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It was fantastic to be a guest and part of the congregation at Xcel Church on Sunday 10th September to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in Newton Aycliffe.

The Service was inspirational and the faith of members palpable, bringing tears to the eyes as they sung in loud praise of the Lord.

The choir, soloists and band brought music with sincere lyrics to those present, provoking inward contemplation and hope for the future, enabling all to leave energised and with open hearts.

Each speaker had important messages, none least but County Councillor John Clare who



as an invited guest has a long association with the church. A great orator, John spoke with passion, saluting the family who from humble beginnings

founded the church in Newton Aycliffe. The celebrations continue throughout this month so watch out for more news on how the church was formed and its magnificent expansion here and abroad including its work helping others, less fortunate.



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Kerina Clark thanks Donna Martin for her long service



John Clare



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Leading international shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, celebrated winning the Queen's Award for international trade with all staff at Roman Headquarters last Friday.

Roman announced in April 2017 that they won the Queens Award for International Trade and they have just celebrated the award with all Roman staff. This ceremony was held at Roman headquarters where there was a presentation made by the Queens representative, the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham.

The Lord Lieutenant was formally welcomed to Roman by Managing Director David Osborne. She was given a tour of the showroom and the manufacturing plants and met members of the workforce along the way. Sue Snowdon, the Lord Lieutenant gave a speech and presented David Osborne with the Queens Award glass chalice. David

congratulated all staff on this exceptional achievement; presented them with a Queens Award memorabilia mug; and held a buffet with a glass of champagne. The award also coincided with David's 25th anniversary at Roman.

Roman has been awarded the Queens Award for International Trade as they have shown a substantial and sustained increase in export earnings over three consecutive 12 month periods, to a level which is deemed outstanding. The Queens Award for Enterprise is the most prestigious corporate accolade that a UK business can win.

The Queens Award is made on the advice of the Prime Minister after examination of applications by an Advisory Committee composed of leading individuals from industry, commerce, trade unions and government. The awards were conferred by

her Majesty the Queen on her birthday - 21st April.

As part of the Queens Award, Roman was invited by the Queen to attend a winner's celebratory evening held at Buckingham Palace with Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Wessex, Countess of Wessex, Princess Royal and Duke of Kent

David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "Our sustained investment, patience and belief over the last 10 years in developing our international markets has proved a great success and for this to be recognised in such a way is a very proud achievement. We have developed unique capabilities which have in turn created so many opportunities with major International Hotel Groups. We are thrilled to celebrate this fantastic achievement with all staff as everyone has played their part in winning the award."

As Aycliffe's own newspaper Newton News was privileged to be invited to cover this special occasion for Roman whose achievements over 50 years at Aycliffe is truly remarkable. We remember Gerry when he started and asked Newton Press to print his signature logo labels of a Roman Centurion. We still receive print orders from the family business and feel they are a valued part of our community, employing many people from the town.

Lord Lieutenant Sue Snowdon was a brilliant representative for the Queen, elegant, eloquent and so outgoing to all she met. It was a lovely event and on behalf of the townspeople congratulate Roman on their success.



The Lord Lieutenant addresses and congratulates the whole workforce



The Osborne family with Sue Snowdon



Sue Snowdon meets staff on her tour of the factory



Guests line up to meet Her Majesty's representative.



David receives a gift to mark his birthday and 25 years with Roman, from his proud father



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New Figures Reveal High Levels of Fuel Poverty in the County

A new government report has put a spotlight on the high levels of fuel poverty in County Durham with over 30,242 households now struggling to keep warm during the colder months.

The latest figures for 2015 reveal that 13.3% of homes in County Durham are classed as fuel poor, meaning they cannot afford to keep adequately warm at a reasonable cost given their income, with the national figure increasing to just over 2.5 million.

Fuel poverty levels are also higher in rural parts of the UK (14%) compared to urban areas (11%), with these rural households on

average experiencing a £700 gap between the cost of their fuel bills and what they can actually afford to pay. This shortfall is twice as much as for urban homes.

The stark contrast is partly due to rural homes typically being older and less efficient so therefore harder to keep warm.

In response, OFTEC, which represents the oil heating industry, has written to local MPs in County Durham urging them to take immediate action to provide much needed support for fuel poor households before the cold weather returns this year.

Malcolm Farrow, from

OFTEC, commented: "It is shocking that once again we are seeing an increase in levels of fuel poverty with more and more people unable to afford the most basic need of keeping warm. We are also seeing a growing divide between rural and urban households and it is disappointing so little progress has been made to address this crucial issue."

The fuel poverty report highlighted the urgent need to make homes more energy efficient by upgrading boilers to modern, high efficient types and improving insulation. This will help reduce the fuel poverty gap by lowering household energy requirements and therefore reducing fuel bills. Malcolm added: "On average rural households, such as in County Durham, are ten times more likely to have the lowest efficiency rating compared to urban homes. Our research shows these homes can save over £200 a year by upgrading to a modern, high efficiency boiler.

"That's why we are calling on local MPs and the government to support those who are most vulnerable by introducing a boiler replacement scheme to help households upgrade and benefit from cheaper fuel bills. It is a prime time to introduce such a scheme as households on heating oil continue to benefit from low prices and could potentially put some of their extra savings towards the cost.

"However, we recognise that for some people already in fuel poverty it will be difficult to afford the upgrade, even with financial assistance. Fortunately, there are other low cost ways these households can reduce their heating costs such as regularly adjusting heating timers, bleeding radiators, improving insulation, purchasing oil over the summer when it is typically cheaper and having their heating system regularly serviced by a qualified technician to ensure it is working efficiently."

More information and advice can be found at www.oilsave.org.uk

Newton News in India



Layla who we featured recently was part of a Fashion Show/Pageant, in India and the photo above shows her holding the Newton News in Cochin.

She didn't win the main title, but was awarded "Best Gown", "Best National Costume" (UK flag inspired dress made by Layla's mother) "Face of JMI 2017" and "Princess of Europe". Layla's mother also won best parent.

She was in India for 5 days and attended classes in dancing and catwalk modelling. There was an event called "Night of the Nation" where she displayed lots of items that represented the UK. She met other contestants from all over the world including Japan, Nepal, United Emirates, Vietnam, India and South Africa. Send your landmark Newton News photo to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

Universal Credit – Are You Ready?

By County Councillor John Clare

Last week I attended a conference on the rollout of Universal Credit (UC) in County Durham, which is coming to Newton Aycliffe in March 2018. To be honest what I found out was terrifying, and I came away thinking that we have six months to try to get ourselves ready for what is going to be a significant shock to the community, and particularly to the individuals involved.

Please note in what follows that I am NOT an expert, and am just reporting to you what I was told at the conference. However, if even half of what follows is true, it is clear that we need to warn people about what is going to happen. It is clear that people going onto UC would be wise to prepare in advance, and will need specialist advice.

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL CREDIT?

Universal Credit replaces a range of 'legacy' welfare benefits – such as housing benefit and income support – with a single monthly payment. There is a DCC factsheet about it here: bit.ly/UCDCCFS

The idea of Universal Credit is that it treats claimants how they would be treated if they were in a job with a monthly wage payment, and that it thus helps claimants to develop budgeting practices which will fit them for the world of work when they get a job. It also has a (much criticised) 'taper' which is supposed to help people moving in and out of work.

THE PROBLEMS OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT

However, as the conference made clear, introducing UC is accompanied with many problems, over many of which the claimant has no control, and all the evidence is that many people going onto UC are plunged into financial crisis and debt. Issues raised at the conference included:

(1) UP TO £2,300 A YEAR WORSE OFF

Many families will find themselves absolutely worse off under UC – the Institute for Fiscal Studies suggests that some families may gain, but that 1.1 million homes with no-one in paid work will lose out by up to £2,300 a year. Working single parents are said to face an annual loss of £1,000.

