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# DURHAM STUDENTS' FANTASTIC NEW STYLE A-LEVEL RESULTS

Sixth form students across County Durham have been commended for their excellent A-Level results. Students throughout the county today found out the results of all their hard work and study over the last two years and whether their grades would be enough to get them into the university or career of their choice. All post-16 qualifications have gone through major



reforms in the last few years with some significant changes to the A-Level system.

Students now sit A-Level exams at the end of two years of study rather than taking modular exams throughout the course, making yearly performance comparisons with previous cohorts more difficult.

Despite these challenges, the results for County Durham students have remained positive and look to be an improvement on the successes of previous years.

Early indications suggest our academic and vocational outcomes are above the national average and many of our schools have reported an increase in the numbers of students achieving the higher grades.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services at Durham County Council, said: "We are delighted that our young people have achieved fantastic results, particularly as this is the first year of a new system."

"Although the full national attainment and progress statistics are not yet available, it is likely that County Durham will be placed above the national average and these excellent results reflect the hard work and commitment of both staff and students across all sixth forms and colleges."

"We greatly value the support and encouragement given by our parents and carers and are very pleased that our schools continue to identify increased numbers of successful first

choice entries into university." Students without the grades they hoped for or looking for further career inspiration can visit [www.help4teens.co.uk](http://www.help4teens.co.uk) where they can view our Start Today booklet, which provides information on apprenticeships, recruitment and training for 16-19 years olds across the county.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 30th August 2017 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome. "Arte et Marte".

## STUDENTS CHECK OUT FUTURE STEPS



Woodham Academy students visited Darlington College and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

Year 10 students at Woodham Academy were recently given the opportunity to visit Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and Darlington College as part of the school's enrichment programme. This aims to give students an insight into life after leaving school and the various options they have available.

On both trips students were allowed to choose which 'courses' they would like to sample in a morning and afternoon session. At Queen Elizabeth options included A-Level Law, English Language, Computing, Psychology, and Film & Media. Whilst at Darlington College options included Beauty Therapy, Childcare, Game Design & Development, Motor Vehicle, and Uniformed Public Services. By giving students lots of opportunities to sample different Further Education establishments Woodham Academy hopes that students will make a well-rounded decision about what they would like to do after they have completed their GCSEs. The visits are proving very popular with students who are impressed at the range of courses on offer.

## Romans Return to Binchester

The Roman Army will march on County Durham this month as it prepares to reinforce the garrison at an historic fort.

Members of the Roma Antiqua re-enactment group will welcome visitors to Binchester Roman Fort on Bank Holiday Monday (28th August).

The group will be offering an insight into life in the Roman Army with displays of arms, armour and equipment.

There will also be the chance to see some of the items in action, including bows and arrows, sling-staffs and a full scale replica of a ballista catapult.

Younger visitors may even find themselves being recruited and given the chance to defeat the barbarians themselves. The site's well-preserved Roman ruins will also be open to the public.

Dr. David Mason, Durham County Council's principal archaeologist, said: "A visit to Binchester is always a fantastic day out but our Bank Holiday events really are not to be missed."

"Visitors will once again be able to take a look at our commanding officer's house and the adjacent bath building."

"However, this year, they will also have the opportunity to view part of the even more impressive bath building situated outside the fort."

Events and activities start at 11.00am, with the full programme repeated from 2.00pm.

Admission is £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £3 for children. Visitors are asked



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All band members have at least 20 years experience playing live in various local bands and clubs around the North East, some of which have included; Kneejerk Reaction, Alexander's Palace, Chase and Flashpoint.

The band are a primarily a classic rock covers band, covering music ranging from AC/DC, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Thin Lizzy and Queen, through to newer artists such as Billy Idol and Stereophonics - but played with a much harder edge.

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## STUDENT AMBASSADORS



New Student Ambassadors have been appointed at Woodham Academy. This year saw a record number of applications and the quality of the field was extremely high. Each student was asked to write a letter of application for the post citing what qualities and experience they had which made them a good candidate. Pam Hall, Director of Student Support, explained that the written applications had been fantastic and really highlighted the quality of leadership and kindness that existed with the students in the school.

She said 'In reading the applications I felt a real sense of pride in the type of student that we have at Woodham. They are very talented young people who are caring, responsible and a real credit to the school and their parents.'

Those selected were each given a tie which distinguishes them as Student Ambassadors. Their duties

will include representing Woodham when they are both hosting events at school as well as at outside events and supporting younger students within the school.

## TOWN CENTRE FAMILY FUN DAY



Following on from last year's hugely successful Army Reserve and Blue Light event Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management are bringing it all back on Wednesday 30th August 2017 from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Town Centre. Not only that, but we are supporting this with a Family Fun Fair to add to the fun.

Come and see all the equipment that the Services use including Police and Fire vehicles, some massive equipment from the Army Reserve and maybe some surprises we did not have last year!

Make it a day out for all the family before returning to school and make sure you tell all your friends - for more information see this week's centre pages.

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A woman suffered serious injuries after the car she was in left the road and collided with a road sign and telegraph pole.

The collision happened at 11.40pm on Tuesday, 22nd August on Maude Terrace, near Greenfields Road in St. Helen Auckland.

A 27-year-old man was driving a Ford Focus RS when, for an unknown reason, it left the road and collided with a road sign and telegraph pole before coming to a halt.

The driver fled the scene and has not yet been traced.

His passenger, a 28-year-old woman, was trapped in the car before being taken to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, with serious injuries.

Nobody else was in the car at the time of the collision. The road was closed between 11.40pm and 4.00am. No other vehicles were involved.

Any witnesses to the collision, or anyone who knows any information on the whereabouts of the driver should call Durham Police on 101, quoting incident number 552 of August 22.

