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Woodham - Among Region's Best Performing Schools

Woodham Academy is among the region's best-performing schools, new government figures have confirmed.

The Department for Education (DFE) shows that Woodham Academy is in the top 13 percent of secondary schools in the North East for the progress made by students - a key measure of a school's performance. The DFE's provisional school performance comparison tool allows schools, parents, carers and students to analyse the most recent GCSE exam results, with the facility to compare the outcomes of any schools nationally, regionally or in the local area. In addition, all schools are compared to a local authority and England averages.

This year, Woodham Academy recorded the best GCSE results in the history of the school.

The DFE figures show: The Progress 8 is the recognised comparative measure for all schools nationally. It highlights how much progress all students make in their time at Woodham Academy based upon their starting point in year 7. It has been introduced as a more consistent measure of school performance, as many school cohorts around the country vary significantly in relation to their starting point.

Woodham Academy's score of +0.25 means that all students achieved a quarter of a grade more than similar students nationally in every subject. Woodham is in the North East's top 13% of schools on this measure.

Attainment 8 is a summary of the average grade(s) achieved by students. This measure will become increasingly clearer as all subjects move to a 1-9 grading system, but in basic terms, the attainment 8 score divided by 10

produces the average grade for a student across all the subjects studied.

Grade 5 in English and Maths highlights significant improvements within core subjects. English and Maths were marked on a 1-9 scale for the first time this year, with 5 being a 'good pass'. The 45% gained is significantly better than the local authority average and well above the national average. Furthermore, 68% of students achieved grade 4+ in English and Maths, which is again well above local and national measures. EBacc is gained when students achieve a grade 5/C in English, Maths, Science, Geography or History and



Headteacher Christine Forsyth

a modern foreign language. Woodham Academy continues to perform very well in this area.

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Woodham - Top School!

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Headteacher Christine Forsyth said: "The DFE tables show how students and staff at Woodham Academy have worked very hard across the last academic year. In addition, they highlight the significant number of developments we have made in daily school life, from pastoral care, behaviour management, curriculum development and improvements to buildings. Provisional data indicates we are one of the best performing schools in County Durham for Progress 8, with all other headline measures being well above average. We have a strong focus on 'achievement for all' and these results show that regardless of starting point, academic ability or curriculum interest, our students made very good progress."

To use the comparison tool, and see how Woodham Academy compares to schools nationally, regionally and locally.

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FIND OUT MORE THIS ADOPTION WEEK



People thinking about adopting are being encouraged to find out more about how they can provide a loving home for a child.

During National Adoption Week, which begins today, Durham County Council is spreading the message that many more types of people could be eligible to adopt and that a wide-range of support is provided for all adopters and their families at any point they may require it.

There are currently 36 children in County Durham waiting for the right families to give them the love and security they need to flourish throughout their childhood.

Information events for prospective adopters to find out more are held regularly, with the next one set to take place on Friday, 27 October between 2pm and 4pm at County Hall.

Nicola Berriman, an adopter with Durham County Council, said: "I think the supportive nature of the team and the other services they provide are what sets Durham County Council apart. They're very supportive and listen to the questions you've got and understand how big a decision it is and that it isn't something to be made lightly."

"The information events are aimed to be quite relaxed. People can come and get

information but at that point there doesn't have to be commitment and the information you provide is led by yourselves, it's not social workers grilling you and asking you lots of questions." Social workers will be on hand during the session to answer any question you may have, as well as parents who have gone through the process and who will be willing to share their experiences.

Clr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "This National Adoption Week we are asking people to spread the word so we can help children in our county find a loving home."

"We would encourage anyone thinking about adoption to come along to the sessions as we are always looking for a wide variety of people with different life experiences and skills." If you are interested in becoming an adoptive parent visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/adoption> And show your support by telling us your feelings about adoption on social media using the hashtags #SupportAdoption

MAYOR'S XMAS CHALLENGE TO LOCAL CHILDREN

Budding young artists have been challenged by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, to design a new picture for the official 2017 Civic Christmas card.

The competition is open to all Aycliffe children and the theme is 'Christmas in Aycliffe'. The winning entry will be used as the official Civic Christmas Card for 2017 plus the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will have their pictures framed and will also receive a gift voucher.

Please send entries to the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF before the closing date on Friday 3rd November 2017.

Make sure that your name, age and a contact number are clearly written on the back of your picture.



The winners of the competition will be notified as soon as possible after the judging has taken place and they will be invited to attend an official presentation of

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Saturday 21st October - "GrooveTrain"

Top North-East venue review: "This was a first for The Tuns I think, James Brown, Marvin Gaye and a bunch of funk tunes I was kind of familiar with but it wouldn't have mattered because 'GrooveTrain' are about the delivery not just the great choice of songs. I love the fact that Micky Luv describes himself as lucky to play with such talented musicians. My mate Col told him on Saturday he's the 4th best looking and the 4th best singer and if that were true for me, he's still the reason GrooveTrain are the must see band. I'm not sure who else could bring these great players together and have them looking like they are loving every second of it. A packed Tuns absolutely lapped it up from the stunning playing of young Michael to the total class of the guy on sax. When he sang I literally couldn't believe how good he was and then he started to play! There's nothing to say about the back line of Ian and John they must be the best on our local scene, then it's back to Micky Luv who had the crowd eating out the palm of his hand, then we had the surprise introduction of Tuns favourite Beth Macari on vocals late on and it was the icing on the cake. I wanted this show to go on all night, it was just a top show and everyone was loving it I never thought I'd put a show full of Soul, Motown and Funk as one of my gigs of the year, but can't wait to have them back and other venues looking for a top night see if you can get GrooveTrain you won't regret it."

Sunday 22nd October - "GateCrashers" (4pm)

A gig by the GateCrashers on 12th March 2011 prompted this review in a local North East 'rag': "The Brandling Villa in Gosforth, Newcastle, buzzed with excitement. The place was packed to the rafters with fans as well as musicians from other local bands - all here to spend an evening with the fabulous GateCrashers. It was the first time I'd seen them with their vibrant new lead vocalist. And I was impressed - so very impressed. Nick (Saints of Arcadia) Jennison has more than enough charisma to set a stage alight - and then some. And he can sing - oh, can he sing! Sharing lead guitar with Ant Wright (who provides great backing vocals) they had a ball while entertaining their discerning Geordie audience . . . and the crowd roared. Add the brilliant bass guitarist, Dave Hildreth and talented drummer, Doug Hayes to the flavoursome mix - and the GateCrashers were a big green GO!"

