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Aycliffe SWDT's 50th Anniversary

BBC Breakfast presenter Steph McGovern praised the work of South West Durham Training in preparing the young engineers of the future as she led celebrations for the centre's 50th anniversary. Recalling her time at Black & Decker in Spennymoor under the Year in Industry scheme as a teenager, the Middlesbrough born business journalist hailed the value of apprenticeships to industry to her audience of employers



Steph McGovern at the 50th anniversary celebration.

and past and present students and staff.

It was this placement which ultimately led to her big break in television, as Steph won a Young Engineer for Britain competition aged just 19 for an injection moulding process innovation for the firm's garden leaf sweeper and blower.

The award saw her invited to appear on a TV programme about women in science, before securing a position as a part-time researcher on BBC's Tomorrow's World while studying mechanical engineering at London's

Imperial College. Today Steph is the lead business presenter on BBC Breakfast, and also hosts BBC's Watchdog and Shop Well For Less programmes.

Presenting end of year awards to apprentices at the 50th anniversary celebration, she said: "I have broadcast from over 800 businesses in the UK and one of the things they are talking about is needing the kind of skills that this place provides. From here you can go on to amazing careers all over the world."

More than 100 employers joined current and past students and staff of South West Durham Training at the event, held on the 50th anniversary of the official launch of the centre by WWII RAF fighter pilot Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader in 1967.

SWDT has had more than 10,000 young engineers through its doors over its 50 year history, many of whom work in senior positions as far afield as Australia, the US, China and Dubai. Alumni include the Chief Executive of Gatwick Airport Stewart Wingate, the MD of car parts maker Nifco UK Mike Matthews MBE and comedian Vic Reeves.

Today the centre works with major employers across the North-East, including Hitachi Rail, GSK, Husqvarna, 3M and Thorn Lighting, as well as Cummins in Darlington, Richmond-based Pipeline Engineering, part of the multinational Circo Group, Ebac, MTE Ltd and Nifco UK in Stockton. Apprenticeship packages and commercial programmes are tailored to the demands of these and other local

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Annual Community Calendar

The annual Community Calendar was delivered with last week's edition of the Newton News, we realise some readers may not receive a copy of our FREE annual wall calendar, so we have arranged to have spare copies available for collection at Walkers Butchers (Simpasture), The Library, Bengal Lounge and Neville Parade Community Centre (The Cubby). They may also be collected from Newton News offices on St. Cuthbert's Way (next to the Blue Bridge).



BIG CLUB FC OLD BOYS

Christmas Do

Wednesday 27th December
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Town Rotary Club Offers Free Youth Leadership Course



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe is seeking

applications from teenagers who must be between the ages of 16 and 20 on 31 July 2018 to take part in an outward bound type course for potential leaders at a professionally run

training centre in Teesdale. All instructors are subject to vetting procedures in line with current education authority requirements. The aim of the course is not to teach outdoor skills but to use the outdoors to highlight the personal development and learning skills of the trainees. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) courses have run for many years and have been proven to be an excellent development opportunity for young people, much appreciated by potential employers.

Two courses are to be run in 2018, from 6th to 10th August and from 13th to 17th August 2018.

Applicants must complete an application form, available with further information from Rotarian Malcolm Masterman malcolm.masterman@me.com

They will be required to undergo an interview process and to address a meeting of the Rotary Club. Applicants below 18 years old on 31 July 2018 must have parental

approval. Applications must be submitted by 31 January 2018

Further information is available from John Burrows 07870 210269 or jandeburrows@gmail.com

Councillor Appreciates Residents' Associations

Dear Sir,
It was good to read the letter from Ken Robson in the Newton News celebrating a great year for the ACORN Residents' Association. I would like to thank and congratulate Ken, his team and the residents for the part they are playing in that success.

It's also good to see that councillors were acknowledged and appreciated for their input and I fully agree the cooperation of councillors and residents can make the work for the community so much more expansive and inclusive.

I would also like to thank the ACORN Team for helping with other resident communities especially the important part they have played alongside Syd Howarth and Great Aycliffe Residents' Association in setting up the new Neville Residents' Association which is working to mirror ACORN's success. May I wish you all the very best with your endeavour going forward. Working hard for the benefit of the people of Newton Aycliffe speaks volumes about your spirit and character. Long may it continue. Merry Christmas. Cllr. Jim Atkinson

SWDT Anniversary

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employers, with training offered from Level 1 and 2 through to higher education provision at Level 4 and 5. Other speakers included Chair of County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network David Land, an apprentice at SWDT in the 1970s, and Dave Allison, who was among the first intake of apprentices in 1967 before returning in 1973 as an instructor. He stayed for a further 40 years before retiring in 2013.

SWDT was the first training centre in the country to gain Centre of Vocational Excellence status in 2002. The Chief Inspector of Adult Learning in his annual report described SWDT as 'world class'. In 2014 Ofsted graded SWDT as 'outstanding' in all four areas: overall effectiveness, outcomes for learners, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, and effectiveness of leadership and management. It was the first member of the Group Training Association of England ever to have received an outstanding grade across all areas of provision. The same year saw the launch of a partnership between Bishop Auckland College and SWDT.

Andy Dunn, Chair of the SWDT Board, who also spoke at the ceremony, said afterwards: "This has been a fitting celebration for South West Durham Training's 50th anniversary – it was great to see so many employers here

– many of whom are former apprentices themselves. "We are looking forward to a positive future, with ambitious plans to increase both the range of provision offered and learner numbers over the next few years to help local employers tackle talent gaps."

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Saturday 23rd December - "7 Sins"

Gig Pit review: "First time for me to catch the "7 Sins" at Murton's Big Club, I really enjoyed the band, a great selection of rock covers from Tom Petty, Free Kings of Leon, Def Leppard, Bad Company, Kaizer Chiefs, Simple Minds. The standard of playing was excellent, Bill Brown on rhythm and lead vocals has a great tone to his voice and is a great front-man who likes to get the audience involved with his jokes and banter. The other members play to a very high standard lead guitar, bass - and a cracking drummer that captures the feel and sound of the drummers that had crafted the songs that they covered. All in all what a great night. Now if they are a new one for you too, make a point of getting to see them, you won't be disappointed. They didn't need gimmicks, as the quality of playing was excellent, as was the sound quality. So a fantastic night with Rainbow, Free, Doobie Brothers "Long Train Running", Martha & The Muffins "Echo Beach" to name just a few. The crowd really appreciated them and I think you would to."

Saturday 30th December - "Norgaards"

Sunday 31st December - "1 0 1" 9pm - £3 c/c

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Sunday 24th December - "Karaoke"
Tuesday 26th December - "Karaoke"

Friday 29th December - "Open Mic"
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Saturday 30th December - "Norgaards"
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Sunday 31st December - "1 0 1"
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Monday 1st January - "SureShots"
4pm - £3 c/c - Top Rockabilly Band

ROTARY CLUB'S RECORD XMAS FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEEDY



Santa Claus had the help of his wife this year on the Rotary Club tour of streets.



Santa also employed local elves Thomas, Charlie, Emily and Olivia Jones



The street collections with Santa has ended and we have thoroughly enjoyed this year's tour. The weather has been kind, even a sprinkling of snow on a couple of evenings made it more festive, complementing the illuminated sleigh, Santa, Mrs Claus and their helpers. This is a long-standing tradition with the Rotary

Club and we know that many residents look forward to seeing us each year. Hopefully we bring a little joy to people over this festive occasion, not only to the children but to the wider community and especially those that may be a little lonely at this time of year. Obviously we collect and this year we have had a remarkable response

highlighting the generosity of our community. As always, some of the proceeds help pay for Christmas Hampers for those in our community who are less fortunate, whilst the remainder will go towards local charities and schools. We must however apologise for the collection around Silkin Way and Westmorland Way. Despite pre-checks, for the first time in the history of these collections, there was a technical problem with the music system that could not be repaired. We noted your disappointment on Facebook and it will be sorted for next year. Currently we are in Tesco's collecting for the same cause and on occasions, Santa will be paying the store a visit.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, we would like to wish everyone the season's greetings, a happy and peaceful New Year and a sincere thank

you for all of your support. Merry Christmas. Rtn Barry Knevitt

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On Friday 8th December Playday Nursery put on their 6th Annual Christmas Nativity. The pre-school children put on a fabulous performance at Neville Parade Methodist Church. The parents/carers came to watch and thoroughly enjoyed it. We would like to thank all the parents for their support through the year and we look forward to our 7th Nativity performance.

