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## Unrealistic Plans to Revive Great Aycliffe Show

Until 23rd January 2018, Councillors were unable to comment on the decision of the Recreation Committee on 17 January 2018 to refuse permission to host/stage a New Great Aycliffe Show on the grounds owned by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

A motion was passed under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) SI(2) that press and public be excluded owing to the confidential and private nature of the item to be discussed, ie the contractual terms and conditions and charges. On 23rd January Councillors were formally informed that restrictions on divulging information about the meeting were no longer relevant as the background report and supporting papers had been released on the Council's website as the application was rejected and therefore there were no terms and conditions agreed between the Council and the Company.

I am therefore prepared to comment on the meeting, the lead up to the application and the application itself. Mr Russ Gibson approached the Council in April 2017 as a resident of Newton Aycliffe who was interested in resurrecting the Aycliffe Show.

Mr Gibson and associates were invited to informal meetings to discuss these

proposals with representatives of the Council. Mr Gibson was accompanied by associates, and two of these had experience of organising the Teesside Airshow in 2016. Mr Gibson then agreed to make a presentation to the Recreation Committee, which took place on 6 September 2017.

Following the presentation, it was agreed that an application form be completed for the October meeting of the Recreation Committee. However, following a meeting with Council officers, it was explained that the application and supporting documents could not be prepared in the required timescale.

It was then promised that an application would be made to the November meeting. No application was received. Eventually, the application was received in January. The application was incomplete and unsigned. Nevertheless the application was analysed and presented to the Recreation Committee under the heading of Private and Confidential. (The application form, the Town Clerk's report, the assessment of the application and the terms and conditions are all available on the Council's website).

The application was submitted by a Private Company Limited By Guarantee, Great Aycliffe Events Ltd. This was the first



Bob Fleming

indication that we would be dealing with a private limited company so the details of the company were checked with Companies House. Great Aycliffe Events is a Private Company Limited By Guarantee, with a Company Secretary and two Directors, one of whom is Mr Russ Gibson.

The company appears to restrict its liabilities to £1. The company was founded on 17 April 2017. If we had been told that at the start of the negotiations in April 2017, we would have informed the applicants that under the regulations applying in our Council, we would be unable to supply any financial support, staff support or the use of any equipment belonging to the Council. The Council should also charge for the use of our facilities and as the company was limited to £1 liability, we would require a very large bond, up front, well before the proposed event.

The company would also have to provide evidence of a Public Liability Insurance Policy and we would also advise that they take out an insurance policy against cancellation of the event or damage to property. Included in the application was a very good safety document, which had been prepared by a reputable

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# Councillors Call for Aycliffe Show Proposal to be Reconsidered

Dear Sir,  
At the Full Council meeting next week, Cllrs Arun Chandran and Ken Robson will be moving a reference back on a Minute of the Recreation Committee concerning the Great Aycliffe Show.

We are proposing a reference back so that the Recreation Committee can reconsider its decision not to allow the Great Aycliffe show applicants to proceed further.

We believe the Recreation Committee should meet with the Organisers to discuss in public any questions, doubts, reservations, concerns it has with their proposals.

The organisers are waving their rights to privacy and it

is only decency and courtesy the Recreation Committee afford them an opportunity to answer all and any questions the Officers and Councillors have. In such an open, face to face meeting, Officers and Councillors will be able to ask questions on all and every aspect of concern.

Thus it would become clear then and only then, if the proposal was workable and has merit or that it was not viable, with every doubt or question answered or not.

Without such a face to face meeting in open Committee there will always be the perception in the public's mind as to why were they not allowed to put their case, to explain and detail any

information the Council wants, in a formal but friendly meeting with the Council. The Council has nothing to lose by doing so. Indeed it has a public duty to do so. This is not a party political matter, nor should it be.

We have no doubt all Independent Councillors will support this proposal and we call on all Labour councillors to support this too. Otherwise the Labour Party group will need to explain to the public why they are against further open discussion on the possibility of bringing back the Show, and working to support organisations, in the public interest.

We owe it to the residents of this Town to try to make things happen especially if it

serves the public and is of low cost to the Council. Everything is possible if you just keep thinking. From the Town Council's point of view the question should be what can we do to help.

