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Lord-Lieutenant Praises PCP at Queen's Award Ceremony

Wednesday 26th July 2017 was an unforgettable day of celebration for the Pioneering Care Partnership as they formally received The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Following a short tour of the Pioneering Care Centre and a meet and greet with volunteers Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, was welcomed by Melanie Fordham, Chairperson of the PCP Trustees.

The presentation then followed where Mrs Snowdon, explained that she is "charged to perform many duties on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen and particularly enjoys the presentation of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service."

She outlined that, "the Queen's Award is not lightly given or easily gained, it is highly prized and recognised as a hallmark of excellence. It acknowledges hard work, vision, commitment and dedication of Trustees, staff and volunteers."

When reflecting upon PCP's achievement Mrs Snowdon commented, "What is particularly remarkable about the PCP is the way it has harnessed the motivation and talents of its many volunteers; literally hundreds of people give their talents and time in a constructive way to the PCP."

She continued, "The PCP is providing an outstanding service in the area of health and wellbeing and I would like to congratulate everyone involved."

Trustee commitment and determination along with gentle and inspiring leadership has been key to the success and longevity of the organisation."

Carol Gaskarth PCP's Chief Executive said, "It was an absolute privilege to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of PCP. This Award is very special and acknowledges the hard work and support of everyone who has been involved with PCP, past and present."

"We are a creative forward-thinking organisation that thrives on innovation and change and this is only possible because of our fabulous team of staff and volunteers. The Queen's Award is for everyone and provided a brilliant



Sue Snowdon, Carol Gaskarth and Melanie Fordham



Lord and Lady Foster with H.M. Lord-Lieutenant

opportunity for us to say thank you. What a boost for the voluntary sector locally too, I am so thrilled!

Afternoon tea was later served to guests who included PCP's long-standing Patron Lord Derek Foster, his wife Lady Anne and Phil Wilson MP along with local community champions and supporters.

The day concluded with the cutting of a special Royal cake which was topped with a crown!

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TV Programme Promotes Rescue Animals

The Suprvet, Steve Jones and Kate Quilton are coming to Newcastle upon Tyne, and they're on a mission to find loving homes for as many pets as possible in just one week, and convince the nation that rescue animals are the way forward.

As part of an exciting new TV series, Channel 4 will be coming live from Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter. This will take place from Monday 7th to Friday 11th August 2017 and they are looking for people who can provide loving, 'forever' homes for the abandoned dogs, cats and rabbits of Newcastle upon Tyne to come forward. 'Suprvet' Professor Noel Fitzpatrick and Steve Jones will be on hand to assist in the rehoming of all these fantastic, yet overlooked animals. TV presenter Kate Quilton will be on the front line of the rehoming process and following the stories of the animals being rehomed. The aim is clear; to dismantle the stigma associated with rescue animals and encourage people



to adopt an animal in need of a loving home, rather than to shop for pets. Rescue centres across the country will also be taking part, to encourage viewers looking for pets to adopt at their local shelter. Britain is home to more than 16 million pet dogs and cats*. But every year, some 250,000 domestic animals* find themselves abandoned to the care of rescue centres. In 2016, animal charities reported sharp increases in cases of stray and unwanted pets coming through

their doors, some dealing with record intakes. Now more than ever, pets need our help. Potential pet adopters wishing to take part, should arrange a time to visit the Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter to view the pets during the week, and if a good match is found, start the adoption process. They can email animalrescueweek@blastfilms.co.uk or can call

0191 266 1167 to book a time slot. The experienced staff at the shelter will ensure the pets are rehomed responsibly and that suitable homes are found for all their animals.

Professor Noel Fitzpatrick said: "Through raising awareness of the fun, love and hope that rehoming an animal can bring to families everywhere, I genuinely think that we speak a language of joy and compassion, and I think that this is a fantastic message to put out into the world right now."

Steve Jones said: "I love animals, I love live TV and I love The Suprvet. This is going to be a great show with a great purpose. Can't wait." Tim Hancock, Editor at C4 said: "As an event, it has the potential to shift Britain's attitudes towards adopting rescue animals, and as a series, it will make for unmissable TV as the country comes together to clear the shelters."

Dance School Supports MRI Scanner Appeal



Tiffany School of Dance, is the latest in a number of high profile local organisations to get behind the Appeal to raise money for MRI scanners at Darlington Memorial Hospital and Bishop Auckland Hospital, raising almost £1,400.

Based on Branksome Terrace, Tiffany's has pupils as young as three taking classes in ballet, tap and other forms of dance. Rachael Tiffany said "Our latest show was called 'Celebration' as we're marking 20 years since I started the school. With the Civic Theatre out of action, Yarm School kindly loaned us their Princess Alexandra Auditorium".

"We always use the event to support a charity and I chose the MRI scanner appeal as a good local cause. It's vital equipment from which many people will benefit." Parents were invited to make a contribution to the appeal in exchange for their child having a head and shoulders photograph in the programme and this alone raised almost £400. Collection tins and other activities on performance nights helped boost the total.

Charity development officer at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, Pat Chambers, said, "We're so grateful to Rachael for selecting us as her charity and to everyone who contributed. We want to bring the very latest in MRI innovation to our hospitals

as tremendous advances in scanning technology over recent years means they can be enormously helpful to our radiology consultants 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 invasive procedures as part of the investigation of their symptoms. Unlike X-rays, MRI scanners don't use radiation, making this safer for patients.

"We welcome any fundraising support and encourage individuals, families and organisations like Tiffany School of Dance to get involved. For example, if you're lucky enough to have a place on The Great North Run or other challenge events this year, please consider nominating us as your charity. For more information on how you can help please contact me at: pat.chambers1@nhs.net or phone: 01325 743781.

C&W NIGHT AT PHOENIX CLUB

Tickets at £5 are still on sale for the visit of a great Country & Western star, Henry Smith and his Band on Thursday 31st August at the Phoenix Club. Buy them at the club or ring 01325 307041 to pick them up at John Sutton's home.

Charity Event Raised £2,000 for Two Manchester Victims

A charity event was held last Friday night at the Big club in aid of Newton Aycliffe girls Millie Robson and Laura Anderson after they were injured in the Manchester attack. The night was amazing and a huge success, with over £2000 raised.

Laura said: "All our thanks go to Julie Palmer and Collette Middleton for giving up so much of their time putting together the whole event, as well as "Groovy Street" who performed brilliantly, and Howard Spoors for the Disco, all which was done free of charge".

Our families and friends who attended had a great time and we thank everyone who came and donated in any way possible, the support we are continually given is appreciated immensely by both families. It just goes to prove that there are so many more good people in this world than bad."



Left to right: Laura's Mum Jana Anderson, Laura, Matthew Smith the Theatre Practitioner who helped Millie and Laura at the terror attack. He came to see the girls at the event bringing his two children (front), and then Millie and her Mum Marie Robson on the right.

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A spokesperson for the sessions said "These Holiday Workshops are now in their 10th year and are always enjoyed by the young people who attend. They are days full of crazy, wacky fun games, with lots of laughter and music thrown in too. Bring a friend, but most important bring a Packed Lunch and a smile."

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Aycliffe Couple Celebrate Diamond Anniversary

Former Town and Borough Mayor John Moran and his wife Mary celebrated 60 years of marriage on Monday 31st August 2017.

Their celebration started with a Mediterranean Cruise, returning for a Blessing at Church last Sunday, followed by Lunch at their favourite Restaurant "The George & Dragon" at Heighington.

John, born in Croxdale, met Mary from Coxhoe at the local Dance at Spennymoor Rink. They were engaged just before John, a bricklayer, began National Service in the Catering Corps, at Catterick and Retford.

Mary was a nurse for 12 years at Winterton Mental Hospital at Sedgfield, now closed. After John served his 2 years they married and bought their first house in



Trimdon Grange for £200.

In 1961 John was offered a job by the Aycliffe Development Corporation helping to build the new town, also carrying out repairs to rented properties. His transport was a bike with a basket on the front for his tools. Working for the ADC they were eligible for a house



John and Mary proud to receive the Queen's congratulations

Family's Unsafe Shower Costs Fitter £3,000

A trader who fitted an unsafe shower which a family used for weeks has been ordered to pay more than £3,000. Paul Frame, 37, from Sunderland, installed an electric shower at a family home in County Durham which was subsequently found to be unsafe and contravening wiring regulations.

Frame was prosecuted by Durham County Council and has now been ordered to pay £3,261.20. Newton Aycliffe magistrates on Wednesday heard how the council's trading standards team received a complaint from a resident about the shower fitted by Frame, sole director of HLS Home Improvements Limited.

The complainant said she had agreed to pay Frame, who lives at Thornbank Close, £2,761.20 for a bathroom installation which included an electric shower. However when the bathroom was fitted it was found that the shower installed was not the one the woman had ordered.

