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Bid to Change Name of New Constituency Boundary

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The Boundary Commission is currently reviewing Constituency Boundaries. The law as it stands requires them to produce 600 Constituencies from the present 650 in England this means that in the North East 29 seats will be reduced to 25 seats in Parliament. The review is required to reduce the number of seats and try to make them around equal size.

Cllr Arun Chandran Secretary, on behalf of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association (GARA), is suggesting that if the changes go through the name of the new constituency should be changed.

At present we are in the Sedgfield Constituency but the Boundary Commission have redrawn the political map and want to call the new one **Billingham and Sedgfield**.

In a statement Arun said "That in the event of the new Boundary Commission proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies for 2017 being approved by Parliament, we would want the name of the Constituency changed from Billingham and Sedgfield, to **Aycliffe and Billingham**. This would more adequately reflect on the importance of Aycliffe in the new constituency, politically, industrially as the biggest Business Park in the region and geographically."

"Demographically and historically Aycliffe has more importance than Sedgfield in the Constituency name." GARA has submitted this to the Commission and Cllr Arun Chandran will be asking Great Aycliffe Town Council to write to the Boundary Commission to request this be changed now and in any future change.

Newton News asked the views of our MP Phil Wilson who said: "I believe it should be called Aycliffe & Billingham and will put in a submission in the consultation to that effect."



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TOWN CHURCHES RAISE £400 FOR CHARITY

On Friday 20th October, Churches Together in Great Aycliffe, hosted a Quiz Night and Pie & Pea Supper in the Golf Club to raise funds for local charities. They would like to thank the Golf Club for the use of such a lovely venue and for providing the food. Thanks must also go to all those who supported this event from the various churches in the town. We raised £400 on the night and the committee of CTGA decided to share the money between NAYCC, Aycliffe Food Bank and the Women's Refuge, all worthy causes and all in need of our help. Thanks to our very entertaining Quiz Masters, Andrew Matthews and David Prior, from St. Mary's Church, who gave up their time so freely and willingly on a Friday night. The quiz was won by the 'Magnificent Seven' (a group of ladies from the Zumba Class at the Methodist Church). A great night was had by all. Anne Molyneux, Secretary.

Local Girl Offers to Arrange Your Event at "The George"

After receiving her B.A. (Hons) in Events Management, Carrie Howarth continued to plan and coordinate weddings, launches and many other functions for friends and family, whilst also working in marketing, including working with her father and Grandad at Newton Press. "I returned to my passion after having my first child and was pleased to accept the position as Events Coordinator at The George Hotel in Piercebridge".



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There are lovely riverside views from many of the rooms and the gardens provide a perfect setting for wedding photographs. All packages can be tailored to your personal requirements and a professional, experienced, friendly team will help you plan and organise your day. The George Hotel provides an atmospheric alternative to modern hotels and purpose-built conference centres for meetings, seminars, events or private functions.

Whether you're just dropping by to sample traditional ales, grab a bite to eat or spend a little more time in this super hotel, you can rest assured that the staff are always on hand to make sure your time is memorable. Social occasions are normally a chance to enjoy, learn new things and meet new people, which for a social butterfly like Carrie Howarth, are great opportunities. Having helped with many charity events, parties, meetings and church events in her youth, she went on to study Events Management at Leeds Metropolitan University, which is the Centre of Excellence for Events Management in the UK. During this time she planned events for local pubs, charity

fund raisers, clairvoyance nights and birthday parties. Carrie also worked at Darlington Football Club, Northern Echo Arena organising parties, weddings, meetings, conferences, trade shows and corporate match days. This was good experience learning how to run an event that suits clients' needs.

"I am ready and keen to help and advise on any events, meetings, conferences, Christenings, parties and funerals," said Carrie.

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 "Surprise of the day for me was Dust Town Dogs. I'd heard about them but never really fancied the style of music they play. Well how wrong can one be! One word "Tremendous". Go get there CD! For those few who don't know, they play a kind of Cajun/Pogues mix. If you don't like them, you don't have a heart and your probably dead."
 "Was asked to go and film this band at Consett Empire what a cracking night, audience eating out of their hands from the off, never seen so many people up on stage dancing and singing with the band, great entertainment."

Sunday 29th October - "Breakfast Club" (4pm, £3 c/c)

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Care Home Wins Garden Award **BIN COLLECTION FARCE!**

The residents and staff at Rose Lodge Care Home have been blooming with pride after receiving a Community Enhancement Award for their front garden display.



The Community Enhancement Awards, organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, sees certificates of merit awarded to individual front gardens, floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area. Along with their award Rose Lodge received a trophy, £50 of gift vouchers and a box of biscuits.

The award-winning entrance garden display at the home, which provides residential care for the elderly and people living with dementia care, features a variety of beautiful bedding flowers and potted plants as well as 'flowerpot people' centrepieces, eco-friendly decorations handmade by residents and staff at the home.

Ken Pratt, the husband of a resident at Rose Lodge, also kindly volunteered his time and gardening skills to help transform the look of the home's entrance by adding colourful floral borders and planters.

It was double celebrations for the home which was also recently named as the runner up in a national horticultural competition which encourages care homes to get creative when decorating their gardens. The annual gardening competition, known as 'The

Doorstep Challenge', is held by UK Care providers The Maria Mallaband Care Group and Countrywide Care Homes with their 80 residential and nursing homes across the UK, Scotland and Northern Ireland participating. The aim of the challenge is for each home to make the entrance to their home look bright and colourful, creating a 'wow factor'.

Nicola Wheatley, Care Manager at Rose Lodge Care Home, said: "We are absolutely delighted. We were all so proud of how our grounds look and to have the hard work of the staff, residents and family members who volunteered their time formally recognised is wonderful. We'd like to say a special thank you to Ken for all the time and effort he has dedicated. Our entrance has been attracting a lot of attention from passers by and we've had some lovely comments from visitors to the home about how beautiful our gardens look."

Dears Sir, Cllr. J.D Clare considered the bin collection debacle a, "drama". I consider it a FARCE! Further, in almost 17 inches of column print he FAILS to apologise on behalf of himself, the Cabinet, the Council, or the local controlling Labour Group.

The residents and taxpayers affected by the debacle deserve better (than they have come to expect)! Instead, he thanks the Waste Service for running additional collections to recover the situation, to hide the Council's incompetence (to our additional cost). On the assumption that the operatives involved got paid for any additional hours worked, I think that local taxpayers have thanked them enough! Again, it is us who have to pay for the ruling Labour Group's incompetence.

In World War I the soldiers at the front were described as, "Lions led by Donkeys". Given the way that they responded to this farce, the Collection Operatives are the lions in this matter. Enough said! For the record, I was advised in the Newton News to expect a letter if my bin collection dates were to change. That is, no letter, no change. Since most of the bins in Aycliffe Village were put out on the old, 'wrong date', I can only assume that most of the residents, like me, did not get a letter.

I resent the implication in Cllr. Clare's letter that we all got a letter, but, we are illiterate! He admits having got a letter and having not read it properly! This is easier than doing the proper thing and saying, "the Council I sit on is not fit for purpose and as I can do

nothing about it, I resign". This current farce is only the first in a long line of expensive farces overseen by the Unitary Authority (DCC) established by a Labour Government and constituted with a Cabinet System.

1) DCC found that, due to their incompetence it cost them about three times as much to run a care home than it did the profit making private sector. They shut the Council Care Homes.
2) They have installed inadequate 'Tony Blair street lighting' (Nice but dim) making a bus stop in Aycliffe Village probably the most dangerous place in the county to board a bus. Access to the bus being via rough stone steps that are now completely

unlit!
3) The Teaching Assistants 'Over-payments' farce.

By way of apology for the current bin fiasco perhaps Cllr. Clare could tell the tax paying electorate how much DCC's 'over-paying' teaching assistants has cost the public purse, including over-paid

salaries, NI contributions and index linked pension contributions. This, instead of blaming Government cutbacks for all of the DCC failures the taxpayer has endured under this Labour run Unitary Authority.
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"The Bristol to London service experienced a few technical challenges, for which we apologise to passengers for any inconvenience caused. We are of course disappointed with an issue with this train's air conditioning and water ingress in one of the carriages. We are investigating this as a matter of priority and will restore the train back into passenger service once fully rectified."

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The new trains that entered service today were all built at Hitachi's £82m factory in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Newton Aycliffe employs over 1,000 people and is purpose-built train manufacturing facility opened in September 2015 in the area where Britain's first steam

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Farewell Adam

Dear Sir,
May I thank Adam White GAMP Area Action Partnership coordinator for all his work in the Community over the last six years.

It was a "bitter sweet moment" when I heard the news of his promotion, we are losing a great team player for our community, but another area of our great County is going to get his help. I am sure many other "community activists" will wish him well.

On a personal note Adam has been a great help and I have always liked how he dealt with people. Much of my professional career was working in rural areas and I know from experience that his ways will go down well. Good luck Adam, keep in touch.
David Sutton-Lloyd



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Some important Council meetings, two votes-for-local-causes, crime warnings, a learning opportunity ... and amazing things to do next weekend. More about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB2510.

COUNCIL

- DCC Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday 18 October.
- DCC Environment Scrutiny Meeting, Monday 23 October.
- DCC Economy Scrutiny Meeting, Tuesday 24 October.
- Town Council Environment and Recreation Meetings, Wednesday 18 October.
- Latest local roadworks information.

