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Aycliffe Dancers in Glasgow

Local dance school Stepping Out with Clare Walton attended The Nations Best Dance Act in Glasgow, after successfully qualifying through online auditions. The dance school took two troupe pieces, Lyrical Routine "Praying" & Commercial routine "Sassy Heels" alongside 5 solo routines and 1 duet who all qualified to make the semi finals.

All performances fared fabulously in these prestigious semi finals with troupe Piece "Praying", 4 soloists and the duet making it to the finals getting a chance to perform again for at top five placing.

The Senior Lyrical Group "Praying" danced against 25 groups to make the final 10 troupes, placing in top 5 with a fabulous 4th place. The standard in this competition was very high and school principal Clare Walton is very proud of the girls as the choreography was complex and challenging, and they delivered it to such a fabulous standard.

The 5 soloists competed against 43 dancers in the semi finals with 4 of them making the final 9, which is an amazing achievement from one dance school. 2 dancers were placed in the top 5, 1 of which being Georgia Thelwell who took the winning spot crediting her with the title of Nations Best Solo Dance Act 2017. She performed a very sensitive piece choreographed by her teacher Clare, called "Cut its Spell" which is about self-harm in teenagers today and has such a strong message. Georgia delivered the piece with great care and maturity and her family teachers and peers are very proud.

Jaycee Latue also took an amazing 3rd place with her piece also choreographed by her teacher Clare "Crazy in love", she performed her piece with so much emotion dancing it to perfection. Dance teacher Clare was overwhelmed to have 4 dancers make the final cut but to take 1st and 3rd place is simply wow. As if the solos wasn't



enough the schools success continued as the duet Jaycee Latue and Claudia Bennett went on to win Nations Best Dance Act Duet 2017 with their captivating piece about Mother and Daughter, "She Used to be Mine". Portraying how hard it can be when Mothers have their children young and the relationship problems that can be between Mother and Daughter. Its safe to say the day was a

huge success and everyone is overwhelmed at the success and are now currently working hard for their next thing which is the UK Dance Elite Championships semi-final in London another very large prestigious event. Newton Aycliffe has so much talent within its town fabulous to see. Stepping Out Admin Team steppingoutwithclarewalton@aol.com

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Options Summer Festival Success



Clarke, also an Options member said "Thank you to everyone who gave us money. It will help pay for activities and trips that we all enjoy."

Daphne Bowman was one of the visitors and said "I had a wonderful day, plenty of hard work went into it by the staff and members and all the people involved. Well done Options for a very successful day, you are great! Many thanks to the coffee shop for the lovely food and drinks too."

The feel good family event included live performances, a bungee run, strong man competition, bouncy castle, face painter, stalls and games. The Police Interceptors from Channel 5's popular TV show made an appearance and the party atmosphere continued until 8pm with the Options Social Club BBQ.

Options is a user-led day service promoting independence, informed choice and social inclusion. It is managed by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) and is available to people over the age of 18 with a learning disability.

Options runs Monday to Friday and members take part in activities including daily living skills, adult education sessions, confidence and self-esteem building, healthy living workshops and community activities. An Options Social Club also takes place every Thursday 6-8pm at the Pioneering Care Centre.

For further details contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email enquiries@pcp.uk.net Visit www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Facebook. com/PCPandCentre and Twitter @PioneeringCare

Local adults with learning disabilities thank supporters for their 'best ever' Summer Festival.

In the region of 800 people attended this year's family fundraiser event at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

The Options members were delighted people came from all over the County as they put a lot of work into the planning, baking, leaflet dropping, raffle prize obtaining and decorating leading up to the event.

They were also busy manning stalls, welcoming visitors, serving afternoon tea and performing a very special dance routine on the day, which you can see on

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/cqrzPP-yOHw>

Their hard work paid off though as they raised an astonishing £2130 that will go towards new resources and activities for the group. Michael Smallman, Options member said "Thank you to all the people who came and supported the event." Gillian

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"Just because school has started doesn't mean we can't help anyone in need. The only school uniforms we've had problems with is blue for St. Mary's and Aycliffe Village School. Blue shirts and uniforms for Byerley Park School where unfortunately people had to be turned away because we don't have the stock. If anyone has any they

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would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated." There is a facebook page "Helpful Hand" which is the quickest way to contact Sally, but all other forms of contact are fine, but it may take a bit longer as Sally and her daughter both work full time. They will return calls as soon

as possible. Sally added: "May I say a great big thank you to the people of Aycliffe who support this scheme, as without them none of the help we have given would have been possible. Contact Sally on 07495 705413 or email: symons039@hotmail.com

Applications Open for 2018/19 School Year

Parents whose children are due to start primary or secondary school next year can start applying for a place from this week. Durham County Council will be accepting applications for the 2018/19 school year from Tuesday, 12 September. Anyone with a child who is due to turn five between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 needs to complete an application form stating which primary school they would like their child to attend.

Families will still need to apply even if they have an older child attending the same school. They must also complete an application form for older children wishing to attend a junior school from September 2018. The deadline for applications for primary and junior schools is midnight on Monday 15th January 2018. Anyone with a child who is due to turn 11 between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 needs to complete an application form stating which secondary school they would like their child to attend. The deadline for secondary school applications is

midnight on Sunday 15th October 2017. Application forms are available at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, where parents will also find essential advice to help with their application. Paper applications are available on request by contacting Durham County Council's school admissions team on 03000 265 896.

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Children and Families Partnership Honoured

The Children's Commissioner for England has completed a visit of County Durham to recognise and celebrate the work of the Children and Families Partnership (CFP).

The CFP has been presented with a Gold Award in recognition of its outstanding work during the 2016 'Takeover Challenge'.

The Children and Families Partnership has representation from Durham County Council, the voluntary sector, police, health, schools and colleges, with a strategic responsibility for delivering better outcomes for children, young people and their families in County Durham. The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge takes place in November each year, and sees organisations across England opening their doors to children and young people to take over adult roles. It puts children and young people in decision-making positions and encourages



organisations and businesses to hear their views.

The project gives children and young people the opportunity to gain an insight into the adult world, and organisations benefit from a fresh perspective about their work. The commissioner also spent time hearing from the various arms of the council's children's and young people's service, including a visit to Aycliffe Secure

Centre, a presentation on the Youth Aware Mental Health programme, and a summary of the Student Voice survey, which provided an overview of the issues facing students in County Durham.

The Children's Commissioner for England, Anne Longfield OBE, said: "I'm delighted to be in Durham to recognise and celebrate the work of the Children and Families Partnership.

"They deserve their award for being creative and committed to getting the best for the children and young people of the county, and the way they took to Takeover Challenge and made it such a worthwhile experience. I believe that when society and institutions put children at the heart of the start of any process in which they are affected, and when the hopes and aims of children are listened to and acted on, it always makes for better services for children. Equally it's good to recognise those who are doing that, and that's what I'm here to do today."

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We are delighted that the Children's Commissioner has recognised the work of our service. Her opportunity to meet and talk with young people in County Durham has been the highlight of my day. We can provide opportunities, promote and encourage, but it is the young people themselves who have made the commitment to our projects. I am immensely proud of their achievements." Following the success of the 2016 Takeover Challenge, work is taking place to

encourage partners to involve children and young people in decision making throughout the year.

In particular, partners are invited to participate in the 2017 Takeover Challenge, which will officially launch on Friday 24 November.

Film Show

"CAN-CAN"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 19th September features the musical "CAN-CAN", starring Frank Sinatra, Shirley MaLaine, Maurice Chevalier, Louis Jordan and Juliet Prowse.

The Can-Can is banned as being lewd, but everyone loves it so it's performed at a Cabaret in Paris, and that can get people arrested! Mix in the music of Cole Porter and songs such as "I Love Paris", "It's Alright With Me" and "C'est Magnifique", plus plenty of laughs and great dancing and you have a great Feel-Good film.

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.

MAD CHOIR UPDATE

Dear Sir,
I wanted to give you a quick update on where we are - MAD community choir wise, so that you might be able to write a little something about what's coming up in the near future.

On 16th September we are going to be singing at the Salvation Army Hall in Shildon as part of their Harvest Festival and will be performing between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. This is open to members of the public and should prove to be a lot of fun.

Our next Fundraising concert will take place on 4th October at Shildon Civic Hall from 7.00pm-10.00pm with music from the 70's and up to date. This is focused on raising funds to help people with Mental Health Issues.

We are currently open to new members which I can say is growing steadily and currently working on repertoire that will allow us to continue to take new members till the end of October.

We will then be joining with Xcel in their annual Christmas Production which is taking place in the Xcel Centre on the 10th December.