Festive Period Events

THE BIG CLUB

CHRISTMAS EVE
Upstairs Lounge - 7pm
Evening Ticket Event £2.00
'PATRICK G'
Pub in Club - 2.30pm - Free Entry
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CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY
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BOXING NIGHT
Upstairs Lounge - 7pm
Evening Ticket Event £2.00
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29th DECEMBER
Upstairs Lounge
SOUL SESSION
Free Admission 7pm

BINGO SESSIONS
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Dear Sir,
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Queen Replies to Letter from Aycliffe School



The Children in Class 1 at Walworth School were very happy to receive letter of thanks from The Queen and Prince Philip.

The children wrote a class letter and made a 70th anniversary Congratulations card in celebration of their Platinum Wedding Anniversary. This exciting reply from the Queen and Prince Philip really made children want to write letters to others...

They are now preparing to write to Santa! Head Teacher Mr Peter Wallbanks said, "This was an exciting moment for the children to receive their reply. They were pleased the letter also gave them information regarding the Queen's love for dogs for horses which are typical children's interests".

Santa's Christmas Eve Tour of Newton Aycliffe



ROUTE ONE

3.45pm
St Oswalds
4.00pm
Welbury
4.10-5.10pm
Washington Crescent area,
Wycliffe, Armstrong, Wren,
Whitehead, Hutchinson,
Hylton, Matthew, Wolsey,
Richardson, Trevor Gardens,
St Aidans, Felton
5.10-5.20pm
Neile, Defoe, Trevor, Porter,
Wheeler, Lamb, Espin,
Bellasis
5.20-6.20pm
Wiseman, Ewbank,
Hardinge, Chandler,
Chapman, Hardinge,
Bousefield, Faber, Kendrew,
Hamilton Close, Elstob,
Burn
6.20-7.30pm
Dalton, Hartley, Faulkner,
Hullock, Allington,
Walcher, Lilburne,
Macmillan, Bertie, Alington,
Webb, Westmorland
7.30-8.00pm
Priestman, Wright,
Marshall, Burdon, Lightfoot,
Stephenson
8.00pm
Back via Pease

ROUTE TWO

3.45-4.00pm
St Cuthbert's/Bede, Anne
Swyft, Baliol, Hackworth
4.00-4.40pm
Baliol, Travellers, Linguard,
Seton, Gilpin, Clanny,
Palmer, Cosin
4.40-5.25pm
Co-operative Store, Bury,
Wilkinson, Van Mildert,
Greathead, Shafto, return
to Yacley, Greville, St
Cuthberts
5.25-6.05pm
Sheraton, Greville,
Crewe, Sharp, Hunter,
Lumley, Sheraton, Crawford,
Sheraton, Biscop
6.05-6.35pm
Hatfield, Heild, Biscop,
Skirlaw, Flynn, Beck
6.35-7.30pm
Via Shafto to Creighton,
Moore, Swan, Gunn,
Mellanby, Liddell, Kenny,
Carr, Markham, Secker,
Joicey, Kemble, Bulmer,
Vane, Fowler, Warburton,
Jackson
7.30-7.55pm
Shafto, Shield, Denham,
Ramsey, Eden, Langley,
Malling
7.55-8.15pm
Central Avenue (Fire
Station), Church Close

ROUTE THREE

3.45-4.45pm
Garburn, The Lanes,
Burnhill, Hawkshead,
Honister, Silverdale,
Kirkstone, Langdale,
Whinlatter, Eskdale,
Greenfield
4.45-5.40pm
Linden, Beechfield, Rowan,
Elmfild, Pease, Oakfield
5.40-6.25pm
Cumby, Crosby, Doxford,
Crosby, Lowery, St Godrics,
Mills
6.25-7.15pm
St Godrics, Simpature,
Simpature Gate, Moule,
Finchale, Gregory
Court, Lambton, Lee
Green, Hopper, Walker
Lane, Emerson, Butler,
Castlereagh, Merz
7.15-7.45pm
Ritson, Marley, Wallas,
Isherwood, Bewick,
Emerson
7.45-8.15pm
Barrington Road, Ashfield,
Beacon Court, Tunstall
Road, Carileph Close, Ebba
Close, Bruce Road, Pease
Way, RAFA Club, Paulinus
Road, Peaseway

ROUTE FOUR

3.45-4.40pm
Durham Road, Atkinson
Gardens, Village Green,
Heighington Lane, Oaklea
Mews, Congreve Terrace,
Bickford Terrace
School Aycliffe
4.40-5.30pm
The Garth, Eastfields,
Millfields, Binchester,
Burnynghill, Lord Neville
Drive, Wilbore Croft,
Forresters, Smythsons,
High Barn, Springfields,
High Barn, Hansard Close,
Jenison, Westfields, High
Barn, North Cottages
Greenfield Area
5.45-6.10pm
Colwell Court, Belford,
Malvern, Wilton, Belford
The Chase
6.10-6.45pm
Zetland, Hurworth,
Bramham, Holdrness,
Ainsty, The Meet, Saddlery,
Post Horn, Bedale,
Rookwood
Byerley Park
6.45-7.20pm
Luttryngton, Hambleton,
Ranulf, Jesmond, Elwick,
Colburn, Russell, Yoden,
Lascelles, Wynyard

ROUTE FIVE

3.45-4.00pm
Brafferton, Grange,
Chilton, Grindon, Whitton,
Woodham
4.00-4.30pm
Lowther, Brook, Cartington,
Mulgrave, Helmsley,
Middleham, Burleigh,
Badminton, Stoneleigh,
Lowther
4.30-4.45pm
Hickstead, Stag,
Kennilworth, Cheltenham,
Gatcome
4.45-5.15pm
Epsom, Kempton, Windsor,
Fallow, Fawn, Hind, Raby,
Brancepeth
5.15-5.35pm
Village, Bamburgh,
Chillingham, Alnwick,
Barnard, Pemberton,
Farnham
5.35-6.10pm
Beaumont, Kirkham,
Egerton, Dudley, Howson,
Clover, Sorrel, Yarrow,
Harebell, Campion
6.10-6.30pm
Sandonwe, Tattersall,
The Oaks, Beechers,
Paddock, Croft, Woodham,
Sunningdale, Low Green
6.30-7.30pm
Spinney, High Green,
The Grange 1-4, Bridle,
Woodham Gate

ROUTE SIX

3.45-4.20pm
Hallington, Tindale,
Derwent, Angram,
Scholars, Broomlee, Stocks,
Waskerley, Fewston,
Greenwood Court, Blackton
4.20-5.15pm
Meadowfield, Ladybower,
Greenlee, Stainmore,
Winterburn, Grassholme,
Burnhope, Stainmore,
Hareson, Cestria
5.15-5.45pm
Lisle, Locker, Hoode,
Cheviot, Pennine
5.45-6.20pm
Bluebell Close, Coverdale,
Bluebell Meadows,
Wolvestone, Alverton
Drive & Court, Hamsterley,
Barton, Paxton
6.20-6.55pm
Lancelot, Temple, Gamul,
Raddive, Spooner, Thwaites,
Eade
6.55-8.00pm
Malham, Reeth, Rylstone,
Askrigg, Skipton, Arncliffe,
Aysgarth, Hawes, Pateley,
Stainforth, Keld, Marrick

ROUTE SEVEN

3.45-4.00pm
Foxglove, Ashtree,
Pinewood
4.00-5.00pm
Ropemoor Way, Forster,
Patenson, Wakenham,
Youens, Haselwood,
Blackiston, Carwardine,
Karles, Bloomesley
5.00-5.20pm
Oldwood, Bluestone,
Wellhouse, Sugarhill
Crescent
5.20-5.45pm
Acle Burn, Acle Meadow,
St Andrews, Ryder,
Woodham
5.45-6.30pm
Agnew, Kings, Ida, Osbert,
Guthrum, Osric, Aldfrid
6.30-6.45pm
Wellhouse, Morrison,
Tanfield, Stargate, The
Ballarat
6.45-7.30pm
Kimbleworth Walk, Fenhall
Green, Hutton Place,
Callerton Rise, Deleval
Close, Elemore Place,
Phoenix Place, Brockwell
Close
7.30-8.15pm
Heatherburn Court, Foxton
Close, Herrington Court,
Hardwick Court, Butterwick
Court, Rushyford Court,
Layton Court, Woodham
Way



ROUTE EIGHT

3.45-4.10pm
Clarence Chare, Clarence
Close, Clarence Corner,
Clarence Court, Travellers
Green, Clarence Green
4.10-5.30pm
Silkin Way, Stead,
Humphrey, Newburn,
Thurlow, Aylmer, Whitley,
Henson
5.30-6.50pm
Sid Chaplin, Fox Place,
Bates Close, Brockett,
Thornton, Scott, Bakewell,
Booth Walk, Merlin, Kestral
6.50-7.25pm
The Swale, Pasture,
Moorland

School Parents & Staff Help Xmas Foodbank



Staff and parents at a Newton Aycliffe school have been praised for collecting much needed supplies for a local Food bank this Christmas. More than 750 items were donated to the appeal at Vane Road Primary, including beans, soup, pasta, cereal, crisps, chocolate, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet rolls and even Christmas crackers! It has all been delivered to the County Durham Foodbank which distributes the food to people in need throughout the county. The appeal was organised by parent governor Laurie Winter and teaching assistant Mrs Beaton.

