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All the volunteers are your friends and neighbours from this area who are giving something back to the community, by giving their time and services to entertain and inform you, our listeners. The station has recruited a diverse range of volunteers, ranging from a 16 year old to "retired". All of them eager to start broadcasting and interacting with local organisations, sports clubs, schools, charities, churches, businesses, pubs and clubs. Newton Press Director, Paul Howarth, who initiated the project, is very pleased with the response received and has great hopes for the future of Aycliffe Radio.

If you are a local charity or organisation, why not arrange to come to the studio and record a five



Paul Howarth (right) ready to broadcast

minute "info-slot" about your activities, meeting day and times - it will be a good tool to help you recruit more members and get your message across.

This way we get you, the residents, involved in Aycliffe Radio with an array of different projects, voices and information for all to enjoy. Similarly, we would like to hear from local school choirs, bands, concerts, poetry or essay competitions (anything that works on radio).

Pubs and clubs are also invited to drop us an email with their upcoming

activities which we will promote for you. Whether it is a one off or a weekly event - we can keep our listeners up to date and show the excellent activities available in our area.

Aycliffe Radio has an App available on Google Play and Apple Store, which is currently being upgraded. If you have already downloaded the app, you will receive an upgrade notification when the new version is ready.

The website is **NOW LIVE**, introducing all our volunteers; a schedule of when the presenters sessions will be broadcast, our contact details, history of Aycliffe Radio from 1970's and even a widget to enable listeners to request a song - visit www.ayclifferradio.co.uk

You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, Email: info@ayclifferradio.co.uk - call or text 07512 253333. If you would like to be a volunteer at Aycliffe Radio please get in touch. Simply contact us via email: info@ayclifferradio.co.uk and you will be sent more details and invited along to the studio - don't be shy, we are a great bunch of people all working for the good of the local community.

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The sessions are held in small groups of 8 - 10, depending on the different age ranges between 3-5, 6-10 and 11-16 years. Our Coaches are doing a great job in getting these kids active and most importantly, learning first hand that fitness can be fun.

"We and most parents feel this is crucial in an era where kids are becoming less active, less social and more addicted to technology. We have two young boys of our own who love sports, but would often choose an afternoon on the computer over getting some fresh air" said Vikki Anderson, Business Manager at CrossFit All Out.

Head Coach Terry said "It's great to see so many kids still here after 2 years. They all try hard and accept that they're all at different stages of ability with the movements. CrossFit is a competitive sport for those who choose to train at that level, but CrossFit Kids is simply about having fun with fitness and getting kids active. There is no pressure to achieve anything in particular, it's just great to see them comfortable here, having fun with their fitness and working up a sweat. We have a group of kids who recently moved up to the Academy group (11-16's)

where the real work begins 3 times a week and they've took it all in their stride and are progressing really well." "Some turned 16 after being here for 3 years and have now moved to adults classes, where they are lifting as much as some adults. They are becoming strong, capable, young men and women, learning what they and their bodies are capable of. Their work ethic is inspiring and their future is exciting." CrossFit All Out in Aycliffe have recently had a second Coach Allen McGee, qualified to deliver kids' sessions and new Coach Dan Boulton will assist him in delivering new weekly family sessions and an academy (11-16) session for beginners. Courtne Mills, trainee at CrossFit All Out and PT level 2 & 3 a student at Darlington Technology College, assists Terry at other kids' sessions. For more information contact Vikki on 07788123321 or see the website www.crossfitallout.co.uk



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A set list boasting the likes of up-to-date Indie rock without missing out the golden oldies, the band have engineered a unique sound beginning with neat arrangements of the likes of Arctic Monkeys, Kings of Leon and Oasis, coupled with beefed up rock twists of 80's classics such as 'Don't you want me baby', 'Superstition' and many more.

Tom Backhouse, (24), fronts the band on the impressive lead guitar and is also principle chanter with his raunchy vocals. David Lloyd, (25), provides the guts with thumping bass lines throughout and Daniel K, (33), gives the drums a relentless battering which altogether constitutes an energetic performance full of twists and turns. The band will take you on a night-long tour where you can rock to 70s punk, dance to 80s rock before singing your heart out to all the modern classics. Just to give a flavour in no particular order, Romeo's Pistol delve into some of the most loved tunes from the Stereophonics, Black Keys, Beatles, Buzzcocks, The Jam, Red Hot Chilli Peppers, U2, Oasis and many more. So, put your beer back in the fridge and get down to the local boozer for a night you may regret tomorrow but - 'at least not today'.

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A single bed quilt called

'Hydrangea' was donated by the family of Margaret Foster who sadly passed away earlier this year. The quilt was made as part of her City and Guilds Quilting exam as a member of Gainford Quilting group. Another four quilts were made by members of the Threadbangers who meet



on a Thursday at Redworth Village Hall. The double bed quilt named 'Miss Daisy' was made by Pat Camburn. A double bed quilt and a sofa throw were made by Margaret Harris. The double bed quilt in the photo was made by Margot Harryman shown with



MRI Appeal organiser Pat Chambers.

Bids are invited but it is very difficult to say how much a hand made quilt costs. As a general guide a double bed quilt sells for about £200, a single bed about £150 and a

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Over the years the funeral service has donated thousands of pounds to local charities and worthy causes.

This year the Darlington Office is supporting Macmillan Cancer Support North East to conclude a year long pledge to this fabulous charity. However they are looking for two local charities to support from the Newton Aycliffe Office.

Do you know a local Newton Aycliffe based charity or worthy cause, big or small, that would benefit from a donation?

They need your suggestions as soon as possible through either social media, email (enquiries@whitehousefuneralservice) or telephone 01325 318600.



Ron Mitchie Chairman of GACAP was one of the many partners who were collecting money for their Discretionary Fund in Tesco last week.

Ron said, "I am blown away with the generosity of the people of Newton Aycliffe. They excelled themselves last week with an amount of nearly £250. Not one person had any objection in putting their hands in their pockets to give.

At one time there was a queue of people with money in their hands waiting to give. I want to thank personally everyone who donated, and also those partners of GACAP for their help on the day".

GACAP is working hard to raise their profile and get on-board all those who have a heart for people in our community who are in need, either as partners, associates or friends.

The idea of the awareness day was that of Vice Chairman of GACAP Geoff Batchelor who represents Rotary as a partner of GACAP. Geoff contacted Helen Maynard Tesco Manager and she was able to accommodate us.

At the beginning of this festive season, when some people are

counting their pennies it is rewarding to see people take time to give to those who are in need. If you would like to know more about GACAP or perhaps want to be a Friend or Associate of GACAP, please in the first instance email secretary@gacap.org.uk

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Neville Community Centre now has a busy timetable! Once a month the Neville Ward Residents meet and as from the beginning of January, Slimming World meet in the hall every Monday evening. Tuesday night is Boot Camp from 7-8pm and Wednesday night is the K9 Society from 7pm-9pm.

On Thursday you can join Line Dancing for absolute beginners from 1.30-2.30pm.

Then the Karate Club for all ages train from 6-7pm followed by "SNAG" (Special Needs Adult Group) who meet from 7-9pm. This is a social group for anyone with a special need or disability to meet with others to have a chat, play games (we have a Wii) and David brings

along his Nintendo Switch, 123 which is a good laugh.) The cafe is open for hot chocolate with or without Marshmallows and cream which is very popular!

Community Rubbish Clearing in Western Area



On Saturday 18th November, residents in the Western Area were invited to dispose of any unwanted rubbish free of charge, to help clean up their community.

Ward Brothers' Skip Hire provided a number of skips at a discounted rate and despite the cold, people really rallied round to make the most of the opportunity for a clear out. A huge 2.5 tonnes of rubbish was collected on the day! The community clean up came about following door to door consultation where residents identified that rubbish in the area was a problem. PCP worked with Councillors Kate Hopper, and Eddie Adam, Durham County Council and livin, funding was secured... then it was over to residents to fill up the skips.

The Fire Service and Police were on hand to help local residents, particularly with some of the larger items.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive explained, "This is a great example of organisations working together with communities to take simple but important steps to improve their environment."

"Individual health and wellbeing is very much affected by where we live and their surroundings and people like to take pride in their local area. PCP consultation in the Western Area is ongoing and we are keen to hear any ideas or thoughts on the community generally."