People moving from ESA to UC have experienced particular problems in transferring their allowance across; many people are (disastrously) losing their Severe Disability Premium.

Self-employed people with variable earnings, and people who have a variable payday, also keep finding themselves in difficulties, because their reported income one month affects how much they are given to live on next month.

People who have childcare costs are often experiencing similar difficulties, because they are paid in arrears, with an "horrendously" complex reporting system, and frequent problems uploading their receipts online.

(2) ONLINE CLAIM PROCESS

UC is designed to be claimed online. This is difficult for people who do not have access to a computer-with-internet or a smart phone. Nor is it enough to use a friend's equipment to apply, because claimants are expected continually to update their position online, and have a 'claimant commitment' to check online every day (e.g. for job offers). Practitioners at the conference reported that older claimants frequently had no way to get online and that, whilst younger claimants often had a phone, they were having to make multiple phone calls and data usage when they were regularly "out of credit".

The online application can take half-an-hour to two hours, even with an adviser helping.

The reading age of the application form is low (RA12), but this is still no use for the large numbers of people unable to read or write.

There are also problems with photo-id, which you are supposed to be able to upload online, but which doesn't work. This can lead to severe delays because, atm, if the claim is not accompanied with ID, it is closed without notice, and claimants sit waiting for a claim which has in fact been abandoned. (The advice was that, at the point of claim, applicants should phone and book an ID appointment). A range of ID is allowed, including a driving licence or a current passport, but who on benefits can afford either?

It is worthwhile noting that claimants need a Bank Account – which itself raises ID difficulties. Although the process officially accepts a Postal Account, this can only be arranged by the DWP and is not available for claimants doing the online application process.

(3) WAITING PERIOD AND DELAYS

After making a claim – and assuming it is error-free – there is a seven-day waiting period before the start of the Application Process, which then takes a month. There is then a 5-day wait until the first payment is made (i.e. six weeks with no income). The DWP work on the principle that a person who has fallen out of work will have built up a buffer to 'tide them through'; the fact is that most people coming onto UC are already in substantial debt, which the move to UC exacerbates.

All this is compounded by the fact that only 58% of applications in Hartlepool end up with a payment on the theoretical payment date. Half of the delays to the other applications are caused by DWP error, not the claimants'. An adviser from Hartlepool Housing Group Thirteen found that, of 200 cases which had needed her intervention, a third involved vulnerable or disabled people, many of them with high levels of existing debt already.

Again, much of this is no fault of the claimant. Delays, said the adviser from Hartlepool, do *not* 'iron themselves' out – claimants experiencing problems need to contact an adviser and get the matter addressed – and practitioners at the conference agreed that problems are taking much longer to sort out under UC. One problem advisers are finding is that there is no 'escalation' phone number, and also that whereas before they could ring up the DWP and discuss a client over the phone under 'implicit consent', now they had to seek permission in writing, creating endless delays.

(4) RENT PAYMENTS

The situation is worse with housing payments. The idea of UC is that the claimants are given their rent money and are responsible for paying it (as they would if they got a wage); this of course is disastrous for a whole range of people, not least addicts. So it IS

possible – if you are 2 months in arrears or vulnerable – to apply for an Alternative Payment Arrangement whereby your rent is paid directly to the landlord. This application is often subject to huge delays, so practitioners at the conference advised that it is done at the point of application for UC. Even then, however, DWP do not pay the landlord at the same time as they pay the claimant, but on some weird schedule. The adviser from Thirteen showed how this could cause rent arrears to balloon to £1,500 **through no fault whatsoever of the client**. Even the most careful tenants, with applications which go through perfectly, she said, will find themselves unavoidably one week in arrears. She described the toll of this on vulnerable tenants in terms of stress and mental health.

(5) MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIONS

For many people, moving from fortnightly to monthly budgeting is a significant shock. Everybody agreed that this resulted in large numbers of people having to go to foodbanks; for many this is an unbearable shame. The move to UC is has been accompanied by a 10% increase in priority debt (and, presumably, in other debts including doorstep lenders).

People claiming in-work on thirteen four-weekly payments often get taken by surprise because their UC is paid monthly ... which means that once a year they appear not to get a UC payment.

Again, practitioners advised that people applying for UC then also apply as soon as possible for advance payments and hardship payments (although note that these have to be paid back).

For people who find it impossible to budget, or are in debt, it is possible to arrange to put things like Council Tax, repayment of advance allowance, old debts etc. onto APA (again, it is best to ask at the point of application). However, these deductions can take up to 40% of UC, taking a claimant's disposable income down to £190 a month – £44 a week.

(6) CLAIMANT COMMITMENT

Practitioners reported a large number of problems for people claiming UC (instead of Tax Credits) who were in-work – where they had a month with many hours' work they were finding themselves sanctioned for not spending enough hours job-seeking. Conference delegates reported similar problems with claimants volunteering to gain work experience. Again, the advice was to sort these issues out with Job Centre Plus at the point of application, because they were difficult to change later. Sanctions can be fierce. Missing an email or a message can lead to a claimant being sanctioned.

(7) THE ON-LINE JOURNAL

There is good and bad about the 'Journal' claimants are required to keep. It is a very effective way of communication between claimant and JC+, and – where it has been properly completed – practitioners are finding it invaluable in proving claimants' claims against the DWP.

However, where a claimant has limited IT skills or access, it causes immense problems. They may have been able to go round to a friend's house to make their application, but they cannot go round every day to update their journal. And – whilst many people have a smart phone – you will have seen from facebook that some lack the literacy skills to complete the Journal meaningfully. Blind people are having immense difficulties.

It may be that DCC Adult Literacy has a role to play with literacy and skills – there are many free basic learning course available here: bit.ly/DCCALC17, and claimants may well benefit if they take steps to improve their literacy and numeracy before it is too late.

(8) THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ADVICE

One thing that came out of the conference is that the system is horrifically complex, and not the province for a generalist adviser. The rules for the new 'full service' UC are different to the original 'live service' UC, so advisers are now juggling with (including legacy benefits) THREE different benefit systems. The advice was that that potential claimants need to seek specialist advice – advisers can lose a claimant £1,000 if they advise them to apply too early (e.g. if they have a delayed payment from their previous employment), and specialist advisers are especially important for those entitled to contribution-based benefits, those appealing a fit-for-work decision, those with a temporary change of circumstances, people in receipt of the Severe Disability Premium, people on ESA who don't require a means-tested top-up, and clients who are in WRAG or support group or ESA.

FURTHER HELP

If you will be moving to UC in March and are worried or want to start preparing in advance, either phone Citizens Advice on 03444 111444 or the Council's benefits line 03000 262000.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next board meeting later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Board will be meeting on Tuesday 26 September 2017, between 6pm and 8pm at Middridge Village Hall, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Local people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the Board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting.

