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Consultation on Town's Western Area Regeneration

and community groups are being encouraged to take part in a community conversation about estate regeneration in the Western Area of Newton Acyliffe, (Silverdale, Langdale, Eskdale, Kirkstone, Whinlatter and Honister Place).

have secured Livin Regeneration Fund grant of £284,394 from the Department of Communities Local Government (DCLG) to look at ways to make it a great place in County Durham to live and work.

Pioneering Partnership (PCP), are leading on the Community Engagement element this project. They have enlisted a team of volunteers (Regeneration Champions) from the Western Area to gather thoughts and ideas from the local residents.

If you have a vested interest in the area, i.e. you work, live or volunteer there, and would like to have your say, there are numerous ways you can engage with the Western Area Team:

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Aycliffe "ROCSOLID" Ladies | £350 for Sensory Room **Receive Awards from Bishop**

It's time for Mandy Shaw and Margaret Shields to take a bow - and receive a huge thank you from the Bishop of Durham.

The two women, work for ROCSOLID supported housing charity which supports vulnerable people in Newton Aycliffe, Billingham and Stockton, received Certificates of Excellence from the Rt Rev Paul Butler during a Nepacs awards ceremony.

Nepacs, a regional charity which supports a positive future for prisoners and their families, had a record number of entries for its annual awards this year at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Sreet.

"Thank you enormously for everything you do," Bishop Butler told the awards recipients. "You don't get thanked enough, or praised enough or get enough recognition so I am saying thank you to you today.'

Some of ROCSOLID's clients are on probation while others have serviced prison sentences. The charity is based in Hope House, Burnhope, Newton Aycliffe and it offers accommodation in around 50 flats and houses Its newest venture is a residential base in residential base in Billingham, staffed 24/7, for women receiving professional 1

professional help with drug and alcohol addictions and who are at risk of sexual exploitation. ROCSOLID's submission

included the story of a woman who had served time for soliciting, robbery and supplying drugs.

"She moved into the house when she became pregnant and has worked hard to turn her life around," said Mandy "We supported her through the journey and continue to do so."

Margaret, deputy manager of the Billingham House, said



Margaret Shields, Bishop Paul and Mandy Shaw

into her own home but has ongoing support from the charity.

learned lots of 'She's parenting skills and has had

the woman has since moved the baby returned from the care of the local authority. And that's got to be good news!"

ROCSOLID Tel 07939 000 478.



An amazing week – some important meetings, a 192nd birthday, a rising star ... and some interesting things-to-do. Read about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB279 COUNCIL AND

COMMUNITY

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DCC Economy Scrutiny Committee, Tuesday

September.
• DCC Consultation. Short Breaks For Parents/Carers of Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

• DCC Labour Group meeting

to discuss next year's budget.
• Living independently - get help at home.

Fantastic news on Chapter Homes broadband.
GAMP Board meeting,

GAMP Board meeting, Tuesday 26 September.
 Newton Aycliffe teenager Owen Dickinson hit the political highlights this week.
 Aycliffe Business Park

networking event celebrates second birthday.
• 192nd Anniversary

Celebrations of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

• Horndale Infants School is

leading a savings revolution.

Car parking changes in Durham City.

Latest local roadworks

THINGS TO DO NEXT

- WEEKEND

 Singing Kids of Africa, coming to the Mormon Church, 7pm, Friday 6 October.
 Durham Book Festival, 7-15
- October.
- Historic Durham Tour, meet at Palace Green Library, 12.30 and 14.30, Saturday 7 October. • Wildlife Watch (5-11s), Low
- Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon, Saturday 7 October.
 West Asia Window (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday, 7
- October.
 Shildon Model Railway Club Exhibition, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, 7-8 October.

Coffee Morning

Carol Bradley is holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for the third year. It has previously been a great success and she asks for your support.

It is at Middridge Village Hall on Saturday 7th October, 10.00am - 2.00pm. There will be hot and cold drinks, lots of homemade cakes, raffle, book stall and a

All at Lindisfarne Care Home would like to say a massive thank you to Honest John for their very kind donation of £350.00.

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Girl all the way from sunny California! They play music from a variety of artists and fallor the settlist for the venue they play.

Review: "Fantastic performance once again by "American Girl". Excellent musicianship by the guys and brilliant vocals and stage presence by Lara. Played back videos recorded at gig and Lynne my girlfriend said to me you are the full package. Lara you are lovely and you guys Rock. From Ballroom Blitz to Black Velvet to Rebel Yell etc; everything you played you left your mark once again".

Covering tracks by: Joan Jett, Pat Benatar, Anastacia, Cher, The Red Hot Chilli Peppers, Aerosmith, The Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, Blondie, Bryan Adams, Tina Turner, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Thunder, Springsteen and much more.

Sunday 1st October - "OasisJam" (£3 c/c)
OASISJAM are a tribute to two of the greatest bands ever - OASIS and THE JAM. They are a four piece band and create the greatest hits of both bands such as Wonderwall, Going Underground, Town Called Malice, Don't Look Back In Anger - all killer and no filler !! OASISJAM are based in the North-East of England and play regularly in the area.

Band Members: Tim Lowe - Vocals, Guitar; Richard Coxon - Bass, Vocals; Alan Batchelor - Lead Guitar, Vocals; Scott Fenner - Drums, Percussion.

Saturday 7th October - "Uncle Gilbert"

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Middridge History Society

The new Season of Middridge History Society starts on Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall with a talk by Marion Morrison on

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(Surprising as it may seem, some colliery owners did employ doctors at the time!) Everyone is most welcome. Entry is £3 for non members including Refreshments

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FLOWER DEMO

Area Demonstrator, Dawn Weaver from Chester, will present an evening of flower demonstrating with the intriguing tile 'Sources of Inspiration' on Monday, 2nd October at Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm. Free to members

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions of £26 are now due and can be paid on the evening. Come along and be inspired!

Police Support for Project EDWARD



'Let's cut deaths' – that's the message from police as they join a European-wide bid to reduce casualties on the road today. Durham Constabulary have made a road safety pledge on 'European Day Without A Road Death'.

The campaign, coined Project Edward, has been launched by the European Traffic Police network after fatalities on the continents roads topped 25,000 last year.

To combat this, the police, fire service, community speedwatch volunteers, Durham County Council and their junior road safety officers, the High Sheriff of County Durham Caroline Peacock, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg and Mini Police officers have combined forces today to publicly make the pledge to support Project Edward.

Durham Constabulary want to encourage all road users to think about their driving and how this can be improved for their own and others' safety.

Superintendent Kerrin Wilson, Head of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit said: "Aspects of bad driving all combine to make our roads unsafe for a lot of motorists; speeding, seatbelts, mobile phones and drink or drug driving are the #Fatal4 elements which influence this. "Let's get the message out there that it is unacceptable to engage in these things while driving. We all need to pledge to change society's attitudes to these things in order to make our roads safer."

Across the two force areas 32 people died in collisions in 2016 – 25 in Durham and seven in Cleveland.

Road safety remains a key priority for Ron Hogg, Durham's Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner. He said: "I'm pleased to see our partners working together and pledging their commitment today, in their joint support for this international campaign.

"Road users must also play their part and use our roads responsibly, whether as a driver, cyclist or pedestrian, by making that extra effort to look out for each other."

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service's Community Safety Manager, Andrew Allison said: "Our crews see first-hand the devastation that results from road traffic collisions.

"We urge everyone to think more carefully about how they drive and the impact these incidents can have on the families involved. "We are always working closely with our partners to reduce the number of incidents and we therefore fully support this campaign."

