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PCP Reports Great Progress at 18th Annual Meeting

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) was delighted to welcome the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary along with partners, volunteers and staff to their 18th Annual General Meeting last week.

As well as managing the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, which had 372,357 visits during 2016-17, PCP delivers 26 projects across the North East supporting the Charity's mission of Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All.

Those present were touched by the poignant speakers who talked about how the services they accessed had a profound impact. Lisa Marie from Shildon spoke in person about how the health trainer had changed her life. Lisa had been unhappy, lacked confidence and felt lonely.

Through working with her Health Trainer she was supported to meet other mums from her community, join groups and become more active. She had increased her activity level from 3,000 steps a day to 12,000 attending weekly Buggy Walks and simply getting out and about more. Lisa Marie, who has also lost 8lbs in weight, said "It's good because you start off not knowing what you really want, then you're doing it, then you've achieved it and you think 'yeah I can do this and you want to keep going!'" Angela Wright, HR Officer from Prima Cheese in



Left to right: PCP CEO Carol Gaskarth, Chairperson Melanie Fordham and new Vice Chairman Barry Knevitt

Seaham explained how their employees have really engaged with the Better Health at Work Award describing a range of events and health campaigns, including Alcohol Awareness for their drivers which increased understanding of the dangers of drinking the evening before work.

She said "The workforce has definitely become more engaged and our drivers were really surprised with the information, it will definitely change habits. Everyone is trying to be healthier, we are even putting a team together for the Great North Run!" Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, spoke about the highlights from the past year and said "PCP's annual report sets out some of the key achievements and this year my focus was to celebrate volunteering. Over the past 10 years approximately 900 volunteers have given almost 48,000 hours service to PCP. This equates to over £400,000 of time donated and our volunteer report increases in confidence,

learning and health. I am privileged to lead PCP, it is a wonderful organisation with forward-thinking, skilled and flexible paid and up-paid teams. The breadth of the work we do is incredible and as we approach our 20th anniversary in 2018 we will be looking back fondly at all that we have achieved whilst keeping a keen eye on the future to enable us to support even more people."

For further information about the impact PCP has had locally and to hear about some of the key achievements, read their annual report at www.pcp.uk.net or pick one up in the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, or contact PCP on 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

Over 18's Special Needs Club Opens

Neville Community Centre hosted the first SNAG (Special Needs Adult Group) for Over 18's on Thursday 20th July. The evening was a success with nine visitors. This will be a weekly event and if we get more attendees we can arrange a Disco, once a month. Please feel free to join us and enjoy using our café. We have a Facebook page and meet every Thursday 7-9pm. Any queries please contact Lileen Cuthbertson on 07961 733524.

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Molly and her Mum Donate 40 Toiletries Packs to Foodbank



Kath Pinner, Molly and Alison Firby

During last Saturday's collection for the County Durham Foodbank in Tesco's Newton Aycliffe Store, Molly Foster and her mother Amy brought a most generous donation of toiletries for needy people.

Forty toiletry packs were gratefully received by Kath Pinner and Alison Firby, coordinators of the St Clare's distribution point, who know how much these will be appreciated by some local people.

Amy contacted the Foodbank after Molly, aged 8, decided some time ago to help the poor and homeless. The first personal hygiene pack was given to a homeless woman in Darlington, for whom Molly also bought coffee and warm food. Molly then continued to collect items and make up packs as her way of helping people in need.

She has made similar donations to the Salvation Army and a foodbank in Darlington. She hopes to support the charity Baby Basics in the future.

Molly and her family live in Newton Aycliffe, and Molly attends Aycliffe Village primary school.

Kath, Alison and the other volunteers at Foodbank are very aware of the difficult choices people have to make about spending on low incomes. "This donation will really help people in crisis. Personal hygiene products can prove very expensive when people hit a difficult patch," said Alison. "Molly's kindness expressed in such a practical way, is a fantastic help in the work we do."

We thank and congratulate Molly and Amy for such good support. They will be particularly helpful to people who have been made homeless, perhaps forced to leave their homes and take refuge elsewhere."



Another interesting week with some notable Council news. There are no Council meetings in August, so the next County Newsbits will not be until September – have a good holiday month! Read all these stories in greater detail on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB267

COUNCIL UPDATE

- DCC Council meeting, Wednesday 19 July.
- Three steps forward for Aycliffe at last week's Area Planning Committee meeting.
- Memorandum of Understanding signed between DCC and Durham University.
- DCC Festivals – including Lumière, Durham Book Festival and BRASS – set to flourish until 2022 thanks to Arts Council funding.
- DCC's Green Flag successes.
- Sugar Smart campaign.
- GAMP Board meeting, Tuesday 18 July.
- Latest local roadworks information.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- I was inspired at Greenfield

Arts Gallery.

- Aycliffe Village Local History Association planning application for a plaque on the Locomotion Station building.
- BrightWater River Skerne Archaeology talk
- TV licence refund scam.
- Good news about the North-East manufacturing sector, but bad news on unemployment.
- M5tec move good Business Park news.
- A Newton Aycliffe Summerhouse fit for a king (literally).

THINGS-TO-DO NEXT WEEKEND

- Activities for children and young people in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon this summer.
- HG Wells' Time Machine, Palace Green Library, 6:30pm, Monday 31 July, £7.50.
- Durham Castle Family Fun Tour, 10:15-11:30am, Wednesday 2 August.
- Model Mania, Locomotion Museum, 10am-5pm, 5-6 August.

Bike Ride for Charity



Ian Dewar (left) completed a sponsored bike ride along the railway path from Newton Aycliffe to Shildon last week and raised over £266 for Cancer Research. Ian thanks all those who gave him support.

King's Arms Re-opens



A County Durham chef who has worked for TV culinary star Gordon Ramsay will realise a long-held ambition of running his own restaurant when he re-opens a once popular village pub next month.

Paul Bussey has left his role as head chef of Acklam Hall in Middlesbrough to take on the King's Arms in Great Stainton, on the outskirts of Newton Aycliffe.

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Saturday 5th August - "Hope City Rockers"

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School's £500 for MRI Appeal



A local School has raised £500 for the MRI Scanners Appeal. Charity lead Pat Chambers (left) collected the cheque as one of the fundraising events across the other year groups with the PTA adding to the funds. Headteacher Peter King and parent Joanna is also in the picture and subsequently a presentation on the appeal was given to both junior and infant schools. Other schools wanting to learn about MRI scanners and the appeal should contact: syd@newtonpress.net.

Your Surplus Wool Wanted

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Recent meeting include talks on endangered Hedgehogs and an evening of textile spinning and weaving. The July meeting brought David Hastings to talk on the history and work of the RNLI. Members have also enjoyed visits to other W.I. branches to be entertained by John Grundy the well known Architectural Historian. They took Afternoon Tea with Turdsale & Hett W.I. Our members held the annual evening of sweet delights joined by family and friends to enjoy food and fun. We also rallied to a Cake and Coffee Morning to raise funds for the MRI Scanner Appeal. If you are interested in joining us or finding out what the W.I. offers come along to St. Clare's Church Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday each month. You will receive a warm welcome. More detail from Helen on 01325 315017.

100% Attendance Achieved



Thirteen Year 7 students have attended school every day during their first year at Greenfield.