COMMUNITY

- Vote for Hardwick as UK's best park.
- Vote for Durham Clothing Bank's funding bid.
- Watch Out - Burglars About.
- Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.
- PCP win national award.
- Congratulations, Athena Gymnastics.
- DCC Adult Learning Computer Course, Newton

Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am, starts Monday 30 October, FREE - phone 03000 266115.

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THINGS TO DO

- Exhibition: Folklore and Fairy Tales from Northern Britain, Palace Green Library, until February 2018; includes double lecture, 6-7.45pm, Thursday 2 November.
- Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society display, Locomotion Museum, 10am-5pm, 2-9 November.
- Wildlife Watch (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-12 noon, Saturday 4 November - phone 0191 584 3112.
- Family den building (age 6+), Hardwick Park, 10-11.30am or 1-2.30pm, Saturday 4 November, £10 - phone 03000 262899.
- The Ancient Indus Valley people (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 4 November.

Air Ambulance at Heighington Accident



Last week The Great North Air Ambulance were called to assist North East Ambulance Service after a motorcycle and a car collided near Heighington. A Male in his 60's sustained multiple serious injuries and was taken to James Cook Hospital

Gestamp Scrap Metal Debris Cause Punctures

Sir,
It is disappointing that Gestamp and Gescrap has become so desperate as to blame each other for the state of Howden Road and Groat Avenue. I refer to the spillage of scrap metal on what is supposedly a public highway. Take a walk and it is unbelievable the amount of scrap that can be found on those two streets. On two occasions, the first, leaving my wife stranded in Bishop Auckland and the second in Aycliffe, where a piece of metal was removed by a local tyre firm, who after greeting me with the words "back again", proudly handed me the distinctive metal scrap. On four occasions I reported the second incident. Firstly to the security guard at Gestamp's gatehouse, taking the metal from me he took my details and said someone will get back in touch. A week later I approached Gestamp's gatehouse and enquired about progress. "It is not Gestamp but Gescrap, you need to speak to", was the reply from the security guard I had spoken to the week previously

whilst giving me the phone number of Gescrap. I called Gescrap the following day who informed me, I need to speak to Gestamp's HR Department. I enquired and found the location of Gescrap, visited their portacabin and together we phoned Gestamp who took my details and said they would get back to me. A week later, I approached Gescrap again as no one had got back in touch with me. We contacted HR who were in meetings and was informed to call back on the Monday. The following Tuesday I spoke to HR, who again took my details and informed me someone will get back in touch. A week further on and here I am, I do not envisage being refunded by either of these companies, Gescrap - whose name speak for itself, and Gestamp - whose website is a contradiction to their actions. There have been numerous punctures suffered by vehicles using these roads, my attention is now drawn to the Coaches, buses and HGV vehicles that access these roads and a pending catastrophe. A. R. Howard

Gestamp Replies . . .

Dear Mr Howard,
Please accept our unreserved apology for any distress or inconvenience that may have been caused by your recent experience.

As a local employer Gestamp take their responsibilities within the community very seriously and it disappoints me to hear that your complaint has not been dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

Please be assured that a thorough investigation will be carried out into your complaint and we will be taking the necessary steps to ensure that any complaints in the future are dealt with sympathetically and in a timely manner. We will review our systems and policies and make amendments where required to ensure our future actions do not impact our neighbours or the wider community.

Brian Rees, Gestamp Human Resources Manager

Union Call 3M Aycliffe "Scrooge Employers"

3M mask manufacturer in Newton Aycliffe is early contender for Scrooge boss of the year Unite, the UK's largest union, has accused 3M of being a Scrooge employer after the company's management decided workers will have to work between Xmas and New Year for the first time in decades. The management at 3M, which makes respirators and dust masks, this week, informed Unite representatives that the workforce would now be expected to work for the three days between Christmas and New Year. The change of policy was a direct response to the workers rejecting a proposed 1.5 per cent pay increase. Members rejected the latest pay offer, which is just half the current rate of inflation and would mean a real terms pay cut, after having experienced below inflation rate pay rises for several years.

Unite regional officer Mark Sanderson said: "Even before Halloween and Bonfire Night we have a clear contender for Scrooge boss of the year. It is outrageous that for the first time in decades 3M management are insisting that the workforce will have to work between Christmas and New Year. "This is simply an attempt by management to bully, blackmail and intimidate the workforce to accept a pay offer which is once again a real terms pay cut. "The company's bullying is set to rebound, as the workforce rather than being cowed into submission, are now even more determined to secure a decent pay rise. "If the management want to prevent this dispute from escalating they need to reverse the decision to cancel the annual Christmas shutdown and dramatically improve the pay offer, to meet the needs and expectations of the workforce."

Football Freestyling Demo at Stephenson Way School



Football frenzy hit Stephenson Way Primary last week as pupils were treated to a day of tricks and stunts by the world record holding football freestyler, Ash Randall.

Ash's visit began with a showcase assembly, during which he wowed the eager crowd with his talents. He carefully explained that he'd been developing his skills for ten years and that his most complex move (which involved balancing the ball while skipping) had taken more than four years to master. Acting Deputy Head, Mr Everson, told us, "It's great for the children

to see that the attributes we encourage in class, such as determination and having a positive mindset, can also lend themselves to achievements in other aspects of life. They were shocked at how long Ash had persevered with learning some of his tricks and admired his can-do attitude." Working with KS2 pupils throughout the day, Ash broke down his skills into bite-size chunks so that the children could see how they worked. Practising in pairs, pupils were amazed at how quickly they picked up some of the tricks, which had looked so complex



only minutes earlier. Charly, a Year 5 pupil, said, "I'm not a fan of football and thought I wouldn't like this at all, but it was AWESOME and I'll definitely be trying it at home!" Those inspired to try Ash's freestyling tips for themselves can follow him on YouTube at /RANDALLDINHO 10 or via website www.ashfreestyle.com

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3M AYCLIFFE HELP "SHILDON ALIVE" Shanaya Releases Single

On Monday 16th October 2017, 25 employees from 3M, an international technology company which makes industrial facial protection masks based in Newton Aycliffe, volunteered at Shildon Alive's Community Garden, in partnership with Durham University Staff Volunteering.



Shildon Alive is a community based charity which offers a food bank, credit union and is a learning and resource hub which helps to build a network of support for people in and around Shildon. As well as their central hub, on Shildon high street, they also have two community gardens. These gardens are pivotal to the experience of both adults and children who are learning about sustainable living and food source and nutrition. Over the course of the day the 3M team worked tirelessly to clear the garden of rubbish, erect a new children's tool shed, 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. The volunteer team was made up of managers, operation and support staff from across the 3M site, which made the day an excellent opportunity to get to know employees from different areas. 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 throughout 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. 3M enabled their staff, with assistance of Durham University Staff Volunteering (DUSV), to give over 168 hours to the local community, which is invaluable to any charity. DUSV offer a bespoke Employer Supported Volunteering Service to companies and organisations who wish to engage with their local area. If you would like more information please email Stacy Porter-community.engagement@durham.ac.uk. For more information about getting involved at the community garden contact Shildon Alive on 01388417600.

Following her shock departure from this year's X-Factor Shanaya releases "Say Something" by A Great Big World. Shanaya Atkinson - Jones won the hearts of the nation from the very first moment she hit our TV Screens this August when she performed the song on this year's 14th Series of X factor.

Reducing Nicole Scherzinger and Alesha Dixon to tears she left the judges speechless with Simon Cowell commenting she was everything he hoped they would find on this year's show and that he loved her!

Having been championed as a possible winner, viewers, media and the other judges were left stunned when Sharon Osbourne failed to put her through to judge's houses prompting outrage on social media and national coverage in the press. Shanaya feels the X Factor has been nothing but a positive experience in her life and is thankful for all support she has received. Since her first audition aired Shanaya's performance has had over 2.4 million views on Youtube and an army of requests to record the track, so "Soulful Shanaya" as she was dubbed by the show has released her own version of "Say Something" OUT NOW!

The track has premiered at #145 on the Google Play Singles Chart and the campaign in steadily growing. Shanaya is a no nonsense performer with pure emotion in every note.

"In music I find calm and tranquility in singing and release my emotions and hope that I can do the same for the listener." said Shanaya.

Shanaya is currently in the studio working on an EP with Executive Producer Troy Antunes whose credits include Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and Aston Merrygold to name a few.

Born in Swindon in 1997 Shanaya's first few years although not her brightest definitely showed hints of the strong woman she was going to become!

At three years old she was adopted and given the greatest gift possible a forever Mum and Dad, amazing Grandparents and a fantastic family in Newton Aycliffe.

It was evident from her 1st Christmas spent here



that Shanaya was a star in the making when she proceeded to teach everyone the Christmas Pudding Song!

A very shy child normally, singing was her true emotional release with her first school report stating "We only hear Shanaya when she sings, she is very quiet otherwise!"

At six years old when at Durham High School For Girls Shanaya was mortified to be given a boy's part in the school nativity when cast as Joseph, but regardless blew everyone away with her extraordinary singing ability even though in her words she just sang for Jesus! Throughout her education more parts would follow as well as local talent shows and competitions! Growing up in a house that was and still is full of music she was brought up listening to soul, funk, jazz and R&B everything from The Drifters and Michael Jackson to Aretha Franklin and Earth Wind And Fire.

