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AYCLIFFE F.C. CELEBRATE EBAC'S 'MONUMENTAL' SPONSORSHIP

Ebac has sponsored the Northern League club's home shirts for the 2017-18 season and the town football club is in a spin over this record-breaking sponsorship deal with the Aycliffe company. The washing machine manufacturer has sponsored Aycliffe's in an agreement with chairman Allan Oliver. . Revealing the club's new-look, two-tone blue strips,



Newton Aycliffe FC chairman Allan Oliver (left) with Ebac chairman John Elliott

Oliver said it's a major breakthrough for the club. "Ebac have helped us out massively and it has taken a weight off my shoulders." "We do want more people through the gate, but to do that you need a winning team. I always compare it to the cinema - if it's not entertaining, you don't go. If you have a winning team, they will come, and that's what we're striving for. "Support like this will certainly help and with the size of our business park, we'd be eternally grateful if other businesses also got on board. There are a lot of places up and down the country where you've never been, but you've heard of the football team, and we'd like to put Aycliffe on the map. Ebac, which also manufactures dehumidifiers and water coolers at its Aycliffe site, already sponsors the Northern League as well as Durham County Cricket Club's Academy. The company's chairman John Elliott said: "I think it's very important to support grass-roots sport in the North-East. We're famous for sport, we're very good at it and the more we can do to support it the better." "Newton Aycliffe is Ebac's local team and I think Allan Oliver has done a great job there over many years. I've known him for a few years and I think he's really performed well. It's a real grass-roots club with real people working together." John Elliott urges other business to follow suit and back the town's local club. "You mustn't look at this as a commercial venture," he added. It's not about making money, it's about putting money back into the community." Businesses interested in sponsoring Newton Aycliffe FC can contact Dave Stickland on 07857 905257.

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Newtonian Returns to Manage Famous Old Hotel



Newtonian Glenn Fletcher has returned home to take over The George Hotel in Piercebridge. He grew up in Newton Aycliffe and as a youngster worked for his mother Bea in her restaurant above the British Legion and was a trainee for Slater and Sons Butchers in the Thames Centre.

He then went on to work in some of the best hotels in the UK, Gleneagles, Rookery Hall Hotel and Crathorne Hall Hotel. He learned from some of the best in the business like Tom Kitchin.

Taking over the George in Piercebridge was an opportunity to come back home to Newton Aycliffe.

Glenn attended Woodham Juniors and Woodham Comprehensive. His brothers and

sisters all live on the town and his daughter is following in her Dad's footsteps by starting school at Woodham Infant School in September.

Glenn said: "I can remember The George from years gone by and once visited the hotel and saw the river running through the grounds with its own island and could see the potential for a great wedding venue. I am so proud to have taken over this prestigious hotel"

Anyone from the local area who would like help with fundraising nights please contact Glenn and his team as they believe the hotel is a great venue. Why not try the Carvery which they have re-launched for Sunday lunches.

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Drowned Boy's Friends Support "Dying to be Cool" Campaign

Teenagers whose summer trip to a river ended in tragedy have spoken about it in a bid to prevent further loss of life.

On a hot summer's day in July 2015, close pals Cameron Gosling, Laura Cowan, Matty Wraith, Ellis Hanley and Kian Johnson decided to make the most of the glorious weather and headed down to the River Wear at Witton Park near Bishop Auckland.

However, it was a venture from which Cameron would

never return. The 14 year old, who lived at Crook, jumped into the river without acclimatising and the cold temperature of the water caused his body to go into shock which caused him to drown.

Now, Cameron's friends have spoken about what happened that day in order to raise awareness of 'cold water shock' with the aim of stopping people jumping into rivers and other water courses without getting their body used to the low temperature.

Laura, Matty, Ellis and Kian appear in videos made by Durham County Council as part of the Safe Durham Partnership's Dying to be Cool campaign, which is seeking to educate ten to sixteen year-olds on cold water shock.

In the videos, made with the support of Cameron's family, the friends of the student of Parkside Academy at Willington share their memories of him, including his love of riding his scooter at a skate park at Glenholme Park near his home.

They also speak about life without Cameron and pass on advice to fellow teenagers who might be tempted to cool off in rivers this summer. The videos will be released on the council's social media channels in the coming weeks.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, the

council's Cabinet member for community safety, said: "We are so grateful to Laura, Matty, Ellis and Kian for taking part in these videos. To lose a friend at any age is difficult but to do so at such a young age is impossible to comprehend."

"It is a real credit to them that they have been willing to take part in this campaign to raise awareness of this condition which claimed the life of their friend and hopefully what they have to say will stay with young people and help them make the right decisions around water."

Cameron's mum Fiona Gosling, who has spearheaded the Dying to be Cool campaign, added: "Cameron was really close to Laura, Ellis, Kian and Matty and they have shared in the pain myself, his dad and brothers have experienced since he died."

"It is amazing that they have taken part in these videos to teach people about cold water shock and I'm sure Cameron would be really proud of them." The videos will be available to view at: www.facebook.com/durhamcouncil, www.twitter.com/DurhamCouncil and www.instagram.com/durham_county_council To find out more about cold water shock and Dying to be Cool, visit www.durham.gov.uk/dyingtobecool

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Residents' Association for Neville Area

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING

Residents in the Neville Ward are requested to make a note in their diaries for the a meeting on Tuesday 12th September at Neville Parade Community Centre at 6.30pm to form a Residents' Association for the area.

Important for this meeting is to encourage people not only to attend to approve the constitution, but also to consider putting themselves forward to take on the job of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or to sit on the Management Committee.

There are so many benefits to residents having a properly constituted body to watch over local affairs and have a voice in decision making. Other associations formed in the town are very successful and also bring their community together to enjoy social activities.

Having the Neville Parade Community Centre as a venue and focal point for the community is an added bonus.

If you can give a little time back to serving your community please send your name in for the positions stated.

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Proposed 430 House Development at Woodham



The drawing above shows the location of the development, refused by the County Council which Willmotts have appealed against and will be decided by Public Inquiry in January 2018.

Access in and out of the new estate is only via the A167 which appears to cut these residents

off from the town, apart from pedestrian access.

This would be a real inconvenience to them accessing Aycliffe facilities, forcing cars onto the A167 to get to the town via Rushyford or Central Avenue, adding to the congestion on the A167.

Grant Bids of £436k - GAMP only has £100k

Fantastic Response for Funding

Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) has had a fantastic uptake from community minded organisations towards its recent call-out for projects.

