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Ten Gala Medals for Aycliffe Swimmers



The Sunderland Summer Splash Gala was held on the 8th/9th July. Nine Newton Aycliffe swimmers represented Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club, at Sunderland: (Top row, left to right) Katelyn Craig, Sophie Wilkinson, Niall Coulthard, Leah Smith, Kate Tolley (bottom row, left to right) George Wilkinson, Kathryn Lee, Ethan Craig and Matthew Wimbury (not pictured). This gala was another great success for the swimmers, collecting 7 golds, 1 silver and 2 bronzes and all swimmers swam PB's. Niall was the star of the weekend with 6 golds and a bronze, this followed his win of Best Sportsman in year 9 at Woodham Academy Sports Night. It was great preparation for Niall and Leah as they both compete at the nationals. it was also the first long course Gala for younger swimmers, Ethan, George and Matthew and all of them achieved amazing PB's enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Bus Shelter Vandal Caught

Following the incident on the 20-05-2017 at St Clare's Bus Shelter on Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe where the bus shelter was damaged, the culprit has been convicted. The defendant pleaded guilty at court on 22nd June 2017 and has been sentenced with a community order for 12 months. During this time he will have to complete 40 hours of unpaid work. Compensation has been awarded to the council for damage caused to the bus shelter.



Aycliffe W.I. ladies supported a Coffee Morning in one of their member's garden recently and raised £220 which was gratefully received by the fundraising committee. The W.I. have arranged for the Appeal organisers to give a talk at one of their future meetings. If there are any other groups in the town who would like to receive more details please contact Newton News to arrange a date for a presentation. Tel: 01325 300212 or e-mail: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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Town Road Surfacing

Road resurfacing work is to take place in towns and villages across County Durham in the coming weeks. Durham County Council is to carry out work at Newton Aycliffe as part of its ongoing programme of road maintenance.

Work will take place around the roundabout linking Burnhill Way, Cobblers Hall Road and Woodham Way in Newton Aycliffe, starting on Monday 17th July running for five days between 7am and 7pm daily.

Burnhill Way will be closed from its junction with Acle Burn to its junction with Woodham Way, while Cobblers Hall Road will be closed to its junction with Rope Moor Way and Woodham Way will be closed to its junction with Woodham Gate.

A diversion will be in place via Woodham Way, Burnhill Way, Burn Lane and Middridge Road.

Vehicular access will be maintained for residents living around the closure on Cobblers Hall Road and Burnhill Way.

John Reed, the council's head of technical services, said: "We are continuously working to maintain the condition of our county's roads and these schemes are part of these efforts."

"We appreciate motorists will experience some disruption but we have planned the works to ensure this is kept to a minimum, including overnight resurfacing at Leadgate."

"I'd like to thank motorists in advance for their patience and understanding while these works are carried out."

LOCAL COUPLE MARRY IN BLACKPOOL



Neville Jones (J&C Coaches) and Joanne Coward (Practice Nurse at Bewick Crescent Surgery) were married in Blackpool on Saturday 8th July 2017.

The Wedding Party stayed at The Tiffany Hotel, North Promenade for the weekend. The Bride, Jo, and her Bridesmaids, Olivia, Emily and Charlotte arrived at the Wedding Chapel on the Promenade at 3.30pm in a horse drawn white Cinderella carriage. The Best Man was Neville's Son, Tom, (aged 7 years), and Jo's Son, Charlie, (aged 9) gave Joanne away. Neville's Mother Freda and Joanne's Mother, Christine, were witnesses at the ceremony. The Reception was in the Sun Terrace of the newly built Beach House Bistro overlooking the beautiful Irish Sea, where the champagne flowed freely as the guests enjoyed the sunshine. The evening was spent in the Hotel Ballroom where the happy couple cut the cake and danced the night away.

It was the perfect end to a perfect day. Neville and Jo will spend their honeymoon in Treynon Bay before returning to live and work in Newton Aycliffe.



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New Mining Art Gallery



Alongside the art on display, overseen by Auckland Castle Trust's Curator, Sara Fortune and Curatorial Director, Dr Chris Ferguson, the new Mining Art Gallery will also offer a strong learning and engagement programme, designed to help visitors engage with the works and the heritage behind them.

Auckland Castle Trust is currently recruiting for volunteers to help within the gallery and has already received interest from those living in former mining communities who are keen to share their stories.

Auckland Castle Trust's Curatorial Director, Chris Ferguson, said: "Mining Art is a subject close to the heart of many people in the North East, and one I am personally very passionate about. Creating a new home for the Gemini Collection will make these moving artworks widely available and accessible for everyone to enjoy and study."

"Moving forward we will be working closely with Bob and Gillian, and the Auckland Castle Trust's Engagement Team, to ensure the stories of the region's mining heritage and those who artistically depicted it can be told and understood for generations to come."

The Mining Art Gallery forms part of Auckland Castle Trust's wider £70m project, designed to revitalise Bishop Auckland and transform Auckland Castle into an arts, faith

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Living Provide Day Out, Not Just a Handout

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded a £60,000 grant to Children North East to help tackle hunger and the summer learning lag during school holidays across Co. Durham. The 'Day Out, Not just a Handout' project will be run by homes and communities business, Living, in schools across Ferryhill, Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe and Shildon this summer.

Providing local children with free activities and nutritious meals in a bid to ensure no child goes hungry. The project will also help maintain educational attainment during the school break.

Research carried out by Northumbria University showed that attainment amongst six to eight year olds in three areas of Scotland and England dropped to about four and a half weeks behind where it was before the summer break. Feedback from the project will contribute towards the continuing national

research into what makes a good holiday scheme.

Vicky Miller, community regeneration manager, living said: "We know that school children with better health and wellbeing are more likely to gain positive academic achievements as well as have better developed social and emotional competencies. We are delighted to have received this funding be able to offer such a project in our communities."

Over 100 local children will be offered a chance to take part in day trips, garden art, 'pick your own' fruit and veg, family BBQs and lots more.

Jane Streater, chair of the north east child poverty commission said: "We are thrilled that the Big Lottery Fund is supporting this project. We hope it will identify the essential components needed to run excellent holiday schemes and establish a blueprint for other organisations to follow in the future."

Workshop Supplies Trade Day

Workshop Supplies on Aycliffe Business Park celebrated their 3rd Annual Open Day, showing off some of their product range, to local customers and many others they serve throughout Durham and the North East.

Although raining this popular Aycliffe family business attracted many interested clients, who took the opportunity to view the recently extended premises, showing the massive range of workshop products, complemented with major suppliers demonstrating their equipment in outdoor gazebos.



Front: Founder Directors Elaine and Tony Harrop
Behind left to right: Mark Harrop (Director), Lewis Harrop, Darren Harrop (Director), Simon Elliott, Richard Ross, Jaki Reynolds (Director), Ben Caulder and Phillip Harrop (Director).



Phil Harrop receiving some advice from the HMT representative. This product range proved, without doubt, was the show's most popular stand. Drilling holes and threading holes in girders at an extremely fast rate, either on the ground or in-situ with the assistance of magnetic drills or impact tools cutting out hours of labour.



Mark Harrop, at the entrance to the newly installed lift, which provides access to the first floor extension. Completed early 2017.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next board meeting and AGM later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Board will be meeting on Tuesday 18 July 2017, between 6pm and 8pm at Aycliffe Village Hall, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Local people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the Board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting.