More details can be found on the dedicated Facebook page Western Area Regeneration Community Conversation or by contacting Karen Grundy and Emily Hunter at the PCP on 01325 321234 or email conversation@pcp.uk.net Follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Public Defibrillator Dedicated at St. Clare's



Friends of St. Clare's wish to thank the twenty to thirty people who attended the service on Sunday 26th November 2017 at 11.15am. Thanks to Rev. Elizabeth Bland for leading the prayers. As a small token of appreciation from Friends of St. Clare's, free refreshments were served following the Service, including tea, coffee, biscuits and delicious mince pies.

The campaign to raise money for this lifesaving piece of equipment was run by Friends of St. Clare's and the defibrillator was installed outside the Church Hall for the benefit of the whole community.

Friends of St. Clare's have been and will continue to raise funds to help St. Clare's Church in many ways into the future and more information will be forthcoming in 2018. Details will then be published as to how you can be involved in this organisation.

So far the following funds have been raised mainly for the defibrillator fund. The WI £200; Marion Ascough £5; The late Hilda Heaton £10; All Sorts Charity Shop £100; St. Clare's Church Christmas Greeting Fund £181.16; Honest John £1,000;

The Rotary Club £250; GAMP £350. Thank you to all those involved.

HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

I invite residents to a Drop in consultation session on the 4th December at Heighington Village Hall. Council Officers will be displaying a draft spatial plan for Heighington Village at this venue between 3pm - 7pm and will be available to answer any questions.

If you are unable to attend, the draft plan and supporting information will be displayed on DBC website at <https://microsites.darlington.gov.uk/local-plan/> on the 4th December. DBC will be welcoming views and comments on the draft plan for a 5 week period between 4th December 2017 and 8th January 2018. Details of how to comment will be displayed on the Council's website.

Band have agreed to give a Christmas Concert in the Village Hall on Saturday December 9th at 7pm. Admission is £12.50 which includes mulled wine and a seasonal buffet. This will be a lovely festive affair for everyone to enjoy so come along to start your Christmas off in a true village traditional manner.

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The advice follows a theft of a van from Tow Law which was later recovered from Bishop Auckland and two men aged 24 and 25 were arrested.

A spokesperson from Durham Constabulary said: "We would encourage owners not to leave keys in their vehicles, whether it is in order to save a couple of minutes de-icing vehicles or otherwise.

The temptation is for motorists to leave their cars unattended with the engines running, making them vulnerable to opportunist thieves.

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Credit Union volunteers, Councillors and officers met today to mark the move of the Credit Union from St Clare's Church into a room next to the Library. It is an accessible, professional, private location, which hopefully people will find attractive. The Credit Union is ethical banking - with mutual returns and low-interest loans - and we need to do all we can to support it, as it battles to help people avoid scandalously high interest-rates from payday lenders such as Brighthouse and Wonga.



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we need more than ever to get the message out there... <https://nefirstcu.co.uk/locations/>

AYCLIFFE MISSING OUT ON COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

Community groups in County Durham have 'cleaned up' in a prestigious regional awards scheme. Nine Durham County Council-supported groups from the county's towns and villages have been recognised through the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) 'It's Your Neighbourhood' (IYN) programme.

IYN is part of the RHS' Britain in Bloom competition and gives certificates of achievement to groups which work to 'green up' their communities.

All nine schemes received up to £500 towards their work through the council's Community Grant Scheme, which is currently open to applications from volunteer led environmental groups.

Pauline Walker, the council's senior civic pride officer, said: "We're thrilled with the hard work put in by all volunteers and community groups and the results of the IYN scheme are testament to the commitment everyone has shown in developing their environmental projects. "There is still time for

community groups to get funding for an environmental improvement scheme next year, so we urge people to apply."

Cllr Brian Stephens, added: "It's incredible that people have given up their precious time in volunteering and have either cleaned up, greened up or produced healthy produce for the benefit of their communities. Many of the schemes will provide long-lasting environmental benefits to all who live or work in, or visit these areas. "There is a chance for everyone to get involved in improving their local environment at grassroots level and we'd encourage people to contact us if they're interested in how."

Groups wishing to apply for Community Grant Scheme funding in 2018 must do so by Friday, 8th December. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/itsyourneighbourhood to find out more and download an application form. Alternatively, email civicpride@durham.gov.uk or call 03000 261 000 to request an application pack.

Teenager's Day as Police Commissioner



YOUNG people from across County Durham and Darlington will benefit from funding to support projects aimed at reducing crime, allocated by the Young Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner.

17 year old Libby Wright from Stanley took on the duties of Ron Hogg, the Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, as part of Takeover Challenge. Libby was elected by her fellow Police Cadet and she chaired a committee meeting of Police Cadets and Mini Police at Darlington Town Hall. The committee agreed to fund the following projects:

- a website for schools, to help teachers plan lessons on topics such as road safety, internet safety and reducing crime
- a project to enable young people to be involved in a samba band, giving young people confidence and a stake in society

- Seven fun sessions involving motorbike activities, such as graphic design for motorbikes and looking after motorbikes. The sessions will be aimed at young people who have been in trouble

- a series of projects for disabled teenagers, looking at topics such as alcohol, drugs, bullying, hate crime
- youth club sessions to help young people learn to be safe when using the internet

Libby said: "I'm pleased the Committee has funded projects which will make a real difference to people's lives. I really want to give young people a voice during my time as Young PCVC and I will continue to ask how the Police, and other service providers, are prioritising the things young people feel strongly about" During her Takeover Challenge Day, Libby also spent time with the Police and Crime Panel and met the Chief Constable.

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MINI POLICE SUPPORT POPPY APPEAL



During Remembrance weekend, members of Stephenson Way's Mini Police voluntarily gave their free time to show support for the brave men and women who have fought (and continue to fight) with our armed forces.

Accompanied by Mrs Hunter and Mrs Hill, they braved the cold as they sold poppies to passers-by in Newton Aycliffe town centre.

All money raised was donated to the British Legion, who continue to support our troops and fly the flag of remembrance so that generations to come will also value those lives given in battle. *Let us not forget.*



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Wearing Spots to Raise Lots!



On Friday 17th November, staff and pupils at Stephenson Way Academy were seeing spots before their very eyes as they joined with people around the country to raise money for the well-known charity, Children in Need. Before the big day itself, the children were set the challenge of designing a Children in Need T-shirt of

their own by recycling an old T-shirt or top. The colourful convoy that made it's way onto the yard that Friday morning, amid a flurry of feathers and glitter, was a spectacle to behold. As ever, the children (and their grown-up helpers) had pulled out all the stops with an array of elaborate designs that would not have looked

out of place on the catwalks of Paris! A Pudsey themed assembly gave the perfect opportunity for a T-shirt parade and everybody clapped and cheered the models as they showed off their handiwork. In lessons, pupils gained more of an insight into who their £1 donations were helping and discussed what 'need' meant.

With our Pudsey ears packed away for another year, the children from nursery right through to Year 6 were proud to hear that they'd raised £245 for this very worthy cause. Well done everyone!

Councillors' Surgeries

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jim Atkinson will not be holding a Surgery in December. Their next surgery is on January 13th. Any urgent problems please ring Sarah on 03000 268730 and Jim on 03000 268723.

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 5th December features "A CHRISTMAS TREE MIRACLE" about a family who seem to have everything, then it all falls apart. At rock bottom they meet a kind farmer and learn what Christmas is really about. It is the perfect way to kick off the festive season; a heart-warming family film which will leave you feeling good. 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.

HUSBAND'S CPR TRAINING SAVED HIS WIFE



Congratulations to Tony Linskey on receiving a Chief Fire Officer's Commendation from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and a Biker Down Tyne and Wear Special Recognition Award for his actions on 1st October 2017. Tony attended a free Biker Down workshop along with his wife Helen on 26th August. During the CPR input Helen informed us about a heart condition she has so emphasis was placed upon that aspect of the workshop. We received a message from Tony stating that on 1st October, only 5 weeks after the course Helen had gone into cardiac arrest at home and Tony had performed CPR on her immediately, he even gave assistance to attending Paramedics. Tony performed CPR for approximately 12 minutes and specialists stated Helen's survival and subsequent speedy recovery was due to Tony's rapid action. Photograph from right to left: Area Manager John Pratt (TWFRS), Station Manager Jeff Boath (TWFRS), Crew Manager Stu Dobson (TWFRS & Biker Down), Tony Linskey, Helen Linskey, Crew Manager William Royal (TWFRS & Biker Down), Gary Shaw (Senior Trauma & Research Paramedic NEAS & Biker Down) and PC Louis Briggs.