## Skydive for Charity



I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me for my skydive. Once I have collected all sponsor money, I'll give an update, but I think I have reached my £1000 target. Thank you to the "Jolly Boys" at The Big Club for their great support and amount of money raised with the help of Clive Cooper; and also to the Cricket Club's Wednesday Bingo. Thank you also to the Iron Horse, the Telegraph, my friends and family and all other sponsors on my Just Giving page. Myself and Clive will present a cheque to St Teresa's Hospice and we thank them profoundly for the care they gave both my Dad, John Fletcher, during his fight with Motor Neurone Disease and Graeme Cooper, and his fight against cancer. I hope the money will help them to continue the amazing work that they do - Sharon Scott.

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# Horndale R.A. Family Fun Day for MRI Appeal



Horndale RA Committee members with Pat Chambers (MRI Appeal Fundraising Co-ordinator)

## Community Fun Day A Great Success

Horndale Residents Association fun day last Thursday was a tremendous success, we said we would be happy with having 200 people attend but the day far exceeded this with between 450 and 500 people enjoying the rides, Petting Zoo, Crazy Critters, Bouncy Castles, Police Interceptors, Fire Brigade and much more. With the kind generosity of those attending and the stall holders we raised nearly £400 for the MRI Scanner Appeal. More details at a later date.

We would like to thank Greenfield Community College, Richard Agar, Acorn Residents Association, Mandy, John and the quizzers from the Bay Horse Middridge also the stall holders and exhibitors for supporting our event. Lastly I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for their work before the day and their work on the day, we started at 8.00am and finished at 4.30pm

The lasting thing from the day was the impression outsiders got was the fantastic community spirit we have in Newton Aycliffe, with some of the exhibitors saying they attend lots of events and haven't seen such a great community coming together.

Philip Clark  
Chair



Treasurer Martin (left) with Chairman Philip Clark



The Chairman and Committee of Horndale Residents' Association breathed a sigh of relief as sunny weather appeared for their Family Fun Day on Greenfield College field last Thursday.

It was brilliant display with evidence that a lot of hard work had been put into the organisation of this event.

There was so much to do and see, with free admission to everyone. The day was supported by the Police, Fire Service, Army and rides on the TV series, old "Edensfield - Heartbeat" bus were run by Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society. Among the fundraising stalls was face-painting with music and entertainment by Professor Nincompoo. Hot food was available and Mr. Whippy ice creams.

Children enjoyed interacting with the police, firemen and army personnel while also enjoying petting animals and having pony rides.

The officers and committee of HRA are to be commended for their efforts in providing a very enjoyable day with proceeds of £420 donated to the MRI Scanner Appeal which was a fantastic result from a free community event.

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she took medication. Sue had no energy for exercise and was limited in how far she could walk - even feeling uncomfortable sitting. Sue couldn't wear clothes she liked and had to wear loose, baggy clothing to hide her stomach. This brought on low esteem, not just in her body image. The turning point was meeting up with a friend



who had been to Slimming World, taking a holiday in the Seychelles and completing a parachute jump.

Sue was impressed by Slimming World and lost 7lbs in her first week! She is never hungry and Food Optimising gives her the ability to think about what she eats and fill up on free/speed food. She enjoys fruit and eats lots of Slimming World soups, trying their recipes and searching for new things to cook which her husband enjoys too.

Sue plans her meals and shops accordingly remembering not to buy the wrong choices. "My sins are milky coffee, hi-fi bars and the occasional Gin & Tonic" said Sue.

"Before joining the group I was depressed about my size and felt much older than my 60 years. Now my life and outlook has changed - I feel happy and inspired."

"My husband has supported me and constantly gives compliments. I have more energy to walk and cycle. My friend and I walked the "Race for Life" and plan to take The Great North Run next year".



## Film Show

### "HARVEY"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 29th August features the comedy-drama "HARVEY", starring James Stewart in one of his greatest roles, as an amiable, eccentric man with a very special friend, a 6 foot three-and-a-half inch rabbit called Harvey; an invisible Harvey. A beautiful gentle comedy for all ages; no bad language or violence, just the dilemma of deciding who's mad and who isn't!

Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2 admission, 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.

## Livin Help Disabled Lady

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Noriko has achieved considerable prestige in Europe, America and in her native Japan where she is a national celebrity. Ogawa is also in demand as a jurist, regularly adjudicating the piano final and grand final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition, when she has made television appearances commenting with the presenter on the various performances. Parking is readily available



within the church yard, with level set-down and easy wheelchair access. Don't miss a wonderful evening of music in these delightful surroundings and the opportunity of chatting with friends over a glass of wine in the interval. Advance Tickets £13.50 from Brian Varley (contact details above) or from Brotherton's music shop opposite Morrisons car park, £15.00 on the door.



## PUDS & PROMS

As a celebration of the wonderful musical experience of The Proms, St. Clare's Church, are holding a Pudding & Prom Evening on Saturday 9th September at 7pm.

Watch and of course join in to some of our well known musical British anthems, wave flags and have a good sing-a-long. Then choose from a selection of delicious puddings - we have pavlova, gateaux, cheesecake and trifle - some chocolatey and some fruity - so something for everyone.

Also included is a glass of fizz - unbelievable value with tickets priced at only £4 each. We have the large screen and super sound system, wifi and a warm welcoming hall with warm welcoming people. So please do come along to our Proms and Puds Evening - it promises a great night. For more information and tickets contact Ric Hargreaves on 316755 or pop into church and enquire.

## Greenfield Students Brighten up Aycliffe Station



**Rib-tickling students have been working hard to put smiles on the faces of customers at Newton Aycliffe station. Pupils at Greenfield Academy, which has adopted the Northern station, recently completed an art project**

**called Bring the Funny which aimed to promote wellbeing in the local community by raising the spirits of rail users.**

The students worked closely with artist and designer Nicola Golightly and writer and director Laura Degnan to complete eight amusing poster boards which hang along the length of the station. They also constructed a fantastic interactive light box with a motion detector which is fitted inside of the station's shelters and is triggered by passers-by. Comedian and artist Ruth Johnson also got involved to help the students record jokes triggered when the light box illuminates.

