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Aycliffe Business Park Board Celebrate 1st Anniversary

A board of directors set up to help promote companies on the region's biggest business park is celebrating its first anniversary. The Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) board is marking its first year of operation by embarking on a number of new initiatives, designed to boost community engagement and communication.

Spread across 400 hectares, and with future expansion plans, Aycliffe Business Park is already home to an estimated 500 companies and 10,000 employees including high-profile names such as Gestamp Tallent, Hitachi Rail, 3M, Husqvarna, Inovyn and PWS.

ABPC was officially set up formalising the group after its predecessor had been run as an entity for more than three years. The board is now undertaking a complete re-brand, to be revealed at a major launch event with keynote speakers later this summer.

It will include a brand new website, to enable businesses to submit their company information and services as well as sharing news.

The group's chairperson, Xcel Centre managing director Kerina Clark, said: "It has been a really encouraging first year and we're very happy with its direction. We are seeing more and more new faces at our regular news and networking meetings. Attendees are getting to know their neighbours and many are doing business with one another as a result, which is fantastic.

"We want to see more engagement and are looking at ways of increasing that,



Aycliffe Business Park Community board (left to right) Lee Harris, James Goodliffe, Pamela Petty, Sarah Slaven, Kerina Clark, Emma Little, Rachel Townsend Green, Chris Hyde, Steve Robson and Martin Walker.

and we're hopeful the company's re-brand and new website will help."

The ABPC board is made up of Kerina along with Sarah Slaven (Business Durham), Steve Robson (South Durham Enterprise Agency), Rachel Townsend Green (Thrive Marketing), James Goodliffe (Formula Plastics), Pamela Petty (South West Durham Training), Lee Harris (Mitchell Gordon), Emma Little (Gregg Little Testing Centre), Chris Hyde (JDP Contracting) and Martin Walker (Mantis Media).

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Kevin Whately in "Kynren"

Eleven Arches, the production company behind the open-air spectacular Kynren, has announced that Kevin Whately will be part of the reimagined 2017 show. Kevin, who is best known for his roles in crime dramas Inspector Morse and spin-off Lewis and his role as Neville "Nev" Hope in the classic British television comedy Auf Wiedersehen Pet – has been brought on board to voice the character of 'Old Arthur'.

Kevin, who was born in Hexham, Northumberland, will lend his distinctive dulcet North East tones to the role of Old Arthur – a key character who sets the scene for the epic journey through 2,000 years of British history, myth and legend. During the opening scene Old Arthur reveals the secret of time travel through the 'Gatehouse of Time' – one of the many jaw-dropping hydraulic sets



that arises from depths of the stage's full-size lake - and sets Young Arthur off on his quest for knowledge and discovery into the meaning of Kynren.

Old Arthur appears in various key scenes throughout the show including: This is the Story of Us, The Miners' Gala, "Their Finest Hour" and the Finale.

Anne-Isabelle Daulon, Chief

Executive said: "We are absolutely thrilled that Kevin has agreed to be the voice of a central Kynren character. Working with an actor of Kevin's profile and talent, who is from the North East himself, endorses Kynren as a world-class product of this region and anchors the production as celebration of the spirit of the North East, which in turn will help establish the region as a major draw for visitors from all over the country – indeed the world.

Kevin visited the Kynren site in Bishop Auckland on Sunday 4th June during a full rehearsal, where he addressed the 1,500 strong Kynren cast and crew and injected an extra dash of inspiration ahead of the Premiere on Saturday 1st July.

For more details and to book tickets visit the website www.kynren.co.uk.

Business Park Board 1st Anniversary

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Kerina added: "The main aim of the board is to encourage and increase a sense of community between businesses on the park, supporting company growth. We want to increase engagement with all businesses across the park and try to ensure they are aware of the services that exist on their doorstep, and how to access them.

"We aim to do this by encouraging engagement through regular networking events and other ABPC-organised events on the park, as well as encouraging more interaction with businesses online and through social media."

The next news and networking for Aycliffe Business Park residents only is at ROF 59 activity centre on Friday July 21st from 8.15am. The next event open to all is at Planet Leisure on Friday September 22nd, from 8.15am.

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Wildflowers Set to Blossom

A popular wildflower planting scheme is to return to County Durham this summer.

Various species of annual and perennial wildflowers have been sown on roundabouts and highway verges as part of Durham County Council's annual wildflower planting scheme.

The attractive creations, courtesy of the council's Clean and Green teams, include annuals such as pretty poppies and colourful cornflowers, as well as perennials such as oxeye daisies and scabious.



The flowers, which attracted acclaim from residents and visitors to the county in 2015 and 2016, provide a beautiful burst of colour and are also perfect habitats for precious pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

The wildflower displays for 2017 can be seen at various locations:

including the A167/B6444 roundabout and verges at Newton Aycliffe. Weather dependent, the wildflowers are expected to be in full bloom during August. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback received during the last two years of the wildflower planting scheme. A range of people; from residents, members of the public, visitors and commuters passed on their compliments at how attractive the wildflowers were, so we're thrilled to announce the flowers will return for a third consecutive summer."

Oliver Sherratt, head of direct services at Durham County Council, added: "The wildflower schemes are not only attractive and beneficial to the natural environment, they also help us to reduce maintenance costs.

"The wildflowers at Durham, Chester-le-Street and Stanley also form part of the council's entry into the regional Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Northumbria in Bloom competition so we hope the flowers delight both members of the public and the RHS judges."

More information about the wildflower planting scheme is available at www.durham.gov.uk/wildflowers

For details on the RHS Northumbria in Bloom campaign, visit www.durham.gov.uk/inbloom or follow Durham City's progress on Facebook at www.facebook.com/durhambloom

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Previous gigs include: O2 Academy, Newcastle; Main Stage at Willowman 2017, and one of the best acts at Ronnington Festival.

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Blooming Free Art Exhibition

Seventeen artists from across the North East are taking part in a special exhibition focussing on all things floral. Exhibition of Bloom, at No. 42, Bishop Auckland Market Place, features a wide range of paintings, textiles, glass and photography, all created specially by regional artists from across Weardale, Teesside and County Durham.

Those exhibiting include 14 year-old photographer, Amy Pringle from Bishop Auckland, who is showing her work publicly for only the second time.

She said: "Everything in the Exhibition of Bloom is absolutely amazing and I can't believe my work is up there among them. I really hope this will be the first step to a long term creative career."

Others with work on show include Weardale papercut artist, Anna Osbourne, Hartlepool painter, Lisa Empson, Newton Aycliffe teaching assistant, Alyssa Griffiths, Durham abstract artist Alison Gargett, fine



art graduate Sue Humphrey based in Cornsay, North West Durham and self-taught creative, Maggie Potter Briggs, who lives in Billy Row, near Crook.

Binchester-based Pam Pott, who is also exhibiting, has created 3D flowers made of upcycled glass, she said: "I've thought about sculpting flowers in this way for many years and the Exhibition of Bloom gave

me the push I needed to do it." Exhibition of Bloom, curated by Auckland Castle Trust, was inspired by the Bishop Auckland and Coundon in Bloom campaign, designed by Durham County Council to help spruce up the area in time for summer.

Councillors Joy Allen and Charlie Kay, who led the initiative, both recently attended a special preview of the exhibition at No. 42 and are now encouraging others to visit too.

Joy, who is also Chair of Bishop Auckland and Coundon In Bloom, said: "I am delighted No. 42, together with talented local artists, is showcasing a wide range of arts and crafts inspired by Bishop Auckland and Coundon In Bloom. Everyone visiting the town should definitely call in and see the beautiful range of work now on display."

Exhibition of Bloom is running at No. 42 Bishop Auckland Market Place until July 8 2017. Entry is free and doors are open Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 5pm.

No. 42, run by Bishop Auckland Castle Trust, currently hosts six exhibitions per year, for artists from across the North East to display and sell their works. For more information or to apply to exhibit please email no42@aucklandcastle.org or call 01388 660270.

More details about Bishop Auckland and Coundon in Bloom are available by searching BAandCinBloom on Facebook or visiting www.bloomtalk.org.uk

WEST END STARS RETURN HOME FOR BRASS FESTIVAL

Two West End stars are looking forward to returning home to the North East to perform in this year's BRASS festival.

Kate Graham, who has had major roles in Billy Elliot, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Mamma Mia, grew up in Seaton Carew before moving to London to pursue her dream of becoming a singer.