"It is an honour and privilege to present these accolades to Tony who is a very deserving hero. Well done Tony" said John Pratt.

Helen works part time as volunteer in YMCA Newton Aycliffe and her heart condition means her valve leaks and her ventricular tubing is back to front to a normal heart. When

we got home on October 1st Helen got up to stir tea and when she came back into the living room in Oakfield she fell flat on her face and tony carried out the CPR. She spent three weeks

in Darlington Hospital recovering and one day in Newcastle Freeman's Hospital getting a defibrillator fitted and she's recovered really well with no side effects. and is slowly getting back to work.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

County Council successes and a can't-miss offer. Please complete the consultations and remember your local foodbank this Christmas. Further details on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB2911

- COUNCIL**
- Consultation – short breaks for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
 - Consultation – the Town Council's budget and services.
 - GAMP Board Meeting, Tuesday 28 November.
 - LOCARBO highlight for DCC's energy-efficiency efforts.
 - Well done Digital Durham and thank you!
 - Fixed penalties issued to 30 dog owners through new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).
 - National Tree Week in County

Durham, 25 November-3 December – plant free trees with a grant of up to £150 from DCC, 1st come 1st served: phone 03000 267133.

- Latest local roadworks information.
- COMMUNITY**
- Fire & Rescue 3-Year Plan consultation.
- A Social Mobility Commission report has found that opportunity is a 'postcode lottery', but that County Durham performs quite well.
- Durham County Carers Support.
- When the Credit Union moved in with the Library.
- Volunteering in County Durham November newsletter.
- Holy defibrillators!
- We all know about Black Friday ... but have you heard of 'White Weekend'?

St Michael's Christmas Concert

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Livin Charity Challenge Raised over £6,000



(left to right): Back: Ian Youll (Chair of livin Board), Eileen Cotterill (livin Marketing and Communications Advisor). Front: Liz Barton Jones (Foundations Head of Sports and Wellbeing), Colin Steel (livin Chief Executive), Alan Boddy (livin Operations Director), Lynn Murphy (Bradley Lowery Campaign Manager), Lauren Thompson (livin Marketing and Sales Manager), Helen Darby (livin Head of HR and Business Development)

Over 90 staff from two partner organisations went head-to-head in a charity fundraising event to raise money for the Foundation of Light and The Bradley Lowery Fight Against Neuroblastoma. The charity challenge organised by homes and communities organisation Livin pitched its staff against those from its repairs and maintenance partner Mears Group in a funfair themed event with games including giant darts, football pool and beat the buzzer in a bid to win the charity challenge cup.

Over £3,000 was raised thanks to the generosity of staff who paid to take part in the events and took part in silent auctions and raffles thanks to a range of prizes donated by suppliers including; the Mears Foundation Deerness, Sykes, ORS, Kerrison, Pinkneys, and Sherwoods. Mears was

crowned the overall winner and following the success of the event Livin matched the fundraising total meaning both charities each received cheques in excess of £3,000. Alan Boddy, Operations Director said: "This is our most successful fundraising event to date. Our partnership with the Foundation of Light spans a number of years and they support us to deliver much needed support to families living in our communities. "The Bradley Lowery Foundation is another great local charity that is supported by our staff. We are delighted with the amount raised. So much so that we are making this an annual event."



JOIN THE MAYOR'S CIVIC XMAS SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, will host a Civic Carol Service on Sunday 10th December 2017 4pm at St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

The Service will be attended by Civic Dignitaries from the surrounding areas and Councillor Wendy Hillary would also like to cordially invite members of the public to join her for this Christmas celebration. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall following the Service.

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Tesco Festive Bash - Our Charity Fundraising Weekend
Friday 8th & Saturday 9th December

Santa's Post Box - Open from 10th December
Children can post their letters to Santa and receive a letter back from the man himself!

Remembrance Tree
Monday 11th December

Hot Chocolate Day for Customers
Wednesday 13th December

Food Festival Sampling
Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December

Elf on a Shelf for Children
Saturday 16th December

Children's Christmas Card Making
Sunday 17th December

Chocolate Fountain and Christmas Jumper Pic Competition
Friday 22nd December

Children's Christmas Craft Table
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th December

Children's Christmas Movie Day
Saturday 30th December

Everyone's Welcome

Breakfast Clubs Available to Schools



Warrens Group collects food waste from all over the region to be converted through its £15m Emerald Biogas facility at Newton Aycliffe. It already processes 115,000 tonnes annually – a figure that is growing year on year. That enables in excess of 100 million KWH of clean energy to be generated – enough to power 19,000 homes for a year. In addition the company produced 100,000 tonnes of bio fertiliser for use by farmers.

Lynne Hindmarch, Greggs Foundation breakfast club manager, said: “We started the Breakfast Club programme in 1999 to help primary school children from disadvantaged areas get a nutritious start to their school day.

“The Breakfast Clubs encourage schools to involve parents as volunteers so they run more cost effectively and help parents, who may otherwise be out of

employment, education or training, to increase their understanding of and experience in a work situation.

“We are trying to improve communities as a whole which is why the Breakfast Clubs are available to everyone.”

Acting head teacher of St Andrew's, Nicola James, said: “Having a FREE breakfast club for ALL children is something very rare and special in Primary schools.

“It means that our children can all have access to a healthy start to their day, which in turn will prepare them for the day ahead and ensure that they can achieve the very best results possible.

“St Andrew's Primary School promotes healthy lifestyles in all that we do and this generous contribution from Warrens Group Ltd goes a long way in supporting us do just that.”

Husqvarna Raise Over £5,000 for Breast Cancer Charity

Newton Aycliffe based manufacturer, Husqvarna, has helped raise over £5,000 for Breast Cancer Care as part of its Pink Automower® charity campaign.

Husqvarna recently auctioned one of its robotic lawnmowers with a unique twist. The Pink Automower® was designed to raise awareness of breast cancer and was the focus of an online auction, which ran for 10 days, giving bidders the chance to get their hands on a flagship product with the proceeds going to charity.

The Pink Automower® was won by Chris Clarkson from Strathaven, Lanarkshire for a total of £3,200 which was then donated to Breast Cancer Care.

Alongside this, Husqvarna staff in Newton Aycliffe took part in a staff fundraising day, dressing up in pink and raising money. Fundraising activity, combined with a donation from the company, amounted to £2,143.

On winning the mower, Chris commented: “I was over the moon to find out I'd won the auction. The Pink Husqvarna Automower® will be a great addition to my garden and I look forward to seeing the results. It's extra special the fact that the money for this



particular model is going to Breast Cancer Care so that the charity can continue to do fantastic work and help those who need it.”

Husqvarna is known for pioneering the robotic lawnmowing industry in 1995 and earlier this year celebrated the production of its one millionth robotic mower in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. The Pink Automower® is the only one of its kind in the UK and follows 2016's Pink Chainsaw campaign which also raised vital funds for Breast Cancer Care.

Breast Cancer Care is the only specialist UK-wide charity providing support to



people with breast cancer. For more information, visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk

To learn more about Husqvarna Automower® visit: <http://www.husqvarna.com/uk/products/robotic-lawn-mowers/>

Bin Rule Changes & Lack of Information

Dear Sir,
My bin has always been emptied from front of my house since we've had wheelie bins but not done today as it was 2 feet on my path and not turned the correct way!

My bin has always been in same place and always been emptied, yet when I spoke to bin man he called me a liar! If rules have changed should we not all have been informed by either sticker on bin or leaflet through doors? I've even looked on DCC website and no reasons are given to myself and my neighbours why your bin may not be emptied.

Apparently we have a new bin crew, but unless informed cannot make changes. Apparently in the 5 minutes it took me to ring the council and get through to correct

department the crew had already logged on their computer and my bin was not presented? Surely a knock on door or something would be better to explain it to us.