BRAFFERTON CONCERT

The Blackheart Orchestra returns to Brafferton Village Hall on Friday 6th October. One of the must-see bands in the UK this year; the pioneering duo blend musical styles seamlessly sidestepping boundaries to create music huge enough to fill a cathedral. Always producing something beyond all easily marketed genres, theirmulti-instrumental sonic landscapes have always been too unpredictable for pop, too adventurous for the mainstream and too plain weird

The Orchestra are often mistaken for an 8-piece band on first listen, they are found on stage continuously changing from electric and acoustic guitars, bowed guitar, piano, organ, bass and electronic percussion to vintage synthesisers, omnichord and melodica in a complex choreographed weave of musical moods and textures. One moment their sound is minimal and molecular, the next a mountain-like wall of sound with vast symphonic climaxes.

For anyone who would like to find out more you can do so on their webpage: www. theblackheartorchestra.com Tickets are available on the

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height doors. Staff from Woodham's Sports Academy, which holds at least one extra-curricular club every night, said they have already noticed an increase in the number of students taking part in activities.

facilities are also available for use by the community, including visits from primary schools in the

Women Should be Equal!

My thanks to those who responded to my letter on gender imbalance within local councils and within Great Aycliffe Town Council. It was a revelation to me that there are such archaic views in the year 2017.

What of the Women's Suffragette Movement? Yes we gained the vote but these many years later the fight for equal rights still has to be

Women should be equal in the positions of Leaders and Chairs within councils and to this aim we shall continue to raise awareness and, with the weight of the Labour Party behind us, bring about a change in attitude and a willingness for this to be

Councillor Barbara A Clare.

Woodham's New Student Aycliffe's Mrs. United Kingdom

In May Kayleigh Coulthard competed in a national pageant Nation Elite Miss, winning the title of Mrs United Kingdom! She goes on to compete in either Mrs Europe or Mrs Universe depending on next year's

Kayleigh (26) is so excited for this opportunity and feels privileged to be Mrs United Kingdom. She first entered Pageants to build self confidence, promote volunteering community and burst the stereotype of a 'beauty pageant'.

Pageants are not about how slim you are: or how you look in a bikini: it's about personality, vour commitment to charity and the positive way in which you use vour title.

Last week at Chilton sports and social club, Kayleigh ran her own charity pageant raising over £1000 for the charity "Bullies Out". She is so proud of her achievements so far and cannot wait to share her journey as "Mrs United Kingdom"

Kayleigh was born and raised in Newton Aycliffe, and her





Mam. Dad and bother are her world. She attended Byerley Park School and Greenfield. Kayleigh said: "I loved school and always strived to do my best and was awarded a trophy from the Mayor for achieving the most A* grades in the county and I have always been proud of my achievements!"

She always wanted to work with children, and completed her degree in nursing. Her ambition was to learn more. so gained another diploma in children's mental health and became part of an amazing

Striving for patient care quality, she found a love in prescribing, and in the last month has completed a making me her a qualified Non medical prescriber.

At 16 Kayleigh met her current husband, Liam and they have been together for nine years getting married at Wynyard Hall on the 4th April 2015.

"Pageant life came about when I lost over 4 stone with Weight Watchers. I had amazing friends and family that supported me endlessly and still continue to be by my side through all my crazy adventures" said Kayleigh A whirlwind of competitions

started in November last year and in just 1 year Kayleigh has raised £1300 for "Bullies Out" and around £2,000 for various other charities!

She helps the community in different ways, donating to food banks, helping the homeless, supporting and donating her time spreading the message that 'everyone is beautiful no matter what'.

'Along side all of this I have appeared in the Weight Watchers magazine, and appear on the current advertisement 'Say Yes to the Dress' which runs for the next year as their sponsor via Weight Watchers and trial modelling with Tyne Tees Models!



Wednesday 4th at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Tony Hillman will speak on Collecting Autographs.

All welcome - members £1 non members £3, includes tea/coffee/biscuits.

Further information 01325

Schoolchildren Join County Savings Scheme



A new money-saving scheme is helping children learn the importance of staying out of debt. The Durham Savers scheme is part of an initiative by Durham County Council to tackle poverty and change debt culture into a culture of

saving. More than 50 schools around County Durham have joined the scheme so far, with a further 10 expected to sign up before Christmas.

The participating schools include Horndale Infant School, in Newton Aycliffe, where more than 50 youngsters aged between three and seven-years-old have signed up as savers.

Staff have also been getting in on the act, with eight joining a salary savings through NEFirst Credit Union.

Paul Atkinson, Durham Savers project lead, said: "More than half of the population have less than £100 in savings and would struggle if they lost their job or faced unexpected expenses.

'However, research shows that learning about saving before the age of seven can have a positive impact on our ability to manage money in our adult lives.

'It is, therefore, important that we do as much as we can to encourage children not to make the same mistakes as many adults - racking up often crippling debt instead of saving.

For more information about the Durham Savers initiative. www.durham.gov.uk/ durhamsavers

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Aycliffe Priest Celebrates 50 Years as a Clergyman

Popular local CofE priest Mike Dixon held a 'Celebration of Ministry' on Sunday 24th September marking his 50th Anniversary as a Minister. 50th St. Clare's Church was packed with friends and relatives for the Holy Communion Service attended by fellow members of the priesthood who took part in the Service. Canon Glyn Evans gave the sermon recounting his long association with Mike, known for his "down to earth and laid back" approach in his ministry.

The choir for the Service was brought together and conducted by George Lee and as a tribute to his 'Geordieness' and Mike's support for Newcastle Newcastle United, former fellow County Councillor Keith Davidson played the Northumbrian Pipes as the congregation entered the church.

Mike started his life as a clergymen as a Curate in Hartlepool before moving to York. He was then appointed Prison Chaplain at Liverpool, Onley, Frankland, Durham and finally Acklington.

He became Priest in Charge at St. James', Shilbottle from 2003 - 2007 before retiring to live in Newton Aycliffe when he became a County Councillor for 9 years.

move here

prompted by his marriage to Newtonian Mary. As Prison Chaplain Mike appointed Visitors; applied and Mike met her at he prison and appointed her. After 6 years their friendship developed, the courtship began and they were married in 1999 at Shilbottle, in Northumberland.

Between them they have 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Most of the family live in the North East except for Andy who lives in New Zealand.

Mike said: "I want to thank everyone who made the Jubilee Celebration such a joyous occasion. St. Clare's was packed out with people of all ages from my life and all areas of my ministry who came to be with us in a Eucharist and for the meal. It was truly a collective effort and I would like to thank the young and not so young parishioners of Great Aycliffe, who under Mary's guidance put on the celebratory banquet"
"Thanks for the music from

Davidson on the Northumbrian pipes, Joe Lennox and Judith Harper, on guitar and violin, and the choir under the guidance of George Lee. Mayor Wendy and consort Jed were also present. Thanks to Glvnn Evans who preached and Canon Peter Tarleton from





Ireland who interceded. My thanks to all who came and joined in the occasion very joyful celebration of the Ministry of all people"

After the splendid banquet, enjoyed by everyone, there followed a cake cutting ceremony. Don Walker, our local butcher, was invited on stage to be "beatified" in recognition of providing all the meats for the meal.

Mike's wife Mary, bought Don an apron in readiness for his retirement so he could keep clean while washing the dishes at home. He also received a halo to mark his "Sainthood".

It was a lovely lighthearted occasion where all Mike's friends and relatives came together to mark his 50 years service as a minister and it was an occasion for Mike to remember with pride





RESIDENTS **MEETING**

Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th October at 2pm. The Venue wil be The Western Area Community House Silverdale

LIVIN and Ward Police. Councillors have been invited

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Aycliffe Rangers & Guides | ART EXHIBITION & at Adventure Weekend

Thousands of girls from across the North East of England enjoyed two days of fun, adventure and camping at the North's premier theme and zoo park on the 16th and 17th September.