On Sunday, 9 July she will join Darlington's Matt Corner – previously part of Gala Theatre Stage School – to perform swing versions of great Broadway songs for BRASS on Broadway at Durham's Gala Theatre.

"I always jump at the chance to do any work that brings me 'home' to the North East," she said.

"We opened the international tour of Mamma Mia in Newcastle a few years ago and that was fantastic, but I haven't performed in Durham since I was at university there. The Gala Theatre wasn't even built then so I can't wait to see it!"

The singers will perform alongside the incredibly popular Scottish Swing Orchestra and the BRASS Broadway Chorus – made up from local choirs and specially invited guests – for a set including songs from Chicago and Guys and Dolls.

Matt, who has recently finished a run as Frankie Valli in the West End's Jersey Boys, was part of the Gala Theatre Stage School from the age of 14 before attending the prestigious Arts Educational School musical theatre course in London.

"I can't wait to return back to the North East, having left at the age of eighteen to pursue a career as an actor,"

he said.

"Over the years, I performed in various amateur shows on Gala's stage and it was really the thing that gave me the bug for acting and ultimately helped me to realise that I wanted to become a professional actor. So it feels like I'm coming full circle really as I'm now back at the Gala Theatre. Continues..."

"I can't wait to hear these songs played by a fabulous full brass orchestra - the way all Broadway show songs should sound!"

The show takes place at Gala Theatre on Sunday, 9 July at 7.00pm. For tickets visit www.galadurham.co.uk



Mayor Congratulates Phyllis on Her 100th



Phyllis (seated) receives a bouquet from the Mayor Wendy Hillary watched by daughter and son-in-law.

Phyllis was born 13th June 1917 and lived all her life in Atherstone, Warwickshire until 2011 when she moved to Newton Aycliffe to save her daughter Josie travelling a 370 mile round trip to visit her.

Her husband Harry passed away in 1996 and they were devoted to one another being married for 56 years. Phyllis did not want to leave her home and her daughter travelled to Atherstone for 15 years to attend to her needs. Then a flat became available in Avon Court which Phyllis viewed and liked. After it was fitted it out with her home comforts she moved here in 2011, settling in well to start her new life in Newton Aycliffe.

In her lifetime she worked in the hatting and shoe industries, but was deployed

to a munitions factory during the war which she said was a very dangerous job as you could have been blown up at any time.

She married Harry Morris in 1940 on Armistice Day who was serving in The Irish Fusiliers. They only had the one daughter Josephine (70) and she married Stuart Davison.

Josephine told Newton News: "We are just blessed and thankful that she is still here". Josephine and Stuart have three sons. Leigh lives in Eaglescliffe, Paul lives in Indianapolis USA, Neil in New Zealand and they both flew over to be with Phyllis on this special occasion.

Phyllis has four great-grandchildren two live here, Maxwell and Annabelle with two in the USA, Sophia and William.

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Village Pub Re-branded by Aycliffe Marketing Agency

A popular village pub now under new ownership has been given a media face-lift thanks to Newton Aycliffe's Thrive Marketing Agency.

Nestled in the hills of Teesdale, The Three Tuns at Eggleston, is a 'must visit', following its recent takeover. Justin and Kellie Cooper, who have two children, have made incredible changes to The Three Tuns after acquiring it in late 2016.

New initiatives include a new menu, with meals that include locally-sourced ingredients, and a dog-friendly promotion offering doggy beer and treats! This all came about since choosing the talents of Thrive Marketing at Aycliffe, to re-brand the pub.

Thrive Director Rachel Townsend Green, first met Justin Cooper when she was holding marketing seminars at Teesside University in 2015. Fast forward two years and Justin remembered the seminars and was certain that Thrive Marketing were the right people to assist with their latest venture.

Kellie and Justin, previously managers for Leopard Leisure Ltd, have a vast experience of the hospitality industry.

Senior graphic designer Tom Mather said: "We created a brand with a modern take on traditional style, keeping



Thrive Team on Three Tuns Project

the theme of the pub intact, but bringing it into the 21st century. We've include sub-brands that allow The Three Tuns to grow and expand its reach and products for the area."

The re-brand and wraparound communications strategy makes The Three Tuns a popular destination for locals and those from further afield, rather than just a place to stop for a pint.

Kellie said: "The re-brand is fantastic, Thrive listened to us and achieved what we wanted by adding to the traditions of the pub but modernising the look and feel, at the same time. We wanted a marketing team that would have a long-term relationship with us and be a part of our journey, rather than someone who would create a logo and 'that's that', so to speak."

The Thrive team are also

supporting the pub with social media marketing and are currently rolling out the re-brand on their new website.

Kellie added: "The social media marketing has been massively encouraging and, as a start-up business, to see the reach and engagement rates is amazing. At Christmas we ran a campaign on our social media that was incredible in terms of reach, but it also became a talking point in the local community.

There are hopes the ongoing relationship between Thrive Marketing and The Three Tuns will mean the Teesdale pub will become an 'experience' destination for all.

Find out more about The Three Tuns, Eggleston, including special offers and opening times, on their Facebook page @ ThreeTunsDurham

AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB RACE REPORT

We have a bumper packed report for you this time, with different disciplines being covered by our club members. Three events were attended on the 4th of June. In the heart of the East Riding of Yorkshire, Nicola Darragh competed in the Allerthorpe Sprint Triathlon, finishing the race in a time of 1:19:16, 5th in her age group, 84th overall, while at Druridge Bay, Alan and Anne Kellet took on the Northumberland Sprint Triathlon for the first time, Alan crossing the finish line in a time of 1:31:59, 5th in his age group, 123rd overall and Anne in a time of 1:50:35, 13th in her age group, 199th overall. In Cleveland, seven of our club members raced in the Hartlepool Big Lime Aquathlon. Dan Halladay was first home for the team in a time of 29:21, just missing out on winning the race outright by coming in a brilliant 2nd. Next cross the line was Stuart Rimmer in a time of 37:15,

15th overall. In 21st position was Austin Donoghue in a time of 37:15 and just behind him in 22nd position was Jez Ladbury, finishing 43 seconds later in a time of 37:58. Mick Casey finished a commendable 28th, in a time of 39:41, with Jim Wilson two places later in a time of 42:17, 38th overall. Our only lady on the day was Tracey Warrior, 40th overall, in a time of 45:48.

And if that wasn't enough for Dan Halladay and Nicola Darragh, both of them raced the following weekend in the Cleveland Short Course Triathlon on the 10th of June. Dan bettered himself this time

by exiting the water in first place (he was second out of the water at Hartlepool) to finish the race in 14th position overall, in a time of 2:09:56, 8th in his age group. Nicola improved on her 5th age group placing from Allerthorpe by finishing 3rd in her age group in a time of 2:46:44, 96th overall.

Finally, competing over the same course as the elite world triathletes, Tracey Warrior and Graham Atkins made the trip to Leeds to enter their respective distances, Tracey in the Sprint Triathlon and Graham in the British Championships Standard Distance Triathlon.

Tracey finished the race in a respectable 12th in her age group, in a time of 1:57:37 while Graham crossed the line 9th in his age group, 12th overall.

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The Grade II listed building on Newgate Street, previously a house which dates back to c.1800, was until around 25 years ago known as McIntyres – a family run shoe and leather goods retailer which had been based there since the early 1920s.

Since the closure of McIntyres the double fronted premises had been occupied by fashion retailers including Etam and Dorothy Perkins, who vacated the building last October.

Owner Wayne Baister, of Initial Group, agreed to a temporary letting to Durham County Council for use during the Bishop Auckland Food Festival in April while a new retail tenant was found.

Local county councillor Joy Allen was keen to help find other uses for the building, which was listed by Historic England in 1993, while it remained vacant. The idea for the exhibition followed a meeting she had with Bishop Auckland College's Principal and Chief Executive Natalie Davison-Terranova.

The exhibition, called Regenerate, opens to the public today (Friday) at 11am after a private family showing to college staff, students and their families last night. It will run every day until Friday June 30th from 11am to 3pm weekdays and 12 noon to 3pm weekends. It will feature



Richard Hinch, Director of Curriculum, with Councillor Joy Allen and students at the launch of the new exhibition.

the work of talented students from the art and photography departments.

Following the conclusion of the exhibition the shop will be used throughout July to promote courses starting at the college in September across all curriculum areas and including Level 2 and 3, Higher Education and apprenticeships for school leavers and adult learners. Staff will be available to offer advice and assist with course applications and enrolment.

