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Newtonian's Charity Shop Raises £1k for MRI Appeal



Allsorts Charity shop run from a room at the side of St. Clare's Church Hall, by Godfrey Bennett, has donated £1000 to the MRI Scanner Appeal and Charity Organiser Pat Chambers is shown receiving the money from Godfrey in his shop this week.

Pat was overwhelmed by the size of the donation and could not thank Godfrey enough. "I feel so emotional

that Godfrey running such a small charity can be so generous - He has certainly worked very hard to raise the money".

Please support his efforts for charity by buying items from his shop which opens every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am - 1pm. Godfrey rents the room from St. Clare's Church at his own expense and all money raised goes to charity.



If you would like to make a donation to our MRI appeal or get involved:

- Visit the 'justgiving' website at www.justgiving.com/cddft
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Scout Centre Events

The Social Club at the Scout Centre, on Bluebell Way, have a number of events planned for September. On Saturday 9th of September from 7.30pm Crazy Howie and Starlight Karaoke is in the bar so come along and sing your

favourite songs.

On the 30th of September we have a MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. Millie Sams is braving the shave in memory of 'Wor Lil Keiffy'.

Please come along and support us and this wonderful cause.

The kettle will be on from 10.00am for coffee and tea, and the bar will open at 12.30 if you want something a little stronger, there will be cakes galore, raffle prizes, tomboy stall, bouncy castle and anything else we can organise before then. We look forward to seeing you there. Let's help Macmillan carry on making a difference.

Also on 30th September, if you have any energy left and are not too full of Coffee and cakes, NORTHERN SOUL starts at 7:00pm. So get yourselves down and show us your moves.

NASSA Social Club is a non-profit organisation with all money raised used to fund the maintenance and running of the premises known as the Scout Centre which is used by three scouting/guiding groups and up to 100 young people each week. Please come along to support our events.

Ex Servicemen's Charity Bids for Bag Money

Veterans at Ease a charity that started in Newton Aycliffe, is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores - being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been short listed to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Veterans at Ease is one of the groups on the shortlist.

The organisation helps soldiers, veterans and family members deal with the devastating effects of PTSD. Through its bespoke therapy work it supports the men and women who, having served our country so bravely, are now suffering with symptoms such as flashbacks, nightmares, anxiety, depression and much more. 1 in 10 of the people Veterans at Ease supports are considering suicide as a way out - let's change that!

Very impressively, the organisation's work has been recognised at the highest levels, including receiving The Queen's Award in 2016 for its outstanding contribution to our local North East community. Garreth Murrell, Founder and CEO states "For many of our returning soldiers, the war is over but the battle has just begun. Having been there ourselves, at Veterans at Ease we are proud to be able to help and give something back. Veterans Supporting Veterans"

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout September and October, with voting for Veterans at Ease available at Newton Aycliffe Extra, Darlington Market and Bishop Auckland Extra.

Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £33 million to more than 6,400 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Alec Brown, Head of Community at Tesco, said: "We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for September and October. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see these come to life in hundreds of communities."

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said: "We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between. "We're looking forward

to learning the results of the customer vote and then supporting each group to bring their project to life." Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out

more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco. So far Bags of Help has awarded £33 million to more than 6,400 community projects.

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Aycliffe Solicitor's 50th Year With Close Thornton

A well-known Darlington solicitor is celebrating his 50th year with Close Thornton LLP, based in the town's Duke Street. Darlington born and bred, David Hogg, 67, has spent all his working life at the 72 year old firm, serving 20 years as a legal executive before qualifying as a solicitor in 1995, and promoted to partner in 2002.

David still has his original contract that shows his first day at work as being 14th August 1967 and his starting pay of £5 a week.

Over the last half century, David has worked tirelessly for the practice on hundreds of transactions and has been a key part of the growth and expansion of the firm's corporate and property departments, including



David (left) lives in School Aycliffe and is a member and Past President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club

working on the transfer of leases, purchasing of commercial land/property, partnerships and corporate mergers, acquisitions and

disposals.

David also played a key role in the launch of Close Thornton Estate Agents in 1999.

One of David's first clients was Blue Lagoon restaurant and the family who ran the business on Darlington's Grange Road, which after being open for half a century is soon to close its doors for the last time. Earlier this month, current and former staff and partners from Close Thornton and the proprietors of the Blue Lagoon celebrated David's half century at the restaurant.

David, who is set to stay with Close Thornton as a consultant, said: "I really do not know where 50 years have gone! I have seen so many changes within the legal profession over that time that I have never had chance to get stuck in my ways."

"The team of people I have worked with and the clients advised over that time have been fantastic and it is exciting to see things developing even further." Shaun Burke, senior partner said: "This is an outstanding achievement and we are immensely proud to have worked with David and to say that he has been a part of the firm for 50 years.

His hard work, dedication and drive have been the driving force in the success of the firm. David has made a real difference to the business and the people involved in it, both clients and staff."

Aycliffe MRI Appeal Volunteers at Wolsingham Show

Following the success at the Weardale Show in St John's Chapel, we were delighted to broaden our skills by fundraising at one of the oldest and most established Agricultural Shows of its kind held in the UK in the beautiful Wolsingham.

The sun shone and that put everyone in a good mood including our volunteers for the day, staff members Fiona Todd and Chris McCabe, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Members Alan and Denise Cartwright (Past President) and two fabulous ladies from the Newton Aycliffe Inner Wheel – Gill Atkinson and Sharon Robinson.

Pat Chambers Charity Development Manager said: "The show was a great success for us raising nearly £900 and we managed to speak to so many good people who are passionate about helping us with the MRI Scanner Appeal! With other shows still coming



up for us, we are desperate for any gifts, prizes or games that can be used as tombola prizes please. If it's time for a good clear out at home, or you can give your friends and neighbours a gentle nudge to help us we would be grateful. Please contact the charity team



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Dear Editor

A recent study has found that there is a disgraceful gender imbalance on local councils, where women account for just 33% of councillors and 17% of council leaders with 3,028 more females needing to be elected nationally to achieve a gender balance.

This is especially unsatisfactory since many local government policy areas (for example, childcare provision) have a much greater impact on women than on men

In this respect, Great Aycliffe Town Council performs badly. 19 of the 30 councillors are men and, although Cllr Wendy Hillary is Mayor of the Council, all 14 of the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair so far declared have been given to men, and the Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are also men.

This situation is clearly unsatisfactory, especially as the Labour Party requires a gender balance.

Therefore we intend to take to the Labour Group, and then with their support hopefully to Full Council, a motion that Great Aycliffe Town Council should set targets, and design policies and strategies to ensure that, as quickly as possible, a gender balance is achieved in both the numbers of councillors and in the positions of chairs and vice-chairs of committees, sub-committees and working groups.

Cllrs Barbara Clare, Kathy Beetham and Wendy Hillary

Green Box Theft Warning



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Compiled by
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There is a lot to tell you about after the August break – you will be particularly interested in the good news on the County Durham economy and Durham's population time-bomb. May I recommend my blog to all interested citizens as one way of keeping in touch with what is going on in the Council and community ... and also as a place where you can find out in greater detail about the issues below (online at bit.ly/CNB69).

COUNCIL UPDATES

- Good news on the County Durham economy.
- Durham's population time-bomb.
- Durham County News is published.
- Watch out for the letter on rubbish & recycling collection changes.
- Free Advice sessions for Newton Aycliffe residents, at the Youth & Community Centre, 10.30am-3pm, Monday 25 September.
- Free 7-day Leisure Centre pass available until 17 September.
- DCC shortlisted for Law Society 'Excellence in Technology' award.
- Diversion to the Great Aycliffe Way by livin at

Travellers Green.

- Middridge Parish Council meeting.
- Latest roadworks.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Healthwatch County Durham's September newsletter.
- Friends of the S&DR newsletter.
- DCC Adult Learning Service Guide.
- Help available with energy bills and more.

