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Bryan Haldane

Aycliffe Radio is at the heart of our community, utilising the professional skills of many volunteers to promote the town and all its activities. Finding a partner for the station with the same ethos proved easy when Station Manager, Paul Howarth and Town Centre Manager, Bryan Haldane, met to discuss and agree the same idea they both had in forming this partnership.

"Working with Bryan to promote Aycliffe's Shopping Centre can only be beneficial for the Town Centre, the radio station and the local community. We couldn't have asked for a better partner", said Paul. Bryan added "I've noticed the growth of Aycliffe Radio since its launch in December and so when Paul asked me to become the station partner

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County Remembers Victims of Genocide

Millions of victims of murderous regimes are to be remembered in County Durham as part of a global commemoration. Durham County Council is working alongside Durham Cathedral and the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) Trust to remember those killed by the Nazis, including six million Jews, and in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

International Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated annually on 27 January, which coincides with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

HMD's theme for 2018 is the power of words which, whether spoken or written, can have a huge impact, whether good or bad. The theme explores how language has been used in the past.

As part of wider education about HMD, up to 250 secondary school pupils, from at least 12 County Durham schools, will take part in workshops on Friday, 26 January at the cathedral.

Joni Stidwell, the council's education equalities team leader, said: "The aim of the workshops is to educate young people from across the county about the Holocaust and the important lessons to be learned for today."

"This collaborative annual event involves a lot of preparation but the feedback we receive from staff and young people tells us that it does have an impact in making young people think about the Holocaust and apply their knowledge to contemporary situations."

"As the theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is 'The Power of Words', this reminds us all of the difference that words can make - both for good and evil."

An exhibition on the relatively unknown story of the Nazi persecution of Gypsy, Roma and Travellers will also be on display at the cathedral between Monday, 22 January and Friday, 26 January.

Information about HMD will also be available in libraries across County Durham the week commencing 22 January.

On Saturday 27 January, a public exhibition will take place at the Town Hall in Durham Market Place, between 10am and 3.30pm.

This will feature stories from the Nazi persecution of the Jews and accounts from the genocides in Darfur, Cambodia, Bosnia and Rwanda, as well as information on the 'Porrajmos' (Romani Holocaust).

A display explaining the Durham Light Infantry (DLI)'s involvement in the liberation of Bergen-Belsen death camp will also be available to view, with testimonies from both liberators and liberated.

The County Durham Faiths Network, representing members of different belief groups, has also contributed to the exhibition by submitting quotes and pieces of writing reflecting on the theme 'The Power of Words' and responding to the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

And at nearby St Nicholas' Church, people are invited to attend a short act of commemoration at 1pm or drop in any time between 10am and 3.30pm to light candles and remember the victims of persecution.

The Town Hall, the DLI statue in the Market Place and the entrance to the church will all be turned purple to mark the holding of the exhibition. Uplighters will illuminate both inside and outside the hall.

Also on Saturday 27 January, the Durham Dales Centre in Stanhope, will host a creative writing and poetry workshop at 2.30pm, followed by a performance of spoken word and the reading of poems at 4pm.

CLr Jane Brown, the council's Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "The range of events and exhibitions will tell the very significant story of the victims of Nazi persecution and other genocides."

"We hope the events will help to raise awareness of the positive effect kind words, or acts of kindness, can have on people and assist in inspiring community cohesion."

Children Glimpse Future of their School



A group of children got a glimpse into the future when they saw the steel which will build their new school being fabricated in a factory.

The Newton Aycliffe youngsters even got to sign some of the steel beams as construction firm SCH Site Services welcomed them to the firm's premises on Aycliffe Business Park.

Main contractor Kier Construction awarded SCH a deal to fabricate and erect 115 tonnes of steel for Vane Road Primary School's new building on Central Avenue in Aycliffe.

SCH has now completed the six-week programme as Kier continues work at the site, adjacent to the school's existing building, which is expected to open in September 2018. Finley said it was particularly pleasing to welcome local children into his firm's factory on a local project.

"We feel really proud to be working on Vane Road Primary School," he added. "It's really satisfying to see the work we do benefitting the local community. When the children from Vane Road came to visit SCH they were an absolute pleasure. They all behaved impeccably and were really interested to find out how their new school was going to be built."

During their visit to SCH, 24 Vane Road students got to see the process from design to construction as the firm's engineers showed

them digital plans of the new building.

The youngsters, aged between seven and 11, then saw the steel being fabricated on the shop floor before they all signed parts of the beams which are already on site ready for the structure's next development phase.

The schools' head teacher Kieran Pavey said: "It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to go to a local company and see how their new school is being built. The new build is being constructed next to our existing site, so we've been doing lots of work with the children around the whole project and the actual fabric of the building, so they don't just think of it as a big steel structure being built."

"It was also goods for our students to see some of the work hands-on, and that may well inspire some of them to become engineers. One of the groups was led by a female engineer, and in what is a male dominated industry maybe we can inspire some of our young ladies to consider a career in engineering, which would be fantastic."

Groovy Street at Mad March Gig at the Big Club



The town's Rotary Club are planning a major event on Friday 23rd March at the Big Club featuring popular home-grown entertaining group "Groovy Street" plus guest performer.

Neville Jones (Director of J. & C. Coaches) is also well known as a brilliant entertainer and has appeared all over the North East for many years.

His current act features five in the group playing great music covering all tastes from Abba, Queen and popular top groups, with costumes to match. The band provides a full night's entertainment and gets everybody rocking and dancing to the non-stop very lively music.

Tickets at only £7.50 each including Hot Pork Sandwich & Roast Potatoes Supper will be available soon with proceeds going to the MRI Scanner Appeal.

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Left to right: Karin Allison (President), Val Bedocs, Pat Heseltine and Margot Harryman with Jessie Craggill in front

Wednesday 10th January saw the members of Heighington Women's Institute meeting at the Village Hall in Heighington for a meal celebrating our 100th birthday. Ladies first met in Heighington on the 16th January 1918 and we have been going strong since now with over 60 members. A piece of fabric artwork had been created to mark this anniversary by Margot Harryman, from a design by Pat Heseltine in turn from an idea of Val Bedocs. The picture was unveiled by Jessie Craggill who has been a WI member for over 60 years. The Ladies also enjoyed some of the 100 birthday cakes that had been made.

FLOWER DEMO

The next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club is on Monday 5th February in Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm. Area Demonstrator, Nicola Davies-Murray from York will present an evening of flower arranging entitled 'Twigs and Twine'. Free to members- Visitors £5.00 - All welcome.

Don't Stay Alone - Join This New Club

A "GOLDEN YEARS TOGETHER GROUP" Starts in the town on Monday 29th January 2018 from 2pm. until 4pm. at Burnhill Community Centre (formerly Methodist Church) next to The Turbinia off Burnhill Way. The No 7 Arriva to and from Woodham stops 2 minutes away. and there is a large car park. We hope to arrange Coach Rides, Theatre nights, Armchair Aerobics, Line Dancing, Tea Dances, Cream Teas etc. It would be the members OF THE CLUB TO DECIDE our activities. Please do not sit at home being lonely - come and join us. You can be picked up for you first visit. Disabled Access and Toilets available. Ring 308094 / 07967 901477 for more details.

Town's Police Inspector Calls Public Meeting

Happy New Year to the residents of Great Aycliffe and Middridge! I hope this message finds you well. The Neighbourhood Policing Team in Newton Aycliffe is now complete again and as we start 2018 we hope to improve PACT meetings in the area and hold more community events. Over the past year or so attendance at the PACT meetings has declined in several areas and I believe that we can be more efficient in the running of these meetings particularly around locations and frequency in order to make the meetings more meaningful. PACT meetings are an opportunity for Police and members of the public to work together to address issues and problems. The key to success is in working together and PACT meetings moving forward, should be positive and productive. I therefore would like to invite you to a Public Meeting in the Ash Room, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 6.00pm. Our Town and County Councillors have also been invited and I will be at the meeting together with members of my Neighbourhood Team. We look forward to seeing you there!



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If you would like to make a donation to our MRI appeal or get involved:

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COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON DURHAM HISTORY CENTRE

People are being invited to have their say on the creation of a new history centre for Durham, following agreement by councillors to relocate the county's archive service.

Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet heard today (17 January) that with plans to redevelop Aykley Heads being given the go ahead, Durham County Record Office will need to be rehoused as part of relocating County Hall.

Based in the building since it opened in 1963, the archives now sit in accommodation that has become outdated and unsuitable for the collection, and provides little space for future storage.

Having considered a number of options, councillors have agreed to consult on developing a history centre in Durham at the disused Mount Oswald manor house, on South Road.

People can have their say online or at a number of drop-in sessions taking place over the next few weeks. Under the proposals, the Grade II listed building would be renovated to offer fitting accommodation for the county's archives and provide space for its current and future needs.

In addition, it would offer an opportunity to bring the archives together with a wide range of other historical records which document the county's heritage, as well as incorporating facilities for exhibitions, events, research, educational and volunteering opportunities.

The plans would also see the manor house at Mount Oswald become home to Durham Register Office, providing enhanced facilities in an historic setting for weddings and other ceremonies.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues, said: "Our archives span 900 years of Durham's rich and wonderful history and are accessed over a million times a year, as people search records and historical information online, by phone or in person.

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"However, as their current home at County Hall is no longer fit for purpose these new proposals

would ensure our irreplaceable heritage is protected for future generations."