Allen, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, said: "Attracting new and innovative businesses to our high street is a key priority for me, so I was delighted that I could support the college and enable them to take up residency in these iconic premises. It's a very fitting venue to showcase the talented students' course work. "Bishop Auckland is quickly earning a reputation as a cultural centre that encourages and supports

new and established creative businesses. I hope that some of the artists exhibiting here consider taking a stall on one of our weekly markets to sell their work and build up a customer base."

Principal and Chief Executive Natalie Davison-Terranova added: "This is a fantastic building with a fascinating history which so many local people have fond memories of. "We are very grateful for the kind support of the county council, town council, Initial Group and Councillor Allen to enable us to hold the exhibition and offer advice and information here over the coming weeks on our huge range of courses starting in September."

Polystyrene Recyclable?

Dear Sir,

I was amused reading the letter concerning recycling honey and grass clippings and perhaps the Council will enlighten us as to what process they use.

Last October I too had a legitimately filled recycling bin refused, as it contained polystyrene. I wrote to the recycling department pointing out their mistake as polystyrene is recyclable!

A spokesperson said I was technically correct, but it was not recycled in Co. Durham. I replied stating my disbelief and asked for his statement in writing and an apology.

He posted a piece to me which he claimed was downloaded from the internet stating polystyrene cannot be recycled which is a lie however it is spinned.

The reason why they won't recycle it is that it is lightweight with small financial reward.

The Council should take ALL household waste without fees, instead of being real flytipping culprits. Refusing to empty recyclable items in the blue bin is inexcusable. Ken Farrell

Woodham Friendship Tree

Throughout the months of April and May staff from Woodham Academy's Art department have been visiting local primary schools to deliver a number of art sessions to year 4 students. This has been to give the students a taste of the type of work that they could produce using the specialist Art facilities at secondary school.

The students have gained experience in the use of clay and of colour blending with paint and pencil. The work that has been produced will take the form of a large ceramic tree design which will be on permanent display at Woodham Academy. The 'Friendship Tree' will be available for viewing from 3.30 on the 12th of July to coincide with the Art exhibition of this year's Art GCSE students.

Students and parents from the schools involved; Chilton, Heighington, St Mary's, Sugar Hill and St Francis have been invited to attend the unveiling of the tree and observe how their own individual ceramic leaf helps to make up the tree as a whole.



Time to Form Neville Residents' Association

An informal public Meeting is called for Monday 26th June to discuss the possibility of forming a Residents' Association for the Neville Ward area.

The meeting will be held in the Neville Parade Community Centre at 6.30pm and if sufficient interest is shown plans will be made to call an Inaugural Meeting to get the Association underway.

The area covered by Neville Ward extends from Central Avenue to St. Cuthbert's Way and will bring great benefits, with the Neville Community Centre offering their premises as a focal point for the new organisation. Other Residents' Associations in the town have proved to be very successful in bringing the community together to influence decision making, and for social interaction with all sorts of grants on offer.

Please come along and give the Neville Ward a voice.

Schools Rehearse for Summer Concert



Students from Newton Aycliffe schools are taking part in a community outreach project based around vocal performing. The project, led by Woodham Academy, will culminate in a performance given by all participants in the annual Woodham Summer Concert on 13th July.

Four primary schools have signed up to the project. Students from Vane Road, Sugar Hill, St Joseph's and Chilton primary schools will have the opportunity to work with a member of Woodham's music department, who visits each school every fortnight, in order to learn three songs, and ultimately perform them as part of a larger choir. All students are learning the same songs, and will give the final performance all together in the Summer Concert. So far, around fifty students are taking part, and rehearsals are progressing well. Woodham staff are particularly impressed with the motivation from many of the students involved, noting that children are keen to

work hard to give a confident performance.

One of the benefits of this project is the chance to help develop the musical abilities of students prior to their arrival at Woodham, and to give students the chance to stand on a stage and perform in front of a wider audience than they may be used to. There is a strong tradition of performing at Woodham, with concerts, musical productions and talent shows being regular occurrences on the school calendar. The aim of outreach projects such as this is twofold – to allow children to become involved in performing at a younger age, which will then hopefully continue throughout their time at secondary school, and to engender in as many students as possible a love of performing.

The Summer Concert will take place on Thursday 13th July 2017, at 7pm in Woodham Main Hall. Tickets will be available nearer the time by contacting Woodham Academy on 01325 300328.

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Charity Donation from German Visitors



L-R: Cllr Jean Chaplow, Chairman's Consort; Laura Simpson, from GNAAS; Josef Devers, Vice Chairman of Kreis Wesel; and Cllr Bill Kellett, Chairman of Durham County Council.

A group of German visitors have given a north east charity a cash boost during a trip to the region. The delegation from Kreis Wesel enjoyed a five-day working visit to County Durham as part of a twinning arrangement which has lasted more than six decades. During the visit, organised by DCC, the group handed over a cheque for €500 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). The GNAAS is the chosen charity of the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Bill Kellett, who accepted the cheque alongside Laura Simpson from the GNAAS. Cllr Kellett said: "I am very pleased to accept this generous donation from our friends in Kreis Wesel. I am sure it will be very gratefully received by the GNAAS, an extremely worthy recipient." County Durham has been linked to Kreis Wesel since 1953 and over the last 64 years the two areas have

taken part in a variety of collaborative projects involving residents and professionals from across the county. The relationship aims to develop friendships and improve understanding between people in the two countries, encourage investment and economic links and help people improve their professional skills and exchange examples of best practice. The latest visit to County Durham by five councillors and two council officers from Kreis Wesel included the chance to hear about the council's Area Action Partnership economic development, Durham City regeneration plans and residents' response to flooding in Chester-le-Street. The group also visited Aycliffe UTC, Binchester Roman Fort, Durham Regatta and a nature reserve built on the former colliery site in Easington.

Brits Reveal Phone Habits That Drive Them Crazy

Someone playing on their phone whilst you are trying to talk to them tops the poll, followed by using a phone at the dinner table, and talking really loudly on a phone in public.

In today's fast-paced and tech-savvy world pretty much everyone has a smartphone. We love being able to keep connected to loved ones, meet new people even keep up to date with breaking news. However, from time-to-time we can take our smartphone adoration a little far and throw social courtesy out of the window.

A new poll of 1,764 Brits by phone specialist Envirofone has revealed the phone habits that drive us insane!

1. Someone playing on their phone whilst you are trying to talk to them (73.4%)

We've all done it. Someone is trying to tell us something important and we're distracted by a friend's new Instagram story or news flash about Brangelina.

2. Someone playing on their

phone at the dinner table (65.3%)

We've just been served a delicious dinner that our partner/mum/dad/nan has slaved over and yet we refuse to put our phone down. We're starting to appreciate why people find this annoying...

3. Talking really loud in public on the phone (57%)

There is a reason Dom Joly turned this annoying phone habit into a hilarious sketch for Trigger Happy TV; it is one of the primary causes of exasperated huffs across the nation!

4. Playing a game on a phone with the sound on (37%)

As a nation we don't enjoy having our space invaded by unsolicited noise. Let's do everyone a favour and turn game sound effects off, or plug in some headphones.

5. Taking pictures of people without asking (35%)

Is there anything more off-putting than a stranger taking a photo of you without asking?

6. People sat next to each

other who are texting and sneering (23%)

We've all seen those groups of teens that are clearly getting 'mega LOLs' out of WhatsApping each other, despite being sat together. Cue eye rolls.

7. Playing on a phone whilst watching TV (19%)

You've waited for your flatmate/partner to be home for days, so you can catch up on the latest episode of Game of Thrones together - dodging those spoilers has been a real challenge. However, as soon as the credits roll, their phone comes out and they remain glued to it for the duration of the show. Why? We'll never know...

8. Kids saying 'have you got any games on your phone' (16%)

We get it, they don't need to check their bank balance and they probably aren't interested in the latest headlines. But no, we don't have any games, we're grown ups.

9. Not having a phone on silent (16%)

Another noise-related phone grievance. As a nation we're of the opinion that phones should be seen but not heard.

10. Taking selfies (15.4%)

For some reason, seeing people take selfies drives us insane. Maybe it's the implied narcissism, maybe it's just that they look like they're having more fun than us.