• Woodham Post-Office moving to Burnhill Way Garage – consultation ends 12 September.

THINGS-TO-DO

- Must-see Art Exhibition at Greenfield Arts.
- Korean Wedding Ducks (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 16 September.
- Autumn Steam Gala – with Flying Scotsman – Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, 16-17 September.
- Guided walk (9.5 miles – 5hrs), Durham Woodlands, meet Sunderland Bridge (old bridge), Sunday 17 September 10am.
- ROF59 Music Festival, 1-11pm, Saturday 30 September.

Movie Makers on the Move! School Run Speeding

A group of movie makers established in Darlington for over 50 years has now moved its headquarters to Aycliffe Village. The members of Darlington Video Makers Club all have at least one thing in common – they love making movies.

Ivor Rose the Chairman said. "We cover a large area and welcome new members who are happy to travel to our regular meetings. We are very pleased with our new premises at the Great Aycliffe Village Hall where we meet every Tuesday at 7.00pm. We now have much more room to operate, excellent facilities and all at a reasonable rent."

Members make videos as individuals but quite often get together to make something more ambitious. Categories covered are too numerous to mention, but as an example, range from comedies and stories (some with actors) to documentaries, history, family holidays and local events. For those who wish to, there are competitions to enter within the club, regional and National. "If you think that the world of amateur film making may be of interest to you," said



Photo: Courtesy of the Northern Echo shows Noel Bennett from Aycliffe, one of our newest members on location.

Arthur Best the club visitor contact. "If you wish to find out more about us please give me a ring on 0191 548 2721 or visit our website darlingtoncc.weebly.com." Arthur then added "I enjoy being a member so much I travel every week from my home in Sunderland." Noel Bennett one of our newest members said. "I joined, just a few months ago, as a complete beginner. I found everyone to be very friendly and helpful and I have since made and edited three short films." You may

be a new starter with a smart phone, very experienced with top of the range equipment or somewhere in between, all are welcome. The club holds training sessions about video techniques and also how to edit your films. Darlington Video Makers is a group whose mission is to help, support and encourage each other in all aspects of making videos, in a friendly environment. So anyone interested is welcome to make contact. Ask about our 'FREE TASTER SESSIONS' on our club nights.

Dear Sir,
The school year has begun and this is a plea to all parents who drive their children to school – but in particular those who use West Park car park for pupils of Stephenson Way School.

On Tuesday 5th September, the first school run of the year has just taken place, and Oh My Goodness – already the road through Ashfield into the above car park is once again a race track.

People speeding because they are perhaps a bit late arriving at school (or rushing to grab a space in the parking area), or after dropping off their child may be rushing to work.

But PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Ashfield isn't a motorway – families live here, people here have little ones – just like you, and have cars parked in the street (which can cause a view obstruction), plus residents who have every right to (try and) get their cars out of their garages.

God forbid that any of our children inadvertently stepped into the road! Just think for a moment of the consequences. Would you like that on your conscience? Are you a responsible parent/driver who can monitor themselves to drive at 15 mph or less through here? Or are

you one of the many morons in town who only think of themselves?

PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

A concerned resident
(Name and address supplied)



The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 12th September features the 2016 biographical romantic drama "A United Kingdom" starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike. It is set in the 1940's and based on the true story of the heir to the throne of Bechuanaland, who married a white woman while studying in England, much to the annoyance of their families and countries. 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.



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Bright Future for Aycliffe Finance Planning Firm

Eldon Financial Planning Ltd is a multi award winning small firm well known on the national stage for their expertise and professional service. Founded in 2003 from the amalgamation of two businesses, they have built their reputation on their strong technical knowledge and use of the latest integrated technology which help clients to 'see into the future'.

Eldon is now well established on the Park, shortlisted for the past 2 years in the "service" category of the awards. Following the retirement of founding Director Joss Harwood after a career spanning 40 years they are looking forward to future growth with the addition of two young graduates; Adam Kinsley and James Hunt who are both keen to progress to Chartered Financial Planner status.

Both Adam and James graduated from Sheffield Hallam University in 2015, gaining honours degrees in International Banking and Finance. They wanted to work in financial services and were fortunate in gaining employment almost straight away. James initially joined another local firm and Adam was offered a place by Eldon as a graduate trainee. James

and Adam started working towards their professional qualifications; a process that normally takes several years but they are both progressing quickly.

Adam said, "I saw that I could use my technical knowledge to help people financially plan their lives so that they can concentrate on enjoying themselves. I also saw that at Eldon, clients always come first and that the staff are highly principled".

James said, "After spending 18 months in my first firm, I realised that I want to work for a company that undertakes financial planning on a holistic basis and after meeting with Directors Tony and Gemma, my mind was made up that Eldon was the company I was searching for".

Adam and James are now established members of the technical planning team, attending client meetings, preparing reports and undertaking research. They both aspire to become Chartered Financial Planners. Outside of work both men lead active lifestyles, being members of a gym and undertaking sporting challenges. Adam enjoys going to music festivals in the summer whilst James loves riding his motorbike and



Adam Kinsley



James Hunt

hopes to one day ride round the rural roads of Europe.

Joss Harwood commented that in firms like Eldon financial planners tend to be in their fifties, and that Eldon is unusual in already having three Chartered Financial Planners in their thirties, a team very soon to be boosted by Adam and James. "What this means for our clients is that the continuity is there. Joss Harwood commented. "We always say that financial planning is for a lifetime, and time is the most important ingredient. Having young Planners here gives reassurance to our clients that we will be there for them for many years to come" I am happy to be leaving the business in safe hands".

CHANGES TO BIN COLLECTION DAYS

Households in parts of County Durham are to have their rubbish and recycling collection day changed as part of moves to streamline the service.

Durham County Council is writing to around 55,000 properties in the Sedgfield, Teesdale and Wear Valley areas to advise of a change to their rubbish and recycling day from the week beginning Monday 9th October.

Some properties will experience a change in their collection day while others will see the weeks in which their recycling and rubbish bins are emptied reversed. Some properties will see changes to both day and week.

Changes are being made to collection routes to ensure the service is efficient, provides value for money and takes into account new housing developments in the county.

Each affected property will receive a letter and new collection calendar in the post, from today.

Collection times may also vary due to route changes so bins must be left out by 7.00am on the relevant days.

People who get help to put their bin out through the assisted collection scheme will still receive this service on their new day. Garden waste collection days are unaffected.

Households who accumulate extra waste while the changes are being rolled out should put it in a bag and leave it next to their rubbish bin for collection on their new day. Waste left next to rubbish bins after 20th October will not be collected.

Surplus recyclable materials should be put in clear bags only and left next to recycling bins on new collection days. Black bags are assumed to contain waste and therefore not picked up in recycling collections.

Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of direct services, said: "We are continuing to streamline our rubbish and recycling collection routes to make them more efficient. Previous changes to routes in other parts of the county have worked well and residents have adapted to their new arrangements with ease.

We will be supporting residents in Sedgfield, Teesdale and Wear Valley to ensure these changes go through smoothly. All affected households will be written to directly to explain the change to their collection arrangements."

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, added: "We appreciate bin collection changes may cause some small inconvenience in the short term as residents adapt to new bin days or collection weeks. I'd encourage residents to read their letters and calendars carefully so they know which day to put their bins out. Those who are affected should put their bin out as usual, by 7.00am, on their normal collection day until the changes come in on 9th October."

From today, bin collection calendars can be downloaded electronically. Residents should enter their house number and postcode into the 'My Durham' section of www.durham.gov.uk. Residents can find out about recycling, ordering of replacement bins, reporting a missed collection or booking to have bulky waste picked up, online at www.durham.gov.uk/recycling.

For locations and opening times of household waste recycling centres, visit www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc or call 03000 261 000.