Members of 2nd Newton

Aycliffe Guides and Newton Aycliffe Ranger Senior Section headed to Flamingo Land in North Yorkshire for the first ever Flamingo Fling, where they were joined by thousands of other girls and young women in a weekend of fun, adventure and discovery.

The event was organised by Girlguiding North East England and was attended by over 6500 other Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10), Guides (aged 10-14) and members of the Senior Section (aged 14-25). It gave the girls a fun environment to enjoy all that a large theme and zoo park can offer – from white knuckle rollercoaster rides to exotic animal encounters.
Attendees at Flamingo Fling

also had the chance to enjoy some of their favourite songs at a fairy tale sing-a-long on Saturday evening after which Dolly Mix - one of the country's leading Little Mix tribute acts -



performed followed by a disco and virtual camp fire.
And the fun di

didn't stop And the fun didn't stop there. The girls also had the opportunity to explore the park whilst completing a specially created Flamingo challenge designed to help the girls discover the secrets of the park's discover the secrets of the park's many species from Tigers and Zebras to Meerkats and Lemurs and of course, not forgetting the Flamingos. Flamingo Land have allowed Girlguiding to adopt the Flamingos and a special plaque was unveiled at the event.

Flamingo Fling provided the perfect environment for girls to explore their independence in a safe and inclusive space led by Girlguiding's dedicated

ouinteers.
Guide Megan, 12, who
celebrated making her Promise
at the event, said that she
challenged herself to "try the Hero, a ride where you lie on your belly and my Guide friends your belly and my Guide Friends encouraged me to go on." Guide Holly, 10, had her first camping experience at Flamingo Fling. When asked if she would go again, Holly's response was "Yeah! Definitely!" Senior Section member, Zoe, 17, thought "it was great to spend a picht compine with members." a night camping with members of all the sections of Girlguiding and to reunite with guiding friends from the region."

Region Chief Commissioner, Alison Gordon said: "What a brilliant adventure this has been, members of guiding challenged themselves to try something new and definitely succeeded. Everywhere you looked girls and Leaders were smiling and having fun, even in the rain!"

Girlguiding is currently recruiting for more volunteers to help deliver their exciting is programme to over 400,000 girls and young women across the UK

To get involved, visit www. girlguiding.org.uk

Coffee

Morning in

Memory of

Keith Sams

Dear Readers.

We are holding a Macmillan

Coffee Morning in memory of Keith Sams on Saturday

30th September 2017, at The Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way.

10.00am till 3.00pm.
There will be Tea, Coffee, Milkshake (for the kids) Cakes galore. Raffle, Tombola, Bouncy Castle and Milly's

'Brave the Shave' at 12/00pm.

The bar will be open from 12.00pm for anyone wanting something a little bit stronger

Starting at 7.00pm is the monthly Northern Soul Night admission £3 on the

door. Please come along and join us and let's help

make a difference for such a

wonderful cause.

MP's Macmillan Coffee Morning Raised £215



Last Friday 22nd September, Phil Wilson and his staff hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Newton Aycliffe office and raised £215 for the charity. Phil thanks all the people who baked and donated the delicious cakes, all the people who donated raffle prizes and the good people who bought tickets and made donations.

The winning raffle ticket numbers were:

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WINTER MARKET

Greenfield Arts invites you to the preview of our latest exhibition by Neida Pearson on Wednesday 4th October 6pm to 8pm.

work exploration into another world, one that only exists in her imagination. Her studies of colour and pattern have become the language of her paintings leaving the viewer to the task of translation. The medium used is pen, watercolour gouache. Neida will also be in attendance at the preview event to discuss and provide insight into her work with artworks for sale throughout the exhibition. As we look towards the end

of our 2017 programme, we welcome applications from potential stall holders for our 2017 Winter Market, which will accompany this year's group art exhibition by Interface Arts in December. The event will host professional artists and showcasing crafters, handmade, or hand designed items, gifts or artworks, as well as artisan food items. We see this as a wonderful

talent and creativity of our local crafters and artists, with a chance for some Christmas shopping for those who attend the event.

If you are happy demonstrate your craft at your table as well this would be a plus! Tables will cost £10.00, for further information or to request a booking form please see our website or contact us.

For more information please check out the website or speak with one of our lovely team members on 01325 379048 or info@greenfieldarts.co.uk. Opening Times: Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm and Friday 10am – 4pm.

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STUDENTS TURN 'INSIDE **OUT' TO RAISE AWARENE**



Greenfield Students were determined to play a positive part to mark 'World Suicide Prevention Day' observed on September 10th of each year. To mark this the school joined the 'If you care share' campaign ... Going Inside

TEAMH are a group of Greenfield students who resolutely promote positive mental health and work closely with the 'If you care share' initiative. This year they marked the event by turning their blazers inside out and challenged students to "Ask us why?

This then promoted discussions with students about not keeping things

bottled up inside and the benefits sharing can have on mental health.

showed their Staff also support for the campaign, Executive Headteacher David Priestley wore his iacket inside out as he spoke about raising awareness in the school assembly and staff followed suit as they initiated important class discussions awareness during Time4Success.

Greenfield staff are very proud of the achievements of 'TEAMH' as the students work very hard to help others feel good about themselves, tackling important issues with integrity and enthusiasm.

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Business Durham Praised in Hotel Spends £100k on Great Hall **National Enterprise Awards**

THE economic development company for County Durham has been highly commended in national enterprise awards. Business Durham, which works on behalf of Durham County Council, received the Enterprising Britain Award in the Improving Business Environment category for its work in making County Durham a place where businesses can thrive.

The awards are part of Government's drive to support entrepreneurial activity in the UK. Managed by Investment in Young



People on behalf of the Department for Business, Industrial Energy Strategy (BEIS), the awards celebrate the work of public sector and governmentbacked organisations that encourage support entrepreneurialism across the UK.

in their fourteenth year, they are given in four categories. This year's other winners include North Tyneside Council in the 'Start-Up Spirit" category.

Small Business Minister Margot James said: "The Enterprising Britain Awards are a fantastic reminder of what can be achieved when bring together local knowledge and leadership to provide targeted support entrepreneurs and innovative businesses they build."

Slaven, Sarah interim managing director of Business Durham, said: Business 'We're delighted our work delivering the environment for business growth in the county has received a highly commended award. It reflects all the dedication of the team here at Business Durham.'

Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We're thrilled Business Durham has been given this much-deserved award, in recognition of the fantastic work it does throughout the county.

Since we first founded Durham, the Business organisation has gone from strength to strength and perhaps more importantly, so have the many entrepreneurial businesses that have taken root in Durham. We've also become pioneers in economic regeneration, with the establishment of a £20m Durham Finance Fund to support regional businesses as they scale up and employ more people right here in County Durham.

Members of the Business Durham will head to London in November for the awards Redworth Hall Hotel has benefitted from a £100k cash njection transforming its Great Hall in time for a busy summer of weddings.
Dating back to 1693, the

property was acquired by current owner Cairn Group in 2016, which has partnered with local suppliers on all decoration, electrical and restoration works to return the hotel to its former glory – combining modern design with its historical attributes.

Changes to The Great Hall include refreshed décor from floor to ceiling with decorative wall panels and traditional wallpaper together with luxurious feature curtains lit by beautiful crystal and gilt chandeliers. The original oak floor and the huge stone fireplaces have been sympathetically restored to create unique focal points.