Too Many Dog Attacks

Dear Editor

In response to the letter in last week's edition of Newton News regarding the recent German Shepherd attack on Poppy the Jack Russell. These incidents of out-of-control dog attacks seem to be getting more frequent and the situation is quite disturbing. People who own any dog especially

large breeds like Alsations, German Shepherds, Huskys and the like, need to take responsibility and ensure that these animals are under control when out and about and the perimeter of their properties secure to avoid them escaping.

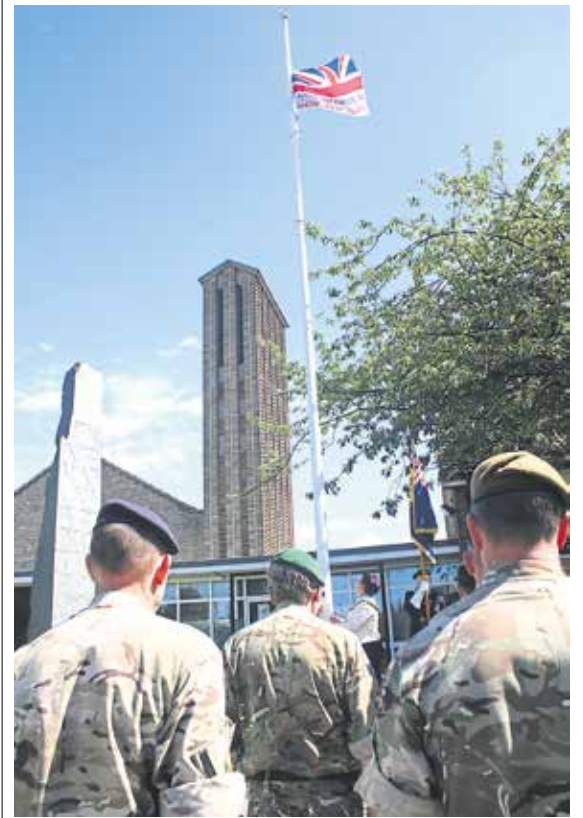
I myself posted a letter in the Newton News last year (5th August edition) after my dog was viciously attacked by an Alsation which escaped from the garden, but on that occasion he was lucky and apart from being terrified and shook up for a few days, he suffered no obvious injury, as his thick coat took the brunt of the attack. Unfortunately however, the very same Alsation attacked him again on 26th May this year, only this time my dog was quite badly injured on his hind leg resulting in two very deep puncture wounds which became infected and required veterinary treatment and follow ups.

On this occasion I too informed the police and as a result of this am now being subjected to offensive behaviour from a person who has absolutely nothing to do with the matter but is associated with the dog's owner - 'because of what you did to my friend'..... and accused of being a liar as apparently it wasn't my dog that was attacked.

The PCSO who attended following this incident told me that the police 'don't usually get involved with dog fights as dogs sometimes fight', but as I told her, there is a huge difference in a dog fight and a dog attack on an unsuspecting animal.

Irene Wilkinson

Armed Forces Day

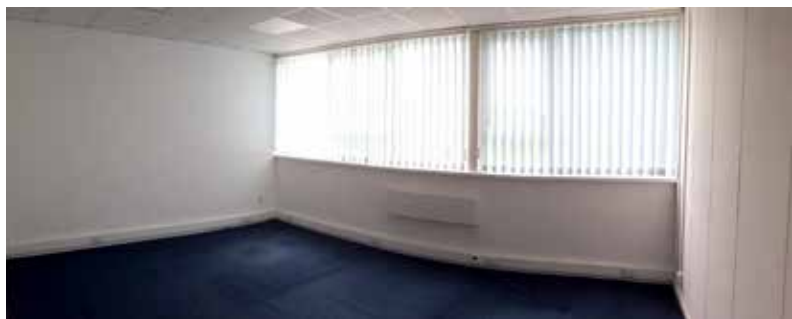


The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, attended the War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church on Monday, 19 June 2017 to raise a flag on behalf of the Town to mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week'.

The Mayor was assisted by Officers from Aycliffe Armoury and the Barnard Armoury. A Standard Bearer from the Royal British Legion was present together with members and representatives from the Club.

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of those who lost their lives and those affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower in London. The Service was conducted by Revd. Andrew Bryer and Arthur Middleton played the bagpipes whilst the Mayor raised the flag. Veterans and members of the public attended to mark this annual occasion.

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"Labour of Loaf" Opens

Rob Clayton trained as a baker on leaving school, on the old YTS scheme and has always loved baking. He remained in the trade for 15 years until personal circumstances forced a change of career and he became a Probation Officer. Although his career changed he would often be found in the kitchen creating something delicious. When my children were born it wasn't long until they too were helping out and enjoying baking too.

Then a friend asked me to make some special buns for her newly opened restaurant which inspired Rob to experiment with flavoured breads which became very popular with his friends who often requested their favourites. This inspired him to sell his products commercially and around 24 months ago, armed only with an old 1970's Kenwood Chef and a domestic oven 'Labour of Loaf' was born.

It wasn't long before the demand outgrew his equipment so he built a bakery in his garden but after months of trading it became apparent that bigger premises were required and the move to Newton Aycliffe seemed an obvious choice, in line with the craft theme emerging around the Blue Bridge Centre Newton Press, Emres Barbers shop, Railtown Coffee and the Steam Machine Brewery. Rob's products range from traditional breads such as Sourdoughs, rye bread and spelt loaves to more specialist and creative combinations such as jalepeno and cheese, black pudding and sun dried



tomato as well as other alternative products such as rhubarb and almond brioche. He trades at local farmers markets all over the north and can be found with one of his daughters who love to help their Dad.

My products are also available in a few select retail outlets, restaurants and cafes. I'm happy for people to come and have a chat at the bakery and purchase some bread of their choice direct, when available.

Rob said: "Again I find myself in a position whereby demand for my breads is greater than my capacity to produce it on my own. Whilst this is testament to the quality of each hand made product I'm in a position where I'm looking to take on an experienced baker to assist, initially on a casual basis to help cover busy periods and holidays. A passion for the craft is essential, along with reliability and a driving licence as deliveries may be included in the duties. If you are interested in

assisting in creating these unique products call Rob on 07855 553884. If you're interested in ordering from me or wanting to discuss the possibility of me supplying your restaurant or shop the number to contact me on is the same".

Town Centre Car Parking

Dear Sir,
I read about the Aldi Car Park fine and must remind people there is a large banner at the entrance and other notices inside and out. Before Aldi introduced the restriction you could not get parked as people used it to visit other shops. This works better for those who shop at Aldi.

My wife and I are unhappy with drivers parking on paths near Barnardo's and McGuinness as being disabled we use scooters and we cannot get passed.

Also the rubbish outside these premises is not on! Tab ends from staff smoking outside, Old TV parts, household goods left to pile up over weeks.

Told the council but it fell on deaf ears!

J. Williams

Defoe Court Open Day



Residents and relatives at HC-One's Defoe Court in Newton Aycliffe celebrated the fifth annual Care Home Open Day on 16th June.

Care Home Open Day is a national event that gives local people the opportunity to learn more about the services at the heart of their community. This year's theme was 'HC-One Big Lunch', as they partnered with the UK's biggest annual neighbourly get together. Residents, their loved ones and neighbours of the home celebrated with A local Singer, afternoon tea, some stalls and the fabulous Boothalicious.

The family of HC-One homes across the UK took part in activities throughout the day, which comes shortly after HC-One celebrated its own 5th anniversary last month and relaunched as 'HC-One The Kind Care Company', bringing to focus their ethos of delivering the kindest care. Defoe Court, Sarah Todd said: "I would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our annual open day. We all had a wonderful day spending time with you chatting, we hope you enjoyed the afternoon tea, especially all the cakes. We hope you had fun in the photo booth and enjoyed the singer as much as we did. A special thank you to Woodham community school for their fantastic students who wowed us with their musical talents. HC-One Chief Operating Officer Paula Keys said: "Care Home Open Day embodies our ethos at HC-One, as our relationship with the local communities we serve are such an integral part of the work that we do. We strive to be the first-choice provider for those looking for the kindest care and the employer for choice for the best, most professional and kindest

staff, and we are so pleased to be able to demonstrate this to our visitors during Care Home Open Day. We hope that everyone enjoyed their visit, and we're delighted our neighbours had the opportunity to see first-hand how HC-One delivers the kindest care." HC-One is proud of achieving a 9.3 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to Residents.