The defendant told her to use it until the correct one could be sourced. The woman, her husband and children used the shower until it was replaced with the correct one in June.

There was no instruction manual for either of the showers and was not given any paperwork relating to the installation. The shower flooded and after Frame failed to repair it, the woman had another plumber look at it.

He advised it was not safe and suggested an electrician was called to inspect. He condemned the shower and these findings were endorsed by a council electrician who further found the installation to be substandard, in contravention of the British Standards Wiring Regulations not complying with the manufacturers' installation instructions.

The court was read a victim statement from the woman in which she said she felt "distracted" when the shower was condemned. "I feel I have been let down by HLS and find it difficult to comprehend that they placed the safety of my family at risk. "I had been allowing my children to use

the shower for weeks and the thought that each time they did, their safety was at risk upsets me greatly.

Frame was charged with supplying an unsafe shower unit contravening the requirements of professional diligence. He pleaded guilty to both offences. Magistrates were told they were the result of an administrative error in ordering the wrong shower which then snowballed.

Frame was ordered to pay compensation to the family of £2,761.20, a £350 fine and £150 costs.

Joanne Waller, the council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "Traders have a legal and moral duty to ensure everything they are supplying is safe. This kind of commercial practice is unacceptable and this prosecution and the financial penalty imposed should send out a message that it will not be tolerated in County Durham."

in the town and have lived in Bede Crescent for 54 years. John, a Labour Party supporter for many years, has served as a Councillor and was elected Mayor of both Great Aycliffe Town Council and Sedgfield Borough.

A keen football fan, he qualified as a Northern League linesman and referee at local matches in the Sunderland area. Mary, after leaving the hospital, worked for GEC on the twilight shift while raising her family, taking a full time position later. Before retirement she worked as an office cleaner at Barclays Bank.

The "Diamond Anniversary" couple have three children, three Grandchildren and two Great Grandchildren. The family came together on their anniversary for a party at home to which the Mayor Wendy Hillary attended, bringing congratulations and a bouquet of flowers.

POPULAR CRAFT FAIR

A Craft Fair at Neville Community Centre was held on 29th July where the cafe was very busy!

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Lileen Cuthbertson (Secretary)

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Funds are now being raised for Newton Aycliffe F.C., Athena Gymnastics and the new Neville Parade Residents' Association.

John thanks DISC, Valerie his assistant, donors and customers.

a workshop to train them to be future Science Ambassadors. The Institute of Physics is working to understand and address the issue of girls' under-representation in physics post-16.

As part of their Gender Balance Project they held a full day of training for groups of students from local schools run by the IOP and Durham University.

The day included team building activities, practical activities, confidence building, presentation skills training, group presentations and feedback. The girls carried out a range of experiments with a space theme and then delivered a presentation about the science they had learned.

They are all now more confident giving presentations and are looking forward to using their new skills.

Thousands of volunteers are playing their part in revitalising a local market town – and there is still time for more to get involved and 1,700 people are already making their mark in Bishop Auckland by volunteering regularly with Eleven Arches and Auckland Castle Trust.

Both charities are working hard to transform the town into a world-class visitor destination, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors and creating countless opportunities for employment, training and skills development.

In the past 12 months alone, volunteers have given almost 220,000 hours to help bring this vision to life, turning their hands to everything from gardening and sewing to unearthing hidden treasures.

Ruth Storey, who has been volunteering for both Auckland Castle Trust and Eleven Arches for more than a year, said: "Volunteering has given me the chance to work alongside and meet some really interesting, talented and diverse people from all walks of life here in Bishop Auckland.

"I have made many friends, regained my confidence and put my existing skills to good use, while also learning new ones. Anyone can volunteer, whether it's alone or with their family, and I would thoroughly recommend it."

Auckland Castle Trust, which launched in 2012, is currently investing £70m to transform Auckland Castle into a faith, arts and heritage destination of international significance.

This includes the restoration of 900-year old Auckland Castle, as well as the creation of a new Welcome Building, Mining Art Gallery, Spanish Gallery and Walled Garden, complete with contemporary glass restaurant.

Even while this work is ongoing, the charity's 250 registered volunteers are still making their mark, leading tours of the Market Place and Castle, working alongside Durham University on two archaeological digs and greeting visitors at No. 42 Market Place, which houses a shop, gallery space and Collections Display.

Opportunities for hundreds of more volunteers will be created over the next three years, with current vacancies

including roles in gardening, events support and visitor experience at the forthcoming Mining Art Gallery.

Michele Armstrong, Head of Volunteering at Auckland Castle Trust, said: "Since its launch in 2012 Auckland Castle Trust has worked with a growing number of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who want to play their part in revitalising Bishop Auckland.

"Those already involved have been able to enjoy new experiences, make new friends and develop new skills and we are always happy to welcome more people on board."

Auckland Castle Trust's sister charity, Eleven Arches, is responsible for the open air spectacular 'Kynren - an epic tale of England'. In its first year the show was brought to life by a cast and crew of 1,000 volunteers and attracted more than 100,000 visitors.

This year the show promises to be even bigger, better and brighter, with 500 additional volunteers, as well as completely new scenes, more characters, extra animals and added special effects.

Kynren volunteers, affectionately known as Archers, are involved with the production in many different ways; making props and costumes, looking after the animals, setting up lighting and pyro effects, performing in the show itself, welcoming visitors and managing and maintaining the site during performances as well as out of season.

The volunteers all receive professional training from leading experts in their respective fields, which can range from combat skills and choreography to World Host Training, ensuring the highest levels of customer service.

While the cast is mostly full for 2017, Eleven Arches is still on the lookout for a handful of volunteers to join the Experience Team greeting visitors, the Go Team (show and cavalry) helping with stage management and a select number of roles for men within the show team.

A waiting list has also been started for anyone wanting to be on stage in Kynren 2018. To register your interest, visit the website at www.elevenarches.org/get-involved/join-us

Jayne Appleby, Volunteer Casting Coordinator for Eleven Arches, said: "Without the commitment and dedication of our volunteers, we quite simply wouldn't have a show."

"We have families that volunteer together, some spanning three generations, as well as volunteers that travel from as far as Kent and Cardiff, and new for this year, more than 80 teenagers.

"All of our volunteers give up hundreds of hours of their time to be part of Kynren and to receive so much support and enthusiasm from such a small catchment area is testament to the spirit of the community that all want to play their part in regenerating the area."

'Kynren - an epic tale of England' returns on 1 July 2017 and tickets are available on the website www.kynren.co.uk. More information about volunteering at the show can also be found at www.elevenarches.org/get-involved/join-us.

Anyone interested in

volunteering with Auckland Castle Trust is asked to visit www.aucklandcastle.org/volunteer-with-us or email michele.armstrong@aucklandcastle.org.

Picture caption: Volunteers from Auckland Castle Trust and Eleven Arches mark Volunteers' Week in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Image by Barry Pells, courtesy of Auckland Castle Trust.

For more information please contact Claire Buchan, Communications Manager at Auckland Castle Trust on 01388 743799 or claire.buchan@aucklandcastle.org.

About Eleven Arches: Launched by Eleven Arches in 2016, 'Kynren - an epic tale of England' is the UK's only live action night show.

The first season saw more than 100,000 people visit Bishop Auckland in County Durham to experience 2,000 years of British history, as seen through the eyes of the North East.

An action-packed blockbuster performed live by a cast of hundreds, Kynren is a fast-paced production with an original script, amazing special effects, water jets, video projections, pyrotechnics, grand sets and an evocative original sound-track which will be experienced in surround-sound movie-like quality.

Eleven Arches is the vision of philanthropist and investment manager Jonathan Ruffer. Eleven Arches is one of two charities he has established in Bishop Auckland, the other is the Auckland Castle Trust. Together, the aim of the charities is to establish Bishop Auckland as an international tourist destination, attracting visitors and investment which will contribute to the fortune of the area and empower the community.

Performance dates and times are Friday and Saturday in July, August and September.

About Auckland Castle Trust: The Auckland Castle Trust is transforming Auckland Castle into a heritage, arts and faith destination of international significance, helping to reinvigorate Bishop Auckland and stimulate economic regeneration both in the town and surrounding areas.

In autumn 2016 the charity began a major development project designed to realise this vision, including restoration of the 900 year-old Castle, as well as the creation of a new, 10 gallery Faith Museum, exploring a history of faith in the British Isles from pre-history to the modern day.

There will also be a reimagined 18th Century Walled Garden, housing a contemporary restaurant within the Castle grounds, as well as a new Welcome Building, Mining Art Gallery and Spanish Gallery and Research Centre in the nearby Market Place.