The Board will also be receiving an update presentation in relation to the Council's 'Operation Spruce Up' initiative at the meeting. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

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Calum Robb from Newton Aycliffe is the latest success story from homes and communities business livin's award winning employability scheme after securing a job with a local contractor.

22-year-old Callum started his career on a two year apprenticeship in maintenance operations with livin in 2014. As part of its livin futures employability programme, following his apprenticeship Callum went on to secure a job with livin's grounds maintenance contractor Burleys.

With funding from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge (GAMP) Area Action Partnership Employability Skills Fund, managed by Bishop Auckland College Callum completed a City and Guilds certificates in chainsaw maintenance, tree felling, tree climbing and pre-form aerial rescue.

Lee Phillips, contracts manager from Burley said: "The training Callum has undertaken has not only secured him a job but it also means he is the only person in the company that can carry out aerial rescues which is a unique skills to have and something that is essential in our line of work."

Callum is one of 61 apprentices that have secured employment as part of the livin futures employability scheme that offers a range of employment support to people locally including work experience programmes, training and qualifications along with help with CV writing and interview techniques.

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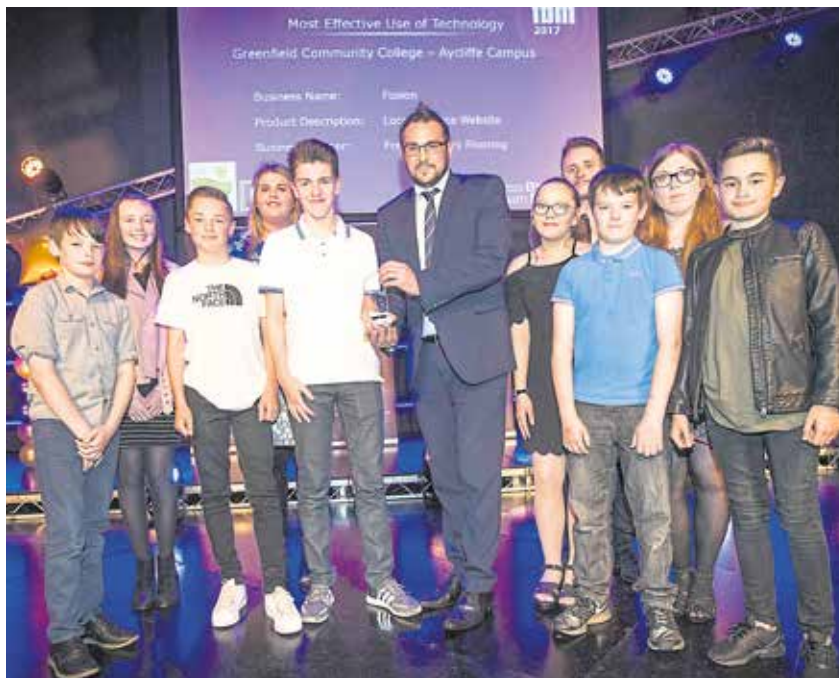


manager, said: "This is one example of the support livin futures can offer people in our communities. It is designed to open doors and give people the best opportunities to get into work. For Callum this is the best possible outcome we could have hoped for."

For more information on livin futures or to find out how to access funding for employment training visit www.livin.co.uk/futures



Greenfield Win FBM Award



Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College were crowned champions of the Future Business Magnates (FBM) competition – run by Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham working on behalf of the County Council. FBM has helped bring the world of commerce to life for dozens of schools, pupils and businesses over the past few years. This year, judges were looking for a product or service which could change the way we live or work.

The winners, Ferryhill, supported by their business partners Jagdesign, came up with a board game based in Durham entitled 'Fear the Wear'. St Bede's School, in Lanchester, came second with 'Connected Motion' a dynamo skateboard that enables the rider to charge a mobile device, while Barnard Castle School in Teesdale, came third with their integrated housing solution for third world countries, MicroHood.

The theme for this year's competition was Connecting County Durham, whether it was thinking how County

Durham connects to the rest of the world or connecting up ideas with amazing inventions. Over the last eight months, pupils aged 12 and 13 worked with their business mentor to turn their bright ideas into produce a service or product.

Sarah Slaven, Durham Business Development Director, said: "Connections are really important in business and as the students have shown, connecting up ideas in different ways or applying them to different scenarios can lead to great inventions. The end results of our competition have been fantastic and the students have shown yet again, just how bright, talented and inventive they are."

Simon Henig, leader of Durham County Council, said: "It is fantastic to see such innovation and imagination coming from the young people in our county. We are proud that here in Durham, schools from across the county are engaging with our business sector in this way and we are delighted that Business Durham is continuing to foster their enquiring minds as part of the Future Business Magnates competition."

"We hope that some of these young people will feel inspired to go onto careers in some of these industries and that we may well see them go on to even brighter futures here in the county with the companies they have been working with as part of this competition." The FBM awards event was also a night of triumph for a

host of other category winners, including Greenfield College for Most Effective Use of Technology: for "Fusion" – a website to promote and supply locally produced food products. Business partner: Franks Factory Flooring

Neville Ward Residents Meet to Progress Forming an Association

The next meeting of Neville Ward residents to discuss the formation of a Residents' Association is on Monday 24th July at 6.30pm at Neville Community Centre. There was an excellent turnout for the first meeting and it was agreed to consider the constitution at this meeting.

A model constitution has been circulated for discussion at the meeting. When approved progress will be made to calling the Inaugural Meeting to formally form the Association who will use the Neville Parade Community Centre as their base.

Honest John has pledged financial support to cover initial costs and Great Aycliffe Residents' Association thank him most sincerely.



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There are so many threads to this beautiful film; if you come to see it then these could be the best 2 hours of your week. 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.

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This year, to add to the spectacle the 'Big BRASS Bus' – a specially converted double decker which has been touring the County – will also be in attendance, promising an interactive performance suitable for the whole family.

Top class street food will be provided by Aycliffe native Alex of Hatch76, a very well renowned festival food chef, with special one-off dishes for the event

Steam Machine opens this Saturday 15th July at 15:00, with music set to start from 19:30.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

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No Council meetings, but some interesting community info, and some great things to do next weekend. For full details of all the following, go to: <http://bit.ly/CNB127>

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- Darlington northern bypass proposed to link Aycliffe Business Park to the A66.
- DCC launches an app to help with noise complaints.
- No 7 Bus Service changes during Woodham Roundabout roadworks, 17-21 July.
- More developments at Aycliffe Swimming Pool.
- Bus shelter vandal penalised.
- Latest Roadworks in the Newton Aycliffe area.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

- "How can I help in the community?"
- Ron Hogg PCVC's annual report.
- Drinkaware campaign.
- Last week was 'Ransomware Week'.
- Great summer offers from

Planet Leisure and ROF59.

- Planning application for a children's swimming and activity centre.
- Continuing good news from Hitachi.

- Good articles on Excelpoint and Oktoberfest.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK.

- Talk on Timothy Hackworth, County Hall Record Office, 6.30pm, Thursday 20 July, £5.
- Festival of Archaeology, Archaeology Museum Palace Green, 11am-2pm, Saturday 22 July.
- 'Terrific Tibet' (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 22 July.
- 'Aycliffe Angels and Train Building', DCC guided walk (9 miles) led by Ian Gray, meet Middridge Village Car Park, 10.30am-3.30pm, Sunday 23 July.
- Brightwater Skerne Valley Archaeology talk, Aycliffe Village Hall, 7.30pm, Tuesday 25 July.