Durham County Record Office's archive ranges from the middle ages to the present day and spans five miles of written and photographic records, covering all aspects of County Durham's history.

Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, said: "This proposal to create a Durham history centre is very exciting and offers us a unique opportunity to make our precious archives far more accessible to residents and visitors alike.

"Co-locating complementary services in such a distinct and attractive venue would also enhance the services we offer and help attract many more visitors to the venue, and as such boost the city's economy.

"The consultation offers everyone the chance to be involved in shaping the future of our archives, historical records and registration service and I would urge people to give their views."

A funding application will need to be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund to help renovate Mount Oswald manor house and add an extension to house the archives.

Views on now being sought on what the history centre could include, such as:

- Durham County Record Office and archives
- Historic registration records
- Historic environment and archaeology records
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- Ceremonial services which currently take place at Bishop Auckland Register Office and the registration records stored there
- Wedding venue
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People can have their say at www.durham.gov.uk/consultations

Presentations on the proposals are also being given at Area Action Partnership board meetings. The consultation will close on Sunday 18 February.

Dangerous Laser Attack on Helicopter Air Ambulance

The chief pilot of the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) has warned against the dangers of laser strikes after his aircraft was once more targeted, this time while returning to base after a call-out.

Captain Jay Steward, from Newton Aycliffe, was flying back from the Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI) in Newcastle, to the charity's base at Durham Tees Valley Airport at 5.49pm on Sunday night, when a laser beam was shone into the helicopter's cabin.

He said: "We had just taken off from the RVI and were 1.8 miles south east of Peterlee town centre when I saw a laser waving around in the air. You could tell the person using it was trying to locate us, and then one of the crew shouted 'laser!' and it shone onto the aircraft.

"Laser strikes are incredibly dangerous because it can cause temporary sight loss which can lead to the pilot losing control of the aircraft and putting themselves and the rest of the crew at risk."

On this occasion the beam lit up the aircraft at a height of 1,800 feet but luckily it was only for a few seconds so it did not damage the eyesight of any of the crew.

This is the fourth time since November 2016 that the



charity's aircraft has been targeted by a laser, and the incident has been reported to the police and aviation authorities.

Captain Steward added: "They might think it's funny and clever but it's a serious offence. Recently a man who shone a laser at a police helicopter in Leicester was jailed for 20 weeks.

"We would ask people that if they see someone using a laser pen recklessly, or have any video evidence of it to call the police."

The aircraft was returning to base from the RVI having airlifted a motorcyclist to the hospital. The patient had sustained multiple injuries after being involved in a collision on the A68, near Corbridge, Northumberland. He arrived in a stable

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(Mrs) Julia Blaik
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Cancer Care Groups Benefit from Christmas Party



December 2018 for weddings – as a great believer in fate, maybe it's time to find another event, perhaps in the summer, changing the format completely. More on future donations and fund raising events in the coming months. In the meantime thank you again to everyone who supports our efforts year after year. Ian Larnach - ILCCC

Film Show

"FROZEN"
The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY features Disney's 53rd animated classic "FROZEN". Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale The Snow Queen, it's a film for all ages, full of fun and action and great songs. EVERYONE IS WELCOME Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm. 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. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

In December we experienced one of the best ever fund raising events held by Ian Larnach Cancer Care Charities. Spennymoor Town Hall was bouncing and many supporters said "in their opinion the event was one of the best ever held in the Town Hall". A fantastic night, raising £2,500. A number of Cancer Care organisation's have now benefited from the proceeds raised with £500 donated to each of the following: Ward 42 and the Rosin Unit Darlington Memorial Hospital, The Mara Unit Bishop Auckland General Hospital, St Teresa's Hospice Darlington and The Great Aycliffe Cancer Care Group.

"All have a special place in my heart – I just recently spent 10 days in Ward 42, receive regular Chemo at the Mara Unit, experienced first hand what a fantastic job St Teresa's do as they recently looked after my sister in law on her final journey and saw how Alison White and her team at GACCG look after their members at one of their recent group meetings". Other local Cancer Care groups will benefit from donations in due course. In the meantime the team at ILCCC are busy planning 2018 activities. It looks like the Christmas Party has run its course as the Town Hall has already booked all suitable dates in November/

GREENFIELD COLLEGE REALLY HAS GOT TALENT

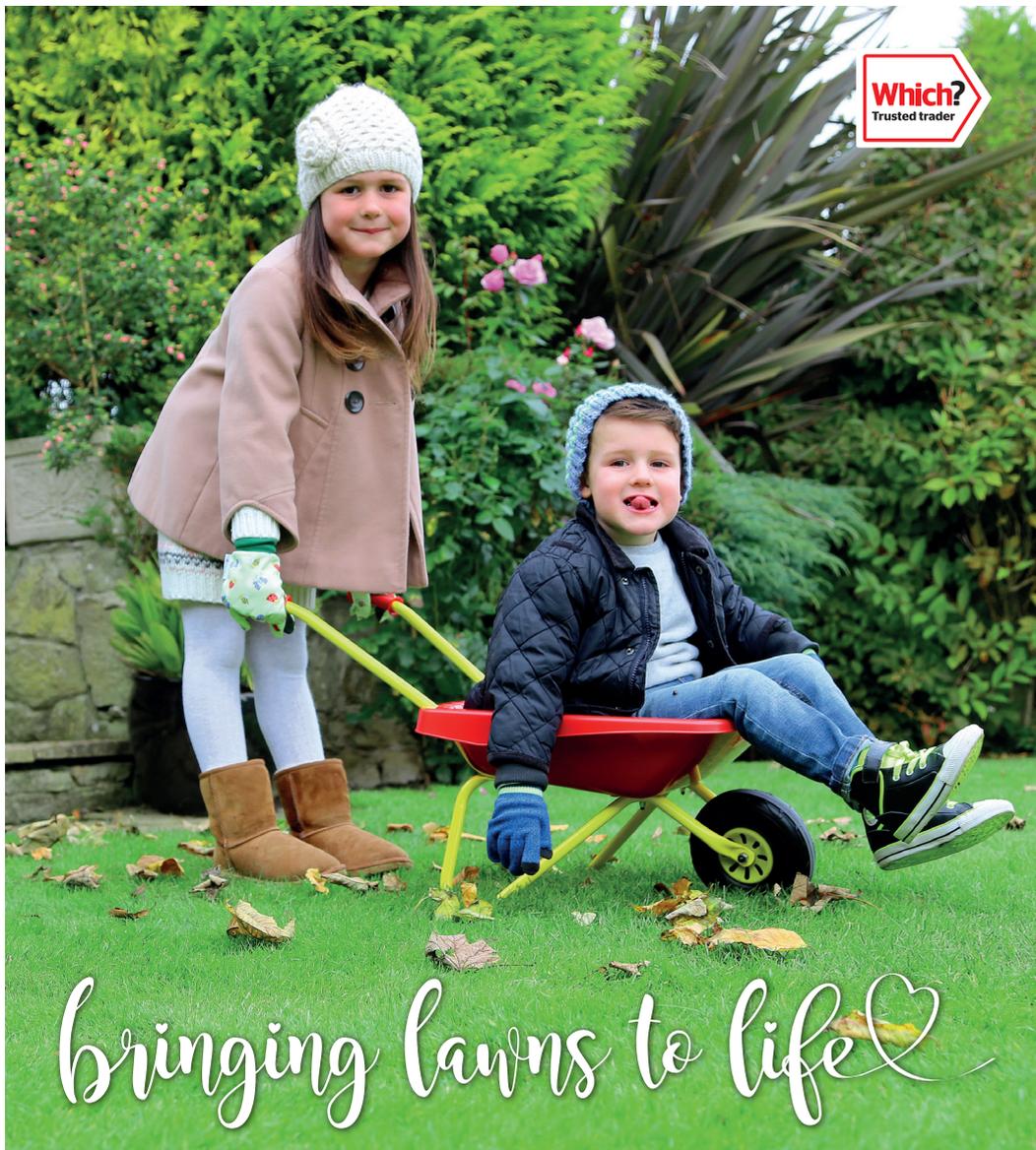
Students from Greenfield Community College once again provided first class entertainment for staff and students as they competed for the top places in the now infamous 'Greenfield's Got Talent' competition. The hall was full to capacity as the audience enjoyed each and every performance with lots of laughs and applause for the variety of acts which included musicians, comedians, dancers and even an up-and-coming magician! The judges were left with the difficult decision of deciding between the cream of Greenfield's performers but finally narrowed it down to the final 3 who had managed to 'nail it' on the day. Third place went to Taylor Bowen who gave an excellent singing performance whilst 2nd place was a joint award as judges couldn't separate the two acts, it was picked up by a budding two piece band formed by Charlie Brown and John Jameson and talented Keiran Mullet who was impressive on bass guitar. Top act of the day however went to Paige Trimmer who gave a fabulous rendition of James Bay's Let it Go. Staff at Greenfield were very proud of their confident students who bravely took to the stage. Two of the contestants even took it upon



themselves to raise money for cancer research, raising over £100, in addition to their brilliant performance. The opportunities offered throughout the year both within school time and the many after school activities undoubtedly played a special part in supporting the talent on show. It was also lovely to see such an appreciative audience with students and staff showing their appreciation in good spirit. Well done to all of the contestants who provided superb entertainment.



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Sir Ranulph Fiennes to Visit Ramside Hall

Intrepid explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE will be pointing his compass in the direction of County Durham this spring (March 2018) as he heads to the region for a charity dinner.