Inspired by the paintings of Jacob and his twelve sons by Francisco de Zurbarán, which have hung in Auckland Castle for more than 260 years, the new Spanish Gallery will house a permanent collection of key works from the Spanish Golden Age, with a programme of events and exhibitions planned in collaboration with key partners, including the Museo del Prado, Madrid.

Thames Centre Helps GACAP Partners

The Thames Centre once again was the venue for fund raising on Saturday. The use of the centre has been agreed for members of GACAP (GREAT AYCLIFFE COMMUNITY AID PARTNERSHIP). This time it was Harvest Church who were making use of the Centre to raise funds for Breast Cancer. The people of Newton Aycliffe were once again their generous selves. On the day £142 was raised with further money added to it following Harvest Church's meeting on Sunday.

GACAP partners meet on the first Monday of each month at DISC Offices next to the Blue Bridge at 4pm. Ron Mitchie, Chairman of GACAP said "If you have a heart for people in need for one reason or another why not come along to our meeting or contact Joan Mitchie GACAP Secretary who will send you information about GACAP and its aims and objectives. Joan can be contacted on secretary.gacap@gmail.com

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Town Golf Club Tournament in Aid of Air Ambulance

The Oakleaf Golf club held a special competition on Saturday 29th July in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance Service raising £400.

Club Captain Dave Archer and all members wish to thank all who donated prizes: Croxdale Group, HAGES/SP, along with vouchers from Bishop Auckland GC, Wynard GC, Heworth GC, Hobson GC Hetton-le-Hole Golf Club.

The Town Council donated the use of the course to enable all proceeds to go to the charity.

Croxdale Motors kindly donated for a weekend a Mitsubishi Outlander worth £33,000 to Steve Berryman who won this prize for the Longest Drive.

Tournament winners: 1st - Neil Guy & Steve Berryman, 2nd - Dicky Parker & Tom Mulligan, 3rd - Ian Gaul & John Clasper, 4th - Ian Sincock & Steve Hunter, 5th - Donny Campbell & Nigel Ord.



Back Left to right: Chairman John Petrie, Captain Dave Archer, Bill Wanless Competition Secretary. Front row: Winners Neil Guy & Steve Berryman



JAPANESE HEALING COMES TO NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Carole Dawson from Newton Aycliffe, is bringing the traditional Japanese form of Reiki, or Jikiden Reiki, to students throughout the North East and beyond. Carole is one of only a handful of teachers of this ancient form of natural healing in the UK, and the only teacher in the North East region.

Reiki is an energy healing therapy that originated in Japan, and spread throughout the world in an adapted form after the Second World War. Practitioners use the life-force energy or 'ki' all around us and pass it on, re-awakening the natural healing process in others.

Carole, who has been a natural therapy practitioner since 1990, also practises Reflexology through Foot-Stop in Cockerton, Darlington and clinics in Newton Aycliffe and Richmond. Carole was first introduced to Jikiden or traditional Japanese Reiki at a workshop with Tadao Yamaguchi the president of The Jikiden Reiki Institute.

It was once thought that this traditional Japanese practice was lost altogether. But Tadao has used this style of Reiki his whole life, as it was passed on from his mother, Chiyoko Yamaguchi, who learned it



from Chujiro Hayashi, one of the first teachers created by the founder of Reiki, Mikao Usui. Carole says: "We all have the ability to heal. Jikiden Reiki Courses are about reawakening your natural healing energy and the ability to heal ourselves and others." She has developed her skills over a number of years and is now the only person in the North East who can teach this authentic style of Reiki to others. She says it's very easy to learn and, as part of developing her own practice, Carole has

passed on the ability to friends and family. She says: "Even my 86-year-old mother has completed a Jikiden Reiki course and is now able to give herself and friends Reiki on a regular basis."

Carole says there are no barriers to learning Jikiden Reiki, and it's suitable for anyone who wants to play an active part in their own healing and that of others. Teaching involves showing and doing and a process called Reiju, where the teacher guides students through an awakening of their natural healing skills. Having developed her natural therapy business, Carole now aims to pass on the traditional Japanese Reiki style throughout the North East region and beyond. Carole Dawson - 07800 985 292 caroledawson@gmail.com www.jikiden-reiki-teacher.co.uk

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Darlington Hippodrome is Back!

Darlington Hippodrome unveils a packed spectacular opening season following a multi-million pound restoration. Following 18 months of expectation the opening season of the newly restored Darlington Hippodrome can finally be revealed.

As a curtain-raiser and emotional homecoming we welcome DarlingtonOS with **Strictly Musicals 2** – a song and dance extravaganza featuring some of the best-loved musicals of all time including **Mamma Mia**, **Wicked**, **Phantom of the Opera**, **Chicago**, **Jersey Boys** and many, many more. Be one of the first to see inside the new venue from Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th November.

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a pantomime, and this year we have the fairest of them all - **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**. Starring boy band and soap star Lee Ryan alongside Darlington's own West End leading lady Zoe Birkett this year's pantomime will be packed full of comedy, songs, dance numbers and the usual Darlington pantomime magic between Saturday 9 December and Sunday 14 January.

On Monday 1 January, we usher in the New Year in style with **New Year in Vienna 2018** which will whisk you away to a fairytale world as a host of singers showcase the very best of popular Viennese music, from waltzes and polkas to uplifting marches. Just because it's January it doesn't mean it's too late for a party! The music of **Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons** is as popular today as it was back in the 60s and 70s. New Jersey Nights is a spectacular show direct from the USA and takes the audience on a nostalgic musical journey through the career of one of the biggest selling groups of all time from Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 January.

From Friday 2 to Sunday 4 February celebrate the **Re-opening of Darlington Hippodrome** with a specially created show, **Anywhere**, performed by the theatre's own acting company. Step through the doors of the theatre and go behind the scenes to explore the amazing stories that lie within the theatre.

A spectacular new musical is heading to Darlington from Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10 February. **Son of a Preacher Man** is an all-new production directed and choreographed by Strictly Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood who won critical acclaim for his productions of *Sister Act*, *Chess* and *Sunset Boulevard*. This sparklingly funny and touching new musical features the greatest hits of Dusty Springfield including 'The Look of Love', 'I Only Want To Be With You' and of course, the classic 'Son Of A Preacher Man'.



If you are a fan of Andy Williams or The Osmonds then we have a real treat on Monday 12 February as **Jimmy Osmond** presents his own tribute to Andy Williams in *Moon River* and *Me*. Featuring award-winning music, nostalgic footage and special memories, this brand new show will touch your heart.

Just in time for Valentines, **That'll Be The Day** returns with a brand new show for 2018 for two nights only on Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 February. This hugely entertaining line-up of classic gold hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s provides both laughs and nostalgia.

We are delighted to welcome **The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra** of Siberia back to Darlington with three great ballet masterpieces: *Romeo & Juliet* (Thursday 15 Feb), the tragic *Swan Lake* (Friday 16 and Saturday 17 Feb) and family favourite *The Nutcracker* (Sunday 18 Feb).

Few musicals have received quite such acclaim as the multi award winning **Blood Brothers** (Tuesday 20 – Saturday 4 February). Written by Willy Russell, this legendary story tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks only to meet again with fateful consequences. The superb score includes 'Bright New Day', 'Marilyn Monroe' and the emotionally charged 'Tell Me It's Not True'.

Having first appeared in Darlington back in the 1960s we welcome back the world class orchestra **The Hallé** on Monday 26 February.

March strides in with the stage adaptation of **Awful Auntie** – another classic from David Walliams. When Stella visits London she has no idea her life is in real danger. Waking up three months later only Aunt Alberta can tell her what has happened. *Awful Auntie* runs from Tuesday 27 February to Saturday 3 March.

The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society is back with their multi award-winning production **The Play That Goes Wrong** from Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10 March. Hailed a 'gut-busting hit' by the *New York Times*, *Mischief Theatre's* sell-out West End comedy is now taking Broadway by storm. Don't miss this brilliantly funny comedy that's guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter.

Following recent productions of *To Sir, With Love*, *Brassed Off*, *A View From The Bridge*, *Brave New World* and *Of Mice and Men*, The Touring Consortium Theatre Company presents **Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde** from Tuesday 13 to Saturday 17 March. Phil Daniels (*Les Miserables*, *This House*, *EastEnders*) stars in the title role in a story of human nature, love and the power of pure evil.

On Monday 19 March the world's official number one Eagles tribute **Illegal Eagles** returns for another outstanding show promising more of their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship followed on Tuesday 20 March by a night of comedy with Stewart Lee with his stand-up show *Content Provider*, his first full-length show since the award-winning *Carpet Remnant World*.

Ellen Kent returns with **Madama Butterfly** on Wednesday 21 March and the smash-hit 70s band *Smokie* will raise the roof on Thursday 22 March. For the younger theatre fans **Peppa Pig** has a wonderful adventure on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 March. The opening season draws to a close as Middleground Theatre Company bring the Ruth Rendell classic **Gallowglass** to the stage from Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 March.