As reported previously in the Newton News, GAMP asked community organisations to submit project proposals which address the key GAMP priorities for 2017; Children, Young People and Families, Older People and Employment, Enterprise and Training.

GAMP has an annual Area Budget of £100,000 to spend on priorities as voted by those living, working, volunteering or studying in the area. GAMP covers the whole of the Parish of Middridge, Aycliffe

Village, Woodham and part of School Aycliffe.

A first for GAMP, this year the Board decided to allocate its Area Budget through an open call-out for projects.

The process proved popular, with over £436,000 worth of project proposals being submitted. The GAMP Task Groups and Board will now have the difficult task of ranking projects to determine who will receive funding.

Brian Riley, GAMP Co-ordinator, said: 'The GAMP Team have been absolutely delighted with the response received to the project call-out. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all the project leads for taking the time to submit their proposals for consideration'.

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This is the same organisation that, instead of repairing the valve that would allow water recirculation to self clean the lakes, decided to waste tens of thousands of pounds for a new path in West Park that wasn't asked for and certainly wasn't needed, as it is less than 90 feet from an already established path.

GATC told volunteers recently to stop cleaning the Lake due to so called "Health and Safety" but I think this is because they were being embarrassed that volunteers were doing their job for them.

It is pure laziness and bureaucracy that is causing them to ignore how bad this lake is becoming, they have a responsibility to ensure that it is kept in a decent and fit condition and money should have been allocated to repairing the valve, not an unnecessary path that wasn't needed.

We have some beautiful birds that make this Lake their home, Swans, Geese, Water Hens and Ducks, plus Oyster Catchers are seen here regularly too. They deserve better treatment than this.

The Lake stinks at present due to build up of debris plus irresponsible people throwing

rubbish in and they need to pull their finger out and sort this mess out now, no more excuses. We love living in this area but are ashamed of how GATC have let residents down due to shirking their responsibilities and not doing a simple repair/replacement of the valve.

Darran Weston
Whinlatter Place

Editor:
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Fundraising, is still as vital as always, but it is optional on this day and is secondary to our goal, which is simply to walk and remember Anna with love and laughter, in exactly the way she would've wanted. If you wish to join us, and we welcome everyone, young and old and anywhere in between, all we ask is this: Get in touch to let us know you'll be there to walk with us. (Contact us through the Inside My Head FB page, or via email to victoria@loxfordlove.co.uk). This is to help us gain an idea of numbers and to let us know to wait for you before we start!

It is almost a year since we lost Anna and we wanted to mark the day by inviting you to join us on the afternoon of Saturday 16th September 2017 on the Great Aycliffe Way in her memory.

Wear something bright and cheery on the day - anything goes! Anna always embraced fun and individuality but for your own comfort and safety, remember to wear sensible

shoes. Meet us on the car park at Cobblers Hall pub, Newton Aycliffe from 1.30pm and we will begin our walk at 2pm.

The walk is approximately 5 miles (gentle terrain) and not intended to be challenging in any way. We estimate a maximum of 2 hours to complete finishing where we started, at the pub!

Join us afterwards at the Cobblers Hall pub for drinks. So even if you are unable to join us for our walk, you are welcome to raise a glass with us afterwards.

Bring your children, bring your dog, bring banners, balloons or just yourself. If you would like to make a donation or raise sponsorship for the event, we ask that all donations are made either directly to Anna's justgivingpage (which currently sits at a whopping £117k) or in cash on the day and we will add it to her total on your behalf. ALL donations go to Brain Tumour Research Campaign. We invite you all to help us make, what will be an incredibly difficult day for Anna's family and friends, into a day full of love and laughter so that we all remember our beautiful and brave Anna just the way she would've wanted.

Hub of Wishes Invite you to their AGM

The Hub of Wishes hold their AGM at Silverdale House, Silverdale Place on Thursday 14th September at 2pm. Everybody welcome.

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The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 22nd August features "A STREET CAT NAMED BOB" Based on a true life story and the best-selling book of the same name, it is the tale of James, a London busker and recovering addict and the cat that adopts him.

It is an unapologetically heart-warming film which took Best British Movie in the 2017 National Film Awards. Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, Children £1.

The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied. 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.

Aycliffe's Pixel Media Help Launch New Restaurant



The Grill Lounge has opened up its doors on Shildon Main Street. One Month open and many customers have enjoyed the fresh new look of the venue, once being Café Limone Italian Restaurant. The venue had such a transformation that the builders found three 17th and 18th century chimneys within the plastered walls. Now re-pointed and cleaned down, the chimneys have become a key feature of The Grill Lounge.

The restaurant has taken on a completely new look, taking into account the railway heritage of the area and the classic rustic Grill Lounge aesthetics.

The owner, Christian, has been head chef in many restaurants across Europe. He originates from Holland and has settled in the North East where he has dreamed of opening up his own food establishment. There is no doubt that the attention to detail has shocked customers that had previously been in the restaurant as Limones.

Staff have been taken on from around the local area with a careful blend of experience and youth. Head chef, Christian, is training Jordan, 16 from Newton Aycliffe who started his apprenticeship a month ago. Jordan has taken to the role with a fantastic attitude towards work and an eagerness to learn.

Pixel Media, a newly formed marketing company from Aycliffe Business Park, have created a stunning website for The Grill Lounge and designed the graphics inside and out.

The Grill Lounge offers a fantastic menu that can be located on their website. All steaks are 28 days matured which has been a big hit with those that appreciate quality. Quality of the food has been the management's main focus where there is a full understanding that great food has to be sourced well. The owner has sourced the region for some of the best supplies

to ensure The Grill Lounge has a product that the team are confident in.

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Employing People Who Have Offended

SURVEY OF EMPLOYERS

Employers across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington are being asked to share their thoughts about recruiting people who have previously committed crime. A survey has been launched by Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Copping, Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg and local prison, probation and rehabilitation services, to consult with local businesses and organisations.

Criminal justice agencies want to gain a greater understanding of employer's attitudes to employing people who have previously offended and to find out how they may encourage them to consider it in the future. Gaining employment plays a crucial role in preventing people from committing further crimes, however prisons report that just over 26% of prisoners enter employment on release.

Cleveland PCC Barry Copping said: "One of my key commitments is to reduce the cycle of re-offending in Cleveland and

employment can be a useful way for offenders to make positive changes in their lives.

