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Living Appeal to Build on Armstrong Close Dismissed!



This appeal decision has been reached and it's good news for residents. The Planning Inspector dismissed the appeal by Living to demolish 12 garages and construct 5 dwellings at Armstrong Close. The main reason for dismissal was 'that it would not be in character and appearance of the area' GANP Policy CH3. As the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan has been approved at referendum it now forms part of the statutory decision making process to determine planning applications within the Parish of Great Aycliffe and the Inspector took this into consideration during his assessment of the appeal.

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan was referenced throughout the appeal decision notice. Whilst it was disappointing the Inspector felt some policies in particular GANP Policy T1 which seeks to ensure that new developments do not result in additional on-street parking or have an unacceptable adverse impact on the character of the area was being met by the proposal, it was pleasing that significant weight had been given to the GANP overall. The Inspector also noted there would be some small scale economic benefits arising from the proposal and a small social benefit from the provision of additional housing, but the benefits did not outweigh the adverse impact on the area. Although national planning

policy is in favour of sustainable development the Inspector found the proposal would conflict with Policy L5 of the Local Plan (existing Durham County Council plan) and Policy CH3 (which aims to protect the existing amenity open spaces and recreational areas) of the GANP. Although developing the GANP was a lengthy process this proves it was worth the hard work. Thanks to everyone who took the time

to help prepare the document. This was 'people power' at its best, from anyone who took the time to comment to the residents of Armstrong Close who undertook an effective and vocal campaign against the development, your voices were heard. Hopefully this will now set the precedent for similar proposals that may come forward in the future.
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Work Starts Soon on New Vane Road School



Our Ace “Reader Photographer”, John Williamson took this shot of ground testing work for the new Vane Road School where work starts on 18th September taking over a year to complete.

Film Show

The “Feel Good Film Show” at St Clare’s Church on Tuesday 5th September features the musical romantic comedy “You Were Never Lovelier” Starring Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth, music by Jerome Kern, lyrics by Johnny Mercer and latin, tap and American swing dancing; a great film with plenty of romance, comedy, song and dance. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. 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.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Woodham Academy’s very own ‘Magnificent Seven’ have helped the school achieve its best-ever GCSE results.

Seven students achieved A and A* grades in eight or more subjects, despite the introduction of tougher exams this year. Overall, the school recorded the best results in its history, with students of all abilities making excellent progress at Woodham.

Headteacher Christine Forsyth said: “The exceptional results achieved by all seven outstanding students mean that they are in a position to go on to study at top universities and achieve even greater things. Their results are due to their hard work and are thoroughly deserved.

“Students of all abilities have made excellent progress during their time at Woodham Academy and everyone should feel very proud of this year’s results, which are the best ever at our school.”

The proportion of students at Woodham achieving a ‘good’ pass is well above the



(L-R) Jasmeen Vasey, James Knowlson, Matthew Beddard, Josef Bedford, Lisa Robinson, Josh Blackburn and Aimee Laycock

average for the county and progress made at the school by students of all abilities is well above the national average.

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NEW CUSTOMER MANAGER AT TESCO'S

Newton News would like to welcome Aaron Elliott (28) who is the new Customer Experience Manager. Aaron was previously the People Manager (HR) in the Newton Aycliffe store and has worked for Tesco's since leaving school at 16.

Aaron has worked his way through from the checkout to his new position and looks forward to meeting customers who shop in store and working with local community groups and organisations.

Every couple of months Tesco give away the money made from carrier bags to local not for profit organisations. Grants of £4000, £2000 and £1000 are available and can be applied for or nominated at www.tesco.com/carrier-bags - Aaron would like more local community organisations to apply for the available funding through the “Bags of Help” scheme.

Six members of staff from the Tesco store are also joining the “Great Tesco Walk”, which is a countrywide effort walking in stages from Lands End to John O’Groats. The six staff will walk from



Stockton to Chester-le-Street, a total of 49k. This is a fundraising challenge in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Diabetes UK and will take place on Friday 22nd September and staff will be fundraising in store that weekend. There will also be a hot dog and tombola stall to boost the funds. You can also give via JustGiving at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teamtescoaycliffe

Forthcoming Events

*** YOUTH CENTRE REUNION ***
Saturday 16th September - Admission £5
with Richard Searling

APOLOGY
I would like to apologise to Geoff Miller for advertising incorrect details for the above event last week.
The event is sold out, no admission without a ticket.
Jack Hall

“Another Crisis”
Saturday 9th September - Admission £4

Tuesday 5th September - 7-9pm
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Graham then went on to do recordings with John Miles and Terry Slessor. He then joined “Eric Bell’s Thin Lizzy” as lead guitarist comfortably performing all their hits throughout Europe. In 2002 Graham was inducted into the Monsters of Rock alongside Stevie Nicks on keyboards where he could really show his talents as a ‘Rock God’ performing the world’s greatest rock songs to massive audiences throughout Europe. In 2009 Graham joined The UK Legends performing his first gig with the band on stage in front of thousands of fans alongside Alan Silson Ex Smokie original guitarist.

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Layla Belle was in Newton News a few weeks ago as she was in the running to win a pageant as Mini Miss Durham representing our County. There was some adverse press coverage criticising her Mum for over sexualising a young girl. Layla won the pageant and is now "Mini Miss British Empire". She is going to India in September to represent the UK in "Junior Model International". Layla Belle is 7 years old and her ambition is to be famous, modelling and dancing. She also wants to make money so she can help people less fortunate. She is one of the first kids in her area to make friends with the Syrian refugee children, even learning some Arabic. Layla Belle

wants to travel the world and make a difference. Her Mum Penny was happy about the media coverage and thinks the hate mail received has been hilarious. She told Newton News: "Layla Belle does wear make-up and fake tan but it is wrong for people to judge her on her looks rather than what's in her heart." Layla's title was based on catwalk modelling, talent and what she planned to do within her community. It's not just all about looks, and is much deeper than that. She was very proud to represent Newton Aycliffe and County Durham. She needs funding and has nearly hit her target but the link is <https://www.gofundme.com/2wf8c4c> if anyone wishes to help.



WHAT'S ON AT GREENFIELD ARTS GALLERY

As we begin our Autumn programme of events we look to what wonders are coming soon from The Greenfield Gallery.

Our latest exhibition 'In and Around Town' by Mike Connell will open on Thursday 7th September with a preview event on Wednesday 6th September 6pm to 8pm. The work on show depicts life in and around Newton Aycliffe. Mike describes his style as realistic but characterful and is based on his own observation and experience.

Accompanying the exhibition is memorabilia and personal artefacts from Mike's childhood growing up in Newton Aycliffe during the 50's and 60's, including items his parents received as some of the first families to move to the New Town. This exhibition highlights the importance of art as a form of expression for people of all walks of life, offering a creative space where visitors can experience personal accounts of Newton Aycliffe's local history.

We then welcome Neida Pearson with her exhibition 'World within a World', running through October. Her work is an exploration into another world, one that only exists in her imagination. Her studies of colour and pattern have become the language of her paintings leaving the viewer to the task of translation. Neida uses pen, ink,

watercolour and gouache, to create some truly wonderful effects.

Finally, to accompany this year's group art exhibition by Interface Arts in November and December, we are hosting a professional art and craft fair, showcasing the work of the centre and local artists. We are therefore inviting applications from potential stall holders for the event, held in December – this can be handmade, or hand designed items, gifts or examples of larger works, as well as artisan food items. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to highlight the talent and creativity of our

local crafters and artists, with a chance for some Christmas shopping for those who attend the event. If you are happy to demonstrate your craft at your table as well this would be a plus! Tables will cost £10.00, for further information or to request a booking form please contact us.

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What are the changes? Some properties will experience a change in collection day, while some will see a change to their rubbish/recycling week. Other properties will have a change to both the day and cycle week.

The change only applies to rubbish and recycling collections. Garden waste (Council and Rotters' scheme) is not affected.

Residents are advised to continue to place their bins out for collection on their normal collection day until the changeover takes place during week starting 9th October. If you have any further queries please contact Zara, Andrew or Claire from the refuse and recycling team on 03000 262660.

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Newtonian President of Durham Rugby Union

John S. Denham from Newton Aycliffe has been appointed President of the Durham County Rugby Football Union for Season 2017-18.