Tickets for the Darlington Hippodrome opening season are on sale now; brochures are available from our Cornmill box office and in venues across the region.

For further information and to book contact the box office on 01325 405405, or visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk to choose your own seats online. Visit the What's On page of the website: www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

SOUL & CAR SHOW AT SCOUT CENTRE

Saturday 5th August is the date to put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a Soul Night at the Scout Centre. With great tunes and a dance floor treated with 'Slipstream' you'll have a great night dancing to your favourite Soul Sounds. There is a fully stocked licenced bar to keep you refreshed. Admission is £3 payable at the door – doors open at 7.30pm.

We have a regular Soul Night forthcoming dates are 15th July, 5th August, 2nd September, 30th September, 4th November and 2nd December.

So if you can't get down this

Saturday make a note of our dates for this year and come along and give it a go. If dancing isn't your thing how about coming along to the Annual Classic Car Show organised by THE NORTHERN BYGONES SOCIETY on Sunday 27th August from 10am to 3pm. There'll be lots of classic cars on display and vintage caravans. Hot food and drinks will be available, prepared by the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group. An Ice Cream van on site. Of course the bar will be open for non-drivers. Hope to see you all there.

Third Book Released by Aycliffe Author

Aycliffe author Steven J Corner has published his third fiction novel entitled 'Bring a Spring upon her Cable'. The story commences with a mysterious double murder in a quiet, affluent North East suburb and is the culmination of excessive greed, lust and links to extreme Islamic State and Al Qaeda terrorist organisations. It is a gripping psychological thriller that will keep the reader in suspense with every chapter.

A recent book critic's review, Vincent Walsh, commented: "Double-dealing, betrayal, murder and intrigue on the high seas and land: the story is a fast flowing thriller which never fails to keep the reader on edge. The final chapter is extremely good, nicely rounding off the action and suspense. Involving British ex-servicemen on contract, Somali pirates, MI6 and MI5 agents, IS & Al Qaeda gun runners - it's a great plot with believable characters. Definitely recommended..." Steven J Corner is a children's and adult fiction writer. 'Bring



a Spring upon Her Cable' follows: 'A Dream from the Somme' and 'The Whispering Pegasus.' All the author's books can be viewed on www.stevenjcornerauthor.co.uk. The author is a senior lecturer in electrical & electronics engineering at Darlington College and a Royal Marines Commando trained military reservist in his spare time.

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 8th August features the 2016 dark fantasy adventure "MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN" a great film for children and adults alike, but does have a 12 rating. A bit cruel to call them peculiar children, they just happen to have VERY special powers; they also have some VERY nasty enemies with VERY special powers. Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, Children £1. Please note that children must be accompanied. 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.

Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show

In aid of MRI Scanner Appeal

The Inner Wheel Club of Newton Aycliffe are holding a Fashion Show on 2nd September in aid of the MRI Scanner Appeal at School Aycliffe Community Hall, Eastfields Road.

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This lad would love to be part of a home team and would love to be selected by his special someone.

Hector believes in life being a game of two halves and hopes his second half will include his forever home. He always gives 110% when trying to impress and make friends, in the hopes he will be in with a shout of being selected. If you were to consider Hector you would definitely be playing a blinder!!! Give this boy a chance and he will strike you in the heart and be the best player in your life.

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



Please Support Formation of Neville Residents' Association

The Inaugural Meeting to form the Neville Residents' Association is to be held on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30pm in Neville Parade Community Centre.

This is an important meeting with all residents in the area invited to attend to approve the constitution and elect the officers and committee.

Nominations are requested for 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). The benefits of having a Residents' Association have already been proven with others operating successfully in other parts of the town, receiving funding with the aim of bringing people together in the community to tackle any problems and to enjoy social activities for all the family.

Neville Community Centre will be the focal point for meetings and events, bringing this valuable facility with a large hall and cafe into good use.

Please spread the word, encouraging your friends and neighbours to attend the Inaugural Meeting and to

Core Area of Residents Association is bounded by Central Avenue, St Cuthberts way, Old Railway Line, A167



consider putting themselves forward for election. Further information from Great Aycliffe Residents' Association Secretary: Arun Chandran on 07711 57343 01325 313224

COUNCIL CRACKDOWN ON SCAMMERS

Trading standards officers in County Durham investigated almost 200 scams during the first half of 2017.

Fake lotteries and prize draws along with fraudsters imitating government and local authority services are the most common scams to be reported to Durham County Council since January. The authority is encouraging people to be on their guard against fraudsters as it supports Scam Awareness Month, a joint initiative with Citizens Advice that runs throughout July.

The theme of this year's campaign is 'Play your part, Act on scams' and the aim is to encourage people to report scams, even if they haven't fallen victim to one, as tackling this type of crime should be everyone's business.

Owen Cleugh, Durham County Council's consumer protection manager, said: "Scammers are using increasingly clever tactics

to mislead people and are targeting different age groups – this is not just a risk for the elderly, literally everyone could be a victim.

"We are pleased to be supporting the campaign to raise awareness of the dangers and helping people learn how to protect themselves from being ripped off.

"We would encourage anyone who is worried that they, a friend or relative may have fallen prey to a scammer to contact Citizens Advice."

Last year, calls to Citizens Advice rose by 13 per cent across the UK during Scams Awareness Month.

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OFFICER CHANGES AT AGM OF CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

Democracy in the Labour Party allows for new officers to be appointed at the AGM. There were a range of candidates who put themselves forward for positions this year. The successful candidates are all very supportive of the Labour leadership and the manifesto of the Labour Party that proved so popular at the General Election.

Within the executive there is an excellent balance of talent with a healthy age range and a balance of branches represented from throughout the constituency. There are people who have served the community for many years as Labour Councillors and newer members with exciting ideas. There also remains one very respected member from the previous executive. The change was very much down to members and member engagement.

New Chairman Paul Daly told Newton News: "The new executive have vowed to work with, and will work hard to engage, all members - both long term and those who have joined more recently. Although we have not been in the position for long, there are signs that many members are very keen to get involved and have sent messages congratulating us. It was clear from the voting on the night that members want to have officers who support the Labour Party manifesto".

"The Labour Party are a democratic socialist party and are a dedicated and passionate group of people. This includes previous officers who we thank for their hard work. They remain valued party members with a wealth of experience".

With regards to suggestions of a coup, I am unwilling to engage with rumours and vague suggestions. This does not fit the description of a coup and it is unbecoming of anybody to describe a democratic vote as being one.

"If people are to suggest that this was a coup, I would suggest that they do not understand the meaning and gravity of the accusation. This was not a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government."

The executive list in full:

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Young Unemployed Given Fresh Start



Young unemployed are being given ground-breaking new opportunities through the DurhamWorks Programme. In a joint project between the County Council and Groundwork, three teams of five young people have been recruited to undertake a range of environmental projects while receiving training from both Groundwork and the council's Clean and Green team. These teams will undertake project work across the county as part of an 'environmental task force.'

CLlr Brian Stephens, said: "It's a pleasure to be able to bring these dedicated young people into the workplace, where we know they'll be a real asset to Groundwork and our Clean and Green team. "Furthermore, they'll get satisfaction from making improvements to their home county, so local residents will also benefit from this ground-breaking scheme."

Chris Watson, head of land and communities at Groundwork North East, added: "Groundwork

welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with Durham County Council to provide genuine opportunities for young people to improve their skills and gain work experience whilst improving the local environment within their own communities."

DurhamWorks is a partnership programme between Durham County Council and 15 other organisations, for young people aged 16-24 living in County Durham who are not in education, employment or training. The project is funded by the European Social Fund, supported by the European Youth Employment Initiative and the various partner organisations. Oliver Sherratt, Durham County Council's head of direct services, said: "I can't wait to see the positive impact this scheme will have, not only on the communities that will benefit from these specialised teams, but on the lives of these young people who now have gainful employment."

Four supervisors have also been employed to manage the teams as they start keeping the county clean and green. To find out more about DurhamWorks visit durhamworks.info

Firms and Drivers Fined for Overloading Vehicles

A van carrying frozen foods was so overloaded that the excess goods it contained, filled two other vehicles.

Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court heard that the Mercedes Sprinter van was stopped while travelling on the A19 from Middlesbrough to Sunderland in January, as part of routine checks by Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary.

The van was found to be carrying a load of 6,120kg despite only being permitted to carry 3,500kg.

The driver, John William Ashton, told a trading standards officer that he was working on behalf of Ichina Wholesale Limited.

He said he had worked for the company for more than six years and had nearly 25 years' experience as a driver.