As part of the new interior the two entrance lounges have been refurbished, featuring complementary shades of grey and burgundy, encompassing the original artwork for a contemporary feel with a nod to tradition. The adjacent ladies powder room now features sage-coloured porcelain tiles and a bevelled glass vanity area. A popular space for nuptials in particular, the Great Hall can host up to 110 guests during the ceremony and wedding



breakfast, and up to 150 as part of the evening celebrations.

For couples looking for a last

minute venue for a winter wedding, there is limited wedding, there is limited availability to be amongst the first to tie the knot in the newlook venue. North East brides-to-be

can explore the venue at an upcoming open evening on Thursday 03 August, welcomed with a glass of fizz on arrival. The hotel's team of wedding coordinators will be on hand to give tours and answer any

Photo by Focal Point Photography questions about the packages available, and a variety of local suppliers will be showcasing

their services.

In addition to weddings, the Great Hall can host occasions from charity balls and gala dinners; to birthday parties, anniversary celebrations and baby showers. Conferencing and meeting facilities are also available, for up to 100 delegates.

Vince Johnson, general manager at Redworth Hall Hotel, said: "At Redworth Hall

of the property's vast history, which has been expertly preserved and uplifted as part of our Great Hall's recent refurbishment.

'The works have significantly enhanced our functions offering, and we're looking forward to showing off our new look at our next wedding open evening which offers the perfect opportunity to see the hall set up for an occasion."
Redworth Hall Hotel is a

143-bedroom property set within 26 acres of undisturbed woodlands and gardens. Located close to the A1 and Darlington on the edge of the Durham Dales, the hotel is ideal for both business and leisure stays, as well as functions and events. The hotel also comprises health and beauty facilities and a British eatery 1744 Restaurant

For more information on wedding open evenings, call 01388 770 600 or visit www. thecairncollection.co.uk/

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Isolated Elderly People in Heighington

A lady rang Newton News asking if we could help by contacting Darlington Borough Council or Arriva to consider their problem. There is no bus to Newton Aycliffe shopping centre and taxis can cost £14 return which is a big expense for those living on a pension. The elderly in Heighington and those that live alone and have no transport feel really

We spoke to Darlington Borough Councillor Gerald Lee who wrote the following response:

"In the first instance, I am disappointed the lady did not call me first. However, it is regrettable that Darlington Borough Council withdrew its subsidy to maintain the bus link between Heighington and Newton Aycliffe as Newton Aycliffe not only provides a good supermarket but our main doctors surgery is in Bewick Crescent so that anyone who needs special treatment might find it difficult to get to the main surgery without their own transport.

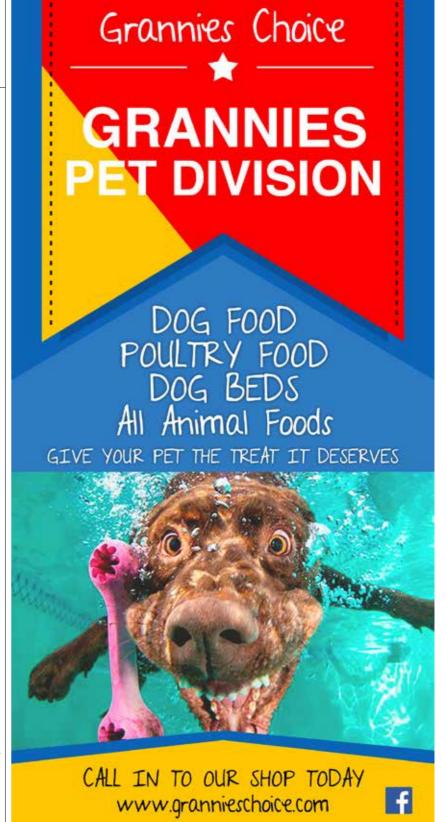
I was involved in negotiations with DBC and the Scarlet Band Bus Company after it was decided by the bus operator to service School Aycliffe only cutting out Heighington as a final destination. These negotiations resulted in Scarlet Band introducing a new bus service that took passengers from the village into Newton Aycliffe. Unfortunately due to few passengers, Durham County Council refusing to subsidise the buses running past their county boundary into Heighington and the refusal from Darlington to put any money into the bus service it stopped running leaving some people, particularly the elderly without any means of

As Ward Councillor, I was conscious of this problem and my solution was to learn to drive a 16 seater bus and take those people who do not have a car into Darlington to shop at a supermarket once a month. I have been doing this for over 7 years. People who are interested in coming along are requested to give me their contact details.

I am also delighted that as one would expect from a community like Heighington, further support is available from our local St Michael's Church. They too have recognised the problem and their very admirable solution is for a group of volunteers to transport anyone from the Parish to where they want to go within a ten mile radius of Heighington. Contact is Chris Ensor and his telephone number is 07956 064580 or 710362

So whilst the national bus have no plan to run into the village I am delighted and proud that Heighington people come up with their own solution. St Michael's Church have set up a Community Lift Scheme which consists of a number of volunteer drivers who will take passengers to a hospital doctor etc within a ten mile radius of Heighington. Contact Chris Enzor 710362 or 07956 064580 and if all fails, me on 314622

And whist we all understand the reasons why people particularly the elderly need to shop in a supermarket, can I urge everyone living in the parish to also shop our local Spar shop who not only stock a large range of products available at all hours of the day but they do so with courtesy and a smile and if we want to keep this shop open we must support it. Cllr Gerald Lee



The Shildon Model Railway Club will be holding its 31st Autumn exhibition of model railways on the 7th and 8th of October at the Locomotion Museum Shildon. event is one of the largest exhibitions in the North of England and has attracted twenty five model railway displays from all over the country.

The gauges of layouts to be displayed include: N, OO, O, and more! Model railway displays of various subject matters, eras, and gauges will be on display at the Locomotion!

Nearly forty traders selling model railways, railwayana, and collectibles will also be attending. In addition the Locomotion will also be running Steam Locomotive rides both days. A small charge will apply.

Admission to the event is FREE along with free car parking and is open from 10.00am both days.

Why not come along and have a fun day.

Model Railway Exhibition Town Students Ranked Among the UK's Best Film Show Tesco Staff Walk for Charity **Among the UK's Best**



Exceptional students Woodham Academy have been praised for attaining the highest possible grade under the tough new GCSE system - the very rare Grade 9.

Eight students at Woodham Academy achieved the new Grade 9, introduced this year for Maths and English, ranking them among the very best in the country. To

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gain a Grade 9, students are required to achieve almost full marks in their exams

Remarkably, Holly Killip attained her Grade 9 in English Language while still in Year 10. Year 11 students Connor Gibson-Walker and Harry Pearson each achieved a Grade 9 in Maths, while English Grade 9s went to Lisa Robinson, Matthew Beddard, Josef Bedford, Josh Blackburn and Aimee Laycock

achievements Woodham Academy has prepared all of these Year 11 students to go on and study some of the most demanding A- level subjects at either Durham Sixth Form Centre or Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington. Deputy Headteacher Andrew Bell said: "Woodham said: Academy drives, encourages and motivates our more able students, and provides them with bespoke support, to help them achieve the highest possible grades and prepare them to go on to excel at college and university."

Academy Woodham 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.

The questions are, was it self-defence and is she fit to stand trial. Streisand is supreme in musicals and comedy, and in Nuts she shows how great she

Dreyfuss, and features Karl Malden, Leslie Nielson and Eli Wallach. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included

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

For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Car Number **Plate Theft**

Dear Sir, On Saturday evening, Newton Aycliffe couple noticed a two people trespassing by the bay windows of our flat at around 9.30pm. We thought nothing of it and retired to bed.

The following morning, my partner went out to her car to take her grandson to football practice and saw that the number plates had been

forcibly removed.