We celebrated this fantastic achievement with a McFlurry Friday. Every year we have at least one student go forward for the County 100% Attendance Award. Mrs Stubbs set these students

a challenge, asking them to be in school every day for the next four years so we can take thirteen students in 2021 to the celebration - the year when they leave Greenfield. Attendance is a top priority at the College, with students being set a challenge for 2017/18 academic year to make every day count

and aim for at least 96% attendance. Fingers crossed they will rise to the challenge.

WARA Meeting

Western Area Residents Association meet on Wednesday 2nd August at 2pm at The Western Area Community House, Silverdale Place.

We would like anyone who has an interest in the area to attend. We hope to have the Police, LIVIN, Neighbourhood Wardens and Park Wardens in attendance. W.A.R.A. has taken up several issues in the area and with the help of Colin Curry and Mark Readman from D.C.C. Neighbourhood Services along with Lee Barras our LIVIN Community Officer, we are slowly seeing improvements. Let us keep up the good work and please come and give support. We are hoping to have flower beds on Silverdale Green and many other ideas are coming forward.

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Finley's Appoint New Contracts Manager



Jim Graham with Fred Searle

Aycliffe steel company, Finley Structures, has recruited a new contracts manager from a major national firm. Fred Searle has joined the Finley management team after 29 years with a national company.

Fred, from Harrogate, says the move was made easy because of his long-standing association with a number of key staff already at Finley Structures. He knows the firm's founder, operations manager Jim Graham and commercial director company. "What attracted me to join Finley's was the working environment and the family-run ethos it has at the heart of the company. I am impressed by the work ethic of the people here - a very forward-thinking business and I'm looking forward to the new challenge." The firm, founded by John Finley in 2000, is currently working on a 960-tonne project to fabricate and erect the steel frame for Hull Venue, on behalf of main contractor Bam Construction after being awarded a string of contracts in the first half of 2017.

Volunteers Help Foodbank Collection at Tesco's



Ten Rotary members supported the collection during the day along with GACAP partners. As well as Foodbank volunteers, people from local churches and those who responded to the appeal for help in Newton News last week.

Tesco Food store Manager was experiencing her first collection and was really impressed by everyone's generosity. As well as lots of food, an amazing £496 was donated, which was spent on items we are often short of at the Aycliffe distribution point. Photo right: Alison sticks a badge on a young donor.

CYL Art Exhibition at Greenfield Gallery



Sophie Lewis, (left) and Sonia Burn.

Members from a PCP Colour your Life art group have organised their own exhibition at Greenfield Art Gallery from 3rd - 30th August 2017. The exhibition will showcase approximately 60 pieces of work produced by talented amateur artists, who all attend the Monday morning sessions at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

The exhibition launch and preview night is on Wednesday 2nd August from 6-8pm. Anyone is welcome to go along to meet the artists and find out more about what they get out of attending Colour your Life.

Sonia Burn, has been involved with Colour your Life for over 5 years. A keen and talented artist she started as a volunteer and is now employed by PCP to oversee the Monday art group. Sonia approached Sophie Lewis, Greenfield Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator regarding the possibility of using their gallery space and booked a slot, well in advance, due to popular demand, free of charge.

Sonia said "There are so many talented people in our art group, this is a great opportunity to showcase their work and hopefully make them

feel proud. Some pieces will be for sale and others will be temporarily borrowed from 'pride of place' in their homes. Colour your Life is not just about making art, it's about making friendships and this exhibition shows the diversity of the artwork produced by the group. It would be fantastic for people to go along to the exhibition to see the work. Please also leave a comment in the guest book for members to see."

Colour your Life is a social prescribing project funded by Durham County Council and provides access to activities for the improvement of mental health and the development of emotional resilience.

The weekly sessions take place at the Pioneering Care Centre Mondays 10am-12noon. Other weekly sessions include gardening on a Monday 10-12noon and a craft group every Tuesday 10-12.30. All classes are in pleasant surroundings giving everyone the chance to learn new skills, make new friends and relax in a friendly atmosphere.

For more information please contact the team on 01325 321234, email colouyourlife@pcp.uk.net visit www.colouyourlife.org.uk

Free Activities and Food for Children

We still have a number of places available at a children's holiday club that starts next week in Newton Aycliffe. It is free to attend and children will take part in a range of activities as well as being given a nutritious meal and snacks.

We'd love it if we could fill up the spaces as the same clubs that are being run elsewhere are oversubscribed. Details below if you could pop something in the paper for Friday.

The Big Lottery Fund has awarded Landlords Livin with a £60,000 grant to help tackle hunger and the summer learning lag during school holidays. The 'Day Out, Not just a Handout' project

will be run by homes and communities business, Livin, in schools across Newton Aycliffe this summer.

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

Project starts Monday, 31st July 2017 at Greenfield with Free Healthy and nutritious meals and snacks each day.

Activities include: Multi Sports, Dance, Skating, Bowling, Beach Games, Pony Pamper Horse care and Family Fund Days. Contact Futures@livin.co.uk or Helen Johnson on 01388 424674 to book your place.

Brass Concert Gets Student & Staff Dancing



ACORN Visit Scarborough

Popular resident's association ACORN has been inundated with applications for seats on their forthcoming trip to Scarborough so have decided to take another bus.

The outing will take place on August 12th and leaves the Phoenix Club, Macmillan Road at 9am. Anyone wishing to book a place should contact Ken Robson on 01325 321471.

ACORN is a fun-loving community group, supported by the Big Lottery fund, who organise Fun days, Halloween Parties, Panto visits and coach trips for the whole community.

Although not a necessity you can join us at our meetings held in the upstairs lounge of the Phoenix Club to help us plan events and tours.

Staff and students from Greenfield Community College were thrilled to see the return of talented bands from the infamous annual Durham Brass Festival. Students from both the Sunnydale Campus and the Aycliffe site were treated to a lively performance from two unique street bands. Sunnydale campus were hosts to the refreshing talent of Hannabiell who created a fusion of percussion, jazz, afro-beat, funk and reggae, bringing a whole new spin to the legacy of brass!

Aycliffe students were not to be disappointed as they hosted Llaggerubb, making their debut at 'Brass' this year. Although 'first timers' they soon had the staff and

students dancing in the aisles enjoying the mix of jazz and hip-hop with popular covers and original material.

Greenfield Arts were once again delighted to be able to deliver the performance, Sophie Lewis, Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator was thrilled with the response, "it was so rewarding to be able to once again see the students have great fun and enjoy such a unique cultural experience" said Sophie

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Adult Skills Learning Services

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre is available to hire for a variety of activities such as meetings and seminars, training and educational classes, arts and crafts, dancing and exercise classes. It also regularly hosts evening youth sessions, breast-feeding café, Tai Chi and Age UK Come Eat Together Monday Carvery.

Adult Learning Skills Service deliver English, Maths and I.C.T. courses in local areas – focusing on smaller classes and friendly venues to meet the needs of the local people. Courses provide opportunities for adults to improve their skills, gain new knowledge, widen their experiences, improve confidence, make new friends and improve employability prospects.

We not only offer courses, but the support you need to help you progress into employment and/or further education. Maths & English courses are free – and we can support you with paying for other courses. We are very proud of each and every learner that joins our courses, but the English group at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre stood out with that extra special “something”. So much in fact that I nominated this group for an award in our annual ceremony held to coincide with National Adult Learners Week. This prestigious event is where we celebrate achievement, recognise success and reward those who have overcome, difficult barriers.