Sunday 28th October - "Dust Town Dogs"

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Roller Skating Club Glow Party Disco



After some fantastic success at competition, Spectrum Roller Skating Club hosted a Celebrate and Skate Roller Disco with 'Glow Party' theme recently.

We had fantastic support and would like to thank everyone who came along and joined in the party. Over 30 skaters (aged between 3-45) attended Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre on Friday 6th October to join in the fun.

Thank you to the Leisure Centre for kindly allowing us to use their disco lights. Our super parent volunteers created a fantastic atmosphere by providing glow sticks, food, drinks, balloons, sweetie cones and even a popcorn kart! We raised over £30 from a

tombola and sale of popcorn/sweets which we will put towards more hire skates.

The team had so much fun we have decided to run more roller discos - Friday evenings 7.30-8.30pm at Shildon Sunnydale. The price is only £3 (+£1 skate hire). Our skate hire is very limited, so if you have your own skates - please bring them! This weeks theme is 'gold'.

If anyone can help we are looking for support towards more hire skates so more people can take part at a reasonable price. Please contact Tracy Stevens - 07891 461958. More information about our roller skating club on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Last Week's Bin Collection Drama

Cllr John Clare tells the story as it unfolded:

BACKGROUND

When the new Unitary Council was set up in 2009, it merged seven District Councils, each with their own bin fleets, rounds, rules etc. Since 2012, 7,200 new houses have been built, and some knocked down. The result was that the bin rounds had become inefficient, and needed "rebalancing" so that all crews have a manageable workload.

South Durham was the last area of the County to be reorganised and, in early September, 55,000 letters were sent out to affected householders. The changeover was also published in the local press, in the Durham County News, and on the social media & Durham County Council website. DCC recycling assistants also went round knocking doors reminding residents.

Many people have told me they did not receive a letter, and DCC is investigating, but there was no mass-failure of communication. To be fair to residents, the letter arrived in a pile of junk mail addressed to 'The Occupier'. And I have to

admit that – although I read that the collection DAY had not changed – I failed to notice that the BIN had!

CONFUSION FRIDAY

Thus, last Friday, the bin lorries – which were tasked to collect our Domestic Waste as per the new schedule – drove past lines of people's Recycling bins. I spent much of Friday fielding complaints and phoning DCC, and DCC that afternoon issued a tweet promising extra collections "on Saturday and Monday".

SORT IT SATURDAY

On Saturday morning I contacted the Waste Operations Manager direct. He told me that DCC was sending out a dozen bin lorries to collect any domestic waste bins that had not been presented on Friday, and also any recycling bins that had been presented in error. What he did not tell me was that he, too, was out driving a lorry! I also received a number of comments from residents about how particularly helpful the men were.

SET UP SUNDAY and MOP-UP MONDAY

At 10:30am on Sunday, I emailed the Head of Direct Services to ask what was planned for Monday. By 2pm it had been decided to keep faith with the tweeted promise, and a limited number of bin lorries were organised (though with no promised guarantee to visit *every* street). What amazed me was that this was arranged on a weekend, for a Monday (when Waste Services don't work).

REFLECTION

We are programmed always to rail against 'the Council'. But, given that DCC is a massive organisation which had taken a number of steps to inform people, do you not agree that – when the situation occurred – the Council showed amazing accessibility, flexibility and responsiveness? I have thanked the Waste Services staff.

As you know, the government has cut £210,000,000 a year from its grants to the Council, and will have to cut another £37,000,000 by 2020. DCC is trying to save money from the budget with as little damage as possible to front line services ... and this rationalisation of bin routes was one way to try to do so. So my view is that – if it helps us to keep our Neighbourhood Warden Service and the current level of Winter Maintenance etc. – then it was worth the cost of one weekend of confusion. As for the future, people should confirm their new collection details online by entering their house number and postcode into the 'My Durham' section of <http://www.durham.gov.uk/MyDurham>, or by calling 03000 261000.

Busy Time at Scout Centre

"Metis" a local band will be at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way on 21st October to host a Family Halloween party.

Tickets are £3 on the door – children are free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Fancy Dress is optional, doors open at 7.30pm and Metis will be performing at 8.30pm.

On 28th October "Crazy Howie's Karaoke" is in the bar from 7.30pm - all are welcome.

And last but not least our regular Northern Soul Night will take place on Saturday 4th November from 7.30pm, admission is £3 on the door.

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Alan Patrickson, head of digital and customer services at Durham County Council – which leads Digital Durham, said: "Our programme has brought faster fibre broadband to more than 120,000 households and businesses to date, with another 15,000 set to benefit in the next year. "There are a small percentage of properties which we are unable to connect at this stage.

"However the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme may be able to help people get access to faster internet speeds now through alternative technologies such as satellite, 4G or wireless, and we'd really encourage them to find out whether they're eligible."

The BBSS was set up by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and is delivered by Digital Durham in the following council areas: Darlington Borough Council; Durham County Council; Gateshead Council; Hartlepool Borough Council;

Middlesbrough Council; North Tyneside Council; Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council; South Tyneside Council; Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Sunderland City Council.

The scheme works towards the hardware and installation costs of getting connected but eligible residents will still be required to pay any additional fees such as the monthly service charge.

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£34 million initiative to transform broadband speeds for residents and businesses across the North East.

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Halloween Autumn Fun

Plenty of SPOOKY FUN at St Clare's Church when they hold their Halloween Autumn Fair on Saturday 28th October, 10am to noon. Infinity Dance Co. will provide a great dance display to liven the morning up even more. Their dance school is resident in St Clare's 5 days a week, giving exciting, first class lessons in a wide range of dance types. Delicious home-made cakes, pies and preserves will be on sale, along with refreshments including bacon sarnies. Stalls of books, talking books and DVD's all for 50p. Children's books as well for only 20p. Raffles, Tombola Bottle stall, Surprise Prize Tombola and much more. Everyone is welcome, so please call in for a SPOOKY friendly fun morning.