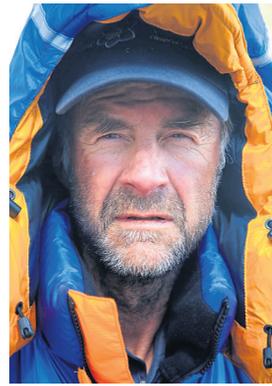
The man described as 'the world's greatest living explorer' by the Guinness Book of Records, will be helping to raise valuable cash for Butterwick Hospice Care when he appears at Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa. The fundraising dinner has been organised by the Stockton-based charity, and will be held at the hotel's newly refurbished ballroom on Thursday 15 March.

Sir Ranulph, who holds several endurance records, was the first person to visit both the North and South poles by foot and was the first to completely walk across Antarctica.

Also a prolific writer and poet, he now shares his stories and experiences as a motivational speaker.

The event will help raise valuable money for Butterwick Hospice Care, which works to improve the quality of life for those with a progressive life limiting illness, along with offering support for their friends and family.

John Adamson, Director of



Ramside Estates, has been a long-term supporter of the charity. "Over the last few years, we have held a number of events to support Butterwick Hospice Care and each time we are impressed at the generosity of people who want to get involved helping such an important cause," he said.

"This time we have decided to host a charity dinner and I'm delighted that we have managed to secure Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE. He has an incredible story and background, and is, I believe, one of the most inspirational characters of our generation. "He will be giving our guests a fascinating insight into his life and the adventures he's had along the way, and I'm sure it will be a fantastic event.

"We have already had a lot of interest from the public and we expect tickets will sell out very quickly, so I would advise anyone who is interested to book now."

Tickets for the charity dinner with Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE cost £75 per person, and include a four-course meal and cheeseboard.

To book, visit www.butterwick.org.uk/sirranulph

When Will Our Area Get a Tidy up?

Dear Sir,
Newton Aycliffe is fast becoming a mess of green spaces with rubbish strewn everywhere. To add insult to my complaints the County Council has still not replied to my concerns on the Agnew 3 bushes and green areas not being tidied up or pruned back. Agnew 2 has all been done and I was getting excited that we would be next.

That's a laugh as it is now January and still no sign of our area being done, YET . . . we are told the Woods and pathways are cleared to make them nice for people to walk along.

What about us citizens who pay high council tax who have pride in our gardens and the area we reside? We also now have to pay more for garden rubbish being removed - NO wonder everyone is annoyed. I get so fed up of rubbish all over the area, but Woodham is lovely and tidy with plenty of waste bins along the way and is a pleasure to walk.

Why can't Council estates have that too?
Karen Saunders

Plan for 6,000 Jobs & £400m Economic Boost for Durham City

Ambitious plans which aim to attract more than 6,000 new private sector jobs to a unique business park in Durham City over the next 20 years, will go ahead.

Following endorsement by Durham County Council's Cabinet today (January 17) the masterplan for Aykley Heads - home to Atom Bank and Salvus House - will now progress and a delivery model will follow later this year. The Aykley Heads redevelopment is supported by a number of regional organisations including the North East LEP and North East England Chamber as well as Durham University. The business park approach is also welcomed by high profile regional business people including Sir John Hall and Edward Twiddy - Chief Innovations Officer at Atom Bank.

More than 1,300 people (excluding the council's staff) are already employed across the site by 40 companies and there is currently very strong interest from a business looking to move into Northumbria House. The redevelopment of Aykley Heads is planned across three phases - with the first phase likely to progress in the near future.

The redevelopment of Aykley Heads also involves the council vacating the site and today the council's Cabinet members made a decision on where the organisation's new HQ will be built. Following a thorough procurement process the preferred bid is on the council's site at The Sands car park, opposite Freeman's Quay leisure centre.

The preferred bid was put forward by Kier Property Developments Limited whose costings to build the new HQ came in significantly less than the cost envelope for the project and of the amount associated with staying in County Hall.

Terry Collins, Chief Executive of Durham County Council said: "We have been delighted with the response from the four bidders however we feel the preferred proposal offers the best overall value.

"Separately we have also agreed that the council will re provide The Sands parking spaces and that we will also facilitate additional parking nearby. There are a number of high quality developments currently underway along the city's waterside and we want to make

sure we complement those."

The procurement process has delivered a scheme significantly less than the build cost envelope agreed previously by Cabinet in July 2016. A new HQ will provide much smaller and fit for purpose civic facilities in a city centre location with greatly reduced running costs and which can support the organisation's ambitious transformation programme. Investment in, and the expansion of, its centres at Spennymoor, Seaham, Crook and Meadowfield will also continue.

The next stage for the new HQ will be to submit a planning application early in the summer, this will include the usual consultation process.

CLr Simon Henig, Leader of the council, said: "Throughout this process we remain committed to working with all the partners and stakeholders involved. We want to ensure Durham City's waterfront developments complement each other and to support the delivery of an even more vibrant economy, while providing a unique business location at Aykley Heads attracting several thousand additional jobs."

Burglary at Chilton

Police are appealing for witnesses after an 86-year-old woman's home was burgled.

The victim had been out shopping when she returned home to find that entry had been forced to her property via a rear door and an untidy search of the entire house had been carried out. The incident happened on West Chilton Terrace, Ferryhill at some point between 9.30am and 11.30am 16th January.

It is believed that the perpetrators stole about £50 cash. Crime enquiry officer, Louise Cogan from Bishop Auckland CID said: "Understandably the victim has been left very upset by this incident and we are appealing for any witnesses to come forward. If anyone has any information at all, then please contact Durham Constabulary on 101 and ask for myself or quote reference number 129 of January 15."

Claire Herworth

AWARD FOR FOUNDER OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

The founder of a group which supports parents of young people with mental health issues has been recognised for her work with a national award.

Wendy Minhinnett, from Spennymoor, was the winner of the Parent/Carer/Sibling category at the Children and Young People's Mental Health Positive Practice Awards.

In partnership with the local Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Wendy founded the Rollercoaster Parent Support Group in 2015 to help those supporting young people with mental health issues after experiencing the struggles first hand.

Those attending the parent sessions have heard from guest speakers on topics including self-harm, anxiety, treatment options and positive thinking.

The group is funded through NHS North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Groups' (CCGs) CAMHS transformation funding,

and is contracted through Durham County Council to deliver support across the county.

Tricia Reed, strategic commissioning manager at Durham County Council, said: "This is a very well-deserved award for Wendy, who has been an inspiration for parents of young people dealing with mental health issues, as well as being a role model for other professionals working within the field.

"Her hard work and dedication has made a real difference to people's lives and we know the Rollercoaster Parent Support Group and the help and advice it provides is highly valued across the county."

Wendy's award recognises a group or individual parent, carer or sibling whose partnership working with CAMHS has led to an improvement in services by the closer involvement of families.

Michelle Haggart, senior commissioning support officer at North of England Commissioning Support

through the group has enabled us to co-commission and develop crisis pathways so we can reach out to families that have the greatest need.

"Wendy's dedication, determination and insight into being a parent of a child with mental health issues have made a huge difference. "Parents have told us the Rollercoaster project is making a difference for them; they feel less isolated and have picked up tips and strategies to help them cope and help support their child. One of the biggest benefits is that parents feel that their voices are being heard."

For more information contact parentsupport@success.coop

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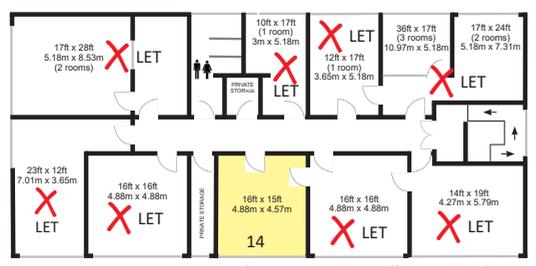
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Do You Know A WWII Veteran?

The travel arm of the Royal British Legion is on a mission to find all surviving veterans of WWII. The Treasury is enabling a series of free-of-charge* tours for WWII veterans to return to where they served to pay their respects to their fallen comrades. The tours are being funded by LIBOR fines, and will enable a WWII veteran to return with a family member and carer.



The Royal British Legion has been running LIBOR funded tours for Normandy veterans for the past four years and thanks to additional LIBOR funding is now able to widen the tours to all veterans of WWII. Nichola Rowlands, Head of Travel, Royal British Legion, explains: "We have organised tours for hundreds of D Day veterans, a family member and carer, and it has proven a very moving experience for all. We have been campaigning to widen the tours for all WWII veterans, as so many gave so much, and we feel that they all deserve a final tour back to lay old ghosts to rest; we're delighted that the Treasury has made this possible." The tours will take place from spring to autumn and will give WWII veterans - now mostly in their 90s - the chance to meet up with fellow veterans, visit significant battlefield sites, cemeteries and memorials. The tours will

be accompanied by a medic and a guide from the Royal British Legion. The Rt. Hon, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond, said: "I had the privilege of meeting veterans last year, and I'm delighted that we can continue to support those who want to return with the Royal British Legion to the countries where they served. "We have committed over £5 million of Libor funds to help those who fought for our freedom, to return to pay their respects and safeguard the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice." A call for help! There is no database of veterans from WWII who are still alive today so the Royal British Legion is calling upon the general public to spread the word and ensure every surviving veteran gets the chance to go back one last time. Nichola Rowlands-Smith, says: "We need you! We

know how great the British public can be, and we're relying on everyone to help us spread the word to find every single living WWII veteran. There's no database, so if you're a grandchild, neighbour or carer and know someone who fought in WWII please tell them about these amazing tours." For WWII veterans wishing to benefit from this tour, they need to apply via Remembrance Travel's tour operator, Arena Travel on 01473 660800, or visit <http://www.arenatravel.com/our-holidays/remembrance-travel>. Remembrance Travel will also be offering group travel opportunities for WWII veteran associations too.