Mrs Winter said: "a huge thank you has to go to all of the pupils, parents and staff who generously donated to the appeal. Christmas is a wonderful time of year, but can be especially hard for some people."

"We hope that this can go a

little way towards ensuring they have the best festive season possible." You can find out more about the County Durham Foodbank, including what they need and how to donate, at <http://www.durhamfoodbank.org.uk/>. Phone: 0191 303 7559.

Making Hospital Stay Happier for Patients



Entertainers Jim, and his wife, Ruth, perform as a versatile duo by the name of Excalibur in France but are home for Christmas gigging around the area in pubs and clubs. They were visiting Aunt Freda Tinkler (from Newton Aycliffe) who had a fall and ended up in Ward 6, Bishop Auckland General. She just wants to go home, but her broken ankle at the age of 86 years old is preventing it for now. Jim and Ruth went along to the hospital ward and played some festive and other music to cheer her up, and the whole ward. Staff were dancing to the music and other patients were wheeled into Freda's ward by their relatives to enjoy the fun.

CREATIVE WRITING

Express yourself! A relaxed and informal free session using the theme of diaries as inspiration for your own writing. All welcome including those new to writing or trying it for the first time. Come to Newton Aycliffe Library on Friday 19th January from 2pm - 4pm. Please book a place by contacting the library on 03000 269 519

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Model Railway Show on the Right Track



It's all systems go for the 9th Annual Model Railway Exhibition being organized by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe at the Youth Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4HT (opp. Tesco) on Saturday 10th March from 1000 to 1700.

Entry costs £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and 50p for children. There are family tickets available at £10.

This year's event will be the larger than ever with 23 layouts booked for the event ranging from "n" to "0" scales representing locations from the UK, Europe and North America. Of special interest will be a live steam 00n9 layout, a fantastic Hogwarts/Harry Potter layouts and for the very young, a self-drive Thomas and Friends layout from Shildon Model Railway Club.

Traders will be well represented with 10 stands selling new and pre-owned model railway items along with die-cast models, scenery, photographs and books. Four full size preservation societies will be lending their support while other enthusiasts will be manning a tombola staff and serving refreshments.

Free parking is available at St Mary's R.C. Church just yards from the event, there is full disabled access, all day refreshments are available and a family tombola. Proceeds from the exhibition will be shared between McMillan Cancer Care and Prostate Cancer UK. Further information is available from Rtn John Burrows on 07870 210269 or email jandeburrows@gmail.com

Star Live Bands this Xmas at the Turbinia

Top Rock & Roll international touring band 'The Sureshots' join a fantastic line-up of entertainment at the Turbinia this Xmas.

There is something for everyone this year at Aycliffe's award winning pub, finishing off on New Years Day with The Sureshots, fronted by Aycliffe's very own Gary Allen.

The Sureshots started life as a trio called 'The Atomix' in 1982, and set about rehearsing some of their favourite rockabilly, Rock 'n' Roll and blues numbers from their various record collections from the obvious to the obscure. A name change ensued and The Sureshots were born.

In 1987 the long-awaited album Four to the Bar was recorded for and released by the English Nose/ID label. Songs from this LP, like Broken Heart, Chinatown, Am I Blue and I'm Uneasy soon became Sureshots classics. Four to the Bar was a huge success, with releases in USA and even in Japan! More TV and radio work came along, the pinnacle being landed a spot on the now iconic show, 'The Tube' for channel 4 in 1987, about the same time they were informed by 'Charlie records' that they had reached number 3 in France with their first single, 'Fire Engine Baby', some achievement by any bands standards.

More TV work followed, Ben Elton's 'Friday Night Live' was next on the agenda in 1991 where shoulders were rubbed with 'real media moguls' and after following their heroes from the 50's, they now found themselves being followed and offered as backing band to the

guys that started it all whenever they came to Europe.

The Sureshots have been booked to back or support some Rock 'n' Rolls greats like Sonny Burges, Jimmy Wages, Hayden Thompson, Charlie Feathers, Johnny Carroll, Jackie Lee Cochran, Sleepy La Beef, Tony Conn, Terry Dene, Johnny Powers, Freddie Fingers Lee and many more including the one and only Carl Perkins! Since then they have toured the west coast of Australia, (twice)! Played roots and rock festivals in Las Vegas (twice)! Flew to Tokyo for a one off gig and radio show and still frequently tour Europe armed with a huge repertoire of songs, (self penned and covers).

The weekend of Friday 29th is our amazing 'Open-Mic' with local musicians covering every genre. Saturday 30th we bring you the amazing 'Norgaards' a local band that had the best ever debut here early in the year, playing Indie, Mod, Ska, Rock, Punk, Blues, Metal & Acoustic. New Year's Eve we welcome back Top North-East band '101' playing 3 sets of classic tunes into the early hours. Finishing it all off on New Year's Day with 'The Sureshots' - an amazing line-up of entertainment for you

Credit Union 2018 Opening

The NEFirst Credit Union collection point service in Newton Aycliffe Library will recommence on Thursday, 4th January, 2018 between 10.30 & 11.30am.

FANTASTIC SUPPORT FOR FOODBANK APPEAL

The Foodbank team at St Clare's have received wonderful donations from local businesses, groups and individuals. These will help make Christmas food special for local people struggling to feed themselves and their families as many of the gifts will go into Christmas hampers.

The Tesco 3 day collection and donations made direct to the County Foodstore at Chester le Street, also add to the gift people will receive this week. During the three days in Tesco, local shoppers gave £890 which was spent on food and, combined with their food donations, a massive 2,488 kg, nearly 2.5 tons, was collected. The Foodbank wishes to say a sincere thank you to Tesco staff in Newton Aycliffe, all volunteers who helped in store and especially the general public, for their amazing generosity. The food will be stored, then distributed here well into next year.

Sainsbury's, Tesco and the Crossfit All Out Gym members have donated selection boxes and other chocolates. Simply Thank You, Baltic Recruitment, Driver Hire, Palram and Siesta Coffee, all local companies, have contacted us to make donations.

One group of workers have given up their Secret Santa gift money to provide Christmas cakes. The Youth Council members, working with Steve Cooper, are also working to make a difference for those people in need locally. The Royal Telegraph pub in Aycliffe Village held a raffle and the £320 raised has been



spent on food for Foodbank. Kath, Alison and the other volunteers are touched by many other individuals who bring in or leave donations at the churches. They do not wish to be named and many will not give their names.

"Some are people who have received help from Foodbanks when going through financial difficulties themselves. For others, they are repaying the generosity shown to family members," said Alison.

"We hear so often from older people, that they have experienced hard times and have been thankful for help from the community. They are great supporters and we are very grateful for all help given"

Four Volunteers from 3M visited Foodbank last

Wednesday to help sort the Christmas Hampers, as part of their Community Engagement Programme. Over forty households will receive a hamper, so thank you, 3M volunteers. Greenfield School delivered a big donation. It is always heart-warming to know that young people are also concerned for the welfare of others in the community. Many of the schools in Aycliffe are regular donors.

Christmas is just days away and for most of us food shopping is high on our agenda. It is wonderful to know that thousands of people, living and working in and around Newton Aycliffe, have been generous towards those struggling to buy basic necessities and have given cash and food to make their Christmas less bleak.

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Help out at the station by becoming a presenter or volunteer.

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Sponsor a show, presenter or the station for a nominal fee.