Ashton told the officer that he had been involved in loading the vehicle and was aware of the van's weight limits but that the vehicle had not been weighed during its journey.

He told the officer that he was glad he had been stopped as he hoped it would make his employer aware of what drivers were being asked to load onto vehicles. He claimed there were constant arguments between drivers and his employer about the loads they were expected to carry.

Ashton and Ichina Wholesale Limited pleaded guilty by post to offences under the Road Vehicles Regulations Act 1986. Ashton was fined £1,100 and ordered to pay £254 in costs and a £110 victim surcharge. Ichina Wholesale, of The Old School Yard, Middlesbrough, was fined £2,200 and ordered to pay £254 in costs and a £170 victim surcharge.

In a separate case, also heard at Newton Aycliffe a County Durham man and a Wearside company also pleaded guilty



by post to charges under the Road Vehicles Regulations Act 1986.

The prosecution follows a similar raft of routine checks in April, when police and trading standards officers stopped a Ford Transit van at the Wellfield weighbridge site just off the A19.

The vehicle was found to be more than 30 per cent over its weight limit.

Softley, 62, said he was sorry for his actions and stated that he had now watched the video about correct loading. He was fined £440 and ordered to pay £175 in costs and a £44 victim

surcharge.

Fencehouses Truss Company, of Blackthorn Way, Sedgeclough Industrial Estate, Fencehouses, was fined £880 and ordered to pay £175 costs and a £88 victim surcharge.

Joanne Waller, County Council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "Weight restrictions for goods vehicles exist for the safety of all road users. These cases demonstrate why it is so important that companies and their drivers are not only aware of weight restrictions but that they operate within these limits."

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New Management at Golf Club Restaurant

This month marks the third anniversary since Hall Construction took over Woodham Golf and Leisure Limited and they say the Company could not have done this without the constant support from golf members and the local community in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas.

Director Neville Hall said "It hasn't been easy coming from a non-golfing background into a place where golf makes the world go round and everyday really is a school day but we're progressing with our knowledge of the sport, understanding of grasses and fertilizers and even learning the language of our golfers". Last month was the end of a 3 year relationship with our Bar & Restaurant Tenants Mandy and John, who left after devoting many hours offering food and drink therapy after a rubbish game, ushering out hot masses of sizzling meals and bringing life back to our clubhouse facilities.

"I hope that all our visitors

and members will agree with us that these two individuals have wholeheartedly helped put Woodham Golf Club back on the map in County Durham - Thank you for the last 3 years, we really could not have done it without you. The Club has appointed a new Bar & Restaurant Tenant, Margaret Allen, already a well known face within the clubhouse and has taken over! It was the smoothest of transitions with no changes to the day to day running of the clubhouse or staff.

All previously booked events, weddings, golf parties and food related events will be continuing as normal. Neville added: "We wish Margaret all the luck in the world and are very happy to welcome her to the forefront of our Woodham Golf & Country Club family!" The NEW opening times during the Summer season for the clubhouse are as follows:

Monday - Thursday
8.00am-10.00pm
Friday - Saturday
8.00am-Midnight
Sunday 8.00am-10.30pm"

(FOOTPATHS LEADING TO GREENFIELD WAY SUBWAY, NEWTON AYLCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

The Council on 04/08/17 made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, to close to all pedestrian traffic a 190m length of segregated footpath/subway, including stepped approaches, between its junctions with the footpath linking Lascelles Avenue with Wynyard Court, and the footpath adjacent 43 Hareson Court, Newton Aycliffe to enable the stepped path approaches to Greenfield Way Subway to be surfaced. The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 6 months and is required from 07/07/17 and for the duration of the works, anticipated to be 2 weeks. However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. **Alternative route:** from the northern side of the closure from Lascelles Avenue southerly to Greenfield Way then crossing Greenfield Way and continuing via the footpath leading southwards to 35 Hareson Court that leads easterly to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa.

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New Hate Crime Service

A NEW and unique service to support victims of hate crime has launched at an event earlier today.

The Hate Crime Advocacy Service (HCAS) works directly with victims and witnesses of hate crimes and incidents to help them through the process of prosecution. It can also help them to cope with the crime to which they have been subjected.

Darlington Association on Disability, QuerKey CIC, and Show Racism the Red Card have partnered with Ron Hogg, Police, Crime & Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington to create this unique advocacy service. By being a buffer between the victims and the various agencies from the Police to the Crown Prosecution Service or the courts, the advocates can enable better experience and outcomes from the criminal justice process.

Ron Hogg said: "Not all victims need an advocate but hate crime victims are more likely to need one. The knowledge and expertise of the three organisations is now available to victims. My intention is that victims should remain at the centre of any prosecution and this project will go a long way to improve how victims of hate crime cope and recover from the experience of crimes targeted at people just because of who they are or what faith they have."

Laws are in place to protect victims of targeted behaviours relating to race, faith, disability, sexual orientation

and gender identity. HCAS draws on the expertise of three organisations which offer support for victims of all strands of Hate Crime. Each agency has expertise in their sector and together they will provide a unique service for victims of crime. Victims of all types of hate crime can benefit from using the service.

Emma Roebuck, Director QuerKey CIC said: "The voice of the victim is seldom heard in the prosecutions of crime. This leaves the victim adrift and without the opportunity to move beyond the crime and back into normal life. This project will give that voice from the point of reporting to beyond the court room."

Lauren Robinson, Chief Executive at Darlington Association on Disability said: "Many disabled people are not aware of Hate Crime but are victims of bullying, name calling and other actions on a daily basis, due to their impairment. This leaves people feeling powerless, isolated, angry or vulnerable. The Hate Crime Advocacy Service will give victims somewhere to turn to where they know they will be listened to. Anyone who feels they have been a victim of Hate Crime will be able to receive support from the service. Speaking to an advocate who has experience of Hate Crime may be all that someone needs to support them to cope."

Olivier Bernard, ex Newcastle player and owner / manager of Durham City Football Club, has worked with Show Racism the Red Card for many years.

He said: "I first arrived in the North East in 2000 and was welcomed with open arms. The region is now my home and I love being treated as 'North Easterner'. Since becoming owner of Durham City FC, the people of Durham have been incredibly welcoming too."

"I am really pleased that this new service will now be available to those who have not been as fortunate as me. Hate Crime has no place in our towns and cities and I would strongly encourage everyone to show the same spirit of acceptance towards members of their communities, irrespective of their identity, as they have shown towards me." Victims or witnesses of a hate crime can obtain free, confidential support by email at: hcasdurham2017@gmail.com or call 01325 267359.

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Defibrillator Unit at Greenfield Store



Early this year Horndale Residents' Association was approached by David Sutton-Lloyd of Woodham Community Centre to see if we would support his project to get Defibrillator Units placed across the Northern end of the town as reported in last week's Newton News. We felt this was such an important project we agreed whole heartedly.

We agreed to find a place for a unit in the Horndale area, advertise and support training sessions and to adopt the unit. Raj and Jagdeep of Greenfield Convenience store was approached who were very supportive of the project and have allowed a unit to be placed inside the store.

We have also paid for a sign to go outside the store advertising the unit is available to the public in an emergency. More than 150 volunteers have been trained in CPR and how to use the units, there will be some more training places soon, watch local press for more info.

Thanks to Raj and Jagdeep and David for running this very important project.

Philip Clark
Chairman

Teacher Leaves to go Global

Dear Sir,
Last week I left behind a very happy chapter in my life after three years at Greenfield Community College, I'm going global! I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those students, parents and grandparents for the cards and gifts I received and the bonds I have formed with some fabulous young people. Newton Aycliffe is filled with the exceptional and I have no doubt they will be enormously successful. It has been a huge pleasure to work at a brilliant school, in a brilliant town and I wish you all the very best for



the future.
Peter Davies

Public Survey On Pharmacist Service

Healthwatch is working with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Public Health in County Durham by listening to the views of the public about their knowledge and use of services available in their local pharmacies.

So far over 200 people have completed our survey but we still want to hear from more people who access pharmacy services in the county. To take part simply click on this link www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7L58V3Q or visit <http://www.healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk>

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Our fantastic team of volunteers have been out and about asking people what they think about pharmacy services including Newton Aycliffe. You can also share your views over the phone 0800 3047039

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Options Summer Festival at the PCP



Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCPs) longest running service, Options, are organising their annual Summer Festival on Thursday, 17th August 12-4pm at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Options promotes independence, choice, control and social inclusion to local disabled adults. It runs Monday to Friday and members take part in activities including daily living skills, adult education sessions, confidence and self-esteem building, healthy living workshops and community activities. The festival has been organised by the Option's members, who are also fundraising for new resources and activities. The day will include a bungee run, bouncy castle, penalty shootout, police demonstration, face painter, tombola, afternoon tea, stalls and carnival games.