History Talk on Hackworth Brothers

A County Durham historian will reveal the inside story of the role her family played in the birth of the railways.

Jane Hackworth-Young will speak at Durham County Record Office, County Hall, about her great, great grandfather Timothy Hackworth and his younger brother Thomas.

The talk, entitled The Hackworth Brothers, will take place from 6.30pm to 8pm on Thursday, 20 July.

The brothers were both engineers and, although Timothy is by far the better known, both were involved in the construction of some of the first locomotives.

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist, said: "This promises to be a fascinating talk by a guest speaker who, as well as being a member of the Hackworth family, is an expert on the contribution her ancestors made to railway history."

The session is part of a series of talks taking place at Durham County Record Office under the name of Third Thursday Talks. Talks cover topics ranging from the Durham Light Infantry and the First World War to changing fashions through the ages.

The talk is £5 per person. To book, call 03000 267 626.

Schools' Water Safety Message



Forty one schools across County Durham and Darlington are taking part in a water safety initiative launched by Durham Constabulary. The force's "Mini Police" - a programme which involves youngsters in policing and community issues - have teamed up with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS) to teach children about water safety in schools across the region, after 27 people lost their lives at the north of England coasts in 2016*.

Mini Police ambassadors at Ebchester Primary School in Consett, County Durham, will deliver a water safety presentation to their peers on July 5 and will be joined by the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg, High Sheriff Caroline Peacock, County Durham and Darlington Fire Service, the neighbourhood police team, the RNLI, RLSS, and Mini Police from Northumbria Police who attend Newbrough Primary in Northumberland. PC Craig Johnson, who heads up Mini Police, said: "One life lost is too many and so we set out to find a way of tackling this issue."

"The Mini Police is a project which sees 9 to 11-year-olds volunteering to support the force priorities. They are our ambassadors for water safety

and they want to spread the message far and wide. They help to tackle local issues as highlighted by their own communities."

County Durham High Sheriff, Mrs Peacock, said: "It's a fantastic initiative which is proving its worth already. It is spreading to other forces and has a real transformative effect. I am very much in support of it."

Ron Hogg, Durham's Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner said: "It's vitally important that children understand how they can stay safe around water, particularly if they're on their own without adult supervision. Knowing the dangers, including those hidden from sight, will help a child to think twice about their safety, and potentially save their life."

Sarah Pitt, Northumbria Police Superintendent, said: "The Mini Police is a fantastic

scheme and we were really proud to launch our own Mini Police in the Northumbria area earlier this year. Water safety is an important issue and we're pleased some of Mini Police have been invited to the presentation by their friends in Durham and know they are looking forward to attending." Darren Lewis, from the RNLI, said: "Thousands of people are rescued every year by RNLI lifeboat crews and lifeguards but, tragically, there are many more who cannot be saved. Following simple advice could be the difference between life and death and so we encourage learning as early as possible." The Mini Police project, which began at Durham Constabulary, has seen other forces roll out similar schemes including Northumbria Police, Thames Valley Police and Lincolnshire Police who are also taking part in this campaign.

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Three Cheers for Volunteers!



Durham Community Action welcomed around 200 volunteers, nominees and VIP guests to their Volunteering Celebration event at Beamish Museum.

The event recognised and showcased the volunteering achievements of individuals and groups; volunteers and their guests visited the 1900's towns and exhibits, enjoyed refreshments in the tearooms and all nominated volunteers received certificates at a formal ceremony.

Jo Laverick, Executive Director of DCA said: "Thanks to Beamish, Durham Community Action were able to give volunteers in County Durham a proper thank you. We all felt like VIP's. It was a

wonderful evening to celebrate all the contributions made by volunteers to community life in County Durham."

There are 150,000 volunteers in the north-east region. In 2008 the 'replacement value' for the volunteering effort was £124 million; now it has increased to £131 million."

Durham Community Action would like to thank all the sponsors of the event: Durham County Council, Banks Group, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Lloyds Bank, Office of Durham Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner and Beamish.

Among the awardees from Aycliffe: Phillip Clark, Dorothy Bowman, Alwyn

White, PCP Cycle Marshals David Cockburn, Margaret Buckley, Alice Luke from DISC, Richard Agar from Greenfield Cree, Linzi Nichols from Beyond Limits.

"The volunteers loved the event and are so proud of their nominations so thank you for the opportunity!" said Sophie, Greenfield School

For more information on Durham Community Action's support for volunteering service please visit <http://www.durhamcommunityaction.org.uk/supporting-volunteering.html> or contact Abby Thompson, Manager on 01388 742055 or email abby.thompson@durhamcommunityaction.org.uk

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GACAP Meeting Report GRADUATE COUNSELLOR



Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership (GACAP) held their July meeting preceded by a Special General Meeting to adopt their first constitution. From inception to date, the partnership has operated under a MOU.

The meeting had a full agenda which was swiftly dealt with allowing time for two speakers. Secretary Joan Mitchie reported the success of the Tombola at the Thames Centre where £140 was raised for Harvest Church Kids Zone. Baby Basics also has a booking in a few weeks. Joan reminded all partners of the benefit of using the Thames Centre to raise the profile of their group.

The constitution allowed up to four nominees to be elected from the partnership to form a management committee. Four elected were Val Fawcett, AARMS, Kath Pinner Food Bank and Places of Welcome, Chris Palmer, Independent partner and Peter Driver Harvest Church.

Joan outlined the ongoing progress of GACAP via the Officers Report. Steven Mitton is to head up a sub group with Joan Mitchie to

pursue the website. Liane Taylor, GACAP Treasurer, will continue looking after Facebook and Twitter pages but needed partners to let her know what they were doing to allow her to promote their events.

The idea of a scrap book with all press releases involving GACAP were could be set up. The newly formed Management Committee would be encouraged to assist in one element of promoting and running GACAP for the benefit of those in our community who were in need. Kath Pinner asked if partners could offer support to the Food Bank by helping with Tesco/Trussell Trust Food collection on 22nd July. A dementia friends awareness session would be held at St Clare's Church between 9-11 am on 9th August.

Christine McVay from Stonham gave an interesting oversight of what Stonham did for the benefit of those in our community with learning difficulties. Young people up to 18 years of age could register for support. An application form from the GP was one method of referral.

Adam White Project Officer for Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership. Including School Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village gave details of GAMP set up. There were 14 AAP's in County Durham, the Board consisted of 21 members, 6 County and 1 Town Councillor. 7 members of the community and 7 professional members, police, fire, ambulance, housing etc. Each partnership received an amount of money to be used for community projects. The Forum held in November each year was pivotal.

Secondary Schools were also involved in voting and they seem to vote for older people whilst the older people seem to vote for younger people. Three groups are elected from nine headings. The older and younger people being two, the third this year is Employment, Enterprise and Training. The AGM is in two weeks time and forum members were welcome to attend at Aycliffe Village Hall at 6pm, Tuesday 18th July. If you wish to attend and are a forum member contact Paula at GAMP Offices 01325 327441.

Among the graduates last week was mother-of-three Sarah Bennett, 25, of Newton Aycliffe, a volunteer at Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland who has achieved her Level 1, 2, 3, 4 and Foundation Degree in Counselling at the College and now plans to do a one year top up at the University of Sunderland to complete her BA (Hons) degree and become a full time counsellor.