**Those who took part in the project are all members of Youth Cree, a group designed to promote positive wellbeing, and all worked together as a team to complete this amazing project for their community.**

Pete Myers, Stakeholder Manager for Northern, said: "It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the students at Greenfield Academy on the 'Bring the Funny' art project. "The idea is so unique and exciting and will bring a smile to our customers at Newton Aycliffe station." Student Jack Smith added: "I hope the project makes people laugh and brightens dull days!"

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## Holiday Snaps



See photo above of our travels with the Newton News! Eddy and Julie Adam with Shaun and Ann Firth spreading the word about Newton Aycliffe in Paris underneath the Eiffel Tower.

## Nuisance Off-Road Bikers Targeted by Police

A crackdown is being launched against off-road bikers who are causing a nuisance in their community. Durham Constabulary are warning those who ride bikes and quads illegally that they face arrest and having their vehicles seized if they flout laws.

The crackdown, coined Operation Endurance, involves officers from the police's motorcycle section and neighbourhood teams working with the community to rid the streets of illegal bikers.

Inspector Jon Curtis, who is heading the operation, said: "People's safety is our top priority and we know these bikes are causing a great nuisance in our communities, especially in Darlington and Peterlee.

"We want to highlight the risks of people using vehicles that are potentially dangerous to themselves and others, in circumstances that are unsafe and illegal, such as those who are either underage, have no licence, no insurance, are untaxed, are causing damage or are creating anti-social behaviour."

The multi-agency operation which involves the police, Durham County Council, Darlington Borough Council, the Woodland Trust and National Trust met at Spennymoor Fire Station this month to tackle the issue.

Durham Constabulary will target offenders with warnings, seizure notices and behaviour contracts, as well as utilising specialist equipment such as the police drone.

Insp Curtis said: "We will work with the community and in partnership with local agencies to identify offenders, gather intelligence, take action to seize vehicles, reduce offending and divert young people away from this type of dangerous and irresponsible activity. Where necessary, we will hold parents and guardians to account.

"There are lawful off-riders who enjoy riding on proper off-road tracks in the area, but there are others who flout the law.

"There are lots of clubs, organisations and locations where people can ride legally and safely and this is what we want to encourage them to do."

Durham Constabulary also plan to work with social landlords across County Durham and Darlington to help mitigate the problem.

Insp. Curtis said: "People committing anti-social behaviour may face action for a breach of their tenancy agreements.

"We are seeking the support of the community to tell us who the offenders are and where they are keeping their bikes and quads. We want them to know that if we get this information, we will act upon it. We can offer confidential reporting through Crimestoppers."

The Police, Crime and



Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, said: "This is a topic which is frequently raised by the community and I have shared these concerns with the police. I am delighted with the Force's response to the problem and to see that action is being taken."

In support of Operation Endurance, police are holding a bike surrender starting today (Thursday) and are offering to collect any unwanted motorbikes or quads from residential properties in the force area.

Insp Curtis added: "People may have motorbikes or quads cluttering up their gardens or sheds, rather than see these being stolen or falling into the hands of people that will happily use them to commit offences or cause a nuisance to others, we'll collect them free of charge and safely dispose of them".

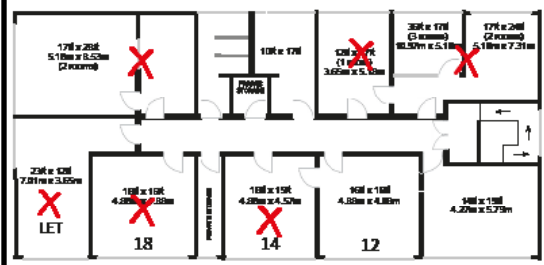
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## HEAD SHAVE FOR CHARITY



Foy from Elachi will be having his hair shaved off on the Monday 4th September to raise money for Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. This is Foy's first time doing any kind of fundraising and he chose the Aycliffe charity because there is cancer in his family. If you would like to watch him get all his hair shaved off, he will be shaved at Stephen Russell's at 3pm. Foy will be sending his hair to The Princess Trust and Newton News will follow this story up after the event. Donations can be made on the day or handed in at Elachi Restaurant.

## East Coast Test Run for Azuma



The Azuma train visited Scotland for the first time as part of plans to transform Edinburgh-London rail journeys. The inaugural run north of the border was made as part of a testing programme by manufacturer Hitachi in preparation for roll out of the 65-strong fleet on the east

coast route next year. The eagerly-anticipated debut comes as Virgin plans to accelerate journey times between Edinburgh and London by 22 minutes, bringing regular journey times down to just four hours. The Azuma is set to be one of the most advanced passenger trains on the UK rail network, able to accelerate faster than existing trains and providing more comfort and space inside.

As well as speeding up journeys and boosting capacity out of King's Cross by 28% at peak times, the Virgin-designed train will usher in a new era of comfort and style.

It has taken its name from the Japanese word for "East", in homage to its Japanese bullet train technology and the iconic east coast route where it will operate.

Hitachi is building the Azuma fleet at its purpose built £82million facility in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, which employs 900 people.

The Azuma being tested today was a 9-car bi-mode train capable of travelling on both electric and diesel power.

It travelled north of Newcastle for the first time at 12.00, travelling over the iconic Royal Border Bridge in Berwick-upon-Tweed and then over the Scottish border itself at 12.45.

It arrived at Dunbar Station, where it was met by a piper as it pulled into the platform

shortly after 1.00pm before departing four minutes later to travel south to Doncaster.

The test run was welcomed by Scotland's Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf MSP, who said: "Making rail an attractive alternative is an ideal way to encourage more people out of their cars and onto greener transport."

That is why it's great to see Virgin's first cross-border Azuma fleet in Scotland as part of their testing programme which is building towards service introduction next year.

This new fleet of trains serving stations all across the north and east of the country offer more opportunities for passengers to travel by rail in the future."

David Horne, Virgin Trains' Managing Director on the east coast route, said: "The Virgin Azuma will deliver a step-change in services between Scotland and England, taking regular journeys down to just four hours."