"Whether you would consider employing people who have previously offended or not, I would encourage you to fill out this short survey so we can better understand the views of businesses and organisations in our region."

Durham PCVC Ron Hogg said: "I believe most people who have offended hope for the chance to make a fresh start and contribute to society. Whilst this isn't the case for everyone, the responses to this survey will help us to better understand the concerns, or barriers, local organisations may have in offering opportunities to people who have offended. By working together we can help to reduce long-term cycles of re-offending."

Employers are encouraged to take part in the short survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V2S8HYC>

The survey closes on 1st September 2017.

Livin Don't Enforce Conditions of Tenancy



Dear Sir,

I read about Landlords Livin admitting they were not cutting grass properly through FaceBook and not using Newton News. They should realise not everyone is on Facebook.

Maintenance of our environment is unacceptable and the standards of grass cutting by Burleys, their contractors, has never been up to standard and the ratepayers has put up with it too long. People are just fed up with the state of these areas, and are complaining to no avail.

I also noticed a letter in the Newton News by Roberta Fergusson who also complains of the service provided by Livin. It is a joke when you phone up and the officers seem to take it all on board, but can do nothing about any of the complaints as they are on holiday or on the sick.

What I say to Roberta is just keep complaining as we have for over two years on the state of tenants' gardens (see photo). The inspecting officers also need to check some of the bungalows in Ashfield area on the state of gardens the elderly have to put up with. It appears that Livin's Conditions of Tenancy is not worth the paper it is written on!

Alderman George C. Gray
West Ward Councillor

Don't Panic Over Exam Results

Exam Results Helpline prepares for thousands of calls on A Levels results day. Students across the country are being urged not to panic on A Level Results day as help is on hand with the Exam Results Helpline, which opens at 7.30am today (Thursday Aug 17).

The Helpline is preparing for the busiest day of the exam results season as hundreds of thousands of students across England, Wales and Northern Ireland receive their results.

More than 40 advisors will be on hand for the expected influx of thousands of learners who receive unexpected results and need support and guidance on what to do next.

The Exam Results Helpline, which is funded by the Department for Education and run through UCAS, has been helping students for more than a quarter of a century. Last year, advisors answered more than 7,500 calls over the two weeks it was open for A Levels and GCSE students.

Universities Minister Jo Johnson said: "The Exam Results Helpline provides a vital service for all students, no matter the outcome on

results day.

"Whether you have received an unexpected result or want to make sure you've considered all the options, there will be an expert available to offer support and guidance on your next step. "That could be university, a foundation degree, a high-quality apprenticeship, a gap year or something entirely different. So, if you have any questions please do give them a call."

Annie Dobson, one of the Exam Results Helpline's career advisors, said: "This is an exciting but sometimes worrying time for students and their families. There is so much expectation on the morning of the results days for A Levels and GCSEs that having a friendly, expert, safe pair of hands to turn to is beneficial – for students and parents alike.

"Through the years advisors have helped tens of thousands understand the best way forward no matter what they are facing. The team for 2017 has already been assembled and are looking forward to supporting this year's young people as they move into the next stage of their lives."

Students can call the

helpline number on 0808 100 8000 and also get help through the Exam Results Helpline's dedicated Twitter and Facebook accounts.

A full timetable of opening hours for the helpline can be found here: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/exam-results-helpline>

ACID ATTACK WAS FALSE

DURHAM Constabulary now believe that a reported chemical attack in Newton Aycliffe did not take place. It was reported that on Monday, July 31st a woman suffered burns on her face after a corrosive substance was thrown at her by a gang of youths. However, following a full investigation it now appears that the incident did not take place and officers are no longer looking for anyone in connection with it.

The alleged victim is now receiving help from mental health experts.

GCSE RESULTS SUPPORT DAY

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College Art Gallery Attracted Over 4,000 Visitors in 6 weeks

A temporary art gallery showcasing college students' work in an iconic Bishop Auckland building has attracted more than 4,000 visitors since it opened in June.

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

And since the doors opened on June 15th, more than 4,300 people have visited to see the stunning display of work from talented students from the college's art and



Ron Rose from Aycliffe with Art Lecturer Julie Scorer

photography departments. The visitors include former industrial engineering and design tutor Ron Rose, who taught at the college between

1964 and 1984. Prior to that he had been a poster writer, painting signs for local shops and businesses by hand.

Ron, of Newton Aycliffe, took early retirement to pursue his love for art and now runs weekly art classes at Newton Aycliffe RAFA Club. He heard about the exhibition via local media and dropped in to introduce himself to art lecturer Julie Scorer, who then invited him in to the college to meet students.

Julie said: "I was delighted when Ron dropped in to the gallery to introduce himself and share some of his fantastic watercolours and pencil drawings with our students. He has had a fascinating career in art going back more than 70 years which he is still passing on to budding artists through his own weekly classes.

"He was clearly impressed with the quality of the artwork and photography on display and the passion and dedication of staff and students who have worked so hard to make the exhibition such a success."

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

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

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

Prospective students can also receive guidance on a wide range of courses across all curriculum areas during the shop's opening hours, including Level 2 and 3, Higher Education, and apprenticeships for school leavers and adult learners. Staff will be available to offer advice and assist with course applications and enrolment. Alternatively visit bacoll.ac.uk or call 0800 092 6506.

New Family History Courses

Tips and advice on tracing your family tree will be available at a beginners' family history course.

Run by Durham County Record Office, the popular sessions are led by an archivist and offer an introduction to the sources available at the record office.

The course lasts for three weeks and runs on the following dates:

- Tuesday evenings, from 6pm to 8pm – 12, 19 and 26 September

- Thursday mornings, from 10am to 12noon – 14, 21 and 28 September

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist, said: "Our family history courses offer the chance to get started on your family tree and find out about the fantastic resources available on your doorstep."

The course costs £30 for all three sessions. Places must be booked in advance by calling 03000 267 626.

Thanks from Syrian Families



Last year a small number of Syrian families, fleeing from their war torn country, settled in Newton Aycliffe and have made new homes and friends here. They have taken every opportunity to mix in and be part of the community and anyone who lives near them know how open and welcoming they are with invites for tea or a meal. The children have started school and college, with the parents attending classes and joining local community groups.

On July 20th myself and Martin Carter were invited to a wonderful open afternoon held in the Youth and Community Centre with lots of laughter and lovely Syrian food. The event was their way of saying thank you to those who have helped in the process of these families relocating to Newton Aycliffe.