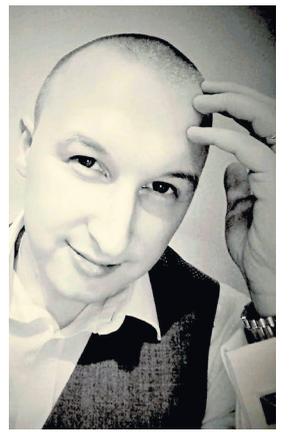
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Free and impartial advice is now available for County Durham residents wishing to save money on their energy bills. Durham County Council's 'Managing Money Better' service has been introduced, in partnership with the Prince Bishops Community Bank, to provide free budgeting and monetary advice for all residents in the county. The service can help by assessing fuel needs, finding more competitive tariffs and helping consumers switch suppliers, as well as offering debt advice. Cllr Kevin Shaw, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "The average home energy bill is now £1,250 per year and there are many tariffs available from utility companies which can be very confusing to the customer. "If required, we can arrange for an experienced energy advisor from the Managing Money Better service can visit your home to carry out a free home energy assessment. "If it is identified that savings can be made, we can also help you switch suppliers to access the best available tariff to suit your individual needs. "Our advisors can also help with money management, provide advice on benefit entitlements and can also help you set up a bank or savings account with the Prince Bishop Community Bank." To apply for the Managing Money Better scheme, contact Durham County Council's warm homes team on 03000 268 000.

Aycliffe Author Launches First Fantasy Novel

Published author Andrew John Bell has lived in Newton Aycliffe all his life. He attended St. Francis Junior's then Greenfield Comprehensive School where English creative writing was one of his favourite classes. He graduated in 2004. Andrew originally left school to become a music teacher but left University after the tragic death of a friend on the course. He joined his friends in a Rock Band and toured the country for a few years. Andrew later gave professional care for people with Dementia at Lindisfarne Care Home for 8 years before leaving to work at PWS, which now allows him to

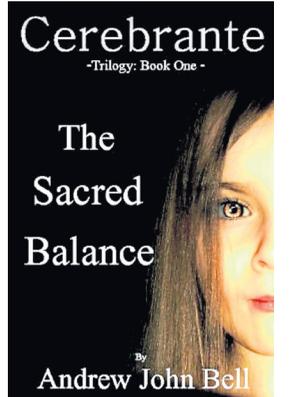
spend more time with his wife and two young daughters 6 and 10 months old. He plays both guitar and piano in his spare time, and aims to promote Dementia awareness via social media. Andrew released a short poetic piece available on Amazon called 'Where Has Grandpa Murray Gone' in relation to this cruel illness. He turned to writing as a form of escapism and decided last year to turn this hobby into a reality by self publishing his debut novel "Cerebrante: The Sacred Balance" which is the first book of a fantasy trilogy, available on E-book and Paperback format at Amazon.co.uk.



Andrew John Bell

Photography Club Meet

Wear Valley Photography Club hold their next meeting on Monday 22nd January at 7.30pm, when Dave Murrell of Durham Club will be showing some of his spectacular night sky and astrophotography work from several visits to Iceland and Norway. The club meets at Etherley Methodist Hall, South Road, High Etherley, DL14 0HZ. Visitors are welcome to come and see what we do and the £2 admission includes light refreshments. For further information contact Secretary J. Morris on 07753 178682.



Contact Andrew: email (andrewjohnbellauthor@gmail.com) or Twitter link (@AJBellauthor) "The Sacred Balance" is available on kindle for just £0.99 as part of a short promotional period (£5.99 for paperback).

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FRIDAY 8-10pm: 26th January ex-Newtonian, now living in Sydney, Australia, Paul McDonald will be entertaining you with his Electric Soup mix. On **Friday 2nd February**, Aycliffe Radio political correspondent, Owen Dickinson will start his monthly show, on the show he will be joined by Cllr. Scott Durham discussing Credit Unions, Written Constitutions, Universal Credit & Political News. **Get involved in the debate, text 07512 253333 or email owen@ayclifferadio.co.uk**

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MONDAY

10-12noon Jack's Request Show
6-8pm 70s Show - Peter Rush
8-10pm Rock n Roll Greats
10-12midnight Dance Anthem (R)

TUESDAY

10-12noon Jack's Tuesday Chill
6-8pm Sports Round Up - Darren & Lee
Sponsored by Honest John
8-10pm Motown Classics
10-12midnight Dance Mix (R)

WEDNESDAY

10-12noon The Kent Collective - Daz Kent
6-8pm 80s Show
8-10pm Alternative Aycliffe - Gary & Alby
10-12midnight Garage/Indie (R)

THURSDAY

10-12noon Jack's Eclectic Mix
6-8pm Classic Heavy Metal Session
8-10pm 90s Show
10-12midnight R n B Show (R)

FRIDAY

10-12noon Jack's Moderation Show
6-8pm PVR Studio House Mix
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
Friday 26th Jan - Pauly Mac (Australia)
Friday 2nd Feb - Owen's Political Debate
10-12midnight Alternative Aycliffe (R)

SATURDAY

11-12noon Kent Collective (R)
12-2pm 70s Show (R)
2-4pm 80s Show (R)
4-6pm 90s Show (R)
6-8pm Dance Anthems - The Doctor
8-10pm Dance Mix - OZ DJ
10-12midnight Garage/Indie/Drum n Bass - MC Supa

SUNDAY

10-12noon Classical Hour
12-2pm Sports Round Up (R)
2-4pm Country & Western
4-6pm Lazy Sunday
6-8pm Church Service
Sunday 28th Jan - Xcel Centre
8-10pm R n B Show - Jack Hall
10-12midnight PVR Studios House Mix (R)

Scheduled shows may be changed/cancelled at any time.

CAN WE LEARN FROM CARILLION FAILURE?

Dear Sir,
The collapse of the Carillion company just shows how incredibly stupid Whitehall's policy of privatising parts of the health service has been. If we end these PFI contracts and bring buildings and equipment back into public ownership there are vast savings to be made for the NHS budget.
Directors of companies like Carillion, have paid themselves fantastic amounts of public money awarded to their companies to carry out public sector contracts and build public works. As a direct result the Carrilion company has now collapsed unable to perform those contracts or pay pensions to their former workers.
One Carillion director alone received more than £1billion in the last two years according to a report on the Guardian Newspaper website. Whitehall top civil servants are responsible for allowing this to happen because they recently allowed changes to the contracts under which Carillion and others operate.
These are the same Top Civil Servants who want to shut our A and E in Darlington, because they say they cannot find an extra £271 million to keep running A and E on three sites in Teesside.
No one ever explains how they came up with that figure of £271 million anyway. There should be resignations in Whitehall amongst top Civil Servants today because of the failure of Carillion, but of course there won't be.
Nigel Boddy

Prospective Aycliffe Beauty Queen Seeks Sponsor

Newtonian Abbie Louise Griffiths is currently in the final for "Miss Tyne & Wear G.B. 2018", and is also going for the title of "Miss Sunderland 2018".
She is 19 years old and lived here all her life with Mum, Dad and little brother. Abbie attended Woodham Academy from 2010-2015 and then went on to studying health and social care at New College, Durham.
Her beauty has led her to doing photo shoots/modelling for the last 2½ years, working with different photographers from various



places around the North East. Her ambition is to progress her modelling career as Abbie had issues with bullying in the past and she wants to show other young girls, and women like me that you have got to believe in yourself to reach your targets in life.
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Durham Recruit New Police Call Handlers

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Durham Constabulary are recruiting new police call handlers to work in the Force Control Room answering both 999 and 101 calls.
Applications open at 9.30am on Monday, January 15 and close on Tuesday, January 30. If a sufficient number of applications are received prior to the closing date the advert will be closed.
Following a paper sift, successful candidates will be provided with a detailed information pack. This will include guidance on the assessment centre process and interview skills and techniques.
Assessment centres will be held between February 12 and March 2, followed by interviews which will take place week commencing March 5th.
Chief Constable Mike Barton said: "Our police call handlers are at the very heart

of Durham Constabulary – they are the first point of contact for people in their hour of need, and deal with some of the most harrowing and distressing situations people will ever face in their lifetimes.
"To be a police call handler you need to be confident, hard-working and have a real desire to make a difference to people's lives.
"You'll also need to be able to think on your feet in a fast-moving and high pressured environment, and will have the ability to remain calm and composed when making critical decisions in emergency situations. The role is challenging, but extremely rewarding.
"If you think you've got what it takes to become a police call handler at one of the country's best performing police forces, we want to hear from you."
Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, said: "This is a really important role. Police call handlers are the first voice from the Constabulary that many people speak to. It's a rewarding role and I encourage people to apply."
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Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A business breakthrough, a lively Economy Scrutiny meeting, a consultation to contribute to, and a petition to sign. Plus a reminder to keep your doors locked! As always, further details and links online at: bit.ly/CNB171

- COUNCIL ITEMS**
- Durham County Council plans to create a world-class business district at Aykley Heads.
 - DCC Economy Scrutiny Meeting, Thursday 11 January.
 - Last chance to comment on the DCC consultation about pharmaceutical services in County Durham.
 - Latest local roadworks information for the Newton Aycliffe area.
- COMMUNITY NEWS**
- This week, Ron Hogg PCVC launched the new Local Criminal Justice Partnership Plan for 2018-2021.