Having the train visit Scotland for the first time as part of testing is a really important moment and reminds us of the excitement it will bring to UK train travel when it is introduced into service."

Karen Boswell, Managing Director at Hitachi Rail Europe, said: "Passengers and enthusiasts in Scotland will be seeing more of the Azuma trains in the coming months as part of our rigorous test programme."

Our UK-built fleet harnesses world famous Japanese bullet train technology, giving passengers on the east coast main line the very best in quality and reliability."

Virgin are introducing the Azumas in conjunction with the DfT. The 65-strong fleet must undergo a rigorous test programme ahead of entering passenger service next year.

## VINTAGE BUS AT LOCAL SHOW

The Heartbeat bus put in an appearance at Greenfield Arts and Community College on the "Family Fun Day" to give mums, dads and children the chance to ride on this 68 year old bus.

The bumps, rattles and groans from the bus were pure vintage, as was the driver, David Clark.

All those that went for the ride returned safely and none required oxygen afterwards. Kevin Openshaw, Society Chairman, said "it was good to be able to support a local event and to be able to raise some money for the MRI scanner appeal. Thanks go to Phil Clark for inviting us along".

## Local Lads Making a Big Noise at The Big Club



There's live music every second Saturday of the month at Big Club and the emphasis has been on local talent.

Saturday 12th August saw Aycliffe lad, Darren Kent, as The Kent Collective performing mod, soul and ska covers and there were plenty up dancing.

Supported by Barnard Castle's brilliant young band The Thieves it was an excellent night. Big Club promoter, Jack Hall is slowly building his audience and prefers to use local talent whenever possible.

Saturday 9th September and Aycliffe band Another Crisis take to the stage again after many requests for them to return. Tickets are available at The Big Club and more information on Facebook and [www.biffbangpowpromote.co.uk](http://www.biffbangpowpromote.co.uk)

Photo: The Kent Collective and The Thieves collaborate for The Who's 'My Generation'

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## FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

Now that Aycliffe Festival is over we would like to know what you thought about the events you attended. If you didn't attend any of the events we would still like to hear your views on the Festival in general and why you did not attend any of the events.

We would appreciate it if you could complete our very short on line survey at <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/tell-us-think-festival>

## Oktoberfest Shows a Decade of Growth

Engineering companies who have exhibited at Durham Oktoberfest held at the Xcel Centre every year since its launch a decade ago have been reflecting on 10 years of business growth.

Since the inaugural event in 2008, Durham Oktoberfest has become the region's leading engineering and manufacturing event, providing the perfect platform for companies to meet potential customers and suppliers.

Now, three of the firms who were pivotal in the event's creation, and have exhibited

each year since, have been looking back on how the event has facilitated their growth. Dyer Engineering and Hiatco who are based in Stanley along with Bignall Group, who are based at Shildon, have all seen their companies grow.

Durham Oktoberfest has provided a platform for companies to showcase their capabilities and enabled business to engage and benefit from the fast-growing engineering and manufacturing sectors.

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# Views Sought on Pool Timetable Changes

People are being asked for feedback on proposed changes to timetables at three swimming pools across the county.

Customers will be able to give their views on pool programmes at Chester-le-Street Leisure Centre, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and Woodhouse Close Leisure Complex from Monday, 21st August until Sunday, 3rd September.

Residents are asked to view the new draft timetables and then feedback via an online survey, which can be accessed here: [www.durham.gov.uk/swimming](http://www.durham.gov.uk/swimming)

Paper versions of the survey are also available in centres.

The proposed changes are part of the Swim Local Pilot, a national project supported by Sport England aimed at increasing swimming participation and are based on feedback from users who have told us what activities

would make them swim more.

The £1.5 million investment from Durham County Council alongside £540,972 funding from Sport England will see the introduction of new sessions as well as the upgrading of some facilities. Su Lewis, projects and transitions manager at Durham County Council, said: "Swimming is the largest participation sport in County Durham and this feedback opportunity gives people the chance to give their views on the draft timetables which incorporate the new sessions being introduced."

"We believe that the changes being made will encourage even more people to get in the water and become more active."

A number of new family sessions have already been introduced to keep children entertained throughout the



summer holidays, including aquafun sessions, giant obstacle courses and adult and child sessions where children can invent their own games and meet Brock the

Badger as they build their water confidence. For more information on the new sessions visit: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/inthepoolthissummer>

## 'Picture Perfect' at Greenfield Arts



Holiday activities have again been a great success at Greenfield Arts this summer with our ever-popular fun courses for young people.

The holiday season also brought something new for adults with a range of creative workshops led by talented artists. The sessions on offer have included exciting new activities such as glass fusing and one stroke painting and the return of our popular watercolour coffee morning led by artist Sarah Hill. Why not join Elaine Vizor for our final summer holiday session and improve your camera skills. Elaine will be leading a digital

photography session on Wednesday 30th August from 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm to see how perspective can help you get 'picture perfect' results. The workshop is just £10 per person, come along to this fun and friendly session and don't forget your camera.

As the holidays come to an end we are pleased to announce our new Autumn Community Learning Programme is now available for bookings! It is full to the brim with creative opportunities for those looking to stay entertained in the dreary winter months or develop their professional skills. Digital Photography is one of our many popular Specialist Arts Courses, also including painting and digital skills, all suitable for varying abilities. This term we also look forward to the arrival of Thursday Masterclasses, where Greenfield Arts will be host to a different specialist arts masterclass twice a month on a Thursday. Not forgetting the return of our regular adult courses, including: Spanish, Yoga, Floral Art and many more.

You can now book all activities online through our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) where you can also find more information our new Autumn Programme or call 01325 379048 to speak to our friendly team for further information.

## KIDZ FLIX

Why not end the school summer holidays with a movie treat?

Come along to KIDZFLIX on Saturday 2nd September at 2.00pm and watch the 2017 version of the classic film 'Beauty and the Beast'.