I am absolutely certain the plates were on the vehicle when we parked up the previous evening. The police have been informed and are making enquiries.

While I am not suggesting that the two persons we saw on Saturday evening were responsible, I would advise residents to be aware of this and to keep an eye on their

Name & address supplied

The "Feel Good Film Show at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 3rd October features the drama "NUTS" starring Barbra Streisand in a very straight, very unmusical role, as a prostitute about to stand trial for killing a client.

is in powerful drama.
The film also stars Richard

in the £2.

The film starts at 1.15pm. company.
Everyone is most welcome.



The Great Tesco Walk.

As part of a fundraising event that is seeing Tesco colleagues walk from Lands End to JohnO

Groats, Last Friday a team of 9 from Tesco Newton Aycliffe completed a gruelling walk from Stockton Extra to Tesco Chester-Le-Street superstore. A total of 30 miles lasting 13 hours.

The event is to raise money for Diabetes UK and The British Heart Foundation. In store

over the weekend colleagues were fundraising to support the team with a hotdog stand, fruit

meringues and fruit hamper raffle. Thanks to the support of Aycliffe shoppers over £400 was

me the 'Good Things' they

are doing.
Unfortunately, they decided

to blacklist my email address

so I couldn't reply back.

A check with my service

provider confirmed the block was placed at the

email address works fine

It seems that they may be afraid that I'll say I'm not interested in self

promotion on their behalf,

I want answers as to why

they are backheeling their

responsibility to the wildlife

who make our Lake their

The same council could have

repaired the long failed valve

that could recirculate water

through the Lake which

would self clean it BUT NO,

they waste money on an

unwanted path that wasn't

wanted or needed, a clean

The bad publicity will not

go away, the council need

to take their head out of the

All residents want to see

the Lake back to its former

glory, not a stinking cesspit

not fit for our beloved Swans,

Wake up GATC, or your

inaction will haunt you come

the next election!

Waterhens and

Town Council's end,

everywhere else.

home.

sand.

Ducks,

Geese.

raised. Tesco Newton Avcliffe would like to thank their customers for their support.

bemusement Ken Robinsons letter in Newton News dated. 22nd September as it echoes my letter from the previous week regarding the stink that eminates from it.

GATC, people are already complaining about the smell because you are using every poor excuse in the book to wash your hands of your responsibilities.



Dragon"

Find out how Mr. Meacham, a woodcarver, delights local children with stories of a mysterious dragon that lives deep in the woods of the Pacific Northwest. His daughter Grace, believes these are just tall tales, until she meets Pete, a 10-yearold orphan who says he lives in the woods with a giant, friendly dragon.

With help from a young girl named Natalie, Grace what are you waiting for?



read with much

Have GATC no shame and are resorting to pathetic excuses that they won't drain it because people will complain about the smell! Well, stop the press

I did receive a reply to my



not pop down to Kidz Flickz at St. Clare's Church Hall on Saturday 7th October. This month's film is the American fantasy, "Petes

sets out to investigate if this fantastic claim can be true. Entrance is £1 per child. As always, our tuck shop will be open with a wide variety of sweets, snacks and drinks. Ice creams will be available at half time for just 50p! So

complaint and invited to Darran Weston meet a member of GATC in Whinlatter Place West Park so they could show

Town Council Replies . . .

Following Mr Weston's initial letter to the Newton News, an e-mail contact was made advising that the Council's Works and Environment Manager would contact Mr Weston to arrange a meeting. This duly took place.

Unfortunately, the e-mail reply from Mr Weston was not received as the Council's spam system was recently upgraded following high profile breaches in the public sector. As a result, all g-mail accounts were blocked by the system, including those of some of the Town Councillors. This coincided with the time that Mr Weston's reply was probably sent

This temporary issue rectified and g-mail addresses are now accepted by the Council's systems.

The Council Offices are contactable by telephone and officers are always happy to talk to residents via telephone to arrange appointments, visits or meetings.

The Works and Environment Manager will be back in contact with Mr Weston to arrange a meeting to discuss his concerns.

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Newtonian Commended by the Prime Minister

who founded a support group on our town for people affected by cancer has received a signed letter from the Prime Minister commending her inspirational work helping

others. The 40-year-old has been fighting a rare form of the leukaemia since her diagnosis in 2009 but, despite her pain and suffering she has dedicated the last three and-half years to supporting those who are seriously ill or terminally ill via the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group (GACSG).

In a personal letter to Allison, Prime Minister Theresa May said:

"Through the **'Great** Aycliffe Cancer Support Group', you are providing a valuable network for your people in your community and providing assistance when they are at their most vulnerable. You should be proud of the fundraising ou have undertaken to help people with the illness and your commendable work to ensure that they do not face cancer alone. Allison said:

"To receive this award is amazing, thank you to our Prime Minister for



recognised for what I have achieved."

If anyone would like to donate or take part in any fundraising events please contact Allison on 07762258696 or Sharon (Secretary) 07944187877, or for more information go onto their website www. greataycliffecancersupport group.co.uk



Vehicle Rally

vehicles descriptions will be on display at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Sunday October 1, 2017, for the annual Shildon Vintage Vehicle Rally.
A host of vehicles are due to

attend – with cars ranging from a 1939 MG TB to a 1995 Polo Harlequin! A classic fire engine, a classic trike and a vintage heavy haulage wagon are also expected to be on show at the event.

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily. Parking and admission

For more information, please call the museum team on 01388 777999

Loco Vintage 25 Years in Business



Local plumbing and heating specialist, Paul Goodchild worked in the family business from the age of 12 helping out and learning the trade before starting full time at 16.

At the age of 24 he started his own business and has over 25 years in the gas central heating industry. His expertise is used by some of the big national companies, private landlords and the general domestic market.

Paul is a sole trader covering a 7 mile radius of Ferryhill including Newton Aycliffe where he has many satisfied customers. He tries to give a same day - week day service with free quotations and advice. He is available for the small plumbing jobs too! See advertisement on Page 7

months have been tough - not only did I lose my mam but she was also my best friend she would of been so proud. She got me through all these years so I pay tribute to my mam, Barbara. Thank you to everyone else who has helped me over the years, my dad, sister and family and members of 'the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group'. I run this group so other cancer patients don't have to go through what I did but it's still exciting

will run at **Peaseway Medical Centre** on THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 2017 from **4.00pm-7.00pm**

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Top Stars at Turbinia Comedy Night



Not one but two top TV stars appear at the Standup Comedy Night at Aycliffe's award winning Turbinia Pub. ROB ROUSE is a man who

doesn't know the meaning of the word calm. Full of beans, Rob can't slow down, and Rob can't slow down, and why would he when he makes so many people laugh. Rob first made the leap into stand up comedy in the late 1990s, touring the university circuits. In 1998 he won the prestigious 'So You Think You're Funny' competition at the Edinburgh Feetival Festival.