Addressing last night's ceremony at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, College Principal and Chief Executive Natalie Davison-Terranova told the graduates: "You must revel in the knowledge that you have



already achieved immense success and that you will, undoubtedly, go on to achieve much more in the future.

"Each of you will have a very personal and individual story to tell about your learning journey and I know how much dedication, work and passion you have committed to your studies."

An Open Evening was held at the college's main Woodhouse Lane Campus on Tuesday July 11th where prospective students enrolled on a wide range of full and part time further and higher education courses starting this September. For more details visit bacoll.ac.uk/event/july-open-evening/

Livin's Annual Contest for Best Gardens



Following the success of last year's competition, homes and community business livin has launched its annual search for the best gardens across its communities.

Green-fingered tenants will be able to compete in three categories including Best Individual Garden, Best Yard/Patio and Best Community Garden.

Outstanding Achievement Awards will be given to any entries that have the 'wow' factor, are environmentally friendly, contain grow your own areas, have been maintained under difficult circumstances or simply have that something that catches the judge's eye.

To celebrate and reward tenants who take pride in their garden, the winners of each category will receive £50 worth of garden centre vouchers.

Rachael Swales, head of housing and customer service for livin said: "Each year we are continually overwhelmed by the quality of the entries and we are looking forward to see what this year has to offer" All entries must be submitted by Friday 21 July and judging will take place later that month with winners being announced later in July.

Entries can be submitted by posting photos online via the 'wearelivin' Facebook page or by contacting housingteam@livin.co.uk

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Newton News Prom Awards - Greenfield

LUMLEY CASTLE HOTEL, TUESDAY, 27th JUNE



The annual Prom Awards is organised and presented by Paul Howarth from Newton News. The sponsors were very generous in supplying the funds to purchase valuable prizes and we thank Newton Aycliffe Tesco Store, Honest John, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton News, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Planet Leisure, Jack's Driving School, Neville Pharmacy, Newton Press, Newton Aycliffe Estate Agents, Co-op FuneralCare and County Councillor Eddy Adam. *Special thanks go to Catherine Eccles from Co-op FuneralCare for attending and helping with the presentations.*

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Greenfield 2017 Prom Award winners:

Top Sport Student: Christina Davis
Top Academic Student: Aidan Wong
Most Improved Art Student: Nathaniel Lakey
Most Improved Music Student: Nicole Todd
Most Improved Technology Student: Emily Hocking
Achievement through Adversity: Kyra Walker
Most Improved Science Student: Charlotte Rowley
Most Improved Language Student: Charlotte Hugill
Most Improved Sport Student: Adam Scott
Most Improved Overall Student: Charlotte Hugill
Contribution to the Community Award: Adam Scott



Newton News Prom Awards - Woodham

REDWORTH HALL HOTEL, THURSDAY, 29th JUNE



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Special thanks go to John Watling from the Co-op FuneralCare and President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club John Robinson, for attending and helping with the presentations.

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Woodham 2017 Prom Award winners:

Top Sport Student: Lisa Robinson

Top Academic Student: Matthew Beddard

Most Improved Art Student: Erica Wood

Most Improved Music Student: Kate Reynoldson

Most Improved Technology Student: Lucie Hill

Most Improved Science Student: Euan Verdon

Most Improved Language Student: Katie Orme

Most Improved Sport Student: Teegan Middleton

Most Improved Overall Student: Tamsin Hudson

Achievement over Adversity Award: Brandon McKimm

Contribution to the Community Award: Josh Blackburn





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Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Diane Tweddle, Activities Coordinator at Rose Lodge, on 01325 271301.

P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together



Aycliffe Village PACT Meeting 15th July 2017 at 10 am Come along to the Village Hall to speak to your local officer and raise any concerns you may have.

PCSO 7956 Daniela Jones
Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS AID MRI SCANNER APPEAL

At the recent celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary, Pat and Terry Wilson, from Darlington, asked guests to make a donation to the Appeal to bring state-of-the-art MRI scanning technology to Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals, in lieu of gifts - raising £530.

Pat, said, "We have both had MRI scans and know how useful they can be when making a diagnosis. There's absolutely nothing we need, and we feel very fortunate to have each other, a lovely family and, of course, our health. So we thought it would be great to raise money for a cause that will benefit so many people from across Durham and Darlington in the future, and asked our guest to make a donation rather than give us a gift."

We put donation envelopes on each table and our family and friends were very generous - one envelope had £100 in it! The couple, who now live in E D Walker Homes on Coniscliffe Road, have always been involved in the community, with Pat serving as a magistrate for 26 years. She has also had

four children's books published, donating royalties to UNICEF. Dr Elizabeth Loney, Clinical Director for Radiology at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "We are very grateful to Mr & Mrs Wilson for their generous donation. We want to bring the very latest in scanning technology to our hospitals and MRI scans are particularly good at looking at soft tissues. Tremendous advances in technology over recent years mean they can be enormously helpful in diagnosing cancer, heart conditions, strokes and many other health issues. Scans can also give doctors information that previously required the patient to undergo surgery or another invasive procedure as part of the investigation of their symptoms. Crucially, MRI scanners don't use radiation, unlike x-rays. "MRI scans are so useful we're doing more of them each year. In the last year alone the number has increased by 11%."

If you can help fundraise for our MRI Scanner Appeal, organise an event, make a direct donation or help through volunteering to support us, please contact pat.chambers1@nhs.net or phone: 01325 743781."

Town's Pipe Band Recruiting



Many people living in and around the Newton Aycliffe area will be aware that the local pipe band has been in existence for many years.

10 Year Old Bandsman's First Miners' Gala March



Massive congratulations to Newtonian Harry Rose, aged 10, who marched and played in his first Durham Miners Gala last weekend.

He arrived at Craghead for 6.30 am to meet his much loved band and began to play at 7am as he marched through Craghead Village before hopping on a bus to Durham.

Craghead Band were the first band to march through the city and play outside the County Hotel before continuing to play and march onto the racecourse. Harry, a student at St. Mary's School, was very lucky to be invited to play, and he has worked and practiced very hard to be part of the band. Craghead Band was one of four bands invited to play in the Service at Durham Cathedral.

Harry feels this was the most amazing experience hearing the band echo throughout the cathedral as they played. Well done Harry, you played amazingly and your maturity throughout the day was fantastic.

As with any group, members come and go and the reason that many groups survive is because the numbers that join generally match the numbers that leave, but this does fluctuate with groups having high and low numbers from time to time.

The pipe band has managed to survive over the years because they always had a policy of encouraging young people into the band to learn to play the bagpipes and drums, as well as attracting experienced players.

Recently, the number of players within the pipe band has decreased and the band is going through a transitional phase as it rebuilds with a new Pipe Major and new band committee members.

We are currently looking to recruit pipers and drummers of all abilities and tuition is available for those that want to learn, either from

scratch or who have limited experience.

In particular, we are looking for the more experienced pipers and drummers in the area to come along and help to keep the band performing. It really is a rewarding hobby and opens up opportunities for travel and to meet people in places that you may never have thought you would visit. The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm and on Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm at the Army Reserve Centre in Greenwell Road, near the town centre, opposite the Phoenix Club.

If you would like to hear more about the band or would like to talk to someone about becoming a member, please contact us via our website, Facebook page or alternatively, email Catrina Dulston on catrina.dulston@hotmail.co.uk to discuss.