CLUB INFO SPOT

Organisations are invited to come along and record a 5 minute info slot about your club - for no charge.

ADVERTISE

Could your business benefit from advertising on Aycliffe Radio?

LOCAL BANDS

Send us a pre-recorded session of your set to play on Monday "Band Night".

SCHOOLS

We can attend and record your Concerts, Performances, Presentations to be played on air for all to enjoy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Listeners



Aycliffe Radio is a 24 hour music station, however some of the scheduled shows may not broadcast over Xmas. Scheduled shows may be changed/cancelled at any time.

MONDAY
10-12am Jack's Request Show
6-8pm 70s Show - Peter Rush
8-10pm Local Band Night
10-12pm Dance Anthem (R)

TUESDAY
10-12am Jack's Tuesday Chill
6-8pm Sports - Darren & Lee
8-10pm Kent Collective - Daz
10-12pm Dance Mix (R)

WEDNESDAY
10-12am Jack's Eclectic Mix
6-8pm 80s Show
8-10pm Alternative Aycliffe - Gary
10-12pm Garage/Indie (R)

THURSDAY
10-12am Jack's Eclectic Mix
6-8pm 90s Show
8-10pm Peter's Rock Show
10-12pm R n B Show (R)

FRIDAY
10-12am Jack's Moderation Show
6-8pm 00s Show
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
10-12pm Alternative Aycliffe (R)

SATURDAY
10-6pm 70s-00s (R)
6-8pm Dance Anthems - The Dr
8-10pm Dance Mix - OZ DJ
10-12pm Garage/Indie - MC Supa

SUNDAY
12-2pm Sports Round Up (R)
2-6pm Lazy Sunday
6-8pm Sunday Service - Xcel
8-10pm R n B Show - Jack
10-12pm Motown Show

Married in Las Vegas



Newtonians Robert and Dawn Bell's Wedding Day was held in a Las Vegas Wedding Chapel on the 10th December 2017. Dawn, 48 from Newton Aycliffe and Rob 50, originally from Darlington have lived in Lislea Road for a number of years.

Both Dawn and Rob work for Ineos where Rob is a Security Officer and Dawn as a Contractor for OCS. It is here where they both met two years ago when Rob started working in the Gatehouse Security for Innovyn.

The couple planned their dream wedding and honeymoon in Las Vegas and celebrations included a night-time flight by helicopter over the Las Vegas Strip and attending the Lionel Ritchie concert at the Planet Hollywood Hotel two nights before the wedding.

On the day of the wedding, the couple were taken by limousine from their hotel to the Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel where they were married under a gazebo under the stars. This was video-streamed for friends and family back home to watch. Dawn and Rob's witnesses were friends Linda and Steve Gardner also from Newton Aycliffe, who shared the occasion with the happy couple.

The celebrations continued the following day (Dawn's birthday) with a daytime helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon with a picnic breakfast at the base before returning back to The Excalibur Hotel for evening celebrations at the Tournament of Kings Show and Feast. They took a copy of Newton News to the ceremony and their names were up in lights. Certainly memories to cherish for years to come.

Garden Waste Collection Fee

Dear Sir,
Couldn't agree more with Terry Spellman's letter in last week's Newton News regarding the Garden Waste Fee Increase. How can the council justify an increment of 50% over 3 years, especially when annual inflation over this same period is approximately 2%? Where I possibly disagree with Mr Spellman is in the reason for this increase, my belief is either incompetence by the authorities when first setting the rate 3 years ago or more likely it's a simple case of the ratepayer once again being used as a cash cow.
Derreck Pinkney

KEEP ON LISTENING

During the past couple of weeks, Aycliffe Radio has received offers of help from several sources.

Pete "The Rocker" will start his Rock Show soon and will continue each Thursday evening from 8pm to 10pm. The first of Aycliffe Radio "Guest Presenter's" will be Pauly Mac from Sydney, Australia. Pauly will perform his first session for us on Friday 29th December from 8pm to 10pm.

The long awaited arrival of "The Doctor" Dance Anthem show will start tomorrow night, Saturday 23rd December from 6pm-8pm. Be sure to tune in for six hours of dance and mix music.

Darren & Lee, our local sports reporters this week chatted to Terry Farley - if you missed the live show on Tuesday night, you can catch the repeat on Sunday from 12pm to 2pm.

PUBS & CLUBS

We would like to extend an invitation to all the pubs and clubs in Newton Aycliffe to get in touch and to regularly keep us informed about what is going on at your venue. We want to know so we can inform our listeners and hopefully get you more visitors through your door.

TOWN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Why not put together a 5 minute Info-Slot? We will help you and record one of your members for us to



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use to promote your club. This is your opportunity for free publicity, recruit new members and generally inform local residents of your existence.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Fancy yourself as a DJ or Presenter? Want to do a bit of radio journalism? Get in touch with Aycliffe Radio - we can always use the help of a willing, enthusiastic volunteer.

There are lots of music genres not covered by our current presenters and they are such a nice bunch of guys that they will even show you how to produce your own show, pre-recorded or live.

From all at Aycliffe Radio we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - Keep on Listening...

Bewick Crescent Surgery Supports S.S.A.F.A.



On Friday 15 December 2017 staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery held their Christmas jumper day. This year they decided that money raised from the event, together with money from the 'Surgery

Christmas Card', would go to SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity). Carol Hutchinson, Assistant Practice Manager said "It is great that the Practice have decided to support SSAFA this year. I have

been volunteering as a caseworker for SSAFA for a couple of years so I am really pleased that the staff decided to support the charity as well. As the surgery have also adopted the Armed Forces Charter this is also a good way of showing our support for the military and ex-military community."

Carol explained that Christmas is one of the busiest times for the Surgery and because there is a holiday ban for most staff it is important that everyone still gets the opportunity to celebrate; Christmas jumper day is one of the ways the surgery does this as it lifts morale and does some good at the same time.

Pictured receiving one of the SSAFA collection boxes from Rebecca Walling is David Hamilton, Divisional Secretary SSAFA Sedgefield. If any of our readers would like to donate to SSAFA please visit ssafa.org.uk, ring 0800 731 4880 or contact David on 01388 827346. David is also the contact for anyone who needs help from SSAFA. The Surgery are still collecting and will officially hand the money over in the New Year.

Youth Council Help Foodbank



Aycliffe Youth Council, a group of seventeen young people have donated supplies to the local foodbank in Newton Aycliffe.

Danielle Ord, a Youth Councillor said 'We decided to give to the local food-bank because we thought it would be a great opportunity for our new and old members to kick start our year with a positive action contributing to our community'.

The Youth Council all donated products from home to ensure those in need can have food especially at Christmas when people need more help.

Last year, the Youth Council collected toys to donate and. Owen Dickinson, the Secretary of the Youth Council spoke about why it's good for the Youth Council to lead by example. 'We give to charity, because we believe that young people, and the Youth Council especially, have a moral responsibility helping those who need it'.

The Youth Council is a group of young people who give their time to help make Great

Aycliffe better for people in the area. Information on the

Youth Council visit: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

GOVERNMENT GRANT FRAUD PHONE CALLS & ON-LINE

Individuals and businesses are being warned to watch out for cold calls and online contact from fraudsters who are offering victims the opportunity to apply for Government grants for an advance fee.

To make the grants look legitimate fraudsters have set up bogus companies and convincing looking websites that claim to be operating on behalf of the UK Government.

Fraudsters cold call businesses and individuals offering the grant and if they're interested direct them to fill out an online application form with their personal information.

Once the fraudsters have that information they'll contact back victims and

congratulate them on being accepted onto the grant programme.

Pre-paid credit cards Applicants are then asked to provide identification and are instructed to get a pre-paid credit card to deposit their own contribution to the fake Government grant scheme. Fraudsters will then contact victims on the phone or are emailed and asked for the details of their pre-paid credit card and copies of statements to in order for them to add the grant funds. Of course the grant funds are never given by the fraudsters and the money that's been loaded by the victim onto the card is stolen.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up immediately and report it to us. We've

already taken down one website fraudsters have been using to commit this fraud and are working with Companies House to combat this issue.

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Appeal for Young Lad & His Dog Sleeping Rough

NEAS Christmas Fete

Dear Sir,
People may not know but there is a young lad and his dog homeless and sleeping rough in this freezing conditions.

The Police are working in partnership with Durham County Council to find accommodation for this vulnerable member of our community.