Army Rocket Launches New Careers

A rocket that is helping to launch careers in engineering in the armed forces has been back to the college which created it for a vital update. Darlington College electronics tutors and students created the training device for a local Army Reserves unit in Newton Aycliffe that specialises in engineering. They have spent the past weeks servicing the STEM problem solving device that had originally been donated to 102 Battalion REME in 2013. The inert device simulator resembles a rocket and has intricate circuitry that puts users through a time critical scenario to read a circuit diagram and identify which wire can be disconnected to stop the clock and prevent alarms and flashing beacons going off. Over the years the simulator has been used at public shows, such as Durham Regatta, Sunderland Airshow and in local schools and colleges. Darlington College senior lecturer in electrical, electronics and mechatronics Steve Corner said: "It has had its fair share of knocks and scrapes and some of the circuitry was beginning to fail so we decided to give it a thorough health check and MOT and introduce some exciting new features to meet

current build standards." Members of 102 Battalion REME support the engineering career pathways of students at Darlington College and offer the chance to join as an Army Reserve on their 18th birthday. This enables them to develop personal and professional skills that are highly sought after by employers. WO2s Dusty Rhodes and Dave Tomlinson popped into college to collect the refurbished rocket. WO2 Rhodes said: "The Armed Forces encompasses the full range of engineering from basic winches and pulleys to complex electronics and black box technology you find in aircraft. The rocket has been great in capturing the attention of young people so we can then explain the opportunities available to them." WO2 Tomlinson added: "We have to inspect and modify our vehicles much more often than in the civilian world and they operate in harsh environments, such as Afghanistan, so are evolving constantly thanks to the skills and ingenuity of our engineers." Mr Corner added: "It is a great opportunity for our students to join the Army Reserves and gain an insight into what is available in the forces and defence industry."

For information about the opportunities available at 102 Battalion REME students should speak to their course tutors, or email 102reme-bhq-rosso@mod.uk or call (01325) 375010 and asking to speak to a recruiter. Anyone interested in opportunities at Darlington College should visit www.darlington.ac.uk.

BIG Village Quiz Back!

Aycliffe Village Primary School PTA are holding another BIG Village Quiz on Saturday 25th November 7.30pm at Aycliffe Village Hall. The last quiz in July was a huge success and raised £245 for the school, which has helped towards buying new learning materials for the children. The last quiz was supported by Taylors of Darlington who provided a delicious pie and peas supper for all of the participants and Quiz Master extraordinaire was Amy Purvis, who is returning to host the latest quiz. Tickets are on sale now at £8 each which includes a tasty supper. So get your thinking caps on, bring a bottle and come for a fun filled night out. For further details or tickets email aycliffevillpta@gmail.com or call 07843 038230. Booking forms can also be obtained from the school office.



Lift off, L-R, Darlington College senior lecturer in electrical, electronics and mechatronics Steve Corner, WO2 Dusty Rhodes, WO2 Dave Tomlinson, Darlington College's business development advisor Ross Lowcock with the training devices.

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ZAK DONATES 50p OF HIS WEEKLY POCKET MONEY TO MARIE CURIE CHARITY



left to right: Lynn Oliver (BA Group), Hilary Revell and Zak

Lynn Oliver, a member of the Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie, was overwhelmed by the generosity and commitment of 8 year old Zak when she popped in to leave a Marie Curie collecting tin at The Dairy Barn at North Bitchburn near Bishop Auckland.

Zak, whose mother has just opened a delightful coffee shop on the outskirts of Bishop Auckland, near the Kynren site, on learning of the work of Marie Curie Nurses, was inspired to write to the Newcastle office to say he intended to donate 50p of his pocket money every week to this "wonderful charity" (Zak's own words).

Area Organiser, Hayley Revell, was delighted that a child as young as Zak could be moved to volunteer his pocket money to support the work of Marie Curie Nurses that she popped out to The Dairy Barn to thank Zak in person - and to enjoy a delicious slice of cake with her coffee!

The Bishop Auckland Group of Marie Curie has raised over £70,000 since its inception in January 2014. It meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm in the

Community Fire Station on Watling Road. New members are always welcome. For more details contact Elizabeth Varley (01388 606075)

Your Local Councillors Community Engagement

DCC Aycliffe West Councillors Eddy Adam & Kate Hopper are conducting a ward walkabout on Thursday, 26th October in Elmfield, Linden & Rowan Places from 9.30 - 11.30am. Where available, we hope to be joined by partners from the DCC Neighbourhood Warden Service, N.A. Neighbourhood Policing team, GAMP and livin. Local residents are invited to come along to highlight areas of concern or alternatively, get in touch about any issues via the contact details below.
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 kate.hopper@durham.gov.uk
Cllr Eddy Adam
 03000 268670
 eddy.adam@durham.gov.uk

Comparing Conferences

Dear Sir,
 I refer to Kathryn Beetham's letter on the above in last week's Newton News and comment as follows:

Brexit, the most important political matter facing Britain, was not discussed at the Labour Party conference. Instead, the Labour (Momentum) Party Conference 'united' around policies designed to remove New Labour's Flagship policies from the Statute Book.

- Student loans, one of Tony Blair's flagship policy is to be scrapped!

- PFI Contracts for schools (Schools for the Future) are to be 'bought out'!

- PFI Contracts for hospitals to be 'bought out'. Clearly, this had to go as it was privatising the NHS by the back door, a charge that the Labour Party like to accuse the Tories of doing.

- Nationalise everything, even if we ruin the economy doing so. Why? Because Carl Marx said so!

- Tax until the source of taxation no longer exists, then borrow and spend.

That is, Corbyn/Momentum wants to wipe Tony Blair and Gordon Brown and all the policies which New Labour supported from history. This, regardless of the cost to the economy and the future of Britain.

Kathryn should not be taken in by all the chants of "Ho Corbyn". Many were chanting "No Corbyn" The Labour Party lost the election. The Corbyn promise failed. Those that reluctantly decide to give Corbyn their support for the sake of presenting a united front will now revert to type and seek a more centralised position in politics.

On the other hand, the Conservative Conference had to get on with running the country and had to defend the austerity measures it HAD to introduce to keep the International Monetary Fund from running our economy, as happened in Greece. However, the Conservatives could celebrate 3 million more people in work, fewer able people on benefit and a substantial cut in our public benefits bill and our day to day borrowing. All this while negotiating Brexit, on behalf of the majority of the voters in the Referendum and in Sedgefield Constituency.

Given that Phil Wilson is Tony Blair's 'heir' in Sedgefield I would rather hear his opinion of the two conferences. After all, Corbyn managed to get him 'not invited' to the Durham Miner's Gala, which, it could be argued, is his birth right to attend and speak at as he is the local MP and proud of his mining roots. How can former New Labour supporters stomach this slight from Momentum and Corbyn? Most Momentum/Corbyn supporters were new-born when the mines closed and, being based in London, have never seen a pit!