Punching Our Weight



Phil Wilson MP who helped to bring train manufacturing back to the North-East says the biggest town in his constituency is really "punching its weight".

Phil Wilson, the Labour MP for Sedgfield, successfully campaigned to bring Hitachi Rail Europe to Aycliffe Business Park in Newton Aycliffe. As the Japanese firm celebrates the second anniversary of the opening of its £82m factory, after it was opened by then Prime Minister David Cameron in September 2015, Mr Wilson says Hitachi and other

major employers in the town are helping it achieve its potential.

Spread across 400 hectares, and with future expansion plans, Aycliffe Business Park is already home to around 500 companies employing an estimated 10-12,000 people – it's the largest single employment area in County Durham and thought to be the biggest in the North-East. Mr Wilson is one of four keynote speakers headlining an event to celebrate the relaunch of Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) at the Xcel Centre today.

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CELEBRATING COMMUNITIES CULTURAL FASHION SHOW

WHO WE ARE

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WHAT WE DO

Celebrating Communities encourages people in and around Darlington to meet and spend time together at a variety of events e.g. Social gatherings at members' meeting places. Presenting entertainments and organising events. Events for the group by local organisations e.g. the Fire Station.

Celebrating Communities actively supports events by like-minded groups celebrating peace, unity and diversity.

WE WILL HELP BUILD THE BRIDGES

If you would like information on events or to join the group, please contact:

Gerald G. Lee (01325 314622) gerald.lee@darlington.gov.uk

Webpage www.celebratingcommunitiesdarlington.wordpress.com

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Brothers Poad on "The Italian Job"



Two brothers Steve and Mike Poad (MMT Motorcycle Training, Darlington) are taking part in the 28th running of THE ITALIAN JOB, a fundraising event raising money for Variety, the Children's Charity & Raring 2 Go. They'll be leaving home on a 3,500 mile adventure on 22nd October returning 5th November destination Imola, Italy.

They aim to raise £1500 and are well on the way to achieving this. Thanks to John Moodie at Starlight Windows, Nosh Healthy Eating Durham, Cooper Durham Mini plus all their other sponsors.

If you would like to sponsor them or the car please contact Steve or Mike at silverfoxandsue@hotmail.co.uk

Police Appeal

POLICE are keen to trace a man who was walking a dog when it bit a teenager.

The 18-year-old was riding his scooter through Newton Aycliffe Skate Park, on Burn Lane, when the dog, described as a black Patterdale Terrier, bit him on the back of his calf.

The incident happened at around 10.20am on Saturday, August 19 and the victim sustained minor injuries.

The animal, which was on a lead, was being walked by a man believed to be in his 50s or 60s.

He is described as being around 5ft 9in with black/grey hair and of slim build.

If you can help identify the man, please call Durham Police on 101 quoting incident number 168 of August 19th.

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Shildon Mayor Visits Sunnydale Skating Club



Spectrum Roller Skating Club based at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon were overwhelmed when they received a surprise visit from Shildon Mayor Shirley Quinn on Thursday 31st August to visit Spectrum's final summer holiday Roller Boot Camp. Spectrum have been training throughout the summer months for their upcoming competitions at Bolton

and Great Yarmouth. The Mayor congratulated the club including Aycliffe skaters in person for their success at the recent Cardiff competition where the team came back with 10 medals. The skaters gave demonstrations of their competition routines and talked about why they love to roller skate. Shirley said, "All the young people were lovely. I thoroughly enjoyed the

demonstration and routines. Keep up the good work. You are all fab!" "It was fantastic to have a visitor and a great experience for the children who love to perform for an audience. It was wonderful for their hard work to be acknowledged. There are some fantastic children in the area who uses their summer months to achieve amazing things!" Come along to our weekly sessions on both Saturday and Sundays 2.30-3.30pm, £4 per hour. Find out more information on <https://www.facebook.com/spectrumartisticrollerskating>

COUNCILLOR OPPOSES BUILDING 430 HOUSES AT WOODHAM

Dear Sir,
I was one of the Councillors on the County Planning Committee who, on 7 February this year, refused planning permission for 430 houses at Woodham Bridge. To be honest, I had initially thought permission would be given, but was convinced by the Planning Officers' argument that the site is a 'valued landscape'.

TWO REASONS

First, I was persuaded that the site provides a 'strategic separation' between Newton Aycliffe and Woodham Village – a 'green wedge' which the proposed housing estate would destroy.

Secondly, however – and in my opinion more importantly – I saw that the site is an integral part of the Woodham Burn corridor, and as such indeed a highly valuable landscape.

Woodham Burn is a wildlife corridor of immense local importance, connecting – right through the centre of our town – the unique Carrs environment to the east of Aycliffe to the unique limestone escarpment to the west. Along that corridor travel roe deer, kingfishers, water voles, green woodpeckers, short eared owls, pipistrelle bats, otters and maybe badgers, as well as many smaller



organisms including seeds, pollen, spores and insects. The corridor thus brings the countryside to within 400 metres of the town centre, and is an environmental 'trachea' for our town. 95% of animals use riparian corridors for travel, and 60% of migrating birds. Best of all are wooded riparian corridors, because they provide cover - they are rated zero impedance for wildlife.

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This function of the Burn is in fact just one of what are called 'ecosystem services' provided by riparian corridors – including help with nutrient cycles, and snow and wind protection. It also provides outdoor recreational and educational settings, and helps define our sense of place. The

Appellant has looked at our Burn corridor and declared it unremarkable environmentally... actually, for Newton Aycliffe, it is impossible to understate its importance for our environmental health – carrying a self-replenishing ecology, not just along the Burn itself but (via our many walks and 'green fingers' through and between estates) outwards to all the town's green spaces. We must not allow it to be severed.

Moreover, when the Planning Officers showed me the map of the proposed housing estate, I saw that the Woodham Bridge application site is not just an integral part of the Burn corridor, but is a wide 'mouth' to its eastern end, funneling wildlife along a viable corridor through

the heart of the town. And therefore, on account of the ecosystem services it facilitates, I decided that the site was indeed a 'valued landscape' for Newton Aycliffe, and that Paragraph 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework applied – the commitment "to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks". I will be writing, therefore, to oppose the appeal and to support the Council's decision to refuse planning permission.

John D Clare

BUCKS FIZZ BREAKFAST

Heighington WI warmly invite you to "Breakfast @ Heighington" in the Village Hall, Saturday 16th September 9am – 11am. Celebration Breakfast Special £7, includes Bucks Fizz / tea / coffee & so much more. Raffle & cake stall. All welcome to join us. Contact: Secretary Val Haworth 01325 311934



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Call Carol or Dave for further information on

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and/or visit www.sdurhamu3a.org.uk

Brafferton Village News

Brafferton and Coatham Mundeville Village Hall Association has been working hard over the past few months and are now in a position to unveil their new website and events schedule for the remainder of the year. We have secured a few new regular sessions and some exciting new evening events including weekly children's relaxation and confidence classes along with adult meditation sessions on a Monday.

The first session on Monday 11th September from 4.30-5.30 is free for new families to come along and try. Tuesday sees our local Tai Chi group meet and we have a new monthly booking by Lotus Academy Sound Healing who will immerse the hall in a sound bath, starting Friday 22nd September!

There are also several big events coming soon, the first of which is our Charity Fashion & ladies shopping night, raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 15th September followed by a Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September.

A live music event is on Saturday 6th October by The Blackheart Orchestra, and a visit by renowned Psychic Medium Peter Crawford on November 10th. Our Christmas celebrations will start with the switching on of the village lights in early December with details of our Christmas party to follow. All of the events listed here

are open to the general public. For further details please visit our new website at www.braffertonvillagehall.wordpress.com or email braffertonvha@outlook.com



A retired couple called in at Newton Press called in this week to leave £50 for the MRI Scanners Appeal for Bishop Auckland and Darlington Hospitals. They wish the donation to be anonymous so on behalf of the Appeal Committee we thank them most sincerely for their generous gift.