This is very evident in Shanaya's powerful and soulful vocal delivery. When her parents said she couldn't sing her way through life Shanaya went to train at Darlington College to become a hairdresser and although she was definitely very good at it she knew that singing was all she ever wanted to do! She applied to audition for OPEN MIC UK eventually performing at the grand final at the Birmingham NEC returning home with the winner's trophy!

Holiday Snaps

to the Cayman Islands

Resident and former advertiser John "The Joiner" now retired, shown here with his wife in the Cayman Islands enjoying reading a copy of the Newton News.

Are you a parent/carer supporting a child or young person with emotional or mental health problems?

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All sessions are free and open to any parent, carer or family member who is supporting a child with emotional or mental health difficulties.

Parent Coaching: Friday 10th November The session will guide parents through some questions to help you think about possible solutions and plans for something you want to make a change or difference with. You'll leave the session with a personal plan to make a change (even a small one!) in your life.	Time: 12.30pm-2.30pm Venue: Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 4SF
Communication and Schedules: Monday 13th November An overview of the importance of routine and how to prepare for change. Techniques on how to communicate to reduce conflict and the use of PECS and other communication aids. (Please bring your mobile or iPad-not essential)	Time: 5.00pm-6.30pm Venue: The Oaks Secondary School, Rock Road, Spennymoor, DL16 7DB
Coping with Anxiety: Saturday 18th November What is anxiety, the signs and symptoms parents can look for, when to worry, practical things you can do and tips to help you & your child cope	Time: 11am-3pm Venue: Acley Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4PE
Anger, aggression & crisis situations: Saturday 25th November Coping with anger, aggression and different crisis situations, when to worry, what you can do to help at home, when you need to get extra support and tips to help you cope	Time: 11am-3pm Venue: Acley Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4PE
Coping with overwhelming emotions: Saturday 2nd December What is going on when children and young people are overwhelmed with emotions, the signs and symptoms parents can look for, when to worry, practical things you can do and tips to help you cope	Time: 11am-3pm Venue: Acley Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4PE

For more information or to book a place please contact Wendy:
 Tel: 07415380040 or email: parentsupport@success.coop



Horndale Residents' Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 1st November starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts Centre.

Our meetings are open to anyone and are friendly and welcoming. We hope to have local Councillors, Livin and Police in attendance. The meetings are a great way to meet people and discuss any issues or ideas you may have.

In other news we have secured funding from Livin to plant 2,500 crocus bulbs at the underpass joining the Chase and Horndale. We will be working with local school pupils and mini Police to plant the bulbs giving them pride in their local area. The Town Council and DCC Pride team are also supporting us with this project.

Our AGM will be the 6th December looking back at a successful year and looking forward to next year. Philip Clark, Chairman.

Money Advice

County Durham Money Advice Centre is a free face-to face service offering confidential help for anyone struggling with debt or managing their money. Our trained advisors offer advice on debt management, budgeting and benefits. We visit people in their own homes if necessary and assist in completing forms. Operating as part of Durham Christian Partnership and affiliated with Community Money Advice, we do not rely on Government grants nor do we charge our clients fees.

County Durham Money Advice Centre have applied for £25,000 from the Aviva Community fund to continue to provide face to face debt and benefits advice in people's own homes. Which charities are funded is decided on a public vote. We are asking all our supporters to vote and also spread the word to bring much needed help to the people of County Durham. Voting opens 9am on 24th October. Here is the link to vote: www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund

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TIM PEAKE'S SPACECRAFT TO LAND IN SHILDON

The spacecraft which transported Tim Peake, the UK's first European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut, to and from the International Space Station, will be landing at Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon on Tuesday 22 November 2017.

A landmark partnership between Samsung and the Science Museum Group, to create a national tour of Tim Peake's spacecraft means the Soyuz TMA-19M capsule, complete with equipped interior and re-entry char marks on its outer body, will be on public display for two months along with its 25m diameter parachute.

The display of the iconic craft will be accompanied by an inspiring and immersive range of activities, including the Space Descent VR virtual reality experience, narrated by Tim Peake himself. This places the visitor inside the Soyuz TMA-19M to witness first-hand the incredible 250-mile journey back to earth from the International Space Station (ISS).

The VR imagery has been created for the Science Museum Group, and is supported by Samsung with the provision of the latest Samsung Gear VR headsets



and a bespoke VR lounge inside the museum.

Locomotion Museum Manager, Gary Campbell, said: "It's hard to express how excited we are to be bringing the Soyuz capsule to Shildon. The capsule represents one of history's most incredible technological feats, and this is an unmissable opportunity for visitors young and old from across the North East to see the craft that took Tim Peake all the way to the Space Station and back.

"We hope our local residents and future visitors enjoy this unique experience and pay Soyuz TMA-19M a visit."

Soyuz TMA-19M carried

Peake and crewmates Yuri Malenchenko and Tim Kopra in ESA Expedition 46/47 to the ISS on 15 December 2015, returning on 18 June 2016. It was acquired last year by the Science Museum Group.

Commenting on the acquisition, ESA astronaut Tim Peake said: "You do become very attached to your spacecraft because it definitely does save your life. I'm absolutely delighted that my Soyuz spacecraft, the TMA-19M, is going to be returning here to the UK and may serve, hopefully, as inspiration for our next generation of scientists and engineers."

Details of visiting arrangements and special events, including the Space Descent VR experience and activities over the festive season at Locomotion, the National Railway Museum at Shildon will be announced at a later date (charge and conditions apply to Space Descent VR).

Space Descent VR with Tim Peake has been made possible with support from Samsung and the generous co-operation of Tim Peake and the European Space Agency.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Fuller Rebecca.fuller@nrm.org.uk / 01904 686 271.

Honest John Donations

Newton Aycliffe FC Under 11's Team £300; Children's Blessings £300; Neville Residents' Association £500; Heighington Pre-School £250.

Thanks to all donors and supporters. Special thanks to Donna on her recent nomination and to Val, DISC and Karin.

Spooky Double Bill

Join us at St. Clare's Kidzflix on Saturday 4th November for a great value afternoon for all young people and those young at heart too!

We have the brilliant 'ROOM ON THE BROOM' a short film based on the hugely popular picture book written by Julia Donaldson. "A kind witch cat becomes jealous when she invites a dog, a bird and a frog to join them on the broom". This tale begins at 1.30pm. Following that it is the turn of the friendly vampires at 'HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2' to entertain you.

'Now that the hotel has opened it's doors to humans things are changing for the better, however Drac (Adam Sandler) is secretly worried that his grandson Dennis isn't showing his vampire side so he enlists him in the Monster-in - Training boot camp ran by Mavis (Selena Gomez)'.

We are also holding a FREE SPOOKY RAFFLE! So for the great value price of just £1, you can enjoy a double film fun afternoon and also be in with the chance of winning a spooky prize.

Please come along - we would love a full hall. Doors open at 1.15pm ready for you to get your sweet treats from the tuck-shop. You may like an ice-SCREAM with vampire blood in the interval or a CHILLER lolly perhaps.

Check out Youth/ChildrenSt.Clares for our full youth/children's programme.

CREE MEN INSPIRED BY FESTIVAL FICTION



Greenfield Cree Men enjoyed a great session as part of Durham Book Festival recently when they were fortunate to work with a local writer and get a real sense of the positivity of expression through writing.

The visit was organised to coincide with World Mental Health Day and forms part of a wider initiative promoted by Greenfield Arts to explore and develop ideas through writing with a view to encouraging others to think and see things in new ways.

The Cree Men, were invited to take part in a literary workshop led by Charles Darby-Villis where they studied the work of renowned local author David Almond, looking at his recent publication of short stories Half a Creature from the Sea. The popular author resonates with the community spirit which is at the heart of Cree as the stories play out local themes including growing up

in the North East and the Great North Run. The group were also rewarded with free copies of the book as part of the 'Big Read' which will be a lovely resource for Greenfield and the local community.

The invitation came about as a mark of recognition for the valuable contribution the group have made working on their recent 'Little Library project' in partnership with New Writing North and the fabulous contribution that this has made to communities throughout the region.

Cree is a GAMP public health funded project led by Greenfield Arts promoting well-being through community projects and new members are always welcome. To know a little bit more about Cree and Greenfield Arts should contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Students at National Apprenticeship Show

Woodham Academy students travelled to Harrogate to find out more about the opportunities offered by apprenticeships. More than 30 Year 10 students from the school attended the National Apprenticeship Show at the Yorkshire Event Centre. Students discussed career opportunities with representatives from numerous organisations and companies including Mercedes-Benz, the NHS, Amazon, and Renault, as well as the armed services.

David Walker, head of careers, said: "Woodham offers wide-ranging careers support and guidance to our students. We want to give them as many opportunities as possible to discover all the career paths available to them and to enable them to make informed choices about their future."



SCHOOL AWARDED PRIMARY STARS KIT AND EQUIPMENT



Pupils and staff from Byerley Park Primary School, are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack.

The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Delivered by the Football Foundation, the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme gives teachers a range of equipment that can be used across different curriculum areas to get children active.

Richard Scudamore, Executive Chairman of the Premier League and Football Foundation Trustee, said: "Congratulations to Byerley Park on their successful application for a Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment pack.

We hope this kit, coupled with the free downloadable online resources, will help teachers harness the popularity of football to inspire primary school kids in everything from Maths and English to teamwork and sport."

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Top British Comedians at the Turbinia!