Phil Wilson was re-elected on the promise that he



would not impede Brexit. However, he voted against the 'Great EU Treaty Repeal Bill' in accordance with Momentum/Labour party policy, and against the will of the Democratic 'Leave' majority of the country and his constituency.

How will Phil Wilson and his apparent fellow travellers in Labour/Momentum ensure social cohesion in the event that they manage to thwart the democratic will of the majority to leave the EU? You only have to look at Catalan to see what happens when the right of self-determination and the expression of the democratic will of the people is denied. Yours sincerely,
 Alastair P.G. Welsh

£350 for Care Home



Residents at Defoe Court were delighted to accept a donation of £350.00 from Honest John's Community Fund, which will go towards our social and wellbeing activities at the Home. Val Scowen, Wellbeing Co-ordinator along with May Robertson, Resident of Defoe Court, personally collected the cheque from John.

A GOOD SERVICE

Dear Sir,
 I would like to give a mention to the staff in Ramsdens, in our Town Centre.

I took a gold necklace in to the shop, which I thought the clasp had broken. I asked the staff member to repair the damage, to which the assistant asked what was wrong with it.

I told her it needed a new clasp, but she explained that there was nothing wrong with the one which was on and promptly put it together in front of me.

On getting it home my Husband could see that she was right.

Now that is good honest service - I would not have known any different if she had just took it from me and gone ahead with a repair which was not needed.

I feel they need a mention. Name & Address supplied

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sunday 5th November 2017

5.30pm - Kiddies Fairground
 7.00pm - Beacon will be lit
 7.15pm - Fireworks Display

This event is FREE, however those wishing to attend must apply for a wristband.

To be eligible for a wristband you must:

- Reside in the Parish of Great Aycliffe
- Supply proof of your address with a utility bill or driving licence

One person may apply for their families wristbands, please note limited number of wristbands are available.

You can apply for your wristbands NOW by bringing one of the above documents to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, closing date is Thursday 2nd November 2017
 Wristbands are available from Reception between 9.30 am until 9.00 pm

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Vane Road Primary Cross Country Team

Vane Road's energetic cross country team once again achieved a great set of results at their most recent Cross Country Competition at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College. Led by a talented set of KS2 girls, Vane Road battled to take 1st place, beating over 20 schools to the gold. Our Year 3/4 girls secured 1st place due to some excellent and determined running by Ava, Bethany, Paige and Georgia, likewise the Year 3/4 boys clinched top spot thanks to some solid running by Jackson,

William and Clayton. The terrific trio of Jodie, Amber and Fearnie inspired the Year 5/6 girls to gold, building on the great results that they achieved during the recent cross country league. Finally, the Year 5/6 boys battled hard to pick up the bronze medals, thanks to some solid running by Thomas, Caleb and Alfie. Overall, all 47 children represented Vane Road extremely well with our Year 3/4 boys and girls and our Year 5/6 girls qualifying for the county finals.



Business Leaders Meet



Directors from eleven leading Newton Aycliffe companies – including Gestamp Tallent, Hitachi Rail, Roman, Ebac, Stiller Warehousing and Distribution, Palram and Tekmar Energy – gathered at Redworth Hall Hotel. The informal dinner, organised by Aycliffe Business Park Community with help from Business Durham, was arranged to increase engagement among some of Aycliffe's larger firms to discuss the future of the organisation.

Young PCVC Launch of Youth Projects

Young people from across County Durham and Darlington will be able to apply for funding to cut crime and improve the safety of their communities thanks to a new fund launched this week by Libby Wright the newly elected 'Young' Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner. The £20,000 fund is made up of £10,000 from Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, and £10,000 from County Durham Community Foundation. Part of Libby's role is to encourage youth participation in activities that address crime, and to support youth community safety projects. The Young PCVC Community Safety Fund will provide grants up to £5,000 for projects that address any of the following objectives from PCVC Ron Hogg's Police, Crime and Victims' Plan:

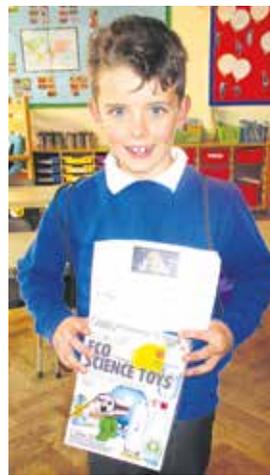
- Improving road safety
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing rural crime
- Awareness of drug addictions or alcohol misuse
- Reducing re-offending
- Support for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Meeting the needs of vulnerable people, such as people with mental health problems, or children at risk
- Raising awareness of cyber crime

• Domestic abuse & sexual violence
• Hate crime
• Emerging threats e.g. extremism

The Fund is open to any young person aged from 9 - 18 year old living in County Durham or Darlington to support community projects. To be eligible to apply, you must have the support of an organisation, youth group or school who knows you and can comment on your abilities to run your project. This might include charitable organisations, community organisations, Police Cadets, Fire Cadets or the Mini-Police, schools or uniformed services. Libby said: "I am looking forward to working together with young people across County Durham and Darlington to make our communities safer for this generation and the next." Ron said: "It's always great to see young people getting involved and trying to make a difference in our communities." Applications will be accepted from until Tuesday 7th November 2017. Libby will then chair a committee of young people to select the successful projects. You can only apply through County Durham Community Foundation website. Find more information at: www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-individuals

Harry Wins Prize in Recycling Challenge

During the summer holidays children at St. Mary's primary were invited to take up the challenge of creating their own recycling poster, which was part of a competition ran by an organisation called Wastebusters. The idea was for the children to be as creative as possible, describing different ways they can recycle things around their homes. Harry Hickman, a year 4 pupil at St. Mary's Primary in Newton Aycliffe, created his poster during the summer holidays, he then took a photo of his poster and uploaded it to the website. He discovered last week that he had come fifth in the challenge and had won a prize. Then on Thursday he received his certificate, science kit and bag. He is looking forward to making up some of the items in his Science pack. Harry absolutely loves Science, so we can't wait for him to bring some of his creations into school. Well done Harry, we are so proud of you!



TWO LIVE BANDS AT BIG CLUB

"Ocean" and "The Kent Collective" are appearing at The Big Club on Saturday 28th October from 8pm to 11pm (over 18's only). Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and available in advance from the club or on the door on the night. All welcome to come and support local artistes and your local Club. Details also available from Paul on 07801 395492 or Alan on 07754 094946.

