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Beware of Rogue Roofer

Readers are asked to beware of cold callers who tell you work is "needed" on your house? There is a rogue "roofer" preying on the elderly telling them they have "broken tiles" and "twisted drain pipes". Just turn them away!

Great Response to New Aycliffe Radio

The organisers received a tremendous response this week for the upcoming launch of Aycliffe Radio. We currently have seven volunteer presenters and four more volunteers to help run the station and sit on the board. However, we have not received

any female volunteers and feel we need to address that - so we are appealing for any lady presenters or volunteers to help behind the scenes. Some of the team will be setting up the studio in The Big Club this weekend - which will enable our presenters to see the set-up and get used to the equipment they will be using - thanks to Greenfield College.

One of the confirmed shows to be broadcast will include a weekly sports round up by Darren Lowe for the Newton Aycliffe Youth Football and Lee Weldon will give a run down on the Cricket Club's activities. This will be broadcast on Sunday evenings.

Other sessions will include a 70's Session from Peter Rush; 80's Show by Paul Gittins; R 'n' B Show with Jack Hall; "Alternative Aycliffe" from Gary Avery as well as other features. There is still room for more DJ's to present a show or something different. Local entertainer Neville Jones (Groovy Street) and Newtonian, record producer/promoter Paul Mooney have also offered help and advice, which is needed and very much welcomed.

If you have an idea for a slot or would like to get involved, please contact Jack or Paul. Only two weeks to go to the launch date, which is set at 12noon on Friday 1st December. All the presenters and volunteers are very excited and are looking forward to the launch.

To contact Aycliffe Radio talk to Jack Hall, email: info@ayclifferradio.co.uk or call 07535 488466; Paul can be contacted on paul@newtonnews.co.uk or ring 01325 300212 (office hours).

XMAS FAIR

Rose Lodge Care Home at Cobblers Hall are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November from 2pm to 4pm to mark the beginning of the home's Christmas celebrations. The fair will feature a variety of gift stalls, prize games, a Christmas Café and Santa's grotto. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Home Manager Nicola Wheatley on 01325 271301.

Mini Police Brighten Horndale Underpass



Pupils from Byerley Park School and St. Francis Mini Police have planted 2,500 crocus bulbs on 2 of the embankments of the underpass that joins The Chase and Horndale estates. The pupils enjoyed learning about how to plant bulbs and are looking forward to the spring to see the rewards of their work. By involving young pupils it gives them pride and ownership of part of their neighbourhoods. Underpasses by their design can be dull and not very nice routes to use, but by planting flowers at the entrance of underpasses we hope to make them more attractive and bring a lot of joy to the many people who use the

underpass on a daily basis. This project was made possible by Livin covering the cost of the bulbs through their regeneration fund, thanks also to DCC Civic Pride Team who lifted and replaced the turf; they also showed the pupils how to plant the bulbs and supplied some equipment. Thank you to PCSO Chris O'Brien for her work with the Mini Police. We hope to repeat this project on the other 2 embankments next year but on bigger scale. Another community project working together for the good of others, organised by Horndale Residents Association. Philip Clark, Chairman

Don't Throw Bones Outside

Dear Sir
I was walking my Jackawawa into town and as I got to the car park near Bewick Crescent my dog was eating something off the grass verge and it was big chicken bone recklessly discarded by someone.

I managed to remove most of it from his mouth as it is very dangerous. People are not aware of the danger of chicken bones if they get stuck in an animal's throat it could lead to a very costly Vet bill and could also cause a dog to choke to death! I've also noticed chicken bones been thrown out around the Simpature area and Beechfield. Please do not throw bones into street or grass areas. Miss G. Bowes

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Mayor lays a wreath at Aycliffe Village Memorial



Sugar Hill School Mini Police were on parade.



Residents pay homage at the War Memorial, Midridge



Aycliffe Village children at Remembrance Day Service

The townspeople lined the route at Newton Aycliffe for the Remembrance Day Parade along Central Avenue and St Cuthbert's Way to St. Clare's Church on Sunday. Even with the large crowd watching the parade, a respectful silence was observed perfectly.

Dame Dela Smith DBE, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, led the wreath laying ceremony, followed by politicians, local groups and associations. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary said, "Once again the people of Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village turned out in force to remember the great price paid by service personnel both past and

present, in conflict and humanitarian work. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the acts of Remembrance this year". A Service was also held at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village which was very well attended by members of the public.

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Mya Cuts Off Her Long Hair for Charity



On Saturday Mya Stores, a pupil at St. Mary's primary in Newton Aycliffe, had her long hair cut into a short bob, as she wanted to do something to help children with cancer. A while ago she saw an advert on the TV, and thought to herself, "I have long hair, I would like to help others." She has been growing her hair long since September last year. The hair that has been cut off is going to be used by the Little Princess Trust, a charity who makes wigs for children and young adults who sadly have lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

A few of Mya's classmates went to the Tesco Store in Northallerton last Saturday, 11th November at 11.30 am to watch their friend having her hair cut off. Her dad, Martin cut off her hair. This store was chosen as one of her friends, Ava's Mam, is manager there. She organised a bottle bag raffle to get extra money too. Mya had her hair in 4 bobbles before getting it cut. Mya and her 2 friends, Sophie and Ava were given a tiara to wear, making them feel like real princesses. Already Mya and her family have raised over £1300 from private donations and from her Virgin money just giving page, and money is still coming in. She still has four weeks left to collect money. If you would like to donate, you can go to her Just Giving page:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/fundraiser?fundraiserActivityId=880233&stop_mobi=yes

Here are a few quotes of what Mya and her friends thought. Mya, "I did not expect to raise so much." Sophie, "It is amazing to think our friend got her hair cut off for charity." Ava, "I am surprised how much money was raised." Some of the parents from the school commented. "Well done Mya, you are an inspiration and it looks absolutely fantastic." "What a really kind thing to do." "You are a very brave and inspirational young girl Mya, well done."

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Schoolboy Life-saver Receives Chairman's Medal

A nine-year-old who saved another boy from drowning has become the youngest ever recipient of the Chairman's Medal, the highest honour in County Durham.

Blake Stephenson pulled the French boy from the bottom of a swimming pool and dragged him to the side for help while on holiday in the summer.

His mum and another member of the public then performed CPR until emergency services arrived and although the boy was placed in a medically-induced coma, he later made a full recovery.

Blake was presented with the medal at Kirk Merrington Primary School by the Chairman of Durham County Council Cllr Bill Kellett, Schools Aquatic Development Manager David Bullen, a representative from the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) and his headteacher Nicola Murray.

The humble lifesaver becomes the youngest ever recipient of the medal, following Olympic gymnast Amy Tinkler who received the award last year. Blake also received a Royal



Life Saving Society (RLSS) Commendation and 125th anniversary badge.

Following the ceremony, Blake said: "I feel very excited - I didn't think I would get an award and I didn't realise how special they are."

"A lot of people have come to see me, my sister is very grumpy that I'm getting all of this attention!"

Blake was taught his lifesaving skills as part of the national curriculum swimming lessons in school, which includes learning about the dangers of being in and around water, rescue and ways of summoning help using water-based solutions.

Pupils also take part in water safety and drowning prevention activities, lessons and assemblies as part of the RLSS' National Drowning Prevention Week and the council's Dying to be Cool campaign which highlights the dangers of water and cold water shock.

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Cllr Kellett said: "Blake's quick-thinking and heroic actions saved a young person's life and highlight the importance of learning vital lifesaving skills and how to act in an emergency. I am delighted to be able to present him with this medal, one of our most prestigious civic honours."

TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSE SMALL TAX INCREASE

The Town Council is currently in the process of setting its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2018/19 financial year, and wishes to seek the views of the local community on our spending plans and what your priorities are for the coming years.

We would particularly welcome the views of local tax payers on the Council services that are most and least important to you, and whether there are any new services or initiatives that you would like to see the Council make investment in. Your views are very important to us and will be used to help to inform the Council's service and financial planning both next year and into the future.

We have developed a short survey to formally record your views and we would encourage local residents to complete this questionnaire.

The results of the survey, including any specific comments made or concerns raised, will be reported to the Council before it meets to set the final 2018/19 Budget in January.

You can access the survey by clicking on the links on the Council's website and Facebook page, or by typing the following into your internet browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gatc2018budgetsurvey>

A summary of the Council's current financial situation and the draft 2018/19 budget proposals is set out in the following article, and there is much more information on the Council finances and budgets on the Council website at <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/finance/>

Town Council Finances Update & Proposed 2018/19 Budget

The Council is pleased to report that its finances remain in a strong and healthy position and in the short term the financial outlook remains positive, with a balanced budget in place, savings continuing to be achieved in the current year, council tax base growth from new housing development, and healthy levels of balances and reserves.

As a result, the Council's draft 2018/19 Revenue Budget has been prepared in a way that will ensure that the many services provided to the community of Great Aycliffe by the Town Council, can continue to be provided to current standards next year.

However, the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan highlights that the financial situation of the Council will worsen as it moves towards the new decade, and that the process of balancing the Revenue Budget will become increasingly difficult in future years.