If I put my bin on public footpath as they now require I will be obstructing those with prams, wheelchairs etc? I was on a 24 hour sleep in yesterday as I am a support worker and work 10am one day to 10am next day so if I put my bin where they require it to be but for access and someone moves it back my bins not going to get emptied!

I think we all need clarification and details of rule changes as I've never had a problem having bins emptied and nothing has changed as to where my bins are.

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Newtonian Joins RAF

Newtonian Karl McCormack has just passed out at RAF Halton on the 21st November 2017 after a year of injuries. He attended Woodham Church nursery, Vane Road School and Woodham Comprehensive. When he was thirteen he joined 1407 Newton Aycliffe Air Cadets and rose through the rank to Cadet Warrant Officer. Whilst there he gained his gliding wing, adult first aid badge and a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, which he went to St James' Palace to receive from Levison Woods the adventurer. Karl attended many camps at RAF bases in this country but his best was Gibraltar. He also went three times to Arnhem to take part in their August Parade. He then went on to be a Civilian Instructor at 2505 Bishop Auckland Squadron before going to RAF Halton for basic training in September 2016. On completion of training he is heading for RAF Cosford to train as an Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic (avionics) starting in January.



Mini Police Check School Parking

Year 5 Mini Police, once again, reported for traffic duty last week, outside Sugar Hill Primary School to spread their Road Safety message to all pupils, parents, carers and neighbours. Children across school were involved in Road Safety lessons as part of National Road Safety Week with the Mini Police taking action at the school gates. Following the success of the 20mph zone outside school the Mini

Police are reporting they have noticed a positive difference on Sheraton Road although they are still observing some drivers stopping on the zig-zag lines and junctions. It seems the traffic problems have moved slightly to nearby streets and Mini Police are concerned about this after talking to adults who have alerted them to this safety issue. Sugar Hill Mini Police have all pledged to continue their

duties with the local police to do all they can to ensure families can walk to and from school safely, now the dark mornings, evenings and winter weather make the journey challenging enough. Mrs Legge who leads the Mini Police said, 'We are so proud of our Mini Police Officers. They take their role seriously and show a commitment to ensuring they make a difference to our local community'.



AYCLIFFE FOODBANK FOUNDERS RECOGNISED

The service and dedication of Ernie and June Temple in setting up and organising the County Durham Foodbank Distribution Point in Newton Aycliffe were recognised at a fundraising event. Peter McLellan of the Durham Christian Partnership presented a brass plaque



which will be displayed within foodbank, a reminder of their 5 years of service to those in crisis locally. Volunteers and supporters enjoyed Tea and Cakes for the Trussell Trust, as they thanked and congratulated the couple. SHINE church and community choir sang for Ernie and June, who also received flowers and a gift to mark the occasion, from Naomi, who worked as the Volunteer Coordinator with the DCP and County Foodbank project. Members of the churches, Foodbank volunteers and members of GACAP joined the Tea Party held to honour Ernie and June. Ernie thanked everyone on behalf of himself and June, and he spoke of some of the reasons he felt called to this service, as he thanked Peter whose vision started the Foodbank.

Join the Bike Club Toy Run



Every year 'Aycliffe Bike Club' & The Party Fire Engine tour pubs collecting toys that have been donated, to be handed over to 'Bishop Auckland Women's Refuge'. This event has been running 10 years and handed over thousands of toys, giving kids a Xmas they could only have dreamt about, so please support this worthwhile cause. If you can, buy an extra present this year and leave it, unwrapped at the Turbinia, or better still, hand it over in person and greet the cavalcade of motorcycles (many in fancy dress) and the 'Party Fire Engine' at 3pm on Sunday 10th December. All bikers are very welcome to join in the fun, suitable for all sizes of Bikes / Trikes / Scooters etc just donate a toy. Meet at the Turbinia, Aycliffe. DL5 7PA - 11-45am For more details call GARY 01325 313034

HELP ROC SOLID WITH XMAS GIFTS FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Christmas is coming – and ROC SOLID supported housing charity in Newton Aycliffe is looking for gifts for the vulnerable people it accommodates.

The charity, based in Hope house, Burnhope, supports teenagers, young families and adults, some of whom arrive with very few, if any, belongings. Many have been in the care system and have been homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and have vulnerabilities.

"We always like to make sure everyone gets something," said service manager Mandy Shaw. "We have around 45 households we support – some of our clients are single and others have partners and children.

"We particularly need toiletries, pyjamas, food items or gift cards," she said. The charity, which has 14 staff, has just celebrated its tenth anniversary. Since 2007 it has supported 315 clients and has very positive feedback from other professionals, including social workers.

The charity was started when directors Dot and Derek Butler, who own Reach Out Care Fostering Services, in Newton Aycliffe, saw first hand some of the poor outcomes for young people leaving care.

The charity has around 45 units of accommodation, many of them owned by private landlords who want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people. Every client has an individual



support plan and may go on to secure employment and independently of the charity. If you want to help, you can

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Safety Carousel at Work Place Move to Add School Site to West Park

The Children's Safety Carousel is a multi-agency young people's safety event. This year's event was held at The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe. The event targets all year 6 primary school children throughout County Durham and Darlington areas and is designed to fit in with the "Every Child Matters" agenda, providing the young people with the necessary life skills to keep themselves and others safe in the future. This year 3400 students will be involved from across 107 schools.

Agencies that were involved at this year's event were:

Fire and Rescue Service - Fire Safety
Northern Power Grid - Electricity Safety
Durham County Council - Road Safety
Durham Constabulary - Cyber Bullying
NHS - Unintentional injuries in the home

RNLI - Water Safety

David Cuthbertson, Community Safety Supervisor told Newton News: "This event has gone from strength to strength. We now educate over 7000 young students, during the school year, from across County Durham and Darlington schools on 6 different areas of safety designed to keep the students safe."

"We achieve this by working with our partners which highlights the importance of working together to create a safer environment for the students"

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Town Councillors Ken Robson (right) and Cllr Arun Chandran are trying to obtain the former Elmfield School site from Durham County Council as an annexe to West Park. This vast piece of land has stood undeveloped for almost 20 years. The subject is on the agenda for next Wednesday's Recreation Meeting at 7.15pm. Members of the public can attend.



AWARD WINNING COMEDY AT THE TURBINIA

Winner of the EMMA Award for Best Comedienne, Ria Lina has been entertaining both UK and international audiences for over a decade with her dry wit and the occasional song. Using her charm and intelligence to get away with anything from the most audacious routines to subtle wordplay, Ria is a popular headline act at clubs around the world.

Ria's talents have also been in demand in television, with her writing and acting in the ITV2 comedy sketch show Meet the Blogs, as well as writing and presenting her own documentary for Channel 4 revealing the truth behind the myths that surround oriental women in Britain.

Phil Chapman, originally from Middlesbrough, and now living in Liverpool, via Reading and Texas, began performing comedy at a local Chinese restaurant! He was asked to leave soon into the performance, such was the reaction of the crowd - a rapturous round of applause and he decided to pursue a career via more conventional means.

He continued performing around the North of England, where he placed second in many comedy competitions.

Given his consistency, and undeterred by his near brushes with success, he decided to carry on performing and has now established himself as a regular in many clubs around the country, and he is renowned for his ability to win over any audience.

Winner of the 2013 Hilarity Bites New Act of the Year competition, Freddy Quinne's uniquely northern observational humour has seen a meteoric rise into some of the biggest clubs in the country. Quinne couples clever, well placed gags" together with a vulnerable persona for a unique experience which combines to make a real tour de force performance.

In 2014 Freddy was MC for the late show for the Big Value Show at the Edinburgh Fringe, one of the most prestigious showcases at the festival, and he returned to the Fringe in 2015, where he hosted the AAA Comedy Showcase at the Pleasance Courtyard. He also MC'd a showcase for online magazine and comedy reviewers The Skinny, as part of the Liverpool Comedy Festival, and he currently acts as a resident MC for over half a dozen comedy nights across the country as well as regularly

compering some of the biggest comedy venues in the UK, including Frog & Bucket, and Just the Tonic. Freddy's willingness to break away from his set and involve the This show will also feature a new act in the middle.