*Described as a stunning celebration of one of Disney's best loved tales ever told. Belle a bright, beautiful and independent young woman is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the enchanted castle's staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's appearance and realize the kind heart that dwells within.* With a small tuck shop selling a wide variety of value sweets; ice creams in the interval for 50p - what are you waiting for?

Entrance is only £1 and we have plenty of space and seats. There will be a 'Back to School' FREE prize draw for everyone to have a go.

Doors open at 1.30pm where you will be greeted by the Youth Team and adults may stay if they wish or collect the children at 3.45pm when the film finishes.

KIDZFLIX runs every 1st Saturday of the month at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Details of all Youth events including Shine Choir News, Messy Church Events, Youth Group dates and of course KIDZFLIX programme can be viewed on Facebook page Youth/ChildrenStClares

## Desperately Seeking Stella

Dear Sir

Is there anyone in Newton Aycliffe who could help with information to find a friend? We used to see her regularly in the town centre and we always spent time talking, she made a lot of time for our granddaughter. But over the last few months she has not been seen.

We don't know where she lived or we would have asked neighbours.

Her name was Stella McCormick (or McCormack), before she married her name was Askew originally from Kirk Merrington.

I am hoping someone can help us find this friendly lady who we miss.

With thanks

John Wilson

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# Stiller Recruitment Drive



Newton Aycliffe logistics firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution is set to open its doors to potential employees as part of its latest recruitment campaign. Stiller, well-known for using innovative ways to recruit staff, is looking to take on at least four new HGV drivers as part of its latest growth plans.

The family-run firm is hosting a recruitment open morning at its premises on Aycliffe Business Park on Saturday 9th September (8am-midday).

It's an ideal opportunity for those interested in taking up a driving job, and potential candidates will be able to meet some of the firm's staff, take a look at some of its equipment and learn about the type of work it does.

Managing director Matthew Stiller said: "We're gearing up for more growth as well as the busy Christmas period so we need at least four new drivers. We're specifically looking for qualified class C and C+E HGV drivers, but no minimum experience is required, so we want to talk to people who have just passed their HGV test, forces leavers and young drivers."

Some of the benefits of working for Stiller Warehousing and Distribution include day shift set-salary positions and working with a modern vehicle fleet.

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## Power to the People & Gender Imbalance

Responding to the IPPR report 'Power to the people? Tackling the gender imbalance in combined authorities and local government', Cllr Marianne Overton, Vice Chair of the Local Government Association, said: "This report rightly highlights progress in achieving gender balance in local government should be made at a faster pace."

"All parts of local government must be reflective of the communities they represent and drive the level of change required."

"However, as the report also highlights, change will only come about through a mix of support programmes and direct action from political parties to encourage and sustain aspiring female councillors."

"The LGA's 'Be A Councillor' campaign has a

large focus on encouraging women and under-represented groups to engage with and enter politics. We are currently expanding our programme to include female mentors and greater support for young women considering entering local government."

"The LGA is also supporting the Women's Local Government Society's project to celebrate the 2018 centenary of women getting the vote and aims to inspire a new generation of women councillors and civic activists."



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## Health Trainers at Rose Lodge

Health Trainers have been working with Rose Lodge Care Home based at Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe to support the residents to increase their physical and social activity to help improve their health and stimulate their minds.

Health Trainers have delivered an 8 week wellbeing course with the residents which has included chair exercises, arts and crafts, New Age Kurling, sensory gardening, pot planting, singing and a 'Build your own beach' activity.

At the end of the 8 weeks the health trainers wanted to give the residents an opportunity to get out and about for the day. So they arranged a trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium at Tynemouth.

Donna Kelly, Health Trainer said "The group have worked so well together over the weeks and we've seen their health and confidence improve. Everyone had a great time seeing the different sea life creatures and monkeys. We all had lunch in the café and they particularly enjoyed the seal show, where they all got a bit wet! The lovely day was finished off with a sing song and an ice cream on the bus home."

One of the residents said "I really enjoyed going to the aquarium with the Health Trainers I have also enjoyed our 8 weeks of activity especially the singing and musical instruments." Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) deliver this Wellbeing for Life Health Trainer



project that focuses on adult social care clients over the age of 65. They can support people with physical and learning disabilities, dementia or a mental health condition.

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The next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club will take place on Monday, 4th September, at Shildon Civic Hall when Area Demonstrator, Kate Kerr, will entertain with an evening of floral fun entitled 'All Creatures Great and Small'

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Members are reminded that annual subscriptions, £26, are now due and can be collected on the evening.

## KINDNESS DELIVERED AT DEFOE COURT

HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, is celebrating the success of two colleagues, Susan and Isobel Henderson, who received Kindness in Care Awards for the great work that they deliver for Residents on a daily basis. The Kindness in Care Awards programme was launched by HC-One in October 2013 to recognise the efforts of their kindest colleagues, and the impact they have on the lives of Residents and their loved ones. This year, a record breaking 135 Awards were presented to colleagues, volunteers, and whole teams within the family of homes that HC-One operates across the UK.

Both Care Assistant Susan and Head Chef Isobel were nominated by Defoe Court's Home Manager Sarah Todd, who gave a glowing review of both her colleagues, saying that they always go out of their way to go the extra mile to provide the kindest care, with Isobel in particular coming in on her days off to make birthday and celebration cakes for Residents.

Since 2013, over 2,700 HC-One colleagues have been awarded for their commitment to kindness with nominations invited from Residents, relatives, colleagues or visitors to the home.

HC-One aims to be the first-choice care provider in each of its communities for Residents looking for the very best care and support, and the employer of choice for the best, most professional, and kindest care staff, with sector leading career progression opportunities. HC-One consistently invests in staff, and last year was named as a Skills for Care Centre of Excellence, as well as currently celebrating achieving a 9.3 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website [carehome.co.uk](http://carehome.co.uk). This high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector.