The Council is reliant on Council Tax Support Grant funding of nearly £200,000 per year,

which amounts to 13% of its Revenue Budget. It has been confirmed that this funding will be cut by 10% in 2018/19 and will continue to be reduced in the coming years, while there remains a risk that it could be withdrawn altogether at some stage in the future.

The Council is also facing a number of significant spending pressures including ongoing increases to the National Living Wage, the likely removal of the 1% public sector pay cap, increasing inflation, and falling usage of leisure facilities.

Because of positive financial situation at the present time, most of the budget increases faced next year will be able to be offset from efficiency savings, increased pre-school and cemeteries income, and the additional council tax that will be raised from new housing, while no significant new investment has been provided for in the budget.

However, it is important, in light of the longer term financial challenges faced, that the Council aims to maintain some surplus resources in the **Revenue Budget**.

Taking all of the above issues into account, the Council is proposing making a small increase in the Town Council Tax next year.

This decision has not been taken lightly, particularly in light of the 'cost of living' difficulties which we know are being faced by local residents. However, by limiting the proposed rise to 1.99% next year, the increase in the Town Council Tax Bill at Valuation Band A would be limited to less than £3 per year or 6p per week.

This small increase will ensure that all services provided by the Town Council can be protected and maintained for at least another year, whilst maintaining some contingency funds to help the Council to offset some of the budget pressures faced in the longer term.

The Council is also proposing using some of its balances and reserves next year to undertake capital investment in community assets, thereby returning some of the savings made in recent years to local tax payers. Proposed projects include a new park development at Cobblers Hall, the replacement of the Town Park skate park and the replacement of Aycliffe Village junior play area.

The Council is due to agree its final 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Budget and set the Town Council Tax in January, and we will keep local tax payers informed of future developments in relation to the budget via the Council website and in the local press.

Should you wish to have a read of the Council's draft 2018/19 budget proposals, you can view detailed information on the Council website via the following link:- <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/finance/spending-plans/annual-budget/>

QUESTIONING POLICE BUDGET FOR 2018

Dear Sir,
The Police Commissioner is seeking the opinion of the residents of Durham and Darlington on whether they agree to an increase in council tax of just 2% on the policing budget which if carried would mean an increase of just 4p a week. This sounds a rather minimal amount as last year it was increased by 2% (but it was not put up for debate). The result of this was that crime and policing got their wish. If you check the increases each year from 2015/2016/2017 the budget has increased by 2%. But what Ron Hogg fails to tell us is that Durham County Council put their budget up 2%, Fire and Rescue 2% GATC 2%, and Adult Social Care by 100%. Are these areas not in need of increases as well in this year's budget? This meant that the yearly increase on a Band 'A' house this year was billed an extra £43.25.

Can we now look at some

income and outgoings? They have sold off our old police station, moving in with the Fire Service with restricted opening hours. They are selling off Aycliffe Heads grounds and police HQ.

Yet, according to the commissioner they are strapped for cash but they are building an all singing and dancing new HQ in Durham with state of art high tech equipment.

They do not have funding for beat officers so can the Commissioner inform the people, who pays the employer's contribution side of the police pension, who pays the lump sum of retiring officers and shortfalls of the scheme - the Police or DCC? How much have Durham Police got hidden, or invested in money-making schemes to be used in times of difficult financial times, such as now? I await the response from one of his legions of staff he probably has to help him out on his day to day tasks.

Name and address supplied

Police Commissioner Replies:

Dear Editor

The letter from an anonymous reader makes a number of inaccurate points about funding for policing. I am responding to show how I have saved money for the taxpayer.

The new combined police and fire station is right in the middle of Newton Aycliffe, where local people told me they wanted it, and it has generated savings. Selling the old police station brought in revenue for much-needed new police vehicles and better IT systems. The sale also saved the force around £80,000 a year in running costs.

Similarly, it costs about half as much to run the new Police HQ at Aycliffe Heads compared to the old one. Selling the old site also generated significant income which more than covered the cost of building the new offices.

Of course, I am not in a position to influence the precept of other organisations such as the Fire and Rescue Service or the two Councils. Police pensions are paid from a separate pension fund, and not from local taxation. I can also assure your readers that the level of police reserves is publicly available: there is no 'hidden money'. The cost of running my office has reduced significantly, and is £250,000 less than before I came into office and the role was undertaken by the Police Authority.

I would not be asking residents whether or not they are prepared to pay more, unless there was a real need for me to do so. The reality is that Government funding for Durham Constabulary has reduced by 22% since 2010, with a consequent fall in the number of officers. An additional 4-6p a week would help maximise the number of officers on our streets. You can find the survey on my website.

Ron Hogg

Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner



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Name a Street After Honest John

Members of popular residents' group ACORN voted last week to approach Durham County Council with a request to name a thoroughfare after Newton Aycliffe charity Honest John's Community Fund. The motion was suggested by lifelong Newtonian and ACORN member Ray Gordon and received with enthusiasm by the group who were recently helped by the community fund. Ray explained that this has been done before in the instance of Sid Chaplin Drive, Fujitsu Way and Alan Gray Court so is not unprecedented. Ray went on to explain that with Newton Aycliffe set to gain up to a thousand new homes in coming years it would be an ideal opportunity to honour local charity Honest John. ACORN Chair Ken Robson ruminated that the name sounded quite intriguing, suggesting Honest John Lane, Honest John Way or Honest John Wynd. Honest John has helped numerous groups and individuals over the years and we urge others to support the move through the media. ACORN meetings are a place where innovative ideas and suggestions can be explored, discussed and possibly supported. Guest speakers bring fresh ideas and information to the forum. Police and Councillors attend our meetings which are open to the whole community.

ACORN welcome members of other groups to come along and work with us on mutual projects for the benefit of our great town. ACORN meet at the Phoenix Club on the second Thursday of each month at 6pm with junior members of Little Acorns meeting at 5.30pm prior to the main meeting. ACORN also incorporates Woodham Burn Neighbourhood Watch and West Ward PACT. Next meeting is December 14th and although not necessary it would be good to see some Christmas jumpers on show. Anyone wishing to address the group or needing further information should contact Ken on 01325 321471 Ken Robson Chair ACORN Residents Association



Prepare to be imbued with festive spirit at the Open Meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club, on Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm when National Demonstrator, Ian Buxton, will present an evening of seasonal flower arranging entitled "Christmas Countdown". Tickets £5 (members) Visitors (£8) Available on the door or by contacting T. Hall (01388) 763430.

Wearing a Poppy with Pride



Year 2 at St. Mary's School delivered a Remembrance Service to their parents and school with guests from Catterick Garrison, the Royal Navy, Cadets and ex soldiers. It was a moving Service where Year 2 students enriched and touched the lives of many. We celebrated All Souls' Day remembering the dead, but also celebrating their lives. Children really enjoyed learning about the history of the war and everyday life today in society. All year groups designed a poppy wreath to present to our guests, and we appreciate and are thankful for their attendance.



NAYCC - More Than Just "The Youthy"

Everyone knows the Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, many still know it as 'The Youthy'. The Management at the Centre now want you to know it as THE place to hold your events, run your groups and activities and rent rooms for training and business. Last year the Management Committee took over the lease of the building from the County Council and after a year of hard work, redecoration and big changes the Centre is busier than ever. They are now working with a wide range of agencies and organisations to run new projects and services with many community groups continuing to run their activities. Centre Manager Beki Metcalfe said "I welcome the opportunity to show people from community groups, organisations and businesses what we have to offer. We have rooms of every size from small meeting rooms, training rooms to our large sports hall. Bookings have recently taken off, so people need to get in quickly, especially as we offer good value for money and the opportunity for long term lets." Chairman Vince Crosby said "Taking over the

building has been hard work, but worth the effort. We are now in the driving seat and we know what we want to do with this place and how we want to work for the benefit of the community we are here to serve and support." The Management Committee have set a new way forward for the Centre - 'Engaging, serving, supporting and empowering the people, families, groups and communities of Newton Aycliffe'. To do this they have set new goals to work toward:

- Engaging, supporting and empowering children and young people
- Engaging, supporting and empowering families
- Engaging, supporting and empowering those who are vulnerable and socially isolated
- Engaging, supporting and empowering community groups and organisations

They are keen to work with any organisations that can help us achieve these goals. NAYCC is here to stay. Contact Beki and see what they can do for you and your community organisation or business. Contact the Centre Manager Beki Metcalfe to make an appointment on 01325 307 522 or email info@naycc.org.uk

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Winter Pest Control

Dear Sir,
In response to Mrs Ward - Thompson article "Protect against winter pest invaders" I wholeheartedly concur with her article regarding getting professionals in to do the job correctly the first time, as over my past 33 years as a pest controller I have seen some "cowboys" in this trade who like to call themselves pest controllers. BPCA are not the only recognised trade body to represent pest controllers, the NPTA (National Pest Technicians Association) are also available to all professional pest controllers, and are equally recognised as being another trade body. Pest controllers members of the NPTA can have their details and qualifications checked at any time and their details can be verified from NPTA website at <http://npta.org.uk/> All NPTA members carry a membership card with a photograph - again checkable. I get really tired of people saying the BPCA is the only available trade body to pest control yet a simple Google

database check can inform the public otherwise. I hope this sets the record straight. Brian Sowerby NPTA Member 1520 Pestguard

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Stiller's to Build New £2m Distribution Centre

Aycliffe family-run firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution is investing £2m in a new distribution centre which could create up to 25 new jobs. Stiller is building the new 50,000 sq ft facility at its 22-acre site on Aycliffe Business Park to help the firm cope with sustained growth which has seen annual sales rise by more than 20% to £14.4m.