The Full Council Meeting is

on Wednesday 31st January 2018 starting at 7.15pm doors open to public at 6.45pm  
*Councillors Arun Chandran, Ken Robson, George Gray, Dorothy Bowman, Sandra Haigh, Irene Hewitson, Paul Symons, and Sally Symons,*

## Great Aycliffe Show Revival

Dear Sir,

I write regarding refusal by the Town Council Recreation Committee for the return of Great Aycliffe Show proposed by a community group.

I want some sort of call to action for people to attend the full Council meeting on the 31st at 7.00pm at the Council offices to show support for the plan.

Let's get together and let the councillors know that Aycliffe needs something to look forward to! As I get older it's the nostalgic things that make me smile, plus I think it will be a good idea if people are angry enough to fight. It can only be a good thing for Aycliffe and who knows if it gets through it might actually be sunny on the day! Wayne Richardson

## Council Committee Reject Bid to Bring Back Aycliffe Show

By Martin Walker (Mantis Media)

A Newton Aycliffe resident had his bid to relaunch the New Great Aycliffe Show rejected by councillors. During a meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council's recreation committee, members voted to decline Russ Gibson's proposal to bring back the popular historical event – a show which at its peak attracted 20,000 visitors, but which the local authority scrapped four years ago.

Despite initially giving the idea broad approval during a meeting of the same committee in September last year, and with the plans getting widespread public backing, councillors now appear to have changed their minds.

After putting forward a video presentation to councillors in September, Mr Gibson was asked to provide a more detailed safety plan around the proposed event for summer 2018. He employed a local events management company to carry out a report, costing £1,400, and went back to the committee on Wednesday

night, but was asked to leave the public meeting as committee members debated his proposal before voting on it.

Since the meeting, the Town Clerk, Andrew Bailey, has refused to give Russ Gibson any valid reason for the decision. "For them to just say 'no' without any explanation is quite upsetting – I'm angry," said Mr Gibson.

"We've been planning this since last February. We've had lots of meetings, spoken to professional services and consultants, fair ground providers, charities, councillors... we've invested a lot of time into it just to get to where we are now. So far I've invested £2,000 in this project, so I think I'm entitled to a dignified response from the council."

"They told us to put more meat on the bone and to that the safety elements of our plan needed more detail. So we engaged a professional and very reputable events management company to carry out a site visit, and they put together a very detailed and thorough safety plan."

"We've covered everything that they asked, and more, but I feel like they've led us down the garden path with this. I don't understand why they would broadly welcome the idea but then decline it, and give no reason for that decision."

Aycliffe Town Clerk Andrew Bailey said the decision to exclude press and public during the discussion of only this item during the meeting is "normal procedure" for councils.

He added: "A recommendation from a committee to the council for a particular course of action has to be ratified at a full council meeting. Until then it is just a recommendation and neither members nor officers can act upon it."

In September, councillors unanimously welcomed Mr Gibson's plans for the new show, with council leader Bob Fleming applauding his "enthusiasm and appetite". Despite this setback, Mr Gibson says he is not deterred from trying to relaunch the



Russ Gibson

once popular show.

"It certainly isn't dead in the water as far as I'm concerned," he insisted. "I expected lots of hurdles along the way, although I didn't expect this, so it has come as a shock. We'll politely ask for a full explanation and hopefully get into negotiations so we can address the issues they have of the plan."

Aycliffe Town Council's full council is due to meet on Wednesday 31st January, when the Recreation Committee's recommendation is presented for approval.

# REVIVAL OF GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

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company, with considerable experience in providing safety at events.

Unfortunately there was no business plan or organisational plan. Therefore many questions needed to be answered.

A major question which needed to be answered is how the event was to be financed. When the Council organised the Show, it cost in the region of £30,000. In initial discussions about funding it was indicated that support would be sought from local businesses and that it would be a ticketed event and this was indicated in the application form.

However, other documents indicate that this may be a free event, depending on support or sponsorship.

The applicants believed they would attract 7,000 people to the Show (this is a much larger number than the average attendance at free shows in the past). What would happen on the day if it rained or the event had to be cancelled or curtailed? (this has happened in the past). Remember Great Aycliffe Events Ltd would only be liable for £1. There are other questions which would need to be answered regarding

finance but I will go on to organisation.