The learners were successful in the courses they chose to take and achieved great success – but on top of these won the Cultural Learner Award. Maggie Pugh, Nicky Bamber, Natasha Scott (pictured), Robert Hutchinson, Rebecca Dixon (pictured) & Chenija Mangena. Paula Foster-Short said “It’s been an amazing time working with this group and seeing them overcome challenges and achieve qualifications makes my job totally worthwhile – seeing them every Friday has been the highlight to the week!. Each learner in my classes is special to me – but this group were just “different!”, in a very positive way. They shared experiences, made memories, learnt from each other, supported each other as well as laughing and crying together; they are truly inspirational. The skills and knowledge they have gained have led to work opportunities, volunteer placements and given them the self-confidence

to be able to make the move into further or higher education.”

“Even after the course they are still supporting each other. They are real champions for life-long learning and for making a change for the better. It’s very scary coming into a classroom where you don’t know anyone and have negative experiences from school or have been out of work for a long time.

Each story is different but the end result for this group is the same – a terrific achievement and well done! I am very proud to have been witness to their journey. I hope their achievements and triumph over adversity will inspire many others to try a course with Adult Learning Skills Service.”

NAYCC developed the working partnership with Durham County Council’s Adult Skills Learning Services in 2015, since then the groups have grown from strength to strength.

Beki Metcalfe, NAYCC Centre Manager, states “We love hosting the Adult Skills classes and are very pleased to see the successes the individual students have. We grow to know and like the students, many of whom we are still in contact since they finished their courses. We always like to hear success stories ~ it makes us feel that we have contributed in some small way by having a Centre that is an aid to learning. Well done to everyone who has achieved an award, you did this, your own hard work, and for that we too are proud of you.”

GACAP Partners Helping Each Other

It was a busy day Last Saturday in Newton Aycliffe for those who seek to help those who are, for one reason or another, in need.

Kath Pinner and Alison Firby who run the Food Bank from St Clare’s Church held a Foodbank collection at Tesco. Kath said “Food-banks work with doctors, health visitors, schools and social workers, providing far more than food. They offer a listening ear and a welcoming cuppa, signposting people to other areas of help”

This is why in 2013 Newton News Editor Syd Howarth, had the idea of setting up a ‘one stop shop’ for people in crisis. Now three and a half years later, GACAP, (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership) is well established referring people and organisations to thirty plus organisation, both voluntary and statutory groups in the Great Aycliffe area.

They meet together monthly to establish relationships and learn more about what other partners do to support those in need. The partners co-operate in bringing help quickly to people at vulnerable times in their lives.

Joan Mitchie who has been Secretary of GACAP since inception and her husband Ron, helped the Foodbank early in the morning before heading off to the Thames Centre to show support for another partner Sheena Stephenson of Baby Basics who had a fundraising stall.

Ron Mitchie, GACAP Chairman said “We were impressed with the work of Kath and Alison, Tesco and all the volunteer helpers. Everyone had smiles on their faces helping this worthy cause, and customers were so generous in their giving as always. I

was delighted to see so many partners of GACAP supporting the work - people from Rotary, NE First Credit Union, Harvest Church, the Foodbank and Tesco who have established relationships via GACAP”. Joan and Ron completed their busy day attending the Mayor’s At Home on Saturday afternoon.

Baby Basics Referrals from Foodbank

Sheena Stephenson manager of LCA Baby Basics and Yvonne Beynon were busy on Saturday morning with other helpers setting up their stall in the Thames Centre. For more information about opening times and Baby Basics who operate out of Silverdale House you can contact Sheena direct by email on sheenastephenson.lca@gmail.com

Baby Basic’s are partners of GACAP and Sheena expressed her encouragement as to how their partnerships in GACAP were really helping in bringing help and support to families with small children in need.

Sheena said, “Over the past few months I have seen big changes in GACAP, support of one partner for another improving each month. The Foodbank has been an ever increasing source of referral for Baby Basics giving vital support to families with babies and small children. I would like to personally thank Kath and Alison for their commitment to all those who come to them for help and support. Partners of GACAP are making use of the Thames Centre on a regular basis on a Saturday raising money and/or raising the profile of their organisations. For information about booking the Thames Centre contact Kath Pinner on kathpinner@hotmail.com

On Saturday 29th July from 11am-2pm Harvest Church, also partners of GACAP, will be raising money for Breast Cancer by way of a collection and tombola.

There will also be some information GACAP and their partners. If you are interested in learning more about GACAP or would like to come along to their meeting on 7th August at DISC Offices, please contact the secretary Joan Mitchie on secretary.gacap@gmail.com or pop along on Saturday for information.



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		Street 1 (6-8yrs)	5.30pm - 7.00pm	Frances Wade & Emily Henderson
		Lyrical - Intermediate (6+yrs)	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Emily Henderson
		Inception (Invitation only)	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Frances Wade
	2	Street 2 (9-11yrs)	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Emily Henderson
Thursday	1	Jazz (11+)	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Frances Wade
		Adult Street	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Lydia Hall
		Adult Tap	8.30pm - 9.30pm	Lydia Hall
		Street 3 (12-16yrs)	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Frances Wade
	2	Lyrical - Advanced (11+)	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Emily Henderson
Saturday	2	NEW CREW Coming Soon!	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Frances Wade
		17-25s Street/Commercial	8.30pm - 9.30pm	Emily Henderson & Frances Wade
		Urban Mix (4+)	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Frances Wade
Sunday	2	Acro (open)	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Lydia Hall
		Tap & Ballet (4-10yrs)	10.00am - 11.00am	Frances Wade
		Lyrical - Novice (4-10yrs)	11.00am - 12.00pm	Frances Wade
	2	Ace (Invitation Only)	3.00pm - 4.30pm	Emily Henderson
		Energy (Invitation Only)	4.30pm - 6.00pm	Emily Henderson

Hitachi Trains Pass Department for Transport Digital Tests

Hitachi's new intercity trains, due to enter passenger service this autumn, have passed tests to run their digital technology required by the Department for Transport.

The UK-built fleet, known as the Class 800s, is among the first in the country to successfully test an advanced level of digital signalling. The technology is part of the Digital Railway – an industry programme for digital modernisation to increase rail capacity, ease overcrowding and improve performance on Britain's rail network.

A test train fitted with the digital technology carried out tests at Network Rail's state-of-the-art signalling facility ENIF* in Hitchin. The Testing included recreating real life scenarios experienced on the UK rail network and ensuring the new system met rigorous safety requirements.

Digital solutions to ease overcrowding.

Our railway carries twice as many passengers as it did two decades ago with demand set to rise dramatically in the years ahead. Digital Railway is the industry's improved plan to tackle Britain's capacity crunch by accelerating the digital modernisation of the railway, offering capacity and performance improvements sooner, at lower cost and



with less disruption than conventional enhancements. Digital signalling systems feed more continuous information from track side equipment into the driver's cab, enabling trains to run closer together and creating more regular services. The digital system tested by Hitachi, known as European Train Control System (ETCS), will inform drivers about how to change their speed as well as about potential hazards ahead. ETCS is a far cry from the long standing signalling system currently used on the

country's rail network, which operates like traffic lights. Hitachi's intercity trains past tests using an advanced level of ETCS called Baseline 3. Modern intercity trains rolled out across rail network Hitachi is building and maintaining 122 new trains as part of the Department for Transport's £5.7bn Intercity Express Programme (IEP). New trains will begin running passenger services on the Great Western main line from autumn 2017 and the East Coast main line from 2018. The trains are being built at Hitachi's UK manufacturing facility in Newton Aycliffe. Following additional orders, Hitachi's intercity trains will also run on the Transpennine Express route in 2019, as well as connecting London to Devon / Cornwall from 2018. Andy Rogers, Programme Director for Hitachi Rail Europe, commented on the milestone: "Our new trains are helping to transform UK rail by using industry leading technology. Passing digital signalling tests is a major breakthrough for the industry and another step towards easing the problem of overcrowding. The trains will significantly boost capacity on some of the busiest routes in the country through more seats, greater use of on-board space and pioneering digital technology"

LISTEN AND LEARN LIVIN

Dear Sir,

It is time for Livin to listen, as they are not living up to the promise when they took over from Sedgefield Borough Council.