The palletised distribution centre will be the largest of its type in the North East and will allow Stiller to load 30 vehicles at any one time.

The scheme, by Darlington firm Wharton Construction, will also create more than 60 off-street car parking spaces and include a new large open-plan office for over 20 office staff.

Stillers have already taken on 26 new employees this year, and this expansion could create up to 25 new jobs, which would take Stiller's head count to 190.

Stiller's existing distribution operation is run from one of the firm's older warehouses and the new development will enable Stiller to create

more warehousing space as well as upgrading it.

Managing director Matthew Stiller explained: "Moving the distribution side of the business to its new home will enable us to cope with the rate of growth we're currently experiencing. It will also mean we'll no longer have trucks running through one of our larger warehouses, but it will also give us the opportunity to develop what is now being used as a distribution centre into extra warehousing space, while upgrading it to a higher standard."

Stiller's new distribution centre will take up five acres of the firm's 22-acre site at Ridgeway on Aycliffe Business Park.

As well as Wharton Construction, Darlington-based ADG Architects, Durham civil engineers BDN and PTS Demolition of Shildon are all involved in the project, as well as Aycliffe-based John Wade Group and SCH Site Services.

Matthew said: "There are several other sub-contractors based on Aycliffe Business

Park we're extremely pleased to be working with on the project. It is our ambition to support local jobs, so we're always steered towards using local companies."

Matthew added: "Our growth this year has been down to winning new contracts in both sides of the business and a general uplift in our pallet network system, Palletline, a national co-operative which is experiencing growth."

"The number of pallets we're distributing around the North-East region is picking up, and on the warehousing side we have won significant new business in 2017."

Stiller provides cost-effective warehousing and distribution services to businesses in the North-East region as well as commercial property lettings and is also a member and major shareholder in Palletline, a national co-operative network of 70 companies.

The Aycliffe site stores goods and parts for national brands as well as local businesses including Gestamp and 3M. More about Stiller can be found at www.stiller.co.uk

AFTER SCHOOL ART LESSONS AT WOODHAM ACADEMY

Woodham Academy students with a passion for their subject have taken part in a new programme of extra-curricular activities.

The Enrichment Programme, introduced by the school's More Able Academy, began with a series of after-school art lessons.

The programme, which enables students to explore a subject in more depth, is the latest addition to Woodham Academy's extensive range of extra-curricular activities.

Students spent time in the art department after school for a series of workshops on the history or art, from cave painting and the origins of sculpture to the renaissance and modern art.

Student Emilie Dunn said: "During our enrichment sessions we learnt terms used during the renaissance. We also learnt the steps behind creating a watercolour painting. The sessions were enjoyable and informative and I hope to have a high quality piece of work by the end."

Students are continuing to work on paintings and sculpture started during the sessions, to produce high-quality, finished pieces.

Teacher Richard Gore said: "The Art Enrichment



Students Amy Chatt and Jak Kennedy at work during the Art Enrichment programme at Woodham Academy.



programme was very successful and gave students the opportunity to develop their skills in base relief claywork and high-level watercolour painting. The students who attended also learned about the art of different epochs and how the skills they used related to it."

The Enrichment Programme will be rolled out across a number of subjects and timetables will be available soon. There is no need to book.

Lost Medals

Ex-Serviceman Dale Gibson lost his medals last Sunday night between the Iron horse and the Town Centre.

If you find them please hand in to the Police Station who have all the details. A small reward is offered.

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 21st November features the romantic comedy "SOME LIKE IT HOT" starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, George Raft and Pat O'Brien. Two jazz musicians witness a mob murder, dress in drag to flee the city and join an all-female band. What can go wrong?

Just about everything in this greatest-of-all romantic comedies. A real FEEL-GOOD film to lift your spirits. 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.

FIRST "FRIEND" OF GACAP OFFERS HAIRCUT SERVICE FOR DISABLED Home Visit for Just £5



Emre with Geoff Batchelor Vice Chairman, GACAP

Emre, the popular Turkish Barber with a shop in the

Blue Bridge Centre, owned by Newton Press, is to offer a special service to men who cannot get to his shop due to disability. He is starting a Mobile Barber's service where he will call at your home to cut your hair at half his usual price, just £5.

Emre is doing this through Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership as a "Friend" of GACAP as a way of giving something back to the community in thanks for the support he has received since moving to Newton Aycliffe with his wife and two children.

Emre's haircut is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6pm - 8pm. Please Text 07738 066 723 to book a date and time. If you have a business in Aycliffe where you can help a family in need for a discounted price and want to become a "Friend" of GACAP please ring Secretary Joan Mitchie on 07597 915378 or e-mail: joanmitchie@gmail.com

More Work on Aycliffe Business Park Extension

As part of the work to develop the Business Park at Forrest Park near Macdonalds, Northumbrian Water is investing £1m in the construction of a new pumping station and the installation of over 1.6km of pipework on the A167, St Andrew's Way and Heighington Lane.

Work started on Monday 16 October 2017 but the main schedule of works was due to start on Heighington Lane this week, where initially they will be completing trial pits along the road to confirm the precise location of key buried services.

They hope to be in a position to commence drainage work this week and it is expected to be completed by May 2018.

It will be necessary to install temporary traffic lights to construct the works on Heighington Lane leading on to the roundabout with St Andrew's Way. The remaining sections of drainage along St Andrew's Way and A167 can be constructed without the need for temporary control using a partial lane closure. Northumbrian Water will however need to close the footpath along the

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Aycliffe Company's Generous Help for Community Garden



Volunteer gardeners at the Pioneering Care Centre continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity of local people and businesses who have helped to make the community garden thrive.

The community garden is accessible with a number of grey breeze block raised beds that were in need of a make-over. PPG Industries from Aycliffe Business Park came to the rescue. Not only did they donate the paint, the staff even gave up their free time to paint the raised beds for us!

PPG is the world's leading paint, coatings and speciality materials producer and they provided a range of pastel colours to enhance the area and create a colourful yet calming environment for local people.

PPG Industries, as part of their global Colourful Communities project, have donated an astounding 10,000 gallons of paint and supported communities with 18,600 hours of volunteering.

PPG describes the Colourful Communities project is a mix of four essential ingredients: a community need, a local partner, passionate PPG employees and PPG products.

Kevin Mitchell of PPG Industries said "Following a tour of the community garden I felt inspired to help out. Each of the beds had coloured signs, designed by people with learning disabilities, a practical way to help the tutors and gardeners.

We decided if the entire raised bed was painted a specific colour it would be easier to give directions and also make the garden more vibrant, especially in the winter months".

Carol Gaskarth from PCP explained, "We were thrilled that a local company was able to support the community garden in such a practical way. They brought a team of staff who volunteered to paint the raised beds and in additional "Together 21", a

project supporting children with Down Syndrome, also helped out – although they did get in a bit of a mess – I'm sure their parents didn't mind too much!

PPG Industries as a company is a real asset to Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area and their 'essential ingredients' for community support is aligned with PCP's values and principles. I hope we are able continue working together on even more projects to benefit the community in the future."

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Kindness & Generosity from Newtonians

Dear Sir,
What an amazing thing it is to be so well supported as the County Foodbank is in Newton Aycliffe. Week after week, generous donations are received from organisations and individuals in the Town and surrounding area, giving help to those in financial crisis.

The distribution point at St Clare's regularly gives food to between 15 and 20 individuals and families each week. The volunteers could not achieve this without such wonderful community support.

Thank you so much to those who have donated from their Harvest Thanksgivings; Byerley Park, St Joseph's, St Mary's, Sugar Hill and

Horndale Infant Schools. St Elizabeth's, St Clare's and Aycliffe Evangelical Churches. Churches Together, Rose Lodge, St Clare's Court, Bethany House, Defoe Court and Aycliffe Care Home.

Staff in the Phone Shop at the local TESCO store organised a collection of Advent calendars for families in need of food; treats indeed! Over 70 calendars have been donated by staff and shoppers.

The 3 Day general food collection takes place in the TESCO Store, Newton Aycliffe, 30th November to 2nd December. Drop in to say 'Hello' and if you want to get involved phone Alison on 01325 300347.

Photo: Alison Firby (right) receiving Advent Calendars from Liz Lambert, TESCO Phone Shop Manager.