Members are also rehearsing routines for a sponsored Flash Mob which will take place at different times throughout the event.

A Flash Mob is where a group of people assemble suddenly in public and perform a dance for a short period of time and then disperse into the crowd when the music finishes. If you would like to sponsor the Options Flash Mob, you can do so here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/options-flashmob>. The Options Social Club takes place every Thursday evening and they will host the after party which includes a BBQ and disco from 5:30-8pm bringing the festival to a close. Everyone is welcome and it's free to attend and is sure to be a brilliant day. If you would like to book afternoon tea at £4pp or the BBQ at £3 a ticket in advance, please contact Options on 01325 321234 or email options@pcp.uk.net.

Furniture Scheme Grows

The Furniture Help Scheme which was founded in Newton Aycliffe from small beginnings by Newtonian Chris Palmer helping needy families, is now a major charity serving the whole County.

Now with nearly £½ million turnover a year the charity held an Open Day last week at their premises on Chilton Industrial Estate to show how much they have grown and diversified.

They not only recycle unwanted furniture and household goods, but now sell new electrical items, washers, cookers, fridges, flatpack furniture and beds.

If you are on benefits or low income you can receive affordable furniture and household goods. CDFHS accept referrals or you can just call in yourself to view what is on offer.

The Big Lottery Fund has provided finance for CDFHS to recycle goods, mainly furniture, giving training and work experience for unemployed people. They also welcome volunteers able to offer a few hours a week helping destitute or poverty stricken families.

CDFHS also improve people's employability by offering training, CV writing, job search and interview coaching. 14,000 people visiting them last year and they handled 280 tonnes of bulky domestic goods. They also introduced one of the first Loyalty Card schemes for customers.

In conjunction with the Local Authority and NE First Credit Union they have developed a hardship Loan Guarantee facility. CDFHS has many partners including Citizens Advice, Durham Foodbank PCP, GACAP, Numbers for Good and RePaint.

With the promise of funding they are searching for more suitable premises to develop the services further.

You are invited to call in and see the vast range of goods on offer at CDFHS, Avenue 3, Chilton Industrial Estate. Tel: 01388 721509. www.cdfhs.org.uk



New Autumn Courses

Greenfield Arts are pleased to announce our new Autumn Community Learning Programme is now available and is full to the brim with creative opportunities for those looking to stay entertained in the dreary winter months or develop their professional skills.

We look forward to the return of our regular adult courses, including: Spanish, Yoga and Floral Art as well as new art development opportunities, including Beginners and Advanced Painting and Photography courses. These courses will cover the basics and give you the chance to develop your own creative ideas under the guidance of professional artists. Our new Digital Skills course will also help those with a creative background, to take their work to the next level, with graphics and business development tuition, including a complimentary SHED membership to further develop skills and produce saleable material.

Creative Forum has flourished over the Summer and so we are opening new opportunities in the form of additional classes on evenings as well as masterclasses in silk painting, lino-cut printing, glass fusing and more. We also look forward to the return of our after school activities for young people including: Young Yoga and Art Club. There is something



for everyone of all ages and abilities, whether you are looking to get fit, improve wellbeing or develop your artistic talent, whatever level, we look forward to seeing you!

For all courses and events please book your place on our online course booking system on our 'Courses and Activities' page. If you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk.

CAR MASCOT STOLEN

Please be aware that youths in Newton Aycliffe are stealing car bonnet mascots.

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It leaves Silverdale Place at 9.30am and Wilkinson bus stop Town Centre at 9.45am.

The Western Area Community Centre/Residents' Association/Junior Neighbourhood Watch hope you will join them.

The trip is open to all families and residents across the whole Town. Ring 308094 or 07967 901477 to book and arrange payment. Further trips are possible to Lightwater Valley and South Lakes Zoo on 26th August. Confirmation and booking details in future editions of Newton News.



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CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, were well beaten by nine wickets away at Northallerton 1sts in the 2nd division of the NYSD.

Losing the toss and being asked to bat first on a wet wicket proved too much for Aycliffe as they were dismissed for 98 after 32.5 overs.

Opener Joe Haines top scored with a gritty 24 and a welcome 30 run 10th wicket partnership between Patrick Howe (15 not out) and James Layfield-Carroll (15 runs) also deserved credit. In reply, the home side eased to victory after 28.4 overs with Patrick Howe (sponsored by Mr Tom Steel) taking the

only Northallerton wicket to fall.

The 2nd team game at home to Saltburn 2nds in the NYSD 4th division was cancelled as the outfield was waterlogged.

The club has just finished hosting the ECB's All Stars initiative to give boys and girls in the 5 to 8 years age group their first experience of playing cricket. This involved an eight week programme at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club with the emphasis firmly on learning how to play the game in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. Credit must go to Coach Adam Gittins, who facilitated the successful programme on behalf of the club. (see attached photo of some of the All Stars participants with

their certificates and medals). The club continue to run soft ball cricket sessions for the 6 to 11 age group, every Wednesday at the Sports Club from 10am to 12pm during school holidays. Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome and the cost is £3 per child per week. For further details please contact Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959.

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Strong Pre-Season Training by Aycliffe FC



Newton Aycliffe FC open the 2017/2018 season on Saturday 5th August with a home Emirates FA Cup tie against Chester-le-Street Town. Kick off at Moore Lane is 3pm, admission £6 adults, £4 concessions.

Aycliffe go into the game on the back of several strong preseason workouts, most recently a 2-0 win over Hemsworth Miners Welfare. Craig Hindmarch & Stuart Banks were the scorers when the Pontefract side visited last Saturday. Managers Deano Browne & Danny Mellanby have tried several team combinations over the past month as they settle on their preferred team for the new season. In the last week two players have returned to the club. Former skipper Sean Tarling has returned as has centre half Grant Hickman. As last year the Emirates FA Cup is the season opener & all clubs will be anxious to start well. If Aycliffe get the win against Chester-le-Street they will travel to either Albion Sports or Nelson in the Preliminary Round on 19th August. The Ebac Northern League also starts next week with Aycliffe home to Ashington on Tuesday 8 August. Kick off is 7:45pm.

ROLLER SKATING AWARDS DAY



DDRSC hosted their first club Roller Skating Awards Day incorporating an open day where members were invited to bring along their friends to enjoy a morning of fun to disco music.

The morning was well attended and members brought their friends and their parents, inviting them to have a whirl on skates. Awards were presented to several member of the club to acknowledge their commitment and hard work over the previous year.

Congratulations to Jade aged 5 who received the ray of sunshine award. Emma aged 10 received the most improved newcomer award.

Lilia aged 10 won the most improved overall award. Robyn aged 10 was given the rising star award. Georgia aged 11 received the leadership award. Tia aged 11 won the team player award.

Elle aged 15 won the best competition performance Caitlin aged 19 won the most committed and hard working Laura aged 22

received the most upbeat and helpful award.

All members were presented with a certificate of achievement. Well done girls keep up your good work. Acknowledgement and thanks goes to club coaches. Janet Head Coach, Joanne and Laura new and intermediate coaches. They are absolutely committed to the club and give their time for free. Without their dedication the club wouldn't be successful.

They bring about a friendly, approach to an alternative sport. An excellent way to keep fit, meet new friends and build self confidence. Overall the feedback for our first event of this kind was complimentary and positive from everyone involved in the day. Everyone enjoyed the disco skating, refreshments and tuck shop and are looking forward to the next fun day. We will be holding grades and skating tests before the end of the year so good luck to the girls taking part in these and keep up the hard work to pass the grades/tests you are taking.

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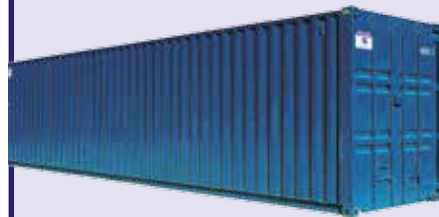
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STUDENTS GAIN RESPECT

Students at Greenfield
Community College once
again demonstrated their
commitment to respecting the
rights and well-being of others
as they dedicated time to focus
on a range of key issues.The focus of this year's
'Rights Respecting Day' was
on positive mental health and
wellbeing and each year group
rose to the challenge to address
specific issues within the brief.
Year 7 students were able to
learn all about the role of food
and exercise as part of healthy
living. The sessions were led
by 'Foundation of Light' and
included workshops on diet
and wellbeing, exercise and
wellbeing and positive mental
health.The sessions involved students
creating their own smoothies,
learning practically how
exercise can reduce stress and
also how to look after their
mental health. The Foundation
works closely with our school
across both campus on many
projects and have developed
excellent relationships with
our young people and their
sessions are well planned anddelivered looking at a variety
of sports ... not just football!
Year 8 students were able
to learn primarily about the
importance of sexual health
and mental health. School
nurses delivered sessions
based around contraception,
sex and relationships and
consent. There was also very
useful discussions and advice
surrounding internet safety.
Students from Year 9 were
involved in sessions raising
awareness about drugs and
alcohol and hate crime. Therewas also an excellent EAMH
session ran by the brilliant 'If
You Care Share Foundation'
learning that "It's okay not
to be okay" and that there
is always a way. This gives
awareness to students about
issues such as suicide and
is a session delivered from
the heart through personal
experience. The school
counsellor was also involved to

support the event.