HC-One Defoe Court Care Home Manager, Sarah Todd, said:

"We are delighted that both Susan and Isobel have been recognised for their hard work and commitment in providing the kindest care to Defoe Court Residents. It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated colleagues."

HC-One Regional Director, Liam Jennings, said: "The Kindness in Care Awards programme is about recognising and celebrating colleagues who demonstrate the kindest care and the best practice that we can all learn from, and Defoe Court has the privilege of having two such colleagues."

"Each and every day, HC-One staff do incredible work, and make such a difference to the lives of Residents living in our homes. It is great to work with such inspirational, caring and kind people."

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The next phase of a development which is set to bring more than 3,000 jobs and an economic boost of nearly half a billion pounds begins this week.

Durham County Council is to start the next phase of work to expand Aycliffe Business Park – already the largest site of its kind in the region – onto the 52 hectare Forrest Park site in Newton Aycliffe.

The site, for which the Local Enterprise Partnership has provided £13m funding, will it is hoped be the subject of a £140m private sector development including a potential rail freight interchange

It is estimated the site could see the creation of 3,200 jobs and deliver a Gross Value Added (GVA) boost of £495 million over the next twenty years.

Preparatory groundworks began last year. The enabling works are now set to continue with the creation of a new traffic light controlled junction on the A167 – for better access to both the new site and the business park.

Work on the junction and resurfacing of an adjoining stretch of the A167 begins on Thursday night.

The southbound dual carriageway of the road will be resurfaced between its junctions with the B6444 St Andrew's

Way and the A1(M) junction 59 interchange, with that section of road closed to allow the work to take place from 8pm to 6am both Thursday and Friday nights.

Diversions will be in operation via the B6444, the A6072 and the A68, with signs in place to inform drivers.

Leader of the council Cllr Simon Henig said: "The development of the Forrest Park site has the potential to bring thousands more jobs to County Durham and could be worth almost half a billion pounds for our economy. "It's therefore really exciting for

us to be moving onto the next phase of the enabling works with the building of the new junction which will make access to both the site and the business park easier.

"We appreciate there will be some disruption for motorists while this work is carried out but we will do all we can to keep this to a minimum and we'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding in advance." The preparatory works also involve the building of a new internal link road and a power substation.

## Students Off to USA

Four lucky year 11 students from Woodham Academy are on a summer of a lifetime as they have travelled to Camp Cody in New Hampshire, USA as part of the Coach USA programme at Woodham. The students Josh Blackburn, Josef Bedford, Charlotte Lough and Morgan Scott, who were selected from a strict application and interview process will work on the American summer camp for three and half weeks. The group flew out to Boston last Tuesday morning and will stay on the camp with the American children.

Camp Cody is a traditional log cabin style American summer camp set in a stunning lakeside location. The four students will help coach a multitude of sports including traditional American sports as well as a range of exciting water sports on the adjacent Lake Ossipee. The programme at Woodham is believed to be the only one of its kind in the UK for 16 year olds.

Liam Clough, Assistant Headteacher, said "Our students will have an incredible four weeks in America. They have shown fantastic leadership in both school and the community giving them this fabulous opportunity. The life skills that they will develop whilst being away from their families will be invaluable to them in the future".



Josh Blackburn, Josef Bedford, Charlotte Lough and Morgan Scott at Camp Cody, New Hampshire, USA

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# TICKETING OFFICER BRINGS SHOW TO GALA

A ticketing systems officer at Durham's Gala Theatre is looking forward to seeing his own show performed on the venue's stage next month.

Rory Stuart, (pictured) who has worked at Gala for the

last three years, is producing J. M. Barrie's The Twelve Pound Look, an Edwardian comedy from the author most famous for Peter Pan. The play focuses on wealthy English gentleman Harry

Sims, whose domestic bliss is threatened by a hired typist who proves to be an unwelcome blast from his past.

After studying theatre management at university, Rory took time away from his passion, but says losing his father a year ago inspired him to get back to what he loves. "It was a massive wake-up call – life's too short to not do the things you enjoy. It's really given me the energy and determination to get back into producing. I'm hoping The Twelve Pound Look is the first of many productions both at Gala and other venues in the region."

And working at Gala is something he believes will help further his career.

"I'm learning so much about things such as producing, directing and designing that



I'll be able to use in future productions. Everyone at Gala has been really helpful and supportive and it's given me lots of opportunities I'm enjoying being part of. "The Gala feels like it's going through a really exciting time – Educating Rita was well received and we're now producing our own under 5s Christmas show alongside our successful pantomime and starting to become more

of a producing house, which is exactly the kind of venue I want to work in."

The play itself is surprisingly timely considering it was written more than 100 years ago.

"Given our current conversations around gender roles and the pay gap, it seems a particularly good time to revive the piece," added Rory. The show also features Ethan Scott, who recently starred in the sell-out performances of Rent by Gala Theatre Stage School and is set to take his place at Guildford School of Acting later this year, as well as Graham Hornsby, Samantha Phyllis Morris and Viktoria Kay.

The Twelve Pound Look will take place on Friday, 1 September at 7.30pm followed by 2.30pm and 7.30pm performances on Saturday, 2 September. Tickets cost £7 and can be bought by visiting [www.galadurham.co.uk](http://www.galadurham.co.uk) or calling the box office on 03000 266 600.

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They send out mail shots which are confusing to patients as they seem to suggest that the letters have come from either the NHS (they carry the NHS logo) or from the GP practice. Several patients have signed up to this service who were clearly not aware of what they were signing up for until they have presented at a pharmacy looking for their prescription when Pharmacy2U has been nominated by them. Not only is this confusing for patients who have otherwise been perfectly happy with the local service but it is generating waste and workload for the GP practices and the NHS as a whole.

## Mystery Trip

Mystery Trip Sunday 3rd September leaving St. Clare's 9.30am and Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop 9.40am. Cost £10. New Friends New Places Senior Citizens Group invite you to join them on their monthly mystery trip. We have been doing these trips for 9 years and we have never been disappointed. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

# SPEEDING TARGETED ACROSS TWO COUNTIES



Speeding drivers are being targeted as part of a week-long campaign across Cleveland and Durham.