The application was for the use of the fields for 3 days – one day to set up the show the day of the event, and one day to clear the site. The Council's experience of running previous shows is that it takes 4 days to set up prior to the event depending on the elements of the show) and a day and a half to completely clear the site. In the opinion of the meeting, the application for 3 days was totally unrealistic.

In the application it is stated 'attractions roughly include military displays – Army'. What type of displays – static, recruiting or a display of a platoon or company attack? Which units have been contacted and agreed to attend at a date sometime in July or August?

I could go on but all of the information on which the committee based its decision is on the Council website. If you are interested, visit the website and draw your own conclusions. Finally, this does not preclude the Council entering into negotiations for a similar event in the future.

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# Family Firm Newton Press Celebrate 55th Anniversary

A unique gem in the printing world is celebrating its 55th anniversary this year and boasts what must be the last working master printer in the country, in its chief editor and founder, 80-year-old Syd Howarth.



The Howarths, Chris, Syd, Paul and Stuart

North East England Chamber of Commerce member Newton Press opened for business in 1963, operating out of the back of a baker's shop, to provide services to the new town of Newton Aycliffe, serving the local area with print and news. It has now grown to supply its services nationwide but still supporting the local economy in a wide range of ways. Syd Howarth is still

going into the office every day to prepare news content ready for print. It's publication Newton News was initially a monthly black and white four-page newspaper and is now a 16-page full colour edition, produced in a state of the art factory on Aycliffe Business Park. Stuart Howarth, Syd's son, now runs Newton Press with his brothers Paul and Chris, he said: "We have diversified in recent years to include web design and marketing services. To help regenerate the area we also provide factory / office units for other SMEs to rent. We are proud of our local roots, yet we are ambitious and an ever forward-looking family business, eager to provide a good service to all our customers."

The company's move to the Blue Bridge Centre in 2015 was part of a determined expansion programme. It has further ambitions to refurbish their old site near Gestamp Tallent in Newton Aycliffe, to provide eight separate units for rent, bringing new useful businesses and services to the Business Park.

Moving with the times Newton Press also offers marketing and website design, helping its customers old and new to showcase their businesses online as well as in print – the full media package. The expansion has also included a move into supporting a new On-line Community Radio station which is proving very popular, Aycliffe Radio a non-profit making organisation utilising the voluntary D.J. and broadcasting talent not only from the town but also overseas.

Stuart Howarth said: "2018 is a going to be a massive year for us at Newton Press and the Newton News, as we celebrate 55 years creating print and promotional items for all our clients. We have just re-branded our business and created a new role with the appointment of a key account manager, Stephen Gosnay. He will play a major role in looking after our ever-increasing customer-base, who are using us for print, advertising, website design, social media services and complete marketing campaigns."

# GREENFIELD STUDENTS BECOME PEAK VIRTUAL ASTRONAUTS

Staff and students from Greenfield Community College have been privileged to be involved in the amazing Tim Peake experience as part of a full programme of space age events and activities that have been held to coincide with the tour of the Soyuz descent model TMA-19M.

The Spacecraft arrived at the Locomotion Museum in Shildon in November 2017 and has been the focal point for everyone in the area to be a part of this piece of space history. Greenfield Community College were one of the regions Secondary Schools who were chosen to take part in a range of activities culminating in a recent 4D virtual reality experience of the descent of the Soyuz capsule and parachute. The experience was a very special way to learn about space travel and the science behind the scenes. The day included some extraordinary digital training on how to land the capsule – this was all the more authentic as a live feed out of the window was projected as if the students were looking out of the actual International Space Station. Greenfield students were then able to get real insight into the journey through space as they were delivered a screened training brief from Tim Peake to prepare for the



virtual reality experience of the descent. A fantastic experience to be part of showing how the capsule unlocked and how it felt to be inside the capsule as it returned to earth. The event has followed a series of activities engaging students in science and space travel. These have included visits to the museum for students from our Sunnydale Campus to see the Soyuz Capsule, a spectacular day of entertainment led by the 'Science Museum' at our Aycliffe site and further activities on the touring Tim Peake bus. The capsule has now sadly departed from the

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## 3rd Place at Local Driver's First International Race

Local Racing Driver Max Coates claimed 3rd spot on the A2 class podium, finishing 70th out of 96 cars overall and 21st out of 36 cars in the TCE Class for touring type cars. As the slowest pair of cars in the field, to finish alone is a massive achievement. The sister car won the A2 class, and finished 50th overall and 10th in the TCE class. The event as a whole was a great experience and Max learnt a lot about endurance racing.