DID YOUR CHILDREN COME HOME SMELLING OF FIRE?



As part of his wife's 60th Birthday treat John and Karen Howard were away having a long weekend in Rome when they got a call on Friday 5th September that their garden sheds in Wilton Court backing onto the Nature Walk, were on fire!

The neighbours were quick to attend, with Peter and Steve trying their best with two garden hoses to kill the flames. These efforts were futile as you can see from the photo. The Fire Brigade and Police arrived in a timely manner and had the fire under control and extinguished in about 45 minutes.

The cause of the fire (according to a neighbour, was young kids who had already tried to set fire to his fence, but he saw smoke and quickly dealt with the fire.

John and Karen consider themselves lucky that their fire was started in the mid/late afternoon, and neighbours saw the smoke and took action, which was a nice piece of community spirit.

John's collection of irreplaceable antique and old carpentry tools were ruined. Other tools and equipment collected over many years were destroyed and the insurance will not be able to cover all the financial loss.

The cost of the blaze is estimated between £8000 and £10,000, with two sheds, garden furniture, and fences to replace. The biggest message we have to get out there is the danger, where there could have been loss of life and/or serious injury, from gas bottles stored near the shed. Fortunately they were empty being the end of summer. Imagine if they were full and exploded - causing death or injury to one of the kids?

For my part, at the end of the day, these are just things, and things are replaceable, but imagine if one of these children had been injured or

worse still, burnt to death, can you imagine having to live here with that in your mind, and then the parents their life long suffering? It doesn't bear thinking about. Parents should be explaining this to those culprits who thought they were just starting a little camp fire. Did your child come home smelling smokey that day? Hopefully this was a camp fire that got out of hand, but the real fear and concern is

that it could have been a lot worse, people could have died if this fire had been set in the evening, or a house was burnt down!

John told Newton News: "Not a great 60th Birthday present! Please get the message across to parents. I am not looking for recompense or retribution, we just need these kids to understand how bad things could have been, and hopefully teach them a lesson."

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Ron and Moira French from Wolsey Close, Newton Aycliffe (where they have lived for around 54 years) celebrated their 60 year wedding anniversary on Thursday 7th September 2017. To celebrate such a special occasion Ron and Moira's children, Martin, Andrew and Richard along with their wives, Bella, Greta and Anne arranged for a Mini Cruise to Amsterdam, which included a lovely meal and 60th anniversary cake. The occasion was highlighted with a Wedding Anniversary message/card from the Queen.

Gender Imbalance on the Council

Dear Sir,
With respect, may I ask if it is The Great Aycliffe Town Council that is performing badly when only 11 female Councillors are elected and 19 Councillors are male? It is the people of Great Aycliffe who vote for the people they feel will best represent them. Surely setting targets to have more women on the Council will only serve to have candidates who are coerced and haven't got the commitment needed. If they had, they would be standing anyway and working hard to get elected. As some of the candidates this year did not even put out leaflets to let people know who they were, their particular areas of interest and their suitability for election does this show a hint of coercion?

The writers of the letter state, "many local government policy areas (for example, child care provision) have a much greater impact on women than on men." Isn't this a bit sexist? However, the Town Council does have limited pre-school provision but other areas such as primary/secondary schooling, care of the elderly, social services and many other such areas that can affect day to day family life come under the jurisdiction

of the County Council so perhaps being a Town Councillor doesn't appeal. As to getting a good gender balance on committees surely having the best person to chair them etc. is in the best interests of the community as a whole. Also having Councillors of either sex who are able and willing to turn up at all the required meetings (which hasn't always happened in the past) is also of great importance. Many women are in employment and coming home from a days work, cooking meals for the family, maybe still dealing with young children and having to be at the Council chamber for a 7.15pm meeting (sometimes earlier) is hectic unless one has a very helpful, supportive partner. Family commitment for women once their children have grown up or they are retired from work may decrease unless of course they are looking after grandchildren or helping their own parents lead an independent life. Granted the Labour Party as a body may feel they require a gender balance but not all Councillors are Labour members nor should they be if healthy debate and opposing views are taken into account to allow best

outcomes. In Great Aycliffe we are very lucky to have a good and effective Town Council and have had for many, many years so surely the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen are doing a good job for us. In the past we have had some very effective, outstanding Chairmen who were women so I am sure female Councillors would be elected to these posts if they were deemed suitable and actually wanted these demanding positions. If a Councillor proves his or her commitment and value and wants a Chairmanship they will get these positions by right not because of their gender and this will mean we continue to have an effective Town Council.
A.J.Bergg (Mrs)



The Children's Society will be holding a coffee morning and box collection on Wednesday 20th September at Pauline's, 11B Garthlands, Heighington from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Admission to this event is £2.00 and everyone is welcome.

NUFC SUPPORTERS CLUB DONATE TO CANCER GROUP

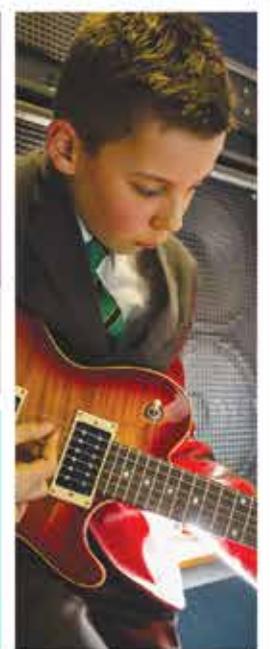


The Newton Aycliffe Newcastle United Supporter's Club showed their support for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group on Saturday night. Many members attended the evening and generous a donation of £200 was presented by the Newcastle United Supporters Club to the Cancer Group which supplies vital support for individuals suffering from cancer and their families. The Newcastle United Supporters Club, which organises a bus from the Turbinia to Newcastle for NUFC home games, likes to support the local community by donating to local groups. The supporters club would like to congratulate Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group on a fabulous night on Saturday. If anyone would like to find out more about the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, Allison can be contacted on 07762 258696 or allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk

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Positive Discrimination an Independents View

Dear Sir,
Can I be blunt? As a councillor I too would welcome more females in the council chamber, not necessarily in just the Labour group and I would also like to see more ladies heading up committees and as leaders. I believe women would be an asset to the business of the council, however this must be decided on merit not on positive discrimination. Our mayor is decided by the labour group and no account is taken of Independents who may be brilliant in this role. The reason given by the Labour group is that as their party is the largest it is their right to choose the mayor. Based upon this logic it would appear, that as most Labour councillors are male then they are perhaps applying the same logic to female Chairwomen. Can we please use a little common sense and remember we are elected to represent our constituents not fight battles of the sexes. If female members of the public feel they are underrepresented on our council, feel free to stand as Independents. Can I finish this letter by reporting that the Labour led

town council have no interest in emptying the boating lakes and cleaning them out as stated by the Leader of the Labour group at the last town council environment meeting. Claiming that the smell would attract complaints from local residents.
Councillor Ken Robson
Working for residents of the West Ward

Library Theatre Production

Durham Book Festival presents a New Writing North production of "Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo". Which will be coming to Newton Aycliffe Library on Saturday 28th October at 2.30pm.
Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo is a theatre production with music for children under 7 and their families. Tickets are on sale now, priced at £2.00 per child and adults are free. Please contact the library on 03000 269 519 for more information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour Women do not Speak for all Women

Dear Sir,
The letter last week from 3 Labour Women Councillors demanding positive discrimination for only Labour women councillors speaks volumes. At the last election Labour fielded 27 candidates for 30 seats, of which only 9 were women. In contrast the Independents fielded 12 of which 6 were women. Of all those elected Labour had 9 women elected that's 33% of their councillors and the Independents had 4 women 44%. So I think it is glaringly obvious that the Independents value women candidates more than Labour does. However their letter bemoans that they want more (Labour only) women chairmen and vice chairmen on Committees and sub committees. I only joined the Labour Party in 1974 so I don't know much except this, in all those years I never knew any Labour women Councillors who put themselves forward for Chairmen etc who did not get it. But it must be said that those women Councillors like Wyn Dormer, Enid Meadows, Sylvia Wray, Christine Gowton etc were all formidable people who got their positions through being formidable capable people in their own right not, just because they were women. During the last 5 years not one Labour women Councillor put their names forward for any Chairman or Vice Chairman. Except as Mayor of course! Now they announce publicly they are going to demand

at the controlling Labour Group that they have quotas for women Chair and Vice Chairmen rather than be voted in on their own merit or ability to do the job. It is usual to debate policy in the Labour Group first not announce what you are going to do, this leaves open the fact that the other 6 women members of the Labour group do not believe in tokenism and quotas. Somehow I suspect the Labour Group will throw this one out. The feminists anti men only achievement so far has been to remove Mrs, Miss or Ms from their titles in the Council minutes so as not to show their marital status! One of these 3 Ladies is a former Group Secretary and should know the rules, her husband used to be Press Officer for the Group and would have insisted it come to Group first! I would ask these open questions to these 3 Ladies:

1. Why have you never put your names forward for Chairman or Vice Chairman of Committees or Sub Committees in the Labour Group, and
 2. Why should you have positions on the Council reserved only for women. Rather than merit and ability irrespective of man or woman or gay or lesbian or transgender or anything else I may have missed.
- Oh, and just before anyone dares to say that Labour Councillors go through selection and vetting,
a) you could not field 30 candidates for 30 seats in May, and
b) you once elected a Labour Leader who was sentenced to 15 years in prison, some vetting procedure eh!
Arun M Chandran
Independent

Planning Application Opposed

Dear Sir,
May I politely point out that ALL 30 members of Great Aycliffe Town Council Labour and Independents voted against the Planning Application and to continue oppose the Appeal. We opposed it primarily on the grounds of only one access on to the busy A167, with at least 800 cars using it for access at least twice a day, for work let alone shopping, no consideration of bus access or Rubbish collection vehicles, the fact that it was overcrowded obviously to maximise profit, and had no open space heritage aspect like the rest of Great Aycliffe, the concerns of Northumbria Water and the Environment Agency re Flooding risk with all that run off from a cramped built up area, lack of car parking off street provision and several other reasons.
Arun M Chandran
Independent

Photographic Club to Form

Dear Sir
A new photographic group is starting up at High Etherley on Monday 25th September. The club will cater for all levels and have a range of activities including photoshows, techniques, competitions and outside lecturers. Meetings are fortnightly on first and third Mondays from 7.30pm until around 9.15pm at Etherley Parish Hall, South Road, High Etherley, DL14 0HZ near the Three Tuns Inn. The opening night features a 'Street and Graffiti' show from Secretary John Morris who can also be contacted for further details on 07753 178682 and 01325 265271. Many thanks in anticipation
John Morris
Secretary, Wear Valley Photography Club

Aycliffe Firm Makes an Impact at Biomass Power Station

A training firm which specialises in emotional intelligence has been awarded a contract to deliver behaviour-based safety training at the world's largest new-build Biomass Power station construction site. High Impact Development, a leading behavioural training company based on Aycliffe Business Park, has won the contract to deliver workshops for principal contractor Tecnicas Reunidas at the Tees Renewable Energy Plant (Tees REP) site in Middlesbrough. Tecnicas Reunidas, a world leader in engineering and construction in the oil and gas sector, is the principal contractor on the site at the Tees Dock Road site. High Impact has now delivered the first round of workshops to over 200 delegates, with an overarching objective to quickly develop a high-performing workforce for TR that is willing and able to perform their tasks in a positive, productive and safe manner. Primary messages are also delivered around individuals being selfish about their own safety, working as a team and caring for colleagues and communicating with them. "We are thrilled to serve the training needs of this prestigious project, which is a world first for Teesside", said High Impact owner and managing director Gary Hosey. "Our passion is delivering measurable behavioural change for leaders, teams and organisations."



Gary Hosey with the firm's administrator Vicky Hewish

Karin Ovari, High Impact's senior behaviour safety facilitator with over 15 years' experience, added: "The feedback has been very high and is already impacting every day safety decisions." High Impact, which has also worked with Aycliffe-based Hitachi Rail Europe to help develop and coach some of its key leaders, prides itself on world class behavioural development for many organisations across the UK and regularly delivers programmes around the world. The firm has been delivering training for more than eight years to 25% of the Times top 200 companies. Specialising in enhancing behaviour and performance using emotional intelligence, the firm delivers one-to-one coaching, facilitated workshops for teams, leaders and senior management teams

and manager development programmes. The company has drawn together specialists in behavioural-based safety with over 25 years experience to design and deliver this tailored programme. Tees REP is a 299MW biomass-powered, combined heat and power (CHP) plant proposed by MGT Teesside, a wholly owned subsidiary of MGT Power. The £650m plant was approved in 2016 and is scheduled to be online by 2020. To learn more about this programme and other training that High Impact Development deliver, contact Gary Hosey on 01325 789464 or email gary@highimpactdevelopment.co.uk, or visit their website at www.highimpactdevelopment.co.uk

5 Years 100% Attendance

David Priestley, Executive Headteacher at Greenfield Community College, joined by Dave Ford, Chair of Governors were delighted to support David Hugill as he received his 100% Attendance Award for the five years he spent at Greenfield. David attended school for the full five years without a day off. David was a popular student who valued his education and wanted to do well. He achieved ten high grades in the summer, which proved to everyone that "everyday really does count". He is an extremely talented dancer and eventually wants to use his qualifications to become a dance teacher, but not before he has had the opportunity to see the World. He is currently studying Travel & Tourism at Durham

College and hopes to use this qualification to give him the experience he requires to apply to become Cabin Crew for Emirates Airlines. David is a very determined young man and his friendly personality and his desire to help others will certainly equip him into the world of work. David Priestley said "we

are always proud to have at least one student represent our school at this special event which has now been running for seventeen years. David set himself a target to achieve this and he has proved that attending school every day has enabled him to follow his post sixteen pathway. We wish him every success for the future".

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ACORN Halloween Party

ACORN will once again be hosting a Halloween party at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 8th of October. Priced at only £2 tickets are available now from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre reception or from Ken Robson on 321471.

This super family event will feature a disco, buffet food and a raffle based on ticket numbers. Come along for a spooky bit of fun where you don't need a baby-sitter, bar open, have a dance and a bit of nosh.

Zombies, vampires, ghosts, princes, princesses, batman, superman and others are all welcome.

In 24 hours 60 tickets have been sold so get your tickets early. Please ensure under 16s are supervised.

DURHAM RECRUITS NEW SPECIAL CONSTABLES

THE top performing police force in the country is set to recruit new Special Constables.

Applications to join Durham Constabulary as a Special Constable opened at 9.30am on Monday 11th September. The deadline is 5.00pm on Friday 22nd September.

'Specials' as they are known

are volunteer police officers who commit a minimum of 16 hours per month to supporting front-line policing across County Durham and Darlington.

They have the same powers as regular police officers, and wear the same uniform.

Chief Officer Dale Checksfield, who heads up Durham Special Constabulary, said: "We're looking for ordinary people who want to do something extraordinary in their communities. We welcome people from all backgrounds and all walks of life."

"Being a Special Constable is one of the most challenging roles a volunteer can do, but it's also one of the most rewarding. As well as playing a vital role in supporting our front-line officers across the county, you'll make friends and develop skills for life."

"If you want to keep our communities safe, be the first on scene at an emergency, investigate crime, protect the vulnerable and make a difference to people's lives, we want to hear from you."

Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, said: "Special Constables are an integral part of the force, delivering front-line policing in support of regular officers."

This recruitment opportunity will provide volunteers with a broad range of new experiences and skills, whilst helping to keep all of our communities safe."

Specials complete a rigorous training programme before qualifying to go out on patrol. Travel expenses within County Durham, training and equipment are provided.

Applicants must be 18 or over and must be physically fit enough to perform the role – fitness is tested annually.

For more information, visit durham.police.uk/Join-us/Special-Constabulary

Coffee & Cake with your MP

Phil Wilson, local MP, is inviting constituents to his annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 22nd September.

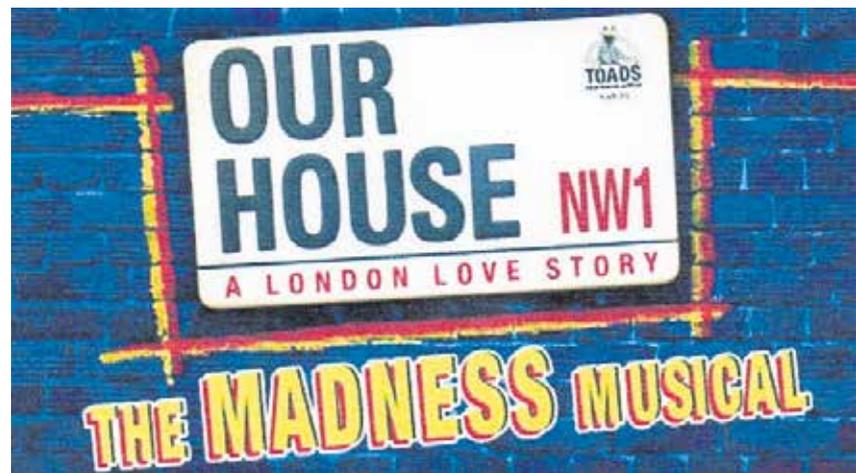
Every year Phil takes part in the Macmillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to help raise money and awareness of the charity which works with and supports individuals suffering

with cancer and their families.