Film Show

"ESIO TROT"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 27th June features the 2014 British comedy film "ESIO TROT", one of the most likeable American stars comes together with two of the most likeable British stars in Dustin Hoffman, Judi Dench and James Corden.

In this delightful, Feel-Good Roald Dahl comedy, the shy Mr Hoppy is hopelessly in love with the effervescent Mrs Silver, but she has eyes only for her little friend Alfie; a tortoise! Honestly! You'll love it! 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.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A very busy week! Full details of all the following headlines are on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB217

COUNCIL INFORMATION

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Tuesday 20 June.
- At last week's Municipal Journal Awards, Durham County Council won the 'best community engagement' award.
- DCC has launched a new 'Help to Health' Hospital Transport Service.
- Childminder Training Sessions.
- Watch Visit County Durham's video - 'Durham - a tasty place to eat'.
- DCC wildflower verges are coming to the A167.
- GATC Full Council, Wednesday 14 June.
- This week's roadworks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Remember the 4Cs for safe summer eating.
- A shocking bus journey - life expectancy differences in County Durham.
- Please nominate the S&DR's Skerne Bridge in Historic England's 'History of England in 100 Places' competition.
- Durham Community Action newsletter.
- Police Community Cohesion newsletter.
- A summer crack-down on careless and dangerous driving on rural roads has been launched.
- The letter in last week's Newton News about garden

waste and recycling was incorrect.

- Are you aware of the minimum age requirements at which children should be using social media?
- Should your organisation be taking part in #AycliffeHour?
- Donations sought for PCP 'super shed'.
- Greenfield Arts is celebrating the Men's CREE's volunteering award.
- Aycliffe UTC will offer GCSE Results Support Day.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- Electrofishing Field Trip, Low Barns Watch Group (5-11s), 10am-noon, Saturday 1 July.
- Super Sumo (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 1 July.
- Kynren, opening night, Saturday 1 July, tickets selling fast.
- Code cracking (5-11s), Palace Green Library, 1-3pm, 1-2 July.
- 'Great Expectations' at the Gala, 7.30pm Wednesday 5 July, £15.

LOCAL ECONOMY

- Crafter's Companion was one of the finalists in last week's NE Export Awards.
- Well done Trifast - increased profit and ready for Brexit!
- Aycliffe Business Park sees apprentices as key to growth.
- STEPHANIE aims to help County Durham's space industries scale up faster.
- 'Whirlwind' success for Fleet Recruitment.

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Childminder Training Sessions Offered CARE HOME WELCOMES LOCALS TO LUNCH

Specially tailored child-minder training sessions are being held in Durham aimed at people with previous professional experience of working with children. Durham County Council is running the two-day course on 18 and 22 July at County

Hall in Durham. The sessions cover information on Ofsted's legal requirements of becoming a child-minder, hints and tips on the business basics of being self-employed, child safeguarding and early education in the home environment.

Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services said: "Across the county we are short of child-minders and this is an excellent opportunity for anyone with previous experience of working with children in a professional setting to come along and find out more about becoming a child-minder."

"Those who have worked with children previously often make excellent child-minders and as a council we are keen to register more, good quality, child-minders in the area, which in turn enables more parents with young children to go back to work."

The course is designed to be a basic introduction to child-minding and anyone attending will still be required to follow the standard application process with Ofsted to become registered. The two-day course runs from 4.30pm-8.30pm on 18th July and 9am-3pm on 22nd July (both dates must be attended) and costs £75. For more information call 03000 268 917 or to book a place, please email eywfd@durham.gov.uk

Hike Raised £500



Sharon and James Lynch took on the Macmillan Challenge to raise funds for cancer support. They walked the MIGHTY HIKE a 25.2 mile marathon in the Lake District from Keswick down to Ambleside. Sharon and James completed the hike in memory of family and friends who recently passed away with cancer. They raised £500 from sponsors which they would like to thank. It was completed on Saturday 17th June in very hot conditions taking 12 hour 40 minutes. Both were very tired at the finish and out of the 975 people who took part they came a very respectable 704 and 705 position.



MICHAEL DALTON



It is with regret we record the sudden death of former Councillor and Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Michael Dalton aged 52.

Michael died on Sunday 18th June 2017 the day after he left his hospital bed to return home. During the night he suffered a heart attack. His Mother Mary called the Ambulance and kept her son alive with chest compressions until they arrived. Sadly Michael died later at the hospital.

Michael was born with Spina Bifida and suffered with kidney problems, travelling to hospital for dialysis treatment three times a week. Michael trained as an Accountant, but had to leave work due to ill health. He was married to Julie, also a victim of Spina Bifida who sadly died in 2000. At that time his parents invited Michael to move in with them to help with his care.

Michael and his mother were keen Labour Party members and became Town Councillors. Mary served four times as Mayor with Michael as her Consort.

He suffered two long hospital stays over the last two years with a blood condition. Only two weeks ago he told Newton News how frustrated he was with the length of his treatment.

This year he met up with Sue Ward, a friend he knew 30 years ago - they became engaged and were due to marry next year.

Michael was a founder Trustee of the Pioneering Care Centre, and served as Company Secretary. He was a member of the town's Rotary Club and very active in supporting the rights of disabled people.

On behalf of the townspeople he served, we extend sincere condolences to Mary, his family, and fiancé Sue.

TRIBUTES TO MICHAEL DALTON

Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are saddened by the recent death of Michael Dalton, a devoted Trustee and advocate of the organisation since 1998. Michael was particularly passionate about the Pioneering Care Centre and the broad range of facilities and services provided to aid independence and choice. Michael played a fundamental role in the development of the Centre. He had been Company Secretary and proudly represented the organisation whenever the need arose.

As a wheelchair user, Michael was also keen to support us to ensure accessibility for all; he had an eye for detail, helping with Centre maintenance inspections and supporting health and safety generally. He was very proud of everything the organisation has achieved and was dedicated to helping us grow and thrive for almost 20 years. Michael was our friend, colleague and supporter. He will be sadly missed - but very fondly remembered - by all of us.

From the Mayor and Consort

It was with deep sorrow we heard of the passing of our friend Michael Dalton. He was an exceptional man who had a real tenacity to live life to the fullest despite the physical restrictions of his disability. He never complained and lived to serve his community over years from his work with the PCP, his support of the Normandy Veterans, his work with the Rotary Club and being Town Councillor, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and consort to his mother Mary following his father's death

a few years ago. We often wondered where he found the energy. Michael was well known and respected across the County because of his great contribution to society and his ability to participate in events to improve life for others.

A true gentleman who we will miss greatly and we offer our deepest condolences and love to his Mother Mary and family. Councillors Wendy and Jed Hillary Mayor and Consort.

From the Leader of the Council

Michael Dalton served the people of Great Aycliffe over two decades on both Sedgfield Borough Council, as a member for Woodham Ward for four years and as a town councillor for eleven years. He served one term from 2002 to 2003 as the Town Mayor. Michael also actively supported his mother, Mary Dalton, as consort during her four stints as mayor.

Michael was born with Spina Bifida and he suffered health problems throughout his life. His early years of life were spent in the Richmond area of North Yorkshire and throughout his life he showed true Yorkshire grit and determination. He was fiercely independent and went to college and qualified as an accountant. Michael

moved to Newton Aycliffe when he married his late wife Julie Fulbrook, who also suffered with Spina Bifida. Together they enjoyed 12 years of independent living together before Julie died. Michael was a hardworking, conscientious and caring person. As a councillor at both Sedgfield Borough and the Town Council he served on all of the major committees and many sub-committees and working groups. His professional skills were extremely useful on the Audit and Asset Management Sub-Committees. Michael cared for the welfare of others. He served on the board of the Pioneering Care Partnership for many years and was a member of Newton Aycliffe Rotary



Rose Lodge Care Home, on Carers Way in Newton Aycliffe, opened their doors to locals to join them for a High Tea and prosecco afternoon as part of a nationwide initiative aimed at building relationships between care homes and the people in their local area.

The afternoon began with a drinks reception before guests were treated to afternoon tea for two featuring a stunning selection of sandwiches, cakes and baked goods.

The event was held on National Care Home Open Day, a nationwide initiative which provides an opportunity for the UK's care homes take centre stage and invite members of their local community into the home for a host of entertainment and activities. The aim is to enrich the lives of residents, build links with the local community and offer a chance for local people to mingle with residents and staff.