The Board will also be receiving an update presentation from the Pioneering Care Partnership on the West Ward Regeneration Community Conversation at the meeting. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

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Ron Hogg's Letter to the Home Secretary

Dear Home Secretary, Further to your comments on the Andrew Marr show, I was interested to hear you say that you want to make sure that the Police have the resource they need to protect the public. I look at the reductions to the funding of individual police forces in recent years and my position remains that cuts have been too deep and are undermining the efficacy of British policing. Sir Dennis O'Connor, when serving as Chief Inspector of Constabulary warned that cuts beyond 12% would damage frontline policing, he has been proven right. Recorded crime continues to rise. Recent figures for Durham Constabulary show an increase of 25% in victim-based recorded crime. This is a national trend as well as a local one. The ONS recently said "the latest figures show the largest annual rise in crimes recorded by the police in a decade. While ongoing improvements to recording practices are driving this volume rise, we believe actual increases in crime are also a factor". Traditional crimes such as theft and car crime are now showing ever concerning increases. Since 2010 Durham Constabulary has lost 25% of its officers and the strain is showing. Sickness levels continue to rise with stress and mental health issues now presenting amongst the main

causes of sickness absence. This is a trend reflected amongst our colleagues in the other emergency services. The current Chief Inspector of Constabulary Sir Thomas Winsor has commented in his last two reports that the cuts are seriously endangering Neighbourhood policing. Even for a very effective and efficient Force such as Durham, there comes a point where it is hard to find further efficiency savings. When we assess the changing nature of crime we note that cybercrime and sexual offences continue to increase unabated. These are crimes which require specialist skills and understanding. As we seek to recruit experts to tackle cybercrime, the public sector pay cap is affecting our competitiveness with the private sector, and thus impacting upon our ability to recruit successfully. The complexity of such crimes and the extensive support needed for victims of sexual exploitation are also placing increasing demands on officers' and staff time. Finally, when we consider the present terrorist threat it is clear that the additional demands being placed on policing, both to investigate such crimes and to provide high profile reassurance patrols by armed police officers is not only difficult to deliver, but will become increasingly difficult to sustain.

BUSINESS PARK WEBSITE RELAUNCH

The relaunch of Aycliffe Business Park's exciting new website was celebrated at a high-profile event. Four keynote speakers, including the Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson, headlined the business seminar at the Xcel Centre, which was sponsored by Cornerstone Business Solutions. Around a hundred people gathered for the event as Aycliffe Business Park Community's new branding and website were revealed. The community group was officially formed as a limited company a year ago, and its new website - which is more user-friendly and mobile-responsive - is designed to improve engagement and communication across the business park. Labour's Sedgefield MP Mr Wilson kicked off proceedings with an insightful overview of the park, and Ebac chairman John Elliott delivered a colourful and humorous speech, while advising businesses to understand their weaknesses, suggesting they should create a 'no blame' culture. Sora Group training manager Lee Childs spoke of the skills shortage, and how Aycliffe Business Park's 21 training providers were well-placed to cover 18 of 34 sectors identified as having a projected skills gap. Crafter's Companion founder Sara Davies, advised guests to focus on their strengths,

surround yourself with good people, and dare to be different. Chair Kerina Clark, managing director of the Xcel Centre, said "The event was a huge success and we're very grateful to all the guest speakers, who helped to provide a broad range of advice for guests. It was our highest attended event since we officially formed the company just over a year ago and now our aim is to build on that and to get more companies engaged with us. And, of course, we're encouraging all firms on the business park to embrace the new website, by registering their business details in the directory and sending us their news and events so we can help publicise them." Spread across 400 hectares, and with future expansion plans, Aycliffe Business Park is already home to an estimated 500 companies and 10-12,000 employees. ABPC's new website is now live at www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk



MUGA Site Plan for Byerley Park School



Above is a photo of the proposed MUGA area. The school has an existing area of hard-standing there at present, so are proposing to make it fractionally larger, ensure it has the right surface dressing and it is enclosed. This will help them do PE lessons there so that balls do not get thrown onto the grass which can be really muddy from this time of year onwards. It will also be to help meet the new Government initiative of pupils doing at least 30 minutes of structured activity in school every day. Funding has been secured from the Big Lottery for quarter of the cost and some of the increased Sports Funding Grant which has been for a project for a couple of years. Byerley Park believe it will help inspire pupils to play a range of different sports in an enclosed safe area and enable the extensive school grounds to be utilised more fully in the bad weather, which can only be a good thing for the health of our young people.

Council Encourage Bid for New Great Aycliffe Show

Plans for a New Great Aycliffe Show were given a major boost after councillors gave a warm response to them during a meeting. Newtonian Russ Gibson delivered a short promotional film to members of Great Aycliffe Town Council's Recreation Committee. Councillors were also given a glimpse of some of the ideas

being proposed for the show, which is being planned for either July or August 2018. An open air, festival-style stage for live music forms part of the initial plans, as well as a new hospitality marquee, where corporate sponsors and guests can enjoy a sit-down meal and live entertainment. Russ said: "All of the councillors were very supportive, which is

really encouraging, while they also had some understandable concerns and questions. It's too early to answer some of those questions, but it was important for me to gauge their initial opinions, and their general openness to the idea of a new show before we spend more time going into detail." During the recreation committee meeting, council leader Bob Fleming welcomed the proposal and the initiative of the organisers. But he explained the council can't commit the Oakleaf Sports Complex grounds without more details being proposed, while he also referred to the council's insurance requirements for public events. Mr Gibson and his team are now in the process of completing a very detailed application form for the New Great Aycliffe Show, which will be submitted to council officers before going back to the Recreation Committee on 18th October for consideration. "We feel we have the enthusiasm and ability to make this happen," added Mr Gibson. "If we can get this idea approved by the council we're planning to host a public consultation and an online survey to get the views of the public as to what they want to see at the show. Once we've completed the relevant forms we're very much in the hands of the council." Any businesses interested in supporting Mr Gibson can email him at greataycliffeshow@gmail.com

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Dear Sir,
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Test Drive the deal was done and our new car now sits proudly on the drive. In total we spent three weekends and did approximately 300 miles looking for a car that was hidden under our noses all that time. Ramseys are fantastic, the Salesman (Brian) was very helpful and accommodating, at no point trying to stitch us up with anything we didn't want. We would definitely recommend Ramseys to anyone looking for a quality motor, they haven't been here so long for nothing and we will certainly use them again.
Neville & Joanne Jones



REME MEETING

REME Association South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 27th September in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome.
"Arte et Marte"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baliol Green Clean-up by County Council



Dear Sir
It is so pleasing to see that the refurbishment works on the Baliol Green play area have been concluded by Durham County Council. The play area has been enlarged and the variety of play equipment is superb. Back in 2013 during the run up to the County Council elections, Cllr Sarah Iveson and I pledged that if elected, we would do our utmost to address the long-standing concerns of residents that the play area had become run down. Things came to a head last summer when due to vandalism, the slide had to be removed and the play area, with only two remaining pieces of play equipment, was closed

down. Durham County Council was asked to review the play area and provide estimates for the works to be undertaken to revitalise the play area. Funding was secured and local children were consulted on a number of choices. The project took a little longer than expected to be concluded and works were hampered by a very wet summer, but the new play area will provide families with many years of enjoyment. Whilst no longer a County Councillor, I will continue to serve the area to the best of my ability on the Town Council. I am very pleased that Sarah and I have fulfilled a promise made to the electorate.
Councillor Jed Hillary

BACK TO THE 1970's

Dear Sir
In answer to Cllr Chandrans letter in the retro 1970's edition of the Newton News last week, referring to his views on the issue of the complete lack of female representation in leadership roles at the town council. I would like to express that I empathize with his feelings on the removal of the 'Mrs/Miss' prefix from some of the female Councillors names (thus removing the discrimination as there no 'Mr' prefix on the names of their male counterparts). As a woman, I know myself it's very confusing not to know the marital status of those around me, why, sometimes I find it hard to leave the house not knowing if the men I will encounter are married or not. However, I am sure if he rings the council offices they will inform him which of his female counterparts are married or unmarried to avoid any confusion. As to the female Councillors bringing up the issue of lack of representation in local councils, as identified in the recent 'Fawcett report July 2017' which lists the problems women face in local government and provides some of the recommendations that I would have liked the town council to consider, I refer Cllr Chandran to this report for the answers to his questions. Perhaps Cllr Chandran would like to propose the building of a ducking stool beside the boating lake, so if any of the 'feminist anti-men' population of Aycliffe were to get the dangerous and radical idea of questioning their representation or looking at inequality within the local political systems, they can be cured of such rebellious thinking by being given a damn good ducking? I'm sure he would get the motion passed. To answer his question as to why women have not put themselves forward. By bringing the issue to the attention of the council it was this very question we hoped would be explored, but perhaps when our male Independent counterpart dismisses us as being 'anti-men feminists' for simply asking questions, I think he has demonstrated the answer himself by making such an offensive comment. Should anyone wish to read the July 2017 Fawcett report into inequality within local government, a link can be found on my facebook page, or alternatively contact Cllr Chandran who I'm sure would be happy to mansplain it to you.
Kathryn Beetham (unmarried, open to offers)