Born 1946, in Bannockburn near Stirling, Scotland, he lived briefly in Darlington. John moved onto the new town in September 1951, with his family moving into a new house in Lee Green. His father was employed by ENV, which later was taken over by Eaton Yale and Towne. His mother Chris was for many years, the receptionist in Jacques the Hairdressers, one of the first shops in the Town Centre. He attended the town's first school, held in the Bede Crescent flats and can remember sitting listening to the funeral of King George VI and watching the 'Blue Bridge' being constructed. He was transferred to the new Sugar Hill School when completed.

In September 1958 he attended Durham Johnston Grammar Technical School, where his great interest and career in Rugby Union began. He played in each year and in 1964, was selected for the Durham County Schools' Under 19's.

Aged 11, John joined the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Cadets which met in the building next to Clarence Hall in Finchale Road. During this time, he attained his Grand Prior's badge, the highest award possible in the cadets and was promoted to sergeant. He joined, the Boys' Club, which was then across the road from the fire station, where the Magistrates' Court now stands, John completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold sections of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme followed by A visit to Holyrood Palace, to meet the Duke and receive his award.

In 1965, he was selected to play for the England Boys' Clubs against the Wales Boys' Club, playing twice at the Gnoll, Neath and the Franklin's Gardens, Northampton.

Aged 15, John took a paper round, working for Forbuys of Simpasture Gate. After two years he became the head lad helping in the shop.

As a child, he attended Sunday School run by the Methodist Church, first in the small wooden hut in Simpasture Gate, then in the Clarence Hall and the wooden Beveridge Hall, before moving into the new premises at Neville Parade. He now attends Xcel Church, on the Aycliffe Business Park.

His Teacher Training began in 1966 at Neville's Cross College and whilst there John met Pauline McLauchlan from Seaham. On leaving college, they were married at the Elvet Methodist Church in Durham City in August 1969. They first lived in Washington Crescent, but in 2008, moved to a bungalow in Woodham.

John began his teaching career in 1969 at the Shildon Boys' Secondary School, moving to the Junior School in 1971. When the Juniors and nearby Infant School were combined to form a primary school in 1982, John was appointed

Deputy Headteacher. In 1988, he was appointed Headteacher of Ferryhill Dean Bank Primary School and retired in August 2003.

Pauline began teaching at Woodham Burn Junior School. After leaving to have the children, taught part time before taking a full-time post at St. Francis' C of E Junior School, from where she retired as Deputy Headteacher in 2002.

From 1974 to 1977, John was secretary of both the Aycliffe Association of the NASUWT and the Newton Aycliffe's Trades Council. He was a Governor of Vane Road Primary School from 1985 till 1989, and since then has been a Governor of Woodham Academy.

They have three sons, John, Christopher, and Andrew. Each of the boys attended Vane Road Primary School and Woodham Comprehensive, before going on to university.

On leaving school, John joined Durham City RFC, playing there until he suffered a knee injury in 1976. Unable to play, he joined the DCRFU Referees' Society and refereed his first match in January 1977. In 1986, he was appointed to the RFU National Panel of Referees for four seasons. For season 1990-91 he joined the Border Referees' Society refereeing out of the Jedthistle Club in Jedburgh. He was then appointed to SRU National Panel of referees for four seasons.

On returning to officiate in England, he was appointed to the RFU National Panel of Assistant Referees for two seasons. He then qualified as Referee Coach and in 2004 was appointed to the RFU National Panel of Referee Coaches for four seasons. Before and after this appointment, he was coaching for the North Group. Since July 1999 he has been the Secretary of the Referees Society and a representative to the DCRFU General Committee. In September 2011, he was awarded Life Membership of the Society in recognition of his many years of service. In July 2011 John was also appointed secretary of the DCRFU General Committee. On 11th July 2017, John was installed as President of the Durham County Rugby Football Union for Season 2017-18.



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Development Officer Paul Atkinson said, "We've a lot of people in the county getting into financial difficulty because they are tied into high interest borrowing, unable to get a loan from the banks or have little or no money set aside; and we're talking about people who have good jobs in many cases, and not just those on very low incomes. Saving doesn't need to be that difficult, most of could save a little, especially if we are working, and when employers offer their staff a savings scheme it makes it much easier. The uptake is good (around 30%), and that is because people find it a bit easier to save straight from their wages than they do trying to save alone. The scheme costs the business nothing, and it involves very little work on their behalf. When staff sign up to the salary saving scheme they can save as much or as little as they want; it is about developing the savings habit and passing on the experience to others. The staff saving scheme is provided by NEFirst, the project's Credit Union partner. NEFirst are regulated by the Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority, they are the largest Credit Union in the Northeast run by over 200 staff and volunteers. Helping staff to create and build their own financial safety net can contribute significantly to better mental health and can lead to a much healthier and motivated workforce. The 'Better Health at Work Award' an initiative from Public Health, has recognised that financial wellbeing can be just as important as physical wellbeing, and have now embedded the salary saving scheme into their business

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Durham Savers is a County Council led project to develop a savings culture. Recent data from the Office of National Statistics have told us that 50% of the population have less than £100 in savings, so the dependence on credit has never been higher. The use of high cost credit is costing the region millions of pounds every year. Helping people save regularly and borrow fairly are the main aims of the project.

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About the Credit Union?

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Finley Completes Contract at £30m Durham City Development

Finley Structures has completed a 1,100-tonne project which will help to rejuvenate Durham City. The Newton Aycliffe family-run business was awarded a contract from Sir Robert McAlpine to work on a retail and entertainment complex as part of the multi-million pound Durham Gates redevelopment.

The contract came as a personal victory for Finley's founder and managing director John Finley, (photo right) as it's the first project he has won in his home city after nearly 40 years in the construction industry. John who's originally from Esh Winning, says he's personally delighted to have won it.



He said: "Even going back to my original steel erecting days in the late 1970s I'd

never worked on a project in the city. Since starting out in business in 1981 that pattern has continued, despite many student accommodation projects being carried out around the city in recent years. So to have finally won a contract in Durham City is very much a personal victory for me and the company and we're naturally delighted." Finley's part of the project was to fabricate and erect the steel on top of an existing concrete structure. The firm started on-site at Durham earlier this year and has recently finished. John added: "It's a transfer structure, with a new steel frame that sits on top of that, so it's quite a challenge. Building up into fresh air is straight forward, but fixing down into existing concrete structures is always much more complex. It's a good local project we're all excited to be involved with, and we're working with main contractor Sir Robert McAlpine, with whom we have a long-standing partnership." With a 445-bed student accommodation unit, a six-screen Odeon cinema and half a dozen bars and restaurants, the riverside area will be transformed by 2018. It's part of three major contracts across the city which represent a £195m investment. The developments will bring a huge range of choice for County Durham foodies, with restaurants including Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Bar and Grill, Handmade Burger Co and Caribbean restaurant Turtle Bay all set to open there eventually. The two-storey glass fronted building will take in views across the river wear of the castle and the Cathedral. Riverwalk is set to open in two stages in 2018 and be completed by that summer.

BRAVE TERRORIST VICTIMS WIN IN FACE OF ADVERSITY

Two Woodham Academy students are celebrating success in exams sat just days after they were wounded in the Manchester terrorist attacks.

Millie Robson and Laura Anderson took their GCSE English exams at home while they were still recovering from their injuries.

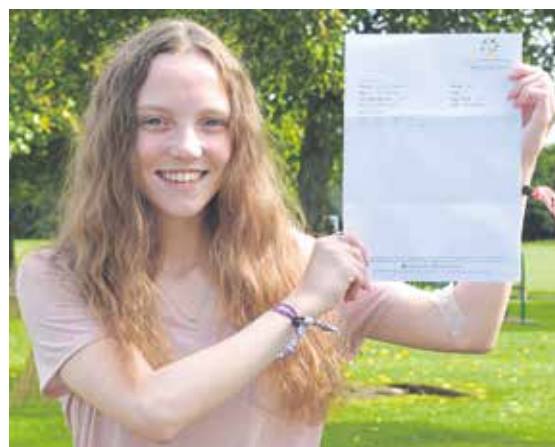
The friends were leaving the Ariane Grande concert at the Manchester Arena on May 22 when they were hit by shrapnel from the explosion. But the year 10 students were determined to sit their exams and last week received excellent grades.