If you can help in any way please donate through Newton Press or organise an event to raise cash for this worthy cause which will save the NHS a £1m a year. The appeal will provide state of the art MRI Scanners at both Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals bringing better quality scans and eliminating invasive diagnostic surgery for bowel and prostate cancer.

For further details contact Syd Howarth on 300212 or e-mail syd@newtonpress.net



Charity Night for

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group

9th September 2017

Newton Aycliffe Navy Club

Bluebell Way

£7

Come and join us for a fantastic night of live music from Manchester based 4 piece band "Green Hot Clover" along with a Disco.

All Proceeds to go to Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group
For Tickets call Allison: 07762258696

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BLUE BRIDGE CENTRE OFFICES TO LET

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Contact Stuart on 01325 300212 for more details



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FIND A DOG a home

Zeva is an eight-year-old Jack Russell terrier who is very active, which is typical for her breed, and loves to keep busy.

Although the name Zeva has many meanings around the world, although canine carers believe she is most like the English definition of the name, which is a beautiful rose.

Zeva adores human companionship and likes to have a cuddle on your knee when the mood takes her. She can be quite vocal whilst out on a walk if other dogs are off lead and having a run around without her. Zeva loves to climb and if she thinks there is something interesting happening on the other side of a fence she'll do her best to hop over for a look. This means she will need a fully secure high fence around the garden so that she can explore and play safely.

Zeva loves attention and needs a home where someone will be around most of the day and who will let her sleep upstairs. She is housetrained and could live with children around 11 years of age and older. Zeva would benefit from living with a family who have previous experience of owning dogs, especially terrier breeds.

If you think Zeva could be the one for you, please visit her at Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Hill House Lane, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm. It is closed on Wednesdays. Find out more about Zeva or any of the dogs at the centre, go to www.dogstrust.org.uk or call 01325 333114.



Free Advice Sessions for County Residents

Expert advice on issues ranging from health and housing to employment opportunities and dealing with debt will be available at a series of free events.

Aimed at people living in County Durham, the County Durham Advice Days will take place at a number of locations between Thursday, 7th September and Friday, 20th October.

The drop-ins, which will also cover topics such as benefits, fuel poverty and universal credit, will provide an opportunity for participating organisations to offer advice and information in a single location.

The initiative has been developed by Durham County Council and Advice in County Durham; housing providers Karbon Homes, Livin and County Durham Housing Group; as well as Monkey – a partnership of housing and voluntary sector organisations in the county.

Sessions will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the following local venues:
Newton Aycliffe, Youth and Community Centre, Burn Lane – Monday, 25th September

Bishop Auckland, Auckland Youth and Community Centre, Walker Drive, Woodhouse Close – Friday, 20th October

In addition to the drop-in sessions, residents can also make appointments in advance with the organisations involved.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "These advice days will not only give people the opportunity to seek assistance face-to-face but also to raise issues with a number of organisations on the same day."

"There will be a range of experts on hand who will try their best to provide advice and answers there and then."

Representatives from NEFirst and Prince Bishops Community Bank credit unions will be attending all six of the sessions and offering an incentive for new savers.

The first 10 adults who open an account at each advice day will receive a £25 bonus if they save a minimum of £1 per week for 12 consecutive weeks.

County Friendship Force Hosts Visitors from Australia



Hosts, County Durham Friendship Force International with the visiting group of ambassadors from Sydney, Australia.

The Friendship Force which promotes International Exchange visits was set up 40 years ago following a trip to Newcastle by USA President Carter. Cynthia Scott of School Aycliffe, Co. Durham President said, "It is great to welcome ambassadors from across the world. Last year we welcomed visitors from Moscow. This year our guests are from the Sydney,

Australia branch. In Co. Durham, we have so much to be proud of and we did our best to make sure they saw as much as possible in the week they were with us". For more information about Friendship Force International contact Cynthia on 01325 313055.

Ambulance Took an Hour to Treat Emergency

Dear Sir,
This week one of our elderly ladies accidentally tripped and fell on the way to our regular Tuesday Club meeting. She fell onto the hard ground and several members went to her assistance. She was laid out on the hard cold ground/grass for over an hour. An ambulance was called immediately as she was in great pain from her ankle and leg. Everything was explained to the other end of the phone person. especially saying the person was in agony.

When the ambulance didn't turn up I rang 999 again to be told that the ambulance had been diverted to another call, but the service would send another ambulance when one became free.

The lady's health was deteriorating rapidly, agitated with pain. I phoned 999 again and explained the pain and how cold of elderly lady was only to be asked all the questions again. The operator said their service was stretched to their limit as she had told us twice before, but she would send an ambulance.

An ambulance arrived 10 minutes later. The crew were excellent giving the lady all the treatment they could before putting her into the ambulance and taking her to hospital where after a wait again she was admitted to hospital.

Her leg was broken in three places and her ankle also broken. This lady uses a top of the range walker and has been using it to come to the club and any time she goes out.

We had transport to take her to hospital, but because of the apparent seriousness of her injuries which could have also involved her hip we had no alternative but to cover her up and keep her as warm as possible in the bad weather and wait.

We do appreciate there may be other emergencies and the ambulance department is fully stretched, but it is up to the people that fund these services to make sure the Ambulance Service functions properly for the good of all.

I would like to thank the nurse who sat and monitored the lady, also Pauline and Bernadette who accompanied her to hospital and stayed with her until her family arrived.

Dorothy Bowman
New Friends New Places club

Aycliffe Couple Married at Langley Castle



Steven Robson and Claire Mills, of Newton Aycliffe, were married on Friday 25th August at Langley Castle, Hexham. Steven is Chief Executive at South Durham Enterprise Agency and Claire, who moved to Aycliffe 11 years ago, runs her own Dog Walking / Pet Sitting Company called "Hot Dog Hols".

The Maid of Honour was Lauren Mills and

Bridesmaids were Jessica, Amy and Emily Mills with Laura Littlewood. Flower Girls: Lucy Robson and Frances Wimbury. The Best Man was Chris Hobaiter.

Their daughter Lucy aged 6 attends Byerley Park School and is shown in the photo. Their dog Anna, a Boston Terrier, was ring bearer at the wedding.

The couple return to their family home in Byerley Park after a honeymoon in Ibiza.

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR KYNREN 2018

On the back of a successful second season, Eleven Arches, the production company behind 'Kynren – an epic tale of England', is already planning its third season, and the recruitment of new volunteers begins. Kynren's phenomenal success is due to the involvement and commitment of members of the community who comprise the cast and crew, the 'Archers'; individuals who invest their time in the professional training and rehearsals demanded by a world-class production, who in return gain a sense

of achievement, new skills, new friends and a community spirit which makes participating in the show such a magical experience.

For 2018, Eleven Arches is organising its recruitment drive through 'Open Call' sessions where anyone interested in joining as a volunteer will learn about all volunteering opportunities and meet members of the cast and crew, including the animal stars, to glean a sense of what being an 'Archer' can offer.

The first of these Open Calls will take place during

the day on both 9th and 16th September as the team gears up for the final two performances later each evening. These four Open Calls will include the exclusive opportunity to go behind the scenes while the site is still fully functional.

Open Calls will take place from 10am to 11.30am, and 12pm to 1.30pm on both 9th and 16th September. There is no need to sign up, just arrive on site 10 minutes before the session that suits you. You will be able to park on site, from where it is a 5-minute walk to The Clubhouse where the Open Calls will commence at 10am and 12pm promptly. As the Open Calls include outdoor visits, come prepared with comfortable footwear and outdoor clothing.

The session is open to members of the public of all ages, although to participate in next year's show, children must be 5 years old by 30th June 2018.