Phil will be welcoming people for a cuppa, cake and a chat from 10.00am until noon at his constituency office located in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4EE.

Please do pop along, as the saying goes, the more the merrier!

IT'S MADNESS IN "OUR HOUSE"



The Tearaways Theatre Group are staging their version of the group Madness musical "Our House" at the Civic Hall, Shildon, later this month.

A spokesperson said "The story is set in Camden Town, and is about a young lad named Joe, who with his girlfriend Sarah, go out to celebrate his 16th Birthday. A decision that he makes that night will change his life."

The show is full of Suggs and his fellow band mates hits, such as "House of Fun", "Baggy Trousers", "It Must Be Love", "Wings of A Dove" and many more. It is a lively non stop two hour show.

Performances are on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Sunday 24th September at 2.00pm. Tickets priced £5.50 adults and £3.50 children and can be pre-booked by ringing 01325 313363 or 01388 774838

Horndale Donate £500 for MRI Appeal



Last Wednesday at the monthly meeting of the Horndale Resident's Association, it was with great pleasure and pride to handover a cheque for £500 to Pat Chambers of the Scanner Appeal. We raised the money at our successful fun day, comedy night we held in July and some raffle money from one our coach trips.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to raise this fantastic amount, without you this would not have been possible.

Our next meeting is the 4th October at 6.00pm at Greenfield Arts Centre with refreshments at 5.45. We will have a guest speaker from the Samaritans.

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Greenfield Arts are pleased to announce they will be launching three new classes, starting soon as part of the Community Learning Programme, along with a fantastic experience for the October Half Term. So much coming soon that you will be spoilt for choice!

Community Learning sessions will include a weekly 'Zumba' class along with glow dance fitness from Karen Walton, get fit and dance your troubles away. 'Core Arts' will return as a weekly art group led by artist Alison Curry, which is intended to give participants of all abilities a chance to dispel misconceptions and experience a variety of core creative skills, including ceramics and drawing. The aim is to enable bespoke weekly development or progression onto Specialist Arts courses. Finally the latest addition to the Thursday Masterclass offer is 'Decorative Plaster Casting' held in October where you will be able to make decorative flower fossil wall hangings.

The October Holidays will host an activity day, on Saturday 28th October 10am - 2pm, including activities for both adults and young people to learn together, such as 'Family Cooking', Spanish for families as well as story making activities including book making and creative writing, with plenty more opportunities on offer to keep you entertained



throughout the day. Details of all activities and how to book will be launched soon. For more information, check out the website: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

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Jane Ruffer Kynren Talk

The Friends of St. Andrew's at Bolam invite you to a talk by Jane Ruffer, wife of Jonathan Ruffer, city investor, art collector and philanthropist.

The story of their journey to Kynren and the promotion of Auckland Castle "From There to Here" is on Tuesday 17th October at 7.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Bolam with admission by ticket, priced £5.00 each to include refreshments.

Tickets available from:
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POLICE OFFER FREE PROPERTY MARKING

Every year, Durham Police recover hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of stolen property from the hands of criminals, but all too often there is no way of identifying its rightful owners.

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How can I get my property

marked?

You can keep an eye out for upcoming dates of drop-in sessions on the Durham Police Twitter account: @DurhamPolice, on the Durham Constabulary Facebook page. Contact your Local Neighbourhood Team to request a visit. Once your property is marked it will be put on the www.immobilise.com/

COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNISED AS DISABILITY CONFIDENT EMPLOYER

Durham County Council has been officially recognised as a Disability Confident Employer. Disability Confident is a nationally recognised accreditation scheme which encourages businesses to recruit and retain disabled people and people with health conditions for their skills and talent.

The council recently achieved the Level 2 Disability Confident Employer status by proving its commitment to actively employ, retain and support disabled people.

Durham County Council is now recognised as going the extra mile to make sure disabled

people get a fair chance.

Cllr Jane Brown, Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "Nearly 7 million people of working age in the UK are disabled or have a health condition. Encouraging applications from disabled people is good for business. As the largest employer in the county, we have an obligation to lead by example and this is just one of the ways we do that." Disability Confident is a Department for Work and Pensions initiative which seeks to:

- Engage and encourage employers to become more confident so they employ and

retain disabled people and those with long term health conditions.

- Increase understanding of disability and the benefits of employing or retaining disabled people.
- Ensure disabled people have opportunities to fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations.

- Make a substantial contribution to halving the disability employment gap.

To find out more about the scheme visit www.gov.uk/dwp/disabilityconfident or contact the Equalities team on equalities@durham.gov.uk or 03000 268 022

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Please Note: Nasal Flu Vaccines for children are not currently available, please check our website at www.bewickcrescentsurgery.nhs.uk for updates or ask at Reception.

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GNR Local Racers & Finishing Times YOUTH FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Name	Time	Name	Time
Jeremy PATTISON	01:22:19	Gareth ELVIDGE	02:21:24
Paul ALLAN	01:24:41	Andrew JACKSON	02:21:50
Karl HUME	01:31:50	Carley GIBSON	02:21:51
Thomas SCOTT	01:34:05	Hannah SIDDLE	02:22:01
Andy TALBOT	01:34:16	Denise RAINE	02:22:13
Anthony TROWLES	01:34:32	Claire PEAKER	02:22:55
Josh BAKER	01:34:45	Cheryl THOMPSON	02:23:36
Adam SAYER	01:38:29	Lindsey BROWN	02:24:23
Andrew TURLEY	01:43:15	Jill CHILTON	02:24:25
Liam MONTGOMERY	01:43:17	Joanna CHILTON	02:24:25
Luke WILSON	01:44:21	Darryl FLETCHER	02:25:35
Ray HALTON	01:46:54	Christopher ALLAN	02:26:36
Shaun RUSSELL	01:47:08	Joy COOPER	02:26:37
Peter GREATHEAD	01:48:30	Joanne WATSON	02:27:44
Matthew KNOW	01:48:47	Rebecca MCCREADY	02:28:17
Claire O'CONNOR	01:49:37	Jane QUIGLEY	02:28:49
Gary O'CONNOR	01:49:37	Robert LEE YOU	02:29:24
Susan STAPLETON	01:50:00	Eric STAPLETON	02:30:04
Adam GITTINS	01:51:05	Louise O'NEIL	02:30:36
Claire FOSTER	01:51:17	Paul LEADBEATER	02:30:37
Gary GIBSON	01:51:35	Rachael OAKENFULL	02:33:28
John BURNSIDE	01:51:42	Linda McNAMEE	02:34:32
Richard HOLLAND	01:51:43	Dawn ROLLO	02:34:33
Jonathan GALLAGHER	01:51:59	Blake AIREY	02:35:02
Thomas GALLAGHER	01:51:59	Chris AIREY	02:35:02
Chris LAMBERT	01:52:22	Jordan PASCOE	02:35:58
Shaun SPROATES	01:54:11	Felicity TUNNARD	02:37:26
Sean LAWLESS	01:54:42	Roberta MOORE	02:38:06
Kevin COX	01:55:09	Darren WILLIAMSON	02:39:05
Bryce TURNBULL	01:55:59	Eve DOE	02:39:29
Danny KELLY	01:56:35	Kyle UPTON	02:39:46
Andrew LUMLEY	01:58:05	Sarah WOODWARD	02:40:39
Abbie MCCARTIN	01:58:55	Sandrine HEWITT	02:41:27
Daniel PARKIN	01:58:56	Anji GRAY	02:41:34
Samantha METCALFE	01:59:24	Martin GRAY	02:41:34
Richard OAKENFULL	02:00:37	Joanne DUNBAR	02:42:12
Vikki BRUMWELL	02:01:12	Gary TINKLER	02:42:28
Anthony LANE	02:01:21	Cath LAWRENCE	02:42:31
Jeff BLACKWELL	02:04:59	Julie CANE	02:42:38
Mark EASTON	02:06:02	Richard COATSWORTH	02:43:13
Richard HYSLOP	02:06:26	Denis THOMPSON	02:43:17
Craig LONSDALE	02:06:40	Dawn MURPHY	02:44:18
Stephen DUNN	02:06:57	Lucy WIGHT	02:45:18
Elliott MCKENNA	02:08:05	Stephanie SHIEL	02:45:32
Jo MCGARRY	02:08:56	Karen WILSON	02:45:45
Julie FORSTER	02:08:57	Kevin WILSON	02:45:45
Andrew CAIRNS	02:09:48	Max WILSON	02:45:45
Will KELLY	02:09:58	Samantha LANE	02:46:17
Laura GRAINGER	02:10:41	John GRAY	02:46:58
Paula TOWNSLEY	02:11:15	Lois RIVERS	02:48:30
Warren RAINE	02:12:00	Veronica LYTTLE	02:50:04
Simon VAN DIJK	02:12:43	Helen BOYD	02:50:35
Chris BIRD	02:12:57	Philip MARTIN	02:51:22
Elizabeth BIRD	02:12:57	Hannah FULFORD	02:51:37
Andrea SMITH	02:13:27	Samantha HUDSON	02:56:19
Neil STANIFORTH	02:13:27	Wendy MARSH	02:57:48
Andrew SAINT	02:14:16	Rachael HAWKIN	02:58:36
Jill SAINT	02:14:16	Jerry SANHAM	03:02:48
John KELLY	02:14:22	Stephanie RUDD	03:03:06
Richard TONGE	02:14:28	Bev BOWMAN	03:03:20
Chris COOPER	02:14:44	Anne-Louise STACEY	03:03:20
Ashleigh JONES	02:15:44	Jan BOYES	03:04:24
Chris DIXON	02:15:50	Sharon LYNCH	03:10:19
Lyndsay GREATHEAD	02:16:31	Carole JOYCE	03:10:35
Alan THOM	02:16:32	Alisha LYNAS	03:12:56
Caroline CLARK	02:18:04	Natasha BLACKBURN	03:13:55
Emma MORGAN	02:18:24	Abi STEEL	03:15:08
Michelle DOWSON	02:18:58	Laura MCGRATH	03:17:42
Aaron CARRUTHERS	02:19:37	Daniel ACKLEY	03:28:21
Julie NEW	02:19:50	Richard LITTLEFAIR	03:28:21
Gary CARNEY	02:20:39	Alli SIMON	03:31:57
Lisa THOMPSON	02:21:16	Alan JOYCE	03:38:21