Millie, who left hospital just three days before taking her exam at home: "I was really determined to do the exam. I did it with the invigilator sat in the corner. It was a lot less stressful than it would have been in the hall."

Millie came into school to collect her result, while Laura received her's while on holiday in Spain. Laura said: "I didn't think twice about doing the exam. I wanted to get on with it and I'm really glad that I did - I'm really happy with the result."

Woodham Headteacher Christine Forsyth said: "We are very proud of them both. Their determination to excel in the face of adversity is a shining example to the rest of the school community."

Overall, Woodham Academy's GCSE results



Millie Robson with her results, and Laura Anderson (right), who received the good news while on holiday in Spain.



are the best in the school's introduction of tougher history, despite the new exams this year.

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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.

More people are needed to serve as Treasurer and Secretary and sit on the Committee. If we don't get enough people the Association cannot go ahead.

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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Budding Aycliffe Artist



Eight year old Sam Heath is showing great artistic talent and recently came third in Sugar Hill School's Talent Competition. He is shown here sketching his mother Penny at their home in Merz Road. Sam has been drawing since he was 3 years old and always has a pad in his hand. We wish him well and hope he continues to enjoy and enhance his skill.

Red Hot Jazz Date



Darlington's jazz lovers are in for a treat when fantastic pianist, good time vocalist and all round performer Jeff Barnhart pays a return visit to the town on Saturday 2nd September, at St Augustine's Parish Centre.

Jeff will be the guest of Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club and he'll have people on the edge of their seats as he brings his larger-than-life personality to performances of tunes familiar and obscure. He'll be performing along with the other members of the Mr Men Quartet - Keith Stephen and Bruce Rollo, plus one of last year's best loved visitors to the club, reedsman John Hallam.

"America-based Jeff loves to visit our club whenever he can fit us into his European tour lists" said Ray Sams, co-founder of Darlington new Orleans Jazz Club. "He always says our venue - St Augustine's Parish Centre - is the best smaller hall he performs in, and loves the reception the audience gives him."

"Jeff Barnhart is an internationally renowned pianist, vocalist, arranger, bandleader, and entertainer" added co-founder Graham Foster. "He averages 40 weeks a year on the road, bringing his music to all corners of the globe. One of his close friends is partnering him at our gig - world class reedsman John Hallam, a frequent visitor to the Club".

Ray and Graham are urging people to arrive early to get good seats - it's expected to be another capacity audience for the club. Entry to the gig is just £10 on the door, and children 15 and under go free. Darlington

for Culture members are eligible for discounted entry on production of their membership card. There's a licensed bar; tea and coffee is available; and everyone is very welcome to bring their own food along for a picnic whilst the band is entertaining.

There's the added benefit of plenty of free on site car parking. St Augustine's Parish Centre just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk or contact Ray Sams ray@darlingtonjazz.co.uk 07860 368022 Graham Foster graham@darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Coming up next: The ever-popular New Century Ragtime Orchestra is back on Saturday 7 October, bringing a big band sound to the lunchtime gig. There'll be ragtime entertainment, banter, virtuoso group performances and some stunning solos from the Tyneside-based band. It'll be a packed house as well as a big band, so make sure you arrive early to secure a seat. You'd better get ready to boogie - the Red Stripe Band is coming back to the Club on Saturday 4 November. Red Stripe and his band have been stomping their boogie-woogie rhythms now for over 20 years and have played all over the world from Monte Carlo to Tokyo and New York to Milan. The band has a great time wherever it goes - infectious energy filling the venue with on and off stage antics, plus world class live music of course. All sessions start at 12.30, doors open from noon.

Detection Dogs Highlight Dangers of Illegal Tobacco

The dangers of illegal tobacco are being highlighted at a series of roadshows in County Durham over the coming weeks.

Illegal tobacco - tobacco that has been smuggled into the UK, bootlegged (duty free) or fake - is common in communities across the north of England but has serious consequences, including making it easier for children to smoke.

Other effects include bringing crime into the community, with criminals selling illegal tobacco and using the profits to launder money, as well as it increasing the availability of cheap tobacco products which can have a damaging effect on Stop Smoking Services.

The sales also harm legitimate retailers and the public purse.

The roadshows aim to raise awareness of these issues and encourage anyone with information about sellers of illicit tobacco to report it.

The events will be held on:

Thursday 31st August:

Market Place, Durham, 10am to 4pm

Friday 1st September:

Market Place, Chester-le-Street, 10am to 4pm

The County Durham Tobacco Control Alliance, a multi-agency partnership with the aim of reducing smoking prevalence in the county, has teamed up with B.W.Y Canine Ltd to host the roadshow events.

Their detection dogs will demonstrate their amazing sniffing skills whilst officers will be on hand to offer help and advice to those who wish to quit smoking as well as educating people on the risks associated with illicit tobacco and the harm caused by "tab houses" in the area.

Owen Cleugh, Durham County Council's consumer protection manager, said: "Research shows that 79 per cent of the public would welcome a crackdown on illegal tobacco and we are committed to tackling this crime and highlighting the dangers of this offence.

"This is not a victimless crime and we are continuing our work to rid the supply of illicit tobacco at all levels of the supply chain and



break the cycle of addiction in our communities. "Those found guilty of supplying counterfeit tobacco can face up to ten years in jail, unlimited fines and their assets being seized via proceeds of crime action."

Earlier this month, a 70-year-old man was handed a suspended prison sentence and left more than £9,000 out of pocket for selling counterfeit cigarettes from his home.

As part of an undercover operation, Durham County Council trading standards officers posed as customers to purchase cigarettes from James Simpson from Hawthorn Square in Seaham.

And last November, more than 27,000 cigarettes without appropriate health warnings were found at an off-licence in Blackhall Colliery after a sniffer dog led officers to the room in which they were kept, leading to a £1,800 fine for shopkeeper Kamran Adil, 45, from Halterburn Close in Gosforth.

To report illegal tobacco call the Illegal Tobacco Reporting Line on 0300 999 0000 or use the Keep It Out reporting form (<http://keep-it-out.co.uk/anonymous-reporting/>)

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HITACHI RAIL TAKES ON DCC SHOWCASE INVESTMENTS NEW TRAINEES

Train building apprentices and graduates are to start at Newton Aycliffe next week as part of a national training programme. Hitachi Rail's new apprentice and graduate programmes will see the company double their number of trainees to over 100 across the UK.

Newton Aycliffe will employ four apprentices and two graduates every year to work on train manufacturing projects following the success of the current scheme at the site which include technical and manufacturing apprentices.

The new apprentices will attend Middlesbrough College as they start to study for their Level 3 in a Mechanical or Electrical BTEC qualification.

New trainees to work on pioneering new trains. The 100 trainees to work on Hitachi's new trains include both apprentices and graduate engineers.

Hitachi Rail has begun to recruit 46 new apprentices over the next two years to work at their manufacturing and maintenance sites.

The new national apprenticeship programme follows the success of 54 train manufacturing apprentices currently at Newton Aycliffe. Apprentices at the manufacturing facility in the North East will join a 1000 strong workforce building intercity and commuter trains. Apprentices will also be employed at train maintenance depots across the UK.

Hitachi has recently invested over £250million in building a new network of depots as part of delivering the Government's Intercity Express Programme. Apprentices will learn how to inspect and ready trains for passenger service using the latest industry technology. The level 3 apprenticeships will last up to three years.



A new intake of 10 graduates will also join Hitachi Rail's trainee programme. Graduate engineers will rotate around sites in the UK, including Newton Aycliffe. They will work with colleagues in Japan on train designs as well as bringing engineering expertise to depots.

Building a new generation of rail workers

The trainee programmes are part of Hitachi's wider plans to create a new generation of rail workers. Hitachi aims to have at least 5% of its workforce in an entry level training scheme, such as an apprenticeship or graduate programme.

The company has already co-founded a new university technical college in the North East, UTC South Durham, which opened last year. Hitachi's Newton Aycliffe site, based in the same business park as the college, works closely with the students on engineering projects. Hitachi Rail in the UK will soon employ over 2,000 people across 15 locations. To ensure the delivery of current and future rail projects, Hitachi is building a long-term workforce with a rich array of engineering

and manufacturing skills.