Max joined the Ciceley Motorsport team in Dubai for both of their international endurance racing debuts and they came away with a double podium. The Hankook Dubai 24 hour race is recognised as the start of the motorsport season and is a challenge for car, team and driver.

The team with which Coates has driven to three Renault UK Clio Cup victories took two Renault Clio's to the Middle East sporting fuel tank, braking and spot light endurance racing upgrades. Heading the multi-national driver line up in car 164 the North Yorkshire based driver claimed 2nd on the grid in the A2 class, just ahead of the sister car.

The A2 class is designed for smaller engine touring cars. With 96 cars on the entry list in total the grid was split into GT (faster sports cars) and TCE (touring type cars), in which Ciceley was racing against another 34 teams.



Coates takes podium in international racing debut

At the start the 164 car held 2nd place in A2, with only the other Ciceley Motorsport Renault Clio ahead. An early alternator belt failure put the car back to third place before a crash with another driver at around mid-race distance gave the mechanics their opportunity to shine. An hour and a half later they had fixed the damage and had the car back on track, but hopes of a race win were slipping away. The 162 Ciceley Motorsport Clio and 171 Peugeot of Danish team Johnson Consulting ran with little mechanical issues and as a result Max and his team took the final podium spot.

Max's team mates in car 162 took the win, finishing 10th in the TCE class and 50th in the overall results, a staggering achievement. Max said "We'd have liked to come away with a 1-2 for the team but really, just to finish this race is an achievement. We climbed over 25 spots to

70th overall and were 21st out of 36 TCE cars which, along with the A2 podium is a great result. I have loved the experience and would definitely like to do more of this kind of racing in the future alongside my sprint racing commitments." Coates is hoping to announce his 2018 racing campaign shortly and is working closely with his sponsors, Harron Homes, Clements, Primex Plastics (Aycliffe), PLASgran Recycling and JT Atkinson Builders Merchants.

## Pennies Make ££'s

For a number of years members of the Church of Latter Day Saints on Shafto Way have contributed to work helping Africa's poorest countries.

They collect pennies and each year send what they have collected to help bring clean water, health and education to poor villagers in West Africa. The latest donation has gone to a local charity "Aid to Burkina Faso" who wish to thank them for their continued support.

## RE-FILLING SALT BINS



Councillors are getting a lot of requests for salt bins to be refilled which is understandable given the recent weather.

There are over 2000 bins in the County and getting to them all will take time.

You can help by reporting empty ones using the number on the side of the bin.

Contact: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/saltbins>

Snow clearance and or gritting by the County Council only applies to bus routes.

A number of residents unable to get out of their streets due to snow and ice have requested they receive salt bins.

## Recruiting for Primary and Secondary Teacher Training

Awarded "Outstanding" status by Ofsted in 2014 and located in the purpose-built learning centre, The Work Place, Durham SCITT has been training teachers in the North-East since 2005. The fact that it has continued to grow is testament to its ability to deliver high quality trainees which schools actively look for when it comes to filling posts. Impressive employment rates and effective partnerships with schools, mean we are in the position to offer outstanding teacher training. At Durham SCITT we pride ourselves on the personal approach. We know there is no such thing as a "typical trainee" so we don't provide a one-size-fits-all course. We will challenge you, and we do expect high standards but we ensure your mentor colleagues and fellow trainees are there for you, helping you to grow and become a great teacher. And we offer training days tailored to your needs to help you develop quicker.