Care Home Donation to Town Foodbank



Staff, residents and friends of Defoe Court were happy to donate food for the local Food bank and we all wish to thank Pam Lovelass, member of the clergy at St Clare's Church for holding a Harvest Festival Service at the Care Home.

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3M VOLUNTEER DAY



Shildon Community Garden a Shildon Alive, Saint John's church project welcomed a team of 24 volunteers from 3M based in Newton Aycliffe this week. The volunteer team event was made possible by Durham University Staff Volunteering who worked with Shildon Alive and 3M to make all of the arrangements.

Over the course of the day the 3M team worked tirelessly to clear the garden of rubbish, erect a new children's tool shed, kindly donated by Durham University, clear all of the raised beds and top up with soil and manure as well as building compost bays, weeding and painting the fence.

The day was full of laughter and conversation and the volunteers enjoyed some positive team building.

Shirley Quinn, Shildon Mayor visited the site to thank everyone for their hard work and spoke to the team about the positive difference they had made to the garden for the

Shildon Alive team and the youngsters and families who use it through out the year.

Paula Nelson, Shildon Alive's community project coordinator thanked all of the volunteers and staff from 3M and Durham

University and welcomed them back to enjoy a spring BBQ.

For more information about getting involved at the community garden or our community projects contact Shildon Alive on 01388417600.

Photography Club Talk

The next meeting of Wear Valley Photography Club is on Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm at High Etherley Methodist Hall when Sarah Caldecott, Chief Photographer at the Northern Echo will be giving a talk about photography and showing some of her award winning pictures. Visitors welcome, £2 charge to help with costs, including light refreshments. For further details contact the Secretary on 01325 265271 or 07753 178682

President of IMechE Visits Newton Aycliffe's UTC



Aycliffe's University Technical College South Durham (UTC) was thrilled to welcome the President of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Carolyn Griffiths last week.

140 students studied at the college in the first year with an additional 200 starting in September. The UTC offers a balance between theoretical and practical education for 14-19 year olds interested in science, technology, engineering and maths. Students study GCSEs or A-levels alongside technical engineering courses. Crucially they receive bespoke opportunities to experience the workplace and build their skills.

Hitachi Rail Europe, Gestamp and University of

Sunderland have all been integral to the establishment of the UTC. The partners offer both financial and professional services to aid the college's development.

Tom Dower, Principal of UTC South Durham, said: "The education provided by the UTC is unique because of our close relationship with so many local employers. Our students will leave us with many of the skills that these employers are looking for, a confidence in their ability and clarity of their career direction.

These mean that they will be ready for work and will have an important impact on the future success of the North East economy.

"We are delighted to be able to celebrate our excellent

start with our founding organisations."

Alistair Dormer, Global CEO of Hitachi Rail said:

"It is an honour to join the college for these celebrations and meet some of their fantastic students.

"We are very proud to be a founding member of the college, which is helping to create a new generation of skilled workers in the North East.

"Our Newton Aycliffe train manufacturing site now employs 1,000 people, including over 50 apprentices. I believe that through investments from businesses like ours, and through the students at the college, this area will become a hub for engineering excellence for decades to come."

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE CORNMILL CENTRE

This Halloween is to see the return of 'safe trick-or-treat' at the Cornmill Centre in Darlington, allowing little witches and wizards to collect goodies from the centre's retailers on Friday 27th October between 11am and 4pm.

Families can enjoy the thrill of trick-or-treating while following a map along terrifying treasure trails, leading to a host of different

activities. The centre will be putting on gruesome games and wicked workshops for kids, and the chance to get a magic makeover with glitter tattoos.

Susan Young, centre manager at Cornmill Shopping Centre, comments: "We're getting into the spooky spirit this Halloween and are really excited to see everyone dressed up in the centre. The safe trick-or-treating event is

ideal for parents looking for some scary but safe fun for their little monsters."

The Cornmill's trick-or-treat event is free as part of the centre's Kids Club loyalty scheme which launched earlier this summer and aims to enhance the shopping experience for families.

For further information about Cornmill Shopping Centre, please visit www.cornmillcentre.co.uk

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Kip McGrath Bishop Auckland has just celebrated its 1st birthday and has many success stories to share.

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Having struggled for many years and falling behind her peers Sophie lacked confidence at school. Since starting at Kip McGrath Sophie's self-confidence has grown and huge improvements have been seen in her learning. She is now able to participate fully in all lessons at school with her peers because her maths ability has improved greatly.

Sophie has caught up 2 years in Maths since starting at Kip McGrath. "I was amazed at how quickly I improved my maths skills after starting on a program at Kip McGrath. I really enjoy coming to the centre to learn and maths is easy now."

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Walworth Special School Shares the Message



On 10th October Walworth Special school in Aycliffe highlighted the nationally growing problem among children, that of their mental health. One in ten children are likely to have a mental health problem in any given year.

This can have a huge impact on the everyday lives of many young people. Sadly it can effect relationships, enjoyment of school, simply getting through a day and the pleasure of life itself.

A recent innovation within Walworth has been the introduction of a CAMHS mental health worker for two days each week. The role is to support all our children across a whole range of issues that will help them to cope better with every day life.

It addresses their overall well-being and the children develop strategies that will

hopefully serve them into adolescence and beyond to allow them to take up a meaningful place in their environment.

The highlight of World Mental Health day was the release of 60 yellow balloons all carrying away a negative feeling the children wanted to release. Staff in school spend a lot of time with children's emotions as they are often an indicator that there may be deeper issues which need addressing to ensure a quality of life that can be valued by both the individual and society.

Head Teacher Mr Peter Wallbanks said that, "everyone in School is both excited and delighted that we believe we can now offer all our children a much more consistent, professional approach within this vital area, offering all of our children a much clearer and consistent pathway of support".

Gold DofE Awards for Aycliffe Air Cadets

Two members of 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets attended a presentation ceremony at St James Palace this week to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

Cpl Aaron Robinson and former Flt Sgt Jack Tinkler worked hard for over a year to gain the prestigious award. They were given their certificates by renowned mountaineer and ex RAF engineer Ted Atkins in the presence of HRH Prince Edward. Aaron and Jack both gained valuable experience and skills while doing their Gold Awards including BTEC awards in Aviation Studies. They both also completed a tough expedition in the Cheviots in very challenging weather conditions.