Ross Nagle, Chief Operating Officer for manufacturing at Hitachi Rail said:

"Our new trainees will have the exciting opportunity to build pioneering trains as part of a successful team. All new starters at Newton Aycliffe will be embedded into our culture of excellence; ensuring passengers receive the very highest quality of train."

"The apprentices we took on last year are busy building trains which will run the length and breadth of the country. These young people are dedicated and passionate about their work, and watching their career progression has been very satisfying. We now look forward to our new trainees following in their footsteps"

Skills Minister John Hayes MP said: "Having championed vocational skills and apprenticeships as both a Minister and MP, I am delighted Hitachi Rail has launched a new national apprentice and graduate programme. Investing in skills will help Hitachi and those they train to prosper. For all of us, creating a high skilled workforce is vital to building productive capacity and so help build Britain's future."

"The work my department is now doing to map the needs of the transport sector shows our country needs 35,000 apprenticeship starters in roads and rail projects to 2022 and we are on track to meet that need."

Minister to be shown Durham's innovative approach that will deliver the spirit of the Northern Powerhouse by becoming a hub for companies integrating materials into game-changing products that transform lives

Durham County Council ("DCC") and its economic development company Business Durham, welcome Jake Berry MP, the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth Minister, on his first official visit to County Durham. They look forward to showcasing the successful investment made in regenerating large parts of Durham City in partnership with the private sector. They will also showcase the innovative steps taken at its North East Technology Park (NETPark) whose aim is to become a hub for companies that are focused on making game-changing products that transform lives.

"We are pleased to welcome the Minister on his first official visit to our county. Durham is a vibrant and dynamic destination that has seen its business landscape change in the past few years, with global corporations such as Hitachi Rail Europe establishing and expanding their operations. We also have a proven track record in providing the right climate for ground-breaking small businesses that are at the forefront of innovation across the space and light industries"

said Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council. "We welcome the opportunity to discuss how the Minister and the government will continue to support us in this important work ensuring we can play our full part within their Northern Powerhouse vision."

Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, and Sarah Slaven, Interim Managing Director

of Business Durham, look forward to meeting the Minister and sharing with him how they are delivering on their vision of making County Durham a natural partner of choice for businesses that want to grow. Highlights of their presentation to the Minister include:

- How DCC works in partnership with the private sector – using its covenant, land and spending power – to offer pragmatic solutions for businesses, such as de-risking the building of the Freemans Reach project which resulted in the safeguarding of 1,200 jobs at National Savings and Investments Ltd and HM Passport Office

- Showcasing the Milburngate House redevelopment, which is expected to provide the opportunity for c. £160 million of inward investment, and lead to the creation of more than 1,000 full-time jobs and 650 construction jobs

- How Business Durham facilitated the location of Atom Bank, the UK's latest full service bank, at Aykley Heads, and then purchased Salvus House in Aykley Heads as a space for start-ups

- The establishment of NETPark as an internationally acclaimed location for science and technology companies, which provides a dynamic and supportive environment to accelerate the growth of ambitious, innovative high tech companies into global markets

- How DCC is working in partnership with Durham University as it embarks on plans that will see significant investment in teaching and research infrastructure in Durham over the next 10 years

In addition to the above,

CELEBRATE HARVEST

A new style All- Age Harvest Praise Family Service will be happening for the first time on Sunday September 10th at 10am, St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Come along and celebrate the Harvest with time for thanksgiving and reflection.

Hear about Frank - a pea farmer from Malawi and remind ourselves that by all doing a little bit to help - we can make a difference. You are invited to contribute to the Harvest Collection by way of bringing along a tin, packet or jar that will be donated to our on-site Foodbank. Refreshments will be served after the service and everyone is warmly invited to join us.

All- age Family Worship will continue at St. Clare's following the pattern of the second Sunday in the month. More about MESSY CHURCH HARVEST next week, which will be on Saturday 16th September @ 4pm.

the Minister will hear how Business Durham has built a track record of providing tangible solutions and innovatively using its resources, such as the setting up of a £20m investment fund and NETPark, and nurturing the Durham Smart County project, an open innovation programme placing societal challenges at the heart of the County's sector development strategy with a particular focus on Health and Space.

Sarah Slaven, Interim Managing Director of Business Durham, said: "We have approximately 12,000 businesses in the County and the largest industrial estate in the North East. This has not happened by accident. We have been innovative in our approach and used our funds, the North East LEP Local Growth Fund and collaborated with the private sector. We are also the only Council in the North East to create our own VC fund. I hope the Minister recognises our achievements to date and buys into our vision that by

2025 we will become a hub for companies that develop game-changing products that transform our lives."

Helen Golightly, Executive Director of the North East LEP, commented: "In our Strategic Economic Plan, we set out our ambition to create 100,000 more and better jobs in the North East economy by 2024. Mr Berry's visit is a fantastic opportunity to show, in practical terms, how this is being achieved through investment and focus on activities that will help businesses grow."

"We recognised that NETPark has huge potential to create and accelerate innovative businesses. We have invested over £15m in the Park for facilities and infrastructure and look forward to seeing tenants flourishing and contributing to our region's growth. The North East is committed to being a key contributor to the Northern Powerhouse and rebalancing the UK economy, and we are pleased to welcome Mr Berry to demonstrate this."



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CAKE COMPETITION

On Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th September, Bishop Auckland is hosting it's annual Horticultural Show at the Town Hall.

Next door, St Anne's Church is hosting "Encounters with Hope" a free event featuring a photography display, prayer spaces, music, dance and poetry as well as a delicious cupcake stall.

There is also a Cake Decorating Competition and readers are invited to show their artistic and creative cakey flair by decorating cupcakes or a cake in the theme of gardening, fruits, flowers and vegetables to tie in with the Horticultural Show.

Categories: Primary School aged children - four decorated cupcakes. Secondary School and Youth four decorated cupcakes or a decorated cake Adults/Family Decorated cake (no more than 12 x 12 inches)



Only £1 for children and youth entries and £2 for adult/family entries. Charlie Scott-King from Newton Aycliffe is the Administrator and requests you book by 16th September. For more details email: Regenerate.Bishop Auckland@gmail.com or call 01325 789344



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Final Chance to Sign up for Muddy Mayhem



Anyone looking for an adventure this autumn has just a few weeks left to sign up for this year's Muddy Mayhem.

The 5K challenge takes place at Hardwick Park in Sedgfield on Sunday, 1 October and includes over 40 obstacles from cargo nets, tunnels, freezing open water and plenty of other muddy surprises.

The 10K event has already sold out and registration for the 5K closes on Friday, 8 September – visit www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem for more details.

Ross Carrick, Durham County Council's senior parks and countryside ranger, said: "We've been working hard to make sure this year's course is bigger and better than ever."

"With new obstacles including 'Hung, Drawn and Watered', anyone taking part is guaranteed to have their stamina and strength tested while having lots of fun."

Anyone over 16 years old with a reasonable level of fitness can register to take part.

The entry fee is £42, with a group discount available for groups of 10 or more – so get enlisting your friends and family for some muddy madness.

NORMAN WISDOM PLAY AT THE GALA THEATRE

A one-man play focusing on the life of legendary performer Norman Wisdom is coming to the Gala Theatre next month.

Wisdom of a Fool celebrates the rags to riches story of much-loved actor and singer Norman Wisdom, from his tough childhood which saw him sleeping rough in London, his days in the army and his rise to fame with his iconic Gump character, Norman Pitkin.

The BAFTA winner, who died in October 2010, won the hearts of millions for his unique style, with his fans including Charlie Chaplin who described him as 'his favourite clown'.

The drama, which has toured the country to critical acclaim, is written by Jack Lane, who also plays all 30 characters in the rollercoaster show.

"I grew up watching Norman Wisdom's films – I loved his humour and as I grew older I began learning about his life and what he'd been through," he said.

"I wrote to him aged 13 and he replied and I guess that



stuck with me, that he'd taken time to do that. When he passed away in 2010 I made a promise to myself that I'd attempt to write a play on his incredible life and career.

"It's a classic underdog story which the British have a real love affair with."

Wisdom's family are also fans of the show, with his children Nicholas and Jacqueline Wisdom loaning Lane the Gump costume worn by their father, something he described as a real honour.