BACK IN TIME

Dear Sir
I read last week's Newton News with horror. I wondered whether I had slipped back a century in time.
Mrs Bergg
First I read Mrs Bergg, who told us that women's sphere is in the home "cooking meals for the family" and that they ought to be glad to have good men to represent them at the Town Council. It is the language of the Anti-Suffrage League, direct from the 1910s. Surely, if women's circumstances hinder their participation in politics, we need to be asking whether we can change the way we conduct affairs so as to allow women to participate equally? Is that not worth even investigating?
Arun Chandran
Cllr Chandran, of course, is stuck in the 1980s, so I might have expected him to jump to the wrong idea that the three women councillors were seeking 'positive discrimination' - a concept we left behind in the 1980s. But I was left dumbfounded by the gender-prejudice which led him to label his female councillor colleagues "anti-men feminists" for doing no more than asking that, in 2017, female councillors be addressed in the same way as male councillors. Why do the three ladies not stand for office, he asks. I think their letter made it clear that they were not seeking position for themselves, now, but for a consideration by the

Council of how we might achieve a gender balance in the future - how anyone could think this a wrong thing to ask defeats me.
Equality
Most of all, I was horrified that, in 2017, none of the correspondents who attacked the three female councillors could see anything wrong with the fact that NOT ONE of the 14 GATC Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs is currently a woman! I am proud to be a member of the Labour Party which in its Rule Book and Manifesto advocates gender equality and believes that - if we are to have a meaningful democracy - we need to have a gender balance on our political institutions. We may argue about how to achieve that balance, but it is shocking that last week's letters were arguing that we do not need a gender balance, or even to be trying to work towards one. It is disappointing that this wave of misogyny from the opposition seems indeed to have delayed the submission of the ladies' motion. But the three women councillors - supported by the whole weight of the Labour Party - will hopefully keep asserting that our goal MUST be that there will be one day a gender balance on the Town Council, both in numbers and in leadership, and to that end I myself am also committed. Who could have believed that I would have to be defending women's rights ... in 2017?
Cllr John D Clare



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"It Will Not Happen"

Dear Editor,
I read with interest the letter from three lady labour members on Aycliffe Town Council tackling Gender Imbalance on 8th September in the Newton News, and also the letters in 15th September issue.
Since I removed myself as a member of the Labour party in 2009, and stood as an Independent, was because they do not have the same values they used to have. I have put on Council agendas proposals to change how the Town Mayors are elected, proposing Independent Council members as Mayor both men and women! The election of Mayor should be based on the length of service to the council, but this was to no avail.
The Labour Group always use their majority vote to put in their choice! There is just no give and take with them - it is all take!
Ladies you can try as much as you like, but the Labour group will not change in any way as long as they have the majority vote.
I have had 27 years as a member of Great Aycliffe Town Council, been elected Town Mayor twice as there was no opposition at that time.
It all comes down to the same people doing the same roles, so I say to the ladies who want change - "Please do not hold your breath" Because it will not happen!
Alderman George C Gray
West Ward Councillor



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Aycliffe TR Fastenings Grow NE Automotive Connections

Global fastenings manufacturer and distributor TR Fastenings (TR) is maximising its involvement with the North East Automotive Alliance (NEAA) by taking part in its annual exhibition, where it will also sponsor a key part of the show. This will be the second time TR has had a stand at the show. The expo, which will take place at Sunderland's Stadium of Light on 28th September, will play host to the numerous businesses, manufacturers and traders that make up the hugely successful automotive industry in the North East. As the only fastener firm present at the show, TR has a fantastic opportunity to connect with businesses and share its knowledge and capabilities relating to the market. The company is

also sponsoring the 'meet the buyers' segment, which facilitates targeted meetings between suppliers and partners. From its North East premises in Newton Aycliffe, TR supports a large number of Tier 1 and Tier 2 automotive manufacturers. It provides a comprehensive range of industrial fasteners, C class components and provides an end2end service. TR is part of a global group producing over 8 billion parts per annum in 27 locations worldwide ensuring they can manage global platforms as required seamlessly. TR's operations in the North East have recently been strengthened further by the arrival of Greg Lynch in May, who is now Automotive Business Development Manager for the region. Part of Greg's role is to raise TR's

profile amongst the Tier 1s in the North East, emphasising its global capabilities and ability to facilitate cross-continent sales and distribution. Malcolm Hildyard, Automotive Sales Manager at TR, comments: "With over 240 automotive companies operating in the North East, there is a vast opportunity for us to grow existing relationships and forge new connections. Our NEAA membership plays a crucial role in how we raise and maintain our profile and we are really looking forward to returning to the expo, which is a fantastic showcase for the industry and the region. The North East continues to make a vital contribution to automotive success both in the UK and globally, and we are thrilled to be part of that process."

Fantastic Results in Maths & English



Deputy Headteacher Andrew Bell with Josh Blackburn

Students at Woodham Academy have been praised for achieving "fantastic" results in the crucial subjects of English and Maths. Analysis of GCSE results for both key subjects show Woodham Academy performing well above the provisional county average. Overall, the school recorded its best ever results across all subjects, despite the introduction of a tougher new exam system this year. In English, 78 percent of students achieved a pass of grade 4 or higher compared to 73 percent for the county as a whole. In Maths, 71 percent of Woodham students achieved a pass of Grade 4 or higher, compared to 65 percent across the county. Deputy Headteacher, and Maths teacher, Andrew Bell said: "The attitude of students has been amazing and they have put in a lot of time and effort. They have achieved what they deserve and the school is really proud that all the hard work of students and staff has produced these fantastic results." Woodham Academy provided extra support for students across both subjects, including lessons after school and during holidays, breakfast

clubs, and personalised plans for each student. The school also took students to masterclasses at the County Durham Leadership Centre in Spennymoor and arranged visits to Woodham from subject specialists. Head of English Roger Hargreaves said students had also benefitted from English mentoring and an independent reading scheme introduced in their first year at Woodham. He said: "These exceptional results are a fitting reward for all the effort students and staff have put in, not just over the last year, but over five years at Woodham Academy."

COUNCILLORS WALKABOUT

County Councillors and police will be holding a walkabout on the Byerley Park and Chase estates on the afternoon of Friday 29th September. Meet 2pm at the far end of Staintondale. Residents welcome to attend, or inform john.clare@durham.gov.uk of any local issues you would like considering.

PARENTS PROTEST OVER SCHOOL TROUSERS RULE

Newton News has received numerous calls from parents of girls attending Woodham Academy over the type of black trousers they are wearing. Parents say a strict rule is being imposed now, after they have returned to school, having already bought their uniforms for this term. Some parents have bought black uniform trousers which are being sold specifically as school wear from recognised suppliers. Below readers will see a response from Woodham Academy and it appears the type of trousers preferred by most girls are in line with current fashion, but not as specified by the school in all their communication with parents and students. Headteacher Christine Forsyth said: "The vast majority of Woodham Academy students have started the year in perfect uniform and all look extremely smart. It is part of a teacher's job to ensure that the school policy on uniform, as set out by the governing body, is adhered to. This policy clearly states that trousers must be traditional school trousers, not skin tight or of a tight-fitting material. We believe that we did everything we reasonably could before the summer holidays to inform parents of these requirements. "Where there is a problem, we always try to work with parents to find a solution within an agreed time frame. We welcome parents' views on whether the policy should be changed to specify a named supplier to avoid any risk of confusion. We would like to thank parents for ensuring that our students are smart and well presented."