Jack is now a Civilian Instructor at 1407 although he can only attend during breaks from London Metropolitan University where he is studying for a degree in Computer Science. Aaron is soon to join the Royal Navy and is leaving the squadron to go to HMS Raleigh. We wish him every success in his new career.

If you are between 13 and 17 and are interested in



finding out more about Air Cadets then come along to the squadron in Barnard Armory ARC on Monday or Thursday evenings between 7.00 and 9.30pm. For more information you can find our website at www.1407aircadets.com/

MINI POLICE AT AYKLEY HEADS



Last Thursday afternoon our Mini Police visited Aykley Heads control room in Durham. This was their first engagement this term.

The children were given a guided tour of the centre and found out lots of information about what happens when people ring 999 or 101. They receive on average 1,000 101 calls and 300 999 calls a day. The call handlers must answer a 999 call in 10 seconds and they have 3 minutes to despatch a unit.

"My favourite part was meeting Aaron a Road Traffic Officer who showed us how a stinger is used to stop a vehicle they are pursuing," said Joseph.

"I enjoyed meeting Kevin Salter from the TV series Police Interceptors" said Jamie.

The Mini police will now share what they have learned with the classes.



Visit Other Countries with the Co Durham Friendship Force

Co. Durham Friendship Force is holding their AGM on Saturday 21st October at 2.00pm at Middridge Village Hall. Please come along and find out for yourself what we are about.

Friendship Force International was set up following a visit to Newcastle by President Carter in 1977 and the organisation has just celebrated it's 40th birthday. There are currently over 50 countries involved in Friendship Force International whose Head Quarters are in Atlanta. County Durham Friendship Force has celebrated 31 years together recently and many countries have been visited in that time.

Cynthia Scott President of County Durham Friendship Force said "In the time I have been President of Country Durham Friendship Force we have had ambassadors from Moscow and Sydney and have visited Belgium as well as several trips to clubs in the UK. We have social activities every two months to enable members to get to know each other better".

If you would like to know more about County Durham Friendship Force and Friendship Force International and can't make it to the AGM please contact Cynthia Scott on 01325 313055.

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Mary Leggett

Film Show

"Miracles from Heaven"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 24th October features a 2016 heart-warming drama based on an incredible true story "Miracles from Heaven".

It is the story of 10 year old Anna who suffers from an incurable disease and her mom's fight for a cure. The word Miracle is in the title so is it a feel-good film? Well come and see!

Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1.15pm.

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Juniors Football



Another busy weekend of Aycliffe Juniors footballing action took place. Younger teams are starting to establish themselves with one side playing their first game. The older sides are looking to progress their league positions. The Under 6 development team really enjoyed their first ever friendly match at Shildon. A great effort from all the lads saw them win an exciting game 7-6. The Under 7's played at home against Billingham United Hornets and won 3-1. They went 1-0 down but equalised with David scoring from a free kick. In the second half Alex

and Harry scored to seal the win.

The Under 8's played away at Leven AFC and their hosts proved to be as good a side as their recent results have suggested. Two goals from Thomas could not prevent defeat. Josh was named as man of the match for his great performance.

The Under 9's were at Sunnysdale facing Billingham Juniors, a very good performance and two goals from Marley secured a 2-1 win in a game where Kai was the man of the match.

The Under 10's 'Black' faced local rivals Ferryhill Town, the first half ended 0-0 as the two sides cancelled each other out. Jayden scored to put Aycliffe ahead but Ferryhill equalised from the penalty spot and the game ended 1-1. Jack had a great game in goal and was chosen as the man of the match. The Under 10's 'White' played against Darlington FC. They secured a 2-0 win with both goals coming from Niall. The boys played some lovely passing football creating lots of chances as was needed to beat strong opposition. Connor was the games man of the match.

The Under 12's Russell Foster League team played away at Swalwell Swifts. Aycliffe played well in parts of the match but slipped to a 7-0 defeat. Bo was named as man of the match for a great game at right back.

The Under 12's TJFA League team traveled to play Stockton Town and the game was drawn 1-1. A great free kick from Charlie was finished by Will to give Aycliffe the lead but Stockton equalised with ten minutes remaining. Both keepers were needed to make great saves in a good competitive game.

The Under 13's were at home playing in a local derby against Sedgfield, they went 1-0 down but Brown scored a great equaliser before half time. Two goals from Clark and another from Hardy opened up a 4-1 lead. Sedgfield scored two late goals but Aycliffe held on to win 4-3. Charlie Cayless was named man of the match by the opposition coaches.

The Under 16's played table topping Redcar Town Royal and they put in a great performance to open up a 3-0 lead after twenty minutes. Stoker, Burrows and Dixon were the scorers. In the second half Redcar got one goal back before Halliday completed the scoring in a fine 4-1 win.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe FC go into this Saturday's (October 24th) Ebac Northern League game at Penrith on the back of a marked improvement in form in recent weeks. Having struggled in the early weeks of the season Aycliffe have taken 8 points from the last 5 games with wins against Bishop Auckland and Ryhope CW being supplemented by draws at Shildon and Consett. In addition Aycliffe have progressed to the second round of the Brooks Miles Memorial Northern League Cup thanks to a 5-0 win over Ryton & Crawcrook Albion at Moore Lane Park last week.

That game followed Aycliffe's league win over Ryhope Colliery Welfare on "Non League Day", Saturday 7 October. As part of the celebrations for that day the Club was delighted to welcome Newton Aycliffe Junior FC to Moore Lane to take part in an open pre match coaching session. The event was well attended & enjoyed by all.

Aycliffe came back from an early setback to beat Ryhope 2-1. They were unlucky to go a goal down after only 2 minutes when a wayward shot hit centre-half Andrew Grant-Soulsby and went past keeper James Winter. They didn't let their heads drop though, and

immediately started playing their football against a very tall Ryhope side. They got their reward after 15 minutes when Marc Costello headed down a cross down for Craig Hutchinson to slide in and put it past Ryhope keeper Ball. Aycliffe then suffered two injuries in the first half, with Ben Trotter and Jack Oliver replacing Jamie Davis and Matty Pennar. Aycliffe had the better of the exchanges, but were thwarted by Ryhope's resolute defending. Half-time 1-1.

Aycliffe started the second half strongly, and had an early chance, but Ball made a good save from Hutchinson, who the Ryhope defenders struggled to cope with all through the match. The pressure told on 51 minutes when left-back Paul Weldon hit a free-kick over the defensive wall for 2-1. Then Marc Costello almost scored when his header narrowly missed. That was his last contribution as a bad tackle left a deep gash on his knee. Grant Hickman came on in midfield. Both teams went for a goal in the last 15 minutes, but neither side could make a breakthrough. Full-time 2-1.