"Both Nick and Jacqui have been unbelievably

supportive, they answered every question I had," he said. "I held a read through of the script with them which was nerve-wracking to say the least! To my astonishment they loved it and didn't ask for a single word to be changed. Having their approval is hugely important and was always a priority."

The show takes place on Wednesday, 6th September at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17 and can be purchased by visiting www.galadurham.co.uk or calling 03000 266 600

COUNTY DURHAM GCSE PUPILS PROSPER

Students in County Durham have been applauded after receiving excellent GCSE results amid changes to the exams.

For the first time this year, young people were marked differently in English and mathematics – being scored from 1-9 with a level '4' classed as a 'pass' similar to the old C grade and level 5 a 'good pass.'

In County Durham, 60 per cent of students were successful in achieving level 4-9 in both maths and English.

Seventy four per cent achieved a 4-9 pass in English and 68 per cent achieved this in maths.

Phil Hodgson, Durham County Council's interim head of education, said: "We'd like to congratulate all our students whose results are really pleasing given we've just seen the most significant changes in the exam system since O Levels finished in 1987."

"Our results are broadly in line with last year and we're confident that attainment in both English and maths will place County Durham in a very strong position both regionally and nationally."

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, added: "We are delighted with these results especially in the light of changes to the examination and grading system."

"I'm sure potential employers will also be pleased with the outcome and efforts of County Durham students."

"Our young people should be congratulated as they go on to greater things in the world of work or further education."

Students without the grades they hoped for or those looking for ideas about potential careers can visit www.help4teens.co.uk where they can find information on apprenticeships, recruitment and training

DEATH OF A LOVED CAT

Dear Sir,
On the 25th August my beautiful cat "Casper", at the age of two, was killed by a car. A kind lady that found him dead in the road took him to Soar Paws Veterinary Surgery in Cobblers Hall. Casper was chipped so could be identified. I got the dreaded call and thanks to that lady we got to say good bye, have him cremated and receive his ashes.



A Teddy Bear contains Casper's ashes and it makes the sadness a little better knowing a part of him will

always be near
My sincere thanks to the lady for her kindness.
Kelly Freeman

Holiday Snaps



Dear Sir,
I saw an article in your newspaper recently asking people to email any pictures with the Newton News in locations around the world. So here I am with the Newton News (11th August edition) in beautiful Kyiv (Kiev), Ukraine enjoying their "Independence Day Celebrations"!

The photo is taken outside Kyiv's famous 'Golden Gate' Monument. I've recently moved here, from the town, to teach in an International Primary School.

Editor: Thanks to Mr Dauncey for sending the above photo. If you are travelling, take a Newton News and then take a "selfie" and send it to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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WOODHAM'S BEST EVER GCSE RESULTS

Woodham Academy students and staff are celebrating the school's best ever GCSE results. Students have been praised for their "outstanding achievement", which has been made despite the introduction of tougher exams this year.

The proportion of students who passed both of the key subjects of Maths and English rose 22 percent on last year. The pass rate at Woodham for both subjects is now above 70 percent.

Overall, the proportion of students achieving a 'good' pass is well above the average for the county. Progress made at Woodham by students of all abilities is well above the national average.

Headteacher Christine Forsyth said Woodham's "fantastic results" are thanks to the hard work of both students and staff.

Woodham Academy would like to congratulate students on their outstanding achievement," she said.

"Despite the introduction of tougher exams this year, the school has achieved its best ever results whilst maintaining its commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. We are proud of this year's fantastic results, which can be attributed to the hard work of both the students and their teachers," said the proud Head Teacher.



Hippodrome History Talk

David Wilmore from Theatresearch will give a talk on the history of Darlington Hippodrome on Friday 1 September at 11am in the Crown Street Art Gallery, Crown Street Library in Darlington.

David Wilmore founded Theatresearch, specialist historic theatre consultants, on Christmas Day 1985 when the Tyne Theatre and Opera House suffered a major fire which severely damaged the fly tower and the theatre's historic stage machinery. 32 years later the company is now involved in historic theatre projects around the country.

During 2011 Theatresearch completed the conservation management plan for the Grade I listed Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne and the well known "Good Old Days" venue the City Varieties Music Hall, Leeds which was built in 1865.

David's most recent work has included being Heritage Team leader for the Bristol Old Vic and he is currently leading on the restoration management plan for Darlington Hippodrome.

David Wilmore comes to Darlington on Friday 1 September at 11am. The talk is free but a space has to be reserved.

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Town Council

COMPLETION OF AUDIT Of Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2017

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. In accordance with Regulation 13 and 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, notice is hereby given that the audit of the Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2017 has been concluded and the audited Annual Return has now been published.

2. Section 25 of The Local Audit and Accountability Act sets out the following rights of local government electors in relation to the inspection of the statements of accounts and auditors' reports of local authorities:-

A local government elector for the area of a body subject to audit, other than a health service body, may inspect and make copies of:-

- the statement of accounts prepared by the Council;
- the auditor's certificate that the audit of the Council's accounts, including that statement, has been completed;
- the auditor's opinion on the statement of accounts;
- any public interest report relating to the authority or an entity connected with it; any recommendation relating to the authority or an entity connected with it.

3. A copy of the audited Annual Return has been made available for inspection on the Finance Section of the Council's website at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

4. The audited Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the parish of Great Aycliffe.

5. Any elector wishing to inspect the Accounts should make an appointment with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk. Appointments are available at the Council Offices between the hours of 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

6. Copies will also be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1 for each copy of the Annual Return.

Announcement made by:
Date of announcement:

Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A, Finance Manager
1st September 2017

Thanks Very Much

Dear Sir
I write to the person or persons who handed in my pink ipod touch to Newton Aycliffe Police Station

I was out with my Mam, Dad and two of my brothers on Sunday 20th August for a bike ride. Mam and Dad had to walk fast to keep up with us, it was funny to see them hurrying along. We ended up at the Oakleaf Sports Complex for refreshments and tea.

After tea we all set off back home, we biked ahead and waited at the train bridge in the hope of seeing a train to wave at. My brother started shouting "train coming", so my Mam started running towards us across the grass, this must have been when my ipod fell from her hoodie pocket. After the train had gone we all carried on back home.

At home I asked for my ipod to hear Mam say that it was not in her pocket, my heart sank, I was so sad.

Mam went straight out to see if she could find it, when she came back to say that she could not find it, I felt like crying, but Dad said "don't worry someone might have found it and will hand it in to the police".

I was over the moon to find out from the police that an ipod touch had been handed in on Tuesday.

I hope that the person or persons who found my ipod touch read this, because I thank you from the bottom of my heart for handing my ipod into the police station; I also thank the police officers involved in reuniting me with my ipod, which has lots of precious irreplaceable photos of family and friends.

Chloe Ashcroft, aged 8

Local Racing Driver Steals the Show



North Yorkshire's Max Coates stole the show at Rockingham Motor Speedway in Rounds 13 and 14 of the Renault UK Clio Cup.

The Harron Homes sponsored car consistently appeared towards the top of the time sheets during the Friday test sessions. Coates elected to run older tyres in session one to focus on the race pace of his Ciceley Motorsport car. The second session provided a better guide as to his qualifying potential. In near perfect conditions Coates set a new qualifying lap record in his Primex Plastics of Aycliffe and PLASgran Recycling backed car, followed up with another storming lap to secure a double pole position for the weekends two races.

The Clements Limited backed car managed to hold 1st position throughout lap one and stretched a gap at the front of the pack. He then began to control the race setting times within two tenths of a second for the first seven laps of the race. Despite high-pressure from a fellow title challenger behind, JT Atkinson

sponsored Coates held on to take a win by 0.594s.

Coates then lined up on pole for the second encounter, broadcast live on ITV4 and on-board via Coates' car. He made a better start than he had done in race one but lost the lead on the way into turn 2 which he regained. A slide exiting turn 3 moved him back to 3rd place. Coates then began to attack the championship leader putting him under immense pressure. A locked brake into turn two on lap seven meant that Coates ran on and dropped back to 5th place. He then showed his true pace, following two gutsy overtakes at the Tarzan hairpin he claimed the final podium spot.