Tickets can be bought online at www.hilaritybites.co.uk, in person from The Turbinia, or telephone 01325 313034. Tickets are £5 in advance, or £8 on the day of the show, with doors opening at 7pm and the show starting at 8pm.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature **good** news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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TOWN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP OPENS SHOP FOR TWO DAYS

Aycliffe Cancer Support Group held a stall on the 25th November in the Thames Centre and thanks everyone for their support. They raised £286.22 to help cancer patients and their families. As well as monthly meetings members enjoy social outings. The group offers Free Patient Transport for those going through Treatment and provide Respite Breaks for patients and their family.

As a one-off the Group have hired premises in the Town Centre to reach out and help those in our community to get the right help and support after being diagnosed with Cancer. We will be in the shop next to Shoe Zone on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December from 10am until 2.30pm.

We meet many patients and their families suffering not only from isolation but from poverty and its coming up to the most stressful period of the year, so we want to make sure they are receiving the right support to get them through this difficult time.

The aim is to not only to raise funds for the group but to signpost patients and their families to the right Health Professionals. Just come along and have a chat to some of our members so they don't feel like they are on their own.

We will have refreshments including homemade cakes for a small donation. We will have clothing that is in good condition for a small donation as well as a mixture of other things. If you have anything in good condition either Prizes or Clothing please contact Allison on 07762 258696 or Sharon on 07944 187877. Clothing must be clean and ready to put out on the clothes rail.

We also will be aiming to have someone from Welfare Rights available and one of our members will give financial advice as they have had relevant training and if they can't help we will find someone who will. Details will be available on our Facebook Page.

Also on the day we have a Tombola Stall and will also be showing off our new project providing special hand-made Bags to Cancer Patients going

through Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy. The bags contain all the necessary things a patient might need for that appointment, including a bottle of water kindly donated from Northumbria Water, Mints, Cereal Bar, Pen, Puzzle Book, Notebook, Pack of Tissues, Hand Gel and Wipes and will have samples

of Tea Bags either Ginger or Peppermint that helps nausea. Come along and thanks to Bryan Haldane Town Centre Manager for all his help and support on setting this up, we need to let our community know that there is help out there and we couldn't do this without kind and helpful people like Bryan.

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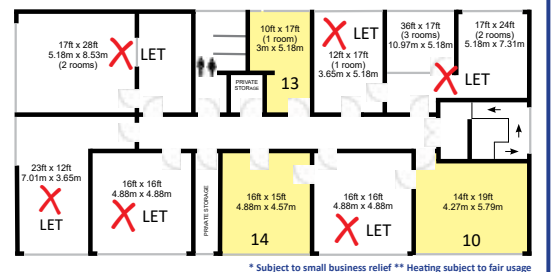
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Santa and his sleigh will be visiting soon (details below).

Tesco Collections: Sat 16th – Fri 22nd Dec.

Annual Carol Concert: Tues 12th Dec. 1-2.30 pm @ the Leisure Centre

The Routes

Mon 4th Dec - Neville Parade – (Greathead Cres, Bury Rd areas)

Tues 5th Dec - Woodham – (Pemberton Rd area)

Wed 6th Dec - Cobblers Hall - (Rope Moor Way area)

Thurs 7th Dec - Heighington - (Pinewood Cres, Greenhill Rd areas finishing on the Green)

(Between 5.30 – 7.30 each evening)

Mon 11th Dec - Simpasture, Cumby Rd & Butler Rd areas).

Tues 12th Dec - School Aycliffe – The Chestnuts finishing @ the Community Centre

Wed 13th Dec - Blue Bell Way – travelling north from the Navy Club

Thurs 14th Dec - Stead Close, Silkin Way and Westmorland Way areas)

Horndale Residents Association A.G.M.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 6th December starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45, at Greenfield Arts Centre.

We will look back at a very successful year in fact probably our best year to date with trips to Newcastle Dogs, Hancock Museum, Whitby, Holy Island/Sea Houses, Gladys Tea Rooms, Beamish Halloween, Leeds Christmas Shopping, and Billingham Panto.

Our trips are proving very popular and most selling out very quickly, in fact the Leeds trip last Saturday was so popular we had to put two coaches on. We also held a comedy night with award winning Patrick Monahan also a very successful Community Fun Day with over 450 people attending. The best way to find out about our trips and events is to join us at our meetings.

We have supported the Defibrillator project to place units across the north of the town. We have planted 2,500 crocus bulbs with local school pupils and helped with Operation Spruce up and planted 4,000 mini daffodils bulbs again with local pupils. We raised £500 for the MRI Scanner Appeal at our comedy night and fun day. We join local Councillors on regular walkabouts and work with other agencies to improve our neighbourhoods and the lives of everyone who live and work in Newton

Aycliffe.

I would like to thank the following people for their support over the last year, The Association Committee, Greenfield Arts Centre, Greenfield Community College, Local Beat team, Local Councillors, Livin, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham County Council, Shirley from Tesco, Lorraine Gilmour, Wilko's, Bay Horse Middridge, Greenfield Convenience Store.

We will also elect the officers for the next 12 months, if anyone is interested in joining the committee you are more than welcome to join us.

Philip Clark
Chairman

15000 Meals Donated by Tesco

Tesco continue to give surplus food direct from their Aycliffe store to five local charities.

The community food connection programme, delivered in partnership with UK food redistribution charity FareShare, links the Aycliffe store directly with local charity partners. This ensures no food goes to waste.

So far this year, the store has donated enough food to provide 15,000 meals equivalent to 6.3 tonnes.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE DCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

Since 2010, the government has reduced its grants to Durham County Council by £209 million per annum – that's a reduction of a fifth of a billion EVERY YEAR in the money that DCC has to spend on its residents. The Council has had to make massive savings.

Next year, 2017/18, the government is removing a further £15.3 million from the Council's grants, and DCC is therefore once again having to ask how you feel about its proposals to find yet more savings from a budget which is at the same time under pressure from inflation, and growing numbers of elderly people and looked-after children.

THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS

The Council is proposing a three-pronged strategy to find (in addition to £3 million savings already agreed) some £12½ million-worth of savings, viz.:

- Saving £7 million by reducing management and back office costs (e.g. by merging departments, re-procurement and reducing the costs of running council buildings and vehicles).
- Saving £5 million by finding

new ways of working and generating income (e.g. by reviewing fees and charges, investing in more efficient equipment, and redesigning a range of services).

- Taking £½ million from reserves to delay making some savings.

THE COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION

After comments that previous consultations have been too restrictive, this year's consultation just asks four open questions.

Two are about the proposed budget savings, namely (1) Do you agree with the Council's strategy to find the savings? and (2) Do you have any other suggestions about how the Council might save money?

Then there are two further questions for your ideas about (3) How can the Council improve its services to residents? and (4) How might the Council improve your local community?

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY
You can find out more here bit.ly/DCCBC17 and I have recorded a personal vlog about the consultation here: bit.ly/JDCBV17

- You can answer the questionnaire online here: bit.ly/DCCOC17

• Or you can post your answers to the four questions to: DCC Budget Consultation, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL.

As I do my walkabouts and door-knocking, I know that people have lots to say about these issues (especially questions 2-4), but if you do not tell us what you think, we cannot respond to your opinions.

Cllr John D Clare

RESIDENTS' MEETING

Western Area Residents Association meeting Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 2pm at the Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place The Police will hold their PACT MEETING first, followed by the residents meeting. Ring 308094 for further details.

Xmas Lunch for £3

St Elizabeth's Church are having their annual Christmas Lunch on 13th December at 12.30 and we'd love you to join us!

There will be festive celebrations and a SOUPER Lunch of three courses for the wonderful price of £3! With fun, friendship, and lots of Christmas joy. All are welcome to join in - To book call Norma on 312930 See you there.

AYCLIFFE F.C. v RYHOPE ENDS IN A DRAW

Newton Aycliffe travelled to Ryhope and gained a valuable point at high-flying Sunderland RCA. Both sets of supporters were mystified as to how the match ended goal-less, as both sides missed many good chances, with RCA the biggest culprits. RCA had the ball in the net after only eight minutes, but this was ruled offside. A minute later Aycliffe man-of-the-match Stuart Banks went on one of his mazy runs and put his shot narrowly over the bar. RCA then hit the bar. Nathan Stephenson had a shot tipped onto the post by home keeper Finch. Aycliffe were having a good spell in the lead up to half-time and Craig Hutchinson and Stephenson both had shots deflected narrowly wide.