Trapped Dog Rescued

Dear Sir,

A car behind me struck a small Dachshund on Burnhill Way last week and it was an unavoidable accident. I stopped immediately to assist the clearly shaken driver and see if anything could be done for the dog.

It turned out the dog was trapped under the car, but alive. The owner who had lost the dog 30 minutes previously down the Burn, arrived on the scene.

Some teenagers suggested we tried to lift the car and when we got it an inch or so up, the owner was able to pull her free.

I had left my car on the pavement a few yards ahead with the hazard lights on and the accident was blocking traffic so once I knew the dog was on its way to the Vets I did not stick around.. The doggie was called Gretel and Myself and another lady who was on hand to assist are really keen to find out how the dog is.

None of us got names and Gretel was a little miracle and was in fact walking OK once the owner put her down, but I saw the impact and was amazed she had survived. Is there any way Newton News could help us trace the owner so we could find out if the doggy is ok?

Amy Harrison

Winter Motoring Tips from Aycliffe Garage

With the cold snap this week Gregg Little Testing Centre staff are recommending some simple motoring tips to keep you safe and save you money this Winter.

1. Did you know that you can use your air conditioning to clear your screen fast during the Winter? Does your Air Con system need a re-charge? If your using water from your tap to clear your screen make sure it's tepid water and not straight from the kettle as it could crack your screen. Check your screen wash levels regularly and ensure you use a 50/50 mix of antifreeze, to avoid nasty frozen screens and gives clear visibility. Did you know it's an offence to drive off without your windows and roof cleared of snow and frost? You must ensure you can clearly see from all windows before commencing a journey.
2. Always turn off wipers, if we get a frost and you have left your wipers on it can cause serious and expensive damage to wiper motors the following morning if frozen.
3. As the dark, cold and wet nights close in, check the condition of wiper blades and bulbs, run your finger down the wiper blade, you will feel if they are spilt or cracked. If so then change the blades.

Ask someone to help with lights, get them to sit in the car and work through each light ensuring they are in working order and bright. Give the lens a clean with a buffer polish.

4. Checking tyre pressures and treads weekly can save lives and money, did you know that at 3mm you only have 22% of your tyre left on the road which can double your braking distance.

Don't leave your tyres until the 1.6mm legal limit, you will not stop in an accident. For tyre pressures always check your cars manual for correct pressures and remember if you are loading the car with extra weight then you must increase your tyre pressures.

5. Get the charge rate of your alternator and test your battery, if you don't have a charge kit, then pop down to Gregg Little's for a free check. During the summer, we have less use for our battery and its only winter when we may have problems as we use more lights and electrical elements of car, and no-body likes to break down on a cold dark morning or evening.
6. Check your oil level, remove your dipstick, wipe it clean, re-insert, remove and check the level is it may need

topping up. Don't wait until the oil light comes on.

7. Check when your car was last serviced. A well looked after car with new air, oil and fuel filters works so much better during the winter, with a large service your brakes are also stripped and checked. When were your brakes last checked?

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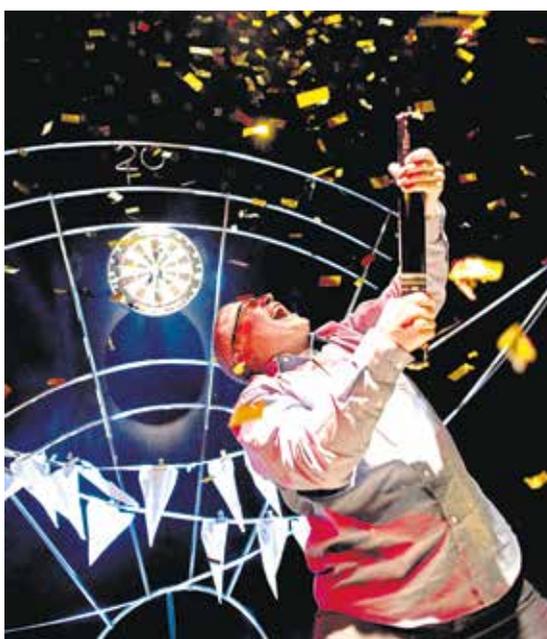
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Sugar Hill Supports Theatre Show at Greenfield



Parents and children at Sugar Hill Primary school were recently asked which charities they wanted the school to support in this academic year. One of the most popular charities selected by many of the children was The Dogs Trust. Over the past weeks, the children of Sugar Hill have brought in old towels and bedding to send on to the Dogs Trust to help look after dogs in the charity's care. Alison Gray from the Dogs Trust visited the school to collect the huge collection of items and thanked the children of Sugar Hill, and their parents, for the overwhelmingly generous response.

Greenfield Community College are investing in an inspirational programme of events that will encourage students to reach their full potential and be fully active in their own learning. Greenfield students at both the Aycliffe Site and Sunnydale Campus are enjoying the opportunity to reflect on their inspirations and develop their skills for learning. The programme opened with a fabulous live performance entitled "The Best in the World" performed by 'Unfolding Theatre' to every student in the school, a humorous but expressive performance with a special message that encourages students to 'be the best that they can be'. The show was a real creative stimulus and students were offered the opportunity to participate in on-stage improvisation becoming part of the performance itself. The plot demonstrates how it is possible to overcome obstacles and adversity to bring out the very best in yourself, a useful strategy in academic terms and beyond! Students also received the exciting news that the school were to welcome 'Unfolding



Theatre' as its own 'theatre in residence' a rare opportunity to work alongside professionals and build upon skills and confidence. Greenfield are privileged to welcome local writer and broadcaster Michael Chaplin who relayed the insights and experiences of his father, renowned author Sid Chaplin. Sid spent much of his life working in the mining industry but with grit and determination made the extraordinary happen writing for classic broadcasts such as 'When the Boat Comes In' and amassing a collection of literary work skilfully depicting life in the north east. Talented writer and filmmaker Laura Degnan will also be working on the Sunnydale Campus as writer in residence with a group of students who will be exploring what it means to be extraordinary. They will produce a book to share these stories and inspire the reader to reflect on their extraordinary skills.

Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity is passionate about the project "We are using a creative approach working with creative practitioners in residence this term to support all of our students to develop the skills and dispositions they need to be effective learners. All of our students are extraordinary and this multi-faceted programme is helping them to reflect upon this and to build upon their skills".

Student leaders are also working together to support students and staff to realise their skills and to work in collaboration to make the school a great place to learn. They will be leading assemblies and staff training this term to raise awareness of circumstances and conditions we need for excellent learning and to involve everyone in the process. Danielle, a student leader said "we want to represent the students but need to ensure that we are all part of this journey of excellence together across campuses and year groups". We are excited to see the students begin to identify and reflect upon the skills and attributes they need to learn and continue to develop these skills across Greenfield.

Burns Night Celebration for MRI Scanner Appeal

Organisers of the Appeal to bring new state of the art MRI scanners to Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals are hosting a traditional Burns Night celebration, including a live Ceilidh band, on Thursday 25 January 2018, at Headlam Hall Hotel and Spa near Darlington. The evening will include pre-dinner drinks and canapes, a four course meal with the time-honoured tradition of 'the piping in of the haggis' followed with the customary address to the haggis. Tickets are £37 and you can book or find out more by ringing 01325 743781 or email: pat.chambers1@nhs.net. Charity manager at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, Pat Chambers, says, "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 celebrating Burns Night is a fantastic chance to support the appeal whilst having fun!" There are lots of ways you can donate to the appeal including via the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Charity 'justgiving' website at: <https://www.justgiving.com/cddft> or send a cheque to: Cashiers, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6HX. Please make cheques payable to: Co Durham & Darlington NHS FT Charity.

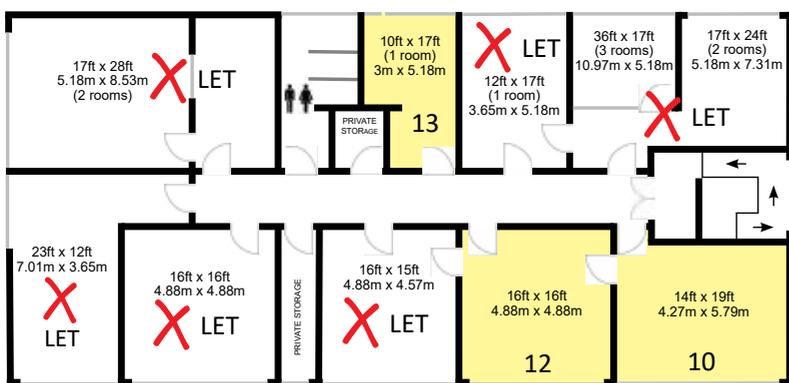
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COUNTY NEWSBITS
 Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

This week's newsbits include interesting meetings, messages for Fraud Week, and great events starting next weekend. Please respond to the consultation on the DCC Budget. Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB1511

COUNCIL

- DCC Budget Consultation.
- DCC Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting, Monday 13 November.
- GAMP Employment Task Group meeting, Thursday 9 November.
- Newton Aycliffe ASB Group, Thursday 9 November.
- Latest local roadworks information.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

- Alcohol Awareness Week.
- Fraud against job-seekers.
- Important information about Universal Credit 'waiting days'.
- Don't get bitten by a loan shark this Christmas.