Year 10 participated in
sessions on 'confident me',
relationships and consent
and sexual health. They had
a wealth of experience to
draw upon as the session was
delivered by the 'Deric Youth
Bus Project' and Carl Bell,
Sexual Health Practitioner
as well as a visit from Emma
Roebuck who talked about
relationship issues within the
LGBT+ community.In the afternoon students
worked in their T4S (Time
for Success) year groups to
produce resources that could
help support others and make
them more aware about sexual
health. There were some
fantastic outcomes created
which are to be displayed
on both the Aycliffe site and
Sunnydale Campus.The day was a great success
with students engaging and
participating in the sessions
with interest and respect, well
done to all involved.

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Scott and his very able
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John Lowles, after enjoying
the concert, commented,
'Both are very skilful
musicians in their own
right; but they also worked
together particularly well
to make a special musical
partnership.'Their programme was very
varied and interesting.
Martinu, Debussy,
Arthur Benjamin as well
as Vaughan Williams'
beautiful "6 Studies in
English Folk Song"
in the first half. In the
second, Matthew played
the basset clarinet, to
get deeper sounds, in
Schubert's "Arpeggione"
Sonata, so called because
the composer wrote the
work for that now rare
instrument. Matthew
also played it in Ravel's
evocative "Pavane for a
Dead Princess".The two remaining
pieces were great fun -
Rosenblatt's "Carmen
fantasy" and Bela Kovacs'
"After you, Mr Gershwin".
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been a very successful
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RUGBY CLUB DAWN 'TIL DUSK CHARITY DAY

Club set to play two fixtures as part of charitable day of rugby.

Newton Aycliffe will field both a First XV and a Veterans Squad to play two fixtures at the Northern Echo Arena as part of Mowden Park's

'Dawn 'til Dusk' Charity Day of Rugby. The day has been organised to support Luke Bell, who is the son of Mowden 3rd XV Captain Mark (Tank) Bell. Luke has been diagnosed with High Risk Neuroblastoma which is an extremely rare

form of cancer affecting less than 100 children a year. Luke's father Mark said: "I'd like to thank Newton Aycliffe for agreeing to play in Luke's Dawn until Dusk event. It should be a fantastic day, with plenty to do for all the

family. The support for Luke from the rugby community since his diagnosis has been unbelievable, and hopefully this event can show Luke just how many people are behind him".

There are five fixtures arranged for the day of rugby, with Mowden 1st XV, Ladies and Minis all playing. The day will begin at 0800 and will feature a BBQ and Hog roast, tombola - including great prizes such as signed premiership rugby shirts - a raffle, cake stalls and following the final fixture, there will be a band playing in the stadium's Cross Bar.

The Aycliffe veterans will play at 1100 in a round robin against Darlington Vets and Mowden Vets. The Aycliffe First XV will be playing as the finale to the day at 1800, against a Select Mowden XV. Both games look set to be excellent spectacles of rugby. N.A.R.U.F.C. will be travelling with a mixed veterans squad and a 20 man First XV squad which will be selected based on player performances in training. The First XV game will be played as a full intensity preseason

fixture in advance of the first cup game of the season, to be played two weeks later. There will be a large crowd, and the club would encourage all our supporters to make the trip down and support both the club, and this great cause.

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club Chairman John Whitehouse said in relation to the day: "First and foremost, everyone at Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club wishes Luke a speedy recovery. We are extremely proud to be invited to be a part of this event, and feel it will demonstrate what the rugby community can achieve when it pulls together. The phrase 'Rugby Family' gets used a lot, but there really isn't a more appropriate use than an event such as this, where we come together to help a fellow player and such an important cause."

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One of the girls in the group was wearing a black puffer jacket and blue jeans. Inspector Sarah Honeyman, from Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team, said: "This was obviously a very concerning incident for the victim, which left her needing hospital treatment. "At this moment in time we don't know what the substance was, but officers are working to determine what it was that was thrown. "We'd like to reassure people that we believe this to be an isolated incident and would appeal for anyone who has any information to come forward. "These youths may well be talking about the incident, so we would also like to appeal to anyone who may have overheard them talking about it to get in touch." Call Durham Police on 101, quoting incident number 508 of July 31.

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Kelly Mclean and Ethan Mclean, 4, at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

Swimming pools throughout County Durham have launched some splash-tastic new water-based activity sessions, designed to keep kids entertained throughout the summer holidays whatever the weather. Newly-introduced sessions see a giant inflatable obstacle course invade the county's pools. Aimed at eight to 14-year-olds, they're already proving a hit as youngsters battle the challenge and their own laughter to reach the end.

For younger water lovers new aquafun sessions feature floats and water toys including floaters, sinkers and balls which entertain and help develop aquatics skills. Families can enjoy quality time together as part of adult and child sessions where they play and invent their own games in the water and meet Brock the badger, who's been learning to love water at the same time.

Brock and his friends are the central characters to the instructor lead sessions and they are helping children with their early years aquatics skills this summer. Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues, said: "Swimming is already the largest participation sport in the county with many of our residents swimming at least once month, and we are delighted that we now have the funding thanks to National Lottery players to help this number grow. "We hope that the pilot will re-invigorate swimming as an activity and encourage residents to embrace water-based activities at their local facility."

The roll out will continue over the next 12 months and, later in the year, further improvements will include transforming changing rooms, creating new reception areas and introducing water-based fitness classes including spinning and trampolining. The project has been made possible thanks to a £1.5 million investment from Durham County Council alongside £540,972 funding from Sport England. The lottery-funded Swim

Local Pilot was created following feedback around local swimming experiences, which was gathered at 16 focus groups and through a satisfaction survey. Customers' views on swimming and the barriers they face in taking part in activity were used to shape leisure centre refurbishments, new programmes and sessions. As one of 12 Swim Local Pilots across the country, the project is aimed at increasing participation in the sport and delivering better outcomes for physical activity across County Durham.

Lisa O'Keefe, Sport England's Director of Insight, said: "Sport England is proud to be providing funding and support to Durham County Council to help more people get active through swimming. "A lot of research has gone into the development of the Swim Local projects to make sure we're giving the local community what they want and need.

"We know swimming is one of the ways many people prefer to get active. "At Sport England we want everyone to enjoy the benefits that exercise brings, and hope people in County Durham take advantage of the exciting new swimming opportunities in the area." The research and insight helped identify who from

local communities would swim more if the right activities were on offer. This includes families who want to swim for pleasure and fun, people who are thinking of using swimming to improve their fitness levels and water-based fitness classes, which offer an alternative to traditional studio based activities. Four County pools are being used including Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and Woodhouse Close Leisure Complex

Licence Applications

The Licensing Act 2003
Notice is hereby given that we, Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association, have applied to the Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as:

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
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Co. Durham, DL5 7PW.

for a Premises Licence and to also vary a Club Premises Certificate to permit the following proposed licensable activities:
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The full application can be inspected at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Annand House, St. Johns Road, Meadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS between Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm by appointment. Telephone: 03000 265107. A Responsible Authority or Other Party under the Licensing Act 2003 can make representations/objections to this application. Representations must be made in writing to: **Durham County Council, PO Box 617, Durham, DH1 9HZ by 24th August 2017.** It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is **£5,000.**

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4th August

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Missing you always. All our love, Roy, Steven, Lara and families x

BRIAN DUNN 9th August. Today is full of memories, happiness and tears, of birthday celebrations we've shared throughout the years. Deeply loved and missed always. Your loving Wife Margaret xxxxxx

BRIAN DUNN 9th August. *The best little Dad and Granda in the world!!!* Happy birthday memories fill our heart today. With all the love we miss so much, since you went away. Loved always from all your Bairns and Grandbairns xxxxxx

In Memoriam

Yvonne Robinson

8th August 2016

We know a smile we would love to see,
A loving face so dear.
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A voice we long to hear.
We know a heart thoughtful and true.
We know them all, because we loved you.
We miss you every day.
Sid, David, Lesley, Trevor, Lauren and Katie

YVONNE ROBINSON Treasured memories of a loving Sister who sadly passed away on 8th August 2016. Deeply missed by Marie, Raymond and family.
DOROTHY POSKETT Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a loving Mam and Grandma. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxxxx

DOT POSKETT Died 6th August 2005. Treasured memories of a dearly loved Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma. Loved and remembered always. Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxx

BILL TALBOT 4th August 2012. Memories of a dearly loved husband, forever in my heart. I miss you more as time goes by without you. I still shed a tear when I think about you and speak your name. Lots of love forever, Val xxx
BILL TALBOT 4th August 2012. Although you are no longer with me, I want you to know how much I love you and miss you every day. Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there. We love you. From Deb, Sophie, Katie and Toby xxxxx

Flying Scotsman at Shildon Museum

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is pleased to confirm that the world's most famous steam locomotive No. 60103 Flying Scotsman will attend the museum's Autumn Steam Gala on Saturday 16 September & Sunday 17 September 2017.