Following the 5-0 League Cup win over Ryton & Crawcrook Aycliffe travelled to 7th placed Consett for a tough league fixture. David



Dowson took the lead for the Steelmen but Kurt Matthews scored the equaliser for Aycliffe on 44 minutes. The second half saw chances for both sides but neither was able to get a winner and the game finished 1-1. The two sides meet again next week when Consett visit Moore Lane for a Durham Challenge Cup fixture. The

game takes place on Tuesday 24th October KO 7:30pm.

In the meantime Aycliffe make their longest trip of the season on Saturday 21 October when they travel to Penrith who sit third bottom of the Ebac Northern League Division One.

Photo: Marc Costello challenges against Ryhope CW

Heighington U7s Report

It looked as though the Boys were going to be given a real test on Sunday as Saxon started quickly moving the ball around and creating a couple of chances. However somewhat against the run of play Alex scored a quick fire long range double and Kyleo added a screamer with his left foot. Alex added another making it his 4th Hat Trick in 5 games an own Goal and another from Alex and Kyleo saw the boys go in 7 Goals to the Good. Tyler made way for Kenzi who drilled home for the 8th before crashing a header against the post which bounced back off the unlucky defender and in to the net. Maddix then scored before assisting Kenzi twice both from corners Kenzi then added his 4th of the game. Saxon did pull one back from a long range free kick to finish the scoring at 13-1

Second Game a rejuvenated Saxon Flew out the traps and opened up a 2 goal lead, before Kenzi pulled one back. However Saxon still in full control took the game to Heighington and went in at the break 5-1 up. The message at HT was to keep believing and the Boys certainly did that Archie Brown scored 2 wonderful Goals before Alex pulled another back to make it 5-4, Saxon caught Heighington on the break to make it 6-4, However Heighington were in no mood to be beaten as Alex pulled another back with the outside of his left foot that looped over the Keeper and crashed in off the

far post, before Tyler who was magnificent in this game slotted home to keep our unbeaten record intact MOTM first game was given to Kyleo by the opposition, second Game was the returning Kieran and Player of the Day was awarded to Maddix.

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County Council Have to Make another £37m Saving over 4 Years

People will be invited to have their say on Durham County Council's spending plans, if proposals for a consultation are given the go-ahead. Members of the authority's Cabinet will hear next week that a further £37 million of savings are needed over the next four years. This is in addition to the £209 million of savings that have been achieved since 2011/12. The figures are included in the latest update to the authority's Medium Term Financial Plan, which outlines its long-term funding outlook and spending priorities.

The report also outlines proposals for how £14.8 million of savings can be made during the 2018/19 financial year and seeks approval from Cabinet to carry out a consultation on these spending plans. Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "The achievement of an additional £37 million of savings over the next four years will be extremely challenging, particularly as there is significant uncertainty over the funding we will receive beyond 2019/20. "The emphasis since 2011/12 has been to protect frontline services by maximising savings from management and

support functions. However, this is becoming much more difficult as the scope for further savings in these areas diminishes. "Nevertheless, we have developed proposals for how savings can be made during the next financial year and now need to consult the public on

these plans. "Consulting with residents enables us to check that we are working to protect the services that residents regard as priority areas." If agreed, the consultation will begin this month and continue until the beginning of December, with feedback

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Help for Heroes Fundraising at Tesco



Last weekend, between the 14th and 15th Rob and his family visited Tesco Newton Aycliffe to collect for Help for Heroes. The fundraising over the weekend was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of our community Rob raised a fantastic £939.08. Thank you to all who made a donation for this great cause. Tesco presented a check for £50 to contribute to the donations. Help for Heroes are always looking for volunteers throughout the year. You can make contact by emailing volunteer@helpforheroes.org.uk

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Stephenson Way Coffee Morning



Earlier this month, Year 6 pupils at Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School pulled on their aprons to host their very own 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Throughout the day, scores of friends and family who visited the school hall were treated to table service from the eager older children. Taste-buds were also tantalised with a mouth-watering array of cream scones, cakes, doughnuts and cookies, all kindly donated by school staff.

In a bid to raise more money for the charity, the children also came up with the idea of placing stalls around the hall and worked hard to bring their ideas to fruition. Pupils from the after-school art club provided clay sculptures to sell, while generously donated books, teddy bears and bric-a-brac were also available for a small donation. Smashing the amount raised in previous years, the final fundraising total was a staggering £1004. The newly

appointed Head Boy told us, "We were flabbergasted when Miss Whitfield announced the final total and felt very proud of how much money we'd raised for such a good cause." Year 6 teacher, Mrs Gibson, added, "Once again the children have

stepped up to the mark and shown just how much they can achieve when they work together as a team."

The staff and children would like to thank everyone who supported their event, both with their time and kind donations.

COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

Lumière, adoption, a domestic abuse survey ... and lots of things to do at half term. More about the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB1810

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY

- Programme published for Lumière 16-19 November - tickets running out quickly.
- Adoption information event, County Hall, 2-4pm, Friday 27 October.
- Lumière volunteers sought.
- Lock up your bikes!
- Please take the Neighbourhood

Watch survey on domestic abuse.

- Latest roadworks in the Aycliffe area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half term at Beamish.
- Killhope Museum - children 4-16 go free on Monday 23 October.
- Halloween crafts and monster fun at Newton Aycliffe Library, 2.30-3.30pm, Tuesday 24 October, £1 - T: 03000 269 519.
- Guided walk, Weardale in October (2 miles), start 10am, Tuesday 24 October, meeting at the lay-by in Westgate.
- Celebrate Science run by Durham University, 10am-4pm, 24-26 October.
- Wildlife Crafty Café (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 1-3pm, Wednesday 25 October, £3.
- Story-teller, County Durham Folk Tales, Durham Cathedral, 2-2.30pm, Thursday 26 October.
- Celebrate our uniformed services superheroes at the Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am -3pm, Saturday 28 October.
- Autumn Fair, St Clare's Church, 10am-noon, Saturday 28 October.
- Monsters and demons (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 28 October.
- Children's Hallowe'en Party, ROF59, 5-9pm, Saturday 28 October, £15 - phone 01325 728222.
- Create your own Lampton Worm (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop-in 1-3pm, 28-29 October.
- More Hallowe'en events in the Durham County News, page 25.