- A new £1 million sewer is part of the work to develop Forrest Business Park.
- The Centre for Process Innovation breaks ground on Sedgefield NETPark.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- See Tim Peake's historic spacecraft + VR descent, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-4pm, 22 November-15 January.
- Durham Gala Theatre Panto - Robinson Crusoe, from Thursday 23 November to 6 January.
- Bishop Auckland Town Hall Panto - Dick Whittington and his Pirate Adventure, 10:30am and 1:30pm, 25-27 November.
- Learn how to play the ancient Chinese game of Go (for families with children aged 8+), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-4pm, Saturday 25 November.
- Xcel Christmas Fayre, from 5:30pm, Wednesday 29 November.

MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF KEITH SAMS RAISED £2,367.81

We had an absolutely amazing day and would like to thank everyone for your donations. We made £1,213 on the day which was overwhelming. Milly's fantastic BRAVE THE SHAVE raised £1154.81. We are so proud of our Mam as we know how hard it was for her.

We'd like to say a massive thank you to Chelsey Pearson who did the shave and what a wonderful job she did. Michael Feeny for the bouncy castle. Lynn Hardy of Cake, Rattle 'n' Roll for the beautiful cake donated. Scouts Centre for the use of the hall. The Phoenix Club for their generous donation, not forgetting our wonderful team of green ladies: Anna Smith, Linda Simpson, Nicola Cairns, Olive Plumb, Clare Peacock, Berna Clough, Marie Burke, Karen Perie and Beth Gibson. Without these ladies our day would not



of ran as smoothly as it did. Last but not least a massive thank you to all who attended, donated and sponsored. We all know first hand what a wonderful job Macmillan do. Thank you all once again and hope to see you all, same time next year
 Clare Sams



CARERS RIGHTS DAY 2017

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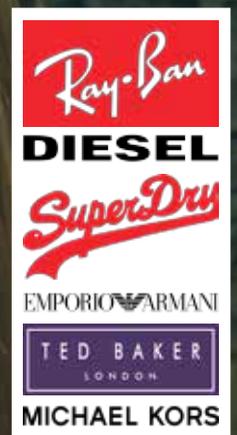
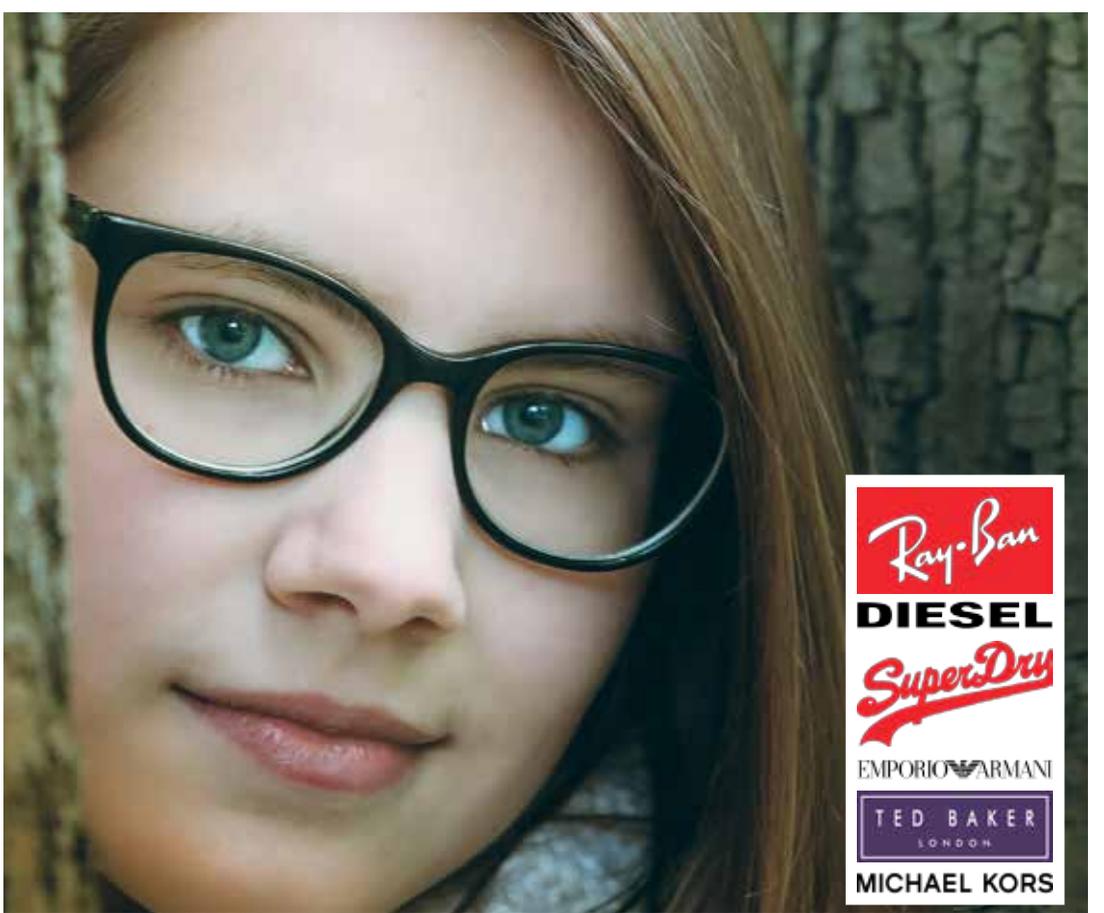
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Durham Police Recruit 20 New PCSO's



Twenty new PCSO's will take to the streets of County Durham and Darlington in the coming weeks. The latest additions to Durham Constabulary are currently completing an initial three-week training course before gaining frontline experience in their roles as Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Their training will cover an understanding of the law and how to help those in need, as well as the use of police IT systems at the force's Centre of Excellence in Meadowfield.

Assistant Chief Officer Gary Ridley said: "We are pleased to welcome the new PCSOs to one of the best forces in the country."

"They will play a crucial role in the work that we do and will replace existing PCSOs who have gone on to become police officers. They will provide a visible presence in our neighbourhoods and the intensive three-week induction means that they hit the streets running. We are committed to protecting neighbourhoods, tackling criminals and solving problems around the clock."

New recruit, Jennifer Atkinson, who was previously a call handler taking 999 calls at Durham Constabulary, will now join Newton Aycliffe's beat team. She said: "It is an honour to be moving roles and to patrol the beat. Durham Police is an outstanding force and I am looking forward to the new challenge ahead."

Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg said "I am delighted that the force has been able to recruit these very promising new PCSOs. Their recruitment reflects my commitment to the public of Durham and Darlington that I will use their money wisely, giving real priority to front-line policing. Our resources remain stretched however. I continue to call on the Government to provide sufficient funding to maximise the number of officers in Durham in the future."

What does a PCSO do?

PCSO's interact with the public and offer assistance to police officers at crime scenes and major events. They:

- deal with minor offences
- early intervention to deter people from committing offences
- provide support for front-line policing
- conduct house-to-house enquiries
- guard crime scenes
- provide crime prevention advice

Four year old Pageant Queen Helps Charity

Anya Howlader is 4 years old and competes in Charity Beauty Pageants winning 'Miss Sparkle', 'Miss Confident', 'Miss Charity' and overall 'Mini Miss Empress UK 2017 /2018'. She raises money for her chosen charity "Bullies Out" helping children who have been bullied. The charity supplies a specific mind set to move on from the position the victims find themselves in.



Anya has raised over £200 for the charity and will carry on raising funds until the biggest pageant of the year "National Elite Miss" to be held in Blackpool in February 2018 when she will hand over all money raised. On November 4th she donated an hour to help out at Tan Trims Barber and Sunbed Salon at Tindale and whilst there Anya swept the floor and helped where she could.

In October she donated money to her school, St John's in Shildon, for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Upcoming weeks are super busy and on 17th November she runs a Bake Sale for students and staff at UTC Aycliffe. She is also attending Greenfield Community college to help

raise money for Children in Need.

Anya is entering another Charity Beauty Pageant "Miss Winter Wonderland" on 26th November at Chilton Workingmen's Club and you are welcome to attend. Anya will be raising money from now until that date.

If anyone would like to follow her progress or even message her mother please search on Facebook for @NEMAnyah. Anya is such a loving caring person and always looks forward to raising money or competing in pageants, she lives at home with her parents and sister.

Town Bus Preservation Society Calendar Features Local Artist



Former resident of Newton Aycliffe, John Gibson and President of the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society has been putting his water colour painting talents together to produce a series

of local historic pictures which are now incorporated into the Society's calendar for 2018.

A lifelong bus enthusiast John, now 82, has a portfolio of such pictures reliving the

days of yesteryear. It is a means of reminding north easterners of times past whilst raising money for the Society. Gone but not forgotten are the liveries of United, Durham and District and Northern to name but a few.