Rose Lodge combined their open day with The Eden Project's The Big Lunch neighbourhood get-together, which aims to get as many people as possible across the UK have lunch with their neighbours annually in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

It was double celebrations for the home which is also up for 'Home of the Year' award in the MMCG & Countrywide Care Awards next week on Thursday 22nd June.

Rose Lodge Home Manager Nicola Wheatley, Said: "We've had an amazing time at our High Tea and prosecco afternoon. Our team here really pushed the boat out to create a memorable day for residents and guests. Everyone has said that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is what The Big Lunch and National Care Home Open Day is really all about."

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CAKE & COLLABORATION

Healthwatch County Durham celebrates its first anniversary with cake and collaboration!

We launched our first annual report at a fantastic showcase event on Wednesday 14th June in Durham, with high profile guest speakers, a highly competitive quiz, the premiere of our 'Volunteer Vlogs' and a delicious afternoon tea.

Healthwatch County Durham has been delivered by a partnership of Pioneering Care Partnership, Citizens Advice County Durham and Durham Community Action since July 2016 and has had a very successful year. The event showcased some of this work including; speaking to 100 people with learning disabilities about barriers to having their annual health check, the comments cards we have sent to every new recipient of a care package in Co Durham and the 34 residents of eight care homes for people with learning disabilities we spoke to as part of Durham County Council's (DCC) review process.

Our guest speakers showcased four great projects in more detail. Gail Linstead, Head of Engagement and Primary Care Development for Durham Dales and Easington (DDES) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) spoke about the contribution HWCD staff and volunteers made to their Urgent Care consultation



in 2016 and Dr Jonathan Smith, the Clinical Chair of DDES shared what a great experience Silverdale Family Practice had had during our Enter and View visit. He said 'in our opinion the Enter and View visits are a great way to break down barriers, give practices an independent view on the success of their service and help them highlight areas for improvement. We would recommend an Enter and View visit to any practice'.

Tony Bentley, a Healthwatch research volunteer talked passionately about his experience of putting himself in the shoes of a relative looking for information about one of the 134 care homes in Co Durham, the challenges he faced and the suggestions we have made to providers and Durham County Council to make this process easier for people.

We launched our survey looking at people's awareness

and experience of pharmacy services at the event and Greg Burke, Chief Officer of the Local Pharmaceutical Committee spoke about how much he is looking forward to working with Healthwatch and the importance of getting, and learning from, the views of service users.

Cllr John Clare attended and referred to the ‘professionalism and accessibility’ of the event in his blog post which he wrote straight after!

Our volunteers had the last word, when we premiered their film at the end of the event during 'Afternoon tea at the Healthwatch Movies', talking about the great work they have done this year, giving 620 hours in just six months! Brian Jackson, Chair of HWCD said 'what a fantastic event, I can't wait till next year!'

75km Trek to Raise Boob Awareness

Anna Shepherd is 29, married to a man she met in school. She has lived in Newton Aycliffe her whole life, but did leave town for a year as part of her university degree, but quickly returned as a total home girl at heart! She graduated from Northumbria University in 2010 and secured a job as a marketing assistant, working her way up the post of Digital Marketing Manager for Nuby.

At the moment there is just the two of us and our two King Charles Cavalier Spaniels called Rusty and Winston. When not working Anna loves taking the dogs for walks, spending time with friends and family and reading. She also tries to stay fit.

Between the 4th and 10th November this year Anna will be trekking 75km through the Oman Mountains in searing heat during the day camping out in the freezing cold night-time desert to raise vital funds for the CoppaFeel charity.

The trek leaders are Giovanna Fletcher (vlogger and author) and Greg Rutherford (England Olympian). It will be a huge physical and emotional challenge for Anna, but is a life-changing opportunity she is grabbing with both hands.



CoppaFeel, raise awareness to the early signs and symptoms of breast cancer and are dedicated to encouraging everyone to get familiar with their boobs by checking them regularly and getting anything suspicious checked out. Early detection really does make the difference between life and death. Please find link to their website here:

Anna said: "Like far too many people, I have family and friends that have been touched by this horrible disease and in some cases, it has won, but I am also very fortunate to know some amazing women who put up an amazing fight and have given breast cancer the Vs!"

"I have a HUGE fundraising target of £2,775 to reach within the next few months, and in addition to my donation page (link below) I'm planning several fundraising events. These will include bake sales, a boob brunch, a cocktails & canapes evening, sponsored walk, darts tournament and making a number of boob themed items to sell."

Anna is keeping a blog of her training and preparation for the challenge which you can follow here> <https://vinttosmiler.wordpress.com/> Please find link to her charity page here: <https://omancoppafeel.everydayhero.com/uk/get-me-to-dan-teamboobs>

Cervical Screening Awareness Raised



The stall in aid of 'National Cervical Screening Awareness Week' held at Tesco last week was well received. It was manned throughout the day by Dr Hewitt and Nurses from Bewick Crescent and Peaseway surgeries.

We had rotas and where able to book 16 appointments who were overdue with their sample, and also saw ladies who wished book an appointment. Patients from Cobblers Hall Surgery were encouraged to also make appointments. The reception staff at Bewick Surgery wore Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust T-shirts on the day, and many ladies made appointments.

The stall was busy with lots of interest, questions and support from male and female customers. Overall it was a well attended event to raise awareness and promote cervical screening. Unintentionally customers offered money so we raised £63 for Jo's Trust Charity.

Thanking Community-Spirited Volunteers

Kind-hearted residents have received praise for the goodwill they give to their community, as national Volunteer Week 2017 draws to a close.

A five-week Volunteering Campaign which ran from 2nd May to 7th June featured local volunteers and partner organisations in a series of short videos, from across County Durham and Darlington.

Led by Ron Hogg, Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, the online campaign celebrated the valued work of residents, who go the extra mile to help communities or individuals who need extra support. Ron said: "I launched the campaign to celebrate the work of ordinary people, who give up their free time to help others in their community, and to raise the profile of what they do".

Videos from criminal justice organisations, councils, NHS bodies, the voluntary sector, charities and smaller community groups all joined in the campaign. The videos included subjects such as domestic abuse, road safety, support for tourist events and many more. They showed the benefits of helping victims and their families, and other vulnerable or isolated people.

"I'd like to thank all the volunteers and organisations that got involved in the

campaign. The video messages have been varied, and we still have more to publish on social media over the next few weeks.

"Videos either guided victims or the vulnerable towards local support services, thanked hard-working volunteers for their contribution, or promoted new opportunities to get started in volunteering. I encourage people to watch and share the videos if they can."

During the campaign Ron's YouTube channel has so far received over 4,300 views. The Facebook videos reached almost 20,000 views and over 35,000 views on Twitter.

Resident Jon Ullathorne is a local volunteer who goes into schools and works with young people to address road safety. He said: "It's really important to me that my voluntary work can make a big difference in my local area. By giving back to the community, I can assist children to make important life choices at a young age, which can help to reduce the number of needless accidents or fatalities, on our roads."

You can follow the campaign and continue to share the videos on social media; simply search for DurhamPCC on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, or use the hashtag #DurhamDarloVolunteers.

Toys & Trains

The annual Toy & Train Collectors' Fair – which this year is organised by Triang-Man and Pennine Models – returns to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Saturday July 1 & Sunday July 2, 2017.

The event is a great opportunity for collectors and enthusiasts to buy, sell, and swap model railways, tin plate, Dinky, die cast, cars, planes, soldiers, plus a whole lot more!

Visitors will be able to view working model railway layouts in various gauges, plus static displays. Look out for the Hornby 'O' Gauge Society Borders' Group plus Hornby Dublo Electric Trains display and trade stands.