As the nights are starting to get darker and the weather seems to have become wetter and colder, this can only mean one thing...the start of the football season is upon us.

Most of our teams were in action over the weekend in either the TJFA or the Russell Foster leagues.

Under 8 Eagles
NAYFC Eagles 3 - 2 Seaham Coast

Following a tough previous weekend, the Eagles came out fast - linking up really well. The Eagles quickly took the lead, adding another before half time thanks to come slick passing. After the break another goal made it 3 nil from a corner. But the game was far from over, with the opposition have 4 subs available and none of our own, there fresh legs started to turn the tide. Quickly getting one back from a free kick to make it 3-1, with 5 minutes to go another well taken shot made it 3-2. Under the pressure though the boys relaxed, defended well and



saw out the remainder of the match to win.

Under 8's Falcons 15 - 2
Ferryhill Town

The Falcons had their first fixture in the maiden season in the TJFA. Excited but nervous beforehand, the boys soon settled after a tentative start. Racking up several goals. With the game safe, after 10 minutes, substitutions were made, the valiant Ferryhill got one back, before the boys got into

their swing again, Ferryhill scored a well taken penalty to make it 8-2 going into the break. The game resumed with further changes, whilst Ferryhill put up a great fight, the boys linked up really well to score a further 7, seeing the game out comfortably.

Under 9's Girls 2 - 5
Hartlepool Whites

Proud of the girls today and how far they have come. From back to front each and every one of them worked

their socks off. The girls were told to take every opportunity at goal they got today and they did just that, trying so hard but their defence were solid. Some great play but lots to work on in training too. Best of all they tried and gave 100%. Freya scored a cracking goal just before half time from near the half way line and the girls went 3-1 down at half time. The second half saw Aycliffe come out with lots of passion and as the game went on their pressing became so much better. They scored a good goal just before full time making the final score 2-5 to Hartlepool. The Aycliffe girls were unlucky today as they hit the post a few times and were also unlucky with other chances, the effort given was fantastic.

Other results:
South Moor Juniors 2
v U9's Eagles 1
Whickham Fellside 1
v U9's Eagles 0
U10's Girls 5
v Deerness 0
U10's Boys 2
v Consett 6
U11's Girls 2
v Hartlepool Pools Youth 7
U11's Boys 2
v South Park Rangers 7
U13's Girls 4
v Leam Rangers 4
Stockton Tow Blues 1
v U13's Boys 1
U14's Eagles 4
v Spaire Lads 4
U14's Hawks 5
v D'ton 21st All Stars Jets 0
U15's Falcons 4
v Redcar Athletic Reds 0

If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website where there are lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.nayfc.com

STEAMPUNK SPECTACULAR

Locomotion:
The National Railway Museum at Shildon
Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September 2017

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is inviting visitors to enjoy a grand exhibition of Victorian locomotive contraptions at the Steampunk Spectacular event on Saturday 23rd September and Sunday 24th September 2017.

Visitors will be able to get on board cabs of selected steam locomotives, take a steam train ride behind Furness Railway No. 20, and browse the excellent selection of steampunk trade stands!

Plus don't miss performances by Same Difference of "The Sense Machine". This features an eccentric pair of Victorian scientists, inviting the audience to try a range

of gadgets to explore and understand the world around us.

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is open from 10am to 5.00pm daily. Parking

and admission are free of charge. Please note that there is a charge for steam train rides.

For more information, please call the museum team on 01904 685780.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store lost their final game of the season by seven wickets at home to Hartlepool 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe were skittled for just 39 after 20.3 overs with Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) unbeaten on 10, the only player to reach double figures. In reply, Hartlepool eased to a comfortable victory after 17 overs despite some good bowling from Michael Howe (2 for 32) and Jack Slatcher (1 for 11). The first team's final stats read, played 22, won 7, drew 3 and lost 12, points 208 and they finished 9th in the table.

The 2nd team lost by eight wickets in their final game away at Preston 1st XI in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first, 17 year old opener George Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves) batted superbly, top scoring with 28 from 100 balls and he hit two boundaries. Dave Wright scored 17 useful runs and Ryan Patrick chipped in with 11 as Aycliffe were bowled out for 76 after 36.5 overs. In reply, a wicket each for both Harry Wright and Ryan Patrick wasn't enough to stop the home side from reaching their victory target after 25.4 overs. After 21 games, Aycliffe 2nd XI finished 7th in the table with 83 points.



TRIP TO LEEDS

Thursday 21st September we still have seats left on the trip to Leeds. Picking up at 9.00am from St. Clares Church leaving Leeds about 4.30pm.

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Great North Run Half Marathon 'Little' Aycliffe Topple Mighty Ryton



gender group (20-34) coming 957 an incredible achievement for her 1st ever half marathon a day before her 26th birthday. We both would like to thank all those people that have supported the charity we ran for "Crohn's & Colitis UK" as we have raised over £1200. If any person or business wishes to sponsor us please do at www.justgiving.com and search for Andy Talbot Great North Run 2017 or Sammie Hutchinson Great North Run 2017 any amount will help this great charity "Crohn's & Colitis UK".

JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUNNER

Earlier this year my niece Sammie Hutchinson (nee Metcalfe) decided to run the Great North Run for "Crohn's & Colitis UK" charity due to having many of her family suffering from Crohn's, after a few day's, Andy Talbot also applied to run for the charity too as my daughter has also suffered from Crohn's. Sammie was a novice and started to train, Andy had just moved to Newton Aycliffe last year was a very good runner in his younger years whilst serving as a chef in the Army but not having run for a few decades, so Andy started to train on the streets around Newton Aycliffe.