RCA came out for the second half kicking down the slope and dominated the possession. Aycliffe cleared off their line four minutes in. Two minutes later RCA hit the bar. Aycliffe then put together a good team move ending with Hutchinson shooting narrowly past the post. On the hour, RCA hit the post and they went on to have further chances, but incredibly the game ended 0-0. MotM: Stuart Banks. Attendance: 95. Cautions: Jack Oliver. Subs: Harrison for James Oliver (46m), Pennal for Kane (66m), Jack Oliver for Banks (77m).

Aycliffe's next game will be Saturday 2nd December when Jarroo Roofing BCA will be the visitors to Moore Lane. Roofing lie 3 places & 7 points behind Aycliffe but have 3 games in hand. Kick off is 3pm, Admission £6 adults, £4 concessions, £2 under 16s, accompanied under 12s free. Aycliffe were due to play North Shields last Wednesday however the game fell victim



Aycliffe skipper Aaron Brown with the ball

to the torrential downpours that hit the north east that night. The game has been rearranged for Wednesday 13th December.

New Karate Black Belts



Students of Zanshin-Kai Karate, based at Woodham Community Centre would like to congratulate seven members who successfully passed their Black Belt gradings recently. Our club now has three new 1st Dan black belts and four more promoted to 2nd Dan black belt after the gradings on Sunday 26th November. All students were vigorously put through their paces in front of a panel of senior black belts for two hours where they had to demonstrate basic techniques, Kata, self defence moves with a partner and 30 minutes of sparring. All the senior instructors were impressed with the hard work and effort shown by all the students grading, which included three adults and four junior students, the youngest being just eleven. Congratulations to

the following people: 1st Dan Black belt – Matthew Butterworth, Aaron Busby, & Stephen Dunn. 2nd Dan Black Belt – Chris Nisbet, Julie Nisbet, Jayson Durham & Jessica Butterworth.

If you want to be more active in 2018, improve your fitness, or meet new people and have always wanted to try karate, then we would like to welcome you. We are a family club, so come down work hard, keep fit and have fun alongside the rest of your family. Everyone welcome and all new starters get four free trial classes! For more information call into Woodham Community Centre our classes Sunday between 4.00pm – 6.00pm or call an Instructor on 07746204064 / 07917203421 or email zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk. Facebook (Zanshin Kai karate Newton Aycliffe).

Look After Hedgehogs



Reader Christopher Carr suggests we look after hedgehogs at this time of year. Hedgehogs are in trouble – research by People's Trust for Endangered Species shows that hedgehogs have declined by 30% in the last 10 years alone and there are now thought to be fewer than one million left in the UK. Hedgehogs ready for hibernation will be really glad to find shelters before cold winter arrives. Give them a cosy safe haven where they can happily hibernate until Spring

Awesome Vane Road Athletes



Twenty-five children from Vane Road Primary School recently attended a Sedgefield SSP Sportshall Athletics Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Up against some tough competition, Vane Road ran, jumped and threw their way to victory. There were some remarkable individual performances, however what impressed everyone most was Vane Road's fabulous team spirit. The successful team will now go onto the next round of competition at Sunnydale Leisure Centre.

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Running Club Annual Day Out



Aycliffe Running Club had their annual day out to Ravenstonedale 10K on Saturday 25th November. The weather was cold with frost and a sprinkling of snow making the ground very slippery in places on the undulating, but very scenic, route. The course was challenging with a total ascent of 157.87 ft and a maximum elevation of 962.6 ft. Despite the conditions, there were some good times recorded and personal bests achieved. After the race ARC and their supporters spent the rest of the afternoon socialising in the local hotel. Results: Martyn Knox 42:44, Richard Holland 43:54, Susan Cranswick 43:57 PB, Dave Blewitt 45:13, Rob Nicholson 48:30, Austin Donoghue 50:11, Trish Kay 51:24 1st F55, Nick Gilling 51:33, Andrew Lumley 51:44, Warren Raine 51:57 PB, Alan Kellett 54:36, Gary Minns 55:22, Anne Kellett 55:58, Bev Phillippo 59:53, Lindsey Brown 59:59, Ian Baronowski 1:00:36, Eve Doe 1:09:02.

Juniors Football Report

Aycliffe Juniors exploits on the football pitch continued over another exciting weekend of action. There has also been some great team fundraising this week with the Under 7's packing bags at Aycliffe Tesco and making £650. The Under 6's and 10's have both undertaken sponsored walks to raise funds for their teams.

The Under 8's travelled to play Hartlepool FC with only five available players. They put in a committed effort but lost out 10-4. Dylan scored two first half goals with Zeke and Oliver netting in the second half. Kenyon was the games man of the match.



Under 9's played at Sunnydale against Billingham United they played some great passing football in attack and also defended superbly. There were two goals each for man

of the match Harry, Kai and Josh T with Ashton also scoring in a 7-0 win.

Under 10's 'Black' were at home playing Stockton Rangers but conceded four goals in each half and lost the game 8-0 against a good visiting team. Emrehan was the man of the match.

Under 10's 'White' travelled to local rivals Bishop Auckland Kings for an early kick off in cold conditions. It was a great game with both sides playing high quality football. Bishop won the game 2-1, Jayden scored the Aycliffe goal and Niall was the man of the match.

Under 12 TJFA league team faced Leven at home, Liam and Will scored two goals each in the first half. Leven got two back though with well taken free kicks and the score was 4-2 at the break. In the second half it was difficult to break down the hard working visitors but as the game came to an end Charlie and Lucas combined well to set up Will to complete his hat trick in a 5-2 win.

Under 12 Russell Foster league team played away at Cleveland Hall who play a division above them in a League Cup game. A strong effort was not enough to prevent a 7-1 loss. Goal scorer Charlie was the man of the match.

Under 13's we're away at second placed 21st All Stars Jets. It was a much improved performance after a disappointing game last week and they pushed their strong hosts all the way but narrowly lost out 3-2.

Under 16's played at home against Darlington RA Locomotives but also lost out by the odd goal in five.

Under 23's played at home against Wolviston and lost a close game by two goals to one.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Bishop Auckland Choral Society will be singing a variety of Christmas music in 'A Traditional Christmas Concert' on Friday December 15th at the Town Hall.

The concert begins at 7pm. Tickets available from Mrs S Hassall, 01388 834359 or Mrs J Smith, 01325 360514 at £7 each or £5 concessions.

The choral society singers will be joined by the sixth form choir from St John's College Academy

£5000 National Award for Aycliffe Gymnastics Club



An Aycliffe gymnastics academy is set to shine on screen after scooping a £5,000 national award.

Athena Sports Academy is to refurbish its viewing room with the latest technology, after being awarded the money by financial services company OneFamily as part of its Community Awards. The Academy, applied for the funding after its membership doubled, meaning it no longer had enough space to

accommodate the number of parents who want to come along and show their support.

The Academy meets regularly for training at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, and parents are currently able to watch sessions on screens in an adjacent viewing room, attached to a system of video cameras in the main gym.

But the camera system needs upgrading to give parents a better view of the action, and additional seating needs installing so more parents can watch their children.

The awards are part of the OneFamily Foundation and were created to give OneFamily customers the opportunity to support projects in their area that matter to them and their families. This year's awards saw customers nominating projects to win up to £5,000, £10,000 or £25,000 across four categories. David Castling, who has a Child Trust Fund for his daughter Grace with OneFamily, put Athena Sports Academy forward because she is a keen member. The group is one of 32 organisations to have won an award in this latest round.

Academy manager Shaun Carruthers said: "The club is really thriving at the moment and our membership has doubled in the last year."

"Lots of our parents want to come along and see their

children's progress and this funding will give them more seating and a better viewing experience.

"This is a club for the whole community and we want to encourage as many people as we can to get involved, whether that's learning gymnastics, competing or supporting."