"He's a man with genuinely funny bones" - Sunday Times "Rob Rouse is a born clown, a latter-day Stan Laurel" - Time

Out".
TONY COWARDS is a rapidfire gag merchant with an arsenal full of one-liners, for laughs-per-minute he's a tough act to beat! His quick wit has made him a sought after act and compere by comedy clubs and promoters across the UK and promoters across the UK and even for gigs worldwide. Something of a Twitter sensation, Tony's jokes turn up in all sorts of places, from greetings cards to The Times newspaper, even if you've never heard of him there's a good chance that you'll have laughed at one of his gags. Tony's likable 'everyman'

Tony's likable 'everyman' character and wide ranging humour (mostly clean) means he is comfortable in front of any audience and is regularly

booked for comedy nights booked for comedy nights for the military, universities, sports clubs, festivals and after-dinner work. In July 2014, Tony placed third in the English Comedian of the Year

MATT REED was born and bred in Sunderland, his affable style has won him fans across the UK. He effortlessly plays with the crowd with a natural rapport that is found in few comics. Matt, always ready, never disappointing will always make a good gig - great. In 2015 Matt took his debut show to the Edinburgh Fringe, retelling the four year ordeal of how he was stalked and catof how he was starked and car-fished by an online admirer. The show won rave reviews from critics and audience alike, with Matt playing to sell-out audiences. His many TV appearances have included TV appearances have included starring in the Gavin Webster sit com "I've Got A Job For You Gav" & regular appearances at the "Comedy Store" on Comedy Central, He' Leeds, Reading and Altitude, alongside Tim Minchin, Sean Lock and Frankie Boyle

This show will also feature a newer act in the middle. Tickets can be bought online at www.hilaritybites.co.uk, in person from The Turbinia, or telephone 01325 313034. Tickets are £6 in advance, or £8 on the door, with doors opening at 7.00pm and the show starting at 8.00pm.

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gardeners were thrilled to receive a massive donation from Aycliffe's famous Honest John. Carol Gaskarth. Chief Executive said, "Local donations and support has been overwhelming and cannot thank John enough for this very generous contribution. dedicated volunteers are working to transform the garden have big plans... their next goal is to have a Giant Greenhouse to match the Super Shed!"

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If you want to know more about gardening project call Fiona Mawson on 01325 321234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net or pop in for a visit!

Photo: Fiona Mawson and Gardening Volunteers receiving the cheque from Honest John.

AYCLIFFE INNER WHEEL RAISE £1200 FOR MRI APPEAL



The Inner Wheel Club of Newton Aycliffe (part of the Rotary Club) thanks everyone who supported their recent Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show at School Aycliffe Community Centre. The amount raised was £939 and added to this was £260 from a Cryptic TV Quiz Sheet at total of £1199 which is going to the MRI Scanners Appeal for Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. The quiz winner and second prize were won by Marion

Dowson and Viv McKenna. The cheque will be presented to Fund Leader Pat Chambers at he next Inner Wheel meeting in November.

The next money raising family fun even t is a "Chicken Race Night" at School Aycliffe Hall on Saturday 4th November at 7.30pm. This is hilarious and everyone is invited. Tickets are available for £6 each (including a Pie & Peas Supper) from Margaret Gent on 01325 317308.

Living in Noddy Land

Dear Sir,
I appreciate Cllr J. D. Clare's
and Cllr Betham's attempt to
explain themselves last week.
They denied but in fact reiterated that it is actually
positive discrimination they seek. Their motto seems to be "never let facts get in the way of a good story

In answer to Cllr Clare, I am not, nor is any other councillor surprised, that there are currently no women Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Committees or Sub Committees. Why? Because since 2007 to date not one women Labour Councillor women Labour Councillor put themselves forward in the controlling Labour Group for these positions. During most of the time you were Deputy Leader and as you Cllr Clare will confirm non Labour women councillors are barred by Labour from holding these positions ositions

I am not surprised that the majority of women councillors in the Labour group refused to support this quota system as indeed did the rest of the Labour group - good on them. As for Mrs Miss and Ms, - it would have been simple to ask that all Mr, Mrs, Ms and Miss be removed and just Councillors initials and names be recorded - simple and easy, but Cllr Beetham behind the scenes demanded the Town Council officials record her name as Cllr Kathryn Beetham, no other councillors were asked or offered the choice until I raised it as to why she was treated differently

why she was treated differently from everyone else. Now the poor Council officials have to do different entries in the attendance sheets and minutes for different councillors just because one

before her name. This is the student politics of the 1970's and 80's the days of Militant

Tendancy. Gesture politics.

In the 1980's and 1990's as long serving Deputy
Leader and as Labour Group
Secretary I fully supported and promoted successfully women like Christine Gowton, Enid Meadows, Wyn Dormer, Angela Fleming and many others as Chairman of Finance Recreation, Parks, and Environment Committees.

It was my view and still is that generally speaking for women to stand and get elected, with family, work, home etc, that they make better councillors than most men (whoops, sorry if any men are offended). But these women got their positions by merit and ability not by gender and were well represented in my time in those sitions

Unfortunately John cannot say the same at all since he has been on the Council and as Deputy Leader. Funny how it took him 20 years to realise it. Its also funny how the controlling Labour Group with its "mandate to govern" to coin his phrase - defeated you and your colleagues' proposal. In 1997 John Clare welcomed me to an Appeals Sub Committee as a witness as follows "Councillor Chandran it is so nice to see the legend in

it is so nice to see the legend in person" (even though I wasn't a councillor), I lose sleep over the fact that you no longer see me as a legend (LOL!)

As for a ducking stool in the Lakes, Kathryn, I would not suggest we use them as the lakes are too dirty! Maybe when they are cleaned!

Arun M Chandran
Independent

Women in My Family **Were Suffragettes**

Dear Sir, Did John Clare actually read the letter I wrote regarding equality in the Town Council? At what point did I state that "women's sphere is in the home "cooking meals for the family"? What

codswallop.
In the 43 years after leaving school until I had to take ill health retirement, I worked most of the time only taking short periods off to have my 3 children and I was a housewife for 3 years when I lived in Holland and

This hardly makes me out as an advocate for the woman's place in the home and I believe John knows most of this. He certainly knows I worked full time when I was a Councillor and the fact that we had 3 children and later on, a grandchild. Maybe he should have realised that I was actually speaking from experience not from some misguided anti-feminist standpoint.

Finally, I would like to advise him of something he does not know about me. I am exceptionally proud to be able to say that there are women on my family tree who were suffragettes. others who fought for women's rights, please don't accuse me of spouting the language of the Anti-Suffrage League; that would be totally out of character, totally against my upbringing and will never

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Juniors Football Report

Newton Aycliffe Juniors were back in league action this week across all the age group teams. All teams have committed to ensure each player thanks the referee after every game so the club can all show their respect for the match officials. It was the Under 7's first league

It was the Under 7's first league game and they played at home against Billingham United Hornets. Over the two games they were the stronger team. The first game though ended in a 3-2 defeat with both Aycliffe goals being scored by Alex. The second game saw a 10-4 win Horry and Trent scored. win, Harry and Trent scored four each and Evan bagged two. All eight players involved

were fantastic.
The Under 8's travelled to face Seaton Carew and narrowly lost 2-1. Man of the match Kenyon was superb in defence and the goal came from Alex's crisp strike. In the second game goals from Josh (2), Zeke and Thomas secured a 4-0 win and Thomas secured a 4-0 win.
The Under 9's played
Hartlepool Pools Youth
at Sunnydale and were in
top form winning 5-1 and
dominating throughout. Kai
and Harry scored the goals
and Ashton was the man of the
match. The second game ended match. The second game ended in a 1-1 draw, Joe was the goal scorer and Jayden the man of

The Under 10's 'Black' hosted 21st Allstars Jets and ran out 7-0 winners. Jake and Jayden both scored great hatricks with Joseph also on the score sheet. The games man of the match was Emrehan

was Emrehan.
The Under 10's 'White' played away against Stockton Town Blue. They fell behind 2-0 but then got control of the game. Dominic and Jayden scored to share the league points in a 2-2 draw. The Aycliffe equaliser came with the last kick of the game and Jack was selected as the man of the match. The second game saw a 4-1 win, Aidan (2), Will and Jack scored the goals with Archie being

named as man of the match.
The Under 11's faced
Normanby United at home and put in a great performance. Charlie, Jake and Alfie scored a goal each as they raced in to a 3-0 lead. Normanby scored before Zak made it 4-1. The visitors came back but with the game at 4-3 Noah made some great saves. Jake and man of the match Charlie then added their second goals in a great 6-4 win. The Under 12's Russell

Foster league team travelled to Ouston Juniors but came away defeated 6-4. They found themselves 3-1 down early on but came back to level the



score at 3-3. The hosts though took control and the Aycliffe goals from Taylor (2), Noah and Anthony came in vain.
Archie was named as the games man of the match.

games man of the match.