- Greenfield Arts are inviting applications for their annual Open Art Exhibition, to be held through March and April.
 - There is a petition to support the campaign to allow a young Shildon man with a tragic past to stay in the UK.
 - Opportunistic crime in Newton Aycliffe – make sure your car, shed and all your doors are locked ... or someone will rob you.
- THINGS TO DO**
- Visit the Holocaust Memorial exhibitions in Durham Cathedral: 'Porrajmos – through the eyes of the children' (22-26 January) and the 70273 Exhibition commemorating disabled victims of the Nazi T4 programme (25-29 January).
 - Indian classical 'Marvellous Music' (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 27 January.

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Craft Masterclasses at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to introduce their new programme of Masterclasses for the coming term. The first of our creative sessions will give participants the chance to learn wire weaving, an intricate craft which gives stunning results.

The class will be led by talented jewellery maker and artist Kathleen Woodham, why not make a special piece of jewellery for yourself or for a gift and enjoy learning a new creative skill in this friendly class. The session will be held from 1.30 pm – 4 pm on Thursday 25th January 2018 and costs just £15.

Our programme will continue throughout the spring with further specialist classes, which include print



Gratitude for Freya's Remarkable Recovery



Dear Sir,
You may remember my Daughter Freya as a skinny six year old, wobbly, in a wheelchair, carrying a sick bowl because she was undergoing chemotherapy for an inoperable brain tumour. Well here she is now! 7 years old, fully mobile and 6 months in remission. Scans are clear and she is just the same as any other 7 year old girl. She loves school, reading and adores anything to do with unicorns. Freya is a social butterfly back at school full time and on evenings and weekends attends Brownies, swimming lessons and dance classes. She is simply living life and the difference in her is remarkable. The team at the RVI are overwhelmed by Freya's response to Chemo. They are hopeful she'll go on to lead a normal happy life alongside her new baby Sister Neeve.

Sadly this isn't the case for all families we have met along the way. Many lives have been lost, children who we've met and grown to love where their parents have become our forever friends. There are new children on the ward every time we go, diagnosed with a form of childhood cancer. As a family we are at the point where we want to give something back. We will never be able to repay the staff of ward 4/14 at the RVI for giving us our beautiful Freya back, but we hope we can support other families going through the process of being



an oncology family. It's my aim now to fundraise on behalf of the ward and the other supporting charities. We are starting with a Charity Ball at Woodham Golf and Country Club on Saturday 24th February. Tickets are £30 per person and include a carvery meal, and entertainment all evening with all proceeds to the Hospital Ward. We'd be grateful for any donations for raffle prizes and would appreciate local businesses offering donations of anything from shampoo to a meal for two. Please contact me on E-mail: rebecca.anderson259@gmail.com
Becky Anderson

making with talented artists Alan and Helen Holcroft, where you can again create your own reduction lino-cut print to take away. We are also pleased to welcome back our digital photography class where you can learn more about your DSLR or bridge camera and put it to good use creating a special A4 print of your favourite image.

Our popular Watercolour Coffee Mornings with Sarah Hill will also re-commence in February with sessions being held on both the morning and afternoon.

The first of these relaxed and informal classes will be held on Thursday 8th February, please contact Sarah direct to book your place on sjhill@sky.com.

For all other sessions and to see our full programme of activities please check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly staff on 01325 379048.

NETPark Expansion Supports Huge Growth for X-Ray Firm IBEX

An X-Ray imaging specialist is on the cusp of transforming into a multi-million pound business as a number of large projects bring its cutting-edge technology closer to market.

IBEX Innovations is expanding into bigger, custom-designed offices on County Durham science park NETPark (North East Technology Park) to accommodate huge growth over the next few years – which will see IBEX shift into profitability and double its highly skilled workforce. Chief executive, Dr Neil Loxley, said the relocation into one of the new Explorer units on Sedgefield-based NETPark, which is managed by Business Durham, the economic development organisation for County Durham, will be instrumental to IBEX's future success.

Said Dr Loxley: "We have had a great deal of input into the design and layout of the office and laboratory, which will take us through the next five years of growth comfortably and allow us to increase our workforce from 18 to about 30 or 35.

"The quality of the facilities at NETPark and the attitude of staff is first class. It has a really dynamic, innovative atmosphere."

IBEX has developed and patented x-ray detector technology that can be retrofitted to existing x-ray machinery to significantly improve the detection of defects and impurities in the materials being imaged.

Its technology, which acts like a colour filter to bring out extra information on an x-ray image, can

be applied in multiple markets, including food inspection, bomb detection and medical radiography, and the company is making considerable headway in all of these areas.

Most significantly, IBEX is working with a number of NHS trusts to demonstrate how its technology can help hospitals improve the detection rates and diagnosis of osteoporosis, a bone disease which affects some three million people in the UK and is the highest cause of injury-related deaths.

By allowing an x-ray to safely and reliably give a measure of bone density and bone health – something a standard x-ray image cannot currently do – Dr Loxley said IBEX's technology would bring substantial cost savings to the NHS and massively streamline the referral process for patients.

He said: "This is a huge opportunity for us. We estimate 60,000 of these basic hospital x-ray systems are sold every year, so if we sell a licence to allow each of them to adopt our technology then it will transform IBEX into a multi-million pound business."

IBEX's projected growth will see the number of highly skilled scientists, engineers and business professionals it employs rise from 18 to around 24 next year, and to between 30 and 35 by 2020.

Brian Archer, managing director of Business Durham, which works on behalf of Durham County Council, said: "IBEX Innovations is a prime example of an innovative, world-class technology company thriving

on NETPark; making the most of the facilities available and employing a skilled workforce.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "It's a real pleasure to see such an exciting company like IBEX innovations take root in County Durham, and I can't wait to see them go from strength to strength.

While IBEX's primary focus is on the medical imaging market, its technology is also infiltrating the security, food inspection and electronics industries.

The firm is in the final stages of incorporating its technology into portable security scanners. It allows the scanners, used by police and bomb disposal specialists, to extract more information and differentiate between materials such as plastic and metal.

"The IBEX technology adds a new dimension, so you can get the kind of information you achieve from a top-end airport security scanner in a portable security system used by first responders assessing a suspect package," added Dr Loxley.

Another area of growth for IBEX is in the food industry. The company is currently working with a large food inspection company to



integrate its technology into x-ray inspection systems used to detect contamination, such as bone in chicken or plastic in chocolate, which in a standard x-ray are difficult to distinguish.

The construction of NETPark's Explorer building is part of ambitious plans to create additional space for research and development companies which need room to prototype and scale up to manufacture on site. NETPark is already home to some of the world's most innovative companies and the development forms part of the 10-year strategy for NETPark, which includes creating 3,000 jobs and adding another £400m to the region's GVA.

Durham Advisor Chosen as UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador

A member of staff from Durham County Council has been selected to attend a prestigious training programme at the Houses of Parliament.

Rich Hurst, education development advisor with responsibility for citizenship at the council's education development service, was selected from more than 170 applicants to attend 'Teachers' Institute', which gives teachers from all parts of the UK a detailed understanding of how parliament works.

Those taking part in the programme then become UK Parliament Teacher Ambassadors and go on to teach students and fellow education professionals about democracy and the Houses of Parliament.

During the three-day training event, which is fully funded by Parliament's Education Service, Rich will hear from the House of Commons Speaker and the Lord Speaker about their work.

"I am delighted to have been chosen to attend Teachers' Institute later this month and am looking forward to learning more about parliament and sharing my training with colleagues across the county on my return," Rich said.

Rt. Hon. Lord Fowler, the Lord Speaker, said: "Teachers' Institute is exceptionally well-regarded by the participants each year, and I welcome the opportunity to explain the work of the House of Lords to such an appreciative audience."

Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, said: "I am proud that this excellent initiative continues to provide such an invaluable service. Better engagement and dialogue with young people is of fundamental importance to our democracy, and I am sure that the UK Parliament Teacher Ambassadors attending Teachers' Institute will find the experience both useful and enlightening."



Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, said: "I am delighted that Rich Hurst from my constituency, has been selected as a UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador. Schools have so many opportunities to engage young people with Parliament and democracy, and I am sure that students across County Durham will benefit from Rich Hurst's experience at Teachers' Institute."

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North East Councils Call for Fair Government Funding

The 12 local authorities representing the North East have written to the Secretary of State for Local Government, Sajid Javid, requesting a fairer deal on local government funding. The authorities have long argued that they have been disproportionately affected by the Government's

funding reductions since 2010 – a position supported by analysis from many commentators including the National Audit Office. It is important that any funding the government allocates in the forthcoming settlement is allocated fairly, transparently and based on need. The councils are asking the

Government to take account of core spending power when allocating government funding. This includes all of the funding available to local authorities including council tax.

The 12 councils recognise that in the longer term, the Fair Funding Review is underway and are fully engaging with this process. However, they are asking that the minister considers these issues if further transitional funding is being made available to support the 2018/19 and future settlements – particularly in relation to how this funding will be distributed.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council and Vice Chair of the 12 Local Authorities Leaders and Elected Mayors Group, said: "There was a lot of concern over how Transitional Funding was allocated in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

"Local Authorities in the north east are doing everything they can to balance budgets in extremely difficult circumstances and it is vital that if Government are considering extending the Transitional Funding arrangements that they look at distributing this money more fairly."