They are trying to find a one bedroom property available in Newton Aycliffe and his dog, costing no more than £300 a month.

I appeal to our community to rally round and help this young man and his dog for Christmas by making a donation to <https://www.gofundme.com/safe-place-for-xmas>

You can also place a donation in the collection tub at Jon's Mini Market at Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe.

Let's get this lad and his dog off the streets for Christmas so they are safe and warm. Name & address supplied



Staff and students of Aycliffe School were taking on the roll of Santa's little helpers this week in preparation for their Christmas Fete.

The annual event, which took place on Wednesday, December 13 at the North East Autism Society school, saw an enormous range of products being sold in the festive market – all made by the school's students.

Principal Nicola Brown said: "I'm enormously proud of all of my students who worked so hard this year, not just to make the products but to also drum up support in the community through leaflet drops."



But it's not just another school fundraising event – although the pupils, based on the North East Centre for Autism site, did collect more than £250 to boost school funds.

Nicola explained: "Every product that we sold was made as part of a highly personalised curriculum to help each of our students who may have autism or other learning difficulties tackle specific skills."

"We had customised mugs, children's aprons, fudge, sweet mince pies, wreaths, personalised baubles all made by my pupils. To get to the end result involved learning new skills like weighing and measuring ingredients, researching new product ideas, sourcing materials."

It's a creative way to teach skills for life with the maths, English and other curriculum subjects necessary, in a way that can be understood and enjoyed. I couldn't be prouder."

The school team would like to thank everyone who came and supported the event. "We always love to see families of our children come along and this year was no exception. Thanks also to the students from our college who also supported the event and our neighbours in the community for accepting the invitation to visit our fete."

GREENFIELD'S FBM TEAM MAKE IT THEIR OWN BUSINESS

Students at Greenfield Community College are aiming high in a bid to become future entrepreneurs. The Future Business Magnates team (FBM) have been working with Greenfield staff and outside agencies to make their mark and come up with valuable business ideas. The students are keen to do well and their enthusiasm and aspirations are evident as they state their intentions. "We are the FBM team for 2017 – 2018 and we are entering the FBM competition to win and improve our business skills" said the students. The team is Emma Gelder, Ellie Green, Haden Harrison, Luke Aitken, Jasmine Beadle, Katie Longstaff, Emily Hanson and Ethan Berry. "We had a successful visit for the Day 2 Challenge, in which we won!"

Future Business Magnates is a business enterprise competition for schools and helps introduce students to the basics of starting and running



a business and inspires enthusiasm and confidence, working in conjunction with local businesses.

The team has continued to polish up their business ideas with a trip to Beamish

Museum to take part in a workshop exploring how businesses of the past have developed to respond to changes over time, an important feature in business today.

The FBM team at Greenfield is really hopeful for the future challenges in the competition and is looking forward to developing their business idea. We wish them the very best of luck.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURES

Customer Access Points and most other county council buildings in County Durham will be closed over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

They will close at 4.30pm on Friday, 22nd December and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 2nd January 2018.

In the event of an emergency, residents can still contact the council on 03000 260 000 or use the 24/7 automated payments line on 0300 456 2771.

Online services will still be accessible over the festive period but requests will not be processed until council offices reopen on Tuesday, 2 January.

Leisure Centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. They will also close early at 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Riverside Sports Complex, Chester-le-Street, will close on Friday, 22nd December and reopen on Tuesday, 2nd

January.

Library opening times vary. Visitors are advised to contact their local library or visit the council's website to check times.

Day centres for adults will be closed on Bank Holidays, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Children's centres, meanwhile, will close or have restricted opening times over the Christmas period. Users are advised to contact their local centre or One Point hub to check whether it is open.

Register offices will be closed on all Bank Holidays - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. Offices in Bishop Auckland, Barnard Castle and Aycliffe Heads, in Durham, will be open between Christmas and New Year but will operate on an appointments basis only. To make an appointment, call 03000 266 000.

Sevenhills DLI research and study centre, in Spennymoor,

will close at 3pm on Thursday, 21st December and reopen at 10am on Tuesday, 2nd January.

Durham County Record Office has now closed for collections management and will reopen at 8.45am on Tuesday, 2nd January.

The Park and Ride service will not operate during any of the bank holidays, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. It will operate as normal, from 7am to 7pm, on all other days.

Bin collections will take place as normal up to and including Friday, 22 December.

Collections during the week beginning Monday, 25th December will be one day later than usual.

Normal collections will resume on Tuesday, 2nd January.

The council will again be offering a collection service for real Christmas trees. Bookings, for collection in the New Year, can be made by calling 03000 260 000 between Monday, 18th December and Sunday, 7th January.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/festive for more information and updates on Durham County Council services during the festive period. Residents can also keep up-to-date with any changes to council services by following @durhamcouncil on twitter or /durhamcouncil on Facebook.

More Artificial Football Pitches is the Answer

Another week where the cold and wet weather was the winner. Last Saturday's home game against Seaham Red Star was called off due to a frozen pitch. The officials and referee who arrived at Moore Lane early on Saturday morning were confronted by a scene more suitable to Dancing on Ice rather than a football pitch. There were only two games played in the Ebac Northern League on Saturday. The games at Consett and Stockton Town were the only survivors. Not surprisingly these are the only two artificial pitches in the League.

With the FA looking to clubs to become 'Community Hubs' it would seem likely that more artificial pitches will find their way into the National League System in

the future. In the meantime clubs will be hoping that the weather takes a turn for the better. Aycliffe travel to West Auckland on Saturday with the final game of 2017 being at Team Northumbria in Newcastle on Saturday 30 December.

With the recent postponements Aycliffe are now awaiting notification from the Northern League of their three rearranged fixtures: away to Ashington & North Shields + home to Seaham Red Star.

Finally, the players, management & committee of Newton Aycliffe FC would like to thank our volunteers & fans for their support during 2017. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

PCP Thanks Cycling Group Marshals



PCP Cycling Group Marshals received "Thank-You" certificates for their voluntary work.

Left to right: Mike McCabe, Angela Stevenson, Bob Stevenson, Richard Croftill, Carlos Jimenez also at the thank you session were Marshals: Alan Cooper, Penny Bence and Barry Kneviatt.

Joy Marie Hair
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Wishing all my friends and customers a very Happy Christmas and New Year

A donation has been given to Aycliffe Village Hall in lieu of cards

Newton Press
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Newton News deadline for 5th January edition is Wednesday 3rd January 2018



Another Award for Swimming Coach



Chief Swimming Coach John Moore, from Aycliffe was crowned the overall winner of the Northern Echo Local Hero's Award which was held at Wynyard Hall on 7th December. John also won the Sir Bobby Robson Leading Light award, and was lost for words when he found out he had won, and said he was humbled. John attended the ceremony with other coaches and committee members from his club. This added to a memorable few months for John as he had a surprise 80th Birthday Party in October and was presented with the coveted Gray Award at the start of November for his services to swimming.

Christmas Lunch Cancelled

Owing to circumstances beyond my control the Christmas Lunch for lonely people at Burnhill Methodist Church Hall has had to be cancelled. You are all welcome to drop in on Boxing Day 26th Wednesday 27th, Tuesday 2nd January, Wednesday 3rd January between 11.30am and 2.00pm for a chat and a bacon sandwich. If you are interested in joining our "Friends Of Senior Citizens Group" the venue is at Syd Chaplin Drive off Burnhill Way next to The Turbinia, ring 01325 308094 / 308094 for further details.

Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership

Would like to wish all Newtonians a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

MEMBER OF PUBLIC SOUGHT TO SERVE ON COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Members of the public are being invited to apply to serve on Durham County Council's Audit Committee. The council is seeking to appoint a new co-opted member to serve on the committee until 30th April 2019.

The role of the committee is to approve the final accounts and advise both full council and the Cabinet on audit and governance issues.

The co-opted member will serve alongside nine elected county councillors and one other co-opted member to assist the council in maintaining high standards of corporate governance as well as bringing additional knowledge, expertise and independence.

Anyone applying should be completely independent from the council and politically independent. It would also be helpful if they had knowledge of how local government works as well as knowledge of risk management and corporate governance arrangements

in other public or private sectors.

The successful candidate will be required to attend six or seven meetings a year as well as some training sessions and would be able to claim reasonable travelling expenses.

Application forms and further details can be obtained by emailing democraticservices@durham.gov.uk - The closing date for anyone interested is 12th January 2018.