I am sure as time goes on the friendships already made will grow stronger and new ones begin. The families are already proving to be valuable members of our town.

Philip Clark, Chairman, Horndale Residents Association

DEFOE COURT HOLD PARTY AT THE OPENING OF NEW GARDEN

Defoe Court celebrates grand opening of their new garden with a garden party. Residents and their families were joined by local district nurses and staff to celebrate the opening of Defoe Court care home's recently renovated garden and patio area.

To mark the occasion, Residents were treated to high tea and garden games. Defoe Court is also celebrating achieving a 9.8 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website

carehome.co.uk, and was recently ranked in the Top 20 care homes in the North East for 2017.

Sarah Todd, Defoe Court Home Manager, said: "Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, the garden is making a difference to the lives of our Residents."

Lynn Lant, Area Director, said: "I'm so thrilled that everyone enjoyed Defoe Court's garden party. The improvements to the home's external facilities will help the home to continue delivering the kindest care."



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CEO LEAVES SW DURHAM TRAINING FOR NEW CHALLENGE

Lee Childs has left his role as chief executive of Newton Aycliffe-based South West Durham Training (SWDT) to take up a new challenge.

Lee who completed his engineering apprenticeship with SWDT nearly 18 years ago, returned to the Aycliffe site as its boss in October 2015. He has successfully introduced new bespoke training packages and increased learner numbers in his two years as SWDT boss. He has decided to take up a new challenge with a consultancy based within Gestamp Tallent's training Academy on Aycliffe Business Park.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my two years as chief executive at South West Durham Training and I think we've made huge progress as an organisation during that time," said Lee.

"It's been an interesting period, particularly with the introduction of the apprenticeship levy and new training provisions, but SWDT has adapted to those changes and actually grasped them as an opportunity.

"We've implemented a lot of our own changes to reflect the needs of employers and I think we've evolved in a very short space of time, but very



Lee Childs

much for the better. South West Durham Training is now working with more employers and the highest number of learners it has for a few years.

"I'm proud of what's been achieved and would like to thank the fantastic staff there who have worked so hard, and I'm sure the organisation will continue to build on that good work in the months and years ahead."

After leaving school, Lee joined Black & Decker in Spennymoor as an engineering apprentice and did his apprenticeship with SWDT, while completing his formal engineering

led to a nine-year career with the organisation, during which Lee was promoted to overall head of engineering and automotive technology, before taking the reins at SWDT.

A subsidiary of Bishop Auckland College which employs 27 staff, SWDT is now delivering bespoke apprenticeship packages to accommodate the needs of businesses and currently works with several major local employers including Hitachi Rail, GSK, Husqvarna, 3M, Thorn Lighting, Cummins and Nifco.

The training provider has more than 300 learners on its books and celebrates its 50th year in December. Find out more about SWDT at www.swdt.co.uk or call 01325 313194.

AYCLIFFE DESIGN STUDIO BRINGS DIGITAL CHANGES TO HOTEL INDUSTRY



Georgian Country Estate, Middleton Lodge in the heart of rural North Yorkshire engaged an Aycliffe design studio to take their digital presence to the next level.

Started in 2015, Creativehill is an award-winning design studio and consultancy providing creative and digital solutions for truly unique businesses like Middleton Lodge. Based in the heart of the business park they help lots of companies through design and consultancy with their specialities lying in the leisure, hospitality and lifestyle sectors, aimed at selling experiences.

"When we met James and the team it was clear we could help, they have an amazing experience that wasn't being translated correctly, I'm not going to say it was an easy task but having such a tactile and forward thinking brand did help" - Adam Hill, Creativehill

The 12 month project was aimed at bringing the Middleton Lodge lifestyle directly to the end user and selling an experience 'digitally'. It was heavily reliant on great photography paired with cutting edge website design.

"With so many exciting things happening at Middleton Lodge we needed to build something versatile and scalable" - Adam Hill

Since the website launch, Middleton Lodge has seen an increase in digital engagement and with over 25k visitors per month

and it's a great win for the local design company. With expansion plans on the horizon, Creativehill is looking to grow in the hotel sector and lead by example.

Rowena Lee, communications manager at Middleton Lodge: "We were looking for a fresh approach to our website, we knew that the visual message was our strongest form of communication, therefore we wanted a simplistic design that was not only visually pleasing but its functionality was key to enhance the user experience."

You can find out more about the Middleton Lodge project and Creativehill's services at www.creativehill.co.uk

No Changes to Bin Collections

There will be no changes to bin collections in County Durham over the August bank holiday.

Rubbish, recycling and garden waste will be picked up as normal, on the usual collection day, during the week commencing Monday, 28th August 2017.

Householders should put their bins out for collection by 7am on their normal collection day.

Anyone unsure of their collection day can download a bin collection calendar by entering their postcode and house number into the MyDurham section of the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk

Customer access points will be closed on bank holiday Monday and will re-open the following morning.

For more information about bin collections please visit www.durham.gov.uk/bins and to find out which items go where visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere.

Residents are also reminded that they can access many services at a time convenient to them, such as reporting an issue or paying a bill, by visiting the Do it Online section of our website at www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline

Co-op Raises Cash for MRI Scanner Appeal



Coop Stores and FuneralCare in West Auckland Road, West Park and Mowden worked hard over a two week period to raise £396.29 for our MRI Appeal. There were some cake bakes and rattling the collecting tins going on as they showed their support for the campaign. Store Manager Matty Caldwell said 'My mum has

needed the MRI Scanner and it brings it home to you how vital this technology is - I think we all know someone who has needed a scan.'

Charity Manager Pat Chambers said 'We're absolutely delighted that the Coop team choose to support our campaign, they have helped so much in raising the profile of the scanner appeal to staff, Coop members and the general public. Thank you TEAM COOP!'

If you can donate, fundraise or volunteer to help us with the MRI Scanner Appeal please call Pat Chambers on 07770455651

Pic L-R Store Manager Matty Caldwell, Member Pioneer Hayley Gilbert and Customer Team Member Rebekah Kitts

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The closure is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken which will probably take some 2 nights between (8pm and 6am) days to complete to be carried out to that length of road.

Throughout the period of closure an alternative route will be available to Darlington and the A1M from the northern side of the closure from A167, north westerly, northerly and westerly via B6444 St Andrew's Way and Heighington Lane then southerly on A6072 and continuing south on A68 to A1(M) Junction 58 Interchange or continuing on A68 to Darlington and the junction with A167 to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa.