The Under 12's TJFA league team were away at Boro Rangers White. They went ahead when a free kick move ended with Lucas finding Kayne who scored. Charlie created space for Zack to score twice but each time Aycliffe scored the hosts equalised and the game ended in a 3-3 draw. The Under 13's played at local rivals Heighington but were defeated 3-2. The Aycliffe goals came from Charlie and Harry.

The Under 16's hosted Kader FC and went down to a 4-2 defeat in a keenly contested match. Stoker scored both Aycliffe goals. Thanks to all our teams for

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Heighington Football



Heighington u13's played Newton Aycliffe juniors this week in the league. This was a highly anticipated match and one Heighington had never been able to win previously. The match, as expected started as a high tempo game with both teams trying the get the first goal. Aycliffe Juniors dominated the first half and tested man of the match Luke Aitken who pulled off some fantastic saves and managed to keep the score to 1 nil to the visitors at half time.

The half time team talk must have went down well as Heighington started the 2nd half with a passion we had not seen in the first half and quickly settled the score line with a great goal from Leo Umudi which put us level. The boys continued to dominate and remained focussed and soon after Curtis Wright scored

a goal to put us in front. Knowing the win was in sight, the lads continued with fantastic team work and it was antastic team work and it was not long before Curtis wright rounded the keeper to put Heighington 3-1 up. Aycliffe juniors pulled it back to 3-2 late on but Heighington managed to hold on for a well deserved 3 points. A fantastic game from both sides with great respect shown to both teams from the

players.

Heighington u7's hosted St
Mary's Kings this Week in the
Boys first home game of the
season. Heighington started
with Louie in Goal, Tyler at
the back with Kyleo and Kenzi ahead of him and Skipper Alex up top. Heighington struggled to find a rhythm in the first half as some resolute defending from the away side kept them

at bay. Although Heighington have chances, weren't clinical enough and the sides went in at the break honours even. The second half Heighington dropped Alex in at the back next to Tyler, which at the back next to Tyler, which seemed to give the boys more balance and Kenzi quickly opened the scoring from the angle after Kyleo set him up. Kenzi then added a second sliding home from close range before completing his Hat Trick after another assist from

Kyleo. Alex then rifled home the 4th. St Mary's pulled a deserved goal back before Louie then saved a penalty as St Mary's pushed. However the scoring was finished a hard fought 4-1

the edge of the box to equalise for his 2nd this season.

Archie than slotted in the 2nd with an assist from Maddix, St Mary's equalised but then with a small squad started to tire, Heighington took advantage of this with a debut goal from Maddix and Kenzi and Kyleo finishing the scoring at 5-2. Man of the match for the first game went to Kenzi, the second game was Maddix, and Player

win for Heighington
The second game Kieran
started in Goal with Maddix

and Liam who had another great game at the back and Archie and Zane up top.

Strange start to the second Strange start to the second game as Maddix ran to the touchline to give his dad his tooth that had just fallen out! St Mary's then took the lead, before Zane drilled home from

of the day was given to Zane
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Big Club Event Raises Over £2k



Geoff Miller

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Workingmens Club (The Big Club) we would like to say thank you to Geoff Miller for an amazing event "The Youth Club Reunion" held recently.

"Geoff is a very passionate and determined man and in the events he holds, always has a smile on his face and makes everyone feel welcome, making sure everyone enjoys their night", said a customer.

A big thank you to those who helped Geoff raise money for the charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind', which totalled an amazing £2,077.

Events that are now being held at the Big Club give a more positive note for the future and bring people together to enjoy nights out – this is what we will always be aiming for.

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8 YEAR OLD NEWTONIAN'S 5 HOUR CLIMB FOR CHARITY

Ellie Nicholson aged 8, lives in Newton Aycliffe and attends Aycliffe Village Primary School.

The family were watching the news one night when there was a story about skin cancer, and Ellie got quite upset at the story and felt that she wanted to raise money and help victims of the disease. She talked about it and Ellie chose to raise cash for Cancer Research.

Ellie is very fit and with her Granda Paul, being an experienced climber, the family decided she would climb Scafell Pike as her challenge. She completed the climb on

23rd September in 5 hours, with some awful weather conditions at the top. She outclimbed her mother Gail and did not complain once. The family are so proud of Ellie for being so kind



Ellie's target was to raise £100 and so far has raised over £300, with donations still coming in. She has a just giving page called Ellie's Scafell Pike Hike if anyone wishes to donate

OCTOBER ACTIVITY DAY AT GREENFIELD ARTS

The October Holidays will launch Greenfield's season of creative writing and illustration events with a fabulous activity day on Saturday 28th October 10am – 2pm, including activities

 2pm, including activities for both adults and young people to learn and explore together.

Activities include the ever popular 'Family Cooking', work with Jan Hodgson to develop recipes to keep the whole family happy and healthy, then produce your own meals as a family to take home and enjoy. We will also be hosting story making activities including book making with Dawn Belshaw and creative writing with Alison Curry. We are working in connection with The Big Draw 2017, which is focussing on #LivingLines2017. We want to see how imaginative you can be in making your pencil marks move and your work could even go towards the Big Draw Awards 2017. We will have plenty more opportunities on to keep you entertained throughout the day. Details of all activities can be found on our website where you can also book your place. Activities are suitable for any age, children under 8 must be

accompanied by an adult. We also welcome the Into Film Festival, which takes place from 8-24 November across the UK. The Into Film Festival is the world's largest free film and education event for young people presenting 3,000 free cinema screenings, and showcasing over 140 films at more than 600 venues across the UK.

The festival aims to help educators bring learning to life for 5-19 year olds by inspiring young people to watch and understand film in new and creative ways. Greenfield Arts will therefore be offering public screenings on Thursday 16th November and Tuesday 21st November. This is a brilliant opportunity for lovers of film and story,



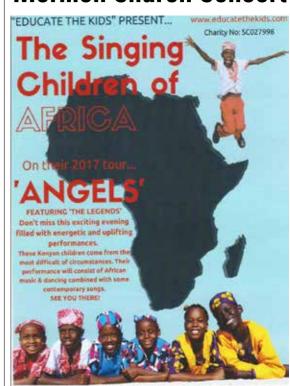
loved short stories by Roald Dahl in 'Revolting Rhymes', a mischievous double-bill which presents fairy tales in a way you've never seen before, or 'Their Finest' which depicts the story of a young woman during WWII, who discovers she has an inspiring way with words when she is taken on as a scriptwriter for propaganda films.

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Bookings are currently live on the Into Film website, where you can also search for Festival events throughout the North East: https://www.intofilm.org/events/festival. For more information please also see our website: www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, or speak with one of our friendly members of the arts centre team on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

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In Memoriam

Fred Wheeler

4th October 2016

A year has gone since you passed Dad. Not a day goes

by that we don't think of

you. You are with Mam now, together again. The

pain of missing you both

We will always love you

and will never ever forget

Love always, Ann, Kevin,

David, Pam, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

FUNDING BOOST FOR LOCAL CENTRE



Left to right: Centre Manager Beki Metcalfe Cllr. Sarah Iveson and Chairman Vince Crosby

Members and user groups at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre are celebrating a funding boost thanks to support from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP).