If you are unable to make these dates, Eleven Arches will be hosting other Open Call sessions after the season closes, where you will be able to drop in and chat with existing Archers from each team; all dates will be published in September on the Eleven Arches website www.elevenarches.org

The final performance of Kynren 2017 take place on 9th and 16th September, beginning at 8.00pm and concluding at 9.30pm. Tickets are available from £19 child/£25 adult and may be purchased on line at www.kynren.co.uk



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Entry is FREE to all, for the community football session!!

When? Saturday 23rd September, 12:30pm arrival 12-45pm start-2-15pm finish.

Where? Moore Lane Park (Newton Aycliffe FC's home ground), Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, DL5 5AG

Who Can attend? Open to 4-16 year olds!!

Participants will then be able to stay and watch Newton Aycliffe FC vs Washington Free of Charge.



Skills blast sessions run jointly by NAFJFC and NAFJFC coaches including:

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- As well as a penalty shootout and kick up challenge with the winners receiving a medal!!

This will be a fun way to learn new skills, get involved in a great sport and meet new friends!!



Website- www.najuniorfc.co.uk

Facebook – 'Newton Aycliffe Junior football club'



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Silk Painting Classes



Greenfield Arts are once again offering exciting specialist arts courses as part of a busy Autumn programme. In the new season we are delighted to see the return of our popular Silk Painting classes.

The two sessions are led by talented mixed media artist Sharron Bates, who will guide you through the skills and techniques involved in this beautiful art form, the course will cover everything you need to know about working on habotai silk and will allow you to create your own piece of work.

Silk Painting will be held on Thursday 21st and 28th September between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm and the cost is

only £30 for both sessions.

This activity forms part of the 'Masterclass Thursday' initiative which also brings new and exciting opportunities to learn skills in areas such as glass design, print making and our popular watercolour coffee morning. Our new Autumn programme also sees the return of digital photography, exploring collage, digital skills and beginners painting, to name but a few.

Our full programme and simple online booking form can be found on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or please feel welcome to contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 for further information.

LOCAL LANGUAGES TEACHER STARTS NEW BUSINESS VENTURE!

A local teacher is opening up the world of modern languages to young children with the launch of a new language venture in South Durham, covering Bishop Auckland, Crook, Newton Aycliffe, Wolsingham and surrounding areas.

Joanna Bruce, who lives in Stanley with her partner and 2 children, has recently launched her own children's languages business, in a bid to share her passion and engage more youngsters in the joy of learning foreign languages.

Lingotot is a multi-award winning languages program being delivered to over 12,000 children across the UK each week. They run fun, interactive classes through community groups, nurseries and schools, teaching languages such as French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, ESL and even Arabic!

Joanna studied Modern Foreign Languages at Bradford University and spent time living abroad in Germany, France and Holland, before returning to the UK to complete her PGCE in French and German and embark on a successful teaching career.

Joanna says: "I've always loved languages, from a very young age. When we were on camping holidays in France, my older sister would teach me words in French so I could order for myself and I thought it was amazing! I have been increasingly disheartened by the declining uptake in languages among our youngsters and think it's important that we try to inject interest and enthusiasm at a younger age."

She continues: "Lingotot is the perfect platform to introduce languages to young



children and I am really excited about bringing it to South Durham. To play a part in helping young children and their families discover the joy of language learning is wonderful and I can't wait to get started!" Joanna will be delivering French, German and Spanish classes within community groups, nursery settings and primary schools - both through MFL PPA teaching and as after school clubs.

If you would like to see what all the fuss is about, join Joanna at her launch party at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland at 11.00 on Tuesday 26th September. There will be a free taster class in French as well as games, prizes and more. Please go to lingotot.com/classes/south-durham to book your FREE place.

LCA Job Club Re-opens

Being unemployed can be hard to deal with alone, but being part of a Lifeline Community Action (LCA) Job Club means that members can face the challenge together with others in a similar situation. We believe everyone has valuable skills that employers need. The Course will enable members to learn, discover, develop and be empowered to communicate these skills to potential employers. There is already evidence that LCA Job Clubs are helping people find work. Like Christine who recently completed the course at the PCP centre in Newton Aycliffe. Christine says "I found the advice on CV presentation very helpful, the do's & don'ts informative & the company very welcoming. The LCA Job Club, together with my volunteering is helping me to grow in confidence."

Linzi Nicholls job club coach says "It's a friendly place where you will get practical help as you seek employment. It's a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other

jobseekers, get support and gain the tools you need to find work"

Looking for a job or advice and support in applying for work? Benefits of coming to the Job Club:

- Free internet use
- Up to date details of jobs in the area
- Job hunting guidance – help with searching and applying for jobs
- CV clinic
- Help with letter writing
- Tips on interview techniques and planning for an interview

The Job Club aims to help people at all stages of their job search - from preparing a CV and filling in application forms through to interview techniques.

The Job Club is a friendly place to meet and chat with people who can help and support you. For more information contact Pauline or Linzi on 07746111385 Come and give it a try; the kettle will be on and it includes FREE lunch!

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MESSY CHURCH

Join us for our 'Messy Church Harvest of Thanks' on Saturday September 16th at 4.00pm. Time for crafts and messy play, story, songs and tea.

Lots of take home crafts to help us remember how hard people work for us all to enjoy and share the fruits of the Harvest. Gifts of tins for the foodbank will be brought forward during the Harvest Song and Prayers as we remember how important it is to share and care for others.

Tea will be a selection of sandwiches, crisps and homemade apple pie and custard. Please come along from 3.30pm to register - crafts 4 - 5pm, story and song till 5.15 and then tea. Messy Church finishes at around 6.00pm.

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Volunteers' Walk of Prayer For Kynren & Community Regeneration

A group of Kynren Volunteers from Christian Churches in the Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas have been getting right behind Kynren by prayer walking amongst the cast and backstage areas ahead of each of the shows this season.

The Prayer Walks, which were started by Charlie Scott-King from Newton Aycliffe and Rachael Masters after the 2016 season of performances, have been welcomed with open arms by the whole Kynren community including many visitors to the shows; becoming an important prelude to the performance, its success and its part in helping the regeneration of the wider community.

Mrs Charlie Scott-King, who is currently exploring ordination in the Church of England and hopes to study at Cranmer Hall, Durham in 2018 said: "I had the idea for the prayer walks back in October when I learnt that Jonathan Ruffer was doing all of this work here in the North East for the glory of God. I saw some birds circling the site and that said to me the walks needed to cover the whole show in prayer."

Rachael Masters added: "It's great to get a group of volunteers together who all come from various denominations of Christian Churches in the area to pray and to share a united vision and blessing really."

Charlie said: "The pre-show walk takes us about an hour, we stop at various points on the site and pray for all involved at each location. Often there are more than 10 people doing the walk but we have people drop in at various points to join us and to pray. They are taking the time to stop and think, to take-in the whole essence of the site, the show and its wider significance. The idea of the Prayer Walks is to visit different areas of the show ground, back stage areas and some public spaces, stopping to pray for the night's performance and its wider effect on the community.

The Right Revd Mark Bryant, Bishop of Jarrow who visited the show ground along with a group of the volunteers to hear what they had been up to and to support their efforts said: "The significance of Kynren is that it brings many thousands of people into the area and that is really good for the economy. We know anecdotally that at places like Seaham, when there is going to be a Kynren performance, the cafes the hotels and the like are really full; so there is a real sense that it is a 'Blessing' both to Bishop Auckland as well as to the North East as a whole. "As a Diocese, we are focused on 'blessing our communities in Jesus name for the transformation of us all' and there is a really good bit of learning here that God is going to bless communities not only through the Church but through all sorts of other men, women and children of goodwill.

"Christians believe that the way they join in with God's blessing

of our communities is by praying, so I think this praying that is going on before performances is a way of asking God to bless people that come along so that they go home at the end of the evening saying they have had a wonderful experience.