The grassed areas have not been cut to the same standard the borough set. Pathway areas have never been sprayed making our streets an eyesore.

The bungalow area for the elderly by Simpature Park are a complete mess, with untidy trees and bushes higher than windows. After reading a copy of Livin's tenant's agreement it states that premises owned by livin will be regularly checked and houses and gardens must be kept in good order. After looking around the town most gardens are kept tidy, but there are a lot that are not, and Livin are doing nothing about it.

Why do they allow one person to live in a three bedroom house with a big back garden where grass is as high as the fence and has not been cut for over two years? These gardens are sometimes used as a dog toilet and the smell and flies on a fine day is repulsive and sickening. When ratepayers complain about gardens or anti-social behaviour as long as they get the rent Livin do nothing!

They should appoint a good Head of Property Services that listens to ratepayers and make sure the properties they rent out are kept up to standard. They do have some very good tenants who do keep their properties in order. Come on Livin, we are all rate payers and deserve the best for Newton Aycliffe - a clean and well looked after town.

Alderman George C Gray
West Ward Councillor

CELEBRATION OF CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

Celebration of Creative Achievement at Greenfield Greenfield Arts recently hosted a fantastic celebration event for the latest exhibition by the Greenfield Community College Young Interpreters, which was followed by the annual Arts Platform lead by students and staff of Greenfield Community College performing arts department. The night was a celebration of the talent and creativity amongst the students and is a great platform offering students the chance to show off their creative skills with pride.

The Young Interpreters are a group of year 11 students who have come together to engage more young people in the arts, by developing a better understanding of what it is students would like from The Greenfield Gallery and the opportunities it offers, whilst also working towards a Bronze Arts Award. Through this process the



students have had the chance to experience art, take part in workshops, work with professional artists as well as lead and inspire other young people in being creative. Based on the work developed through the Arts Award, the Young Interpreters have curated a variety of artworks from Greenfield Community College students to create the current exhibition, which is open from Monday 17th July – Wednesday 26th July. The

exhibition includes the work of GCSE textiles students as well as expressive collage and textiles work by year 7, 8 and 9 students, as they felt all students should have a platform to display their work and a voice to express their feelings about it.

We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Councillor John Clare, who popped by to meet some of the young people involved in the exhibition. He was very impressed by the work and ideas that had gone into it, commenting that 'All had enjoyed the experience, talked intelligently and meaningfully about the work, and it reminded me of the days when I used to be a teacher.' Students spoke of the workshops they attended and how it made them feel free to voice their opinion whilst also offering them the space to be creative in their own way, particularly when going through tough times.

The Young Interpreters hope this exhibition, and all that has preceded it, will inspire other students to take up art GCSE and continue to get involved and develop the programme, once they have left. Come along, let your voice be heard and even take part in the activity!

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

Gallery Opening Times: Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm and Friday 10am – 4pm.

NEVILLE PARADE ART CLUB EXHIBITION



Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre were approached by Shelagh McFarlane on behalf of the Neville Parade Art Club to see if we would host an exhibition of their work. NAYCC were more than happy for this to happen and the exhibition opened on Monday 24th July 2017 and will run for the 6 week school summer holidays. The last date for viewing will be Friday 1st September 2017.

The Art Club meet at the Methodist Church every Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm. They charge a small fee of £2 per session and this also gets you a cup of tea and a biscuit.

They have come together as friends in a social gathering as well as to work on their art. There are specialist amateurs in every medium of art, from sketching to oils. The group means more than mere art, it also meets for companionship, going on outings once a year. The next one is on 6th September 2017, visiting York.

For more information about the club please contact Shelagh via email on shelaghmcfarlane@rocketmail.com.

NAYCC Manager, Beki Metcalfe says "I was honoured when asked by Shelagh and we had a blank wall that was in need of filling so I couldn't think of a more perfect display".

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Mayor's "At Home" Tea Raises £400 for MRI Scanners Appeal



Our Town Mayor, Wendy Hillary, held her "At Home" Afternoon Tea in the Council Offices last Saturday offering sandwiches, cakes and cream scones with tea or coffee to those who accepted the invitation. Civic Dignitaries from other councils were in attendance and everyone bought lots of raffle tickets in aid of the Mayor's chosen charity during her year of office - The MRI Scanners

Appeal for Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. The total raised at the event was around £400. The Mayor's husband is selling Cake Tiers he has made in aid of the appeal at just £5 each. If you want one please contact the Town Council on 300700

FREE GOLF COACHING FOR JUNIORS

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Harassed by Sales People in Town Centre

Dear Sir,
Whilst the town centre redevelopment is coming along quite nicely, particularly the clock end, (apart from all the empty shops of course, it is baffling why the landlords prefer no rent to lower rents) it is still not a pleasant place to visit for mainly one reason.

I would love to be able to walk from Aldi to Wilkinsons and beyond without being shouted at, accosted and generally harassed by the plethora of sales people who gather in that area.

You get harangued as you walk to whichever shop you are visiting and then AGAIN on the way back. You can tell how sick people are of this by watching their reactions which could be deemed ignorant if you did not know they had been effectively chased up and down the town for the fifth time that week.

I understand people are trying to make a living but just erect a small stand and if we want what you have to offer we will come to you and you do not have to hound and attack us in the same way child beggars descend on people in Mumbai.

I am pretty sure this will be deterring people from visiting the town centre at a time when just the opposite is much needed. Whoever is in charge of allowing these people to use these areas need to do something about this behaviour.

Name & address supplied

Town's Defibrillator Project is a Proven Life-Saver

A mission to provide 24-hour Public Access lifesaving equipment, and free CPR and Defibrillator training, is well on the way to being realised.

The project was to provide several community venues with equipment and training that can assist our emergency services with "The Chain of Survival" - Dial 999, give CPR, use a defibrillator, hand over to the Professionals.

Every year in the UK there are 350,000 heart attacks, 100,000 fatal. Young, old, fit, or unfit, all can be at risk. Over 20% happen in a public place like Community venues. In 42% of cases someone was on hand who has had CPR training, but this means in 58% of the cases no one did, so it would be better if we had more people trained in the basics!

Even with good CPR only, time is critical, your odds of survival after ten minutes can be as low as less than 5%. If a defibrillator could be available within the same time you, or a loved one's survival odds could go up to 70%.

The project started by Community Activist David Sutton-Lloyd is a great example of Community Partnership. Supported by generous public funding from Woodham, Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Area Action Partnership, Woodham Community Centre, County Councillor John Clare, former County Councillor's Joan Gray, and Mike Dixon, GATC, Middlesbrough Parish Council, PCP Centre, Greenfield Community College, The Village Pharmacy, and Horndale Residents.

The first Newton Aycliffe External 24-hour Public access defibrillators have now been fitted to the outside walls of, the Bay Horse Middlesbrough, Greenfield Community College, The PCP Centre, and Woodham Village Community Centre. They become available to the public by telephoning 999 to get the access code. Another unit is held inside Greenfield Convenience Store, and another held by Woodham Village Community Centre as a back-up and for use at community events.