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A typical session might last an hour, and includes a lively presentation and hands-on interaction with DLI artefacts. We imagine that this offer will be of interest to ladies groups youth organisations and 'Buddies' groups, who organise schedules of meetings and presentations.

Any group interested in hosting a DLI session should contact, in the first instance, Cllr John Clare at john.clare@durham.gov.uk, who will put you in touch with the DLI to arrange the date and organise payment.

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at their own time and pace. With over half a million views it is clear to see she is not only improving teaching across the school but also the rest of the country. Miss Reay also uses technology such as twitter to support student's revision. The students cannot praise her enough for her efforts.

Ms Reay can be found on twitter at @_Stacey_English promoting students success and liaising with other leading English specialists to bring the very best English resources to the students in our community.

Miss Reay believes that celebrating strong women and their achievements has been one of the key elements of her teaching and has given her female students a new found strength to step forward and take up challenges they never thought possible.

This is a great achievement and we are very proud to have her at our school shaping futures and transforming lives.

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This will ensure you are not without laughter and creativity over the long holiday period while we finalise the launch of our Autumn term brochure. We hope you enjoy them!

The holiday brochure, including activities for both adults and young people, is now available for bookings! Activities are suitable for any age, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult, with adult activities providing all necessary materials. Advance booking is essential for all of our holiday activities as places for each session are limited. For full details and to book your place please see the website: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. For more information on other activities we offer please contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048, info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or pop in and speak to one of our friendly team.

SUPPORTING KIERAN'S LEGACY



Liam, (grandson of Joan Mitchie GACAP Sec), and Kieran Maxwell, both ran for Darlington Harriers. Liam was astounded by Kieran's commitment and the way he was determined to get on with his life.

When Liam (14 years) heard Kieran's cancer had returned he asked his Mum, if their Christmas Tree could go up early like others in Heighington. Liam runs for charity up to 12 times a year. The 5k run on Sunday 2nd July at Middlesborough Football Ground was the race Liam chose to run for Kieran's Legacy and he registered last May.

There is still time to sponsor Liam and increase the amount he raises by going to Liam's page on Virgin Money Giving. Liam's next Charity Race on 19th July is at Durham and this is linked with Kieran's - Children with Cancer.

Free HSBC Golf Taster Session



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AYCLIFFE'S IRON MAN

Mick Casey is competing in the IRON MAN at Bolton on the 16th July to raise money for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

He is 62 years old, doing two and a half mile swim and 112 miles cycle ride finishing with a 26 mile marathon with a target of completing all the tasks in under 17 hours!

Mick is a member of Aycliffe Triathlon Club and also a member of Velo 167 Cycling Club. These two groups have supported him in his training for the contest.

His Sister Cath Whittington said: "I would like to thank these two groups for their help. I had breast cancer two and half years ago and the GREAT AYCLIFFE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP helped me through the ordeal over the last two years. I have met some amazing people in the group and they deserve all the support they receive. Many thanks and best of luck to my brother Mick".



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR FOOD BANK COLLECTION IN TESCO



Last Saturday St Clare's Food Bank Distribution Point organised a Tombola in The Thames Centre to raise funds for the County Durham Foodbank. Thanks to the generosity of local shoppers £120 was raised which helps people in food crisis.

Kath Pinner and Alison Firby want to thank all who supported the event in any way, and say this would not have been possible without their involvement in GACAP, the Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership.

If you want to support the Foodbank, please make donations of food in the Tesco yellow bins in the town, or direct to St Clare's Church.

There is a one day Tesco Collection on Saturday 22 July. Please support this if you can. Volunteers to help with the collection in the Newton Aycliffe Store should contact Alison on 01325 300347.

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AYCLIFFE US GIRLS GROUP WIN KEY AWARD



On Thursday 29th June US Girls Newton Aycliffe attended The Key Awards 2017 at Newcastle Civic Centre. The group had been short listed in two categories: 'The Key Panel Innovators' for a creative presentation to the funding panel and 'The Key Inspirational Group' for their work on inspiring other young females into sporting activities. The group have been working with The Key to gaining funding for activities at their local club held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on a Monday evening 7pm till

8.30pm. The Key allows young people to access funding by working on 12 highlighted key skills which include improving their confidence, communication skills, dealing with people in power and authority and making decisions. On this occasion the group had achieved stage 3 of the funding, which saw them spend £1000 on a sport festival in the Easter holidays for young females aged 11 to 17. They had a disco, a photo booth, crossfit session, inflatable fun including bouncy boxing and sumo suits. There

was also a mini didi car race and giant jenga. On the day the girls provide lunch for all attending which was a buffet from local café 'Coffee Pronto' in Newton Aycliffe.

There was also a surprise award in which Laura Langdale - US Girls pastoral support worker was nominated for 'The Key Facilitator of the Year' in recognition for all her hard work not only with the US Girls project but also for other Key Groups she has supported in the last year.

Laura has been supporting the US Girls project for 2 years and while the project aims to encourage young females into sport, Laura also offers support in many areas including: healthy eating, confidence and self esteem, smoking cessation, sexual health advice and guidance, peer issues along with many other aspects of teenage life.

Congratulations to Bethany Thompson, Amy Hall, Georgie Roberts, Sophie Bush, Allannah Bambridge, Courtney Tallentire and Savannah Patrick on their fantastic award.

More information on US Girls and what clubs are available locally please contact Sarah Price on 01388 722317 or find us on Facebook 'Sedgefield US Girls'.

Radisson Blu Needs Your Child as CEO!

Leading hotel Radisson Blu, has announced a unique nationwide search to find a new 'Board of Directors' - with a difference. A group of Mini CEOs (Child Entertainment Officers) are being sought to help consult on the hotels' family offering across the UK and Ireland this summer. The chosen mini CEOs will win a free stay at a Radisson Blu of their choice for them and their family, along with all the perks of a weekend getaway: free restaurant meals and plenty of leisure time.

Boys and girls between the ages of 6 - 10 years can apply for the role (and ask their parents or guardians to be a reference for them) - as long as they meet

the entry requirements. These include: Sense of humour; enjoying holidays and staying in hotels; outgoing personality; likes good food; honest opinions; style; likes jumping on beds and into swimming pools.

Candidates must also be available to attend their first meeting with the grown-ups at Radisson Blu hotel in Durham, during the school holidays this August. Additionally, they will be asked to join other Mini CEOs selected from around the UK & Ireland, to attend a group board meeting at the Radisson Blu Portman Hotel, London in October 2017.

A total of six playful board directors will be chosen to represent Radisson's six hotels and as part of their job, they will spend a fun-filled weekend away with their parent/guardian and asked to fulfil a number of tasks. These will include reviewing the family packs (colouring in skills are a must), eating sweet treats (with their parents' permission, of course), a tasting in the restaurant (reviewing the food and giving recommendations for new dishes), creating their own ice cream and shaking their own salads.

Their 'duties' will also involve reviewing the leisure facilities in the hotels. After all, it's important to know whether there is enough space for pool inflatables and jumping in! Hotel staff will also need to be on their best behaviour, as the Mini CEOs will also be inspecting them for friendliness at check-in, and overall attention to detail on the family experience offered.

The Mini CEO that comes up with their own innovative idea suggested at the group board meeting later in the year, will win a family holiday to Gran Canaria at the newly opened Radisson Blu Resort Mogan.