Carl Hutchinson fresh from his sellout gig, with Chris Ramsey at Newcastle 'Radio Metro' Arena will be appearing at the comedy night, in the Turbinia, on Wednesday 1st November. This will be a unique chance to catch him live at a small, intimate gig. Carl is a multi-award winning comedian, having won the Beat The Frog World Series and Magners Comedian of the year awards in 2007. He supported former three-time wrestling heavyweight champion and bestselling author Mick Foley on both of his UK Comedy Tours; in 2011 and 2012 respectively. "Effortlessly hilarious, he captivates the audience with his perfectly timed suspenseful silences and plain-talking sense-making"

Cal Halbert deemed 'the new generation of comedy' by Michael McIntyre, has performed from local comedy clubs to the London Palladium, Britain's Got Talent to Good Morning Britain and voiced for YouTube to the BBC. Well known as an impressionist, Halbert is one half of 'The Mimic Men', the UK's only impressionist double act! The Mimic Men appeared on Britain's Got Talent in 2016, gaining four yeses accompanied by a standing ovation by the judges, audience and Ant and Dec.

Danny Deegan is a comedian, writer and actor who began performing in 2003 and has since risen steadily through the ranks of some of the most prestigious comedy clubs in the UK. His tales of mischief and the characters he creates have kept audiences all over

the country enthralled as he weaves in and out of the people he has met travelling. His talent and likability coupled with a confident swagger see him as one of the most popular acts in the North. Outside of live work Danny has made several TV and radio appearances. From being a guest on Radio GMR to having his own show "Afternoons with Danny Deegan" on CAT FM in Crewe. His TV credits include appearances on "Made in the North" and "The Adam and Shelley Show" to name but two. "His seamless interactions with the crowd demonstrate that he's a natural-born comedian... appealing to both the young and old, female and male" - Three Weeks

This show will also feature a new act. Tickets can be bought online at www.hilaritybites.co.uk, or in person from The Turbinia, telephone 01325 313034. Tickets for this show are £6 in advance, not many left, with doors opening at 7pm and the show starting at 8pm.

Mistruths on Labour Party Conference

Dear Editor, May I clear up any misconceptions that people have about this year's Labour Party Conference. I'd first like to thank all the members of the Sedgefield CLP for their support as the majority of members were very happy with the speech that Mick Simpson, Maria Cansella and I wrote. I wish Mr Siddle had come to me rather than the local paper to address his concern, but every member has their individual politics and I wish to respect that and I'm glad I was challenged because it shows a good and healthy democracy. I thank Kathryn Beetham for her kind words about my speech, but I wish to address Mr Welsh and his letter last week. I don't see a problem with his opinions, however the points he made were very misconstrued. Mr Welsh states 'Brexit was not discussed' however as someone present I can inform all members it was, and not just once. The time I gave my

speech was devoted to Brexit and the debate actually slightly overran because so many people wanted to talk about Brexit. It was also the object of discussion at many 'fringe' events - over three hundred and around a quarter of them were specifically about Brexit but almost all mentioned Brexit at least once. I hope Mr Welsh will now understand Brexit WAS discussed and I'm telling you that first hand. Secondly I wish to discuss his belief that people were shouting "No Corbyn" when in fact everybody was chanting "Oh Jeremy Corbyn" because they realised what significance Jeremy has played in changing the political field. May I also point out that the atmosphere was euphoric because although we lost the election we gained more than everyone expected. The issues he lists were issues that the Labour Party now believes in; for example how can we not agree with protecting our NHS from becoming the insurance based system that America has. At the next election I have no doubt we'll get a Labour government with these policies, it is just a matter of people seeing Corbyn for who he truly is. I thank Mr Welsh for his letter and hope that he now understands his letter last week was riddled with mistruths, something I'm sure he didn't do intentionally.

Owen Dickinson
Sedgefield CLP's Youth Delegate for the Labour Party Conference

LOCAL CHAMPIONS PCP WIN RSPH AWARDS



County Durham were celebrating this week after a double win at the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) Awards. County Durham Better Health at Work team were the winner of the Workplace Health and Wellbeing Award 2017. A special surprise was being awarded one of only two National Public Health England (PHE) Commendations for their efforts to Reduce Inequalities at a Community Level. The Judging Panel said "This programme has impressive levels of engagement and participation, particularly from hard-to-reach groups in areas of high deprivation. Its engagement with local businesses at all levels enables best practice to be shared, while the range of campaigns and the outcomes demonstrated from these campaigns are also very impressive."

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive said "We are very proud of our partnership approach to help local businesses to understand the importance of workplace health. This achievement showcases their brilliant work, well done to them all". Any business within County Durham can sign up to the award to achieve a healthier and happier workforce and become an employer of choice. More information can be found at www.betterhealthatworkdurham.co.uk or www.betterhealthatworkne.org or alternatively contact the team on 01325 321234.



Bad School Parking

Dear Sir, I am in complete agreement with C Chape and George Thompson's letters regarding the volume of cars parked on verges, across driveways and on corners of pathways by persons dropping off and picking up children from Byerley Park School, Many of the cars are parked in a way that they obstruct residents of Staintondale and the surrounding streets from accessing their properties, parked with such recklessness that it will only be a matter of time before either a child is knocked over or a collision occurs. Whilst I appreciate child safety is paramount there is also an obvious disregard for residents of this estate. This matter needs to be addressed by the highways department. Name & address Supplied

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Christmas Events

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New Year's Eve Gala - 31st December
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Up to £3,000 worth of funding is available to County Durham businesses through the DurhamWorks programme. DurhamWorks, which is a partnership between Durham County Council and 16 other organisations, is providing 'Learning Working Earning' grants to help local businesses employ young people in the county. So far, just under £1.5 million has been awarded in LWE grants to over 350 employers. The grant is available to small to medium enterprises to help them create opportunities for young people and can be used to part-fund the cost of a salary or to purchase equipment, clothing, uniform or tools to support the young person.



CLlr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The benefits of employing young people are limitless, and can be a great way to breathe new life into a business through their infectious enthusiasm and fresh perspectives. "Young people are eager to learn and can be shaped to meet your business needs as well as offering both a short and long-term answer to skills demands. "Working alongside DurhamWork's business advisors, you could have a hand in transforming a young person's life and giving them

the chance they need to fulfil their potential." Family run Aycliffe engineering company A-Tech have drawn on the experience of DurhamWorks advisors, and received financial help to find a talented young draughts person. A-Tech has been operating in the material handling, battery handling and robotic solutions markets for 28 years. Whilst they were keen to invest in young local talent, their previous attempts to find candidates with the relevant skills had been complicated and time consuming. DurhamWorks business

advisors took the stress out of the recruitment process and matched them with 21-year-old Ben Hall, who they employed as a full-time apprentice draughts person. Ben has brought extra capacity to the design department, which will have a knock-on effect on A-Tech's potential business revenue. As an added bonus, Ben can also share the skills that he gains at college with the rest of the team. William Manners, A-Tech's company director, said: "Through the help and support from DurhamWorks A-Tech has been able to source a

talented young individual, who just needed the opportunity to show his potential. "Ben has become a valuable member of the team, showing great progression as he produces CAD models and drawings to feed production after only a few weeks of starting in the position." Durham County Council is the main partner in the DurhamWorks partnership project, which is funded by the European Social Fund's Youth Employment Initiative. To find out more, head to www.durhamworks.info/employers or alternatively call 03000

Lost Loved Ones Remembered at Church Service

On Thursday November 2nd St. Clare's Church celebrates All Souls Day. There will be a Service held at 9.30am that morning. All are very welcome to attend to remember all our loved ones who have passed on. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those you have loved, and also to remember them in our prayers. If you require any further information it can be obtained by ringing Pam Lovelass APA on 316841.

RECRUITER JOINS AMBITIOUS AGENCY



Scott Martin (left) with Neil O'Connor

Former motor trade apprentice Scott Martin has joined Aycliffe-based Fleet Recruitment, which provides recruitment and training services spanning a wide range of sectors including sales and marketing, commercial and automotive. The 44-year-old, from Darlington, has several years' experience in high-level recruitment. After specialising in the engineering and manufacturing sectors, as well as helping large firms to recruit senior finance roles, Scott now aims to help Fleet expand into those areas.

The firm's managing director, Neil O'Connor, said: "I wanted to expand the portfolio of services we offer in recruitment into different markets, and Scott has been on our radar for a long time. "Trying to recruit good recruiters these days is actually really tough. But what we liked about Scott is that he mirrors our values. He's very straight-forward and easy to do business with. "He's a really experienced consultant who has excellent competence in engineering,

manufacturing and more recently four or five years senior finance positions. Scott started his career as an apprentice vehicle technician and spent 12 years in the motor trade, latterly in customer service, progressing to service manager of a Honda dealership in London. He and his wife then spent a year travelling the world before returning to their native North-East, where Scott joined a marketing agency, and then set up his own in Stockton and Newcastle. A career change took Scott into the recruitment sector in 2010, spending a number of years working for a major international recruitment agency before joining Fleet. Fleet Recruitment, launched in December 2014, is located at St Cuthbert's House on Aycliffe Business Park and is already working with a number of well-known national brands from global manufacturing firms to world-renowned luxury car dealerships. If you would like more information call the team on 01325 313184 or visit www.fleetrecruitment.co.uk

October Activity Day at Greenfield Arts

Don't forget to book your place on our October Activity Day for the Half Term Holidays! This holiday will launch our season of creative writing and illustration events with a fabulous activity day on Saturday 28th October 10am - 2pm, including activities for both adults and young people to learn and explore together.