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Shildon British Legion Branch Reformed

After a period of some 20 years absence the Shildon branch of the Royal British Legion it has been reformed early last year. As a way of introducing the branch back to the towns people the branch hosted a Armed Forces Day event last year. This year the branch are once again going to host the event

on Saturday 24th June from 10.30am till 4.30pm. This will be held on the towns Recreations Ground with the support of Shildon Town Council and local businesses. The Lord Left Lieutenant Sue Townsend, has accepted our invitation to attend the event and will take the salute from the

Red Devils prior to her visiting all the service displays and the civilian emergency services who are in attendance. The aim of the day is a family entertainment event, which will allow the public the opportunity to not only thank our serving personnel for their service to the country but also to allow

their current roles they carry out and the equipment available to them. Also will allow current member to talk veterans in attendance and vice versa. We have contacted businesses both local and national to see whether they look favourably on veterans when recruiting new staff and when recruiting new staff and where applicable have invited them to attend the event or supply advise that we are able to pass on the veterans and current forces members who are looking for new employment. The event will be opened (subject to the weather on the day) by the Red Devils Parachute Display Team. There will be displays by regular, reserve and cadets units from both Army and RAF units. There will be children's rides and refreshment's available throughout the event. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day, anyone requiring further information can contact us via email on royalbritishlegion16@gmail.com

Hawks - League Runners up



After a hard fought season the Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13's Hawks finished runners up in the Russel Foster League Division 6. The boys travelled to Rainton Meadows to the Awards Night to receive their trophies. A big thank you to all the players, parents and coaches. Enjoy the summer and we will come back and work hard again next season

ALL ROUND SPORTS DAY



It was a brilliant week for budding sports stars at Stephenson Way Academy & Nursery School last week. Our school Sports Week provided children from Reception to Y6 with opportunities to take part in a range of events and, alongside the traditional sports day races, children could experience sports they may not have tried before. On Tuesday our Year 6 children took part in a Kwik Cricket Tournament at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club. They went up against many fine teams from the local area, and took part in some very close matches. The Stephenson Way B Team even managed to top their league! One of our Year 6 girls commented, "I'd never really played cricket before, and didn't know what to expect, but I loved it! Everyone had so much fun and the other teams were great too." Throughout the week, all children took part in an in-school football tournament. This ever popular event was ably assisted by the Year 6 pupils on our sports committee. Everyone enjoyed the fun atmosphere and taking part regardless of their skill level. "It was really great playing with children from other classes. We all supported each other and cheered everyone on," said one enthusiastic Year 4! The exciting culmination of

the week was a mini Olympic Games, which was entirely planned and run by the Year 6 children for all of the other year groups. They did a fantastic job, explaining the events, demonstrating and making sure that everyone had fun. This event provided lots of opportunities for children in all year groups to try sports they may never have played before, including: boccia, curling, tennis and golf. Smiles beamed from the children as they competed to secure gold for their respective countries.

Free Golf Sessions for Ladies

"Get into Golf" Lady's Taster Sessions are free of charge at Woodham Golf Club with tuition from Golf Professional Ernie Wilson. The maximum is 12 pupils per group so get in touch to book your place now. Equipment will be supplied and the dates are Thursday 6th July 7pm - 8pm or Saturday 8th July 12 noon - 1pm. Woodham Golf Club Burnhill Way DL5 4PN 01325 319977 woodhamproshop@googlemail.com

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store made the long trip to Guisborough 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division and came away with a comfortable victory by 8 wickets. The homeside chose to bat first and were restricted to 118 for 6 in their allotted 50 overs thanks to some tight bowling from Luke Telford (2 for 11 from 13 overs) and Patrick Howe (2 for 33 from 13 overs). In reply, Aycliffe hurried to victory after only 16.1 overs with good contributions from Luke Telford (sponsored by Pheonix Energy), who scored 40 not out from 40 balls, Michael Howe (30 runs from 18 balls) and Joe Haines (27 runs from 25 balls). The 2nd team lost at home to third in the table Sedgfield 2nd XI by 110 runs in their NYSD 4th division clash. The visitors batted first and scored a huge 262 for 5 declared after 40.2 overs. Dan Weldon bowled superbly in sweltering conditions taking 2 for 51 from 12.2 overs and he was supported well by captain Steve Sweeney who took 2 for 68 from 10 overs. 17 year old Aycliffe opener George Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) batted superbly and scoring a career best 47 and other notable contributions were made by Jack Lowery (26 runs) and Arran Taylor (16 runs) as Aycliffe were bowled out for a

fighting 152 after 44.2 overs. An under strength u17's made the short journey to Sedgfield in the quarter final of the league cup and lost a thrilling game by just one wicket. Asked to bat first Aycliffe scored a respectable 75 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs with openers Dan Bowmer (26 runs) and Arran Taylor (25 runs) both batting well. Sedgfield were pegged back by some superb bowling from Dan Bowmer (3 for 9), Ryan Patrick (2 for 4) and Leo Mercy (2 for 9), but the homeside crawled over the winning line in a tense finale reaching their winning target of 76 for the loss of 9 wickets with just 2 balls remaining. A depleted u13's lost away at Seaton Carew by 8 wickets, but there were some excellent individual performances by the Aycliffe players. Talented opening batsman Harry Wright was again amongst the runs scoring another unbeaten 30 and there were wickets for both Matthew Greaves and Leo Mercy. Special mention must also go to Jack Paylor for some excellent fielding and also to Ollie Coulter and Oliver Paylor, who both had solid games on their u13's debuts. The u13's played their 2nd game in a week and they were beaten at home to Darlington by 59 runs, but there was an outstanding bowling performance from 9 year old Daniel Heaton. The promising youngster took four wickets for just one run

and helped by two wickets from David Robinson, Aycliffe bowled out the visitors for 98 from 19.1 overs. In reply, some tight Darlington bowling restricted the home side to 39 for 6 from their 20 overs. The u11's had a fantastic win by 85 runs at home to Billingham Synthonia u11's in the NYACC league. The Dearden brothers bowled superbly with younger brother Will taking three wickets for one run and Thomas taking two wickets for one run and Daniel Heaton top scored in the Aycliffe innings with 8 not out. Harrison Pearson, who celebrated his 10th birthday on the day, was made Aycliffe's captain and responded with an excellent catch and a smart run out.

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Dear Sir,
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reported in last week's Newton News. The owner of the Terrier wishes to remain anonymous fearing reprisals from the argumentative owner of the large dogs. He has lived in

Aycliffe since 1967 and apart from this incident has been very happy here and thanks Newtonians for always looking to be helpful and the nicest people he has met. Name & address supplied

TWO COMPANIES FIGHT FOR CHARITY



A Team vs Team Charity Run takes place from Newton

Aycliffe to Darlington, raising money and awareness for disabled kids getting into sport. The event is a challenge between two local businesses: LED Supply & Fit in Newton Aycliffe and The Lab Gym in Darlington. The run is 8 Miles and sees each business running to the other business location; collecting, sweating and crawling along the way! Thank you in advance for support!

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Newton News Trying to Help Our Readers

Dear Sir,
I refer to the article in the Newton News referring to 'confusion over recycling', I believe that as a responsible editor it is your duty to actually check out and confirm

the facts with DCC rather than just print a letter without adequate supporting verified information. If indeed it is correct for grass to be put into blue recycling bins then this makes a mockery

of the recycling policy and is indeed a scam as far as the brown bin 'fee payers' are concerned. Secondly, I refer to the letter on 'Aldi car parking fine' The car park is very clearly marked

with the parking restrictions and indeed there are notices within Aldi encouraging customers to enter their Reg. No. into the machines provided in-store. I believe the Editor's comments highlighting the fact that most 'culprits' do not pay the charges is highly irresponsible and encourages rule breaking. The rules and car park have been provided by Aldi for the use of everyone and should be respected.

As this is a dual criticism of the Editor let's see if you are brave enough to accept the criticism and print it in the next issue.

Disgruntled reader
EDITOR. Thank you for your comments which are always welcome as Newton News is a community newspaper offering everyone a voice. My view on the recycling issue is based on past experiences of our readers who have expressed concern. Indeed there is another letter in this issue.

The same applies to the company who regulate Aldi car park who seem to be very quick off the mark in sending out a charge for being over the stipulated time or for other minor infringements. Protests nationwide are recorded on the internet showing Parking Eye cannot impose "fines" and where there is a good reason, customers should appeal against the parking charge to Aldi direct, details of which were provided.