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Carol Singing for Care Home Residents



During this season of goodwill, pupils from Stephenson Way Academy have been busy spreading Christmas cheer across Newton Aycliffe with a series of carol services around the town. Year 6 pupils and members of the school choir leapt at the chance to perform their favourite Christmas songs for an audience and so their tour began. Starting in Tesco, the singers serenaded shoppers with a host of merry tunes and as passers-by stopped to listen, many generously donated loose change, which was donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care. The next port of call was Rose Lodge Care Home where children were joined

by residents and staff in a good old-fashioned yuletide sing-along, crooning out classics such as Silent Night and O Come All Ye Faithful. Head girl Paige explained, "It was so lovely to be giving something back to our community and when people stopped to listen or join in it was extra special." The final performances of the festive season were hosted in school for friends and family, who all left with their Christmas spirits well and truly lifted. We'd like to extend our warmest Christmas wishes to all those who have supported us this year and look forward to sharing many more memories in 2018.

Churches Together in Great Aycliffe

St Andrew's Church

December 24th at 3pm
Carols by Candlelight
December 24th at 11:30pm
Midnight Mass

Xcel Church

December 17th at 10:30am
Christmas Family Service
December 24th at 6pm
Christmas Eve
Family Carol Service

Methodist Church

Neville Parade:
December 17th at 6pm
Carol Service
December 24th at 10.30am
Christmas Eve Service
December 25th at 10.30am
Christmas Day Celebration

St Clare's Church

December 16/17th at 6pm
SHINE Christmas Show
December 23rd at 4pm
Messy Christmas Party
December 24th at 4.30pm
Christingle Service
December 25th at 10am
Communion Service

St Elizabeth's Church

December 18th at 6pm
Carols in the Huntsman Pub
December 20th at 7pm
Quiet Christmas Service

Harvest Christian Centre

December 24th at 10.30am
Christmas Eve Service

St Thomas'

December 24th at 4pm
Christmas Eve Mass

St Mary's

December 24th at 5.30pm
Family Mass
December 24th at 8pm
Christmas Eve Mass
December 25th at 10am
Christmas Morning Mass

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Fantastic Christmas Community Concert



Mayor Wendy Hillary and Consort with Trish Pemberton



The Rotary Christmas Community Concert on Tuesday 12th December was a talent-filled and very enjoyable celebration of Christmas with performances by students and members of the community of all ages across the area.

These included an accomplished gymnastics and dancing displays by Woodham and Greenfield with a medley from the town's "Mad" Choir. We were also treated to a performance by popular 'X Factor' Singer Shanaya. A highlight of the whole event, for the children was Santa's visit whose appearance lit up the faces of all children present.

The band of talented young instrumentalists brought together from schools in the town were brilliant.

The Rotary Club was delighted to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and other relatives and local people come along to support the youngsters, who performed with great enthusiasm and confidence before such a large audience.

"Our thanks go to everyone who was involved in making this annual event such a great success, including the

teachers who gave their time to prepare their pupils at what is a very busy time of year and brought them along on the day - they should be very proud of them.

We would also like to thank the Mayor, Wendy Hillary, and her consort, Jed Hillary, for supporting the event" said Rotarian Trish Pemberton Community Service Chairman.

Rev. Mike Dixon acting as compere said: My thanks to all that came and especially the schools and the teachers who were able to showcase the hard work they do throughout the year. It was a grand occasion when the whole town came together to join in Christmas Celebrations".

Admission was free but a total of £195.00 was raised from a collection and raffle to support local charities.

The Primary Schools who took part were: Vane Road, Woodham Burn, Byerley Park, Aycliffe Village, Horndale and Sugar Hill. Senior students were represented by Woodham Academy and Greenfield College.

Photos taken by Rotarian John Wilson show the variety of performances and the enthusiasm of the children and audience.

This event is very special in the town's Christmas calendar and has been organised by the town's Rotary Club, free of charge for 30 years.

This is part of the club's Christmas activities which also includes a collection in Tesco's and a Santa tour of streets in the town in aid of providing hampers for Aycliffe's families in need.

The Rotary Club are to be commended for their hard work and valuable community service.



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Sugar Hill School News



Earlier this month, Sugar Hill primary school opened its first Book Store. The school purchased books in bulk and passed the savings onto the pupils. Book prices were as low as £1 and parents and children stocked up their book shelves with these bargains. Many thanks to the four brilliant shop assistants, Millie, Erin, Lily and Casey, for giving up their time after school to support the new venture.

Last week, Alison Gray from the Dogs Trust came in to collect the 2nd round of collections made for Sugar Hill's chosen charity. Naughty Nellie came in to say thanks with volunteer Harry too. Once again, the staff from Dogs Trust were overwhelmed by the children's generosity.

Heighington Spar Shop Supports Foodbank

From all of us at 'Footprints In The Community' a big Thank You to Helen Gosnay and the Spar Shop in Heighington along with the Insolvency Service in Newcastle who have supported the Foodbank.org.

"Helen made a large donation of food which will help a lot of people who are struggling with food poverty this Christmas. With all these extra donations we are able to make a difference at this difficult time of the year to the people who need it most. Some people are faced with large bills and have to make a choice as to whether to eat, or heat their homes, and have the added extra issue of Christmas, where often people will go without food to buy family presents. We are so grateful for all the help and support we have received" said, Helen Hedges. Heighington Spar Owner 'Peter' said, "I would also like to say a big Thank You to our kind hearted customers who donated so much for this great cause. Our customers are loyal to us and are always happy to help out on any charity initiatives".

Christmas Lunch Free for Lonely

A free Three course Christmas Dinner is available on Christmas Day for anyone lonely. Anyone welcome to Woodham Community Centre at 1.30pm.

Transport is available - please contact Jane 07804 454471. Newton Aycliffe has three organisations offering a Christmas Day Lunch to lonely people and it makes you proud to know we have such caring people in our community.

THANK YOU

Sheena & Yvonne would like to thank all the volunteers who help every week, Tesco, and Honest John, the ladies who knit for us and the people of Newton Aycliffe who have supported "Children's Blessings" this year.

It is really appreciated and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018.

As from the 8th of January 2018 we will be open on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 10am-2pm.

If you need help with the children's clothes and other essential items please ring: 07594 297462

Cancer Support Group Raffle Raised £515

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank everyone who supported our first Xmas Raffle where we raised an amazing total of £515 with all prizes

claimed.

A few weeks back we had a meeting regarding helping more people on the town with a cancer diagnosis who have no one to turn to. We went to Bryan Haldane, Town Centre Management and said what we wanted to do and he kindly agreed to hire an empty shop as they like to support local good causes.

We wanted to help isolated people living in poverty to let them know they not on their own, handing them free clothing and refreshments. Myself and the group would personally like to say thank you to Bryan as he was a great help.

Over the last 12 months our group has nearly doubled and we have started so many new projects including providing Free Patient Transport for Cancer patients who need to go to hospital for treatment such as Chemotherapy or Radiotherapy. This service is open to any cancer patient and if you are not a member then just a small donation is fine.

The group doesn't meet in January but if you need more details or you want to talk to someone please call Allison on 07762 258696 or visit www.greataycliffecancer.supportgroup.co.uk

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with thanks to everyone who has helped us this year either by donations or simply coming to support our fundraising events.

Allison White

Old & Modern Slave Trade Workshop at Woodham



Woodham Academy students experience slave ship layout

Woodham Academy students recreated the cramped conditions on board an 18th century slave ship to gain an insight into the horrors of the Middle Passage. Staff from Durham University brought a full-size print of the notorious slave ship Brookes to the school as part of a workshop on the slave trade. Students laid down on the print-out of the ship's hold to gain an insight into the conditions experienced by the 248 slaves who would have been packed into this part of

the ship for the transatlantic crossing known as the Middle Passage.

Students also handled artefacts including iron shackles, learnt about the abolitionist movement, and about the realities of modern-day slavery.

Assistant Headteacher Sarah Dickinson said: "This was a thought-provoking workshop that provided students with the opportunity to reflect on and increase their understanding of a very sensitive and challenging subject."

The activities formed part of the latest 'Specialist Day' at Woodham Academy, when external partners visit the

school to deliver workshops with each year group. Hosted three times a year, Specialist Days form part of Woodham Academy's extensive personal, citizenship and careers education programme.

The day also featured a visit from prisoners and prison officers organised by the charity 'Prison Me No-Way', established to raise awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime.