The Revd Eileen Harrop who has been instrumental in building links between the Church in Bishop Auckland and the various regeneration activities going on in the area including Kynren and the Auckland Castle Trust said: "Prayer is everything, it is acknowledging that God is present with all the decisions that are being made here and in drawing the volunteers in.

"Many of the volunteers are coming from generations of families who never believed they could do anything to lift their hearts and spirits and do something that would make a lasting difference to the communities they live in. They are now coming together and saying hope is real, hope is here. I am going around everywhere saying to everyone I meet this is not a one-off, this is real and will last - that is something worth praying about!"

One of the cast members James Masters who plays Joseph of Arimathea and has been involved in the prayer walks from the start said: "Like the original vision Charlie had of the birds circling, on the first prayer walk I witnessed swallows darting around the lake and I felt it was as-if God was saying, 'This year we are going to see regeneration - the atmosphere we are seeing on the site spreading out to the town and beyond - so that is a really important part of it - seeing the bigger vision.'"

Charlie concludes: "I see Kynren as a parish, an unusual one but still a parish made up of different age groups, different families and from all walks of life. These prayer walks are the foundations of the parish and through prayer we are serving and blessing the volunteers and visitors. I believe the prayer walks are just the start of an ecumenical Christian community at Kynren.

Jonathan Ruffer Chair of The Eleven Arches Trust that is the backbone of Kynren said about the Prayer Walks: "to many, the idea that God is involved with what people are up to, day-by-day, is extraordinary. It isn't, and those who witnessed the power of triumph in the community of Archers at the end of last year's season will have sensed the blooming of flowers in the desert in a spirit of new-found confidence in the future. Our prayer is that as the flowers continue to bloom, that desert will be irrigated. Can this really happen? God can - and we are the watering-can!"

The Prayer Walkers will be doing their rounds again during the remaining shows of the Kyren 2017 season on the 9th and 16th of September. Full details of Kyren (An Epic Tale of England) and purchase of tickets can be found at: <https://elevenarches.org>

Time to Return and Shine!



SHINE SQUAD - Are you ready? We have missed you all. T-Shirts are all ready for you - juice and biscuits await - all we need is you back on Monday 11th September at 5.00pm.

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Greenfield Students Celebrate Results Day



The wait was over for students from Greenfield Community College on Thursday when they collected their GCSE results following the exams during the summer term. Understandably anxious young people were supported by parents, carers and staff from both campuses as the envelopes were opened and results discovered.

The college are celebrating some fantastic results including some stand out individual performances from Christina Davis, Aidan Wong (including an elusive

grade 9 in Maths), Charlotte Hugill, Connor Elston, Millie Tezcan-Fotoohi, Katie and Rachel Lovell, Max Hunter (including an elusive grade 9 in English) and Brydon Kenney. Many students also made spectacular progress throughout their studies. Despite the recent changes to GCSE specifications several subject areas stood out with exceptional results. Once again the arts subjects performed particularly highly whilst Physical Education also produced record results.

Greenfield teachers look forward to welcoming the class of 2017 back in November for the GCSE presentation evenings held at both campuses. David Priestley Executive

Headteacher said 'We are very proud of the achievements of our young people and wish them every success as they move to the next phase of education or training.'

TAXI DRIVER FINED FOR REFUSING TO TAKE ASSISTANCE DOG

A taxi driver who refused to take a fare from a blind woman with an assistance dog is facing a bill of more than £1,000. Muhammad Imran Ashraf initially agreed to take the passenger when she approached him at a rank on North Road, Durham last December, but drove off when he saw her assistance dog.

A second driver, who witnessed the incident, agreed to take the fare and was able to send the woman details of the first vehicle via text message. The passenger later contacted Durham County Council to complain and a licensing enforcement officer from the authority was able to confirm the incident had taken place using CCTV footage.

Information provided by the woman helped the officer identify that the vehicle was licensed to Ashraf and a letter was sent to him asking to confirm who was driving it at the date and time concerned. Ashraf later confirmed in a telephone conversation that he was the driver. He said that if any complaints had been made about him, his license should be revoked as he was not willing to attend an interview or appear before a licensing committee.

It was explained to Ashraf that his licence would not be revoked by the officer but that he would be sent a formal request for interview. Ashraf was sent two such letters but did not reply to either. Ashraf, 44, of Chestnut Avenue, Newcastle, failed to attend Peterlee Magistrates Court when the case was heard this morning (Monday, 4 September) but had pleaded not guilty at an earlier hearing. Magistrates found the case proved in his absence. He was fined £440 and ordered to pay £711 in costs and a £44 victim surcharge.

Owen Clough, Durham County Council's consumer protection manager, said: "While we know the vast majority of the drivers we license comply

with all relevant legislation, we have received information that suggests Mr Ashraf is one of a small number who are refusing to take passengers with assistance dogs. This practice is an offence under the Equalities Act and we will not tolerate it in County Durham. "We hope the financial penalty imposed by the magistrates will serve as a deterrent to other drivers who may be minded to refuse passengers. We would also like to express our thanks to the driver who assisted us in this case. "Although Mr Ashraf is no longer licensed by us, we will continue to investigate allegations of this type and will take appropriate action if any offences are identified."

Motor Cycle Ace Seeks New Workshop in Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe based road racer Daley Mathison is someone you may not have heard of, but his racing achievements are second to none in what can only be described as one of the toughest, exciting and most dangerous sports on earth. 26yr old Daley has been in the sport since the age of 12 competing in many events including the famous Isle of Man TT of which he has been on the podium twice in the past couple of years and Olivers Mount Scarborough where wins and podiums have been many.

In 2017 Daley had a TT average lap speed of 128 mph over 37.37 miles, that's one lap, the race is six. He also put in a 130mph lap in Ireland which is truly remarkable. His success and list of wins is as long as any man's arm. The family run, and supported team are what make this racer one of the best in the country. His sponsors include Eddie Stobart, Dunlop, McLennan Group, AST, to name a few. Daley's wife Natalie and



daughter Daisy are always there to cheer him along with his Mam, Dad, and team mechanics when and wherever he competes.

At the moment Daley's lease for his workshop has come to an end and he is urgently looking for other suitable premises on the Aycliffe Business Park as Daley still has two events to compete this month.

When Daley is not racing he does technical work on motorbikes improving handling etc. Please contact Daley on 07853 335991 if you can help find him a new



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9 Year old Newtonian Completes C2C



Leo Norris completed his C2C Challenge with his Dad supporting him (also on a bike). He peddled up every hill and both had a great laugh from start to finish. All his family and especially his parents are very proud of him for the great achievement at 9 years of age. Also in doing so, he raised in excess of £400 to be split between his chosen charities: Aycliffe Village School PTA and the Acle Scout Group. Leo thanks everyone who sponsored his challenge.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store almost hung on for a draw, but were eventually beaten by 54 runs away at Barnard Castle 2nd XI in their penultimate game of the season in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, the home side scored a very challenging 214 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs despite good bowling from James Layfield-Carroll (3 for 30) and Luke Telford (3 for 55). Graham Telford battled hard for a determined 43 off 84 balls as Aycliffe's batting crumbled around him at 67 for 5.

However a career best unbeaten 40 by James Layfield-Carroll off just 42 balls, with three boundaries and three sixes and a more sedate 17 off 52 balls by Joe

Haines, gave the visitors hope of salvaging a draw, but despite a gallant fight by the tail, Aycliffe lost their final wicket with just 9 balls remaining.

The 2nd team lost by 126 runs against Yarm 2nds in their last home game of the season in the NYSD 4th division. The visitors elected to bat first and scored 208 for 7 in their 50 overs.

Dan Weldon was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 27 from 13 overs and Steve Sweeney chipped in with 2 for 50 from 11 overs.