Greenfield Cree Men Make a Difference

The fabulous Men's Cree group at Greenfield Arts are continuing to work closely with local groups and organisations to bring their very special brand of creativity to the heart of the community. They are presently creating a 'Super Shed' in partnership with the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, the project promises to create a fantastic resource for local volunteers of all ages and abilities and is just one of many successful ventures that has the capacity to 'keep on giving' well after the initial project is complete. The aim is to create a custom-built fully accessible facility where PCP volunteers can work and store gardening equipment and develop further ideas for their outdoor spaces. Funders of the shed project include GAMP and Livin. The Men's Cree are supported by funding from DCC Public Health. Recent Cree projects have also included the Little Library project which had its roots at Greenfield Community College and grew into a County project in partnership with New Writing North. The

little libraries offer a free resource where people can borrow, donate and read at leisure and there is likely to be one not too far away from you! Katy Milne, Creative Director at Greenfield Arts is delighted to see the results that the group have achieved and the benefits to individual members as they grow in confidence. "The Greenfield Men's Cree are such a giving group who thrive when providing opportunities for others. They have supported many different initiatives and created many new additions to the wider community that lots of people have benefitted from. We are very proud." The group, lead by Richard Agar, meet regularly at Greenfield Arts to socialise and work on a range of valuable projects for which they have received well deserved awards. The sessions are held on a Monday from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm and new members are very welcome. If you would like further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048.

Work Starts on New Vane Road School



On Friday 15th September 2017, we signed the contract for works to begin on the new school building at Vane Road. The work will commence on Monday 25th September and we anticipate being in the new school for the start of term September 2018. The photo shows Adam Williams, Durham County Council; Rohit Patel, Chair of Governors and Kieran Pavey, Head teacher with the signed contracts.



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She said: "Lucy has never failed to meet the highest standards in behaviour, attendance, and academic achievement. She has always been polite and eager to pursue all opportunities to excel. Lucy has truly been a joy to teach, and a valuable student both in her subject-based classes and in her tutorial group."

Lucy joined 20 other students from the region at a ceremony at the stadium to celebrate their achievement. They were presented with their awards by Karen Wight from the Mark and Karen breakfast show on Metro Radio. Lucy has now gone onto further education at college in Durham to study A-levels and has expressed an interest in careers in either medicine or engineering.

"The school is in no doubt that whatever it is she decides to pursue she will excel and achieve her dreams," Mrs Forsyth added.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 27th September 11.00am until 1pm.
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WEST PARK NEWS

TOWN COUNCIL APOLOGISE FOR DELAY ON CLEAN UP OF BOATING LAKE

Dear Sir,
The Town Council apologises that the lakes at West Park have taken a long time to clean. Work started last week and,

weather permitting, will be finished shortly.

The Council is investigating ways of keeping the lakes free of silt and algae in the future, which will be less unpleasant and disruptive for local residents.

Work on the lakes actually started at the beginning of the school holidays, but had to be cancelled when concerned residents asked us to wait until the ducklings could fly. The contractors had to be re-scheduled.

Over the years many letters and articles have been written about our beloved boating lakes. When I supported the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan to protect our green areas I had no idea that included the Duckweed and Algae found floating on the boating lakes every summer.

A couple of years ago a group called Friends Of West Park was formed in an attempt to clean up the park, assist the town council by litter picking and planting bulbs.

Enthusiastically members of the group, residents of all ages and both genders began to slowly clean debris and vegetation from the lakes which cleaned up the water on the top lake. People felt as though they had in some small way made a difference in their community and were prepared to give up their free time to help.

The Labour controlled council issued a cease and desist order on the cleaning work claiming damage to the eco system of the lakes despite the same wildlife being found in other locations including the lower lake and the burn itself. This brought a halt to the volunteer cleaning work.

The council under pressure from Independent and some Labour members brought about a change of use for the lakes from environmental to recreational.

I have requested the Newton News to reprint an article written by the then Labour Chairman of the Environment Committee Bill Blenkinsopp from 1997 (above) to demonstrate how long this has been an issue.

With the announcement by Labour Leader Bob Fleming that he will not allow the cleaning of the lakes for fear of complaints about the smell I leave it to residents of Newton Aycliffe to draw your own conclusions. My opinion personally and as Chairman of Friends of West Park is that the longer we leave it before the lakes are cleaned and maintained the worse the problem will be.

I would like to express my disdain and disgust that the Leader of the Labour

Group Bob Fleming seemingly has the power enabling him to announce out of the blue and without consultation that our lakes will not be cleaned out. This statement seems to fly in the face of public opinion and treats with contempt the efforts made by those volunteers who have previously given their time and effort in an attempt to clean out the lakes.

Cllr Ken Robson
Chair Friends Of West Park

Counting the Cost of Environmental Crimes

Nearly 500 people are counting the cost of committing environmental crimes in County Durham.

Durham County Council issued 481 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) between 1 April and 31 August this year for offences including littering, flytipping, dog fouling, having untidy yards or gardens and carrying waste without the correct licence.

The largest enforcement figures show that 250 litterbugs each faced paying an £80 FPN for not disposing of waste correctly in a bin. This is an increase of 73 FPNs handed out for littering compared to the same period last year.

A total of 170 FPNs were handed to people whose property had an untidy yard or garden.

Eighteen people were issued with an FPN for failing to pick up after their dog. Following the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order in the county on 1 June, a further nine irresponsible dog owners received a £100 FPN for not picking up their dog's foul and two dog owners received an FPN for allowing their dog to stray.

As part of Operation Stop It, a multi-agency anti-flytipping campaign, five flytippers were each left £400 worse off after being issued with a FPN for dumping waste.

A further six people were also issued with penalty notices for not having a licence to collect, transport or dispose of waste and one of those. One of the six also received an additional FPN for not having the appropriate waste transfer paperwork.

Ian Hoult, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "Enviro-crimes such as littering, dog fouling and untidy yards or gardens are among the issues that most concern our communities

"From 1 April 2017 we have seen a 52 per cent increase in enforcement for environmental crime - giving a clear message that we do listen and we take enviro-crimes very seriously. Such offences will not be tolerated. Despite the majority of people across the county being responsible, it is still the minority who fall foul of the law. But hopefully this will now serve as a warning that our neighbourhood warden teams work very hard to catch culprits in the act."

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, added: "First and foremost we always educate people about the consequences of environmental crimes. However, issuing FPNs is the appropriate option when people break the law. It's very important that we thank people who do take pride in their local environment so we can all enjoy the places we live, work and visit across the whole of County Durham."

Environmental crimes, including litter, dog fouling and flytipping can be reported online at www.durham.gov.uk or by calling 03000 261 000. Details of Household Waste Recycling Centres can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc and bulky waste collections can be booked online at www.durham.gov.uk/bulkywaste

MONEY ADVICE DAY

As part of livin's job fair on Monday 25 September 2017 we are holding money advice sessions at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre (Opposite Tesco), Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4HT from 10am - 3pm.

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Winter Market Call Out



To accompany this year's group art exhibition by Interface Arts in November and December, Greenfield Arts will be hosting a professional Winter Market, showcasing the work of the centre along with local artists and makers. The event will take place on Saturday 2nd December 2017, from 10am - 4pm.