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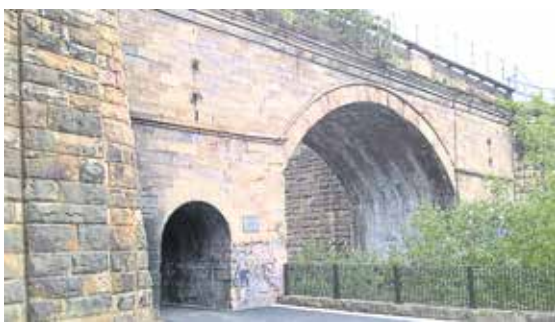
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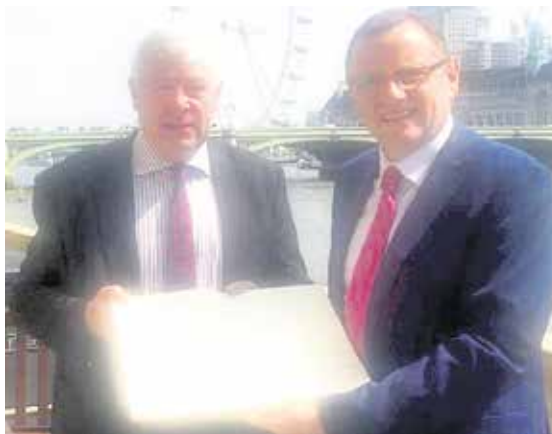
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On Saturday 8th July The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group are holding an Elvis Tribute Night at The Big Club in Newton Aycliffe. Mark "Elvis" Nixon will be performing a tribute to the King. Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased from behind the bar at the club. For any other information please contact Sharon (Secretary) 07944 187877.

Obituary

MICHAEL DALTON, Newton Aycliffe. 18th June, suddenly but peacefully. Michael aged 52 years (Former Mayor of Newton Aycliffe). Dearly loved husband of the late Julie, beloved son of Mary and the late Reg, much loved brother of Jan, dear brother in law of Lynne and loving fiancé to Sue. Sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral Friday June 30. Would friends kindly meet for service in St. Clare's Church at 12 noon followed by interment in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu in aid of The Renal Unit at James Cook University Hospital or PCP (Pioneering Care Centre, Woodham) will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

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By UTC Students Josh Gamsby & Alex Paterson



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different settings including 3M's, Stephenson Gobin Ltd and Chinatool.

Josh Gamsby, Y10, said, 'I'm a little bit nervous, but mostly very excited about my placement.'

Students had to find the information and acquire the places themselves which gave the Year 10 students a sense of maturity, initiative and responsibility. It made them understand the skills required in writing a CV, a covering letter to the company they wanted to go to, and finding out all details before the deadline to ensure they were fully prepared. Some students have also committed to giving up some of their school holidays to accommodate the requirements of companies where they are going.

Late Offer to Stand as Tory M.P.

Dear Sir,
I should like to respond to the letter in the Newton News w/e 16 June. It is disappointing to be addressed by someone claiming to be "outing deceit" at all but for them to remain anonymous is questionable. I believe strongly in transparency and would comment to the questions raised, below.

I did not inform the electorate in my literature because I did not know. I was not offered the opportunity to stand as MP until 2 days after I had been elected as a County Councillor. I am happy to share that I have ambitions to be an MP if the opportunity arose and I would also like to serve on Darlington Council at some time. I would see no conflict in being on both Councils simultaneously in the

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County Councillor for Aycliffe North & Middridge

In Memory of Jo Cox

On Friday 16th June 2017 Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) came together to celebrate the 'Great Get Together' in memory of Jo Cox. Jo was the MP for Batley and Spen in West Yorkshire and became an MP after working for several years for Oxfam, she died on 16th June 2016 following a brutal targeted attack. Her husband, Brendan, and family came up with the concept of the get together because Jo believed we have more in common than what divides us.

This resonated with PCP's community spirit and we were very pleased to be part of this huge national celebration of those who give so much time, energy and commitment to their local areas and neighbourhoods. As friends and colleagues we all brought something for the buffet which was an impressive feast for all to share. We enjoyed chatting and spending time with one another and the game of 'People Bingo' was fiercely competitive! Thanks to Kath Ferry at PCP for organising the Get Together...it was Great!

Obituary

BARBARA LUNN, (Ba) of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully in hospital on 11th June, aged 78 years. A much loved Wife, Mam, Nana and Great Grandmother. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Monday 26th June for 12.00 Noon.

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Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY of the late Gordon Douglas would like to thank all family and friends for their cards, flowers and special tributes received during this sad time. Special thanks to all at Butterwick Hospice; the team at Sedgfield Hospital Day Unit; the Movement Disorder team of D.M.H.; the District Nurses and Doctors from Bewick Crescent and the carers from Comfort Call. All of whom cared for Gordon with such love and compassion, you were all superb and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. A total of £247.26 was raised in donations for Butterwick Hospice in Gordon's memory. Thank you

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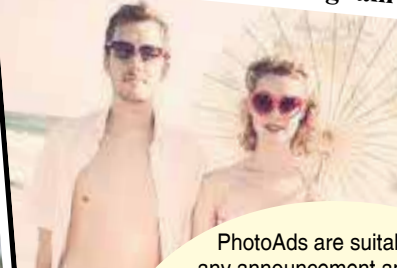
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Spectrum (North East) Roller Skating Club hosted their first ever gala Sunday 18th June at Darlington Dolphin Centre and came back with 33 trophies! Spectrum Roller Skating Club who skate at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon invited Tees Valley Club based at Middlesbrough along to share the experience. In total 40 skaters competed in the 5 hour Gala which catered for all ages and ability. The final performance was a

demonstration from Amy Berryman - former British Champion and international skater. Amy showed her Freedance routine which was inspirational for the aspiring skaters.

"I would like to thank all the competitors for their fabulous performances, their families for coming along and supporting, the team of helpers who organised the event and all the amazing judges who gave up their time to help us."

Tracy Stevens
 I'm proud that roller skating is a growing sport in our area and more people are getting involved. For 6 of our Spectrum skaters this was their very first skate in front of an audience. Well done to all who took part as that itself is a big achievement! Well Done Team Spectrum Skaters:

Liam Stevens (age 3), Sophia Marshall (4), Jazzmyn Loring (7), Rhiannon Tyler (7), Abi Ingram (9), Faith Bingham (9), Harrison Austin (9), Mia Wilson (9), Kelsie Fulton (10), Hannah Godwin (10), Niamh Dawson (10), Lucy Richardson (10), Charlotte Wilson (11), Aysha Toms (11), Joseph Kearney (16), Nicola Stevens, Leah Jeans, Karen Austin and Andrea Vasey.

Anybody interested in the club please contact Tracy Stevens 07891 461958 Spectrum skate at Shildon Sunnydale, Saturdays 2.30-5.30pm and Sundays 2.30-4.30pm - £4 per hour. Please see our facebook, twitter and instagram for regular updates.

Running Club News

On Saturday 17th June Trish Kay and Susan Clark from Aycliffe Running Club took on the Tuff Puff Chuff Challenge, along with approximately 500 other runners, to try to beat the



14:00 North Yorkshire Moors Railway train.

The aim was to set off with the train at Grosmont station and head out on an 8.4 mile trail race and beat the train back to Grosmont. The runners assembled close to the engine sheds at Grosmont and waited for the plume of black smoke, the chug of the steam engine and the whistle that signalled the start of the race.

The route headed out along the rail trail to Goathland and returned via public footpaths and tracks to the East of the railway before crossing under the railway and rejoining the rail trail path near to Crag Dike and back to Grosmont.

There were plenty of hills and also narrow ridges, single track sections, boulders, steps, gates and a stile to contend with on the North Yorkshire Moors as well as the scorching sunshine. However, the scenery was spectacular and there were plenty of opportunities to watch other steam trains along the line.

Unfortunately, neither Trish or Susan managed to beat the train but received medals and Whitby beer as consolation prizes. Trish finished the race in 1:28:48 and Susan 1:53:37.

POLO TEAM EARN SILVER AT SHEFFIELD

Sedgefield 2004 and younger players travelled to Sheffield Ponds Forge for the Sheffield Development Competition on Sunday 11th June.

The younger members travelled to Sheffield with justified expectations of doing well after their recent competition at Sedgefield, where they achieved a silver medal on home turf.

The team earned solid victories over Rotherham, Huddersfield, Sheffield Sharks and a narrow defeat to NW Fusion saw Sedgefield into the Cup competition. In this round, Sedgefield had a hard fought draw with NW Fusion and a respectable victory over Leeds - finally coming up short against Sheffield Stingrays. The medal decider against Sheffield Stingrays proved to be a round too far with eventual defeat 0-8. This was an excellent achievement from our young

team who are learning from the national and international successes seen recently from our older players.

Well done to all players and thanks to the coaches for their help and guidance.

Further details on the club can be found by ringing 07544 374 520 or by visiting the club website:

sedgefieldwaterpolo.com



REME Association South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 28th June 2017 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome.

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