Whilst making more defibrillators available in our area is important (St Clares with help from the Rotary Club are fitting another 24-hour unit), awareness about their use, and locations are equally important.

Woodham Community Centre volunteers Tim, Jeff, Mike, and David have been at various community venues to inform the public further, and to encourage them to take up the free dedicated CPR and Defibrillator courses on offer. So far 101 people have been trained by Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service at courses lasting about two hours. These are being arranged on different days, Mornings, Afternoons, Evenings and even Saturdays, so that people can have a chance to take part.

Giving about two hours of your time to learn what to do in an emergency could mean so much to some person or family in the future, the chances are very high that it will be a member of your own family, or someone you know well.

Would you know what to do in an emergency?



We are over one third of the way through the free training program and we hope that people will take the opportunity to join in.

Free CPR and Defibrillator Courses will be advertised AND the next sessions are at The Pioneer Care Centre on Wednesday August 9th 10am to 12-30pm and 1-30 to 4-30 on Friday August 25th 10am to 12-30pm - BOTH NOW FULL

It is so important that people are made aware of the locations of these potential lifesaving units, so with the

co-operation of Newton News we have produced a map. Any organisations that have defibrillators and want to be included on this map please email: paul@newtonnews.co.uk

Whilst this project and others have recently given a better spread of units, we still need more and hope that other groups will be encouraged to follow this example.

For more information or to arrange a visit please contact "Defibrillator Dave" on 01325 316144 or woodham.community@gmail.com

Film Show

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 1st AUGUST features DISNEY'S 55th animated classic "MOANA" This 2016 film tells the tale of the spirited, strong-willed daughter of a Polynesian chief who sets sail on a daring mission to save her people. This is a great film for ALL ages; action-packed, fun-filled and FEEL-GOOD. Tea, coffee and juice 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.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT HELPS TACKLE POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Newtonian Bethan Lee, is hosting a Charity Quiz Night to support a project that tackles poverty in South Africa, where she will be volunteering for 3 months. Bethan, (18), will travel to Durban in September with international development organisation Tearfund, as part of the UK Government funded International Citizen Service (ICS) programme.

She will work in partnership with South African volunteers to help lift some of the world's poorest communities out of poverty. Before she leaves she must raise £800 for Tearfund. The charity Quiz Nigh is at the RAFA Club Newton Aycliffe. on the 19th August, tickets are £5 inc. Pie & Peas, (vegetarian options available). There will also be a Raffle and Tombola (RSVP Karen Lee on 07709 915839).

The money raised will help communities in developing countries continue to benefit from the work of volunteers, so it's vital she reaches her target. Bethan has been selling items at car boot sales to raise money and any donations would be appreciated. Bethans said: "The project I'm working on aims to improve access to healthcare, educating people about HIV and AIDS and working with children's education. I'll be working closely alongside South African volunteers, so it's a great opportunity to experience another culture and make a difference at the same time. I'm really excited to get out there and start making a real difference."

ICS allows young people aged 18-25 to make a valuable contribution to sustainable development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. On return to the UK, ICS volunteers undertake an 'Action at Home' project, ensuring their new skills also benefit their local communities. Over 10,000 young people from the UK have taken part in the scheme in the last three years. To sponsor Bethan Lee, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bethan-lee98?utm>



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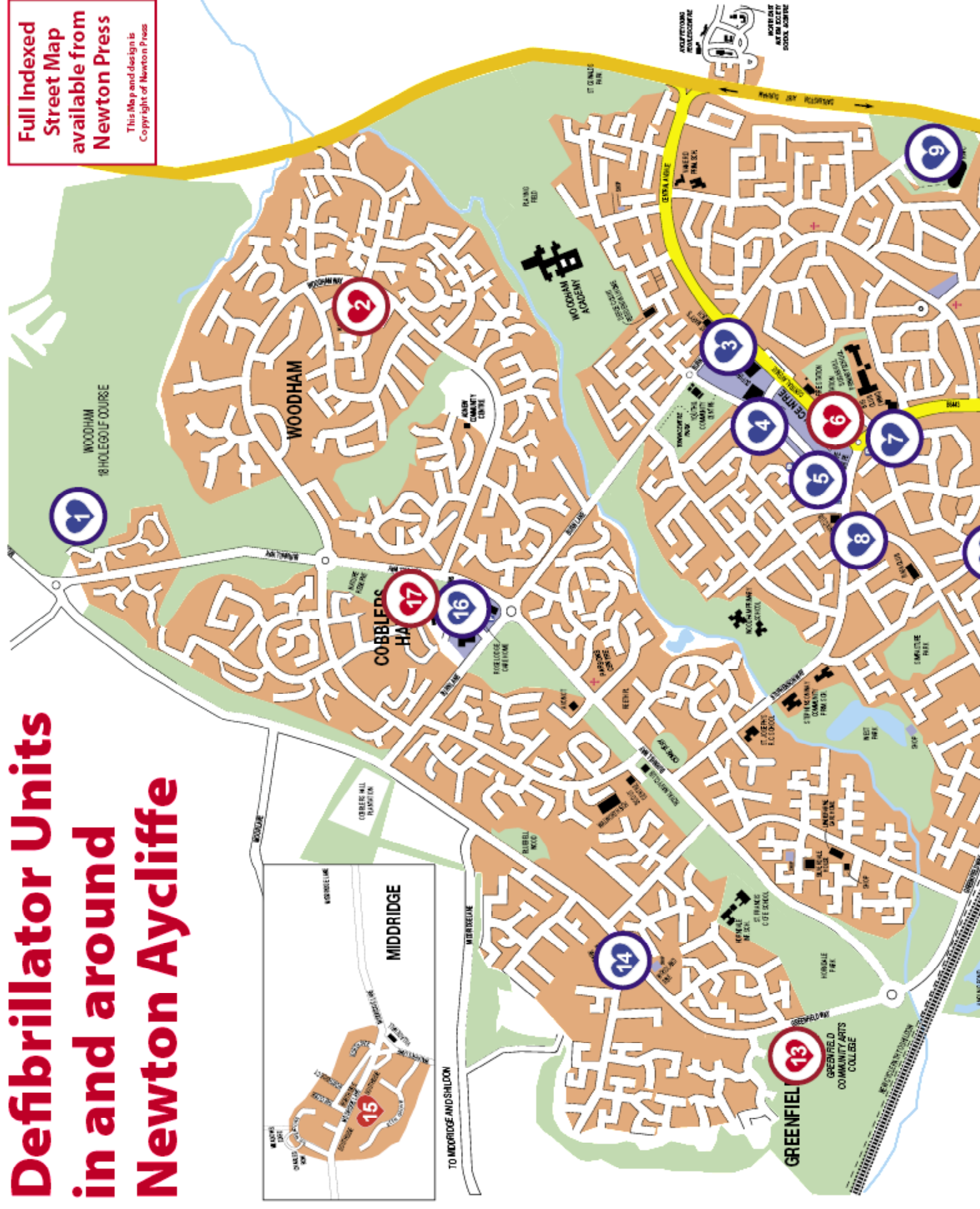
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Dance Company Recruiting Aycliffe Martial Artists Upgrade