Aycliffe were bowled out for 82 from 27.2 overs. Dave Wright top scored with an aggressive 22, Dan Weldon scored 12 and Dylan Tribley chipped in with 10. Harry Wright (sponsored by Commercial Expert) was man of the match.

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ACORN Meet

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Members of Aycliffe Running club travelled to Middlesbrough on Sunday 3rd September for the popular Tees Pride 10K road race. There was full road closure for the event and lots of spectators lined the route to support and encourage the runners. Local bands also performed at various points along the route. The weather was bright, but very breezy at times.

First to finish for Aycliffe was Dave Blewitt in 46:29 followed by Trish Kay in 49:17, Warren Raine 54:47,

Austin Donoghue 52:50 and Susan Clark 1:02:09. Lindsey Brown achieved a PB of 1:03:45 and had also got a PB at Hardwick Park run the previous day. Eve Doe completed the race in 1:10:16.

Aycliffe Running Club has been holding beginner sessions on a Monday evening and some of the people who have been attending these sessions also completed the Tees Pride 10K. For Joey Collins, who only started running properly about 3 months ago,

it was his first ever 10K race and he completed the course in 59:12.

It was Paula Lambert's first race and she finished in 1:05:02. Jane Quigley finished in 1:02:24, Leigh Bowron 1:10:16 and Marie Raine 1:14:19.

For details of Aycliffe Running Club visit <http://ayclifferunningclub.org.uk/>

JUNIORS FOOTBALL REPORT

It was the final weekend of pre-season preparations for the Aycliffe Juniors football teams. There were some friendlies played, the start of the Under 23's cup and a great Under 12's tournament win.

The Under 7's will be waiting for a few weeks to start their league campaign so they took the chance to continue their development at the Bishop Auckland tournament. They competed well and did their coaches proud gaining one win from their games.

The Under 8's played two friendly games against North Ormesby. They won 4-3 and then 5-1 with Alex scoring twice in the first game and netting a hat trick in the second. Other scorers on the day were Oliver, Thomas, Josh and Zeke.

The Under 9's enjoyed friendly wins against Darlington based 21st All Stars, they came away with 3-2 then 4-3 wins. This was a great performance against a side from a higher league. Both Under 12 teams travelled to the Stockton Town tournament. The Russell Foster league team



finished their group games with a record of one win from four games. The TJFA league team were unbeaten in the group stage beating Stockton Town Blues 2-0, Whickham Fellside 3-1, Jarrow 4-0 and drawing 0-0 with Imptech.

In the semi final a superb Zack goal, direct from a corner, sealed a 1-0 win against Stockton Town Yellows. The final was a repeat of the group game against Imptech and this time Zack was on target again to ensure the tournament win. Over the course of the day the

lads scored 11 goals and conceded only 1, Zack netted 6 times, Kayne scored 3 with Will and Liam getting one each.

The Under 23's opened their season with a preliminary round Durham FA Sunday Cup game against Toft Hill Three Tuns. A few key players were missing and after going 2-0 and then 3-1 up they unfortunately lost 5-3. Burrows, Howe and Hansom were the scorers with Jack Slatcher named as the man of the match.

AYCLIFFE F.C. 1 DOWN IN FIRST 5 MINUTES



James Winter saves a penalty in the first half but received a second yellow card while conceding another penalty later in the game.

Aycliffe got off to a bad start against the Northumbria University students when they went behind after 5 minutes. Centre forward Ardelean got ahead of his marker and headed in a cross. Aycliffe had a chance to equalise on 13 minutes but Stuart Banks missed a penalty. Then the students also missed a penalty on 20 minutes when home keeper James Winter saved. The rest of the half was even, albeit the Northumbria team had the better of the chances. Aycliffe took forward Matty Pennal off just before half-time and replaced him with midfielder Sean Tarling. HT 0-1.

The students were on top in the second half (due to an insipid Aycliffe performance), and went two up when they went straight through a non-existent defence. Keeper James Winter brought down a player and was sent off for 2 cautions. Grant Hickman

went in goal. The students could have made it three, but hit the bar with five minutes to go. Full-time 0-2.

Aycliffe hosted Newcastle Benfield on Tuesday 5th September then travelled to Whickham on Friday 8th

September for a Buildbase FA Vase fixture.

In a change to the fixture list Aycliffe now visit Washington on Saturday 16th September with North Shields visiting Moore Lane on Tuesday 19th September.

Bags of Cash for Charity

Tesco's 'Bags of Help' community group voting has been refreshed. Votes are now open for the three new groups, running until to the 31st October.

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What the Film 'Dunkirk' Doesn't Mention

Dear Editor,
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held across the country and literally millions of people poured into churches to pray. (This fascinating photograph shows the extraordinary scene outside Westminster Abbey as frightened people queued to pray, a scene replicated across the Nation.) Two significant events immediately followed. Firstly, a violent storm arose over the Dunkirk region grounding the Luftwaffe which had been killing thousands on the beaches. Secondly, a great calm

descended on the Channel, the like of which hadn't occurred for a generation, enabling the hundreds of tiny boats to rescue 338,000 soldiers, rather than the estimated 30,000. It was the timing of these events immediately after the Prayer Day which led people to speak of "the miracle of Dunkirk" and Sunday June 9th was officially appointed as a Day of National Thanksgiving. Looking back at this and other events the Bishop of Chelmsford wrote, "If ever a great nation was on the point of supreme and final disaster, and yet was saved and reinstated it was ourselves... it does not require an exceptionally religious mind to detect in all this the Hand of God."

At the end of 1942, after the tide had turned in the War, Churchill himself was moved to say "I sometimes have a feeling of interference, I want to stress that. I have a feeling sometimes that some Guiding Hand has interfered." To coincide with this film, details of various Wartime Miracles are being sent to thousands of churches across the UK so as to give congregations hope and reassurance, much needed in our unsettling times. If anyone would like this uplifting information directly by email, then they are welcome to contact strengthenthefaithful@gmail.com clearly putting Wartime Miracles in the subject box. Thank you. Rev J Willans BD. Dip Theol

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Holiday Snaps



Photo of Newtonian Lynne Arnold in St. Petersburg, Russia one of the ports of call on a Baltic Cruise with husband Paul. Please take a copy of Newton News on holiday and send a photo to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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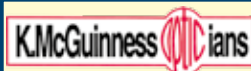
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A youth has been banned from entering Durham City following a string of anti-social behaviour. Adrian Collins, 17, from Stockton-on-Tees, was given a Criminal Behaviour Order at Newton Aycliffe Youth Court on Friday, 1st September. Collins is said to have plagued Durham City for eight weeks, with police attending more than 26 incidents called in by local businesses, causing a massive drain on police resources. The offences include public order and criminal damage. Darrell Brown, of the Durham City Neighbourhood Team, said: "The granting of this order will be a huge relief for businesses and the public in Durham City. 'Collins' behaviour has had a huge impact on residents and business owners. Behaviour of this kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated." Collins will no longer be allowed to enter Durham City. Doing so would be a criminal offence for which he can be immediately arrested.

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The session in Newton Aycliffe will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Youth and Community Centre, Burn Lane.

The initiative has been developed by Durham County Council and Advice in County Durham; housing providers Karbon Homes, Livin and County Durham Housing Group; as well as Monkey - a partnership of housing and voluntary sector organisations in the county. Representatives from NEFirst and Prince Bishops Community Bank credit unions will be attending all six of the sessions and offering an incentive for new savers (the first 10 adults who open an account at each advice day will receive a £25 bonus if they save a minimum of £1 per week for 12 consecutive weeks. In addition to the drop-in sessions, residents can also make appointments in advance with the organisations involved.