Guy French, corporate and customer strategy director at OneFamily said: "The rapid growth of Athena Sports Academy just goes to prove its popularity and I hope these new facilities will encourage even more families to get involved."

"The projects that the awards support are all very special to our customers and make a positive difference in their local communities."

"We are a customer-owned business and for us it's not just about offering financial products and services. The OneFamily Foundation is a way that we give something back to our customers, and each year we give hundreds of thousands of pounds to causes that matter to them most."

"Last year, we touched the lives of more than 100,000 people through our awards and grants, and this year we hope to make the Community Awards even bigger and better." For more information please visit: www.onefamily.com/yourfoundation/

HEIGHINGTON FOOTBALL

Under 7s - Heighington faced Barnard Castle this week, Zane was missing but otherwise Heighington had a full squad. Heighington started with Kenzi in goal, Liam & Kyleo at the back, Tyler in a free role and Maddix up top. Heighington took the lead with a wonderful free kick from Kyleo who was absolutely superb throughout. Another long ranger from Kyleo evaded the keeper to make it 2 before he smashed in his hat trick from another free kick. Kenzi was untroubled in the Goal as the boys ahead of him worked tirelessly. HT 3-0

The second half was basically a carbon copy apart from Barney did pull one back with around 10 to go. Alex was introduced to try and see the game out. The game finished 3-1 Heighington. Second game Liam went in goal, Kieran and Alex at the back with Kenzi in a free role and Archie and Kyleo up top. Again very similar to the first game with few chances but Kyleo did open the scoring before Kieran added a 2nd. Second half again very similar, both Goalkeepers relatively quiet and chances few and far between and Heighington won 2-0.

Under 8s - Heighington won their first game of the season Brilliant effort from the whole team. Winning 3-2 against shincliffe juniors reds. Excellent hat trick from Ellis Hendrix, playing out of goal today due to injury. Joshua Hill and Oliver Ward taking turns in goal in his place, great effort from both lads playing in a different position to what they're used to. Ollie Anderson playing with his usual determined defending, tackling everyone in sight and making some very important clearances, helping protect the stand in keepers. Also a debut to Benjamin Whitting, coming close to a goal with a couple of good efforts. Edward Stokes playing his heart out chasing down every ball and getting closer to that first goal. All players worked hard to get the result. Thank you to all parents and their support on a very cold day.

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West Ward Survery Voucher Winner



A resident of the Western area of Newton Aycliffe is delighted after being selected at random to win a £30 Argos Voucher. Andrew Bell, won the prize after completing a survey as part of the Western Regeneration Consultation.

Phil Wilson MP presented Andrew with his voucher and congratulated him on taking part in the work locally. Phil said "It is great to see residents getting involved in the consultation, hearing people's views is a very important part

of the process".

Andrew said "I have lived in the Western area all my life and I completed the survey so that my opinion and thoughts would be considered.

It was great to be able to have a chat with Phil too, I'm keen on local politics and Phil invited me to call into his constituency office at any time.

I was surprised to win the voucher but it couldn't have come at a better time with Christmas just round the corner, I have two daughters, 5 years and 8 months old, so chose a voucher from Argos to give them some extra gifts. The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) have been conducting consultation asking local people what they

like about the estate, what they don't like and what they would like to see in the future. Over the next few months, we will continue to engage with residents to understand their aspirations. If you live or work in the Western area there are lots of ways that you can get involved from attending an event, submitting your ideas online or becoming a community volunteer.

For more information contact Karen Grundy at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

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Aycliffe Poppy Collection Totals Over £17,000

A total of £17,000 was raised in Newton Aycliffe for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal thanks to collections at local schools, businesses and pubs in the town. The charity effort involved local people and volunteers donating their time and giving generously. A special thanks to all volunteers from Newton Aycliffe Indoor Bowling Club, Marilyn, Pauline and all the ladies from the Phoenix Club and Gillian at Co-Operative Funeral Care for their help during the appeal. Thanks should also go to the staff at Tesco, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Wilko and The Post Office for their support. The funds raised will go towards providing welfare services to the armed forces community living throughout the UK. Ian Robinson, Poppy Appeal organiser, said: "It's been a great effort by everyone



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floor which has benefited the members greatly as they are now able to train on a similar surface to that in competitions. This however came at an increased cost, however the club choose to keep the subs to a minimum so that we do not exclude anybody from joining the club. We desperately needed a new uniform and the total cost of the uniform is £2940.00 so we contacted Honest John and within days he agreed to donate over half of the cost which is wonderful and will ensure that no member is unable to compete due to financial restrictions. Honest John dedicates his time to charity which benefits a number of clubs/organisations in the community and this is only possible with kind donations made to his shop to be sold on. If anybody has any items that they no longer need rather than chucking them out or selling for a few pounds please consider donating to his shop so his good work can continue.

Volunteer Driving Scheme Reaches 1,000 Patients Milestone

A volunteer driving scheme that helps older and vulnerable people to hospital and healthcare appointments across County Durham received its 1,000th patient referral on Monday 20/11/17. The project, which is run in partnership with Supportive and funded by the local Clinical Commissioning Group is delivered by national charity Volunteering Matters. As they reach the 1,000 patients milestone, the charity is now appealing to local volunteers to help even more

people across County Durham. Ashleigh Gibson, Volunteering Matters Development Worker, said: "Many people rely on our volunteer driving schemes to help them get out and about and do everyday things that most of us take for granted. A routine appointment at the doctors can be complicated, if not impossible, for some people without the support of a volunteer driver. As part of the Help to Health scheme, we cover several surgeries across County Durham. "Together we can assist with helping older people maintain their health, independence and reduce social isolation. Our drivers find it a rewarding way to spend their free time because they know they make a big difference to the lives of others. "This week we received our 1000th patient referral and we're appealing to local people to volunteer their time and driving skills to help even more patients in the future. If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver we would love to hear from you."

This scheme is made possible by local volunteers like John, 73 from County Durham. He said: "I've been volunteering as a driver for the past 9 years. I do it in the morning, it gets you out and you get to meet very nice people who really appreciate the help that you give them and you get to have a nice chat. You can really see it's helping and it's well appreciated." To find out more about becoming a volunteer driver, contact the team on 0191 3891155.

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Former Woodham Academy student Paul Shoulder, from Sillar's Property, paid for 24 current students to enjoy the experience after seeing the benefits of taking colleagues to Marrick Priory.

Pam Hall, Director of Student Support at Woodham Academy said: "We are so grateful to Paul for providing our young people with such a fabulous opportunity and the fact that he is an ex-student of ours makes us especially proud. We hope that we can continue to develop these relationships to enhance the experiences that students have at school, providing them with opportunities to develop their skills and character, supporting them to recognise their abilities as leaders and of course allowing them to shine both in and outside of the classroom."

"Woodham Academy offers an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities centred around music, dance and a variety of sports and this, coupled with an excellent set of exam results this year, placing the school within the top five percent of similar schools nationally, gives the students an excellent all round educational experience."

Head of Learning Vikki Fawcett added: "The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and relished the challenges that they were given. One student described the day as "absolutely amazing" and said that they had never had the opportunity to do anything like that before."



Sprucing up Aycliffe



A programme to get town and village centres in County Durham spick and span moved to Aycliffe. This sees teams from across different council service areas coming together for an intensive clean up in a new location each month.

At Newton Aycliffe work is taking in Bluebell Woods and eight underpasses. Footpaths are being swept and cleared; bollards and railings cleaned and painted; old bins replaced; signs cleaned and gullies and channels cleared. Litter is being picked up; weeds pulled out, and trees and shrub beds pruned. Spring flowering bulbs are also being planted at Bluebell Woods while children from Byerley Park Primary School, representatives from Horndale Residents Association and the town's Tesco store are helping plant mini daffodil bulbs at Staintondale.

Also involved in Sprucing Up the town are local county councillors, representatives from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership AAP, and staff and members from Great Aycliffe Town Council. County council workers

will also be going into local primary schools to deliver assemblies and running a poster competition, with the winning entry to be displayed around local businesses and community buildings.

Philip Clark, chairman of the residents association, said: "Local people welcome Operation Spruce up coming to our neighbourhood, improving the environment. The bulb planting carried out by local school pupils will bring pleasure to many people for many years."