It will form part of the annual Family Learning Festival which aims to inspire a love of learning within families. These sessions have therefore been designed to contribute to this and bring families together in the holidays. 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. Why not try out your Spanish story making skills with Daria Coates! Dawn will be working in connection with The Big Draw 2017, which is focusing 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 offer to keep you entertained throughout the day. Details of all activities can be found on the 'Courses and Activities' page 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. For more information 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.



Come and enjoy a cosy morning at St Elizabeth's Church for the monthly Coffee Morning. With Home Produce, cakes, bakes and preserves. Seasonal Raffle and Refreshments. This all takes place on Saturday 4th of November at 10am. Start your weekend with an explosion of warmth and friendship.

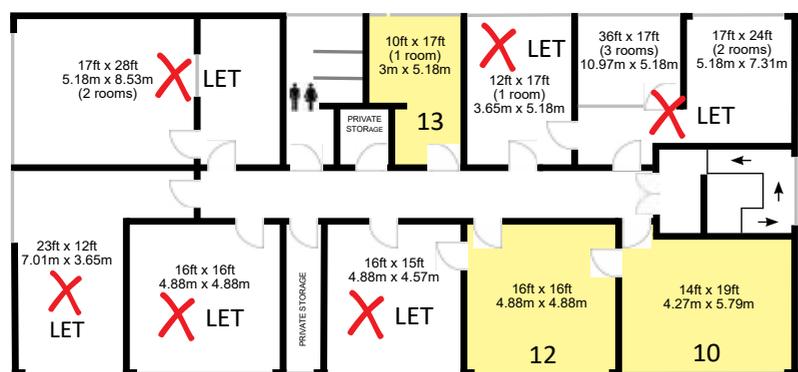
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History Talk

On Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Aycliffe Village Local History Society will hold a talk by Alastair Fraser entitled '18th Battalion Durham Light Infantry in Training and War: the Durham Pals'. All welcome members £1 non members £3 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Details 01325 301093.

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Big Club to Undergo Major Refurbishment

A new management team have taken over the day to day running of The Big Club and are already making huge strides to change the fortunes of one of Newton Aycliffe's longest running establishments.

The new team consists of:
Chairman: Baz Thompson
Joint Secretaries: Alan Nelson and Tom Brumwell
Treasurer: Sean Carroll
Assistant Treasurer: Neil Greenwood

Steward Gary Hepple
12 committee members are part of the team all committed to the makeover. The committee have six months to "deliver the vision" and have started on a full refurbishment programme with the help of members and volunteers, cleaning up walls, carpets, toilets and decor.

Molson Coors have entered into a new trade agreement with the club, which will include a complete refurbishment of the cellar and bar areas. There will also be a new bottle bar in the concert hall.

The members of the committee would like to record their thanks to members of the club

and the volunteers who have offered their time, experience and knowledge, free of charge, in particular Peter Toole, Tony Norton and Gary Hepple for an excellent start to the refurbishments.

The committee are looking to plan regular events, and if you have an idea for an event, please get in touch. Some of the ideas include "Show of the Month", Northern Soul Night and a Singles Night, which will start on 1st November.

The building has several rooms which are available for private or public functions, meetings, conferences, seminars, funerals, Christenings and parties. If you would like a look around please get in touch with Gary on 07598 550755 or ring the club on 01325 312949.

Membership renewal is due in December/January for existing members. If you would like to become a member the first year is £5.50, then £4.50 per annum thereafter.

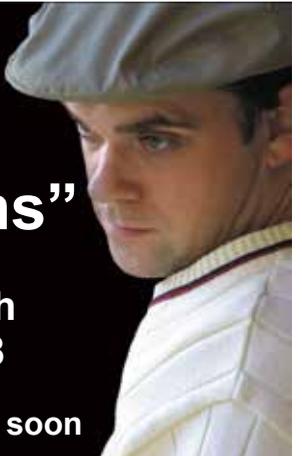
The Big Club will be using the pages of Newton News to publish our future events, so be sure to check each week or check the club notice board.

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Heighington Football Rugby at Woodham Academy

Heighington travelled to Billingham missing both Maddix and Tyler. But started the game with Louie in goal, Kyleo and Liam at the back, Kenzi and Alex up top.. Alex opened the scoring, Kyleo then fired home a Free kick, however Billingham were working hard and pulled a Goal back and the Boys went in at HT 2-1 to the Good. A penalty was awarded to the home team which they converted. This was now going to be a real test of Heighington's character. The next goal would be huge and Heighington got it. Kyleo scored a wonderful long range Goal before Alex got the 4th and 5th completing his Hat trick. Heighington saw the game out to win a tough, but thoroughly deserved 3 points. The second game was more subdued after the physicality of the 1st and Heighington started

with Kenzi in goal, Kieran and Kyleo at the back and Zane and Archie up top. Kyleo was on fire and scored a quick fire double, one of which was a free kick. before Billingham pulled a goal back. he then smashed in his hat trick before drilling home a 4th. Archie brown who was a real handful then scored the 5th as Kieran assisted. HT saw Kyleo go in goal Alex came on in kenzis place and he quickly got his 20th of the season. Billingham pulled another back before Archie got his customary brace. Zane then got in on the act finishing well through the Keepers legs and Billingham scored a couple more to finish the scoring at 8-4. MOTM 1st game was Kyleo, second game was Kieran and Player of the Day was given to the whole squad for a battling display!



Woodham Academy has added Rugby Union to the extensive range of sports played at the school. The newly developed Rugby Academy team have taken part in their first tournament following two months of training.

The Rugby Academy - initially consisting of Year 10 and 11 students - competed in the Durham Union County Cup, taking on district and county-level players in four games hosted by Billingham RUFC.

Rugby coach Paul Richardson said most of the team had not played the sport before the launch of the new academy, but "held their own" in a series of competitive matches.

He said: "This was our first set of 15-a-side fixtures and we hope it is the start of many. The team impressed with their determination and skill with ball in hand. Our forwards, who have been tireless in developing their scrum and lineouts, were dominant in all their passages of play, and when we got the ball into the hands of our backs

we used our pace and passing to capitalise.

"We have been invited to compete in the Durham County Plate at the end of November. There is plenty to work on between now and then but we hope you will come show your support when we play."

Hooker Aaron Busby took the player-of-the-match award in his first game, and honourable mentions go to Charlie Hirst, James Toase, Jak Kennedy, James Imiela and Spencer

Soakell. Woodham Sports Academy offers high-quality coaching opportunities to elite athletes in a range of sports. Coaching is delivered by the school's award-winning PE department and through local clubs. The school also has its own 20-metre swimming pool, as well as a sports hall and gymnasium, and has recently invested more than £100,000 on new changing facilities. Facilities are available to hire. Call 01325 300328.

AYCLIFFE FC WIN AWAY AT PENRITH



Craig Hutchinson scoring Aycliffe's second goal at Penrith

Newton Aycliffe travelled to Penrith and came away with an important 3-2 win that lifted them to 15th place in the table. Penrith put up a fight, particularly in the first half, but an improved second half performance and superior finishing gave Aycliffe the win. Penrith's direct approach was better suited to the wet, muddy and windy conditions, and deservedly went ahead on 14 minutes.

Gardner tried a long shot which took a deflection before beating James Winter. Aycliffe started to adjust to the conditions and Ben Trotter hit a lob onto the roof of the net on 27 minutes. Nine minutes later, an Aycliffe corner was re-worked by Craig Hutchinson and he crossed for Andrew Grant-Soulsby to head home. Penrith kept pressing and Gavin Wilson cleared off the line on 39 minutes.

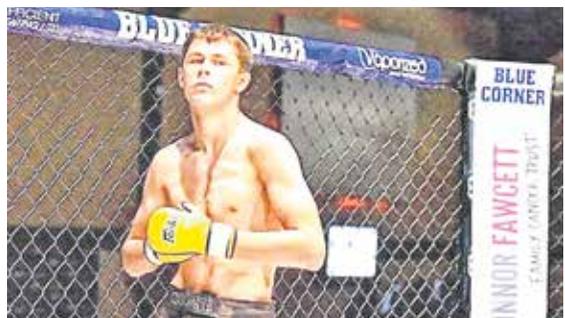
Aycliffe didn't heed the warning and allowed Penrith to drive through the midfield before getting a cross in from the left for Gardner to slot in at the back post. Half-time 2-1. A few harsh words from the Management team at the

break seemed to wake the players out of their slumber, as they were on top in the second half. Aycliffe brought on new signing Paul Kane on 57 minutes, to increase the attacking options, and within 3 minutes, they were level. A long pass from Aaron Brown was met by Craig Hutchinson and he hit it over home keeper Dixon with a tremendous finish.

Aycliffe had the upper hand, and they made it tell, when five minutes later, Kurt Matthews broke free and calmly finished past Dixon for 2-3. They then produced a good team move, which finished with Kurt Matthews putting his shot just past the post. Penrith tried to respond and James Winter had to tip a shot over the bar on 85 minutes, but Aycliffe held on for the win.