TRAINING SESSION FOR PARENTS OF SPD CHILDREN

After gaining funding from County Durham Community Foundation, Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support Group North East England put together a free training morning for some of their parents which was held at Woodham Village Community Centre on 14th August 2017.

The group enlisted the help of Dawn Dunn, Sensory Integration trained Occupational Therapist from Tree Tops Children's Occupational Therapy in Newton Aycliffe to provide vital training to help the parents gain more understanding of their children's difficulties.

Dawn put together a practical and theory training programme which saw the parents/carers undertaking a 'sensory routine', enabling them to understand what it felt like for their children with sensory issues and how to help them. When children have difficulties with their sensory system they cannot tolerate clothing, dislike noise, smell and daily tasks such as shopping or attending school which leads to meltdowns at home.



One parent said, "It was brilliant! I came home with so many new ideas, wanting to rush to the shops. I found it fascinating listening to all the other parent/carers whose children have the same condition but how different everyone's child is. It was so nice to hear everyone's situations and feel like I'm not alone. I cannot wait to try all the suggestions."

The group have just been told the news they have been chosen along with two other projects for the September to October vote for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. They are hoping to repeat this type of training enabling more of their members to gain valuable training to help the

children.
Dawn O'Hanlon, Admin
SPD Parent Support Group



Brexit Could Lead to Councils Buying More Goods Locally

Simpler rules regulating how councils buy goods and services after Brexit could boost local growth and create jobs, the Local Government Association says today.

Council leaders say the Government needs to introduce a more efficient UK system regulating how councils buy goods and services when we leave the European Union.

The LGA said this could include giving councils greater ability to use local suppliers, specify a minimum local living wage for their suppliers' employees, or specify additional social value so that companies awarded contracts can be asked to employ or train a number of local people.

Councils currently have to follow EU-wide advertising and award procedures when they buy goods and services. The process sometimes sits uneasily with supporting the local economy. The EU process can also take between 3 and 18 months – twice as long as typical

private sector procurements. Almost no public contracts end up being awarded to companies in other EU member states. Only 20 per cent of English councils receive EU expressions of interest from companies based in other EU countries. Across Europe, only 1.6 per cent of public contracts are awarded to companies in other member states.

The LGA says a "lighter-touch" system which simplifies this processes, and provides more flexibilities to promote local growth, is vital so that councils can procure to shorter timescales and lower high administration costs for businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

Councils in England, who collectively spend £55 billion per year on goods, works and services, will also still need to be able to advertise any contract of any size EU-wide should they wish to after Brexit, it said.

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Chairman of the LGA's Brexit Task and

Finish Group, said:

"The UK's exit from the EU will have a significant impact on local government, creating challenges that need to be addressed but also opportunities to do things differently.

"The way councils spend money has a huge bearing on local growth and job creation. But EU rules over how they buy goods and services can stifle those efforts and take up time and money.

"Regulation of public procurement will clearly continue to be necessary when we leave the EU to allow councils to continue to demonstrate best value for money and ensure effective and fair competition.

"But introducing more local flexibility and easier procurement rules after Brexit would provide more community benefits and more growth opportunities for SMEs. It would also allow councils to promote local suppliers and local labour and ensure workers earn a decent wage."

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Council Calls for Government to Tackle G.P. Shortage

A member of Durham County Council's Cabinet has written to MPs on behalf of the authority calling on them to lobby the government to tackle a national shortage of GPs, after raising the issue at a council meeting.

CLlr Lucy Hovvels, the council's Cabinet member for adult and health services, has issued the letter after tabling a motion at the last meeting of the authority's full council.

The motion, which was passed unanimously, urges local MPs to use their influence in Parliament to help attract, recruit and retain GPs across the country.

It also suggests the introduction of a weighting system, which would see those areas where there are significant difficulties in recruiting GPs, treated more favourably.

The motion says: "As GPs get older and wish to retire, it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract, recruit and sustain new GPs as there is a national shortage, which needs a national solution."

"There is strong evidence that GPs prefer urban locations over rural ones and County Durham is not isolated in this challenge. This trend is increasing in rural areas across the country and a preventative approach is required."

"With a national shortage of GPs, a higher proportion of GPs are choosing to work in the south of England."

"Whilst dedicated and hard-working GPs continue to deliver excellent services, this council needs to ensure that high quality care services are secured for our population, now and for future generations."

The motion outlines a number of initiatives that have already been introduced by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in County Durham to tackle the problem.

These include the GP Career Start Scheme, which has already attracted 19 GPs, who will join a practice for a minimum of two years with the expectation that they will remain at that practice.

Two CCGs are also part of a bid that, if successful, would see a regional approach to recruiting doctors from overseas.

Plans are also progressing to introduce Teams Around Patients, which would see GPs working more closely with one another in order to improve access to services. Dr Stewart Findlay, chief clinical officer for NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We welcome this support from Durham County Council as we work together to improve the quality of services that we provide for the population of Durham."

"Although we have put in place a number of initiatives to attract doctors to this area we need to do more. A large proportion of our GPs are nearing retirement age and unless we make areas such as County Durham and in particular our rural areas attractive for young doctors to work in, there will be a staffing crisis in years to come."

COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTE DEALER SENTENCED

A 70-year-old man who sold dangerous counterfeit cigarettes from his home has been handed a suspended prison sentence and left over £9,500 out of pocket.

James Simpson, of Hawthorn Square in Seaham, was found to be selling imitations of well-known cigarette brands when he was snared in an undercover sting by Durham County Council's trading standards officers.

Officers posing as customers visited Simpson's home on numerous occasions and were able to buy cartons of packets of counterfeit cigarettes, and 'Brass' branded cigarettes which had not had the duty paid on them.

During the course of the investigation these 'cheap white' cigarettes were tested and found to be overly flammable - an obvious health and safety hazard.

Appearing before Newton Aycliffe Magistrate's Court on 5 July, Simpson pleaded guilty to six counts of selling counterfeit cigarettes.

At a sentencing hearing on 11 August, Judge Simon Hickey sentenced him to eight weeks in prison for each count - 48 weeks in total - suspended for 12 months.

Simpson was also ordered to surrender £1,618 in cash that was seized from his home by trading standards officers, £6,000 that was confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and pay Durham County Council £2,000 in costs.

Joanne Waller, Durham County Council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "Our officers work tirelessly with partners to tackle the supply of illicit tobacco in County Durham, and this conviction shows the success

of our work.