We know being a teacher is a unique profession. But we are not looking for a superman or woman. Yes, you will need a good academic background but we're looking for people who also have a passion for their subject, and who are able to share that with young people. For more information on academic requirements please see our website [www.durhamscitt.co.uk](http://www.durhamscitt.co.uk)

The course runs from September until the following July. Initial training will be held at The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe followed by placements in at least two schools in our partnership. Trainees who successfully complete the course will be recommended for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and the opportunity to study towards gaining a PGCE which can be used as credits towards a Masters qualification. Bursaries up to £26,000 are available to certain subjects depending on degree classification. There are also

scholarships available in some subject areas (£28,000). Course tuition fees are £9,000, however, loans are available through Student Finance England as well as other funding to cover living expenses whilst studying. Regardless of your qualifications if you think you would make a great teacher please get in touch if you would like to discuss entry requirements.



REME Association South West Durham Branch AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 31st January 2018 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving REME personnel welcome. "Arte et Marte"

## Thinking of Teaching?

Do you have a degree?



**Durham SCITT**

**Open Evening**

4pm - 6pm

**Wednesday 31st January 2018**

at The Work Place, Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe

Advice about the application process, becoming a teacher and the courses we offer.

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**Wednesday 7th February from**

**4.30pm - 8pm**

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**or telephone 01325 308918**

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All proceeds for the MRI Scanner Appeal



## Dance and Drama Classes at Durham Gala Theatre

Young people and adults alike are being encouraged to experience life behind the scenes of Gala's dance and theatre productions with new classes and workshops.

Starting in January, the classes and workshops give an exclusive insight into the work and preparation that goes into producing dance and theatre for the stage, and passes on valuable skills to those wishing to pursue a life of music, theatre and entertainment.

Experimental theatre classes will help 12-16 year olds explore a world of absurdity, creativity and unparalleled opportunity with 12 weeks of classes.

These classes will take young people beyond the world of traditional theatre practitioners and introduce them to people who see both the real world and the world of theatre in entirely different ways.

From Grotowski to Meyerhold, Beckett to Pinter; these classes are ideal for those wishing to explore theatrical styles which push boundaries and ask questions. Classes start Monday 22 January, 6pm – 7.30pm, and costs £65 for 12 weeks.

Adults who are curious about how actors train and prepare for life on stage are invited to adult theatre workshops.

These classes will give older students an opportunity to explore actor training in a mature and friendly environment.

They'll look at how to build an authentic character and receive training in relation to voice and the use of the body, as well as study, rehearse, and perform published plays from some of the greatest writers of all time.

Classes start Monday 22 January, 7.30pm – 9pm, and costs £65 for 12 weeks.

Those who love to move to the beat are also being catered for at Gala, with dance classes in both technical jazz and street music warming up those cold

winter nights.

Classes will run on Thursdays, with technical jazz running from 5.45pm till 7.15pm, with commercial/street classes starting immediately after at 7.15pm and lasting until 8.15pm.

The Gala Theatre also offers activities for schools, community groups, artist development, bespoke workshops, outreach projects, theatre tours, work experience, production workshops, pre and post show Q&As. For further information on all their classes visit [www.galadurham.co.uk/about-engage](http://www.galadurham.co.uk/about-engage)

## Honest John Strikes Again!

ROCSOLID, the supported housing charity based in Newton Aycliffe, was delighted to receive £1,000 from Honest John who supports local good causes.

"We were over the moon," said service manager Mandy Shaw. "We support literally dozens of people in the town – some are care leavers, others young families and some have learning difficulties. This cash donation was very gratefully received!" Since ROCSOLID was founded in 2007, it has supported 315 clients and has very positive feedback from other professionals, including social workers.

It was started by Dot and Derek Butler, who own Reach Out Care Fostering Services which is based at Hope House in Burnhope, Newton Aycliffe. The couple wanted young people leaving care to have one-on-one support to help them move successfully to independent living and it has since expanded its remit.

Honest John has been raising cash for community projects since 2007 and has a shop in DISC next to the Blue Bridge in town.

## YOUNGSTERS LEARN ABOUT EMERGENCY HEART ATTACKS

Millie pictured with her mother Helen, Helen McCormick Youth/Children Team Lead of St Clare's Church, and David Sutton-Lloyd of Woodham Community Centre is the youngest person (12) to train in CPR and defibrillator use in an emergency program.

The program is backed by GAMP, County Councillor John Clare, former Councillors Joan Gray and Mike Dixon, GATC, PCP, Greenfield College, Middridge Parish Council, Woodham Community centre, and very generous public donations. Five public access defibrillators have been installed, St Clare's, PCP, Greenfield College, Bay Horse Middridge, and Woodham Community Centre.