Cllr Bill Dixon, Leader of Darlington Borough Council and Vice Chair of the 12 Local Authorities Leaders and Elected Mayors Group, said: "All 12 councils in the North East speak with one voice on this issue, to send a clear message to the Government that local authority funding settlements must be allocated in a way that does not unfairly disadvantage communities in our region.

"By presenting a united front, we can make a louder noise than the region's councils could on their own, and make our point to the Government in a clear, cohesive manner. I am delighted that all 12 North East local authorities have signed this letter, the latest step in the long-running battle to achieve fairer funding for vital council services in our region."

A sought after regeneration development has reported it's rent-to-buy homes have been snapped up within days of being advertised.

Homes and communities business Livin invested £5.4 million over two years to improve the properties on the York Hill estate in Spennymoor. The large-scale regeneration project involved the refurbishment of homes including improving the external appearance, environmental standards of properties and the estates open spaces.

Six of the newly refurbished homes were available through Livin's first ever rent-to-buy scheme, which enables aspiring homeowners to benefit from a reduced rent over a three-year period allowing them to save up a deposit to buy the home at the end of the term.

Following an open day, Livin was inundated with applications for the homes all of which have been successfully allocated.

Rent-to-buy tenant and future homeowner Laura Ramage, said: "We have fallen in love



with this home. The scheme we have gone for allows us to build up our deposit and own our own home. It just wouldn't have been possible without it."

The regeneration development also offered a range of two, three and four bedrooms for sale of which over half are now sold.

Executive director of operations Alan Boddy said: "We knew early on in the project that we wanted

to offer a variety of rental and purchase options on the estate to cater for a range of homeowners. Uptake has surpassed all of our expectations and we could not have wished for a better result for the community."

For more information on the project visit livin.co.uk/yorkhill. To view the remaining homes for sale visit yorkhill.livin.co.uk or contact our sales team on 01388 424673.

IS IT FLY TIPPING DUMPING LEAVES?

Dear Sir,
Further to letters - Mr A Elders - last week and Mr John D. Clare's article re garden waste collection.

We experience all the same problems Mr Elders mentions due to overhanging trees, particularly Ash and have contacted the Council on several occasions requesting branches be cut back, only to be told the same as Mr Elders. We have also been told we could arrange to have trees cut back, at our own expense (quotes in the hundreds of pounds). Imagine saying this to a neighbour whose property your trees were overhanging causing 30 bags of leaves to fall into their garden every year, not to mention the blocked gutters!

On the last occasion I contacted the council via email with photographs showing the extent of the leaf problem and the 10 bags of leaves collected following just one of the many clear up sessions we have to carry out every Autumn/Winter. Someone from the Dept called to our home and once again gave the usual excuses why this work could not be done, but this person also made the comment that we could 'tip' the leaves back over the fence.

What we do in fact is: my husband walks round into the wood and I pass the

bags over the fence for him to scatter amongst the trees, otherwise we would have a mountain of leaves rotting against our fence - so are we guilty of 'fly tipping'?

Requests to extend the period of emptying of garden bins has also fallen on deaf ears.

As I write, we have a garden covered in more leaves and branches which the weather has prevented us from clearing, together with a bin full of leaves awaiting the start of the next round of collections - so come the Spring when we need to tidy our own shrubs we have no empty bin to utilise.

Yes we chose to buy a property backing onto woodland - yes the trees were there before us and all the other claptrap they spout - but we also pay our rates, therefore we have a right to expect our surroundings to be maintained and well managed.

Yours
Margaret Davison

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Closing date for applications, Thursday 25 January 2018.

Start date as soon as possible following interview and pre-employment checks.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

1. Check your speed and use gentle driver inputs - even if the roads have been gritted they're likely to be slippery.
2. Give more warning than usual to other drivers - when turning, stopping or changing lane.
3. Keep plenty of distance between cars - you never know when you'll hit an icy patch. If you pass the same landmarks as the car in front of you within three seconds, you're following too closely.
4. Check whether your car has ABS anti-lock brakes. In the unlikely event that it doesn't, pump the brake pedal slowly to prevent the wheels locking up and skidding.
5. Be extra-wary of black ice. It's an invisible danger that can catch out even the most careful driver.
6. Approach corners at a steady speed, in as low a gear as possible. Don't touch the clutch unless it's absolutely necessary, steer smoothly and avoid braking on bends.
7. Make sure all passengers are wearing seat belts.
8. Ensure you're familiar with your car's ventilation system to prevent windows from steaming up. Air conditioning will keep windows free from mist and condensation.

Juniors Football Report



There was a busier schedule of fixtures for the Aycliffe Juniors teams this week as the players were getting back in to match action following postponements and holidays. The Under 7's travelled to Hartlepool Pools Youth and played two games, losing one and drawing the other. On the score sheet were Alex with a hat trick, Evan with two then David and Sam getting one goal each.

The Under 8's made the trip to play Darlington FC Quakers. They played some great football in the first half but fell away in the second half and lost the game. Thomas set up Oliver to open the scoring but the Quakers equalised to make it 1-1 at half time.

After going 3-1 down it was Finley's precise through ball that set up Thomas to score again. The home teams strength then showed as they went on to win the game in which Dylan was the Aycliffe man of the match.

The Under 9's played Primrose Hill at Sunnydale, in their first game they lost 3-0 after being unable to convert the chances they created. In the second match they turned things round to win 2-1.

The Under 10's 'Black' were

at home playing Billingham Juniors Lions and won both of their games, first 5-1 and then 5-4.

The Under 10's 'White' played away at the previously unbeaten Seaton Carew Lions. They put in a great performance to win 2-1. The goals came from Niall and Jayden with Harvey named as man of the match. The second game also ended with an Aycliffe win. Oliver and man of the match Aidan got the goals in this game.

The Under 11's faced Bedale, they switched the game to play away in order to ensure it went ahead. The team then travelled with only one sub and put in a great effort as two injuries saw them finish the game without a full team. The battling effort was though in vain as they lost out 3-2. Charlie Brown opened the scoring but Bedale then got in to a 3-1 lead. The injuries then came but rather than sit back the lads pushed forward and Mackenzie netted his first goal for the club to finish the scoring.

The Under 12's Russell Foster League team played South Shields 'Roma'. A strong first half performance made the score 1-1 at the break. However Shields got on top in the second half and

came away 6-1 winners.

The Under 12's TJFA League team travelled to play Middleton Rangers and ended the game as 10-1 winners. There was only a Charlie B goal in the first half but he then doubled his tally with another after the break. Further second half goals came from a Will hat trick, Evan's brace and one each for Kayne, Jake M and Dom in a comprehensive win.

The Under 13's got back in to action at high flying Hartlepool Pools Youth. They found themselves 2-0 down, then Cooper's fantastic shot hit the net to make it 2-1 at half time. Hardy's well hit volley pulled Aycliffe level but it was Pools who again took the lead at 3-2. In the last minute Cayless scored from a corner and sealed a superb draw for Aycliffe. Goalkeeper Hitch was named as man of the match for a fantastic effort between the posts.

The Under 16's were due to host Goldsborough United but the match was called off at short notice with the opposition unable to field a side.

The Under 23's travelled to face Gateshead Redheugh and came away with a point after a 1-1 draw.

£5,000 Reward to Catch Armed Robbers

A CASH reward has been offered to catch three armed robbers wearing clown masks who seriously assaulted a homeowner.

The incident which involved three men wearing white CSI-style suits and clown masks entered the victim's home before they were confronted by the sole male occupant. His leg was snapped with a crowbar during a struggle and the suspects demanded keys to a safe.

It happened at South View, Burnhope Village at about 8pm on November 11th. The robbers fled the scene with sentimental gold jewellery. Detective Constable Michael Orridge of Chester-le-Street CID, said: "Following extensive enquiries, we are now appealing to the public to help us catch these culprits. This was a nasty assault which left the victim with a broken leg and needing hospital treatment.

"A £5,000 cash reward is being offered for information leading to a conviction." Anyone with information is asked to contact Durham Constabulary on 101 quoting reference 434 of November 11.

Charity Clerical Worker Wanted

Local Community Worker Dorothy Bowman is looking for a volunteer clerical worker to help with her Charity work. If you can spare a little time please ring 308094 or Mobile: 07967 901477

Heighington Businessman Supports Football Club

Heighington FC are delighted to announce that a deal has been secured with RandD Tax for a new away strip. After a long chat and a few visits to watch us play, Ron Raison was more than happy to support his local side. Living in the village for more than 5 years, Ron said: "I have always enjoyed football but never have I seen such a great group of lads who have come on leaps and bounds over this last year.

"With a new set of lads, under new management, the buzz around the village is brilliant, everyone is asking how the football team are getting on and winning the League and Cup double in 2016-17 was a massive talking point after the first season, together following a huge shake up. I'm proud to be a part of, not just a team, but a Club that also have young children from the age of 7 years old upwards taking part."

Chairman of the Club David Brassell is delighted and would like to take this opportunity to thank RandDTax for their generosity as the new addition has really boosted the profile of the team and club.

Heighington is a fantastic, friendly village and to have our Club here is an honour, the locals are a great support in what we do along with the Bay Horse Inn and the Parish Council who are also second to none in supporting us all the way.