Infinity Dance Company in Newton Aycliffe are recruiting new starters for when they return after the Summer Holidays on Wednesday 30th August. The School was set up in April last year by best friends Emily Henderson & Frances Wade and since then the school has been growing & achieving at a rapid rate. From success at Competitions to their first ever professional Dance Show which many said was "The best show they have ever seen" it's been an incredibly exciting 18 months. So far Last year the under 14s Crew 'Energy' qualified for the World Street Dance Championships which will take place next month. Crew Teacher Emily Henderson said 'I am extremely proud of Energy they are the sassiest, Funniest most lovely bunch of girls who sure know how to perform and capture an audience. They are a true reflection of what we aim to achieve at IDC. In just 18 months they have come a long way and they just keep getting better. They work extremely hard and I'm excited to see them perform at the World Street Dance Championships in Glasgow next month. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gestamp Tallent Ltd for sponsoring Energy on this trip, these things aren't cheap and we appreciate the support we have received from the company. On behalf of myself, Frances and all at IDC I'd like to wish Energy a Huge Good Luck, go Smash it girls!'



for all ages & abilities. They aim to provide exceptional dance training to all of their pupils. You can take part in endless opportunities from Competitions, Shows, Performances, Workshops and Exams in all the styles they offer. Frances Wade said "We are always looking at ways to improve and progress

our students at IDC and since our success at the Street Competitions we decided we needed a more structured syllabus to follow within our street classes and so we joined a new organisation that offers us just that! Within our street classes pupils learn the styles and foundations of street from Hip Hop, Whacking and

House to Popping & Locking. We have also introduced some new classes to the timetable throughout the year so we really do have something for everyone. Classes include Street/Hip Hop, Lyrical, Tap & Ballet, Jazz, Acro, Musical Theatre and Adult Classes you name it we've got it! We've even split some of our classes ready for September which means we now have availability in some of our classes which prior to the split were maxed out!"

Emily and Frances both say they are excited for the future of the Dance School and their pupils. They would like to thank their Teachers Lydia Hall and Claire Johnson for all their help and the Parents, Pupils, family and friends for their continued support. If interested in joining Infinity Dance Company or would like any more information please contact Emily Henderson or Frances Wade on 07791 772965 or 07807 580992

Ten Newton Aycliffe Martial Artists successfully upgraded this week. The grade was an excellent showcasing of traditional Martial Art. The hard work the students have put in was evident throughout the evening. Through the Mudo Academy syllabus the Martial Art is truly inclusive, with students aged between 5 and 50 years old, all performing true Martial Art.

For most of the students this was their first experience of grading and they truly rose to the occasion. The commitment shown by everyone was admirable and we look forward to seeing you all grow and develop as we start now preparing for the next grading. Congratulations to you all.

Grading Results

Promoted to 8th Kup: Harvey Suggen-Scott (Darlington) Rob Kingsley (Faverdale) Ollie Jenkinson (Faverdale) Jaime Alton (Newton Aycliffe) James Henry (Newton Aycliffe) Keir Howe (Newton Aycliffe) Mila Howe (Newton Aycliffe) Isaac Hume (Newton Aycliffe) Anna Parker (Newton Aycliffe) Abbie Ramsey (Newton Aycliffe) Promoted to 7th Kup: Jayden Heavey (Newton Aycliffe) Lorraine Thompson (Newton Aycliffe)

Promoted to 6th Kup: Emma Fawcett (Faverdale) Promoted to 5th Kup: Ben Fawcett (Faverdale) Promoted to 3rd Kup: Fabian Hartman (Darlington) Promoted to 1st Kup: Ryan Griffiths (Faverdale) Best of Grade - Abbie Ramsey (Newton Aycliffe) Kim Chung Do Kwan would like to thank all those who



have supported our students in their training, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and local photographer Ryan C Dunn for your time and effort. Practising the real Martial Art is excellent for the improvement of mental and physical health. For anyone

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Dear Editor,
Your remarks regarding the lack of news in the County Magazine about and from Newton Aycliffe is very true and has been for years. I am minded to ask if the seven County Councillors, GAMP and the Town Council can help in this matter? I notice one of our Councillors, John Clare, defending the Editor of the magazine and blames us! He should be supporting the people who voted for him requesting DCC make some effort to ensure our town is properly represented in a Council publication. Great Aycliffe must be DCC's 'Jewel in the Crown' and deserves much better recognition from our County Council. It seems if people from the north come from south of they get a nose bleed. Come on DCC let light and justice prevail for "Great" Aycliffe. Name & address supplied.

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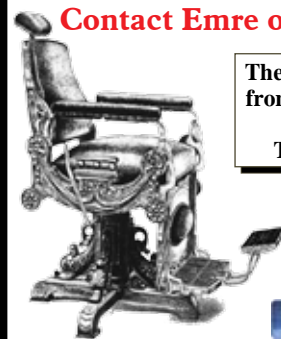
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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

On Sunday 9 July members of Aycliffe Running Club joined approximately 5000 other runners for the Simply Health Great North 10K. The course starts near Gateshead International Stadium, heads down to Gateshead Quayside and passes Sage Gateshead, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead Millennium Bridge and passes under the iconic Tyne Bridge. At approximately 5K the runners turn and head back along the riverside and up the hill now named 'The Slog On The Tyne' to finish on the track inside Gateshead Stadium. Results for Aycliffe Club runners were Trish Kay came home first for the club in 51:04, placing first in her category of female over 55; then Andrew Lumley in 51:25; Judith Porter in 57:33 and Lisa Sheldon in 01:03:10. Three Aycliffe club runners enjoyed a fantastic morning out at Hexham the 16 July, participating in a very hilly and sunny half marathon. Ste Suthrran was first home for the club in 1.34.48, followed by Rob Nicholson in 1.56.34 and



Ste Suthrran, Lisa Dowell and Rob Nicholson

Lisa Dowell at 2.16.08. At Durham City 10k on Wednesday 19 July Aycliffe Running Club members joined hundreds of others for the Prince Bishops Durham City 10K on a 2 lap, scenic, undulating, course starting on Saddler Street and finishing on Palace Green. First to finish for Aycliffe was Alan Wilks in 47:26 followed by Sinead Croarkin 48:37, Martha McBarron 51:22, Trish Kay 51:27 (1st place in her category), Lisa Sheldon, 1:01:29, Warren Raine, 57:03 and Bev Phillippo 01:00:06. The fourth event in the Summer Tees Trail series of 5k races took place at Acklam Grange on 19 July. First home for the club was John Burnside, 34th overall and 1st in his category of male over 60 in 22:49; followed by Cyd Denise, 47th in 24:59 and 1st in her category of female over 55; then came Susan Clark, 73rd in 32:07 and 1st in her category of female over 60; and she was followed Ray Todd finished 91st in 36:07.

Aycliffe Winning Away Day



Jack Oliver

Newton Aycliffe F.C. continued their preparations for the new season with a trip to Liversedge of the North East Counties League last Saturday. The trip was an enjoyable day out for players, committee members and supporters alike to a fine ground in a beautiful setting. The result was the icing on the cake with a 3-1 win. Aaron Brown opened the scoring in the second minute and Jack Oliver got the second ten minutes later. Stuart Banks added a third late in the game, direct from a free kick.

Aycliffe have one remaining preseason fixture when Hemsworth Miners Welfare visit Moore Lane on Saturday 29 July. Kick off will be at the earlier than usual time of 2pm. Hemsworth also play in the North East Counties League, which is at the same level in the FA's National League System as our own Ebac Northern League. Admission for the friendly will be £2 adults, £1 concessions.