Millie's mother had been diagnosed with a potential heart problem, so Millie and her sister were very anxious to learn what they could do if anything happened. On hearing about our courses Millie joined a training session on 21st Oct 2017 at St Clare's, and was a very capable learner impressing us all. Millie was right to be concerned as two weeks later her mother suffered three heart stopping incidents, fortunately surviving, now has a pacemaker, and is ongoing with medical treatment.

Both Millie and her mam have told me how important it had been to them that they knew



what to do and are keen to help encourage more people to do the same.

Millie is a great example of the many super young people in Aycliffe who are involved in many things in the community. She has been a member of SHINE Choir for many years, attends Messy Church, KIDZFLICKS and Parish Youth Group. Millie offers lots to all of these groups and is always supported by her family.

Youth Leader Helen McCormick identified a need and desire by other young people in the groups she leads to have an awareness of this life-saving skill and working alongside David they have planned the next training event in our area. They urge as many

young people and their leaders to come along on:

Sunday 11th February to St Clare's Church for the next free CPR and defibrillator training by Durham and Darlington Fire and rescue. We want groups to be involved by selecting people to train, bring young people along to observe, try out and learn more. The session will start at 3pm and run till 6pm. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks will be available throughout the session with snacks provided also.

The CPR and defibrillator program has trained 198 people so far and is now continuing with further training courses being provided by Durham Ambulance service to come at a range of local venues. Watch

out for details in Newton News.

Those people who have already completed the training are invited to come along on February 11th at 5.30pm to receive their certificates.

This is a fantastic opportunity – let's not waste it!

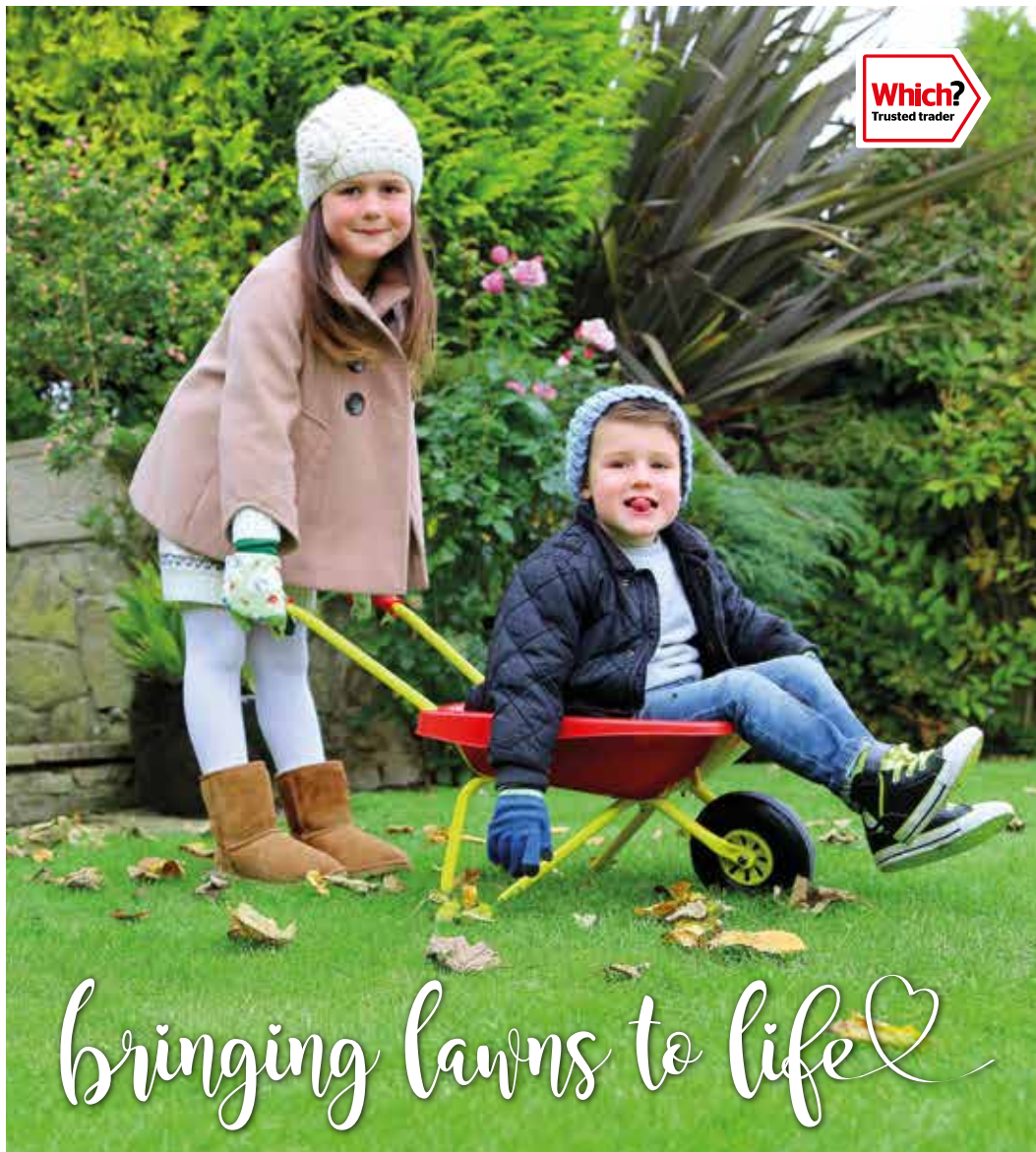
Please contact David 01325 316144 or Helen on 07752633119 to book a place or if you need to know more.