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DRAMA STUDENTS LEARN FROM THE PROFESSIONALS

Students from Greenfield Community College were fortunate to gain valuable tuition from working professionals. On Wednesday 8th November both year 9 and year 10 GCSE Drama groups had the chance to work alongside professional actors and directors as part of their course.

Year 9 students worked with Shelley O'Brien from the Mad Alice Theatre Company, exploring ways to create drama. The group worked really well at using physical theatre and exploring personal experiences to shape a piece of drama.

The year 10 group were lucky enough to see 'Best in the World', a theatre piece by The Unfolding Theatre company, during their T4S sessions in school. Annie, who directed the piece, came in to work alongside year 10 on their devising unit of drama.

It was great to see a different approach to devising and



Annie gave the group a number of ideas about creating their pieces, which will now develop further into their GCSE course. The afternoon ended with a question and answer

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THELMA COWAN - Peter, John and Debbie would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the love and support shown at the loss of their lovely Mam, Thelma. Special thanks to Bryan Shepherd and all at Whitehouse Funeral Service for looking after Mam so well and also to Aycliffe Care Home where all the staff were so wonderful with her in her final months.

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30th November 2015

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Funeral Tuesday 5th December. Requiem Mass to be held in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.00am followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, may be given in aid of The Alzheimer's Society. R.I.P.

LOWE 23rd November, peacefully after a long illness, John, aged 90 years of Newton Aycliffe. A devoted Husband to the late Jean; much loved Father of Janet and Rebecca and loving Father-in-Law and Grandad. Funeral Friday 8th December. Would family and friends please meet 12.00pm for a Service at St. Clare's Church, prior to a private family burial.

BEADLE. In hospital on 21st November. Vera (nee Portlock), aged 91 years. Beloved Wife of the late Kit; also a much loved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great Great Grandmother. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 7th December at 11.00am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to "The Air Ambulance", plate provided at the crematorium.

KNOWLSON, Barry Hilton. Former Newsagent in Newton Aycliffe. Died at home on 26th November, aged 86 years, surrounded by his loving family. A dear Husband of Nancy; dearly loved Dad of Kenneth and John; dear Father-in-Law of Sally and Jane; treasured Grandad of Emily, Eve, James and India. Funeral Service and cremation to be held at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 4th December at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired to Cancer Research and The Butterwick Hospice.

GERALD BLAIR, (Gerry) of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on 22nd November, aged 82 years. A dearly loved Husband of the late Maureen and much loved Dad to Bryan and Lynne; also a dear Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Thursday 7th December for 12.00pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for the Stroke Association.

DAVID ATKINS (Aky). 1977 - 2017. Died suddenly on 19th November 2017. Funeral to be held at St. Clare's Church on Friday 18th December at 10.15am, followed by Cremation at Coundon Crematorium. No wreaths or flowers, any donations to St. Clare's Church. Meet at the Big Club afterwards.

Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 9 Girls football team would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Newton Aycliffe Workwear Supplies for our fantastic new winter coats that will keep the girls warm and dry throughout the winter months. When the opportunity came up they jumped at the chance to help this newly formed team. From everyone involved with the team, kids, parents and coaches we thank you for your support.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U9 Wildcats v Hartlepool Blues

There was no time to stop and think from the moment the whistle blew. The game kicked off on a freezing pitch but the game was anything but cold! Wildcats jumped into action with Demi-Lee and Faith showing fast passing, solid defending from Freya and Safiye and strong pushes forward from Thea and Tilly. Wildcats maintained most of the possession and despite the sun being directly in our keeper Lana's way, she made some great saves. The first half was without score, but not for the lack of trying with the whole team putting pressure



on Hartlepool and showing fantastic teamwork. The second half saw Hartlepool regroup, and Erin and Anna had to defend hard during the first 10 minutes. Wildcats pushed back and the whole team were involved in some great passing - showing their vastly improved teamwork and skill. The team played the best they've played and it was a no

score draw against the third team in the league. Wildcats finished bottom third of the table which is great for their first season - they should be very proud of how far they've come and how hard they've worked. Man of the Match - not one but ALL players deserved this accolade today. Total commitment and team spirit throughout.

Gateshead U10's 4 - 3 Newton Aycliffe Youth U10's

Great game of football on a very frosty morning. Some great passing and teamwork saw us take a half time lead of 2-1 with goals from Alex Bellwood and Will Houlahan. Alex Lister and Finley Garner both stepped in and played really well. Second half we continued to play some great football but couldn't finish. Losing strikers Alex Bellwood and Jake Laheney Clark who were unwell we just couldn't finish and went behind 4-2. Still we pushed forward and managed to get one back through Harry Tallentire. Final score 3-4. Man of the match this week was Kai Thompson who never put a foot wrong. Well done also to Will, Isaac Jude and rest of the team who played some great football.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U11 Falcons 3 - 1 Leven AFC Whites

We faced Leven Whites at the Oakleaf and with a lot of players missing only managed to field 8 players. The game was very scrappy throughout and in the first half we had several chances to take the lead but the half finished 0-0. Second half got off to a bad start and straightaway we found ourselves a goal behind. The players showed good spirit and determination to come from behind scoring 3 goals within 5 minutes to win the match 3-1.

Today was a good test for the team only playing with 8 players and they did us all proud. Goal scorers - Reece Smith, Louis Parnaby and Ethan Tate. Man of the match Interested in playing football and being part of our club? Please visit our website where there is lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.nayfc.com.

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Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Score 11 Again!

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club continued with their impressive home form making it 7 wins from 7 and scoring 52 goals in the process. This was the second time that the Sports Club scored 11 goals in one game and have now set their sights on a promotion push.

This week's visitors was Spennymoor Ash Tree, who had taken 3 points off the hosts in the reverse fixture at the start of the season. However, both sides were playing with

depleted squads, but the Sportsys strength in depth proved to be the difference in this encounter.

It took only 3 minutes for the home side to take the lead with David Teder shot deflecting off a defender to make it 1-0. A second quickly followed on 6 minutes, Ryan Durrs cross finding Ollie Gell to easily slot home. David Teder struck again on 15 minutes to make it 3 and it was veteran Darren Griffiths looping header that



Sedgefield 75 Swimmer Wins Championship

On Sunday 26th November 2017 Matthew Bradley aged 19, from Bishop Auckland competed in the British Modern Biathlon National Championships Final in Solihull competing in the Junior Men's category.



The competition started with a 1600 metre run. He completed the run in a time of 4.51.07, an improvement of 5.90 seconds on his qualifying time and a lifetime best time.

After a short respite he then swam the 200 metres freestyle. Matthew again improved on his qualifying time by swimming the race in 1.57.60 and achieving best overall swim of the entire weekend. He was the only competitor to go under two minutes for the swim out of the 800 competitors in all age groups. Matthew became the 2017 Junior Men's Champion and was awarded the gold medal at the awards ceremony at the end of the competition.

Matthew puts the improvement in his run and swim times down to continued commitment to swim training in the pool at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, where he trains regularly as part of Sedgefield 75 Amateur Swimming Club and regular gym training which he receives as part of his Durham Institute of Sport membership.

made in 4-0 with only 20 minutes played.

David Teder then turned provider, crossing low for Ollie Gell to get his second of the game. Gell secured his hatrick on the 40 minute mark racing through to slot home the 6th goal. Not to be outdone, Teder soon followed with his hat trick with the ball falling at his feet after Gell and the keeper came together in a clumsy challenge. Anthony Campbells deflected effort made it 8-0 as the game went into the break.

Ash Tree changed formation and went with 5 at the back to ensure damage limitation and it

worked for the first 15 minutes of the second half. However sloppy defending cost them as David Teder dispossessed the Spennymoor full back and ran through on goal to slot home the 9th of the game. Ryan Durr then missed a complete open goal before home goalkeeper Mark Craggs gifted the away side a goal. Teder got his 5th goal of the game latching onto Anthony Campbells cross and then Adam Gittins rounded the game off with a cross from the corner which floated over the away keepers head to make it 11-1.

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"Dedicated Buses" seems no longer seems to apply all the time with a variety of buses operating and Sapphire buses appearing on other routes. Are we heading for the poor quality of service that existed before the Sapphire service was introduced?
Bill Curtis
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