Other activities included a workshop on online safety, mock job interviews and a visit from the Durham Education Business Partnership.

"Friends" of Rotary Enjoy the Experience

Dear Editor.

Once again I am blown away by the generosity of the people in Newton Aycliffe. Husband Ron and myself were privileged to join Rotary, as 'Friends' and we volunteered to help them on their annual Christmas rounds of some of the streets of the town with Santa.

We were amazed by the decorations to the houses, which gave the evening a festive feel. It was frosty with glistening pavements all adding to the seasonal background. Heeled boots weren't the best footwear and it made walking particularly difficult.

Towards the end of the two hour collection I was happy for a lift in the van towing Santa's sleigh. I believe the reindeers were having a holiday prior to the particularly busy time on the 24th.

Santa rang his bell to let the children know he was around and their faces lit up when they saw the man in red with his tell tale suit, hat, white hair and beard.

The children, shy initially, beamed when they had their photographs taken with him. Santa was accompanied by his little elf who was handing out lollies.

We look forward to helping the Rotary Club more in the future.

Ron and Joan Mitchie
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First of Two MRI Scanners Installed

Our local NHSTrust Charity has been fundraising towards state of the art MRI scanners for Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. The appeal has benefited from tremendous support and generosity from organisations and individuals across County Durham and Darlington ranging from donations of a few pounds to several thousands. The November charity ball at Hardwick Hall, in support of the appeal, was attended by 200 guests and raised over £20K. Fundraising for the appeal continues into 2018 and we would welcome your support – in any way you can, ring: 01325 743781 or email: pat.chambers1@nhs.net. We're 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. To find out more about the evening, to purchase tickets, which are £37, see contact details above. Bishop Auckland Hospital's new scanner has arrived and we're grateful to suppliers Philips for allowing our patients to benefit from the advanced technology whilst we continue fundraising during 2018. The first appointments will be early in the New Year.

FESTIVE ISSUES OF NEWTON NEWS

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Spring Courses at Greenfield



local artists and regionally recognised mining artist Tom Lamb. We welcome the return of the annual Open Art exhibition which is open to all and offers the chance to display three pieces of creative work of any discipline for £10. This year we are looking at 'The Power of the Pen' and how art can inspire creativity and passion in us all. Applications can be found on the gallery page of our website and are open until Friday 26th January 2018.

For all courses and events please book your place via the online enrolment link, which can be found on the 'Courses and Activities' page on our website. If you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Conservative Councillors Enjoy the Challenge

Dear Sir,
 It is now 7 months since Scott and I were elected in the Aycliffe North and Middridge Ward as Conservative Councillors and it is amazing how quickly time has passed. It has been a very interesting time both in the ward and at County Hall where we are increasingly involved in the committees as we develop our knowledge and are able to provide challenge or support as we see fit.

The best part of being a County Councillor though has to be the work in the ward. This has ranged from the structured elements through the GAMP, looking at local initiatives and making the difficult choices of which to support, through to the many local groups we have the privilege to engage with. Within our ward we would like to particularly mention the Horndale Residents Group, Middridge Parish Council, the GAMP as well as everyone at the PCP and Woodham community centre. We also had the pleasure of meeting Alison and Kath at the foodbank and seeing the Credit Union team at their new home in the Library. Please do what you can to support the food bank team and we would strongly encourage anyone needing to borrow to go to the Credit Union and avoid the extortionate interest charges of the likes of Bright House and doorstep loans. It was great to meet some of the Syrian families we have welcomed to the town and we hope they settle in well and

can rebuild their lives after the trauma they have left. Whilst we have obvious Political differences which arise on policies and decisions in County Hall we would also thank the Labour Councillors on the town as we have been working with great cooperation when it comes to day to day ward issues.

We look forward to more of the same in 2018 and wish you all a fabulous festive period and that 2018 brings all you wish. Please remember to take time to look after those you meet who need your support as for some this is a particularly difficult time of year.

Paul Howell
 & Scott Durham

Xmas Line Dance Party

Come along to the Phoenix Club (formerly British Legion) for a Xmas Party with a difference including two great artists to entertain you. Give Line Dancing a try or just come along to enjoy a night of great music.

Entrance is just £3 and includes a free raffle ticket. Please bring a plate. The Show starts at 8pm ending at 11.10pm. Doors open at 6.45pm.

For further details ring John Sutton on 01325 307041.

Police Appeal

A HIGH VALUE 4x4 vehicle has been stolen from a farm near Newton Aycliffe. Two men stole a £12,000 John Deere Gator XUV from a barn at Ricknall Grange Farm, on Ricknall Lane, at around 9.50pm on Saturday (December 16).

The suspects, who are described as being 'heavy set', gained access to the land by cutting open a large section of the farm's boundary fence, which runs parallel to the southbound carriageway of the A1, before driving a 4x4 type vehicle through the gap and across the farmland.

They then pushed the Gator out of the barn before attaching it to the rear of their vehicle and driving back across the farmland, through the gap in the fence and back onto the A1. PC Lorraine Nelson, from Durham Constabulary, said: "The farm's boundary fence runs parallel and is located approximately 10ft from the southbound carriageway of the A1.

"Cutting open a section of the fence alone had the potential to cause a serious or fatal collision due to the large amount of animals in the field that could have strayed onto the main road.

"I am appealing for any witnesses who may have been travelling on the A1 around 9.30pm to 10.30pm heading south, before the Newton Aycliffe junction."

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The bimonthly meetings are held at Pioneering Care Centre and offer support, advice and tips based on the members' own experiences. We also provide activities and to help members feel good and rebuild their

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Gretna Christmas Pie

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The pub, which is famed for its generous portions, introduced the Christmas Pie to meet the growing demand for unique and unusual festive dishes.

Alex Mackenzie, general manager at the Gretna Green Hotel, said: "Our guests love Christmas food, but this year we wanted to try something a bit different by putting a twist on the traditional Christmas dinner."

"Pies are a firm favourite on our menu along with traditional Christmas dinners, so we thought why not combine these two traditional British pub classics to create something really special for the festive period."

"Our Christmas Pie features delicious turkey, cranberry sauce and stuffing filling, surrounded by two types of pastry and served with mashed potato, peas and gravy – it's the best of both worlds!"

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The Council asked local residents to nominate Christmas displays that stood out across the parish. Many nominations were received and the Council had the pleasure of viewing all the entries.

Some of the best entries can be seen at Elstob Close, Guthrum Place and West Cottages in School Aycliffe. However, the property which was judged to be the best in Aycliffe and also had the most nominations is located on Westmorland Way. The Council would recommend readers have a look at the property when they are passing; can you do any better next year? If so, please watch out for the nominations next year.

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to have needed an MRI scan myself, I appreciate the huge benefits this equipment will bring."

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particularly good at looking at soft tissues. 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.

"MRI scans are so useful we're doing more of them each year. In the last year alone the number of MRI scans has increased by 11%.

"An MRI scanner is one of the most expensive pieces of equipment a hospital will ever purchase and with the NHS facing huge financial challenges we need to seek public help in buying them. "We've already had donations from people happy with the care they or a loved one has received, regardless of whether they had a scan. We still need the local community, including individuals, companies, schools, sports clubs etc, to support us by holding events such as coffee mornings, cake sales and sponsored activities in aid of the Scanner Appeal. Every pound counts. After all, you never know when you or a loved one might need a scan."

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At its very best it is uneven with rubble and stones strewn all over it making it difficult to walk on let alone push a wheelchair or pram. At worst it is water logged from potholes which have collected rainwater making it un-passable - however the very worst was to come when I attempted to walk on it yesterday only to find vast sheets of ice had formed over the potholes making it impossible to walk on!

I had to resort to walking on the grass verges. This is the only path I know that leads to the train station (unless of course you want to navigate your way around the estate opposite, which unless you know where you are going can lead you to many a dead end). The number of walkers, cyclists, pushchair users and people with mobility aids who use this on a daily

basis should warrant the council to lay a purpose-built tarmac path, What is the point in having a decent path on one side of the road that leads you to just a "track" on the other side? I note the council have been re-surfacing

existing paths around the town, why not free up some money to lay a decent path up to the train station? I am sure I am not the only reader who feels this needs addressing and I welcome other people's comments. Name & address supplied

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



A big thank you and well done goes out to all the children who took part in the Mayor's Official Christmas Card Competition this year.

Councillor Wendy Hillary, Mayor of Great Aycliffe, presented prizes and framed pictures to the winners at St. Mary's Primary School on Tuesday.