The initiative, aimed at getting motorists to reduce their speed, will see officers from the Forces' joint operations unit working in both marked and unmarked cars to target law-flouting motorists.

The Europe-wide campaign, coordinated by the European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL), will begin today (Monday, August 21) and police will be carrying out additional education and enforcement activity across both force areas.

Chief Inspector Graham Milne, from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU), said: "Driving at 35mph as opposed to 30mph can mean that a vehicle can take a further six metres to come to a stop."

"Speed limits are put in place for a reason and travelling at even just a few miles over the limit can be deadly." In the last 12 months, a total of 20,823 speeding offences were detected in Cleveland and Durham.

C/Insp Milne continued: "That is thousands of lives potentially put at risk because of inconsiderate drivers. "It is heart-breaking to see the devastation caused when our officers have to deliver the news to someone that their loved one has been killed or seriously injured as a result of a collision."

"It is our job to reduce the risk of people being fatally or seriously injured on our roads, and that is why these campaigns are so crucial." This operation follows on from the earlier TISPOL speed campaign in April this year, when in just seven days, 557 drivers were found to be



breaking the speed limits across the two force areas.

The total consisted of 257 recorded by officers out on patrol and 300 caught on equipment used by the unit's safety camera vans.

C/Insp Milne said: "As we're in the summer holidays, children will be out playing which makes it even more pertinent that people keep a close eye on their speed and stick to the limits."

"The faster you are travelling, the less time you have to react to the unexpected."

"Around two thirds of these collisions take place on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less, which are often residential areas where children live."

"Those travelling above the speed limit will face the consequences."

Speeding currently carries a minimum penalty of £100 fine and three penalty points added to your licence. Drivers face disqualification should they build up 12 or more penalty points within a three-year period.

Durham Constabulary Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, said: "This really demonstrates that Durham Constabulary is serious about apprehending speeding drivers who are putting our communities at risk."

"Improving road safety is one of the objectives in my Police, Crime and Victims' Plan. By working together with local communities and partners on initiatives such as Community Speed-watch, we can make our roads a safer place."

Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner, Barry Copping, said: "It is vital that those motorists who flout the law are educated about the serious risks of speeding and the devastation that can be caused to families as a result. "Speeding is one of the major causes of fatal or serious collisions on our roads and I support all campaigns, such as this one, which aims to save lives."

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## Super Shed is Springing-Up!



Newton Aycliffe CREE men are doing a sterling job with their first ever-shed build. The bespoke shed is being erected in the Pioneering Care Centre's garden and it will be great resource for all to use.

PCP's Chief Executive Carol Gaskarth said "The super shed is a great example of what can be achieved when community partners and residents come together. The massive shed will be great resource to help our gardeners and volunteers carry on meeting even in poor weather. Work so far is looking impressive and I can't wait to see the finished result, I even get the honour of putting in the last screw, I have my hard hat ready!"

If you would like to take a look around the garden or want to know more please call Fiona Mawson on 01325 321234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net or pop in for a visit!

## Swim Club News

Representing Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club were Hannah Featherstone, Leah Smith and Niall Coulthard at the ASA National Swimming Championships held at Ponds Forge Sheffield in July/August. Hannah competed in the 100 and 200 and 50 FS, the 200 and 100 Backstroke and the 200 Individual Medley. She made the final in all of the six events, the best results being fourth in the 200 FS, the 200 IM and the 200 Backstroke. Each of the three events were swum in new best times. The results were really pleasing as training leading up to the Nationals had to take second place to her preparation for her A Levels. Hannah is to continue her swimming career at Stirling University and every one in the club wishes her continued success. Niall and Leah were competing for the first time at National level following a successful year at County and Regional level. Niall competed in the 200 Freestyle and Leah in the 50 Breaststroke. Both swimmers achieved new best times Niall coming seventh in the final and Leah was reserve finalist. Training resumes on Tuesday, 29th August

## Birthday Remembrance

### Julie Reed

19th August 1974

They say there is a reason, They say time will heal, Neither time or reason, Will change the way we feel. Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memories will never close, We miss you more than anyone knows. Love and miss you everyday, till we all meet again xx. Love, Dad, Steven, Lara and families x

## Young People Urged to Speak Out About Mental Health

YHA's ambassador and young adventurer Alex Staniforth is urging young people in County Durham to speak out about their mental health issues, tell someone they trust and seek help. His advice follows his completion of an epic 72-day, 5,000 mile challenge - #ClimbTheUK, which involved him climbing the highest points in all of the UK's 100 counties, including Mickle Fell in County Durham, to raise awareness of young people's mental health as well as raise more than £22,000 for the mental health charity YoungMinds. #ClimbTheUK, which involved him travelling more than 5,000 miles on foot, by bike and in a kayak, stretched Alex's limits physically and mentally. He described the challenge as his 'new Everest'. Alex has already attempted to reach the peak of Everest twice, only to be thwarted by Mother Nature in the shape of avalanches, the second of which two years ago killed three of his colleagues. YoungMinds UK, the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people, is particularly close to Alex's heart as he has suffered from mental health issues since he was a boy. He was diagnosed with

epilepsy when he was nine and has also had to overcome a bad stammer, panic attacks, anxiety, depression, low self-confidence, bullying and low self-esteem and eating disorders which the condition triggered. Alex said: "Mental illness is the hardest thing I've ever had to deal with - far more difficult than climbing Everest. Everyone has their own mountain to climb and my big message over the last few months has been that if you're suffering from mental

health issues, please speak out, tell someone you trust, visit the Young Minds website and seek help - it's not a sign of weakness. Talking about it is a sign of strength." As part of his challenge Alex was supported by leading youth charity YHA (England and Wales) which provided accommodation at Youth Hostels throughout the challenge, including YHA Langdale in Ambleside. To donate to Young Minds, please visit [www.justgiving.com/climbtheuk](http://www.justgiving.com/climbtheuk)