Aycliffe played Consett on Tues 24 October in the Durham Challenge Cup and then travel to Whitley Bay on Saturday for an Ebac Northern League Division One game before returning to Moore Lane to welcome Marske Utd on Tuesday 31st, kick off 7:30pm

Teenager Seeks Sponsor



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Overcoming the Water Wobbles

If you've just got back from your family summer holiday with a tired and frustrated toddler, you're not the only one. Keeping them entertained every day, whilst still trying to fit in your own rest and relaxation is no mean feat. If your little one is a happy and confident swimmer, then you most probably spent 98% of your break trying to lure them out of the pool, but what do you do if your child is afraid of the water?

Karla Hodgetts-Tate's two-year-old daughter, Caoimhe, is absolutely obsessed with swimming. She spent most of their family trip to Spain splashing around in the pool with her dad and there is nothing she enjoys more than her weekly Water Babies lesson with her mum. But this wasn't always the case, as Karla explains, "Caoimhe hated the water from day one. We took her to her first Water Babies class when she was three months old and she screamed the place down. Watching your tiny little baby in such distress is just heart breaking, but I was adamant she was going to learn to swim. It was hard work. It took months of perseverance and patience for her to relax in the pool and with the support of our wonderful teacher, Emma, we've come out of the Water Wobbles phase - in fact, Caoimhe now loves swimming more than any other child I know!"

If you can relate to Karla's struggle with Caoimhe's confidence in the water, follow these handy tips from Caoimhe's Water Babies teacher, Emma, on how to overcome the Water Wobbles! What are the Water Wobbles? "Some children can develop an aversion to water when they reach about 8-months old. This is a common developmental phase and can see children becoming overly dependent on their parents and seeming to fear activities they once loved - including swimming! This phase is sometimes known as the junior toddler phase. You might your child demonstrating conflicting behaviours - off exploring and

causing mischief one minute and clinging to you for dear life the next.

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Chester Whites Under 10's 1 - 3 Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 10's

Great team performance on Saturday. Will Houlahan making some great passes and scoring a good goal. Alex Bellwood scored 2, one a superb strike into the top corner. Tyler Waddingham in goal made some great saves and in defence Isaac, Kai, Oskar and Harry looked to pass the ball and tackled really well. Jake Laheney-Clark worked really hard up front with Alex making some great runs and just missing out on a goal. Overall everyone did their own job and some of the passing was excellent. Well done everyone!! Man of the match this week Will Houlahan for his passing and work rate.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 11's Girls 2 - 11 Wallsend Girls
A wet soggy pitch greeted us at the Oakleaf this morning but this didn't put the girls off, trying to play a good passing game of football. The wind didn't help longer balls from goal but the girls battled on. Wallsend were quick to score but Aycliffe answered within seconds with a goal from Enya. Then before we knew it we were 2 goals up with another goal from Enya. However Wallsend pushed harder and started to swamp our defence. Changes at half time to give our girls chances of trying different positions and resting some others after such hard work, saw end to end play, but



the experience of Wallsend showed as they dominated the goal scoring. Again the result doesn't reflect how well the girls played. Getting stronger each match and always giving 100%

Falcons U11s 3 - 5 TIBS Fc yellow.

Today we faced TIBS yellow away from home. The game was fiercely contested and the result did not reflect the performance. After going behind to two early goals we went on to dominate large spells of the game but we just could not get the goals needed to pull ourselves level. Chasing the game and pushing for goals kept getting us caught out on the counter attack. Despite this the boys were brilliant and never gave in. Every player gave it their all and it's encouraging to see the player's desire and passion. Very unlucky to come away the losing side and it was a very frustrating morning for a lot of the players. Games like this are tough for the players but I feel that more will be learnt from this game than the players realise. Keep working that hard in matches and results will follow. Goal scorers, Reece Smith, Louis Parnaby and Travis Dixon. Man of the match was Jordan McBride.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 13's Girls 1 - 1 Billingham Girls Under 13's Girls

Heavy pitch but the weather was kind at the Oakleaf for the visit of a very good Billingham team, so a good game was expected. Aycliffe played into the stiff breeze so a lot of the football was in our half but the defensive line were outstanding again today. Aycliffe still looked dangerous on the break and had a couple of half chances. Then from a low Billingham corner the ball was guided into the bottom corner for HT score 0-1. Nothing much to say at half time other than we have the wind and use our width and of the girls went. Again half chances from both teams but a winning tackle in midfield and a defence splitting pass finds Hattie who smashes into the roof of the net 1-1 game on!! Aycliffe started to stretch both full backs but Billingham were strong at the back but the game ended 1-1 which was probably a fair result. Coulby Newham 1 - 2 Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 14's Eagles Sunday's game was played on a very large pitch which encouraged a good passing game. With both teams trying to cancel out each other, the game was fairly even. Aycliffe took the lead in the first half following a corner being tucked away by Joey Howarth. Jamie Cockfield returned today in goal following a period out due to injury. He was the sweeper keeper and kept Coulby at bay along with his defence in front of him. Coulby did manage to get an equaliser from the penalty spot. This made the game really exciting for the spectators but Aycliffe always looked the most likely to score the winner. That goal came from some very cool finishing from Dylan Bowater, slotting the ball under the keeper into the back of the net! Aycliffe held on to win the game and deserved the victory. Man of the match was Jake Goad for his determination and threatening attacking work.

Washington Under 16's Girls 1 - 1 Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 16's Girls

U16 Girls played away to Washington on a very heavy pitch. The girls knew it was going to be a tough game. What a game, a different team of girls turned up today brilliant & awesome, 100% was given by all. The girls all passed the ball throughout the whole game. The pressure from Aycliffe towards Washington was really stressing them out, respect to the Ref who controlled the game brilliantly. Our patience paid off as Lucy passed across to Lottie who found the back of the net the celebrations on the side lines were brilliant. Our luck was in half time. Re group, re chat. Second half Washington came back fighting hard but again Aycliffe girls just passed the ball around them. Washington then had 10 minutes of strong attacking play and unfortunately got the equaliser. Game on with 15 minutes to go, the girls were doing sliding tackles, mud was everywhere! The tension on the side line was mounting. Final score 1-1.

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

Sports Club in Form

After last week's comfortable win Aycliffe Sports Club looked to continue their good run of recent form at home to Straindrop in the Wear Valley Sunday League Division 2. However, the game started very badly for the hosts as a lazy back pass from skipper Gareth Boyes to his keeper was intercepted by Staindrop forward Ben Goodfellow who slotted home easily to make it one nil after just 30 seconds.

The lead did not last long, a corner in the 6th minute was swung into the Staindrop box and Ryan Stonehouse rose about the rest to nod home the equaliser. The home side however could not get into their stride and the pitch was making it difficult for either side to stamp their mark on the game. On the 25th minute it was the away side who took the lead again, Ben Goodfellow getting his second of the game after another defensive error. The home side needed to step up in the second half and that's exactly what they did. A penalty awarded on the 55th minute should have seen

them get back into the game, but David Teders effort was saved well from the Staindrop Keeper. An unusually quiet Kyle Allen almost found the equaliser shortly after but his effort went agonisingly wide. David Teder made up for the penalty miss on the hour mark after the ball was failed to be cleared with any conviction and he struck the ball sweetly from just outside the area to make it 2-2. The hard work was starting to pay off as Kyle Allens cross from the corner bounced of a Staindrop defender and into the net to make it 3-2 to the hosts.

It was the substitute's turns to get on the score sheet next, with Anth Campbell making it 4-2 on 80 minutes and Chris Jones, returning to the Sports Club for his first game of the season to make it 5-2 with only minutes remaining. A hard fought win, with lots of areas of improvement to work on, but it was a win never the less. MOM - Kyle Allen. Next up: Division 2 Quarter Final (H) to Spennymoor Ash Tree

Unbeaten Nemesis Junior Team



Nemesis Cheerleaders had a fantastic year as well as 3 athletes getting picked to attend 'Worlds' in America next year. The junior squad have been unbeaten for a full year in every competition and have competed all over the country.

Juniors and Seniors have both secured a free paid bid to the World Cheerleading Coalition Battle of the Champions competition at Peterborough Arena. The junior team will face competition from approximately 45 other teams among the best in the Country and the senior squad against approximately 32 of the best teams in the country. Nemesis have now joined with Athena Sports Academy and train every session on a full spring floor with use of all

Athena gymnastics equipment Due to demand we are now opening a younger age group team. If anyone is interested in being part of Nemesis male or female, please contact Sarah 07808 504132 or Andrea 07734

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us to hold our concert in their school hall, and with lights and sound, and refreshments for parents too. On Friday 20th October, the children were invited to come to school dressed as an animal, for a small donation, to support the charity 'Wear It Wild'. They

took part in animal themed lessons in maths, literacy and art throughout the day. The total raised over the two events was £171 which will be split between the two charities. Well to everyone, staff children and parents who supported these events

X Factor Finalist Stars at MRI Charity Ball

A Dinner, Ball, and top entertainment in support of the charity appeal to bring new MRI scanners to Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals is being held at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, on Friday 17th November 2017. Tickets are £65 each with tables of ten. The evening starts with a drinks reception at 7.00pm, followed by a four course meal and three complementary bottles of wine per table. A full evening of entertainment includes live music from X Factor finalist, Keira Weathers and a Disco till 1.00 am.

Charity manager at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, Pat Chambers, says, "I'm delighted that we've already sold most tickets but we still have a limited number of seats available, it would be wonderful if businesses and the community can help us make our first Charity Ball a sell-out. It's a chance to get dressed up and have fun, enjoy some great networking and meet friends old and new - all for a great cause. It's timely for an early Christmas get together too!"