If you know someone that fits the bill and deserves a seat on the board, please visit <http://www.radissonblu.com/miniceo> for more details and to upload their CVs in the form of a short video, head shot and description as to why they are best suited for the role!

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Rhys was driving a black Peugeot 206 which was involved in a collision with a beige Skoda Octavia on the A68 West Auckland on Thursday June 29th at about 10.45am. Paramedics and the fire and rescue service attended but Rhys was sadly pronounced dead at the scene.

His family said: "It is with deepest regret we announce the death of our son, brother and grandson Rhys who was involved in a tragic road traffic collision. He was a much-loved son, brother, foster brother, boyfriend and grandson and will be sadly missed. "We wish to thank everyone for their support at this sad time and ask to be left so that we can grieve in peace with our loved ones." It is understood Rhys was heading from Burtree to West Auckland coming down the hill when the collision occurred with the Skoda which was going up the hill.

The 65-year-old female Skoda driver, from Bishop Auckland, was taken to hospital with broken ribs. Durham Constabulary would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the vehicles being driven prior to the crash.

Anybody with any information is requested to contact the Collision Investigation Unit on 0191 3752159 or Durham Police on the non-emergency number 101 quoting incident number 127 of June 29.

POLL FINDS NORTH HAS CONFIDENCE IN BREXIT

More than two thirds of people in the North of England are just as confident or more confident about Brexit a year after the landmark vote, research published on the anniversary of the referendum shows.

In the poll by think tank Policy North, respondents were asked whether they were more or less confident about Britain's future post-Brexit than they were immediately after the referendum result in June 2016. The survey of more than 2,000 people found that 68 per cent of people in the North of England were either just as confident or more confident about Brexit. In Yorkshire and Humber, 71 per cent were equally or more confident about Brexit a year on. In the North East, 68 per cent of those surveyed were while just over 64 per cent of those in the

North West were confident. Commenting on the figures, Stephen Purvis, Chair of Policy North said: "These figures show that there is still huge confidence in the North of England in the opportunities Brexit offers the region. "Right across the North West, North East and Yorkshire and Humber there was widespread support to leave the European Union. Out of 125 areas, just eleven voted to remain. "A year on from the EU referendum and people in the North Of England are eager to seize the opportunities offered by Brexit. It is absolutely vital that the Government

gets a clean, swift Brexit so that businesses in the north can benefit from this once in a lifetime opportunity to stimulate growth and investment in the region. "The north can thrive post-Brexit by embracing new ideas - a free trade zone in the region, developing business relations with thriving economies including the Gulf states and growing industries in the north including Fintech and Biotech. "The Northern Powerhouse is over. Brexit brings global opportunities and it is time for policy makers to focus their efforts on developing a truly Global North."

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JULY Minister Val Williams - International Medium: Saturday 29th - Workshop 10.30 to 4.00pm + evening Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm; Sunday 30th - Divine Service 6.30pm.

AUGUST Craig Morris from Birmingham: Saturday 19th - Special Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm; Sunday 20th - Divine Service 6.30pm.

SEPTEMBER Gordon Smith - International Medium: Friday 15th - Special Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm; Saturday 16th - Workshop 10.30-4.00pm. **Angela McInnes** from Blackpool: Saturday 16th - Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm; Sunday 17th - Divine Service 6.30pm. **Aaron Norton**: Saturday 30th - Workshop 10.30-4.00pm + evening Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm.

OCTOBER Billy Cook - International Medium: Saturday 21st - Special Demonstration of Mediumship 7.00pm; Sunday 22nd - Divine Service 6.30pm. For all enquiries re events and entrance fees contact 01325 481806

P.E. "Teachmeet" at Greenfield



Over 30 PE teachers from across the county came to Greenfield Community College last Thursday evening to take part in the 'Greenfield PE Teachmeet'. The hugely successful evening was for teachers to share good practice and learn from highly skilled practitioners across the area.

Organiser of the Teachmeet and one of the presenters, Greenfield's Subject Leader of PE, Martin Butterworth commented: 'This has been an outstanding display of enthusiastic and passionate teachers, sharing excellent practice with one another. The teachers in question had already done a full day's work before attending and this promotes our commitment to improving educational opportunities for all the students in our schools.'

The event was the first specific PE Teachmeet in the County and Greenfield plans to make this an annual event building on the success of this first year. This event comes on the back of recent high profile success in the PE Department. In February Greenfield were awarded the Physical Education Quality Mark, the benchmark and industry standard for high quality, an achievement only three other departments in the county hold. Moreover, it comes only a week after an outstanding annual Sports Presentation Evening, reinforcing OFSTED 2017 where they state 'there is clear excellence in the teaching of PE'.



CHARITY NIGHT FOR LOCAL GIRLS INJURED AT MANCHESTER ARENA

The charity night for Millie and Laura, 2 young girls injured in the Manchester terror attack is at the Big Club on Friday 28th July from 7pm.

It features local band 'Groovy Street' and a Disco provided by Howie of Starlight Disco. Raffle tickets will be available on the night with a massive list of prizes generously donated by local businesses (see below). Admission Tickets are £5 each available at the Big Club. All money raised will be going direct to the girls to share.

£200 Wheel refurb by Aycliffe Tyres; **Lawn Mower** donated by Husqvarna; **Portrait session** by Sophotogenic Photography worth £125; **1 Month's membership** for Crossfit Allout; **£50 voucher** The County; **£25 Voucher** Cobblers Hall; **Joey and Annie** at home vouchers £20 and £10; **Pony Day** with Nicola Ross; **4 Sunderland Dog's tickets** including entry, 2 drinks plus pie and peas; **Fish and Chips** for 2 from Simpature Fisheries; **Jason Scott bed head gift set**; **Screwdriver set** and **Metric spanner set** - **Workshop Supplies**; **Month's free membership** Lifestyle fitness for 2; **£10 Hair voucher** Emre's Barber shop; **Reiki**

treatment Monica Middleton; **2 Cake Bouquets** from Claire Heathcote; **£20 beauty treatment** from Helen Palmer Cuncliffe; **Afternoon tea** for 2 at Crafters Companion; **£30 House of Fraser Voucher** supplied by Protect Direct; **£30 House of Fraser voucher** supplied by Protect Direct Pest Control; **£30 Hair voucher** for Stephen Russel's; **Free cut and blow dry** with Paige at The Worx; **£20 Soap and Glory set** supplied by Jacky Vasquez; **Yankee Candle** supplied by Occasions; **£10 voucher** supplied by Wilkinson's; **Siesta Coffee bag**; **Massage / relaxation gift bag**; **Children's books** from Annemarie Clennell; **3 x 1 hour consultation** and **sports massage therapist** with Sarah Hodgson; **£50 Avon Hamper** Lyn Gartland; **£60 Bodyshop Hamper**; **Drinks dispenser** and **wine**; **Manicure and Gel polish** with Kirsty Walker; **£20 Beautiful You voucher**; **2 meal vouchers** for LBistro (Upstairs in the Phoenix Club); **2 Vouchers for Breakfast** trials with Herbalife Jules Baxter; **Plus several bottles of spirits/wines**, **sweet hampers** and **still more to come**.

New Outdoor Learning Space at Walworth School



Outdoor learning, play and education provides children with an excellent opportunity to learn in a real life environment. It opens up the classroom and broadens the opportunities that are available to that of a formal classroom.