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Alice McGeechan

Died 9th October 2017.

Funeral to be held on Friday 27th October 2017, 2.00pm at Wear Valley Crematorium.

In Memoriam

NORMAN ROBERTSON 25th October 2016. One year on Pops, and our hearts still hurt. We miss you so much. Love, Grace, Graham, Dean and Michelle xxxxx

HARRIET BRUMWELL Died 18th October 1993. Still miss you every day and the memories in our hearts will forever stay. God bless, Jeannette, Owen, Carl and family

Birthday Remembrance

Joy Mitton

19th October

Sadly missed on your birthday and always in our thoughts.

Marion and Sylvia xxxxx

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JACK ELLIOTT Happy birthday Grandson. 21 on 22nd October 2017. Hope you have a good day. All my love, Grandma Elliott xxx

Syd Howarth M.B.E.

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Happy 80th Birthday
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 Love you lots, Kameron, Dylan and Sebastian
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Holiday Snaps



School Aycliffe resident Tony Robinson on holiday in Australia with his wife Sharron, sent this photo of himself handing over a copy of Newton News to a Rotary Club he was visiting. Tony describes it as his entry for the furthest picture of Newton News abroad, being presented to the President Mike McCaullife of Scarborough Rotary Club, Perth.

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Tommy and Cath Palmer



Golden Wedding Anniversary
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 Lots of love from Sharon, Alan, Craig, Julie, Stacey, Amy, Lee, Charley and Lexi xxxxxx

Tommy and Cath Palmer



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 Thanks for 50 lovely years of marriage as my Husband and Soul Mate. Love you forever, Cath xxx

Win for Local Teenager at Yorkshire Biathlon

Matthew Bradley (19) competed in the Yorkshire Biathlon on Sunday 15th October 2017 at the Sports Village at York University on the outskirts of York. Matthew was competing in the Junior Men's category for the first time and had to run 1600 metres and swim 200 metres.



First up was the run and Matthew excelled achieving a time of 4:56.95, winning his age group and achieving second fastest run overall in the competition. This was a nine second personal best run time and the first time that Matthew has gone sub five minutes for this distance. The swim, which took place on the afternoon, saw Matthew achieve a season's best time of 1:58.08 for the 200 metre swim and again he won his category and achieved overall best swim in the competition.

Modern Biathlon Finals at Solihull at the end of November.

Matthew swims with Sedgefield 75 ASC at Aycliffe and supplements his training through membership of local gyms in Bishop Auckland. Matthew is a member of the Durham Institute of Sport scheme run by Durham County Council.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Preston Park 5K trail runners

Aycliffe runners attended the Sedgefield Serpentine 10K trail race on Sunday 17 September. The race took runners across footpaths, fields, farm tracks, trails and across the golf course. The ground was extremely muddy in places and there were many trip hazards, low hanging branches and golf buggies to be aware of.

First back for Aycliffe and in 10th position was Dez Fielden in 41:41, followed by Robert Young 50:11, Dave Blewitt 52:03, John Heywood 53:14, Trish Kay 58:59, Katie Gedling 60:14, Judith Porter 62:21 and Mandy Heywood 67:15.

Four Aycliffe Runners turned out for the Wynyard Hall 10K on Sunday 24 September. It was a tough undulating course with two big climbs.

First home for the club and in 11th position overall was Peter Milburn in 42:00, placing him in 1st in his category of male over 50. Next came Dave Blewitt, 33rd overall in 46:59. First female home was Sue Milburn who was 76th overall in 52:42; followed by Martha McBaron, placing 92nd in 54:30 and 1st female over 60.

The first event in the Stockton Winter Trail series was held at Preston Park. It was a fine, sunny October morning. First home for the club was Peter Milburn, 12th overall in

20:09 and 1st in his category of male over 55. He was followed by Alan Wilks, 35th overall in 22:27 and 1st in his category of male over 65. Next to cross the line was Michelle Zamir, 36th in 22:28; followed by Richard Holland, 41st in 23:08 and Cyd Denise, 45th in 23:37. Next finisher was John Burnside, 46th in 23:38 and 1st in his category of male over 60, followed Jane Burnside, 119th in 30:56 and 1st in her category of female over 60. Next finisher was Susan Clark, 127th in 31:47 and last but not least Eve Doe, 134th in 33:55.

Members of Aycliffe Running Club also made the journey to Kielder on Sunday 8 October for the annual half marathon and marathon events, described to be the most beautiful in the country. Conditions were perfect for running on the off road, hilly, but very scenic courses.

First to finish in the marathon for Aycliffe Running Club was Rob Nicholson in 3:57:08 and 1st male over 60. He was followed by Martyn Knox in 4:03:02, Julie Nisbet 4:55:41 and John Heywood 4:56:02.

First to finish the half marathon for Aycliffe Running Club was Trish Kay in 1:53:26 and 1st F50, followed by Andrew Lumley 1:56:57 and Mandy Heywood 2:15:35.



Martin Know



Rob Nicholson

Saxons Hit for Six!



Newton Aycliffe Sports Club hosted Escomb Saxon on Sunday 15th October at Moore Lane Park and took all 3 points in another high scoring game. It was the away side that took an early lead with a superb 45 yard strike that flew past goalkeeper Mark Craggs in the 3rd minute to shock the hosts.

The home side had to soak up a lot more early pressure as the Saxons tried to take advantage of their early lead. It took until the 28th minute before the Aycliffe side managed to equalise, Anthony Campbell finding leading marksman Kyle Allen who coolly slotted home. It was Allen who got the Sports Club ahead after a throw in from Jonathan Clegg was scissor kicked in to make it 2-1 on 35 minutes. The Sports Club were now dominant and another throw

in found Campbell who skipped past two players before striking low past the keeper to make it 3-1. An own goal just a few minutes before half time made it 4-1 as the home side looked comfortable going into the break.

The second half started much as the first had finished with Campbell again going on a run down the left, finding Kyle Allen who closed down on the keeper and lobbed the ball home to make it 5-1 on 48 minutes.

Escomb scraped a goal back on the 75th minute after some lazy defending but the four goal lead was quickly restored as Kyle Allen got his fourth of the game to make it 6-2 on 84 minutes.

Sports Club continue their flurry of home games next week against Staindrop. MoM: Darren Griffiths

Indoor Car Boot Sale

Neville Parade Community Centre have agreed a date for an Indoor Boot Sale.

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