## Friendly Deaf Group Meet in Woodham

Everyone is invited to join St. Elizabeth's Church at Woodham on Tuesday 30th January from 5.30 till 8pm at the meeting of Newton Aycliffe Deaf Fellowship for a short British Sign Language Service followed by Supper and social evening including Bingo.

The group celebrated their first year with a Party in December and we would love to welcome new visitors. We are a small, friendly group who meet monthly to enjoy friendship and fellowship.

Please come and meet our members and volunteers. Further details from Milly Duffin on 01325 313819.



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# COULD THIS BE THE PARTNERSHIP FOR YOU?

An amazing opportunity has arisen, to join a partnership with Jackson's Academy, featuring Newtonian Daley Mathison for 2018.

Daley, a semi professional motorbike racer currently living in Stockton, has spent the last 12 years racing and running his own team (he turns 27 this year).

The end of 2017, saw Daley sign on the dotted line for Jackson Racing, one of the most popular and well respected motorbike race teams in the road racing paddock, who have seen the likes of James Hillier and John McGuinness, to name but a few, race their machinery previously.

This year, he will continue to compete in the superstock class at British Superbikes with his main discipline, being the IoM TT, North West 200 and the Ulster GP. For the third year running, Eddie Stobart continue as his main personal sponsor, providing the machinery, with Jackson Racing providing the professional team, that his



career has craved. Following the likes of Eddie Stobart and HEL Performance, this partnership will not only support Daley's Racing career, but will forge a link to the vast motorcycle world and it's impressive following.

This community, amasses hundreds of millions with the sport's popularity, ever increasing across the U.K and Europe; literally throughout the world.

As an ambassador for Feridax

(whose portfolio currently contains world renowned names, including Shoei, Sidi, Caberg and Spidi clothing) he currently sits as a well known, popular and successful member of the motorbike empire.

Daley has previously stood on the podium at the IoM TT; graced the pages of Esquire magazine; local and national/ worldwide newspapers and magazines as well as this year's official "sold out" Isle of Man TT Race Calendar. So with his new team, the possibilities are endless with the right support behind them. With the help of Newton News, Daley has a workshop in Newton Aycliffe. He would love to stay close to his roots, and find a local company to invest in his career.

Contact: 07853 335991  
www.daleymathisonracing.co.uk

## HONEST JOHN DONATES £1500

Honest John's Community Kitty has made donations of £600 to the Wishing Well Club; £600 to Newton Aycliffe Pathways Group; and £300 to The Children's Jam Club.

John thanks DISC, Val, doors and all customers - also Barry for his kindness.

## NEW RECTOR TO BE INSTALLED

The Revd. Ann Anderson will be installed as Team Rector of the Parish of Great Aycliffe on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 3.30pm in St. Clare's Church.