Anyone interested in joining Heighington FC can contact us on the following numbers: David Brassell 07870 777779, Dean Marcus 07713 577364, Steve Dawes 07807 220041. On the pitch The Under 7's won emphatically at the weekend with goals from Kenzi (8) Archie (4) Tyler (4) and Maddix (1) to stay top of the league

Under 8's played against Whitburn Panthers and won 4-3. Goals from Ellis Hendrix (3) and a first for Benjamin Whitting. Under 12's, played against Billingham United Wasps, scoring out 6-1 winners. Scorers, Callum Anderson 1, Bo Wilson-Lee 1, Joe Fraser 1, Liam Cowell 1 and Lewis Sangster 2.

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Aycliffe FC Earn a Draw

Newton Aycliffe FC returned to action this week with a well earned point at Ashington on Tuesday night. With yet another game falling victim to the weather on Saturday 6 January Aycliffe travelled to Northumberland for their first game in 2018.

The Colliers lie 8th in the Ebac Northern League Division One. Despite a change of personnel earlier in the season with the departure of manager Steve Harmison Ashington have maintained some impressive results. However, Tuesday night saw Aycliffe hold them to the first goal-less draw at Woodhorn Lane in over three years.

The visitors had some good opportunities to take all three points with both Glen Lane and Craig Hutchinson going close. Ashington might have scored after an hour when they saw a powerful shot from the edge of the penalty area hit the crossbar. Aycliffe made a change

early in the second half bringing on new signing Jordan Roberts. The 24yr old winger was soon causing problems for the Colliers defence and came close to a goal on his debut but was denied by an offside flag. Late efforts by Mattie Pennal and Kurt Matthews also failed to find the net. The result extended Aycliffe's unbeaten league run to five games. However, with Penrith's revival gathering pace they dropped a place to 19th in the table.

Aycliffe now have two away games. Saturday 13 January sees us visit Guisborough Town who sit just one place above Aycliffe having scored one point more. There are no games scheduled for the following two Saturdays with only a game at North Shields to play on Wednesday 24 January before we return to Moore Lane on Saturday 3 February for the visit of 2015/2016 Northern League champions Shildon.

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Ron Hogg said: "The Government has reduced the funding for policing in Durham and Darlington every year since 2010. We now have around 360 fewer officers than in 2010 - a reduction of 1 in 4." "I have been lobbying the Government for some years, to fund policing fairly. I did not expect the Government to respond by placing an additional burden on Council Tax payers. However, in my view they are abdicating their responsibility to protect our communities. This has put me in a position where, if I do not introduce this increase, I will be reducing the income of Durham Constabulary this year, and for every year afterwards. It will inevitably mean fewer Police Officers in the community, preventing and solving crime. I cannot do that without risking the safety of the community. The Government's decision to relax the cap on the precept equates to an extra 15p per week for a property in Council Tax Band A." "Durham Constabulary is already the most efficient

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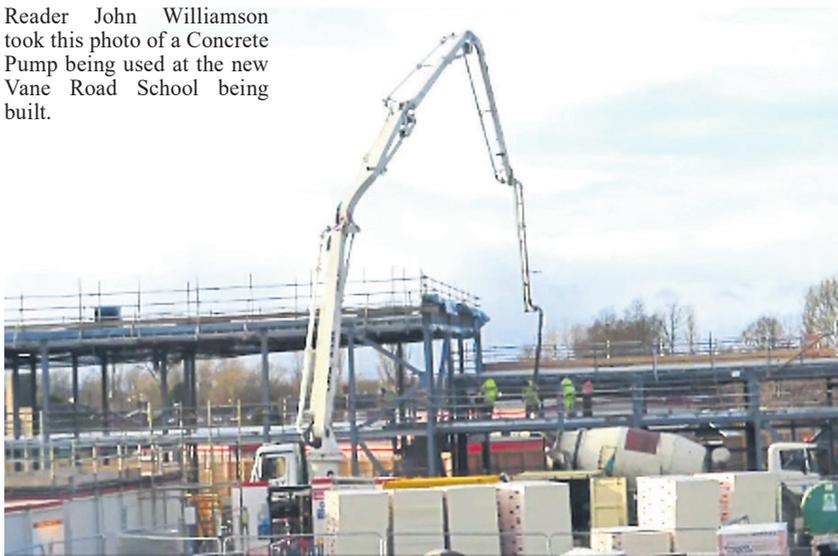
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His presentation as Guest Speaker for the Bishop Auckland Civic Society picks up as the last Ice-Age retreats, and will take the listener on an exciting journey through time. The talk will be given at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7.30pm. Cost to non-members: £2

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Ambitious Plan to Support Victims & Reduce Re-offending

This morning the chairs of the Cleveland and Durham Local Criminal Justice Partnership, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, and the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham, Ron Hogg have signed an innovative new plan at the Crown Prosecution Service offices in Middlesbrough.

The Cleveland and Durham Local Criminal Justice Partnership brings together agencies with responsibility for delivering criminal justice, and services for victims and people who have offended. The partners have agreed a clear vision: 'County Durham, Darlington and Cleveland are areas where people have confidence in a local criminal justice system which supports victims, rehabilitates offenders and reduces re-offending, and delivers value for money'.

The innovative new plan has three core objectives to be delivered by 2021:

1. An end-to-end service for supporting Victims and Witnesses.

2. An end-to-end system for rehabilitating offenders and reducing re-offending.

3. The most efficient and integrated local criminal justice system in the country. Too often victims are let down by the system because they are passed from one agency to another and not properly supported. This has an impact both on their ability to cope and recover from crimes, and on the likelihood of justice being done. The plan will address this by creating seamless services for victims. People who commit offences often have many problems in their lives, in particular with accommodation, substance misuse, relationships, self-esteem, finances and employment. Instead of endlessly putting them through the cycle of the criminal justice system, partners are going to work together to address the underlying issues of offending, which will help to prevent crime and result in fewer victims.

Ron Hogg, said: 'This is a key moment for the partnership. Not only is this the first



time that partners across the criminal justice system have formally signed up to a joint improvement plan, but it also includes other public services – including local councils and the health service – which provide services to support victims and people who have offended. It is a demonstration of a strong appetite to work together to deliver our shared aims. We will build on existing services so that victims and witnesses receive the support they need, and redouble our joint efforts to rehabilitate offenders. And above all we will increase confidence.'

Barry Coppinger said: 'This plan is about better coordinating the work of criminal justice partners in Cleveland Durham to deliver improved services for victims, better rehabilitation of offenders and make the criminal justice system process more efficient and effective.'

'We have established a small joint team to work with

partners and we look forward to progress over the next 12 months.'

Bronwen Elphick, Chief Executive, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company said: 'We are delighted to be able to sign up to this plan where all local partners are working to reduce crime and support victims in our communities. The umbrella of the Local Criminal Justice Board provides a strong base for all agencies to work on this agenda together and make our communities safer places to live.'

Tim Allen, Acting Director of Wear and Tees Reform Prisons said: 'We recognise that men and women in our prisons who come from, and will return to, our communities will benefit from greater partnership working. This plan will assist us to deliver our aims of reducing re-offending and increasing public safety through improved partnership working.'

Romantic Valentine's Meal at Woodham Restaurant



Join the fantastic vocalist "Chris Dykers" on Wednesday 14th February, Valentine's Night, for a romantic three course

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If you can't make Valentine's Night the Woodham restaurant are running the same menu from 14th to the 16th of February from 5.00pm - 8.30pm.

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No Difference in Drug and Drink Driving

Police have revealed the results of a drink and drug drive crackdown across Cleveland and Durham. More than 4,000 drivers were breath-tested throughout December by the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU) during their annual Christmas drink and drug drive campaign. In total, 119 drivers were arrested for drink-driving and 60 were arrested for drug driving. This compares to 116 drink-drivers and 57 people

who tested positive for drugs during the same campaign last year. A number of operations to stop check vehicles were carried out, both in the morning and the evening, where drivers were asked to provide a voluntary breath test. Officers also targeted activities in areas known for drink-related collisions and drink or drug drive offenders. Chief Inspector Grahame Milne, of the CDSOU, said: "Drink-driving accounts for one in six UK road deaths. This is



a stark statistic which we hope will hit home with anyone who is even considering driving under the influence. "We continue to warn people against the dangers of drink and drug driving but unfortunately, there is still a small but significant number of people who seem to think they can take risks with their own lives, and those of others by driving under the influence. It is completely unacceptable and extremely selfish to get behind the wheel under the influence. "Those drivers identified through our campaign will now face the result of their actions. The consequences of drink driving go much further than the sentence you are

dealt. It will be difficult to find insurance on your car - and if you do it will be expensive. Not to mention the impact a criminal record may have on employment prospects. "We will continue to carry out these operations year after year to ensure that our roads are as safe as they possibly can be." Both Cleveland and Durham Special Constabularies assisted throughout the campaign.

Thank You

Elizabeth Gray

Would like to thank all family and friends who attended her surprise 90th birthday party. Thank you for all the lovely presents, flowers, money vouchers and cards. I had a truly memorable day. Love to you all, Betty

In Memoriam

Samantha Maddison

12th January 1994

You have gone from our home, but not from our hearts. In our thoughts we are never apart. Until we are together again our darling Daughter. Our love for always, Mam, Dad and family

Congratulations

Liam Bellwood



Happy 18th Birthday
Love from
Mam, Dad and Chris

Obituary

Tony Peart

Suddenly on 30th December 2017, Tony, aged 60 years. A loving Son, Father, Brother and Uncle.