The season proper starts on Saturday 5 August with the Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round. Chester-le-Street will be the visitors to Moore Lane where kick off will be 3.00pm. Admission is £6 adults and £4 concessions. The winners of this tie will play away to either Albion Sports or Nelson in the Preliminary Round on 19 August.

Greenfield's Top Class Courts

Greenfield Community College and Greenfield Tennis Club are delighted to announce the completion of extensive improvements to their tennis courts, returning them to an excellent standard. The facilities are used extensively by the school and the community and will be a real asset to an already thriving sports department. David Priestley, Executive Headteacher was very impressed with the results, "It is fantastic to have our floodlit tennis courts back to a gold standard. These are an integral part of our schools high quality sports facilities that enable us to give our students the best possible opportunities working with our award winning PE department". The improvements were made possible through local funding from GAMP via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County Councillors, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Eddy Adam, Sarah Iveson and former County Councillors Mike Dixon, Joan Gray and Jed Hillary. "We are committed to serving our community and it is good to

see the wider use of the facility out of hours in partnership with the Tennis Club. We are very grateful for the support from GAMP, Councillors and the Tennis Club" said Mr Priestley. Adam White from GAMP was also pleased that through this special initiative this has been just one of the many areas that they have been able to support and restore. Everyone involved with Greenfield Tennis Club are also thrilled with the transformation. Secretary John Snowball was keen to give praise, "Greenfield Tennis Club members and officials are delighted that thanks to the support of GAMP and David Priestley, the Head Teacher of Greenfield Community College, the College, Club and Town can again be proud to have top class tennis facilities now that the courts have been restored to their former glory." The courts are available to members of the public from 5pm to 10pm weekdays and from 9am Saturday and Sunday. Cost is only £2 for juniors and £3 for adults. You can contact Greenfield Sports on 07879 117224 after

4.30pm Monday to Friday or weekends to book. Players wishing to become a member of Greenfield Tennis club have free access to tennis throughout the year for £50 Adult, £15 Junior, £25 unemployed, £75 Family (Based on April 2017 prices). "The Club welcomes interest from any member of the community keen to play tennis. For further details of what the Club can offer, do check out our website" said John, just go to <http://www.greenfieldtennis.co.uk> The recent launch was attended by Councillors John Clare, Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper, Adam White of GAMP, Barbara Davis, Director of Community Sport, Chris Stonehouse, Head of School, David Priestley, Executive Headteacher, John Snowball, Secretary, Greenfield Tennis Club, Stuart Dixon, Deputy Head, Martin Butterworth Head of PE, and Richard Allison, Subject Leader. The launch was also attended by a number of Year 8 and 9 students, who were keen to take to the new courts for a long awaited 'hit'.



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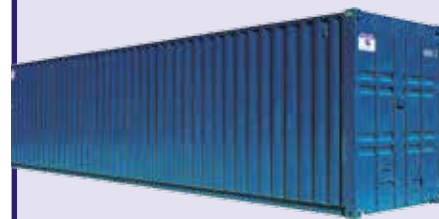
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"Aycliffe Angel" Vera Shares her Experience



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"Come along to browse the goods, shop, meet your friends, and have a cuppa or maybe a bite to eat. Best of all, you can enjoy it whatever the weather!"

The August Indoor Market can currently accommodate a limited number of additional traders on a first come, first serve basis. The cover fee is £15 for two table tops for businesses and £10 for one table top for charities. Organisers are considering ways in which funds raised by monthly markets can sustain the market's future and also benefit local residents. Parties interested in trading at the Indoor Market or in sharing their suggestions should contact Luan Deakin at luan.deakin@shildon.gov.uk.

POPULAR POLICE DOG PUTS UP HIS PAWS

A CANINE crime-fighter has out up his paws after almost nine years of active service. Yellow Labrador Ben is one half of the Durham Police dog duo, Jet and Ben, who are known as the 'say no to strangers' dogs.

They have worked with thousands of children across the force area, educating them on personal safety, 'stranger danger' and internet awareness. On Friday, Ben paid one last visit to Tudhoe Colliery Primary School, near Spennymoor, before retiring and putting his paws up for good. His handler, PCSO Claire Kerr, said: "We got Ben when he was eight months old and he's now almost nine so he's been with us a very long time."



"Along with Jet, he plays an important role in educating children in County Durham and Darlington on personal safety. 'Everyone says he was born to do this job - he's so good with children and is very calm and chilled out. We will be very sad to see him go but we wish him well in his retirement. I'm sure he will enjoy chilling out and relaxing with his new family.'"

The scheme is supported by Durham Agency Against Crime (DAAC), who are looking to recruit a new puppy to replace the outgoing Ben. Puppies can be up to a year old and should be of a calm temperament. Anyone who thinks they can help is asked to contact PCSO Claire Kerr at claire.kerr@durham.pnn.police.uk or DAAC: enquiries@daac.org.uk

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FATHER AND SON VOLUNTEERS SEEK FURNITURE DONATIONS

A call has gone out for more donations of furniture for a local social enterprise set up to help local people. Father and son, John and Paul Oliver, both volunteer for More Time in Newton Aycliffe. A steady stream of customers at the showroom in the DISC headquarters

next to the Blue Bridge in Newton Aycliffe means they need more good quality second-hand goods. John, a volunteer for three years, says: "We're always willing to receive donations in reusable condition. "We're looking for more household goods and we



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NEVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION SET DATE FOR INAUGURAL MEETING

At the second informal meeting to discuss the formation of Neville Residents' Association the Draft Constitution was studied, amended and agreed to be forwarded to the Inaugural Meeting for adoption. The meeting will be held on Tuesday the 12th of September when the officers and committee will be elected followed by a further meeting to choose the day and time of the Association Meetings and to decide future policies and action. Please make a note in your diaries.

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association initiated this new group, hoping it will be as successful as others formed in recent years. They have grown in popularity and received funding from sources which support

communities coming together to tackle local concerns and enjoy social events.

After the Inaugural Meeting GARA will step aside and leave the new Association to run its own affairs. Meanwhile People in the Neville area are invited to nominate themselves or others to take official positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer along with up to seven Committee members. Send your nominations to syd@newtonpress.net. (GARA Chairman). Two nominations for Chairperson have already been received. Thanks to Trustees of Neville Community Centre for offering their premises as the meeting place and focal point for the new Association.

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Dawn McCreanor, More Time Business Manager said: "All the money raised from the sale of these goods

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"Volunteering opportunities within the warehouse, showroom and in the on-site café are available."

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Seated Headteacher Paula & pupils with Sarah & Adam (GAMP)



Councillor Sarah Iveson and former County Councillor Jed Hillary, has allowed the school to purchase reading books and create inspirational group and quiet reading areas throughout the school. It is hoped that the new books and reading areas will help inspire the children to read for fun. The project was also supported by Michelle Postma (Extended Schools Manager). Paula O'Rourke, Head-

teacher said: "At Sugar Hill reading is hugely important, from the moment the children enter school in Nursery, to the end of Year 6. Encouraging the children to read books for pleasure is high profile and as a result of funding from GAMP we have been able to supplement the books in the libraries and create reading corners throughout school, like the Harry Potter Corner under the stairs. Reading really is magical at Sugar Hill".