"All tobacco has a detrimental impact on the health and well-being of residents, as well as public services such as the National Health Service, while illegal tobacco has a financial impact on law abiding traders."

"People selling illegal tobacco lead a criminal lifestyle, taking from society, evading taxes and other overheads."

"We will continue our work to tackle such illegal

sales and hit sellers in their pockets."

Anyone who may suspect someone they know of being involved in the supply of illegal tobacco is asked to confidentially report their concerns to the Keep It Out hotline, on 0300 999 0000.

For further information on help to stop smoking, contact Smoke Free Life County Durham on 0800 772 0565 or 0191 369 2016, or visit the website at www.smokefreelifecountydurham.co.uk

Fond Farewell to Greenfield Teachers

Greenfield Community College are very sad to be losing two senior members of staff this summer term as they move on to pastures new.

Head of School Chris Stonehouse joined Greenfield in 1990 and has been an integral part of the leadership team over the past 14 years. She began her career at Greenfield as history teacher and has been a very popular and well-respected member of staff throughout this time. During the past year Chris has been busy both at Greenfield and on secondment at education Durham and is now looking forward to a full-time career move, her talents and commitment will be truly missed.

Assistant Headteacher Jacqui Gibbs has also announced that she will be leaving this summer, Jacqui has enjoyed over twenty years service at Greenfield, joining as Head of the English Department

in 1990. She has made a wonderful contribution to both academic and extra-curricular activities within the school, recently setting up a popular running club for staff and students. Jacqui is looking forward to enjoying a well-earned retirement although if her Wednesday evening running sessions are anything to go by its unlikely that she will be hanging up her trainers or enjoying quiet seclusion!

Staff at Greenfield organised a special celebration to enable staff to say goodbye and show their appreciation for the dedication they have shown to Greenfield Community College. David Priestley, Executive Headteacher was full of praise for his staff "Both members of staff are valued colleagues and have made a huge contribution to the life of our school, leaving a strong legacy that will ensure we can build a successful future."

Car Show Back In Town



On Sunday 27th August 10am to 3pm The Northern Bygones Society will be holding their annual Vintage Car Rally at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

There will be cars, commercials, bikes, also models, pocket watches, over 500 commercial models on display, vintage tractor, vintage agricultural machinery, 1920's wheelchair, and vintage caravans.

The bar will be open from 7pm Friday night for the arrival of the vintage caravanners plus the odd vintage car drivers. There is free entertainment on Saturday night from 7.30pm onwards, also a sing-a-long to 1940's to 1980's music if anyone would like to join in. (ie: karaoke).

Food & drink will be available to purchase from 10am onwards. The bar will be open to the public from 12noon Sunday lunchtime to coincide with the car show.

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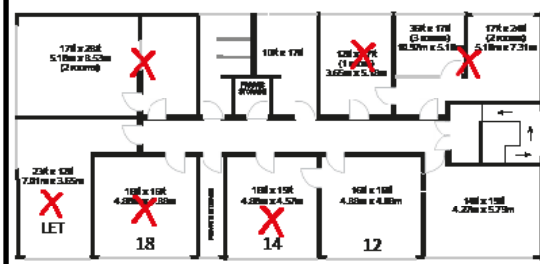
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Ineos Captain's Golf Day Raised £1000



On Saturday the 8th of July at Ineos Golf Club I held my Captain's Charity Day in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

I would like to thank all the members and guests who came along to support the day and also the following companies, shops and individuals who donated Raffle prizes:

Kwik fit (Newton Aycliffe) Planet Leisure, ROF59, Husqvarna, Occasions, Wilko, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, The Big Club, Tesco Extra, Stephen Russell, Hair Creations, Hungry Horse, Aycliffe Framers and Engravers, Unite the Union (Darlington branch), James Cousins (Golf

Professional at Darlington Golf Club) and all the Golf Clubs who donated 4 ball vouchers to help raise funds.

We managed to raise £1000 – if anyone wishes to donate to this great cause you can go to my just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/davidmillerbhf> or if you would like to know more about the British Heart Foundation, please don't hesitate to contact our local fundraiser Jane Mooney on 07802 755798 or mooneyja@bhf.org.uk

A big Thank You to everyone who helped make my Captain's Day such a great success David Miller (Captain)

9 year old Leo Norris Attempts 140 mile C2C

Leo Norris aged 9 is attempting the Coast to Coast Bike Ride supported by his Dad Scott.

This is a mammoth task for such a young lad who is taking on this sponsored Bike Ride in aid of his Aclie Scout Group and Aycliffe Village Primary PTA. His Grandad Rob is taking the cyclists to Whitehaven from where they will start the ride on Monday, taking three days and covering 140 miles, finishing at Tynemouth. Family and friends are proud of Leo and wish him success in his attempt.

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Opening Day Thriller for Sports Club

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC opened the 2017/18 season with an emphatic 8-6 win over local rivals Shildon 3 Tons in the Wear Valley Sunday League – Division 2. With all of the Sports Clubs games being reversed to allow only away fixtures during the month of August (due to an unplayable pitch at Moore Lane Park), the season kicked off away at Jubilee Fields in Shildon.

The Aycliffe side got off to a flyer with the first of Kyle Allen's 6 goals coming in the 8th minute with a cheeky lob from outside of the box beating the home keeper to make it 1-0. The 2nd goal came on 15 minutes with the home side putting through their own net and a 3rd quickly followed when Jimmy Cameron broke free and slotted home.

It was soon 4-0 to the visitors with Kyle Allen getting his second after rounding the keeper on 22 minutes to make it look like it was going to be a comfortable afternoon for the Sports Club.

However, complacency kicked in and a few mistakes helped the home side back into the game and it was 4-2 as half time approached. The sports club made sure there was still a comfortable gap going into the break though, with Kyle Allen grabbing his hatrick just before the half time whistle.

A strike from outside the box for the home side managed to get past Goalkeeper Andy Hartley to make it 5-3, but again the Sports Club stepped up a gear and made it 6-3 shortly after. The 3 Tons then started to apply some much



Kyle Allen

needed pressure and quickly managed to get back into the game, clawing it back to 6-5 by the 70 minute mark.

Last Season's Player of the Year and Top Goal scorer, Kyle Allen, grabbed his 5th of the game to make it 7-5 but a quick return from the Tons made it 7-6 with 10 minutes remaining.

To cap off a Man of the Match performance however, Kyle Allen quickly gave the Aycliffe side the two goal cushion again to make it 8-6 and that's how the game eventually finished.