Afterwards Coates said, "This has been one of our best weekends in the Renault UK Clio Cup, I have really gelled with the circuit and the car here. The double pole set the weekend up just how we wanted it, yesterday was great and I just controlled things from the front. Sunday was a lot more difficult having to fight back through. Mike didn't make it easy for me and I feel his erratic defensive driving cost me the chance of a win. Had I passed Mike I don't have any doubt that the win was on the cards again today. A massive thank you to my Ciceley Motorsport team and group of sponsors who commit so much to get me out on track."

As the season goes on the opportunity to clinch the title becomes more and more difficult. Max is, however, still firmly in with a chance for second place in the standings come the end of the year. The next races will take place at Silverstone on the 9th and 10th September.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEW SEASON

With each of the Durham FA, Russell Foster and TJFA leagues having now released their fixtures Newton Aycliffe Juniors Football teams are all set to get started with their new season.

Our oldest team, the Under 23's, kick off first, their league season commencing on 3rd September with a game against Toft Hill. Other teams get underway a week later then our youngest team the Under 7's wait until the 24th September for their first league game.

The Under 7's are made up of players who have progressed through our development sessions for 4-6 year olds. They can't wait to get started and will be looking the part in their new kits kindly sponsored by Steve Lambert Transport Ltd.

The Under 8's will be looking forward to continuing their efforts after sealing the

league title last year. The Under 9's have gratefully received new kits sponsored by both Northern Gas Networks and Fiat Chrysler as they look to build on their success as they move in to 7 a side football.

The Under 10's will be fielding two teams in the TJFA league this year and the 'Whites' will be enjoying life in Division 1 after sealing promotion last year. The Under 11's, having had a strong pre season, will be keen to get started in their new 9 a side format. The Under 12's will again field two teams one in the Russell Foster Saturday league and the other in Division 1 of the TJFA structure. Both Under 12 teams will look great in their new match day kit sponsored by Beanies Flavour Coffee and training kit sponsored by Yorkshire Bank.

The Under 13's and 16's will

again begin their campaigns led by the same manager, Adam Cayless. Both sides were in contention at the top of their leagues last year and we all hope this will continue.

Another key date to look out for is Saturday 23rd September when Newton Aycliffe FC will be hosting a joint football community day

with the Juniors at Moore Lane prior to their home game against Washington. This should be a great event so keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

Good luck to all our teams and if you would like to get involved with the club please contact us via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or e-mail aycliffejuniors@gmail.com

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The penultimate event in the Summer Tees Trail series of 5k races took place at Pinchinthorpe on Wednesday 23 August. Two members of Aycliffe Running Club took part in this. This is a good one lap course and once you get to the top of the hill it's practically all down-bank.

Dez Fielden was 1st home for the club in the excellent time of 18:18, followed by John Burnside, who placed 1st in his age category of male over 60 and 44th overall in a time of 21:39. Isaac Boys and Caleb Wren from the Junior section joined about 70 others for the Auckland Castle 2 mile fun run on Sunday 27th August (photo above).

The hilly route started at the Robinson Arch, past the Walled Garden, into the park and over to the obelisk where the runners turned and headed back to finish in the grounds of the Castle. Caleb and Isaac ran well on the challenging, trail terrain. Caleb finished in 7th position in 14:50 followed closely by Isaac 8th position in 14:50:23.



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Neighbourhood Plans Adopted by Council

Two neighbourhood plans which introduce new planning policies specifically for their areas have been formally adopted by Durham County Council.

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan and the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan were adopted at a full council meeting and will now supplement the county council's Local Plan policies. Referendums in June found that residents were in favour of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan, created by Great Aycliffe Town Council and the Whorlton Village Neighbourhood Plan, created by Whorlton and Westwick Parish Council, and agreed that they should be used when making planning decisions.

The neighbourhood plans are the first two in the county to be adopted since the Government introduced them through the Localism Act in 2011.

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan includes policies focused on protecting the character of the neighbourhood and open spaces, as well as securing a high standard of development. It also aims to ensure an adequate amount of affordable housing is provided, as well as properties for older people. Policies in the Whorlton

Village Neighbourhood Plan focus on small scale housing, working from home and the protection of the environment and heritage.

Both plans can be found at County Hall as well as online via <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3285/Neighbourhood-Plan-submissions>

Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan can also be viewed locally at Great Aycliffe Town Council offices on School Aycliffe Lane.

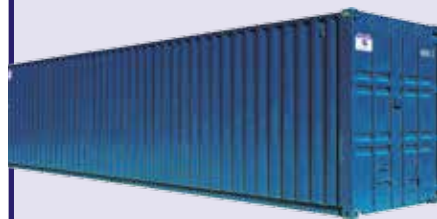
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For an application form and further information please contact the HR Department on:

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Email: hr@pcp.uk.net

Fax (01325) 301129

Website: www.pcp.uk.net

Closing Date for applications: Midnight on 10th September 2017

Interviews to be held on 19th September 2017

We are an equal and diverse employer and particularly welcome applicants from groups who are currently underrepresented at PCP, such as males, people with sensory impairments and carers.



GREAT TIMES FOR ATHENA



It's been a very eventful year so far for Athena Sports Academy's display team, Akrovasia, who are based within the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The team started the year at the national 'Gymfest' event in Leeds, winning the team's first award. Then came an appearance on the famous Britain's Got Talent stage in Manchester where they performed in front of the judges including Simon Cowell, which despite making it through to the next round with a resounding "four yes's", they never made the live finals. The display team took on board feedback from the BGT judges and came up with a fantastic new routine for 'Gymfusion' North which took place at the York Barbican.

This routine was superbly choreographed and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, many of whom were still talking about the performance after the event had finished. Evidently, the performance was also well received from the hosts, British Gymnastics, who invited the club to perform the same routine at their Gala Evening at the British Championships Weekend held in the Liverpool Echo Arena. It was certainly an honour for the club to get such a highly recommended invite to this amazing event. The Gala was an amazing occasion for the club as our gymnasts took to the stage to perform their routine to a sold-out auditorium! The routine plucked at the heartstrings, with the gymnasts wearing

t-shirts featuring their insecurities and regular insults, only to remove them during the performance, to disregard the negatives and reveal their true positive thoughts and goals.

This will be a weekend which will never be forgotten by coaches, parents and gymnasts who also got to meet Olympians Claudia Fragapane and Ellie Downie. Clearly the Akrovasia team made quite an impression as they were also asked to perform on the Championship Floor during this major competition. Next up for the team - a trip to the capital for the London Gymnastics Festival, in October.

The club has a very busy couple of months coming

as they hold their first ever competition on Sunday 22nd October, closely followed by the annual Christmas Showcase in December when all the clubs gymnasts will be performing, including the Akrovasia display team routine. To find out more information on Athena Sports Academy why not come and have a coffee with one of our friendly staff in our new Social Room, which houses our reception, club shop, parents viewing area and tuck shop, opposite our main hall on the first floor of the Leisure Centre. Alternatively, call us on 07928201357 or email athenasportsacademy@gmail.com

HRA Meeting September 6th

Our next meeting is this Wednesday starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45. at Greenfield Arts Centre.

We hope to have local councillors, your local Police Beat Team and a representative from Livin.

Our meetings a very informal and a great way of meeting people and discussing any issues good or bad you may have. Please come and join us and see the work we are doing in making our great neighbourhoods even better places to live and work.

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Chairman

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Aycliffe C.C. CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had a brilliant weekend winning both league games to virtually secure their place in the NYSD 2nd division for another season with two games left to play.

On the Saturday they had a brilliant win away at promotion favourites Sedgfield firsts by six wickets. The home side were asked to bat first and were skittled for just 88 after 39 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from Aycliffe's Luke Telford (4 for 13) Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), who took 3 for 37 and Jack Slatcher (2 for 25). In reply Aycliffe captain Adam Gittins carried his bat for a superb unbeaten 37 from 112 balls and he was given excellent support from both Michael Howe (27 not out from 22 balls) and Chris Palmer (14 from 14 balls) as the visitors reached their winning target after 36 overs. On the Bank Holiday Monday, they followed up Saturday's victory with another fine win, this time defeating Guisborough 2nd team at home by four wickets. The visitors were asked to bat first and were bowled out for 124 after 42.5 overs, with the inform Michael Howe taking 4 for 35, Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves)

taking 3 for 48 and James Layfield-Carroll chipping in with 2 for 13. In reply, all rounder Slatcher top scored for Aycliffe with a fluent 42 from 57 balls, including eight boundaries and he was given good support from captain Adam Gittins (16 runs). However, despite the loss of a few wickets, a late flourish from Dave Richardson, who scored an unbeaten 18 from 24 balls, with four boundaries, helped see the home side to their second win of the weekend after 38.3 overs.