Flying Scotsman was originally built in Doncaster for the London and North Eastern Railway, emerging from the works on February 24 1923, and initially numbered 1472. It was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley as part of the A1 class – the most powerful locomotives used by the railway.

By 1924, when it was selected to appear at the British Empire Exhibition in London, the locomotive had been renumbered 4472 – and been given the name Flying Scotsman, after the London to Edinburgh rail service which started daily at 10am in 1862. The British Empire Exhibition made Flying Scotsman famous, and it went on to feature in many more publicity events for the LNER. In 1928, it was given a new type of tender with a corridor, which meant that a new crew could take over



without stopping the train. This allowed it to haul the first ever non-stop London to Edinburgh service on May 1, reducing the journey time to eight hours.

In 1934, Flying Scotsman was clocked at 100mph on a special test run – officially the first locomotive in the UK to have reached that speed. In 2004, the National Railway Museum purchased the locomotive as part of the national collection. In 2016 Flying Scotsman took to the rails as part of its inaugural run, in which thousands of trainspotters and steam fans witnessed a new date in history.

Flying Scotsman will be joined at the Autumn Steam Gala event by another guest locomotive, BR Standard Class 2MT No. 78018 – made famous in the film "Snowdrift at Bleath Gill".

Gary Campbell, Locomotion Museum Manager, said: "We're delighted to be able to provide a chance to view this iconic locomotive. Flying Scotsman has attracted thousands of visitors since its inaugural run in 2016 and we look forward to the locomotive making an appearance at Shildon which is steeped in railway history."

Congratulations

Ella Workman

Happy 21st Birthday

So proud of the beautiful, funny, young woman you have become. Loads of love, Mum and Dad xxxx

George Todd



Happy 2nd Birthday

Wishing our Son a happy 2nd birthday. Lots of hugs and kisses, Mammy and Daddy xxx

Happy 2nd Birthday

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Livin has used Facebook to reply to complaints over poor maintenance of the town's environment. The post is as follows: *We agree that the standard of maintenance is not acceptable and certainly well below the level livin expect from our contractor. Unfortunately, this issue is not confined to one area but is similar across many of livin's areas. We are currently working hard with our contractor, Burleys, to rectify the situation. They have put a recovery plan in place and have brought*

in extra staff to address the issues. We are expecting to see improvements over the coming weeks and would ask that you bear with us during this difficult period. Thanks - Michelle.

Newton News can't understand why Livin did not send this explanation to us as we have carried numerous stories and complaints of poor grass cutting etc by their contractors. Why use a low Facebook following when Newton News has a circulation of 17,000 delivered to each household?

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AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB RACE REPORT AUCKLAND CASTLE TRAIL RACE

This report is focusing on one particular weekend, 15th and 16th July, as four of our club athletes tackled both middle distance (Half Ironman) and long distance (Ironman) triathlons.

On Saturday 15th, Andrew Sedgwick, Martin Sedgwick and Jeremy Ladbury competed in the Cleveland Steelman, close to home at Ellerton Park near Scorton.

The race consists of a 2000m open water swim, followed by a 58-mile bike ride, ending with a 20-kilometre run. In wet and windy conditions, Andy Sedgwick was first to finish for the club in a great time of 5:00:45, a little upset that he didn't finish under the 5-hour mark as he had hoped. However, he was 23rd overall which cannot be sniffed at, 11th in his age group. Martin



Sedgwick was next to finish, crossing the line in a time of 6:00:46, 132nd overall, 54th in his age group. Jeremy Ladbury wasn't that far behind him, competing for the first time at the distance, finishing in a brilliant time of 6:02:49, 137th overall, 20th in his age group.

Farther south in Bolton on Sunday 16th, we had a solo entry into the Ironman UK triathlon, that's 2.4 mile of open water swimming, followed by 112 miles of cycling, finishing with a full 26.3-mile marathon run; not for the faint hearted. It had been Michael Casey's ambition to do an Ironman Triathlon for a number of years, so he came to our club opening night five years ago and joined. He was a seasoned cyclist, regularly competing in 10,20,50, and 100-mile races as a junior, even winning the four-man team pursuit championship in Glasgow; cycling 112 miles wouldn't be a concern. He is also an experienced runner, having previously completing three marathons, his first he raced in 1983 as a young 52-year-old; running wouldn't be an issue. However, when it came to swimming, and he's happy to admit, when he joined the club he couldn't swim half a length of a 20m pool; swimming was therefore a huge issue. But this didn't put him off, and in just four short years of training and regular club coaching, he completed the Kielder Iron Swim last year, a 2.4-mile swim in the reservoir, a trial for him to see if he could manage the distance, which he did. The minute he arrived home from that swim he began making preparations for his Ironman debut, signing up for Bolton as soon as the entries were released. And he wasn't disappointed. He finished the race with a hop, skip and a jump (it's on the video) in 14 hours, 44 minutes and 8 seconds. An amazing result for a gentleman who is now in his 60's. He was 7th in his age group, 1288th overall. This has placed him 12th in the UK and 194th in the world for an Ironman in this year. To say he's over the moon is an understatement. We at the club are immensely proud of Mick and look forward to see how he does next year in the same race.

Should any readers wish information regarding ATC or the sport of triathlon, please don't hesitate to contact the club, via FB or our website aycliffetriclub@gmail.com

Runners from across the North East are warming up for two of the region's most picturesque races.

The Auckland Castle Trail Race and Fun Run, in partnership with Shildon Running and Athletic Club and Auckland Castle Trust, return to Bishop Auckland for their third successive year on Bank Holiday Weekend, Sunday August 28.

The two-mile fun run (3.21km) is designed specifically for young runners and follows a gentle path through Auckland Castle's historic Deer Park. It is open to under 16s of all abilities, with under eights accompanied by an adult.

The five mile Trial Race welcomes runners looking for a little more of a challenge, following a unique multi terrain course that takes in the sights of Auckland Castle and the surrounding parkland.

Participants line up at the Robinson Arch, overlooking Bishop Auckland Market Place, running past the historic Walled Garden and 900 year-old Auckland Castle, before entering the scenic Deer Park, packed with ponds and woodland paths.

Auckland Castle Trust and Shildon Running and Athletic Club are also appealing for volunteers to help on the day, with a minimum of 15 marshals required, ideally with first aid training.

Ed Murphy from Shildon Running and Athletic Club, said: "Since we started the event in 2015, The Auckland Castle Trail Race and Fun Run has been extremely popular amongst serious runners and novices alike.

"Shildon Running and Athletic club is delighted to continue its partnership with Auckland Castle Trust and we are really excited for this year's event."

The Auckland Castle Trail Race and Fun Run is part of a programme of events continuing while Auckland Castle Trust is closed for restoration.

The Grade 1 listed Castle, once



home to the Prince Bishops of Durham, is being restored to its original Georgian Gothic opulence as part of a £70m project by Auckland Castle Trust to create a major arts, faith and culture destination. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and other key partners it will reopen to the public in Spring 2018. In the meantime, events like the Trail Race and Fun Run continue to be held in its grounds and the Deer Park remains open free to daily visitors.

Liz Fisher, Engagement Director from Auckland Castle Trust, said: "The Auckland Castle Trail Race and Fun Run are highlights not only of the Auckland Castle Trust calendar but of the region's sporting calendar too and we hope that runners of all ages will enjoy this unique and beautiful course."

Entry for both races closes on August 21, with places available to book online at www.aucklandcastle.org or via email trial@aucklandcastle.org priced at £9 per person for the five mile Trial Race and £4 for the two mile Fun Run. Anyone wanting to volunteer

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Asthma UK's 12 Week Asthma Support Programme, funded by a Department of Health Innovation Challenge Fund grant, provides expert advice, activities and tips sent straight to your smartphone.

The pilot is open to people who have had an asthma attack in the last year, are aged between 18-67, live in England and have a smartphone. Once signed up to the pilot, those involved will receive personalised digital support available to them via their smartphones.

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the 12 Week Asthma Support Programme pilot can find out more and sign up at www.asthma.org.uk/asthma-support-programme
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