Next Week sees the team away to Darlington RA. Team Ratings:- A Hartley (7), J Clegg (6), R Durr (6), D Griffiths (7), G Boyes (6), J Cameron (7), R Whitworth (6), C McMullen (7), A Campbell (6) D Teder (7), K Allen (9-MOM).

Subs Used: D Farnworth (6), O Gell (6), A Gittins (6), S McKerr (5) NASC FC would also like to take this opportunity to thank Home kit Sponsor for 2017/18 - TR Fastenings. MOM: Kyle Allen

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To be available to do casual work when required on both our Sunnydale and Aycliffe Campus.

We are looking to recruit casual cleaning staff to support the cleaning services teams on both campuses. The successful candidates will be self-motivated and team players. You will be required to carry out general cleaning duties and work on either campus at short notice to cover staff absence.

For any information or an application pack please contact Susan Mouyiassi on 01325 300378 or email susan.mouyiassi@greenfieldschool.net

Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

Greenfield Community College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of sex, race, marital status or disability. The school is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and require all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

Closing Date: Wednesday 30th August at 12 noon
Interviews to be held week commencing 11th September.

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TRI CLUB REPORT



There's just two races to report on this time. In the ever popular Triology Mid-Week Super Sprint Triathlon, (this being the second of three) held on the 26th of July, we had four of our members racing for club honours. Andrew Sedgwick was first home in a time of 41:43, 5th male and a fantastic 1st in his age category.

Less than a minute behind him Dan Halladay finished in 42:18, 9th male and 3rd in his age category. Ian Readman was next to finish, crossing the line in 46:26, 27th male and 10th in his age group, and our only female to enter the race Nicola Darragh finished in 51:07, 13th female and 4th

in her age category.

In Stanhope on the 6th of August, the Weardale Sprint Triathlon was held, the swim discipline happening in an open-air pool; its unique to the triathlon calendar.

Again, Andrew Sedgwick finished first for the club in a time of 1:06:05, 5th overall. In 7th place overall was Dan Halladay, finishing in a time of 1:08:14. Austin Donoghue, our third club competitor finished in a time of 1:27:44, 40th overall.

Anyone wishing information regarding Aycliffe Tri Club or the sport of triathlon, please don't hesitate to contact the club, via FB or our website aycliffetriclub@gmail.com

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Jonathan a superb guitarist has performed all over the world after gaining a 1st class Honours Degree at the Royal Welsh College of Music followed by studying in Finland under famous composer Kai Nieminen. His next step is to take his Masters Degree in Performance at Trinity Laban Conservatoire. He won prizes in 2013 and 2015, also at the Sussex Guitar Festival, and is a recipient of the Montague Cleeve Guitar Prize. His performances have been described as deeply sensitive with a strong sense of rhythm, highly polished and engaging. Appearing in a BBC Concert recently Jonathan was acclaimed a "rising star".

Programme:
Fernando Sor - Fantasia Op.30
Federico Moreno Torroba - Sonata
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Dear Sir,
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He said we must keep free movement so the companies in his constituency and named a few, could get the best brains and technical knowledge for them to survive.

I don't know if this is his thoughts or those of the businesses he talks to, but surely he must realise that we have some of the best training centres in the U.K. many funded and backed by top local companies.

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John Armstrong
Defoe Crescent

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Marilyn Miller took this photo last Sunday afternoon at West Park Lake where a Terrapin was caught 'sunbathing' on the edge of the jetty. Send your photos to syd@newtonnews.co.uk



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Peterlee-based LEC Communications and Design is delivering the Incubator Zone project after a competitive tender process through Durham County Council.

David Land, Chairman of the County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network (CDEM), which organises Oktoberfest, said: "We're always looking to strengthen our offering to businesses and make our event appealing to them regardless of their size."

"Reviewing feedback and exhibitor statistics from the last few years, it was evident we could be doing more to appeal to those firms that are relatively new start ups, who perhaps want to raise their profile and meet potential new clients."

"We are aware that our existing offer could be quite daunting to businesses that fall into that category, so we have created an Incubator Zone within the main hall which is specifically designed for those firms that have never exhibited at Oktoberfest before."

Road Resurfacing Neville Parade Area



The County Council intend to close from 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30th August 2017 a 10 metre length of Neville Parade that extends southwards from its junction with Shafto Way / Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe.

The closure is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works, which will probably take some 2 nights between 7.00pm and 5.30am per night.

Throughout the period of closure an alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the northern side of the closure from Shafto Way, west on Greville Way, south on St Cuthbert's Way, east on Clarence Chare, north on Gilpin Road to Neville Parade to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa (see map)

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



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Aycliffe Fall Short in Hard Fixture TESCO FUN DAY

A slow first half ultimately costs Aycliffe the win

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club played its first pre-season friendly, at the Northern Echo Arena on the 12th August. The game was played as the final part of Mowden Park's 'Dawn'til dusk' full day of rugby which was 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. N.A.R.U.F.C., travelled with a 20 man First XV squad and the game gave the First XV some real positives and some key areas to work on ahead of their first cup game against Sunderland, to be played on 26th August at Moore lane, which is followed the next week by the first league game of the season vs Winlaton Vulcans, also at Moore lane. The team arrived well in advance of the 6pm kick off, and underwent a solid warm up led by player and S&C coach Ash Bolsover. There was some gamesmanship from DMP who sent the visitors to warm up at the opposite end of the pitch where a fancy dress game of touch was taking place. The pack and back division then split and worked on set piece and moves respectively, with both looking sharp ahead of kick off. There was then time to return to the changing rooms before the knock came for the First XV to head out and provide a guard of honour for Luke who would be leading the teams out onto the pitch.