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Obituary

PATRICK McGOLDRICK, 2.9.17. Our much loved Uncle passed away peacefully in Malta after a long illness. Will be sadly missed. The world will be a duller place without you Poric. Love, Lesley, Tony and all the family xxx

McGRADY, Paul Christopher, (42 years) in hospital on 30th August 2017. Dearly loved Father to Sean; much loved Son of Carole and John; Brother to Russell. Would family and friends meet at Wear Valley Crematorium for 11am on Tuesday 12th September. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to Diabetes UK.

Terry Harrison

1st September 2017

Peacefully in hospital, surrounded by his loving friends, Terry aged 75 years, of Newton Aycliffe, a very special and loving friend to many. Terry will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral on Thursday 14th September. Would friends please meet at 11.00am for Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe followed by a private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations for the GNAAS may be given at the refreshment venue or sent c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd, 59a Bondgate, Darlington DL3 7JR.

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Kelly

Newton Aycliffe

Peacefully in hospital on 1st September, Doris, aged 83 years, also her beloved Husband Wilf on 2nd September. Dearly loved Mam and Dad of Peter, Elizabeth, John, Bernadette, Shaun, Andrew and Anne; a dear Mother-in-Law and Father-in-Law of Barbara, Ian, Ilinka, Dave, Debbie and Shaun. They will be sadly missed by their 16 Grandchildren and 13 Great-Grandchildren and by all who knew them. Their funeral will take place on Thursday 14th September in St. Mary's RC Church at 10.00am followed by interment in the West Cemetery, School Aycliffe at 11.00am. Would friends kindly meet at the church. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, would be much appreciated in aid of Ward 41 Trust Fund, Darlington Memorial Hospital and may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Silver Medal Winner



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Dave which he does on a regular basis. The pair have entered most competitions in the UK & Ireland this year so far and Dave also plans on competing in Denmark at the end of the month. Classes in BJJ are held at Aycliffe Leisure Centre every Thursday from 8-9pm and Sunday 3-4pm for all levels and beginners are welcome to come and try the sport for fitness competition and fun!

Acknowledgement

THOMAS, Lynne and family of the late Anne Elizabeth Brady wish to express their gratitude to friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy shown during their sad bereavement. Special thanks Dr Kay Warrell, Andrea Carpenter, District Nurses and Butterwick Hospice for their dedication and devotion to Anne. Thanks also to Brian Shepherd and all the team at Whitehouse Funeral Services for their outstanding support. Your kind donations of £371.00 will be given to Butterwick Hospice.

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Our booklet, 'Understanding Your Diabetes', helps people to have a better understanding of the differences between the two main types of diabetes. Two of our other booklets, 'Type 2 Diabetes - Management and Medication' and 'Type 1 Diabetes - Know the Fact' provide more information about each condition. Eating the appropriate diet is part of the treatment of diabetes but many people feel they are unsure about what they can and can't eat. Our booklet 'Diabetes - Everyday Eating' helps with this, as it contains 28 days of menus of everyday, affordable meals, and much more.

In addition, at this time of year, children with diabetes may be starting new schools and we have a 'Passport for Schools' to help parents provide information to teachers and 'What Schools Need to Know' to help teachers to look after children with diabetes. All our booklets provide information in non-medical language to help people understand their particular treatment, improve their health and to make life easier. If your readers contact IDDT, they can obtain FREE copies of the above leaflets. Telephone: 01604 622837 E-mail: enquires@iddinternational.org Jenny Hirst

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With so few people from the Neville Parade area volunteering to run the proposed Residents' Association it doesn't seem likely the project will go ahead unless there is greater interest shown at the Inaugural Meeting. Despite enthusiasm shown at the outset, with well attended informal discussion meetings, only six people have come forward to express interest in being elected as officers and committee in the formation of the association. Great Aycliffe Residents' Association have been

behind the project and Chairman Syd Howarth, expressed his disappointment. "The benefits to residents has been proven by other successful associations formed in the town who have prospered and helped improve conditions and influenced decision making in their respective areas" said Syd. The meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30pm in Neville Community Centre will be the make or break of this move to give residents a voice and bring the community together. "I hope there will be a good

turnout and nominations made from the floor to see the Association founded. It has been the aim of GARA to see each area in Newton Aycliffe with its own Residents' Association with the prospect that if anything major comes up they will all unite under one banner to show their strength either in protest or support" added Syd. Last minute offers to be a founder officer or committee member of Neville Residents' Association is vital to this aim. Ring Syd on 01325 300212 or e-mail: syd@newtonpress.net

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MIXED RESULTS FOR SPORTS CLUB AGAINST QUEENS

Back to back away games against Willington Queens in the league and cup this week for Newton Aycliffe Sports Club saw a close defeat in the league, followed by a win in the county cup. Tuesday night saw the two

teams get together for the first time this season in the league and it was the away side that started the brighter looking to follow on from Sundays away win to Escomb. On 10 minutes a free kick awarded just



Anth Campbell

outside of the area saw the first real chance at goal, but was hit well wide by Ryan Stonehouse. It was on the 20 minute mark that the deadlock was broken. Augusts Player of the Month, Jimmy Cameron receiving the ball inside the area, turned the defender on his inside and shot low into the bottom corner to make it 1-0 to the visitors.

The lead lasted for 10 minutes as Willington broke the offside trap and slotted past stand in keeper Mark Craggs to make it 1-1 going into the break.

The hosts started the second half much stronger making use of the width of the pitch and stretching the Aycliffe full backs and getting crosses into the box putting the away side under a lot of pressure. The pressure paid off on the 70 minute mark when a corner failed to be cleared and was drilled home by the Queens centre forward to make it 2-1. The Sports Club created a number of chances, the best coming from Kyle Allen when he spun and got his shot off only to see it be deflected wide for a corner which the away side failed to benefit from. A tough, but even game, which saw Willington take the 3 points, in the first of these back to back encounters.

MoM: Connor Hughes Sunday saw the two teams meet again, this time in the County Cup Preliminary Round. With David Teder Pulling up during the warm up and Connor Hughes coming off injured after just 15 minutes, the Sports Club had to reshuffle and group accordingly very early on. The first real effort fell to early substitute Anthony Campbell who hit a free kick just over the bar on 18 minutes. Campbell again looked dangerous when a throw in from Jonathan Clegg found him in the box, a quick turn and shot saw the keeper make a fairly simple

save.

Then on 25 minutes, a penalty call was turned away after Campbell was fouled in the box much to the disappointment from the sideline. Another substitution was required shortly after as Darren Bosomworth (in for David Teder) pulled up with a groin strain which may see him out for a number of weeks. The Sports Club were then awarded a penalty just after the half hour mark when Ollie Gell (on for Bosomworth) was fouled inside the area and Captain for the Day Ryan Stonehouse stepped up to finish from the spot to make it 1-0 to the visitors. Kyle Allen almost made it two just before the break but pulled his shot just wide.

Aycliffe Sports Club maintained the pressure at the start of the 2nd half and it was Jimmy Cameron who made it 2-0 on 55 minutes, after the ball was switched from left to right and allowed him to close in on the keeper and slot home.

The two goal advantage only lasted a few minutes as the home team managed to claw a goal back, an own goal by veteran Darren Griffiths as he slid into a tackle and deflected the ball into the stranded Mark Craggs, again deputising in goal. This lifted the home side and on the 60 minute mark it was all level after the Sports Club defence failed to clear allowing Queens to drill home the equaliser.

Anth Campbell took the game into his own hands and went on a mazy run with his cross just missing Kyle Allen, but the Centre Half for Willington deflected it into his own net to make it 3-2 to the Sports Club. Then with only 3 minutes remaining, Kyle Allen made sure of the result slotting home the 4th goal to see Aycliffe Sports Club secure a place in the next round of the cup – away to Coxhoe Red Lion.

MOM: Anthony Campbell

Next Up: Bishop Auckland Snooker Club (Away – 10th Sept)

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