Sammie, at the age of 25, was aiming to break the 2 hour mark whilst Andy, at the age of 57, was aiming to be under 1hr 40 min. The training went well for both. Andy started in the orange section and was worried about the slow start people were talking about but that was the least of his worries as the average time of 7:35 per mile he was aiming for was soon forgotten and was running much faster than he trained, the first mile went in 6min 36sec and he kept telling himself to slow down but the adrenalin and the great atmosphere of the Great North Run took over, weaving in and out of the thousands of runners in front of him he passed the 6 mile point in 41min 48sec the supporters and music, live bands around the course kept you going, 10 miles came in 1hr 10min 15sec the legs tiring a little the 11 & 12 mile were slower but the hard work

was nearly over, down to the last roundabout onto the South Shields seafront and 1.1 miles to go and the crowds were shouting encouragement the legs were dead but kept on going half a mile to the finish and it seemed like another mile crossing the finish line in 1hr 34min 16sec, placing Andy overall 1483 and 1393 male finisher, in his age and gender group (55-59) coming an incredible 24th. Sammie started in the green section, took it in her stride mile by mile, smiling and enjoying the atmosphere the jelly babies and ice pops handed out along the course. She finished in a time of 1hr 59min 24sec placing her 12082 and 2410 female finisher, in her age and



On Saturday 9th September Isaac Boys, a member of Aycliffe Running Club Junior Section, competed in the Simply Health Junior Great North Run. The 4K course which started on Newcastle Quayside took runners across the Swing Bridge over to Gateshead, looped along the river and then across the Millennium Bridge to the finish line back on Newcastle Quayside. Isaac ran well and finished in 19:40



Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club beat former DNI side Ryton in first ever encounter Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club have restated their intention to push for a top spot in DN2 by beating the recently descended Ryton Rugby Club. Aycliffe went into the fixture very much the underdogs, facing a strong Ryton side who were out to prove they belonged in the higher leagues, but, as a wise man once said... "Beware the underdog". The First XV started as they would prove to go on, with a strong warm up, and excellent run throughs prior to kick off. Ryton also looked dangerous, showcasing a strong set piece and with a kicker who could slot them from anywhere. Kick off drew in and the First XV readied themselves for what could reasonably be seen to be the biggest game in the history of the club, David facing Goliath, but David was playing at Moore Lane. From kick off, the First XV

punched down field with great intensity, immediately pressing Ryton into their half, with strong work round the corner from the forward pack, including First XV debutant James Dryburgh, who made his presence felt from the first whistle. The first five minutes were all in Rytons half, with Aycliffe turning the screw and pinning Ryton back into their own twenty-two, where tighthead prop Linden Dixon was able to capitalise, powering through a Ryton maul, ripping the ball and crashing over in the corner, taking the home side into the lead, which was converted by Captain Lineton, 7-0. From the restart Ryton tried to re-balance the score sheet, however the ferocious Aycliffe defence once again proved impenetrable, applying pressure without possession and forcing errors from the visiting backline. The first scrum of the game proved a crucial point, as the front row of Jamie Whelan, Andrew Tonkin and Linden Dixon truly put the bigger pack to the sword, absolutely annihilating the Ryton front row, it was at this point that Ryton knew that the day was not going to go as they had planned. This perceived failure in the scrummage clearly shook the Ryton front row, one of whom engaged in some ungentlemanly conduct, which luckily for him was missed by the referee. Phases continued in the midfield and whilst Aycliffe made a few errors, the visitors never looked like scoring and were forced to take a penalty given by a high tackle on 27 minutes, closing the gap to 4 points. The restart saw Aycliffe again surge forward, pressing into the Ryton half, again working the corner and tying in the heavy Ryton pack, before releasing the back line, with Lewis Stephens feeding Luke Tinkler who crossed untouched on 34 minutes, widening the gap to 9 points, which Lineton then extended to 11 with the conversion. Half Time: Newton Aycliffe First XV 14 - 3 Ryton Rugby Club

Despite not wanting to let their lead slip, Aycliffe took the foot off in the early stages of the second half, which saw two penalties given in quick succession both of which were slotted by the Ryton goal kicker, taking them back to within a try of drawing even. Aycliffe were swift to respond, with Jon McGuigan taking his chance despite a high challenge and diving over to score, widening the gap to 10, which was extended by Linton, taking the score to 21-9 on sixty-five minutes. Aycliffe looked to do what they did best all last season, and turn the knife, and turn it they did, again forging their way up-field through hard yards round the corner, followed by scything backline moves which saw a break and a ruck formed on the Ryton five metre line. A pod was set ready to take the pass and score the try, but a Ryton player running back on side took umbrage at the ease with which Aycliffe had got to where they were and professionally fouled the

receiver, stopping a certain try and giving a penalty try in its place, taking the home side to a 28-9 lead with eleven minutes to go. Ryton were far from done however, and they made some hard yards in midfield, and following loudly appealing a perceived off-the-ball challenge, saw themselves a man up as Aycliffe Vice-Captain Ben Merritt was sent from the field. Ryton showed that they were no fools as they made the most of the man advantage, drawing Aycliffe in and scoring with a simple one man overlap, the score converted taking them to 28-16. Aycliffe held firm in the midfield and ran down the bin. Merritt returned to the field with one-minute left to play. An Aycliffe scrum was called from a knock on, and, as had been the case all afternoon the Aycliffe tight five destroyed the Ryton pack, winning clean ball, which was played back and kicked out for full time. Full Time: 28-14

NAFC Out of FA Vase

Friday 8th September
Buildbase FA Vase
Whickham 3 v Newton Aycliffe 1

Aycliffe crashed out of the FA Vase away to Whickham in the First Qualifying Round. They were unable to cope with the physical side of Whickham's game. Although they received no help from the officials with that, they were well beaten at the end of a scrappy match. James Winter made two good saves in the first ten minutes, as Whickham started the better of the two teams. Aycliffe's new signing Kieran Duffy-Weekes was unlucky on the quarter hour, when his lob over the Whickham keeper, who was out of his ground, narrowly missed the goal. The home side went ahead on 23 minutes when a cross from their right was headed in by Collins. Aycliffe were unlucky not to equalise two minutes later when a shot hit the bar, after good approach work. Aycliffe then suffered

the first of several injuries five minutes before half-time, with Kurt Matthews coming on to replace Stuart Banks. On 56 minutes Whickham went 2-0 up when Aycliffe allowed a cross to be played in from the goal line. Keeper James Winter could only palm it out to the unmarked Broadhead to head in. Aycliffe got back into the game on 72 minutes, when a Josh Gray free-kick was fired low and hard into the area, with a Whickham defender deflecting it into his own net. However, Whickham quickly restored their two-goal advantage when Wharton fired an unstoppable shot into the top corner. To make matters worse, Matty Pennal was then sent off. Gray shaved the post with 3 minutes to go as Aycliffe looked to get back. Full-time 3-1. Attendance 225.

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Black Belt for Brogan Eleven Arches Announces Next Phase of Park Development Project



Brogan Wilson who joined Newton Aycliffe Ju Jitsu club as a junior student, graduated successfully for her senior Shodan black belt. Brogan has tirelessly kept up her training which paid off recently when the North East Representative for WJF Australia and senior coach for Newton Aycliffe Ju Jitsu club, Sensei Trevor Forsyth, took her through her paces. Brogan who is off to study law at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk said "Ju Jitsu has changed me for the better and helped me so much. I'm nowhere near the person I was when I first joined." She thanked her instructor for pushing her and helping her to believe in herself saying, "I couldn't have asked for a better instructor and wouldn't have done it without his guidance. It's an experience I'll never forget". Brogan will be back on the mat when possible, working around her timetable at Uni. If anyone is interested in coming along and having a go, please contact Trevor Forsyth

at countydurhamjitsu@gmail.com in the first instance. The club runs on a Monday night from 5.30 to 9.00pm at Greenfield School in the main gym. Trevor said "Everyone is welcome, and of course a big thank you has to go out to all the parents who have committed to tirelessly bringing the juniors and intermediates to class each and every week. We are always looking for new students young and old to come and have a go, contact me, you'll be surprised!"

13th September 2017 – Following the spectacular success of the second season of Kynren, the epic night show, Eleven Arches is delighted to announce the launch of Phase Two of the Eleven Arches masterplan, namely the Strategic Definition of the Park. The Strategic Definition of the Park, commissioned by Eleven Arches, is the next stage of the process on the path to opening a day park to visitors in 2020. Essentially a "proof of concept" phase, the project will be strategically appraised and defined in order to arrive at a detailed brief. The process will explore the feasibility of the park - from concept to creation - as a viable entity to sit alongside Kynren. The brief produced as a result of the Strategic Definition phase will inform a further phase of Concept Design and Developed Design, to be carried out in parallel and iteratively with Consultation, Cost Information and Fundraising. Eleven Arches aims to have the two phase process completed by December 2018, at a cost of one million pounds. At the end of which there will be a robust

development plan for the park whose principal aims are to attract investors in the venture, and planning consent sanction in readiness for construction to start as early as January 2019. The park opening could be staggered across several summer seasons, building momentum for the overall project, but with the first components delivered in the summer seasons of 2019 and 2020. Says Anne-Isabelle Daulon, CEO of Eleven Arches, "It was always intended that Kynren would light the fire for the long term vision of a day park offering world class entertainment showcasing British history across the

ages. Kynren has done just that; at the end of a phenomenal season two, we have firmly established that the concept has immense appeal to visitors both nationally and internationally who are drawn to the show's unique blend of drama, history and spectacular entertainment all on an epic scale, distilled into a ninety minute experience. I speak for everyone at Eleven Arches when I say how proud we are of all that the Kynren team has achieved, that has enabled us to embark on the next phase of providing world class entertainment in the North East." The final performance of Kynren 2017 take place on

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 - Kynren's annual season will run from July - September.