"An MRI scanner is one of the most expensive pieces of equipment hospitals purchase but tremendous advances in technology over recent years mean they can be enormously helpful in diagnosing cancer, heart conditions, strokes and many other health issues. Scans can also give doctors information that previously required the patient to undergo surgery or another invasive procedure as part of the investigation of their

symptoms. Crucially, MRI scanners don't use radiation, unlike x-rays so offer a safer route for patients, particularly children.

"Many of us will need an MRI scan at some point, or have a close relative or friend who will benefit from one, and the ball is a fantastic chance to support the appeal and have a great night. We're extremely grateful to Maguires Country Parks for sponsoring this, our first, Charity Ball."

To find out more, or buy tickets, email: pat.chambers1@nhs.net or ring 07770 45565.

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The event was opened by County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network (CDEM) Chairman David Land and Phil Wilson MP. David Land said: "We went all out to make this Oktoberfest the best yet, in terms of numbers, quality and the event line up, and this was certainly achieved."

"Feedback from exhibitors and attendees has been fantastic and we know many have forged new links with companies that they will be following up which we hope will lead to contracts being agreed."

"The addition of the Incubator Zone proved particularly popular and we're confident many of those involved for the first time will return next year as fully-fledged exhibitors."

The Incubator Zone was a dedicated space for companies who have never exhibited and was delivered in partnership with LEC Communications and Design, Durham Business Opportunities Programme with ERDF support. Twenty one companies from across County Durham took part and all are now pursuing promising leads which they hope to convert to new business.

Oktoberfest featured the University of Sunderland's AMAP North East Maintenance Forum; a rail opportunities themed seminar with the Rail Alliance, Business Durham and CDEM; a finance forum with Maven North East; and an international trade workshop with Department for

International Trade. There was a panel debate which proved hugely popular looking at the challenges and opportunities for businesses around Brexit. Participants were David Land, Phil Wilson MP, Abi Broadley from Aquarius Rail, Lee Childs from Sora, Richard Hogg from Jackson Hogg, Michael Smith from Tait Walker and Kevin Maloney from Muckle LLP, all bringing their own field of expertise.

The popular Education Zone with New College Durham, Hartlepool College of Further Education, the South Durham UTC, South West Durham Training/Bishop Auckland College and the University of Sunderland also returned showcasing the skills employers can expect to find when taking on their next tranche of apprentices.

Lucy Prior, membership development and international trade director at the Rail Alliance, said: "It was great to be part of Durham Oktoberfest, delivering our rail seminar in partnership with Business Durham and CDEM. We've had so much positive feedback from those who attended our session which is great."

"The rail sector presents massive opportunities for regional companies and that's what we wanted to get across." CDEM Operations Director Ben Gilhespy added: "Once again we have built of the platform on the success of previous years and delivered more exhibitors, greater footfall and most importantly, opportunities to engage, network, learn and win business."

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CAR PARK CLOSED FOR FUNFAIR

Dear Editor

I was absolutely shocked to read in last week's Newton News that the Bewick Crescent car park was to be closed off for a whole week and to be used as a fair ground for this week's activities in the town centre.

This car park, although not belonging to the Bewick Crescent Surgery is used by people visiting the Doctors' Surgery and to close it off and use as a fairground attraction is absolutely disgraceful.

People who are disabled as well as those who are really ill are now being forced into a position where they need to find alternative space to park and perhaps walk a great distance to get to the surgery. There are several playing fields in the vicinity that could have surely have been used for this triviality instead of closing off this car park. What on earth is going on here?

I. Wilkinson

WARA Meet

Western Area Residents Association meeting Wednesday 1st November 2.00pm, at the Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place.

Local Councillors, LIVIN and the police hopefully will attend Everyone welcome. 07967901477 for further details

German Choir Perform in Durham Cathedral

One of Mozart's best-known works is to be performed by a 50-strong German choir during a visit to the county next month.

The group, known as Semiseria, is from Durham's partner area of Tübingen and will perform Mozart's Requiem in D Minor at Durham Cathedral on Saturday, 4 November.

Members of the Cobweb Orchestra will accompany the choir alongside the County Durham Youth Orchestra for the concert, which aims to strengthen the well-established links between the two areas.

The mixed-voice choir, which has played in countries including France, Poland and Argentina, made the decision to perform Requiem in D Minor as November 2 is All Souls' Day, when Christians traditionally honour the memory of the dead.

Clr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues, said:

"We are delighted to welcome Semiseria to Durham for this joint performance with local musicians."

"The event is just one example of the strong relationship between Durham and Tübingen and we are keen to continue this long into the future."

The partnership between Tübingen and County Durham was officially established in 1969 and other upcoming events include a photography exhibition in the Pemberton Rooms in Palace Green over the same weekend.

Next year, further musical events are planned when St John's School orchestra visits Tübingen in July and the Durham Singers take part in Bachfest in September.

Tickets for the event cost between £6 and £10 and can be bought by visiting www.galadurham.co.uk or calling the box office on 03000 266 600.

Save Money on PCSO's

Dear Sir,

Regarding the letter in Newton News w/e 20th on further savings having to be made by D.C.C. I am of the opinion that a good start in saving money would be to dispose of PCSO's who, as far as I can see, are just a uniform walking the streets. They have no authority, so what's the point in employing them? To me it is just an expensive imitation Policeman, costing £19,000 per year each, walking the streets. I cannot even say, they look good, because none of them seem to ever press their uniforms, or polish shoes. Name & address supplied

Editor: I am sure there will be many who come to the defence of PCSO's who perform well in this town. Hopefully DCC do not look at the Police budget to save money.

Rothman's Reunion 2017

The dates for the forthcoming reunions for ex Rothmans Pensioners from Darlington, Spennymoor and Peterlee factories are:

Darlington - Wednesday 22nd November 2017, 1.00pm-6.00pm at the Dolphin Centre.

Spennymoor/Peterlee - Thursday 23rd November, 2017, 1.00pm-6.00pm at Spennymoor Town Hall.

To confirm attendance please contact the following organisers for each venue.

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Town Teenager Honoured with British Citizen Youth Award

Twenty four inspirational youngsters from across the UK were delighted to be announced as medallists for this year's British Citizen Youth Award (BCyA) in recognition of their extraordinary contribution to society, charities and good causes.

Jake Mendelsohn, 15, from Newton Aycliffe was one of the children honoured for their incredible efforts at a formal presentation held at the Palace of Westminster on Thursday 19th October.

Now in its second year, the BCyA, in association with Specsavers, seeks to highlight the many acts of bravery, kindness and compassion carried out by young people across the UK.



Incredible stories inspired to take action following a friend's serious illness, Jake Mendelsohn plunged into the chilly waters of Lake Windermere to do a one-mile charity swim – raising £500 in sponsorship for his brave effort during the Great North Swim.

Jake is a water polo player who had never swum in open water before but he resolved to take up the challenge when a family friend was diagnosed with a brain tumour, aged just 23, and who sadly died last year. The money Jake raised will go to the Brain Tumour Research Campaign.

A family friend nominated him for the BCyA Awards for his efforts for charity. The youngster, who attends the Woodham Academy in Newton Aycliffe, is continuing a family tradition, as his grandad, Peter

Beaty, now aged 85, received an MBE eight years ago for services to charity. Jake's mum Allison said: "He had never done any open water swimming so it was a bit of a challenge but on the day, he was just amazing. He was on his own, just 13 years old and went into the water and I didn't see him again until he got out on the other side. For a 13-year-old that was just amazing and I'm extremely proud of him."

Medallist Jake received his BCyA medal from Ashley Banjo, creative director and lead dancer of Diversity, whose dance troupe won the third series of Britain's Got Talent.

Ashley says: 'I am honoured to be able to play a part of the British Citizen Youth Awards in October at the Palace of Westminster. What

a fantastic way to recognise these young people that have made a difference to their communities up and down the UK. These inspirational young people are making a difference and encouraging other young people to do the same.'

Tim Mitchison, store director of Specsavers Newton Aycliffe, says: 'As a partner of the BCyA, it is always uplifting to hear about the amazing and selfless acts performed by youngsters both within our community and across the UK. 'Whether it be raising money for charity or helping those in need, we want to grow awareness of these achievements and inspire the next generation of children to make a similar positive impact on society.'

Red Stripe Perform at Jazz Club

The hot jazz, blues and boogie-woogie sounds of Red Stripe Band are guaranteed to warm up a November day when they get their Darlington audience stomping out of their seats.

The Red Stripe Band is coming back to Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club on Saturday 4th November. Red Stripe and his band have been belting out their boogie-woogie rhythms for over 20 years and have played all over the world from Monte Carlo to Tokyo and New York to Milan.

"The band has a great time wherever it goes – infectious energy filling the venue with on and off stage antics, plus world class live music of course" said Club co-founder Graham Foster. "When they visited us last year they – and we – had a fantastic couple of hours of jazz, blues and boogie with a great band sound and some breathtaking solos".

"Red Stripe - aka Neil

Drinkwater- and his band will make sure everyone who comes along has a really good time" added Ray Sams, Graham's co-founder. "They're a set of top class international musicians who are in demand all over the world and have shared stages with Sting, Madonna, Van Morrison, Eddi Reader and Chris Barber".

Entry to the Red Stripe Band gig is just £10 on the door, and children 15 and under go free. Darlington for Culture members are eligible for discounted entry on production of their membership card. All sessions are at St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington and start at 12.30, doors open from noon. There's a licensed bar; tea and coffee is available; and everyone is very welcome to bring their own food along for a picnic whilst the band is entertaining.