The ever popular community centre has recently been from Durham County Council. and as part of the process the Centre's Volunteer Committee Management identified a number of areas within the building that required improvement.

successfully centre received funding from **GAMP** the through Neighbourhood Budget of County Councillor Sarah

Iveson and former County Councillor Jed Hillary. The funding was used to replace the worn flooring in the entrance fover.

Vince Crosby, Chairman of the Centre, said: 'I'm delighted with the support we received from Councillor Sarah Iveson, and I would also like to thank Jed Hillary for his contribution. The funding will undoubtedly help the centre move forward with our plans to further improve the services that we can offer'

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre offer a wide range of activities, including: Adult Skills Learning Services, Slimming World, Age UK Monday Carvery, Veterans Breakfast, Destination Judo, Newton Aycliffe Karate Club, Smoke Free 4 Life, Angels with Rings, Dancercise, Tai Chi, Bootcamp, Newton Aycliffe Youth Football & Sporting Chance.

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Love you always and forever, Gary, Mandy, Clare, Anth, Kane, Alex, Roxanne, Nathan, Jackson, Frazer, Deacon, Kray, Chloe, Charley, Riley and Herbie xxxxxxxx AVRIL ANDERSON 3rd

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and Katherine xxx

But as God calls us one by

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Congratulations



Loren Ballantyne



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John-Paul Howarth



Dylan, Kameron, Loren and Aimee xxxxx

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Paul Thomas Cooke



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Thank You

I WOULD like to thank everyone who very kindly sponsored me for taking part in, and completing this year's Great North Run on 10th September. It was my first, but definitely not my last, and an absolutely amazing experience that I would thoroughly recommend to anyone and, due to the kindness and generosity of my sponsors, I raised a great sum of £553.90. All the money raised has gone to Breast Cancer Care to help them continue their brilliant work. Once again, thank you

Jim & Alice **Bentley**

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary
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Megan and Ethan xxxx

Rose Mayoh

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Brvan Armstrong



70 Years Young Still lookg good All my love, Gene

Jordan Cecelia **Rouse Quigley**



Happy 18th Birthday 1st October 2017 AKA CFH Enjoy !!! Love you forever Mum and Dad xxxxx

Keeley Hepper



To our wonderful Daughter Keeley, wishing you a happy 40th birthday. Lots of love and best wishes from Mam and Dad xxxx

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Youthy Football Round Up

The season is definitely warming up even if the weather isn't. With most of Newton Aycliffe Youth's football teams in action over the weekend, there were some fantastic performances, lots of goals scored with young people representing our town with a smile on their face

Billingham Synthonia 5 - 8 U14's Eagles.

Sunday's game was played on a very small pitch which made for an end to end exciting game to watch. Aycliffe were on the front foot and managed to score early in the first half. billingham equalised but that seemed to spur Aycliffe on, scoring another 2 goals. The Eagles looked very accomplished and threatening,

playing great football, passing and moving. Billingham had a lad playing on the left who was big and

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strong but could also play good football. He went on to so hat trick and it turned out to be his birthday too! Avcliffe must have known as at times we gave him more space than we should, but as the game went on we learned to close him out. After a few goals and end to end football the game was poised at 4-4. In times gone by,

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the Eagles may have let their heads go down at this point, but not today. The lads pushed on and did what they do best, play attractive football from the back. The final score was 8-5 to Avcliffe. Some fantastic performances today from a number of players.

MOM Joey Howarth. Goals scored by, Joey Howarth x4, Joe Halford x2, Jamie Mullen x1 and Callum North x1.

Well done everyone today. U13's Girls 7 – 2 Deerness

Valley
Deerness Valley were visitors to the Oakleaf to play our under 13 girls, as they are struggling for players they could only play 9 girls so Aycliffe decided to play a 9v9 game. This meant a lot of switching of positions and formation but the girls coped well even though Deerness started the better side. With 4 goals from Hattie and 1 from Alex we got to half time 5-0. More changes in the second half with lots of girls playing out of position we added goals from Alex and a first goal from Gracie our newest and one of our youngest players to go 7-0

In the final 10 minutes Deerness got their reward for never giving up and scored 2 quick goals to give a final score 7-2. Well done girls playing the game in the right spirit and respecting the opposition who had no opportunity for substitutes

Deerness 2 - 4 U11's Girls A match where both teams

hadn't won a game and where our opponents had never scored a goal, was always going to be exciting. Both teams were out to prove why they got into the premiership. Aycliffe started brightly and were first to open up the scoring with a goal from Heid but Dearness quickly got one back.
The Ull's Girls continued to

work hard and keep pushing and were rewarded with a goal from Enya. End to end action and excited spectators from both teams saw a deflection slotted in by Daniella. Lots of great saves again this week from Keira kept our opponents frustrated but a ball well over the back line seemed to make its way back into play and in the net for Dearness. Not leaving it there, Aycliffe pushed on and Enya scored for her second of the match. A great performance from the girls and lots to build and

improve on in training. U8s - Eagles 5 vs 0 Swallwell

Slow start from the boys today to see the first half out at 1-0. Both teams playing good football and could have been a different result if the team had taken chances.

2nd half was one way traffic and constant pressure from the eagles led to a further 4 well

taken goals.

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U18's 2 - 1 Gateshead Whites. U18's 2 – 1 Gatesnead Whites. 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

AYCLIFFE TRI CLUB REPOF

from August, on Sunday 6th, Darragh travelled down to York to enter Classic Allerthorpe the Triathlon, a standard distance race where she finished in a respectable time of 2:42:05, 30th in her age group. Closer to home at Ellerton Park near Scorton, it was the final Triology Mid Week Super Sprint Triathlon (3 of 3) on Wednesday 9th.

Crossing the line in first for the club was our very own chairman Andrew Sedgwick in a time of 43.07, 3rd in his age group. Ian Readman was next in a time of 47:29, 11th in his age group. Stuart Rimmer followed in a time of 49:10, 7th in his group.

Entering in his first triathlon Christopher Brown finished in 52:52, 19th in his age group. Rounding up the club racers for that day was James Wilson, finishing in a time of 54:56, a brilliant 1st in his age group.

Into September now, farther afield in Rotterdam, and Susan Brown representing Great Britain again, in the very technical race at the Age Group World Championships on the 17th of September, finishing 13th in her age group in a time of 2:22:23.

She was 'over the moon just to be there' and thoroughly happy with her result as this was her first time racing in the standard distance. A week later on the 24th, in Barnard Castle, four of our regular competitors competed in the Teesdale Sprint Triathlon. Ian Readman crossed the line with a personal best time of

1:26:10, 6th in his age group.

Next to finish was Alan Kellett in a time of 1:39:06, 3rd in his age group with Michael Casey just behind him in 1:40:35, 4th in his age

group. The ever improving Anne Kellett was our lady of the day, crossing the finish line in 2:00:37, a fantastic 1st in her age group.



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Aycliffe Footballer Signs for Middlesbrough

Newtonian Lewis Wing a talented footballer has signed a professional contract with Middlesbrough F.C.

Sugar attended Lewis Hill and Woodham Comprehensive followed by Durham 6th Form College where he studied Sports Science.

He started playing football from the age of 5 for newton Aycliffe Sports Club going on to play for Norton and Stockton as a junior.

His first senior club Brandon while at College and working for Tesco's in the evening. Lewis signed up for Tow Law and then Seaham Star for two years. He played for the Big Club on Sundays from the age of 17 to 19 enjoying games with his mates.

Shildon FC signed him in 2015 and he won "Northern League Young Player of the Year" for the season 2016-17 scoring a bag full of goals.

Lewis was scouted by Sunderland and Burnley, but it was Middlesbrough who offered him a contract.



Lewis Wing

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