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for a family audience. If you are interested in being considered please send your name, contact details and a short outline of your act to nicola.craggs@darlington.gov.uk. All performers chosen for a slot on the day will be given a free family ticket to the Darlington Hippodrome family pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. You must be 14 years or over to submit an application. Darlington Theatre Town is an exciting new initiative has launched in Darlington to bring ambitious and high quality theatre to the town. The project brings together the expertise of partners Creative Darlington, Darlington Hippodrome,

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Bringing the Past to Life at Auckland Castle

Centuries-old crafts are being brought to life at a family friendly festival in County Durham. All ages will have the chance to get stuck into stone carving, have a crack at carpentry or take a closer look at candle-making at Auckland Castle's free Craft Skills Festival on Saturday, 16th September and Sunday 17th September. The free festival will provide a unique insight into a variety of historic crafts including green woodwork, felting and leatherwork with experts in

skills such as blacksmithing also in attendance to give live demonstrations. Dozens of talented craft artists will fill the grounds of the 900-year-old Castle and a range of hands-on sessions in crafts such as stone carving, weaving and willow work, will offer visitors of all ages the opportunity to get hands on with a new skill. Victoria Conner of the Willow Barn runs willow-work sessions throughout the year with Auckland Castle Trust and will be holding hands-on workshops at the



Craft Skills Festival. She said: "Willow work is one of the oldest skills, it's lovely to work such a beautiful natural material and it is a very therapeutic craft. The Craft Skills Festival is a great way to keep traditional skills such as willow work alive, and making something from scratch with your hands is such a wonderful feeling." Festival goers can also browse a wide variety of craft stalls and a range of tailored children's activities will be running throughout the weekend. Other free-drop in sessions will offer the opportunity to get hands on with herbs to create their own herbal tea blend or aromatic bath salt. Those inspired by the historic crafts on display can step further into Auckland Castle's history on a Behind the Scenes Tour, running from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. Visitors joining the tours of St Peter's Chapel, which run from 10am to 4pm throughout the weekend, will be wowed by more than the stunning stained glass, as Flowers in the Chapel takes place. As part of the Bishop Auckland-wide Celebration of Flowers event, the historic chapel will be filled with beautiful bouquets and garlands of flowers and foliage from the Castle grounds. The free Craft Skills Festival and Behind the Scenes Tours and floral celebration are all part of a programme of events taking place whilst Auckland Castle is closed for extensive restoration work. The former home to the Prince Bishops of Durham is being returned to its former glory as part of a £70m project by Auckland Castle Trust. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, (HLF) and other key partners the Castle is due to re-open in May 2018, until then events will be held in its grounds and the deer park will remain open to the public. Head of Visitor Engagement at Auckland Castle Trust, Hannah Peaden said: "It's so important to celebrate traditional skills and crafts, many of which have been around for centuries. The Craft Skills Festival weekend is a fantastic opportunity to have fun, enjoy the autumnal foliage and maybe even take home a new hobby." The Craft Skills Festival will take place at Auckland Castle from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 16th September and Sunday 17th September. For more information and to keep up to date on upcoming events, visit www.aucklandcastle.org

SCRAP THE CAP



Local MP, Phil Wilson has backed the growing campaign for Government to scrap the 1 per cent pay cap on public sector pay in the upcoming budget. Upon his return to Parliament, Phil met with frontline nurses and heard how low pay has a detrimental impact on morale, the ability to recruit and retain nurses, and patient safety. Since 2010, NHS nursing staff have experienced a 14 per cent real-terms pay cut as a result of Government policy on pay in the public sector-leaving pay packets £3,000 worse off each year. Frontline Royal College of Nursing members told the Mr Wilson that 372 nurses are affected by the pay cap in their constituency, Sedgefield. Nurses are working in an increasingly pressurised and understaffed health and care system. The nursing regulator recently revealed that the profession is shrinking, with more nurses leaving the profession than joining

it and 40,000 nursing vacancies in England alone. Separate RCN analysis shows that nurses with more than 10 years' experience are leaving the NHS at twice the rate they were three years ago. Research shows that when the number of registered nurses on a shift falls, care is left undone and patient mortality levels increase. Phil Wilson MP, said: "Despite the pressures they are facing, nurses are the backbone of our NHS. The pay cap can't continue, it is unfair and if we are to keep the nurses we have, attract new recruits and ensure nursing staff can earn a decent wage. "Understaffing in our hospitals and communities is affecting the safety of patients. It's time for the Government to show their commitment to valuing and supporting nurses - the Chancellor's autumn budget is an un-missable opportunity to scrap the public sector pay cap." Janet Davies, Chief Executive and General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said: "This summer, nurses have shown the Government that they have had enough of poor pay. They are struggling to keep up with the cost of living and there are reports it pays better to work in supermarkets than care for the most vulnerable. "It's a false economy to keep nurses pay down, short staffing is threatening the safety of our patients. That's why we welcome the support of MPs who are championing nursing and share our belief that the 1% pay cap should be scrapped. Nurses will not tolerate having their pay squeezed any further. The Government must put party politics aside and lift the cap."

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COUNTY NEWSBITS
Compiled by
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Another busy week, including two important council meetings and some interesting 'community' messages... plus lots of great things to do next weekend. Read about all the following headlines on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB139.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
• DCC Cabinet meeting report, 13th September.
• Award for County Durham Children & Families Partnership.
• Fantastic DCC and livin response.
• DCC Equality and Diversity training.
• Management changes at the Locomotion.
• Great Aycliffe Town Council Environment and Recreation meetings report.
• Latest roadworks information.

COMMUNITY NEWS
• Police seat belt campaign.
• Standing up to racism.
• Aycliffe Business Park

Community rebrand.
• Friends of the S&DR AGM.
• Harming the Ducks.
• Are you interested in being a Special?
• Woodham Community Centre Activity Timetable.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ATTRACTIONS
• Xcel Church 50th Celebrations, and their 'Birthday Bash', 6.30pm, Saturday 23rd September.
• S&DR 192nd birthday celebration, Stockton, 23rd September.
• X-rays on Egyptian mummies, Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 23rd September.
• Military Musicals & the DLL, Palace Green Library, drop-in 1-3pm, 23rd-24th September.
• Hands-on heritage skills at Beamish Museum, 10am-5pm, 23rd-24th September.
• Steampunk Spectacular, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, 23rd-24th September.

PCP Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning

The Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning is now a popular annual event at the Pioneering Care Centre and this year PCP is hosting its 'coffee and crafts' event on Friday 29th September, 10.00am - 1.00pm. PCP's purpose is 'to improve health, wellbeing and quality of life for people disadvantaged by disability, age, ill health and/or caring responsibilities, and reduce inequalities in health'. Which is why they support this great cause. In addition to the refreshments sold in the Mall Coffee Shop within the Centre there will be stalls selling locally homemade crafts and baked goods. All donations will help towards making sure no one has to face cancer alone, from the moment they're

diagnosed, through treatment and beyond. Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face. And as treatments improve, more and more people are living with cancer in their daily lives. So please try to pop along, bring a friend or loved one and buy a piece of cake and a coffee, browse the interesting stalls selling unique produce and find out what's available to improve your health and wellbeing, reducing your risk of ill health. For further details contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email enquiries@pcp.uk.net Visit www.pcp.uk.net or support PCP on Facebook. com/PCPandCentre and Twitter @PioneeringCare

SPORTS CLUB BACK TO BACK VICTORIES



After last week's county cup win, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club returned to league action against bottom of the league Bishop Auckland Snooker Club. Again playing away from home, the Aycliffe side wasted no time in taking the lead with Callum Farley slotting home after a cross from the right hand side found its way through to him on five minutes. That lead was quickly doubled when leading goal scorer Kyle Allen rounded the keeper on 10 minutes to make it 2-0. It was Jimmy Cameron who chipped in next to make it 3-0 on the

fifteen minute mark, a long ball forward was flicked on from Allen to allow Cameron to smash home the third. Ollie Gell then made it 4-0 nil after Ryan Stonehouse threaded a lovely ball out wide to the left midfielder who took the ball in his stride and netted his first of the season. Then, with 10 minutes of the first half still remaining, Kyle Allen got his second, lobbing the out coming goalkeeper to make it 5-0 going into the break. The home side managed to get a goal back as the second half kicked off, with returning goalkeeper Andy Hartley lobbed from 35 yards. A scrappy 10 minutes followed with neither side really causing the goalkeepers any trouble. On the hour mark though, Jimmy Cameron linked up well with Kyle Allen, his cross finding the centre forward to claim his second hat trick of the season, making it 6-1 to the visitors. Allen was in amongst it again, getting his fourth and the Clubs sixth on the 65 minute mark, latching onto a clever through ball before rounding the keeper to slot home. Allen then wrapped up the game with the 8th goal in the 85th minute, Ollie Gell's through ball found substitute David Teder who's cross found Allen to drill home. There was still time for the home side to get a penalty after keeper Hartley fouled the home team's centre forward but made amends by saving the resulting kick, diving low to his left. MoM: Callum Farley Next up is the County Cup Tie, away to Coxhoe Red Lion on Sunday 17th September.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MRI SCANNER APPEAL

The PCP cyclists group supported Jan Turnbull's Coffee Morning which raised £145. Jan (right) is known for helping in this way and has supported other charities with events in the past. The day started at 6am with a large selection of Jan's home-made cakes and buns, inviting cyclists to join in and support the event after the usual PCP Cyclists Group Wednesday morning bike ride. Friends and neighbours came along also to support this worthy cause and to help highlight to others the necessary funding required for the MRI Scanners for the Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals.