Applications are now open for potential stall holders for this event, which can include handmade, or hand designed items, gifts or examples of larger art works, as well as artisan food items. Tables will cost £10.00 for the day and will include free promotion (please note only 1 table per application will be allocated). This as a wonderful opportunity to highlight the talent and creativity of local crafters and artists, with a chance for some Christmas shopping for those who attend the event. There is also the chance for stall holders to demonstrate their craft alongside the sale of their work. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Greenfield Arts using the below details, to request a form with full terms and conditions. This is to be returned by no later than Friday 27th October 2017, stall holders will be contacted by Friday 10th November 2017 to inform them if a table has been booked. For more information on anything here, please 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

REMINDER FOR DRONE PILOTS

Drone pilots are being reminded of the laws and restrictions surrounding their hobby. Following a handful of concerns raised by Durham Tees Valley Airport, Durham Constabulary are encouraging those with drones to consult the Civil Aviation Authority's 'Drone Code'.

The guide outlines the do's and don'ts of responsible drone operation, which, if not adhered to, can lead to criminal prosecution.

The guide can be viewed at www.dronesafe.uk/drone-code.

Sgt Marcus McCormack, Senior Ports Officer for Durham Constabulary, said: "Although drones can be a lot of fun, they also have the potential to cause serious harm if not used safely and correctly."

"Fortunately no serious incidents have occurred so far, but we're keen to make sure that the relevant information is available to those who need it."

In addition to the Drone Code, no-fly zones can be viewed at www.noflydrones.co.uk, which shows the large exclusion zone surrounding Durham Tees Valley Airport.

Networking Event Celebrates 2nd Birthday



A popular networking event which has connected hundreds of businesses in County Durham has celebrated its second birthday. Durham 2sday was created by Business Durham, the economic development company for County Durham. It has attracted more than 1,000 businesses to Esquire's Coffee Shop in Durham City on the second Tuesday of every month since it was set up two years ago.

David Thomas, investment manager at NEL Fund Managers Ltd, based in Team Valley, said the event was a great way of reaching some of the many small businesses they invest in across the North East. "Durham is very important to us as a centre for business, which is why I've been actively involved with Durham 2sday since it started," he said. "For me, it's about making solid connections with some

excellent regional businesses and then strengthening those relationships with time. It also provides an invaluable platform for exchanging business knowledge. It's very good for that because of its informal agenda and the huge cross section of different businesses that attend." Alison Schreiber, who runs Durham-based The HR Dept, offering human resources support to small and medium businesses, has also been going to Durham 2sday since it began.

"There's a good mix of businesses and it's open to everyone," she said. "I've built up some good relationships along the way but there's also the chance to meet new people. It's easy because you can just turn up."

Sarah Slaven, interim managing director of Business Durham, which works on behalf of Durham County Council, said: "Durham 2sday has proved to be a great success as a way of helping businesses to connect and share their extensive knowledge. Its relaxed and informal atmosphere has added to its popularity."

Photo: Sarah Slaven, interim managing director of Business Durham, centre, with members of the Business Durham team and local businesses celebrate the second birthday of the popular Durham 2sday event

Resurfacing the A68

Road resurfacing work is to take place on the A68 through County Durham. The County Council is to carry out the work on the road at Fir Tree, near Crook, over five days.

The resurfacing will be carried out on the stretch between Redmires Farm and York House from Tuesday 19 to Monday 25 September.

On Thursday 21, Friday 22 and Monday 25 September the works will take place between 7pm and 6am. The road will be open with traffic controlled by temporary lights on Thursday 21 September but closed on Friday 22 and Monday 25 September.

Diversions will be in place while the road is closed via the A689 and A688 with signs to inform drivers.

John Reed, the council's head of technical services, said: "This resurfacing is part of our ongoing programme to maintain our county's roads for the benefit of all who use them."

"We appreciate there will be some disruption for motorists but we have planned the work to keep this to a minimum, with three of the five days only involving overnight activity."

"We do very much appreciate the patience and understanding shown by motorists for all the work we do."

192nd Anniversary of the S&DR

Celebration Walk: Wednesday 27th September

A guided walk to celebrate the 192nd anniversary of the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway will set off from Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Wednesday 27th September 2017.

Volunteers from the Brusselton Incline Group will lead the event, which departs from Locomotion Car Park A - on Redworth Road, Shildon - at 10.30am.

Cars will be shared to the Station Hotel (now closed) at West Auckland. At 11am, the group will walk towards and up and down Brusselton Incline, stopping at Broom Mill Farm Shop en route.

This is a great opportunity to see the newly restored Accommodation Bridge, and to walk up to the Engineman's House.

Jane Hackworth Young, great great granddaughter of Timothy Hackworth, will be present on the walk; another of her great great grandfathers, Robert Young, was engineman at Brusselton from 1827 to 1848.

The walk will finish back at the car park, then the group will transfer back to Shildon, where they may wish to continue to Locomotion: The NRM at Shildon, where Soho House, the historic buildings and the Coal Drops can be viewed.

Walkers will need to wear sturdy footwear to participate.

Thanks Honest John



Rose Lodge care home, Carers Way, would like to say a huge thank you to Honest John for his kind donation of £350 and for his continued work in supporting community organisations and clubs based in Newton Aycliffe. The money raised will go towards funding additional resident outings and social events at the home.

Activities Coordinator Tracey George collecting the cheque from Honest John.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

Some successes for the Council, a couple of meetings, and some interesting things to do. Read about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB209

COUNCIL

- County Council meeting, Wednesday 20 September.
- Sajid Javid paves the way for the County Durham Plan.
- County Council scoops Northumbria in Bloom awards.
- Durham voted 14th best city in UK.
- Simon Henig launches the Celebrate Durham campaign.
- Heighington Lane recycling centre will move to winter opening hours (9am-3:30pm, Monday to Sunday) from 1 October.
- GATC Policy & Resources Committee, Wednesday 13 September.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

- Universal Credit - Are You Ready?
- Jobs Fair, Monday 25 September, Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, 9am-1pm.
- Well done Bewick Crescent Surgery on "great" Healthwatch Enter-and-

- View.
- Byerley Park School has applied to build a MUGA.
- Latest local roadworks information in the Newton Aycliffe area.
- Roman celebrate Queen's Award.
- Well Done Aycliffe Business Park's High Impact Development.

THINGS TO DO

- A walk to celebrate the 192nd anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, Wednesday 27 September, starting 11am at the Co-op, Redworth Road, DL4 2JF.
- A concert celebrating the 192nd anniversary of the S&DR, at the Locomotion Museum Shildon, 6:30pm on Wednesday 27 September. FREE.
- Vicious Vikings (5-11s) at Palace Green Library, 1-3pm (drop-in), 30 September-1 October.
- Harvest Festival at Beamish Museum, 30 September-1 October.
- Music Festival, ROF59, 1-11:55pm, Saturday 30 September, tickets £8-32.
- Shildon Vintage Car Rally, Locomotion Museum, 10am-5pm, Sunday 1 October.

Open Morning

Heighington CE Primary

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Juniors Football Report

The TJFA League Cup draw saw only a few teams with fixtures in the first round of matches. Our Russell Foster and Durham FA league teams continued their campaigns and the Under 7's enjoyed a friendly.



The Under 7's visited Richmond Town and played four games, each over fifteen minutes. Honours were even with a win, loss and two draws played out between the teams. The players had a great time and the coaches noted how well they were accommodated by their hosts at Richmond.

The Under 11's had a tough home cup game against division one team Trimdon. Man of the match Jake Blythe scored from a free kick but it was not enough to get anything from the game as Trimdon secured the win.



The Under 12's faced Stockton Town Blues in their League Cup fixture at Sunnydale. They were not at their fluent best and the first half ended with the score 2-2. Jake Marquis' lovely chipped finish and Zack's goal were cancelled out by a good free kick and a penalty from the visitors.

