryan, Zoe Birkett, Patrick Monahan, Eric Potts and Liam Mellor in the ultimate festive treat for all ages from 9th December 2017, staged once again by Qdos Entertainment. Lee Ryan from the BRIT award-winning boyband Blue and the new bad-boy 'Woody' Woodward in EastEnders will star as the handsome Prince while West End leading lady Zoe Birkett will star alongside him as the Wicked Queen following her most recent leading role of Rachel Marron in the UK tour of The Bodyguard.

Middlesbrough born funny man Patrick Monahan will star as the Wicked Queen's Henchman while Eric Potts - best known for his role as Diggory Compton, the eccentric baker, in Coronation Street will star as Nurse Nelly. Completing the line-up, actor and comedian Liam Mellor will star as Snow White's best friend Muddles.

To enjoy a festive family treat and be one of the first to see inside the newly restored Darlington Hippodrome, book now for the fairest panto of them all, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which runs from Saturday 9th December 2017 to Sunday 14th January 2018.

Book online or call the Box Office on 01325 405450

How to Win Business with County Council

Workshops to help businesses find out how to provide products and services to Durham County Council are being held this month.

The free, full-day sessions will take place on Tuesday, 23 and Tuesday, 30 May at Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor.

They are aimed at all potential and current suppliers and will cover information on the council's procurement process, in addition to UK and European Union procurement regulations.

Darren Knowd, chief procurement officer, said: "The sessions are open to everyone interested in doing business with us."

"We will be offering practical advice on how to bid for tenders, be shortlisted as a supplier and use the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) e-tendering system."

The workshops will run from 10am to 4pm and will include a buffet lunch. For details, or to register, call 03000 265 428 or email corporate.procurement@durham.gov.uk

42 P.B's for Aycliffe Swimmers



The Wear Valley level 3 swimming gala, was held on the 13th/14th of May. The following 16 Newton Aycliffe swimmers competed at the gala (Top Row, left to right) Kate Carmichael, Sophie Wilkinson, Leah Smith, Niall Coulthard, Kate Tolley, Katelyn Craig and Kathrine Lee. (Bottom Row, left to right) Leo Maughan, George Wilkinson, Louis Shaw, Chloe Harding, Daisy Smart,

Jake Andrews, Ethan Craig, Matthew Wimbury and Jamie Darnton. All swimmers had a fantastic weekend in terms of finals made and medals won, in total 42 Personal Bests were made which is brilliant, as it shows how much each swimmer is developing.

The swimmers who made finals were Kate Tolley, Sophie, Kate Carmichael, Katelyn, Leah, Niall, Jamie, George, Jake, Ethan and Leo.

One of the younger swimmers Mathew achieved a bronze medal at his first gala, and has a bright future in swimming. The star of the weekend was Leah Smith achieving 8 gold medals and personal bests in every race. This gala was important for Leah and Niall as they are both competing in the North East and Region's Championships on at the end of May, and the club hope to see more success there.

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SEARCH FOR AYCLIFFE'S MOST DESERVING YOUTH SPORTS TEAM

Two Ex-England sports stars have teamed up with a national heating and hot water manufacturer to search for local deserving youth sports teams to receive a £1,000 donation towards their club.

Ex-England footballer and 'I'm a Celebrity' contestant, Wayne Bridge, and ex-England rugby star and 'Dancing on Ice' winner, Kyran Bracken have teamed up with Worcester, Bosch Group as part of its commitment to heating up the nation's parents and grandparents as they endure the great British weather to watch their children play sport each week.

To kick off the search, the two celebrities returned to their grass roots to surprise players and spectators on the sidelines. As well as joining the young aspiring players on the pitch for a pep talk and coaching session, the sporting legends had an extra treat for parents, as they helped keep them warm on the sidelines with hot drinks,

bacon sandwiches and blankets during the game.

The Which? Best Buy heating supplier is now calling for locals in Newton to nominate a deserving youth team for the chance to receive a special visit and £1,000 donation.

Sue Pennington, consumer brand manager at Worcester, Bosch Group, said: "Youth sport is such an important part of local communities, so this year we wanted to give something back – not just to the players, but to the parents and coaches who give up their time and energy every week to celebrate their children's love of sport."

"It would be great to visit a grass roots team in Newton, so we can show local parents and spectators that they can rely on Worcester to keep them warm."

To nominate a worthy club, locals should visit www.worcester-bosch.co.uk/rely before Sunday 30th July, stating in 100 words why the team deserves a surprise visit from Worcester.

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