Congratulations

Julie Garland



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Wilfrid Harnett

Died 18th September 2016

Today dear Lord I am 80 and there's much I haven't done. I hope dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81. But then if I haven't finished all I want to do, Would you let me stay a while until I'm 82? So many places I want to go, so very much to see - Do you think you could manage to make it 83? The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store. I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84. And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till 85. More planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick And see what happens to the world when I'm 86. I know dear Lord it's much to ask and it must be nice in Heaven But I would really like to stay until I'm 87. I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes will be late. But it would be so pleasant to be around at 88. I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time. So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89... MAYBE. Our Lord said Wilf you're 90, your time has almost gone. Alas I have to tell you you won't reach 91.

In loving memory of Wilfrid Harnett, died 18th September 2016, aged 90. Ever remembered by loving Wife Mavis; Children Stephen and Richard; Daughter-in-Law Barbara; Grandchildren Calum and Caitlin and Sister Cecily.

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



The final event in the Summer Tees Trail series took place at Newham Grange Farm, Coulby Newham on Wednesday 6th September. It was a fine but cool evening and with the dark nights drawing in the light was poor in the wooded areas. First home for the club was

Dez Fielden, 7th overall in the time of 18:15, he was followed by John Burnside, 38th in 21:22 and Cyd Denise, 48th in 22:34 and 1st in her category of female over 55. Jane Burnside competing in her first Tees Trail race coped well and was 1st Female over 60 and 87th overall in 30:01. Finally Ray Todd finished

93rd in the time of 33:40. John Burnside and Ray Todd won their age categories for the series.

Aycliffe Club runners also competed in the Great North 5k on Saturday 9th September and the Great North Run on Sunday 10th September. John Burnside completed his 27th Great North Run having participated and completing it every year since it started in 1990.

Two Aycliffe runners competed in the Great North 5K. Lisa Dowel was first home completing it in 28.18. She was followed by Jane Burnside in 30:01.

First home for the club in the Great North Run was Tommy Scott in a time of 1h 34m 05s, followed by John Burnside in 1h 51m 42s, Richard Holland in 1h 51m 43s and Andrew Lumley in 1h 58m. Then came Lisa Dowel, who also competed in the 5K the day before, in 2hr 16s 48m, Susan Clark 2h 22m, Lindsey Brown in 2h 24m 23s and Eve Doe in 2hr 39min 29sec. Lisa Mc ran as the 2 hour 35 minute pacer and completed it in 2:34:32.

Photo: Eve Doe, Lindsey Brown, Julie Nesbit, Susan Clark, Warren Raine, Joe Collins and Jane Quigley. Eve and Lindsey raised money for dogs for the blind and Jane for Arthritis research.

Juniors Football Report

It was the start of the league season for many of the Aycliffe Juniors teams this week with plenty of action and some great results.

The Under 8's started life in Division 1 with a home game against Darlington F.C. Quakers. They started the match well and a fairly even first half saw the score being 2-1 at the break to the Quakers. The Darlington teams quality showed in the second half as they came away 9-1 winners. There were good moments from all the Aycliffe players and Alex was named as man of the match.

The Under 9's travelled to Primrose Hill to start their league season and came across tough physical opponents. The first half saw the hosts dominate and when they changed ends Primrose Hill had a 4-2 lead. A much improved second half saw Aycliffe get a goal back but despite lots of pressure they could not find an equaliser and the game ended 4-3. In the second game things just didn't go for Aycliffe and his one ended in a 2-0 defeat. Marley and Josh C were the games men of the match.

The Under 10's 'White' are now playing in Division 1 after last seasons promotion. They were at Sunnydale against Seaton Carew Lions, who were last seasons champions. The Aycliffe team started well opening up a 2-0 lead when Jayden and Jack scored but they faded by half time when they trailed 3-2. The visitors dominated the second half to win the match 6-2. The games man of the match was Archie.

The Under 10's 'Black' travelled to Billingham Juniors and came away as impressive 7-2 winners. Jake Smith scored the first two goals before Noah added the third, opening up a 3-1 half time lead. Jayden scored in the second half and man of the match Jake added three further goals, giving him five in total, to crown off a superb performance.



The Under 11's (pictured) were also on the road to face Bedale, a superb start and two goals each from Thomas and Charlie saw them race in to a 4-0 lead. Zak got the fifth goal and the game was won at half time. After the break man of the match Thomas completed his hat trick and Alfie scored in a superb 7-3 win. The Under 12 Russell Foster league team played away at Washington AFC

Lions. They made a great start to their season with a 4-2 win, the goals came from Noah and Taylor scoring two each. Herbie was awarded the parents man of the match and Ashley won the captains award.

Middleton Rangers were the visitors to face the Under 12's TJFA league team. The Aycliffe team put in a

dominant display and they limited the visitors chances whilst creating many for themselves. All of the twelve man squad contributed to a great 6-0 win which saw goals from Evan (2), Zack (2), Lucas and Will.

The Under 13's were also at home facing Hartlepool Pools Youth they moved in to a 2-0 lead before falling away to an 8-2 loss. Clark and Wilson were the early goal scorers but their efforts were cancelled out and it was 2-2 at half time. Pools were dominant in the second half and ran away with the win. Charlie Cayless was named as the Aycliffe man of the match.

The Under 16's visited Whitby to play Goldsborough United. The long trip was worth it, half time came

with the score at 0-0. Stoker then curled a great shot in to give Aycliffe the lead. The hosts equalised with five minutes remaining but in the last minute Stoker was fouled in the box. A penalty was awarded and scored to give Aycliffe a memorable win. Burrows and Stoker were jointly named men of the match by the opposition coaches.

The Under 23's faced Chester le Street Waldrige Park as they began their Durham FA league season. The first half saw very few chances and the game remained scoreless. The visitors scored first in the second half before Iley scored from the penalty spot to equalise. Man of the match Sam Dawson headed the winner as the game ended 2-1 to Aycliffe

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Heighington U7s F.C.

Heighington Under 7's made the trip to Hartlepool this Week to face Pools Youth Whites, in their eagerly anticipated first League Game Heighington got off to a flier when Kyleo opened the scoring a move that involved all 4 of the outfield players, which was great to see. Kenzi quickly added a second. Kyleo added a 3rd before then bending one in to the far top corner from the left hand touchline. Kenzi then bagged a quick fire double to put the Away side in cruise control. Kyleo added a 7th as Heighington went in to the break 7 Goals to the good Changes were rung at Half time with kieran replacing Louie in goal, Liam replaced Alex at the back whilst Kenzi and Tyler made way for Archie and Zane Zane added the 8th after Kyleo had played him in for a simple finish. Pools did pull a goal back, but Heighington quickly added another through an own goal. Kyleo added another to make it 10-1 Pools pulled

another back, before Archie got his customary Goal to finish the scoring at 11-2 The second Game was more of the same although it ended up even more emphatic. Kenzi scored 3 Goals in as many minutes, before running to the touchline asking for water, as apparently his boots were on fire! Archie banged in the 4th before Kenzi was at it again he scored the next 5 Heighington Goals one of which was assisted by Liam. Alex then got in on the act before Tyler added another. Alex and again Tyler made it 12 and 13 Alex then completed his hat trick before Kyleo finished the scoring Goals Kenzi (11) Kyleo (6) Alex (3) Tyler (2) Archie (2) Zane (1) OG (1) Other great News was both Kenzi and Tyler managed their 50th Goals for the club during these games also Zane managed to score a landmark Goal, Heighington's 200th since their first game back in March.

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