The second half saw an improved performance, Zack scored four more goals, Liam bagged a brace and Will scored in a 9-2 win.

The Under 12 Russell Foster League team also played at Sunnydale against Felling Magpies. The visitors were

in great form and raced in to a 3-0 lead within the first ten minutes. Aycliffe tried hard to get in to the game but two more goals were conceded towards the end of the match in a 5-0 loss. The games man of the match was Herbie.

The Under 23's were in

league action away at Hartlepool FC. They opened up a 2-0 first half lead as Raisbeck scored before Howe volleyed in the second. Second half goals came from Iley's penalty and man of the match Raisbeck added his second to secure a 4-0 win.

Wild About Adventure



Wild About Adventure visited St Joseph's School on the morning of Tuesday 14th September. The children in classes 4 and 5 enjoyed their session with Rachel Adams, trying to find the best way to work together to solve problems she gave them.

The children listened to each other, took turns, talked together about the problem and helped each other. The children showed respect and resilience during this session.

Sports Club Cruise Through to Cup Tie

The second preliminary round of the Sunday DFA County Cup drew Newton Aycliffe Sports Club away to Coxhoe Red Lion from Division 1 of the Durham and District Sunday League. The Sports Club travelled with nearly a full strength squad, confident after two back to back victories.

The game started very brightly for the visitors. Some great passing and movement from the kick off earned the visitors an early corner and the first attempt at goal. Anthony Campbell, who was playing a central midfield role, bossed the early exchanges and his passing quickly started finding holes in the home sides defence. A through ball to leading marksman Kyle Allen, quickly found David Teder who's shot was saved well by the home sides keeper.

Connor Hughes was next up to try his luck, shooting from distance but slightly wide of the mark. However, it wasn't until the 25th minute that the visitors took the lead. A cross from the left hand side found Jimmy Cameron on the right hand edge of the box, who controlled the ball and as the keeper came out towards him, the right winger cleverly lobbed the ball over him to make it 1-0. The Home side lifted themselves a little, but the long balls over the top seemed to be there only option. It resulted in a great one on one chance but keeper Andy Hartley pulled off a superb double save to keep the visitors ahead. With just seconds left on the clock until half time, the Sports Club doubled the lead with a customary goal from Kyle Allen to make it 2-0 going into the break.

The home side raised the game in the second half pushing hard to get back into the game but David Teder's cross found Connor Hughes who cut inside and slotted home the 3rd to all but finish the game off on 75 mins. Just 3 minutes later, Hughes got his second after the home

keeper got caught out running from his goal with the ball, which was intercepted and fell to Hughes to slot home an easy goal to make it four nil. Hughes wrapped up his hatrick in the 85th minute after making space for himself inside the box to smash home and to finish the game 5-0.

MoM: Andy Hartley

Next up: Toft Hill 3 Tons (away)

Recycling Centre Winter Opening Times

Household waste recycling centres in County Durham will switch to their winter opening times from next month. From Sunday, 1 October until Saturday, 31 March, recycling centres owned by Durham County Council and managed by HW Martin will be open during the following hours:

Monday to Sunday – 9.00am to 3.30pm

• **Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe**

Recycling centres accept a range of household materials including soil and rubble, wood, plasterboard, scrap metal, car batteries, batteries, TVs and monitors, fridges, textiles, shoes, glass, cardboard, paper, plastics, cartons, cans, cooking oil and general waste that cannot be recycled.

Trade and commercial waste is not permitted.

Residents visiting with a van, pickup or minibus, or towing a trailer need a waste permit to enter the sites. Three permits can be requested at one time and can be applied for online at www.durham.gov.uk/householdpermit or by calling 03000 261 000 during office hours.

All centres are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information about recycling centres, visit www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc



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- **WHERE?** Moore Lane Park (home of NAFC) Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, DL5 5AG
- **WHO CAN ATTEND?** Open to all 4-16 year olds!
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Youthy Football Round Up



This week saw the TJFA sides play in the League Cup first round. Our Russell Foster teams were all in league action too so a busy weekend for youth football.

U15 Falcons 3 v Polton All Stars Blue 2

The Falcons were the underdogs and quite simply produced a footballing performance and attitude that has made the manager extremely proud. Taking on a team from a higher division, the boys produced a memorable performance in every position and had the spirit and belief that meant the best team won on the day. Three outstanding goals from Cole Harrison which gave him joint man of the match along with Jacob Gibson.

Volunteers Wanted

Newton Aycliffe Library is looking for volunteers to help with a new Toddler Time group and Storytelling sessions. If you enjoy reading to children, singing songs and rhymes and have a couple of hours spare each week, please contact Newton Aycliffe Library to register your interest, or for more information. The Library can be contacted on 03000 269 519 or email newtonayc.lib@durham.gov.uk

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Wildcats Girl's Football



After the success of the first FA Supported Wildcats Girls football programme, when over 30 girls attended weekly sessions of fun and enjoyment, a new Wildcats 2 started on Sunday 17th September.

From the first Wildcats almost 20 girls are now playing regular football for one of 5 girl's teams already representing Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club. The sessions are aimed at introducing young girls to football and encouraging them to participate on a regular basis. All our coaches are qualified and have up to date CRB checks to ensure a safe environment for the young girls. The sessions will take place every Sunday at the Oakleaf Sports Fields and are aimed at current school year 1, 2 and 3 but we do have teams available for older girls. If you need any further information or would like to book a place on the current 12 week programme please contact Berni 07939 045242

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Film Show

"FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM"

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Set in 1926 New York, where something dark and mysterious is leaving a path of destruction and threatening the wizard community. Everything depends on an unlikely bunch of heroes, so some laughs and plenty of action. 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.

COUNTY DURHAM EMPLOYERS OFFERED CHANCE TO GROW THEIR SKILLSET

Employers in County Durham are being offered the chance to grow their businesses through support and advice provided by the Durham Employment and Skills (DES) service. The organisation, which forms part of the training arm of Durham County Council, liaises with local businesses to provide bespoke, employer-relevant training to staff at all levels. There are over 40 courses on offer, from one day workshops on first aid and food hygiene, to high level management qualifications. Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Providing support and advice to our home-grown businesses is of vital importance to the economic wellbeing of County Durham. "Not only do we play a role in creating local success stories, we also lend a helping hand to those who are struggling to get back into work and for whom the world of work seemed a very unlikely prospect. "To be able to make such a positive impact on the lives and communities of people

in County Durham is very encouraging." The service also acts on behalf of the long-term unemployed, or those recently made redundant, by providing training, skills and support to get people back into work. Donna Watson, from Stanley, was first referred to the DES service in May 2014, following surgery. She had multiple health issues that required attendance at pain clinics and hospital appointments, and Donna had a support worker and a number of health professionals working to help her. However, following her Insight Appointment, DES suggested self-employment as a way forward, as this would enable her to work around her health concerns. Donna was keen on this idea and was supported through

courses relating to online business. Soon, she came up with the idea of buying and selling designer clothes via Ebay. In February 2016, Donna made the jump and signed off Employment and Support Allowance to become self-employed. Her business has continued to grow from a very small beginning to now, one year later, when Donna has been able to employ another person full time to help her with running her business. Donna is continuing to work with Durham Employment and Skills and is now looking to develop support sessions for others who would like to start their own online business as she feels she has a lot of information that she can share to help support others. Speaking about her experiences, Donna

said: "I would definitely recommend the programme to others as I feel it has helped me to regain confidence and overcome barriers that I faced. It has helped me change direction in my life. "I have enjoyed my experience on the programme and I have used it as a platform to go forward and do other things. It has allowed me to think about what I want to do in the future and set new targets. "The most important thing is that is helped to build my financial independence, which is very important to me. "I now feel able to achieve

the employment, business and personal goals that I have set myself." Training and assessment programmes are available in the following areas:

- Management, leadership, and employee development
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Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) to ask business owners about how they protect themselves from online fraud. Chair of the North East branch of the Institute of Directors (IoD), Dr Joanna Berry, said "I am really looking forward to the results of this survey, and to working with the three Police and Crime Commissioners to develop new

ways to help businesses to avoid fraud. It's extremely important that local businesses understand the dangers of cybercrime, and take steps to avoid it." Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner, Dame Vera Baird said "This survey only takes few minutes to complete. It will make a real difference in helping the police to understand how best

we can work with businesses, and it will also tell us what advice businesses need to protect themselves further." Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Coppinger added "We are going to put in place a series of events, booklets and online tools to help businesses avoid fraudulent online activity. Their responses to this survey will shape this publicity activity". Durham's Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner Ron Hogg said "We have a good partnership with the IoD and the FSB in the battle against cybercrime. They are really helping the Police to find out how businesses are protecting themselves against

cybercrime at present, and how this might be taken further in the future." The survey is being circulated to members of the FSB, IoD and to other business representative organisations. The deadline for returns has been extended until Friday 29 September 2017. Businesses can access the survey at: <http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/NE-Cybercrime-Survey.docx>. If people or businesses want advice, support or to report fraud they should call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively, contact your local police force on 101.

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was discovered that a battery cable located behind the seat had been disconnected. The cable was reconnected and the vehicle continued on to the Wellfield site, where it was weighed. The van was found to be carrying a load of 6,070kg despite only being permitted to carry 3,500kg. The excess coal was removed and it took Soakell three journeys to legally transport all of the van's contents from the site. During an interview under caution, Soakell confirmed that he was self-employed and the regular driver of the vehicle although he had not been driving it for long. He claimed not to know the weight limits for the vehicle and did not have a weigh ticket for the journey. He claimed to have been a coal merchant for a number of years and also said he had been driving for 27 years. At the time of the incident, Soakell was making deliveries from M&G Fuels in Hartlepool. Trading Standards officers visited the company and found that vehicles were weighed before leaving the site. Sign were also in place warning drivers not to leave the yard with an overloaded vehicle. The company retained weigh tickets for their accounts. Soakell did not attend Newton Aycliffe Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, 13 September but pleaded guilty by post to offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988. He was fined £730 and ordered to pay £405.45 in costs and a £73 victim surcharge. Joanne Waller, Durham County Council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "Weight restrictions for goods vehicles exist for the safety of all road users. "An overloaded vehicle will not be as effective as they should be. As the weight of the overload is increased further, the braking becomes even less effective. The brakes will overheat, leading to potential brake failure. "In this case, the driver chose to take a heavily overloaded vehicle through a built-up area at a time when the roads would have been busy with commuters, causing a major risk to a large number of people. "Hopefully, this case will highlight the importance of being aware of weight restrictions and operating within these limits."

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Renault UK Clio Cup racing driver Max Coates took a 9th and a 4th place finish at the home of British motorsport, Silverstone, at the weekend, aboard his Harron Homes Ciceley Motorsport car. The weekend wasn't without drama, initially the Clements Limited backed driver ran inside the top four in qualifying but slipped back to 11th at the chequered flag, the top fifteen drivers were covered by 0.6 seconds.

Whilst lined up on the grid for race one Silverstone was met with a thunderstorm. The track changed from dry to wet in minutes and the severity of the worsening conditions meant the race was delayed for



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over an hour. Once the race did start it did so behind the safety car, reducing the opportunity for Coates to gain valuable

positions in his hunt for 2nd in the championship. During the race visibility was limited and the amount of spray prevented full performance from the engine. Despite the issues Coates managed to climb two places in his Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling sponsored machine and finished 9th.

Whilst the heavens opened for race two the rain shower was short and insignificant. Coates lined up 13th, courtesy of his second fastest lap in qualifying, for the race shown live on ITV4. He did not disappoint and in true Max style he climbed up through the order. He made up two positions by turn one and quickly made his way through to 7th place during which he spent half a lap door to door with his team mate. Once onto the back of the leading pack he began his podium challenge. With five laps to go he moved into 4th position but was unable to catch the podium battle and mount a serious challenge.

Afterwards Coates said, "It has ultimately been a weekend of two halves. Saturday wasn't ideal, an uncharacteristic low qualifying position thanks to being blocked on my best lap and failing to gain an all-important slipstream made it hard work for the two races. Race one was very difficult given the spray and to make any progress through the field proved tough. Race two was another story, I made a great start and got a bit fortunate as I got into the top ten. From there I just pushed hard and picked each position off one by one." The weekend's results mean that the JT Atkinson sponsored driver remains 4th in the UK Clio Cup standings, with two rounds remaining at the Brands Hatch GP circuit in two weeks' time 2nd is still very much up for the taking.

AYCLIFFE FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Saturday 16th September 2017
Ebac Northern League Division One
Washington 2 v Newton Aycliffe 0

Newton Aycliffe's poor run continued with a 2-0 loss at fellow strugglers Washington. Although Aycliffe started brightly with good possession early on the home keeper had little to trouble him all afternoon.

The home side gave a preview of what was to come after 15 minutes when a break down the left brought a cross but with no-one to meet it Aycliffe escaped.

Aycliffe responded and five minutes later Craig Hutchinson combined with Jack Oliver to set Kurt Matthews up but his shot was blocked by a defender

Washington always looked more dangerous on the break and Aycliffe had a let off on 23 minutes when Jordan Pickard fired over. As is often the case Hutchinson's running looked most likely to produce results for Aycliffe and just after the half hour he came close to a breakthrough when chasing a through ball however the keeper just got there first. Five minutes later Hutchinson had a shout for a penalty waved away when he appeared to be bundled over on the edge of the box. HT 0-0

The second half saw few chances for Aycliffe but Washington managed to take theirs. Both goals came from long range shots. The first on 73 minutes came when Aycliffe failed to clear, while the second was an excellent strike from former Aycliffe player Scott McArdle five minutes later. Aycliffe's extensive injury



list wasn't helped late in the game when Hutchinson was forced to leave the field. Joint manager Danny Mellanby came on as substitute making his season debut, but was unable to turn the game round. FT 2-0
Another disappointing result for Aycliffe with only 1 win in 9. The team has little time to recover before North Shields' visit on Tuesday 19th. With no game on Saturday 23rd, Aycliffe's next game will then be a trip to Bishop Auckland on Wednesday 27th, another team who have had a poor start to the season.

Aycliffe Boxer Awarded Scholarship

James Lepoidevin (16), who trains at Newton Aycliffe Boxing Club has been accepted onto the Sport England Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme.

James, who is on the England Boxing Team, has two

National titles to his name. This scholarship will enable him to attend courses on subjects such as sport psychology, nutrition, strength and conditioning and physiotherapy. James will also receive funding to help towards his sports equipment and travelling expenses.

Aycliffe Boxing Club is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and is open to both male and females of all ages and abilities. For further info please contact Les Gibson on 07989 830049.



AYCLIFFE TEENAGER JUNIOR CHAMPION



Bradley Cooke, 14 was a typical troubled teenager who was hanging about the streets. He joined Viper MMA Newton Aycliffe in December, which is run by Mark Reay.

Bradley had his first fight in January and since is on a run of 8 wins. He is ranked second in UK and Ireland.

From active members on Tapology he has fought on two of the biggest MMA shows Made4TheCage twice and Cage Warriors, he also has a collection of medals and now holds a title belt. Bradley currently has sponsors, but is looking for more. Contact: danielleross1984@hotmail.com

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