The Society has a few calendars left for sale from a short print run of 150, together with a selection of Christmas cards again with local bus scenes on them. Anyone interested in obtaining either a calendar or a supply of cards should contact Kevin Openshaw on 01325 315961 or Ian Wiggett on 01325 317657 for details of price and availability.

Appreciation for Fireworks Display

To whom it may concern.

I would like to publicly express my appreciation for the Fireworks Display which was recently held on the site of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Being originally from the town I have attended the public fireworks display numerous times but the most recent Town Council event was exceptional.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the organisers of the event as I believe they did a remarkable job. The reaction of the crowd during the display suggests I am not the only one who was impressed.

Kai Armer

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Wins for Woodham Rugby Team's First Two Matches



Woodham Academy's new rugby team recorded impressive victories in both their matches at the Bishop Auckland Festival.

The school has recently added rugby union to the extensive range of sports it offers. The newly developed Rugby Academy team came away from the Festival with a 100-percent record.

The Woodham XV beat St John's 14 - 7 in the first match with two tries scored by James Imiela, both converted by Liam Wynn. The team then won their second match against Bishop Barrington 34 - 0, with tries from James Imiela (2), Andrew Blair (2), Dylan Lewis, and Liam Wynn, who also scored two conversions. Rugby coach Paul Richardson said: "The team were simply fantastic with ball in hand and defended with strong, physical tackling. The players worked very well together and supported each other. There is talent throughout the team, which is working hard and developing quickly, and

looking forward to their next test."

Liam Wynn was named Woodham's player of the

tournament, with honourable mentions going to Spencer Soakell, Aaron Busby, and Euan Baker.

OPERATION SPRUCE UP COMES TO AYCLIFFE

Operation Spruce Up is a fourteen-month environmental programme which will 'spruce up' specific areas in selected towns and villages across County Durham.

The programme began in November 2016 and is currently on its 12th area (Langley Moor), with the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership - GAMP being the 13th area to be covered. More information on the scheme can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/spruceup. Work will take place over a week, beginning on Monday 20th November and will focus on Bluebell Woods and also the underpasses and surrounding areas around Newton Aycliffe. In addition

the programme will work with local community groups and schools on community activities to promote the work taking place and the importance of looking after the local environment.

People are welcome to suggest work that might be done. However, work can only be carried out on County Council land and also the idea of the "Spruce Up" is to carry out work on a concentrated area. However, it is worthwhile submitting ideas even if they are not adopted. Spruce Up is not instead of usual maintenance, it is in addition to, so even if work is not carried out during the Spruce Up week it will still be looked at.

YOUTHY FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Newton Aycliffe Youth U8 Falcons 4 - 0 Saxon Juniors

The Falcons went into the match on the back of a few tough games and knew we had to lift spirits and motivation. There would be no better way to do this, than 3 points at home. Saxon Juniors had only lost 1 game all season so it wouldn't be an easy task.

The Falcons started the match with high intensity and controlled the match throughout. Starting with a 2-2 formation, this allowed us to push on the opposition defence when needed to support the attack and this proved critical as the Falcons quickly fired into a 2-0 lead through Cole. The lads continued to push and prior to half-time they managed to add a 3rd through Arthur.

In the 2nd half we changed formation and went for attacking 1-3 but Saxon Juniors came out fighting and they had a few chances to get back into the game but a very good defensive display between Cole (DEF) and Isaac (GK) saw the lads keep a clean sheet which was then followed with a 4th and 2nd of the game from Arthur. MOM - Cole, Goals - Cole x2, Arthur x2.

Newton Aycliffe Eagles U11's Eagles 5 - 1 Darlington Spaire Lads

A tight opening to the game in challenging conditions for both teams, but the deadlock was broken by Kye with a great finish, however, a controversial penalty quickly got Darlington back into the game. 1-1 A free kick from Sam had the Darlington keeper scrambling and all he could do was push it out for a corner. The two sides cancelled each other out for the remainder of the first half with few clear chances. The eagles had the best chance at the start of the second half, a corner from Noah played straight across the front of the goal, and all that was missing was a tap in. Another penalty, this time for the Eagles! Ethan brought down in the box, a clear foul. Ethan stepped up and coolly slotted home from the spot. 2-1. The Eagles quickly extended their league with another calm finish from Ethan after a penalty box scramble. 3-1 An excellent finish from Kye from the edge of the box made it 4-1 to the Eagles.

Goal of the game - Kye! Harrying the Spaire Lads defence, Kye pinched the ball off the centre half and chipped the keeper from the edge of the box! 5-1. A great performance from the lads today, putting their training into practice on the pitch. Well done Eagles, keep it up! Man of the match went to Kye.

In the development game, a fully changed team for the Eagles played against what was mainly the Spaire Lads' first team. The game finished 2-2, with Dan getting both goals. A great performance from the development lads, playing the game in the right way, in difficult conditions against tough opposition.

Newton Aycliffe U11's Falcons 6 - 2 Barnard Castle

On Sunday the players braved bitter conditions away at Barnard Castle and were able to come away with 3 points. Great game to watch today although Aycliffe did not start well and allowed Barnard Castle to take an early lead. Once we composed ourselves we went on to get back into the game with a great headed goal and dominated the game from that point.

Second half saw the Falcon's take total control and go on to score a further 5 goals made me really proud of the players today. All the players made an impact on the game and it was very pleasing to see players starting to switch on to how we want to play. Throughout the team from Goalie to attack, everyone stepped up



On a weekend when we remember fallen heroes and the sacrifices made for us, the town's young footballers also paid their respects.

and performed in what is always a tricky fixture. Well done and keep it up. Goal scorers - Travis Dixon, Dylan Stewart x2 and Connor Adams x3. Man of the match was Connor Adams.

Leam Rangers 2 - 2 Newton Aycliffe Youth U13's Girls

A journey north to play the ever improving Leam Rangers for the U13 girls. Bright start as usual but we gifted the opening goal to Leam as hesitation at the back allowed the striker to nip in to score after 10 minutes. Aycliffe now stepped up a gear and a couple of excellent through balls leaving our strikers one to one with the keeper, but the keeper won both times.

Hattie picked up a ball wide right, cuts inside and hits the top corner for the equaliser. Then just before half time a corner from Kate is cleared but comes straight back to her, seeing the keeper of the line she sails the ball over her head and finds the back of the net HT 2-1 Aycliffe.

The second half again saw Aycliffe on the attack, constantly splitting the defence but another 2 one to ones go begging. Faith was now getting busier at the other end, but was standing strong. However a superb Leam corner drops at our front post and in the scramble the ball is poked over the line FT 2-2.

Newton Aycliffe U14's Hawks 10-1 Hemlington Juniors

After a well observed minute silence the Hawks started slowly and found themselves a goal down early on. We dusted ourselves down and started to play some really good football, passing and moving, getting the ball out wide and creating plenty of chances. We scored a couple of quick goals through Jack Fleming and Dylan Redpath. Dylan added his 2nd and the team's 3rd before HT.

Second half we dominated playing really good football. A couple of great moves were finished off by Lee Isaac and Thomas Smails. We were creating a lot of chances and the Hemlington keeper did well to keep the score down. FT 10-1 with goals from Lee Isaac 4, Jack Fleming 3, Dylan Redpath 2 and Thomas Smails 1. MOM Oliver Wright-Eirew who played really well in CDM first half and covered for a spell at Left back. A very confident display.

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

AYCLIFFE BEAT LOCAL RIVALS

Aycliffe beat Bishop Auckland 4-2 at Moore Lane in an entertaining game, despite being down to ten men for half an hour. Bishops started brightly and McAloon put a good chance over the bar on 9 minutes. A minute later they went ahead through a disputed penalty that Johnson converted. Aycliffe suffered a further blow on the quarter hour when Andrew Grant-Soulsby got injured. He was replaced by Jamie Davis. Bishops were on top and Aycliffe had to make a goal line clearance on 24 minutes. However, on the half hour they equalised when Kurt Matthews found Craig Hutchinson and he drilled his shot low into the corner. Bishops got ahead again on 35 minutes when McAloon escaped his marker and got his shot away for 2-1. It was end-to-end stuff, and Aycliffe equalised two minutes later, Paul Kane getting on the end of a flick-on header from a free-kick. Half-time 2-2.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first, with both sides on the attack. It was Aycliffe who got in front on the hour when Kane got round the back and crossed to Jamie Davis who scored with a well executed back-flick. It looked like Aycliffe would throw it away when Ben Trotter got sent off two minutes later, but the 10 men went on to equal Bishops in all areas. They got their reward on 90 minutes when Glen Lane scored a



Players, officials & supporters observe a minute's silence on 11 November as Aycliffe Treasurer Yvonne Wood plays the Last Post

stunning free kick. Full time 4-2.