Funeral on Tuesday 23rd January. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 12 noon.

Floral tributes if so desired will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Sadly missed by all who knew him.

Eva Elizabeth (Betty) Mavin



19th January 2016
Aged 83 years

Treasured memories of a dearly loved Wife, Mam, Nana and Great Nana. Also, Son Stephen, died 5th April 1960. Each dawning day a thought of you, at eventide a prayer; and in the hearts who loved you so, you are always there. Loved always and forever Alan and family

JANICE BURN Happy 50th birthday to a special Daughter and a much loved Mam. Lots of love always, Mam & Tom xx

JANICE BURN Congratulations to my wonderful Fiancee Janice. Happy 50th birthday. Lots of love from Nigel, Thomas and Lauren xxx

JORDAN KJENSTAD Happy 18th birthday to Jordan Louise Kjenstad on 22nd January. Have a lovely day, from Gran and Grandad Alan xx

JEFF MASSON - Happy 40th Birthday on 19th January. Enjoy your day. Love from Mam and Alan xx

MARION DAWSON Congratulations on your 25th year as "Lollipop Lady" at Sugar Hill School. Everyone loves you for the smiles and kindness, you are the best! All our love, Harry, Lindsey, Michael, Kieran, Cameron and Cayden xxxx

Birthday Remembrance

Stanley Braithwaite

20th January 1928

Remembering a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad on his 90th birthday. We all miss you so much and think about you every day but today you will be missed that little bit more. All our love, hugs and kisses from Martha, Stephen & Jean, Joanne & Joe, Jack and Emily xxxx

JESSIE WHARTON 21st January. Remembering you on your birthday Gran. Miss you and love you always. Love from your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

GRACE HEDLEY 12th January. To a very special Mam on your birthday. Love and miss you. Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth

Acknowledgement

Wayman



Winnie's family would like to thank Pease Way doctors and Lloyd's chemists for their attention and care. Winnie's neighbour Cath for being there. The girls from Dale Care who made her laugh. All her friends at Bethany Day Centre. Lastly the Richardson Hospital for making her final days dignified and calm.

MARIE MELDERIS

Formerly of Newton Aycliffe, passed away suddenly on the 11th January 2018 after a short illness. Much loved Mam, Wife and Nana; also Sister to many. Funeral details to follow.

BARNETT. Peacefully on 12th January in the care of St Teresa's Hospice. Josie, aged 68 years. Much loved Mam of Debbie, Paul and Angela; Mother-in-Law of Maria and Trev; loving Nanna of Stacey, Ashley, Kimberlee, Nicole, Tabitha, Connor, Brooke, Abbie, Kieran, Kendra and Kayla, also much loved by her Sisters Betty and Edith and Brother, John. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 2nd February at 11.45am. To be followed by Interment in The West Cemetery.

HELEN WOOD THAIN much loved Wife to Bob; Mother to Neil and Lynn and Nana to Rowan. Passed away peacefully on Saturday 6th January 2018. Finally reunited with her lifelong partner, she will remain forever in our hearts.

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Running Club in Edinburgh

It was a good weekend of running for Aycliffe Running Club with many races covered including Edinburgh Great Winter 5K, Durham Cathedral Relays, Gerry Kearsley Handicap at Sedgefield and Brass Monkey Half marathon in York.

Five Members of ARC travelled to York for the annual Brass Monkey Half Marathon. The fast and mostly flat road race started at York racecourse, headed South through Bishopthorpe, Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck and back through Bishopthorpe to finish behind the Racecourse grandstands. First to finish for ARC was John Surtees in 1:23:20 followed by Tommy Scott 1:32:06, Tracey Surtees 1:38:00, Trish Kay 1:45:43 and Sinead Croarkin 1:47:56.



YOUTHY FOOTBALL ROUND UP

Last weekend all our teams managed to get their games played following the Christmas break and the bad weather. All the young people representing the club were itching to get back to action playing football.

Darlington Spraire Lads 2 - 5 Newton Aycliffe Youth U14's Eagles.

The Eagles played away at Darlington this morning. This was the first game since the Christmas break and as coaches we wondered if the lack of football would show. Well it was the exact opposite. Aycliffe played some fantastic football this morning. Everybody in the squad did their bit which is very pleasing to watch. Outstanding performances from Jamie Cockfield, Evan Thompson, Ellie Geary, Isaac Hume, Lewis Batey, Jake Goad, Dylan Bowater, Adam Lowe, Callum North, Kian Cook, Joey Howarth, Reece Dawson Brown, Jamie Mullen, Joe Halford and Lucas Bateman.

Hat trick hero and Man of the Match was Joey Howarth. Other goal scorers were Adam Lowe, and Dylan Bowater.

Darlington 21st All Stars 1-5 Newton Aycliffe Hawks u14.

Hawks travelled to Darlington All-stars and were expecting a tough game. Freezing cold conditions but the lads started well. With a couple new signings, Callum and Charlie joining the squad over Christmas (both lads playing a year above themselves) we looked a little better defensively with Charlie looking very comfortable in goal. We created a few half chances and eventually took the lead from a great cross from the left and Drew scoring a volley past the keeper for his 1st goal of the season. We soon doubled our lead as James H scored from distance. We switched off for a split second and All stars made us pay, reducing the deficit to 2-1. That's how the first half ended. Callum came on to make his debut in the middle of the park and fed a beautiful through ball to Jack but the All starts keeper made a great save. With chance's coming at both end the next goal was key. Thankfully that goal was from Jack for his 24th league goal of the season, with a lovely finish past the keeper. We quickly added a 4th through James H for his 2nd of the game. We soon added a 5th as Ethan got on the score sheet. That was the end of the scoring for the day. Great to see the lads knuckling down second half and doing their jobs. Mom Tom Jasper for some hard work on the wing and 2 great crosses which brought about goals.

Nunthorpe Athletic 0 - 3 Newton Aycliffe Youth U11's Eagles.

Good to get back to match day today and our first game of the year took us away to Nunthorpe Athlete on a really heavy, boggy pitch I knew it would be hard for the lads to play the passing football they normally do so well. We spoke about this before the game and the lads took it on board.

The lad started really well and got stuck in, the pitch



was going to take its toll with both teams struggling to get any flowing football but the lads kept on trying we got our breakthrough with a lovely mazy run from Noah and a beautiful threaded through ball to Ethan for him to slot home for our first goal, we created a few more half chances but the half finished 0-1

In the second half the lads started well again and put a lot of pressure on Nunthorpe and with the pitch cutting up it was hard for them so we kept on rotating players as a lot of them were struggling on a heavy pitch, our second goal came after some nice build up play which resulted in us getting an indirect free kick just inside the box a deft touch from Isaac and Noah smashed the ball into the back of the net it was Solano and Shearer esk.

Credit to Nunthorpe they kept on playing which meant for a good spectacle as our lads seem to be enjoying themselves which was good to see, we got our third when Jack barged his way into the box and finished with a cheeky little chip (or miss-kick) and that's how it finished.

Boldon 5 - 0 Newton Aycliffe Youth U13's Girls

Today we travelled to unbeaten and champions elect Boldon with only 11 players and Faith our GK with an injured finger, we feared the worse but I asked the girls to dig deep and make it hard for Boldon the score.

AYCLIFFE FC MISS GETTING 3 POINTS

Aycliffe came away from Guisborough with a point in a 1-1 draw, but should have taken three. They fashioned the better moves and missed several good chances. Guisborough started brightly and had a good chance on 9 minutes, but hit the side netting. Aycliffe came into the game and on 12 minutes Craig Hutchinson got through one-on-one but shot straight at home keeper Nixon.

Kurt Matthews then had a couple of chances, putting a header past the post, and shooting straight at Nixon. On 21 minutes, Aycliffe went ahead when Craig Hutchinson latched onto a loose ball in the box and fired it low into the corner. Guisborough levelled in the 35th minute when Aycliffe failed to clear a corner and Steel fired it in for the home side. Half-time 1-1.

Aycliffe had another one-on-one after 55 minutes when Jordan Roberts got through but he hit his shot straight at Nixon. On 69 minutes Nixon pulled off a great save from substitute James Oliver who had directed his header well from a free kick. New signing Jordan Jewson came on as a substitute and made some positive runs for Aycliffe. Guisborough had a late surge for a winner, but Aycliffe held firm, with man-of-the match Andrew Grant-Soulsby marshalling the defence well. The result was Aycliffe's fourth draw in a row & they remain 19th in the Ebac Northern League.

They have only one remaining game in January, a trip to North Shields on Wednesday 24th. Their next home game is Saturday 3 February when Shildon will be the visitors to Moore Lane.

PROMISING CAREER FOR FORMER AYCLIFFE GIRL FOOTBALLER

Former Newton Aycliffe Youth FC footballer, Chloe Ryan, was delighted to make her first team debut last week for Middlesbrough Ladies FC.

The recently turned 16 year old, who attends Hummersknott Academy in Darlington, travelled with the squad down to play Doncaster Belles FC in a friendly at the Keepmoat Stadium.

She was so excited to be given a start and managed to play 60 minutes against a team that are well placed in Women's Super League Two, and host players who have previously starred in Women's FA Cup finals.

A great experience for Chloe to play at such a high level at such a young age. We wish her well and hope to see her progress further in Women's football.



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