The winning design chosen was by Ava Mincher and in 2nd place Grace Everson, 3rd place Sophie Fleming.

End of Year Karate Grades



Zanshin Kai Karate, based at Woodham Community Centre, held their final club grading recently & the instructors

were impressed with the hard work and effort shown by all the students who went on to successfully gain their new belts.

Congratulations to the Red Dragons (cadets 5yrs - 9yrs) who successfully achieved their new belt at our final grading and class of 2017. On Thursday 14th December.

8th Kyu Yellow Belt - Will Farrow, Poppy Farrow, Izzy Lambert, Ella Myers, Thomas Towler and Max Holehouse
7th Kyu Orange Belt - James, Joshua and Emma Henderson
6th Kyu Green Belt - Maisie Cochrane, Travis Alton and Connor Clark
4th Mon Purple Belt - Joey Hayman, Lola Giudice and Erin Sutherland. Well done also to our older

students who had passed their grade test the week before: Yellow Belt 8th Kyu - Janet Hutton Green Belt 6 Kyu - Glen Cochrane Blue Belt 5th Kyu - Jodie McMaster Purple Belt 4th Kyu - Josh Pinder. If you have always wanted to try karate, then we would like to invite you to come and give it a try, all newcomers get a four week Free Trial.

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Members of Unite, the UK's largest union, employed by dust mask and respirator maker 3M, based in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham have voted for strike action in a dispute over pay.

The workers have voted for both strike action and action short of strike after rejecting a 1.5 per cent pay increase for 2017, which is less than half the rate of inflation. The workforce has endured a series of below inflation pay increases in recent years. Despite the positive vote in favour of industrial action the 109 Unite members at 3M will not be asked to take industrial action immediately. Unite will not announce strike dates until the new year. The pause is designed to allow 3M management to make a renewed and improved pay offer and potentially avoid strikes.

Unite regional officer Mark

Newton News approached 3M and the company was unavailable for comment

Sanderson said: "Workers at 3M feel undervalued and morale is extremely low. They have co-operated with management to introduce new systems of work which has increased their workload without seeing a tangible reward.

"Workers deserve a fair reward for their continued efforts, by receiving a pay increase which does not result in their standard of living falling even further. "If workers are properly rewarded for their work, morale increases, and productivity rises which is in the interests of everyone. It is essential that our members restore some of the losses they have experienced over recent years.

"The Unite membership is determined to achieve a fair settlement in recognition of their continued commitment to the ongoing success of the company."

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Kath Pinner from Foodbank, Barmaid Georgina & Vicki

The Royal Telegraph, Christmas Raffle which Aycliffe Village held a raised a fantastic £330.

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Thank You

Thank you

Thank you to Carol & Staff at Lindisfarne Care Home for looking after, and caring for Mam, Isabella Garbutt, for almost ten years. Happy Christmas to you all.
Ann, John & Family

In Memoriam

Emily Cook Our Beautiful Star



Emily, we wish we had some time with you to walk among the stars. To see your face and beautiful smile and find out how you are. We'd tell you how much we love you and how much we miss you so. We'd hold you close and hug you tight and never let you go. Christmas without you will never be the same, until the day comes when we are together again. Love always, Mam and Wayne xxxx

Emily, on angel wings you were taken, but in our hearts you will always stay. In God's light you will always shine, and in our hearts you will always be mine. Merry Christmas Em, our first one without you. Love, Morgan, Holly and Harry xxxx

Emily, Twinkle Emily, our beautiful star. Up in Heaven is where you are. Flying high twinkling bright, our guiding star, our shining light. Christmas will never be the same my Em, because it was you that made it all festive and fun. Loving you always and forgetting you never, our Granddaughter in Heaven we'll love you forever. Love, Nanna and Grandad xxxx

EMILY, The brightest star in the sky tonight, is our beautiful Emily saying "good night". Just one thing before you go, Merry Christmas sweetheart, I love you so. Love always, Nicola and Bella xx

EMILY, IN God's garden up above is a Christmas rose we dearly love. She stands with petals open wide, watered by all the tears we have cried. Her fragrance fills our life each day. Locked in our hearts she will always stay. Merry Christmas beautiful Em. Love, Auntie Caroline, Uncle Michael, Thomas, Michael and bump xxxx

EMILY, Christmas wishes to a beautiful star! Because our ray of sunshine you came and went, our beautiful Emily was only lent. Auntie Vicki, Dave and all your friends from The Hub xxx

EMILY, Gentle Jesus up above, please give our Emily a Christmas hug. Lots of love, Auntie Lesley, Uncle Brian and all the family xxx

EMILY, Christmas eve we will light a candle to remember our Emily. Christmas day we will remember the Christmas past. While you all sing Christmas Carols, happy faces awaiting the moment the bells ring out for Christmas Day. Please my friends, share a thought and a prayer for Emily who should be with us today. Forever in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Uncle Howard, Auntie Eleanor and David xxx

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Newtonian is Squash U11 County Champion



Young Newtonian Joseph Billany completes a good end to the year by becoming Durham & Cleveland U11 Squash County Champion. He now has a national ranking of 8th in the U11 category and has earned himself entry into the 2018 British Junior Open in January where he will be competing against U11 competitors from around the world. These achievements are a result of weeks & months spent training hard and an excellent attitude. Well done young man!

Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 9's Eagles took time out of training last week to visit their sponsor McDonald's in Newton Aycliffe. The whole team arrived in their kits and very excited for a meal kindly provided by McDonald's.

The boys had a great evening and were full of thanks to Adam, the manager, for not only providing strips and equipment in the past but for offering to continue to sponsor the team and help in any way possible in the future. The team relies on funding from sponsors for kit and equipment and are very grateful to McDonald's for this. Thank you McDonald's from all of the players, coaches and parents.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U9's Eagles 2 - 0 Hetton Lyons Bowes

First half saw the Eagles really dominate the game with some excellent football, each player being involved in the match. Trystan and Nathan again so strong in defence meant that Will was only required to make a couple of saves in goal but what brilliant saves they were.

Both Nathan and Trystan running the width of the pitch making some crucial tackles and top class passes to the midfield. Adam, Edwin and Jayden in midfield linking up with some fantastic passing and runs one of which saw Adam run the length of the pitch with the ball, skipping round the opposition and confidently slotting the ball into the back of the net. Excellent goal Adam well done. Jayden and Edwin were fantastic going forward but all the work they put in to get back and help out the defence was superb. Hamza who was making his debut as striker was finding great space and causing their defence major issues applying pressure as soon as the ball left their keeper. The balls that were being provided for him were awesome and he was unlucky not to get a goal. 1 - 0 at half time. Second half saw more of the same, no subs today



so all players staying on the pitch.

Will gave way to Trystan in goal and moved into midfield with Adam and Jayden which meant Edwin dropped back into defence to team up with Nathan. Hamza staying upfront. The boys continued to play as they had the first half and dominated the game. Adam and Will linked up so well going forward and it didn't take long for Will to get a goal. Adam skipped past 2 of their players and passed to Will in front of goal who still had plenty to do as he too skipped past 2 defenders with ease and found the back of the net, brilliant team play and a fantastic goal Will, well deserved.

Trystan in goal was only required to make a hand full of saves due to the work of the outfield players however I am unsure how he managed to save one, leaping out of his goal and plucking the ball from the air making it look easy.

We finished the game 2-0 and it was so well deserved. Each player should be so proud of the way they played as we are very proud as coaches. Man of the Match this week was Adam not only for getting a goal and an assist but for the work he put in all over the pitch for the full match.

Well done Adam however everyone played a part in the win and the standard of football played was so high. The team has improved

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The Tees Trail Winter 5k Race No. 3, also known as the Santa Run, took place at Preston Park on Sunday 17 December. There was a lot of ice about and it was raining so not very pleasant conditions, but the marshals did a tremendous job guiding the runners round the dangerous bits, which the runners were grateful for. Apart from this there was a great atmosphere with people dressing up in colourful costumes. Only four members turned out from Aycliffe Running Club, probably because of the club's Christmas party the previous night.

Peter Milburn was first home for the club in 9th position overall in the brilliant time of 21:01; he also placed 1st in his age category of male over 55. He was followed by Alan Wilks, 36th overall and 1st in his category of male over 69, in a time of 23:44; next came Ray Todd, who was just happy to get round in one piece, finishing 161st in 41:37.

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