MOTM: Hutchinson. Attendance: 184. Cautions: Wilson (54m), Banks (65m). Sending off: Trotter (62m). Subs: Davis for Grant-Soulsby (15m), Jack Oliver for Kane (76m), Pennal for Hutchinson (89m) Upcoming fixtures are Dunston at home on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm (League Cup), followed by Billingham Synthonia at home on Saturday 18th November at 3.00pm. The Synners game will be the last of six consecutive home games which Aycliffe have played. We then travel to North Shields and Sunderland RCA before returning to Moore Lane on Saturday 2 December to play Jarrow Roofing

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SCHOOL ELECTION FOR HEAD BOY & GIRL

There is a real buzz of excitement in the air at Sugar Hill Primary. The School Leadership Team have asked Year 6 pupils to apply for the much coveted positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. All Year 6 pupils have written a letter to persuade pupils to vote for them in the first election of this kind. The school has recently been awarded 'outstanding' by Ofsted and the appointment of a Head Boy and Head Girl to work alongside Senior Leaders, staff and governors has certainly



captured the enthusiasm of Year 6 pupils to write for a purpose. As part of the election process, three girls and four boys have presented their speeches to staff and pupils during a school assembly. All pupils have cast

for pupils to make. The pupils hoping to be successful are photographed with their pledges. It's going to be a long week for the hopeful candidates as the votes are counted!

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contact them on 0345 733 5566 or they also work with StepChange Debt Charity who can be reached on 0800 138 111 or www.stepchange.org. In addition we discussed the problems of debt and it is really important that when money is tight you do not go to the high interest cost lenders, this will cost substantially more in the long run.

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Record Attendance at GACAP Monthly Meeting

Chairman Ron Mitchie welcomed another record attendance at the Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership monthly meeting held at DISC offices, next to the Blue Bridge, on Monday 6th November. Secretary Joan Mitchie updated partners on progress made during a busy month. The new website is progressing and will be launched January 2018. Peter Driver from Harvest Church, Assistant secretary,

is working with CDFHS to develop the website. Information is needed from all partners and Joan circulated two forms, requesting contact details, a summary of the organisation and areas where help and guidance could be obtained for people in need. Sally Symons a Town Councillor was co-opted onto the Management Committee. An idea that was voiced a few months ago was officially launched when partners accepted the Conditions of Membership of Friends or Associates of GACAP, extending the hand of friendship to individuals who had a heart for the work done by partners offering support, advice and food/white goods to those people on our town who are in need.

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Alison Firby from The Foodbank and A Place of Welcome gave a report on Holiday Hunger. She said the Pilot Scheme was on the wrong day and was not advertised sufficiently. The town had several distractions during the school holidays, but those involved were undeterred, and were encouraged by support given by TESCO, Rotary Club, The Foodbank and their volunteers. A Tombola in the Thames Centre raised £190 towards the expenses of the day.

A further scheme would be run over the Christmas School Holiday period with the aim of providing free food, fun and friendship under the name of PLAY CAFÉ. With the roll out of Universal Credit in March 2018 it was felt there will be a need to help hungry families. Rachael O'Donnell from Advice Durham explained the service which was part funded by DCC and Co Durham CAB. They started in 2013, there are 140 services involved including GP practices. Networking was important and which GACAP has found to be imperative to grow the organisation, giving more opportunity to help people who were in need.

Derek Butler, founder of RocSolid explained how the charity had evolved, with him and his wife Dorothy prepared to get their hands dirty after initially starting as a Fostering Agency. They realised when children reached 18 they were literally given a ticket back to where they were referred from. They saw a halfway house was needed to help these young people find their way back into society as not everyone can make it successfully.

Since then the organisation has grown and the number of young people helped is immense. They currently have around 100 staff and 100 properties.

Young people aged 18-25 from across Teesside and Darlington area are helped, trained and accommodated and Derek said he was proud of the fact that their Ofsted rating of Outstanding. Foodbank organiser Alison Firby issued a list of items required to make up emergency boxes.

Sid Rooke from NE First Credit Union advised they would be moving to the Library on 23rd November.

He expected coverage by Newton News about the move. Sid explained there were two credit unions in the North East, Prince Bishop in Bishop Auckland and NE First in Aycliffe. The Secretary spoke to Sid after the meeting about the Salary Scheme as there were many organisations who employ staff and volunteers in GACAP. He said the salary scheme allows employees to have money deducted automatically from their pay and deposited into a saving scheme account. The credit union can also offer support to staff who need assistance and provide a low cost source of borrowing at times when it is necessary.

The last meeting for the year is December 4th at the new time of 3.45 to allow time for networking before the meeting. The larger part of this meeting will be given over to Christmas Fayre and Networking. Please note GACAP is open to all statutory and voluntary welfare groups working in the Aycliffe area.

For more details please contact Joan Mitchie on: secretary@gacap.org.uk

Editor Invited to St. Mary's School

Written by year 3 pupils from St. Mary's



Year 3 children at St. Mary's primary had a special visitor on Friday, 10th November. Our class teacher, Mrs Brown invited Syd Howarth, editor of Newton News to come in to talk to the class about our community newspaper. She wanted to extend the work we have been doing in school on writing newspaper reports and the day before we were busy preparing questions we wanted to ask.

On the day itself Syd gave us some very useful tips on what you need to do to create an exciting newspaper report. We learnt lots of useful facts. He is a lovely man and we all learnt lots of new facts. Here are a few of them.

- The Newton News was the first free community newspaper to be produced in this country.
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- The newspaper only publishes reports about great things that happen in our town, avoiding scandalous criminal activity carried out by a minority.

- The paper has 16 pages each week and they never have a problem having enough information to go in the paper. We are going to be putting these tips into practice next week in our class when we must produce two newspaper reports.

We asked the opinions of some of our classmates on the visit. Here are a few we would like to share. "I found it fascinating to learn how long Syd had been working for Newton News."

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During the visit, Phil met with TSB Bank Manager, Victoria McNary, before being given a tour of the branch and chatting at length with staff, hearing first-hand about how TSB is supporting customers in our community. Phil presented Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, which provides support and advice to people living with cancer, as well as practical assistance with patient transport and social events, with a cheque for £958. The money was raised by Partners and customers through various fundraising activities during the past year including book sales and raffles.



Great North Air Ambulance, were, welcomed by Phil as TSB Newton Aycliffe's new Local Charity Partner for 2017/18.

Phil said "It was a pleasure to visit the Newton Aycliffe branch of TSB to meet the Partners and to see the excellent work they are doing to support local charities. I'm really glad to see TSB reaching out to try support small and medium enterprises in the area and to find out what's going on in the Bank since it relaunched back onto high streets in 2013."

Victoria McNary, Bank Manager, says: "Our Local Charity Partnership programme is about working to help support local causes

that are the lifeblood of many communities across Britain. "We were delighted to meet with Phil Wilson MP and not only explain how TSB is supporting its customers and the local community but to show him by having our Local Charity Partners in the branch. The team has worked really hard over the past year to raise the vital funds the charity needs, it's great to see the difference our work will have. We are also thrilled to welcome Great North Air Ambulance as our new Local Charity Partner - we can't wait to start our fundraising activities."

TSB has given more than £1.7 million to local causes across Britain since its

local charity partnerships launched in 2015. This year a record 27,000 nominations were received from local charities across the country to join the programme which sees TSB Partners from 550 branches and eight office sites volunteer and raise money on behalf of the chosen charities.

TSB's sole focus is to serve local people and businesses which, in turn, helps fuel local economies across Britain. Instead of having a centrally chosen charity of the year, Partners working at TSB choose the cause they want to support. Once chosen, each branch or site is given an initial donation by TSB to kick-start the partnership.

Brightest Students in Town!



Are the students at Sugar Hill the brightest in Newton Aycliffe? Well, if they weren't before; they may well be now, following the donation of children's Hi-Vis vests by local businessman Michael Watson, of North East Truck and Driver.

The staff and students from Sugar Hill can often be seen walking to and from various locations within the town - As we are now firmly in the darker days and nights it occurred to the team at North East Truck and Driver

distribution and logistics sector as both an agency and, a haulier - where the wearing of Hi-Visibility garments is a must. - that is perhaps why the children's visibility could be given a similar boost.

Are you involved with an infant or primary school that would benefit from a similar donation - then why not make contact with the team at North East Truck and Driver Telephone: 01325 328 832 or mick@northeasttruckanddriver.co.uk to see if he could help you.

MINI POLICE VISIT AYKLEY HEADS HQ



Recently St. Joseph's School Mini Police visited Aykley Heads control room in Durham. The children were given a guided tour of the centre and found out lots of information about what happens when people ring 999 or 101.

They receive on average 1,000 '101' calls and 300 '999' calls a day. The call handlers must answer a 999 call in 10 seconds and they have three minutes to despatch a unit.

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

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

The Mini Police shared

what they learned with other classes.

Historic Building for Sale



The Locomotion No 1 Pub on Heighington Lane, formerly the Heighington Stationmaster's home and ticket office, next to the level crossing, is vacant and up for sale. This was the station where the first locomotive to haul a passenger train was hoisted onto the track in 1825.

It is a shame for this historic building to fall into such bad repair and damage was caused when it was broken into recently.

We understand the building is for sale at around £350,000. It needs to be bought by someone with a train interest who could develop it into a themed pub and restaurant.