The second team however struggled over the weekend and lost both of their games. On the Saturday they were well beaten by 175 runs at home to league leaders Seaton Carew 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. The visitors chose to bat first and piled up the runs and declared their innings on 282 for 5 after 45 overs. In reply, opener Tom Wickins batted with authority to top score for Aycliffe with 41, Elliott Holt (11 runs), Steve Sweeney (11 runs) and Dan Weldon (10 runs) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures as the hosts were bowled out for 108 after 35.3 overs.

On the Bank Holiday Monday they lost by nine wickets away at Saltburn 2nd team. Choosing to bat first, Aycliffe were dismissed for 66 runs after 29.1 overs

with only 16 year old Dylan Tribbley (26 runs) and 17 year old George Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) (21 runs) reaching double figures. In reply, Saltburn hurried to victory after only 11.1 overs with 14 year old Lucas Pilling taking the only wicket to fall.



RECRUITMENT DAY

Monday 11th September

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This is fantastic opportunity for you to meet our managers, staff and clients! If you are interested in working for us you can find further information about St. Anne's by visiting our website www.st-annes.org.uk

If you are unable to attend this event and wish to find out further information please contact Helen Davison - Manager on **07896 891181**.

Uni Students - £57,000 Debt! New Project Aims to Save Families £1000's

With students getting ready to start university for the first time this month, we teamed up with teen magazine Future Mag to investigate the REAL cost of going to uni.

Nobody goes to university without knowing they'll take on debt. Fees are now £9250 a year, and that's before you've even paid accommodation, food and bar bills – even subsidised beer will still set you back about £2.50 a pint.

Booze aside, there are so many ways to spend money as a student, so it's not surprising more than a quarter of students say their first loan instalment lasts less than a month (Endsleigh) and just two per cent of students manage without an overdraft. Students starting this September will rack up between £43,000 to £57,000 of debt, depending on how much parents help them, says the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) – the average debt will be just over £50,000. Some 71 per cent of students rely on money from their parents to make ends meet, research from Save the Student shows. But most graduates won't pay their loans back completely. More than three quarters will have some or even all their loans paid off by the government after 30 years, the IFS estimates – you only begin to repay it once your salary is above an earnings threshold.

Students take on two separate loans: one for fees, which is paid straight to the university – and a maintenance loan, which is paid into students' bank accounts, normally in three instalments at the start of each term (maintenance grants were scrapped in 2015). These range from £8430 outside London to up to £11,002 for students in the capital – but this just isn't enough to get by, say students. So where does the money go? Many students blow more than £120 on drink in freshers' week. But rent takes the greatest chunk of money. At one of the cheapest student cities of Manchester, student accommodation costs £5000 for the 40 week year, and at Portsmouth, it's even cheaper – typically between £3,900 to £4,300, whereas at Bath it can be up to £6300 for top

of the range rooms, and of course London rents can be much higher. Plushest student accommodation, complete with en suite bathrooms, can cost at least £80 more a week than the cheapest rooms.

Typically students spend £821 a month – with nearly half of that – £394 – going on accommodation. They spend £126 a month on food, £69 on going out, £54 on bills (although university hall rents are usually inclusive) and £54 on travel, according to Save the Student's latest figures. Add to that about £32 a month on books, £20 on mobile bills, £32 on clothes and £40 on other expenses. Even costs such as printing can take students by surprise.

Then there are one off costs of setting up as a student – accommodation deposits are usually a month's rent up front, and there's cost of bedding, furniture, cooking equipment and insurance. This year the law has changed on TV licences, so if you're starting in September, you'll need to buy a licence for all live viewing and recording – regardless of what channel you're watching or device you're using – mobile, laptop, games console. The £147 cost can be spread over the year, and you'll get a refund for unused months when you're not in student accommodation.

Student railcards cost £30 a year and National Express coach cards £25 for three years, and offer a third of standard fares. An NUS Extra card (www.nus.org.uk), at £12 a year or £32 for three years, opens up a whole range of student discounts on travel, eating out, fitness, even 10 per cent off at the Co-op and

25 per cent of some cinema tickets – an app helps you keep track of every current offer.

Setting a budget – and reviewing it regularly – is one of the most important steps you can take to keep control of your money, and there are plenty of mobile apps to help, using Save the Student, Brightside's student calculator and tips from Money Saving Expert.

Banks will also advise, and they're keen to snap up students. When choosing an account, it's best to go for one which offers the best overdraft terms rather than short term freebies. All universities will offer financial advice and many websites have budgeting tools.

Ask parents, other students – anyone in the know. Three in four students go to university wishing they'd had a better financial education. "When asked if university offers value for money, students are torn, with 49 per cent agreeing, and 51 per cent saying it isn't.

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The project is part of a wider County Council strategy aimed at tackling in-work poverty, and promoting the use of the Credit Union. Our research has found that over 70% of working families in County Durham are worried about their finances with many becoming reliant on high cost, short term credit. This is costing our local economy an estimated £5m a year.

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Paul added "when children learn about both the positive and negative aspects of money, understand the concept of debt, and see the benefits saving, many will take those ideas and experiences into adult life, so the outcomes can be very positive for them and the community" Contact Businesses and schools can contact Paul directly to discuss the process of delivering the scheme, his email address is paul.atkinson2@durham.gov.uk

Support/Funding The project is funded by the County Council and Area Action Partnerships that include GAMP, supported through the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of Cllrs Eddy Adam, John Clare, Mike Dixon, Joan Gray, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper and Sarah Iveson, EDRC & Spennymoor, and Paul will be working closely with local social enterprise NEFIRST to deliver the project in the south of the County.

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In new research, commissioned by literacy charity Beanstalk, one in five (20%) nearing retirement in the North East said they are worried about becoming lonely or isolated, while the same number (20%) said they worry about becoming mentally inactive.

Worries about losing motivation were highlighted by 16%, while 18% say they'll miss camaraderie among colleagues and worry about not having opportunities to interact with other people and other ages (23%). Janet Skeen, North East Area

Manager for Beanstalk, the charity providing volunteer reading helpers in primary schools, says:

"Retirement, though daunting for many, can offer great new opportunities and can represent a new chapter in people's lives. Many of our reading helpers in the North East join us after retiring and the time they spend helping children learn to read is a perfect antidote to loneliness or isolation. It makes them feel valued, introduces them to new people and new challenges, and is a fantastic

way to use the skills they've developed in their careers. Their contribution is vital – without them, these children would still be struggling to read, and facing all the problems associated with low literacy levels – but it's always worth recognising what the volunteers get out of it themselves, too."

Over a third (34%) of those who took part in the research said they wanted to 'do something meaningful' in their retirement and 12% said they planned to help the next generation.

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little community at the school where I volunteer. Besides the excellent relationship I've built with everyone, it's the kids that make it so worthwhile – they always seem delighted to come and read with me. I'm really impressed by their attitude; despite the social problems many of the children face, their hard work and enthusiasm really shines through."

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DON'T listen to rumours from the upper sixth.

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DO stay organised.

It's so important to keep organised, because it's so easy to fall behind. The workload at college is a big step up from GCSE, and you need to make sure that you're prepared; get down to WHSmith ASAP and blow the budget on folders, notepads, and pens (because you can never have too many pens) and trust us, you'll feel better. As well as this, unlike school, it's unlikely that the teacher will hassle you for that incomplete essay that was due 3 weeks ago, but that doesn't mean it's not important. All it means is that it's down to you to do the work. After all, you're the one who will miss out if you don't **get the work done.**

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Games Come Thick and Fast for Town Sports Club

Following the first game of the seasons 14 goal encounter, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club were again involved in high scoring game against Darlington RA, this time though lacking the fire power for a positive result.

It was always going to be a tough game after losing goalkeeper Andy Hartley in the first few minutes with a head injury. Again playing away from home, the Sports Club were 2 goals down within the first 20 minutes.

Chase McMullen managed to get the visitors back in the game with a long range free kick on 25 minutes but the hosts restored their 2 goal lead shortly before the break.