Aycliffe had won the toss and elected to kick off, with Lewis Stephens stepping up to get the game underway. Stephens aimed for a short kick off, but the unpredictable swirling stadium wind buffeted the ball back, causing it not to travel ten metres, and giving DMP the scrum on halfway. As DMP forged forward from the scrummage, flanker Ash Bolsover threw himself into the fray to slow the advance, but dislocated his shoulder in the tackle, having to be taken to hospital for treatment. Whilst the visitors felt the loss of the experienced flanker, his replacement Jamie Whelan added impetus from the off, hitting tackles and rucks with real purpose and making an immediate impact. Despite Aycliffe's efforts, the first half continued with DMP maintaining possession, and gaining the upper hand over the visitors who seemed somewhat hesitant. DMP worked hard around the corner tight in to the breakdown, and despite ferocious tackling from Aycliffe, DMP crossed twice in the first twenty minutes, taking the score to 14-0. Aycliffe managed to put together a few good attacking shapes and came close to scoring but unforced errors cost them dearly, with DMP crossing for a third try. Aycliffe again forced their way up the field, but another unforced error saw DMP



capitalise once more, taking another try on 30 minutes. Aycliffe surged forward from the restart, pinning the home team back into their own twenty two, and forcing a penalty, which Captain Alex Lineton elected to kick, and converted into three points just before half time. Half time Darlington Mowden Park 22-3 Newton Aycliffe. The return to the changing rooms at half time saw a rousing team talk from the coaching staff, with Aycliffe bursting back onto the pitch intent to give a proper account of themselves. The visitors started well, immediately pushing forward into the Mowden half, but again the unforced errors cost Aycliffe, knock ons in the wet conditions costing them dearly. Again the home side pressed forward through hard work around the corner, working their way into a position from which they kicked a great touch finder giving them a lineout on the five metre line, which was driven over. Not content with the score, Aycliffe again pushed deep into the Mowden half, setting their own lineout ten metres from the line, despite an excellent take by Luke Harty, and what appeared to be an inexorable drive, the maul was taken down and Aycliffe were alleged to have given the penalty, allowing Mowden to regain some much-needed territory. Aycliffe were the next to strike, with some strong work from the pack tying in the Mowden pack, which allowed the back line to take on the defence man

for man, a slight of hand from Captain Lineton created space and a deft step from Lewis Stephens beat the last man, with the twelve crossing to give the visitors their first try of the game the extras added by Captain Lineton. Aycliffe continued to pressure the home side, and looked set to make a comeback, but the referee judged a forward pass to have been given in the last pass of the move, and the try was disallowed. Aycliffe continued to pressure the home defence, but the score remained the same. Full time Darlington Mowden Park 31-10 Newton Aycliffe.

Honest John Helps Cancer Support Group



Allison White founder of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group would like to thank Honest John for his kind donation also thanks to Val his assistant and those who donate items to John's stall. He does a fantastic job for all charity groups in the town and asks for nothing in return. Thanks Honest John.



Tesco Newton Aycliffe held their Summer Fun Day in their car park last Saturday in aid of their national charities of the year, British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK. We would like to thank all customers, colleagues and local businesses who supported the event raising £363, despite the dreadful British weather. Local businesses supporting the event included Wonderful Whippy ice creams, Cooper Funfairs, KDO Mascots, Love Thy Cupcake, GACAP and Pap Kel's Burger Van



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Mark Fletcher



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OUR Apologies to Kadey for the error in last week's edition.

Megan Beal



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AYCLIFFE AWAY GAME AT ALBION

Newton Aycliffe FC continue their Emirates FA Cup adventure this Saturday, 19th August with a trip to Albion Sports. The Bradford side

play their home games at Farsley Celtic's ground near Leeds. Aycliffe earned their place in the Preliminary Round with a win against



Chester-Le-Street on the first day of the season.

Since then Aycliffe have played two home games in the Ebac Northern League, both ending in draws. After last week's 1-1 result against Steve Harmison's Ashington Aycliffe welcomed Guisborough Town to Moore Lane last Saturday.

This was as they say a 'game of two halves', as Aycliffe squandered a 3-0 half-time lead. They totally dominated the first half, and should have been out of sight, but missed good chances. They started well and were ahead on 3 minutes when Kurt Matthews beat the full back before rifling a shot low into the corner.

Craig Hutchinson then got through one-on-one, but keeper Nixon pulled off a good save. On 13 minutes, Aycliffe made it 2-0 when Jamie Davis & Hutchinson opened up the defence for Matty Pennal to round the keeper.

Both sides then had the ball in the net during the next 10 minutes, but both were deemed to be offside. In the

32nd minute Hutchinson broke through, but was forced wide by the keeper; he twisted around and scored with an audacious chip over the keeper from an acute angle. Grant Hickman and Pennal then missed good chances before half-time. HT 3-0.

Guisborough started the second half with intent after a dressing down from their Manager. However, there was no hint of what was to come. On 59 minutes a free kick wasn't cleared by the Aycliffe defence, and Connor Scott put it past home keeper James Winter. Within a minute, Scott got his and Guisborough's second when he headed in from a free kick.

Then two minutes later, it was 3-3 when Winter made a good save but the ball was put back into the penalty area for Steven Roberts to get there first and score the equaliser. Aycliffe then managed to steady the ship. Both sides went for a winner, but there were no further breakthroughs. FT 3-3.

MOTM : Kurt Matthews. Attendance 92.

Aycliffe Club Compete in Darlington 10k Race



On Sunday 13th August Isaac Boys represented Aycliffe Running Club Junior Section at the annual Darlington 3K road race.

It was a very warm day for running, however, Isaac ran well to complete the course in 28th position in a time of 13:01.

17 members of Aycliffe Running Club completed the Darlington 10K course. Support around the route was fantastic with people shouting words of encouragement, offering drinks, fresh orange segments, jelly babies and even a hose pipe to cool down the runners. It was a great atmosphere.

First to finish for Aycliffe was Martyn Knox 41:17, followed by Dave Blewitt 44:57, Michelle Zamir 45:18, Sandra Collins 48:19, Rob Nicholson 48:55, Trish Kay 49:26, Wendy Bake 50:22,

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The club's U13's team's recent winning run came to an abrupt end after a heavy defeat away at a very strong Darlington U13's side. However despite losing the game there was another excellent performance from 10 year old Dan Heaton, who top scored for Aycliffe with 14 runs.

A couple of days later, the U13's played their final game of the season and were well beaten away at Sedgefield. Once again, talented youngster Dan Heaton top scored for Aycliffe. This time with 10 runs and Harry Wright was the pick of the bowlers picking up two wickets for 19 runs. The U13's

have won five games out of 19 played this season, which was a creditable performance in a strong junior league.

The U11's played their final game of the season away at Sedgefield and were beaten by 35 runs and special mention must go to Harry Brumwell, who made an encouraging debut for Newton Aycliffe.

This season the U11's team won seven of their 17 games, which equals the best performance by an Aycliffe U11's team and bodes well for the future as there are some very talented young cricketers in this team.

The club continue to run soft ball cricket sessions for the 5 to 11 age group, every Wednesday at the Sports Club from 10am to 12.00pm 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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