Contact Chris Watson. Email: enquiries@eventsdvtv.com
Tel: 01325 335800. Mobile 07847 800224

Neville Ward Residents' Meeting

Neville Residents Association last met on Monday 16th October in the Neville Community Centre where we had marvellous support from Phil Clark and Ken Robson, chairs of Horndale and Acorn Residents' Associations.

Phil and Ken gave us an insight into how they had set up their residents associations along with some great ideas to provide fun days out for our residents.

Thank you also to Phil, Ken and Arun Chandran for their kind donations.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th November 2017 at Neville Community Centre with Refreshments at 6.30pm followed by a meeting at 6.45pm.

All Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Heather Brewster
Chair Neville Residents Association
Tel: 07751 385250
Email: heather.brewster@btinternet.com

Credit Union Moves to Library

The town's Credit Union NEFirst will move from St. Clare's Church and officially open on Thursday 23rd November at 10.30am, at the Newton Aycliffe Library.

REME MEETING

REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 29th November 2017 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome. "Arte et Marte"

Thank You

A BIG thank you to the person who handed in my handbag from the bus stop at Woodham. Very grateful

THANK YOU to the person who phoned for the ambulance last Tuesday, when my Husband collapsed

NORA DIXON A very big thank you to all the staff at Aycliffe Care Home for the laughter they shared with Nora during her final weeks of life. Also to Gill, Carole and the Co-op Funeralcare for the beautiful send off for Nora on her final journey. The congregation donated £80, which will go to the British Heart Foundation. Thank you, Clive

Birthday Remembrance

RITA ANN CHAPE 18th November 1952. Happy birthday Rita. Taken too soon. Love, Vaughan

Obituary

Joyce Sturrock

Aged 91 years

(born in Fulham, South West London). Died peacefully on 12th November 2017 in the loving care of Aycliffe Care Home. Beloved wife of the late Gilbert, a dearly loved Mum, Mum-in-Law and dear Sister. Sadly missed. Funeral on Friday 24th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Darlington Crematorium at 11.45am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, in aid of The Alzheimer's Society, may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Congratulations

BENJAMIN LEIGHTON

11th November. Happy 18th birthday to our Grandson. Lots of love, Gran and Grandad

ELLIE MAY LEIGHTON

11th November. Happy 16th birthday to our Granddaughter. Lots of love, Gran and Grandad

ADA TAYLOR

103 Years. 19th November. Happy Birthday. Aunt of Ann, Bas, Viv Thompson

Ian Blenkinsopp



Happy 60th Birthday
14th November 1957

Have a lovely 60th birthday. Lots of love, Jackie, Nicola, Graham, Danny, Zach, Mia and Daisy xxxxx

Thelma Cowan



Peacefully on 11th November (nee Woods). Loving Mother to Peter, John and Debbie; much loved Mother-in-Law to Graeme and Dawn and a loving and adored Grandma to Jill, Emily, Tyler and Aidan. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 23rd November at 12.00 noon. Then afterwards join in celebration of Thelma's life at Woodham Golf and Country Club

Rachel Grieves



Happy "Belated" Birthday Belated birthday wishes to my darling Rachel for 13th November. Sorry I forgot again !!! Paul xxxxxx

In Memoriam

JOY MITTON 18th November 2015. A dear Mam and Nanna. Not a single day passes when you're not thought of. Loved and missed every day. Debbie, Jez, Chloe, Charlie and Jamie xxx

JOY MITTON 18th November 2015. Lovingly remembered, you were my Cousin but we were brought up as Brother and Sister. Thinking of you always, Chris

JOY MITTON 18th November 2015. It's been two years, but our memories and love will never fade. Still very much in our thoughts and hearts. Much loved, we miss you very much. From Stuart, Julie and Hannah xxx

JOY MITTON 18th November 2015. Treasured memories of a cherished Mam and Nana. Loved, remembered and missed every day. Forever in our thoughts. Dougie and Grandson Alex xxx

GRANT EDGAR 16th November 1985. A loving Son tragically killed. Thinking of you is easy, I do it every day. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away. Lots of love always. Mam, Paul, Lee, Andy and family xxxxx

Juniors Football Report

Aycliffe Juniors had most teams back in action again after some had enjoyed a break last weekend. It was a return to league games and we saw some superb performances as well as a cup game for the Under 23's.

Under 6's are enjoying a series of friendly games and played Hartlepool Youth this week. Yet again they had a great time learning the game before they start in the league next year and this week they won 12-5.

Under 7's hosted Stranton FC and it was the visitors who started well and got a two goal lead, Evan got one back for Aycliffe but it was 3-1 at half time. The second half saw the same pattern of scoring with Harry on target for the home team and the game ending 6-2. The second friendly game saw a 4-2 win with Logan and Harry both getting two goals in a great performance.

Under 8's travelled to play Norton & Stockton Ancients they dominated the game, passing well to create lots of chances. Oliver scored four, man of the match Alex got a



hat trick and Dylan added two in a 9-2 win. The second game was played in next seasons seven a side format and ended with another win.

Under 9's were at home against Greatham FC and it was the visitors who started brightly. The Aycliffe team then settled in to the game defended well and took their chances to seal a 4-1 win. The scorers were Harry, Joe and Kai (2) with the man of the match awarded to Ashton. The second game saw another dominant win and man of the match Joshua J scored four

goals.

Under 10's 'White' were away at Leven AFC it was a tight game with very few chances. Unfortunately for Aycliffe it was Leven who managed to convert a chance on goal to win the match 1-0.

Under 11's played at Redcar Town with a depleted squad due to injuries and illness. Playing against the wind in the first half they came to the break 2-0 down. The Aycliffe side changed to play a more attacking formation to get in to the game but the second half saw two more conceded in a 4-0 defeat. The whole team battled to the end of the game so were all named as men of the match.

Under 12's TJFA League team had a tough clash with Marton Blues at Sunnydale. They were 1-0 down in the first minute but then dominated the game, eventually equalising through Will's goal in the second half. Despite a great performance their chances were not taken and a late goal was conceded as they lost out 2-1.

Under 13's played away against Leven Athletic whilst the Under 16's were at home facing Billingham Synthonia, both teams recorded 4-2 wins.

Under 23's were in cup action against Pelton RAOB and it was a closely contested game. A goal from man of the match Rhys Bennett made the scores level at 1-1 with five minutes left. However it was the visitors who broke away to score the winner in the closing stages.

HEIGHINGTON FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Heighington entertained Billingham Juniors this week on Remembrance Sunday proudly wearing their poppies. Both sides conducted the Minutes silence perfectly, so well done both Teams.

Alex started in Goal with Kyleo and Liam at the back Tyler in a Free Role and Kenzi up top. Heighington Pressed from

the front superbly well. This tactic was creating chance after chance, but Heighington saw the visiting keeper in inspired form. However Tyler opened the scoring to make it 1-0. Then after a Billingham player handled it on the left touchline just in front of half way. Kyleo stepped up and whipped in a superb delivery which Kenzi rose highest to glance in with his head HT 2-0

Second half Heighington went up another gear and 2 quick goals from Kyleo and Kenzi put Heighington 4-0 up before Kyleo smashed in his 2nd and Heighington's 5th before getting his 11th Hat Trick in Heighington colours. Double trouble Archie and Zane were introduced with 10 Minutes to go and The former banged in a quick fire brace FT 8-0

The second game was 6 a side saw Louie go in Goal with Kieran and Alex at the back, Maddix in a free role and Zane and Archie up top. Heighington went 1-0 down to a great finish from their number 4. However Maddix flipped the game on its head with a quick fire brace. Zane then scored his 7th Goal of the season. HT 3-1

Heighington rung the changes with Liam, Kyleo, Kenzi, and Tyler all getting run outs in this game. Heighington kept dominating although Louie did have to make a good save from distance. Heighington were in control and Liam then got in on the act finishing superbly in the top corner from a tight angle. MOTM from the opposition was awarded to Kenzi, 2nd game was Maddix and Player of the Day went to Liam



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Jamie Pape on receiving his student of the month award. Jamie has impressed all of the instructors with his hard work, is very focussed and his confidence and maturity has grown immensely since he started training at our club.

Jamie also recently graded to 1st Mon (Red Belt) which is the highest junior grade and is now training hard towards our senior Kyu grades, he's a real credit to our club. Well done.

If anyone would like more information about our Karate Club, just come along to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on a Tuesday at 7pm and Thursday at 6.30pm for a free first lesson. Please contact Andy Bailey on 07999 501379 or email naanshinryu@gmail.com

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Aycliffe runners headed to Exhibition Park in Newcastle on Sunday 13th November for the annual Heaton Harriers Memorial 10k. There was a minute's Remembrance Day Silence on the start line as nearly 600 runners stood in tribute before they were on their way to cover two laps of Newcastle Town Moor.

Conditions were very windy and bitterly cold. First to finish the course for Aycliffe Running Club was Trish Kay in 50:03 and 2nd F55, next Lindsey Brown in PB of 57:18 followed by Susan Clark 1:01:56 and Eve Doe in PB of 1:07:16.

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