There's the added benefit of plenty of free onsite

car parking. It's also just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk or contact Ray Sams ray@darlingtonjazz.co.uk 07860 368022 Graham Foster graham@darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Coming up next: Save the date - Saturday 2 December sees the Club hosting the last gig of the 2017 season. Maine Street Jazzmen will be playing entertaining Dixieland jazz, drawing their influences from the classic American

jazz groups of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, as well as the British bands of the 1950s & 60s era.

Congratulations

ANITA MOLLOY Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love from Alyson and Andrew xx

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KAREN HARRISON Happy 50th birthday to a special Daughter-in-Law. Loads of love from Dave and Chris xx

KAREN HARRISON To a special Sister-in-Law on her 50th birthday. Hope you have a great day. Love from Gail, Ken, Paul and to a special Auntie and Great Auntie from all the Hudsons xxxxx

TELFORD Congratulations Kim and Neil on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. Love and best wishes always, Mam and all the family xxx

TELFORD Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad. Love always, Seam, Liam and Lucy xxx

Obituary

Eddie Jones

16th October 2017

Peacefully with his loving family by his side, of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Liverpool. Eddie, aged 77 years. Beloved Husband of the late Barbara; much loved Dad to Paula, Edwina and Jessica; Father-in-Law to Joe, Gary and Dean; dearly loved Granddad to Grace, Gemma, Aidan, Ryan, Cameron, Isaac, Eddie and Pearl Margaret; also a dear Brother. Funeral on Friday 27th October, will friends please meet at 3.00pm for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society.

Evelyn Edwards



Peacefully at home on 19th October 2017, surrounded by her family. Evelyn, aged 78 years, loving Mam to Laurie, Tracey and Leigh; Mother-in-Law to Andrew; Grandma to Sean, Alison, Lisa, Liam, Gareth, Ryan and Jack and a much loved Great-Grandma to Alfie, Lily-May, Emily and Ella Grace.

Funeral to be held on Wednesday 1st November at 11.00am in Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please, however donations in memory of Evelyn are welcome to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Be on the Look out for Painted Rocks in Aycliffe



Keep an eye out for painted rocks over half term. 1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Beavers and Wolf Cubs have joined the rock painting craze and have been busy painting them, because "Aycliffe Rocks"!

Over the half term they will be hiding them around the town for people to find. If you find one you can hide it somewhere else or exchange it for another one. For more information about the rocks or about Beavers or Wolf Cubs please contact Sue Beadle on 07971849840

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 31st October features Disney's 15th animated classic "LADY AND THE TRAMP" One of the most loved Disney films, it is the tale of free-wheeling mutt Tramp and lovingly pampered cocker spaniel Lady. A tale of adventure, courage, comedy and beautiful songs. Forget Romeo and Juliet, this is the greatest love story ever. Heart-warming, feel-good, laughter and tears for all ages; Where else would you want to be? Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

In Memoriam

Janet Jackson

29th October 2009

Our family chain is broken,
Nothing seems the same,
But as we are called one by one
The links shall join again.

Loved forever, Brian, Sarah, Stephen, Robert, Naomi, Joshua, Amanda and Ian

LINDA GRIFFITHS 2nd November 2016. Never a day do I forget you, in my heart you are always near. God alone knows how I miss you, and ends this first sad year. My heart still aches with sadness, my secret tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. God bless. Ray xxxx

OLIVE McCABE Another year passes, still love and think about you always. Lots of love from Pete, Pam, Tasha, Emma and all the family xx

DOREEN LAMBERT 1930-2017. My friend of 60 years has gone to join the "Trolley Dollies" in the sky. Miss you loads my friend. Trolley Dolley No. 2

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AYCLIFFE POLO SWIMMERS IN MANCHESTER TOURNAMENT

Sedgefield Water Polo Club players have recently represented other clubs in the National U14 Age Groups (NAGS) competition at the Manchester Aquatic Centre.

Girls Poppy, Jessica and Ella played for City of Sheffield and came away with a very well deserved silver medal. City of Sheffield battled their way to the final after defeat by Newton Abbott 3-13, winning against Otter Futura 16-0 in the group games. A quarter final against Cheltenham gave City of Sheffield a 12-2 victory. The semi-final was a close affair against Otter with City of Sheffield running out winners 8-5. The final was a repeat of the first match of the day against Newton Abbott. The team from the South West proving to strong with a 11-3 victory.

Boys Ben, Ryan and Matthew played for Rotherham and came away in 5th place. All the groups were tough and to proceed to the medal rounds the team needed a group top place, with

the crunch match being against Watford and unfortunately this was the first match of the day. Watford held on for a 4-3 victory in a very tight match. Next up was Newton Abbott with Rotherham controlling the game to take an 8-4 victory. This placed Rotherham in the 5th - 8th pace play-off. First match against Cheltenham was a comfortable victory for Rotherham 7-5. This lead to the final match of the day against Nova Centurions with Rotherham falling short with a 8-10 loss.

On behalf of Sedgefield Water Polo Club, we are very proud that our players are being recognised for their talents by other clubs and that they are showing great team spirit by working with other clubs to gain valuable experience for their future sporting careers. If anyone is interested in joining the club, please get in touch to arrange a free trial at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. We have spaces available for all age groups. E: sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com or on 07544 374520



Juniors Football Report



The Aycliffe Juniors football season continued over another weekend with matches for the majority of the clubs teams.

The Under 6's played only their second ever friendly game at home against Leven. They had a great time, Denver and Jack scored two goals each in a fine team performance.

The Under 7's played two friendly games against Wynyard. The first was drawn 3-3 and the second saw a superb comeback from 3-0 down for them to win 4-3.

The Under 8's hosted Stockton Town 'Blue' and after going 3-0 down goals from Thomas and Oliver (2) levelled the scores at 3-3. Goals were then exchanged between the teams with Thomas scoring again. Stockton though went on to win the match 6-4. Oliver was named as the Aycliffe man of the match.

The Under 9's (pictured) played at Sunnydale against Seaton Carew Tigers it was a tough game against strong opposition in windy conditions. Man of the match Harrison made some great saves in the Aycliffe goal but at half time Seaton were 4-0 up. A goal each for Kai and Harry in the second half was not enough to prevent defeat.

The Under 10's 'White' were due to travel and play Stockton Town 'Yellow' however their opponents were struck down with a sickness bug so the match had to be cancelled.

The Under 10's 'Black' played away at Greatham FC and started well with Jake getting the first goal and then Joseph scoring from Noah's well placed corner. Man of the match Joseph completed his

hattrick to make it 4-0 before Jake's second completed a 5-0 win.

The Under 11's played at Great Ayton and they conceded two goals late in the first half. Man of the match Noah made a string of fine saves, including one from a penalty. Aycliffe pushed forward to get back in the game but conceded again. Thomas grabbed a consolation goal in this 3-1 defeat.

The Under 12 TJFA league team hosted Golden Flatts and they maintained their unbeaten status with a great 8-0 win. Liam scored twice in the first fifteen minutes with both Charlie D and Charlie B then going on to add two goals each. Alex and Will scored later in the game to complete this resounding victory.

The Under 13's made the short trip to play Shildon and it turned out to be an exciting encounter. After going 1-0 down Clark held up play and set up Hume to score. Clark's penalty made it 2-1 but Shildon equalised after half time. Another goal from man of the match Clark made it 3-2 but Shildon came back again to make the final score 3-3.

The Under 16's hosted top of the table Richmond Town and also drew 3-3. Dan's free kick gave Aycliffe an early lead but Richmond equalised soon after. Stoker scored twice before half time, the first after a great ball from Pattinson. The score remained 3-1 with five minutes to go but the visitors earned a point with two late goals.

The Under 23's played a local derby at Sunnydale against Shildon and came away 5-4 winners.

GET INTO SWIMMING AT AYCLIFFE POOL

Those looking for fun this half-term are being encouraged to try out a range of swimming activities taking place in pools across the county.

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre is launching its new pool programme which will have adults making waves with two new classes - aqua cycle and aqua jump.

Putting the traditional spinning class in the water, aqua cycle sees state-of-the-art bikes submerged while users pedal against the resistance of the water.

While the workout benefits cardiovascular health in the same way as regular cycling, the buoyancy of the water also reduces impact on muscles and joints.

Aqua jump classes are filled with fun and high-energy, using underwater trampolines to improve strength, conditioning and core stability.

To keep the children entertained over the holiday, eight pools are already running a variety of sessions including 'Ready, Set, Splash', perfect for children and parents looking to spend more quality time together.

Children will be able to play and invent their own games, as well as meeting Brock the Badger and his friends who are learning to love the water at the same time.

Some pools will also be taken over by a giant inflatable obstacle course, perfect for keeping older children entertained, while aquafun sessions will see new equipment such as rafts, floats and water toys help people

develop their aquatics skills. The new sessions are being introduced to some of the county's pools thanks to a £1.5 million investment from Durham County Council, alongside £540,972 funding from Sport England and also include activities suitable for children and young people. As family sessions don't need to be booked, parents and

children are free to turn up and dive straight into the fun. To celebrate the launch of the new pool programme at Newton Aycliffe, anyone who signs up for a swim membership between Monday 23 and Thursday 30 November will receive a 25 per cent discount. For information visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/swimming>

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