Kyle Allen made it 3-2 shortly after the break and when the home side were reduced to 10 men on the hour mark it looked like the Sports Club would actually manage to get something from the game.

However, this wasn't the case as the 10 men of Darlington continued to stretch the opposition and creating numerous chances and went on to win the game comfortably 6-2, a tough result for the Sports Club to swallow. MoM: Chase McMullen

With games coming thick and fast, next up was Spennymoor Ash Tree, again away from home for the first evening game of the season. The Aycliffe side started brightly with Darren Bosomworth coming close with a one on one after 5 minutes breaking down the left wing but shooting straight at the keeper. Jimmy Cameron then followed suit from the right wing, cutting in and striking across the face of the goal agonisingly just wide of the far post. A similar move created the first goal, Jimmy Cameron again cutting in from the right wing, this time slotting home to give the visitors the lead on the 15 minute mark.



The lead only lasted for 10 minutes though with the home side responding well and equalising after closing down keeper Sean Redpath and forcing the ball home. With both sides evening each other out it wasn't until midway through the second half before the deciding goal was scored and the home side secured the 3 points. MoM: Jimmy Cameron

Next up for the Sportsy was Escomb Saxon, again, away from home. This was a game the Sports Club were desperate to win and with a big squad to choose from, the away side looked to ensure the points were brought home.

The game itself was lacking in quality, with neither side causing any damage in the final third of the pitch. The pick of the chances fell to Ryan Durr who missed a glorious chance for the visitors to take the lead, volleying high and wide when he really should have done better with the whole goal at his mercy. Although looking

comfortable the Aycliffe side conceded after Gareth Boyes lost the ball on the edge of the area and the ball was slotted home past keeper Sean Redpath to make it 1-0 on 55 mins.

It took only 5 minutes for the visitors to respond after a penalty was awarded when substitute Anthony Campbell was fouled inside the area. Ryan Stonehouse stepped up to smash home the spot kick and make it 1-1.

The remainder of the game continued to be scrappy, with no real clear cut chances, but Sports Club was still controlling the game from midfield. It took a wonder strike from Stuart Hackett with just 5 minutes remaining to win the game for the away side to earn the much needed 3 points. MoM: Jimmy Cameron

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North East business owners have the opportunity to tell the police about their experiences of cybercrime in a new survey launched today. The region's three Police and Crime Commissioners have teamed-up with the Institute of Directors and the Federation of Small Businesses to ask business owners about how they protect themselves from online fraud, and what advice they might need to protect themselves further. Durham's Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner Ron Hogg said "Over 50% of crime is conducted online these days. This survey will only take a few minutes to complete and will really help the police to understand how best we can work with businesses".

Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Coppinger added "It's great to be working in partnership with the IoD and the FSB in the battle against cybercrime in our region. We're really interested in finding out how businesses are protecting themselves against cybercrime at present, and what advice they would find useful in the future." Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Dame Vera Baird said "We will use the information which businesses tell us to put in place a series of events, booklets and online tools that will make a real difference in the battle to avoid fraudulent online activity". Chair of the North East branch of the Institute

Congratulations

Tom Hunter



Happy 21st Birthday 31st August 2017

We are so proud of everything you've achieved so far and of the amazing person you have grown up to be. Have a great day. Love from Mum, Dad, Max and Grandma x

Rene and Arnold Petch



31st August 2017

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Love from Sharon and Ron xxxx

Birthday Remembrance

DEMI HESLOP 1st September 2006. Happy 11th birthday to my beautiful Daughter Demi. I know we cannot be together on your special day. But in Mammy's heart you will always stay. Mammy will be sending lots of hugs and kisses to Heaven up above, wrapped in all my love. Love you forever baby girl. Love, Mammy xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 1st September 2006. Hip Hip Hooray out little Sis is 11 today. We love and miss you every day Demi. Love you all the world, Shannon, Daniel, Megan and Lola xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 1st September 2006. Happy 11th birthday Demi. To our little angel in Heaven. We just want you to know how much we love you so. Grandma and Granda - Love you Princess xxxxx

In Memoriam

DOREEN HAILES 6th September. Thinking of you Doreen, a very good friend, so sadly missed. Love from Norah and Jackie xxx

DOREEN HAILES 6th September 2016. We have only a memory, dear Mother. We cherish our whole life through, but the sweetness will live forever, as we treasure the memory of you. Loved and missed by all your family

Lost Friend Found Through Newton News

Dear Sir,
May I thank Newton News for placing my letter appealing for help in contacting a friend who I had lost.

I received a few responses informing me of my friend's location and I am so grateful. Having a community newspaper is a great asset to the town.
John Wilson



Ex-Navy Personnel Meeting
The next meeting of the Royal Naval Association is on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm in the Navy Club, Bluebell Way.

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Councillors' Surgeries

The Aycliffe East Ward Surgery is on Saturday 9th September 2017, 11.00 am – 12.00 noon, St Mary's Church Hall. County Cllrs Sarah Iveson & Jim Atkinson, together with Town Councillors for Neville, Shafto, St. Mary and Central Wards will be in attendance.



MIXED BANK HOLIDAY FORTUNES FOR AYCLIFFE FC

Aycliffe gained their first league win of the season, with a convincing 3-0 win at home to Penrith. They started well and went ahead in the 7th minute. Craig Hutchinson swung a good corner in, and a Penrith defender put the ball into his own net, under pressure from Andrew Grant-Soulsby. Five minutes later they made it 2-0, when Hutchinson put Mattie Pennal through the Penrith defensive line,

and he finished one-on-one with Dixon, the Penrith keeper. It only took another four minutes for them to go 3-0 up. Marc Costello put Hutchinson through near the goal line, and he pulled the ball back for Pennal to score. The remainder of the half was quieter, with few chances created. HT 3-0. Penrith made two changes at half-time in a bid to rescue the game, and they were slightly on top for the first 15

minutes, but without looking like scoring. Aycliffe then also made substitutions, and with the fresh legs they got back on top, but they couldn't make any further breakthroughs. Full-time 3-0. MOTM : Craig Hutchinson. Attendance : 71. Bank Holiday Monday saw a depleted Aycliffe squad travel to Marske Utd for another Ebac Northern League Division One game. Thanks to holidays & injuries the visitors found themselves short of substitutes with goalkeeper James Winter coming off the bench to finish the game at centre forward when Mattie Pennal picked up an injury. Marske were quick off the mark with a goal in the first five minutes from former Aycliffe striker Danny Earl. The home side went into the game with a 100% league record so far this season & doubled their lead just before half-time with a direct free kick from Craig Gott.

Aycliffe played much better in the second half & Stuart Banks pulled a goal back after 64 mins. Despite further pressure Aycliffe were unable to grab an equaliser. FT 2-1 Aycliffe's next game is Saturday 2nd September when Team Northumbria will be the visitors to Moore Lane (kick off 3pm). There will be a further home game on Tuesday 5 September when Newcastle Benfield visit (kick off 7:30pm). A busy week will be rounded off on Friday 8 September when Aycliffe travel to Whickham for the first qualifying round of the FA Vase. Photo: Stuart Banks at Marske



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Two Silver Medals for Talented Newtonian



Two weeks ago at the Northern Athletics U17/U15 Outdoor Championships in Leigh, Manchester Newtonian Adam Ord secured a splendid Silver medal.

Adam, 14 - of Durham City Harriers and a Greenfield Community College Student, ran a controlled race in his 800m Final. He made a home straight surge to cross the line second, fulfilling his and coach, George Reid's, medal hopes. In a solid AAA Grade 1 time, it's a great way to be winding down the 2017 Track season for Adam.

Following this success, and even before the news had chance to go to press - Adam travelled to Bedford the weekend of 26th August to compete in the England Athletics Under 17 & Under 15 National Championships. He ran confidently in his heat stage of the 800m to achieve a personal best time to reach the Final.

Day Two saw Adam among the country's finest, surpass any expectations. He ran a tactical, strong race - surging to take on the Northern Champion over the last 200m to cross the line as UK's No. 2. He took the podium and a Silver Medal with another new PB - 2.00.15 Adam couldn't have wished for a better close to the 2017 Track

season. He would like to thank Greenfield School for their support along the way and would especially like to

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