It is also fun, enjoyable, realistic and meaningful allowing for better retention of information through play and Walworth School recently opened its new, bear themed, outdoor area for its KEY Stage 1 children.

The environment is broken up into specific areas and allows the children to explore, develop knowledge and understanding and try new experiences. It builds on young children's desire to investigate and see what happens next.

It allows them to create, imagine, work together, promoting positive outcomes and relationships, while at the same time learning. Literacy and numeracy skills can be practiced and refined in an environment that is designed with children at the heart of everything that goes on.

Head Teacher Peter Wallbanks said: "Without the financial support given by The Big Lottery, none of this new area would have been possible. With this help we can allow young children to be creative and expressive in thought and action. The smiles on their faces providing clear evidence of how popular the area is for our children".

All the children and staff would also like to thank Greggs for supporting their event where parents, Governors and friends of the school shared a magical afternoon, "Going on a bear Hunt".



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READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Readers Ricky Atterby caught Backchat Brass doing a musical big shop in Tesco last Sunday morning, promoting this week's International Durham Brass Festival.

App Helps Residents Tackle Noise Problem



People in County Durham can now record and report noise disturbance via their mobile phones, thanks to an innovative new app. Durham County Council has become the first local authority in the North East to use mobile phone technology in this way, launching the Noise App. Residents who make a noise complaint to the council are provided with a user name and password, enabling them to register to use the app. Only those with an existing complaint are given the log in details.

Users can then make recordings of any noise disturbance they are experiencing and submit them instantly to the council. Officers from the authority's nuisance action team can then use noise recordings alongside traditional diary evidence to allow them to make a more informed assessment on whether a complaint constitutes a statutory noise nuisance.

Evidence gathered via the Noise App has already contributed to the seizure of a sound bar, hi-fi system and several speakers.

Joanne Waller, the council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "The introduction of the Noise App provides residents with an additional way to get us evidence of the disturbance they are experiencing and allows our officers to provide a fast and efficient resolution to problems.

"The fact we have already been able to seize a sound bar, hi-fi system and speakers thanks to this app shows how valuable it will be in our efforts to protect our residents from excessive noise."

The Noise App can be downloaded onto an iPhone or Android device via App Store or Google Play. For further information visit www.durham.gov.uk/article/3821/Noise-

complaints or phone 03000 260000.

Acknowledgement

Eric Pattison

Margaret, Neil, Beth and family wish to sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss; for the cards, flowers and letters of condolence.

Special thanks to Defoe Nursing Home, Doctors and Staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery for all the help during Eric's illness. Thanks to Pam Lovelass and Gibson's Funeral Service for their help and guidance at this difficult time.

For Sale

RENT a washing machine only £3.99 per week, no deposit, fully maintained. Bargain Buys, Shafto Way, 01325 321 678

"ALL SORTS" Charity Shop at the side of St. Clare's Church is open 10am to 1pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. On sale is a huge selection of bric-a-brac, toys, household goods, jewellery, electrical goods... the list is endless. All items are perfect and at low prices. All money raised will continue to be given to good causes. All Sorts is a charitable project run and funded solely by Godfrey Bennett.

QUEEN ANNE style dressing table with drawers. Brand new acoustic Yamaha grand with bag. Electric Yamaha organ, quite heavy. Excellent condition. Interested? Ring 01325 320698

BRAND NEW double divan with quilted Damask mattress, can arrange delivery, £120. Tel 07789 113343

STORAGE container contents for sale: Furniture, Fridge, Cooker, Filing Cabinets, Clothes, Gym Equipment, Golf Clubs, Bikes, etc. Tel 01325 317716

X-BOX 360 console (still under warranty); Rockband 1 game + drums, guitar and mic; Rockband 2 game + guitar; Aerosmith Guitar Heroes game and guitar. £150 the lot. Tel 07789 502173

ROLATOR 4 wheeled walking frame. Brakes, seat, basket to front, folds up. Never been used. £50. Tel 07592 641702

In Memoriam

PATRICIA FISK (Pat) 24/03/1936 to 07-07-2000. In loving memory of our dear Pat. 17 years since you left us so soon without warning, our hearts broken, our lives empty. So sadly missed. Loved always, Tony, Susan, Michael and family. R.I.P xxx

FEATHERSTONE, Eleanor 25/06/1906 to 08/05/2006. Birthday memories of a dear Mother and Nana. R.I.P xx - together as one xxx

DICK HUTSON 19/4/1928 to 18/7/2013. Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Grandy. We, your family, miss you in the house where you used to be. We wanted to keep you but God willed it not to be. Now you are in God's keeping, you suffer no more pain. So dear God, take care of him, until we meet again. Your loving family xxxxx

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a dearly loved Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle. Remembered always from Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

DEREK POSKETT Died 16th July 2002. Treasured memories of a loving Brother, Brother-in-Law and Uncle. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

JOY COSH 19th July. Always in our thoughts, loved forever. Ian, Yvonne, Kenny, Andrea, Alex, Sara, Grandkids and Great Grandkids

LAWRENCE BRUMWELL Died 15th July 1987. Always remembered and forever loved. God bless. Jeannette, Owen, Carl and family

Obituary

KIMBERLEY. In loving memory of my dear Father, Wynn (Kim), who sadly passed away peacefully on 11th July, 2017 at home with his family at his side. Dearly loved Husband of the late Sylvia. You will be sadly missed by your Sons Wynn and Shawn and your loving Daughter Debrah and your Daughters-in-Law Susan and Rachel and Son-in-Law Graham and all your Grandchildren, Beverley, Steven, Ryan, Sam and Dale and all your Great Grandchildren Abigail, Ellie, Lars, Estela and Chiara. Rest in Peace with the Angels. Family and friends please meet for a Service at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday 19th July for 10.45am.

PEGGY RAW in her 88th year, passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by her loving family. Dearly loved Wife of the late Leslie Gordon; much loved Mother to Julie, Leslie, Barbara and Peter; a dear Mother-in-Law to Kevin; a proud and dearly loved Nanna, Great-Nanna and Great-Great Nanna. Sadly missed by all her family, friends and neighbours. Funeral on Thursday 20th July. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 11.00am followed by interment in Stephenson Way Cemetery. Floral tributes if so desired will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

ROBERT BIGGINS Sadly passed away on 2nd July, aged 46 years. Funeral to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 18th July at 1.00pm. Friends welcome, please dress in colours - family flowers only.

Congratulations

EMILY FARLOW Happy birthday Emily. 18 on 16th July. Have a great day. Love, Grandma and Grandad

CHLOE RAINE 15th July 2017. Happy 16th birthday. Love you loads. Dad, Mam and Josh xxx

Grant Holmes



Congratulations Grant on Passing Out at HMS Raleigh on 7th July 2017. What an amazing day, you made us so proud. Good luck with the rest of your Navy career. Love always, Mam, Dad and Liam xxxxxx

Morgan Collier



Happy 18th Birthday 16th July 2017

To a very special Son. Have a good day. Lots of love, Mam, Ste, Jordan and Poppie xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

To a special Grandson on your 18th birthday. Hope you have a brilliant day. Love always, Nan and Arthur xx

Emily Farlow



Happy 18th Birthday

Enjoy your party. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Chloe and all the family xxxxxx

AYCLIFFE FC PLAY CHESTER LE STREET IN FA CUP AT HOME

The draw for the opening rounds of the Emirates FA Cup took place at Wembley last week. Newton Aycliffe have been drawn at home to Chester Le Street in the Extra Preliminary Round which will take place on Saturday 5 August. The winners of that tie will then visit either Albion Sports or Nelson in the Preliminary Round on 19 August. Aycliffe took 4 points from Chester Le Street, who went on to be relegated, last season. As was the case last year, the Emirates FA Cup will be Aycliffe's first competitive game of the season with the Ebac Northern League commencing on Tuesday 8 August. Aycliffe will welcome Ashington to Moore Lane for the league opener.