## Congratulations

### Maxine & Eddie



50th Wedding Anniversary  
26th August

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### Chloe Beal



Happy 21st Birthday  
26th August 2017

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26th August 2016

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### Andrew Mitchell



Happy 50th Birthday

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to a great Son and Son-in-Law. Lots of love, Mam and Evelyn xxx

## Births

### "Cerys"



Congratulations

to Chez Walbey and Stephen Thompson on the birth your beautiful little girl "Cerys". Love from Nikita and Dad xxx

Congratulations

Welcome to the world beautiful little one! Lots of love, Carrie and Sebastian xxxxx

LAURA McGRATH 30th August 2017. Happy birthday. Love from Jane and Bryan Parsonage x  
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AURORA JONES Happy 1st birthday to our gorgeous Granddaughter on 22nd August. Enjoy your party! Love from Grandma and Grandad Jones  
GILL DIXON Wishing a happy 60th birthday to my Wife Gill on 23rd August. Hope you have a great day. From your loving Husband Geoff xxx  
GILL DIXON Happy 60th birthday Mam. Have a great day. Lots of love, Michael and Becca xxx  
GILL DIXON Happy 60th birthday to my Daughter Gill. Hope you have a lovely day. Love, Mam xxx  
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## Well Done

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## Obituary

JACK CARTER. Peacefully on 21st August, after a long illness. A devoted and loving Husband of Mavis and a treasured Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Requiem Mass to be held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 29th August at 12.30pm followed by burial at Stephenson Way. "Always Remembered".

THOMPSON, Margaret Rose 27th August 2017. Birthday wishes I send today, to a star in the sky, not far away. Engraved in gold on a cloud above, just for you Mam with all my love xx  
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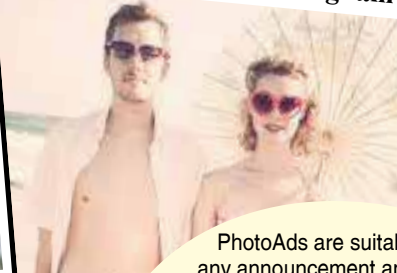


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## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Susan Clark and Trish Kay with their category prizes

Three runners from Aycliffe Running Club participated in the Ray Harrison Memorial 10k Road Race at Billingham on Sunday 20th August. It was a bright and breezy day. Although the route was the same as in previous years it started and finished at a different venue, Billingham Rugby Club. Trish Kay was first home for the club in 49:27, placing her first in her category of female over 55. She was followed by Mick Brunskill in 51:51 and Susan Clark finished in 1:03:16, placing her 2nd in her category of female over 60.

## N.A.F.C. REPORT

**Saturday 19th August**  
**Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round**  
**Albion Sports 2 v Newton Aycliffe 1**



Aycliffe went out of the FA Cup 2-1 in the Preliminary Round away to Albion Sports at Farsley, Leeds. Aycliffe played against a very strong wind in the first half, but as early as the first minute Craig Hutchinson had a shot saved in by home goalkeeper Lofthouse. Albion then had the ball in the net from a corner, but the effort was ruled out for an foul. Lofthouse then made another good stop from Hutchinson. Albion went ahead in the 16th minute when a looping ball over the top found Omar Habeeb, who slotted it past Aycliffe keeper Jack McLaren. Albion gained confidence from the goal and gained the ascendancy. They went further ahead on 39 minutes, when Grant Hickman got caught on the goal line and the ball was crossed or Danny Facey to score. HT 2-0.

Aycliffe made two half-time substitutions to try and rescue the game, with Matty Pennal and Josh Gray replacing Sean Tarling &

Kurt Matthews. Aycliffe were the better team in the second half, but struggled to find a breakthrough. Marc Costello came on for Craig Hutchinson on the hour, to give further attacking options. On 67 minutes, following a good team move, Pennal hit a tremendous shot against the crossbar and one sensed it wasn't to be Aycliffe's day. That proved to be correct, as Pennal was then tripped just inside the box on 74 minutes, but the referee decided that it was just outside and awarded a free kick. They did get back into the game with eight minutes to go, when Andrew Grant-Soulsby headed in powerfully from a corner. Aycliffe went for the equaliser, but to no avail. FT 2-1. Attendance: 75. MOTM: Aaron Brown. Bank Holiday weekend sees two games: Penrith visit Moore Lane on Saturday 26th August (KO 3pm) and then Aycliffe travel to Marske on Monday 28th August (KO 1pm)

## Aycliffe C.C.

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store lost a very close game by just one wicket at home to Bedale 1st team in the 2nd division of the NYSD. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored a below par 142 all out after 42 overs. Luke Telford (sponsored by Pheonix Energy) top scored with an excellent 51, his highest score of the season, Chris Palmer also batted well scoring his seasonal best score of 45 and Graham Telford chipped in with a useful 10 runs near the end of the Aycliffe innings. In reply, the Aycliffe bowlers made the visitors fight all the way through their innings thanks to good performances from Michael Howe (3 for 35), Jack Slatcher (2 for 22) and Luke Telford (2 for 24), but in a tense finale, they eventually reached their winning target after 33.4 overs with their last wicket pair at the crease.

The 2nd team were well beaten by 157 runs away at promotion hopefuls Maltby 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. The homeseide chose to bat first and scored a challenging 205 for 9 in their 50 overs despite some good bowling from Neil Bancroft (4 for 30) and Stephen Sweeney (2 for 30) and backed up by four outstanding catches in the deep by 17 year old Ryan Patrick, a feat which equals the club 2nd team record for most catches in a match by an outfield player. In reply, Aycliffe had a disaster as they were skittled for just 48 after only 18.1 overs with

only three players reaching double figures in the Aycliffe innings, Dylan Tribbley (13 runs), Dan Weldon (11 runs) and Adam Cayless (10 runs). The club have one final soft ball cricket session for the 5 to 11 age group on

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