Town Council Notices

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

A hardy group of volunteers spent a few hours this week clearing the Himalayan balsam from Woodham Burn and made a massive impact. During the course of the session it was noted that even a small group could make a massive difference towards the spread of this invasive weed; The group is therefore continuing this valuable work on Thursday 3rd August. Everyone is welcome to assist and can meet at the Town Park at 4.30pm. Gloves will be provided. Participants should wear long sleeved shirts and trousers.

NEW PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION

Local residents are being encouraged to view and comment on new design proposals for a new play area at Cobblers Hall. The plans can be viewed during the various 'Fun in the Park' events hosted by Great Aycliffe Town Council. Alternatively the designs and voting system is available on Great Aycliffe Town Council's Facebook page. More information will be available in the Newton News next week.

Horndale Residents Association Open to All

Being part of your local community is very rewarding for many reasons, one in particular is assisting others to grow and build their local neighbourhoods. It was a pleasure to see so many local residents attend a meeting on Monday to set out the constitution for Neville Residents' Association.

It was great to see local members so enthused to start and run a group than can make a big difference to other members of their area as our group and other Residents Associations have done for several years.

I would like to invite anyone who wants to make a difference especially those forming the Neville group to join us at our next meeting. Our meetings are very informal and great way of meeting other like-minded people. We have Councillors, Living and local Police Beat Team attend, offering an easy way of discussing any issues you may have. Again our meetings and events are for all not just Horndale residents. Next meeting 2nd August starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts Centre. After a busy few weeks we are finishing off plans for

our Community Fun Day 17th August 10.30-2.30 at Greenfield Community College.

We have a small Fun Fair, Bouncy Castles, Petting Zoo, crazy critters, pony rides, face painters Professor Nincompoop, Army, Cake stalls, Tombola's and lots more. Please come and join us for a great time - Free entry. Philip Clark, Chairman

Acknowledgement

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Diane would like to thank family and friends for the cards and support on the recent sad loss of Rob. Thanks to Geradeen of John Meynell; The Rev. Kevin Leavesley, Celebrant; Linda and Eddy of the Navy Club and Don Walker (Walkers Butchers) for the buffet.

Birthday Remembrance

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Obituary

EDMUNSON, Elizabeth (Betty) nee Turner of Newton Aycliffe formerly of Coundon. Peacefully at home on 17th July aged 95 years. A dearly loved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great Great Grandmother. Family and friends met for a Service at St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 26th July at 10.15am.

HUGHES, Suddenly on 18th July. Kirsty Sheila, aged 30 years. Much loved partner of Amy; loving and much loved Daughter of Kim and Maurice; loving Sister of John, David and Paul; a much loved Sister-in-Law and Auntie and a much loved Granddaughter. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 2nd August at 10.30am. To be followed by a private family interment. Donations, if so desired, may be made to Alzheimers UK, a plate will be provided at The Phoenix Club (ex-British Legion), following the Service. At the families request casual dress is preferred.

NAYLOR, Peacefully at home on 19th July. Ann, aged 77 years. Beloved Wife of the late Jim; much loved Mum of John, David, Andrew, Danny and Alan; also a much loved Mother-in-Law, Grandma, Great Grandma and loving Sister of Margaret. The Funeral Service took place in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 28th July.

DONNA TAYLOR 19th July. Peacefully in hospital aged 44. Loving Sister of Stuart, Michael, David and Paul; Sister-in-Law to Margaret and a devoted Auntie to her Nephews and Nieces. Funeral on 1st August at St. Clare's Church at 11.00am. Later at Moore Lane Sports Club. Family flowers only.

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2 on 28th July 2017
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Looking at the fixtures Heighington were the only side who had no League Football so it was always going to be a tough. In Heighington's group they had South Shields (who got to the main cup final), Improtech, Consett Reds, Montagu and Silksworth.

Four of Heighington's group games ended up on the wrong side of a 1-0 score. However in each of these games it is fair to say it could quite easily have been the other way round. Louie and Alex shared the



responsibility in the Groups of being in Goal, and both came out with masses of credit with some amazing performances. Kieran also impressed when called upon at the back and is looking more and more confident every week. Zane and Archie did what they always do working hard throughout showing some lovely touches throughout holding up well against bigger stronger opponents. Archie grabbed an assist in the groups. Liam is becoming a rock at the back and proved it again with some great displays. The group game Heighington won was 4-1, with a hat trick for captain Kyleo and a great Goal from Tyler saw them win that one. Heighington received a bye to the Plate Final as the opposition had left due to unforeseen circumstances. In the Final against Durham County, Heighington lined up with Louie in goal, Liam at the back on his own with Tyler and Alex Midfield and Kyleo up front. Heighington raced in to a 3 goal lead with two great Goals from Alex and a long range effort from Kyleo. Liam again was starting off the moves trying to play the ball into feet from the back, and some of the passing from Tyler, Alex and Kyleo was more than encouraging. Heighington made three changes with a little less than half the Final to go with Kieran Zane and Archie coming on for Tyler, Alex and Liam. Kyleo added a 4th before Zane and Archie linked up well with Archie narrowly missing the target. The whistle went to bring Heighington's second piece of Silverware home in the last seven days, with Captain Kyleo lifting the Plate.

A massive well done once again with special mention to the hosts Crook who held a fantastic Tournament. The organisers and parents of the home side were an absolute credit to their club, so a big Thanks to them for having us along! The Team has come such a long way in such a short space of time. They only played their first Friendly 4 Months ago and have now scored an incredible 135 Goals, won 2 Tournaments out of 3, getting to the Semi Final of the other as well as winning a Round Robin Competition at St Mary's.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, managed to beat the monsoon type rain storm which delayed the start, but unfortunately couldn't beat promotion chasing Darlington 2nd XI, losing by 90 runs in the 2nd division of the NYSD. In a match reduced to 39 overs per side due to the weather, Darlington were asked to bat first when play eventually got under way and scored a respectable 163 for 8 in their allotted overs. Aycliffe's opening bowler Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) returned the superb figures of 3 for 14 from his 10 overs and leg spinner Patrick Howe also bowled well taking 3 for 58.

In reply, Aycliffe were skittled for just 73 runs after 27.2 overs with only an excellent unbeaten 31 from Captain Adam Gittins and 15 runs from opener Joe Haines showing any resistance for the home side.

The u15's were well beaten at home to Hartlepool by 97 runs in the quarter final of the NYACC league cup despite an excellent innings of 46, including five boundaries, from captain Lucas Pilling and 16 runs from 11 year old Leo Mercy as Aycliffe were dismissed for 97, chasing 195 for an unlikely victory.

The u13's lost a good game away at Barnard Castle by 18 runs in the NYACC round robin cup competition. Leo Mercy was again amongst the runs, top scoring with an excellent 21 and Matty Greaves and Daniel Heaton each picked

up a wicket for Aycliffe during the home team's innings.

The club's talented u11's team (photo attached with coach Adam Gittins) won their sixth game of the season, this time beating Darlington RA at home by 108 runs. William Dryden top scored with 12 not out in the Aycliffe innings and when the visitors batted they found Aycliffe's Harrison Pearson (4 wickets for 3 runs) and Joe Ingman (3 wickets for 2 runs) in outstanding form. A special mention must go to debutant Libby Marshall who became the first girl to play for the u11's team for many years and she performed really well with both bat and ball.

The next day, the u11's won again, this time defeating Barnard Castle u11's by 43 runs. Thomas Dearden was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 10 and his younger brother Will chipped in with 2 for 11. When Aycliffe batted, Thomas Dearden was back in the action again, top scoring with 11 runs and Joe Ingman also batted well scoring 9 runs.

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