Aycliffe began their preseason fixtures last week with games against Darlington RA and Darlington. Among the games is an away trip to

Liversedge of the North East Counties League on 22 July. Places are available on the team bus for any supporters who want to travel. Cost is £10 & seats can be reserved by contacting Bob Wood on 07766 808407.

Their remaining games in the build up to the 2017/2018 season are:

Saturday 15th July
Northallerton Town (h)

Frank Swinburne Memorial Cup

Tuesday 18 July
Coxhoe Athletic (a)

Saturday 22 July
Liversedge (a)

Wednesday 26 July
Brandon Utd (h)

Saturday 29 July
Hemsworth MW (h)



Junior Football Awards



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club held their 20th Annual Presentation Day at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. Each of the clubs squads gathered to celebrate their achievements over the 2016-17 season.

All teams were recognised over the course of the day with each player receiving an award for their efforts. A few notable achievements were celebrated first our league winning Under 7's and then two teams who both came runners up in their TJFA leagues and won the League Challenge Cup, well done to the Under 9's and 17's.

The overall club awards were given to the Under 12's as team of the year. Club secretary Vicki Aspinall won the Chairman's award for her superb efforts supporting all teams across the season.

As well as celebrating the players efforts club chairman Nige Slatcher highlighted the fantastic effort and commitment of all the coaches and volunteers who aid the running of the club. The efforts of these volunteers ensure our players can enjoy their football each week and are much appreciated by all involved.

The full roll of honour was as follows;

Under 7's

Golden Boot – Alex Scaife
player of the season – Thomas Howey
Manager's award – Joshua Aldworth
Most Improved – Zeke Dunn
Players Player – Dylan Robson

Under 8's

Golden Boot – Kai Thistlethwaite & Marley Ross

Player of the Season – Ashton Heilbron & Roman Dinsley

Manager's Award – Harrison Denham
Sportsman Award – Ethan Nicholls

Players Player – Harry Lambert

Under 9's White

Golden Boot – Jayden Bowes

Player of the Season – Harvey Lee & Jayden Bowes

Manager's award – Connor Maitchell

Most Improved – James Chadwick

Players player – Harvey Lee

Under 9's Blacks

Golden Boot – Jake Smith

Player of the Season – Jake Smith

Manager's award – Noah Scotchbrook

Most Improved – Robbie Caygill

Players Player – Mackenzie Saeed

Under 10's

Golden Boot – Zak Seymour

Player of the Season – Charlie Brown

Manager's award – Jake Blythe

Most Improved – Jack Cooper

Players Player – Zak Seymour

Under 11's (TJFA)

Golden Boot – Charlie Dawson

Player of the Season – Charlie Dawson

Manager's award – Jacob Mallinson

Sportsman award – Jake Patterson

Players Player – Jake marquis

Under 11's (Russell Foster)

Golden Boot – Noah Fielding

player of the Season – Alex Beattie

Manager's award – Sam Porteous

Sportsman award – Jake Blythe

Players Player – Herbie Parry

Under 12's

Golden Boot – Sammy Clark

Player of the Season – Sammy Clark

Manager's award – Harry Brown

Most Improved – Leo Mercy

Players Player – Sammy Clark

Under 15's

Golden Boot – Ethan Stoker

Player of the Season – Ethan Stoker

Manager's Player – Harry Barnes

Most Improved – Elliot Dixon

Players player – Logan Sanderson Howes & Ethan Stoker

Under 17's

Golden Boot – Sam Dawson

Player of the Season – Kieran Maughan

Manager's award – Thomas Gallagher

Sportsman award – Sean Brown

Players player – Sam Dawson

Under 23's

Golden Boot – Matty Raisbeck

Player of the Season – Jack Slatcher

Managers award – Liam Craggs

Players player – Craig Robertson

Most Improved – Patrick Howe

If you are interested in getting involved with the club please get in touch on Facebook, Twitter @NAJFC1 or e-mail aycliffejuniors@gmail.com

PCP Cyclists Help with Yr6 Bike Ride



Members of the P.C.P. Cyclist Club supported the end of Heighington Year-6 School with a bike-ride to Archers Jersey Ice Cream Parlour. This ride is for pupils to celebrate the end of their final year at school and is run as an annual event. Barbara Watson - Heighington School said: "Thank you to the PCP Cycle Club for supporting the children's bike-ride. Without support we wouldn't be able to go ahead and the children look forward to it so much. Even the present year 5 group are already talking about when they go next year".

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, travelled to top of the table Wolviston 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division and played exceptionally well to come away with a hard fought two wicket win. The homeside were asked to bat first and were dismissed for 97 after 49.2 overs thanks to the Aycliffe bowlers producing their best performance of the season.

Pick of the bowlers was Patrick Howe (sponsored by Tom Steel), who bowled 13 overs and finished with the remarkable figures of 4 wickets for just 12 runs and he was supported well by older brother Michael (2 for 24) and Luke Telford (2 for 17). In reply, Aycliffe looked to be coasting to victory at 77 for 3 thanks to good innings from Chris Palmer (37 runs), Graham Telford (21 runs) and Jack Slatcher (12 runs), but a middle order collapse saw the visitors tumble to 92 for 8, but thankfully man of the match Patrick Howe (6 not out) kept his nerve in a tense finish to see Aycliffe to their victory target after 27.4 overs.

The 2nd team played host to runaway league leaders Blackhall 2nd XI and were soundly beaten by 216 runs in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bowl first Aycliffe were put to the sword by some quality batting from Blackhall's experienced line up who finished their 50 overs with an impenetrable 254 for 9.

The Aycliffe bowlers worked hard and Dylan Tribbley (3 for 31), Ryan Patrick (3 for 33) and Danny Weldon (2 for 40) all emerged with credit. Aycliffe were skittled for 38 after 22 overs with only Neil Bancroft reaching double figures finishing unbeaten on 17. U17's played their final game of the season and lost by ten wickets away at league champions Richmond in the NYSD junior league. Electing to bat first Aycliffe scored a very respectable 83 all out after 19.4 overs thanks to an excellent innings of 42 off 47 balls from captain Ryan Patrick, including six boundaries and a six and a useful 13 runs from Lucas Pilling. In reply, the home side coasted to victory in the 9th over without losing a wicket. The u15's lost heavily at home by 89 runs to a strong Barnard Castle side but despite the defeat, there were good performances from both Harry Wright (17 runs) and Jak Kennedy who took 2 for 20 for Aycliffe.

U13's lost by 9 wickets away to Norton in the NYACC league. Batting first Aycliffe were restricted to 69 for 4 after good innings from Josh Imerson (20 not out) and David Robinson (12 not out). The homeside wasted no time reaching their winning target, taking only 7.1 overs and losing one wicket in the process thanks to some good bowling by Iain Robson (1 for 2).

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