## 30 Years at Roman



David Osborne (left) Managing Director presents Marc Teasdale, with a 30 years' service gift

International leading shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, has celebrated their Contract Sales Director's 30 years of service at Roman. Marc Teasdale, Trade Sales Director at Roman, joined

in January 1988 as one of the original team of Sales Managers. Since then he has worked his way up to Northern Sales Manager and now his current role as Contract Sales Director. Marc focuses on Roman's relationships with key Housebuilder partners, Merchants and Hotel Groups. He has become a well-known face and personality in the industry.

Marc's son Karl joined Roman in 2015 as an Apprentice in the Research and Development department and is aiming to achieve his NVQ Diploma in Engineering Technical Support this year. David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "Marc is our longest serving member in the business, having joined us almost at the beginning. He is trusted and well respected both within the business and with our customers and has always been great fun to work with."

Unfortunatly we continue to suffer from spates of vehicle crime. In December and early January we had another spate and a male was subsequently arrested and charged with several of these offences. However he is not alone in committing these offences in our town. I therefore appeal to everyone

## Aycliffe's Front Line NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman



Town Councillor.

These regular meetings enable us to share information more effectively and work together at addressing the ASB issues we have long suffered including off road bikes, small fires and general nuisance incidents. We also use a scanning system now where Police, Fire and Council download information daily. We all have access to this data so that we can be more effective at tackling issues. In the past 12 months we have seen a significant reduction in ASB. I would like to thank residents and those who work within our area for their continued support and for continuing to call us and report incidents. All information is important to us and is assisting us to reduce such behaviour in our town.

In November 2017 we suffered three commercial burglaries on Aycliffe Industrial Estate. A further burglary occurred on the industrial Estate earlier this January. Through some excellent proactive work by the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Aycliffe and excellent support from our colleagues in CID and CSI, a male was arrested and charged having admitted three of the four burglaries.

Unfortunatly we continue to suffer from spates of vehicle crime. In December and early January we had another spate and a male was subsequently arrested and charged with several of these offences. However he is not alone in committing these offences in our town. I therefore appeal to everyone

to be vigilant and if you hear anything suspicious or see suspicious people wandering about when most of us are asleep in bed please call 999 - we would rather check the person out and it be legitimate than miss an opportunity to catch these thieves red handed! I also appeal, yet again, for everyone to check that their vehicles are secure when parked up. The vast majority of our thefts from motor vehicles are occurring when vehicles are left unlocked - several vehicles in the same street in some cases! Please don't make it easy for these thieves. We are fortunate in this town that many people have private CCTV and this assists us - however there is nothing more frustrating than watching footage of criminals walking up a street and trying door handles and with little effort finding vehicles left unlocked! Please, please remove valuable items and ensure your vehicle is locked!

Finally, a reminder of the Public Meeting at 6.00pm on Thursday 1st February in the Ash Room, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre to discuss PACT meetings. As I mentioned last week, we are hoping to improve attendance and work together more effectively to address your concerns and issues. We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, stay safe and report anything suspicious to us on 101 or 999 if the incident is in progress.

Sarah Honeyman  
Neighbourhood Inspector

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**GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL**

## Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

**TUESDAY 30th JANUARY 2018**

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on **TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY 2018** commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

At this meeting the following item will be discussed:-

### Council Aims and Targets 2018 - 2019

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting - we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700  
e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**COUNTY NEWSBITS**  
Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

Controversial Council meetings, consultations to contribute to, PCVC drop-ins, and a police clampdown on mobile phones. As always, further details and links online at: bit.ly/CNB231

### COUNCIL ITEMS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 17 January (Ayckley Heads proposals).
- DCC Environment Scrutiny Meeting, Tuesday 23 January (Highways and Performance Management).
- Please comment on the DCC Consultation on the proposed Durham History Centre.
- GATC Environment & Recreation Committee meetings, Wednesday 17 January.
- Our MP's Ten Minute Rule motion on the registration of private landlords.
- Latest local roadworks information for the Newton Aycliffe area.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- Ron Hogg PCVC is holding drop-in sessions across the county (Newton Aycliffe/ GAMP on 30 January).
- Ron Hogg is also asking people to complete the 'Safe Places' scheme survey.
- Meeting to discuss the future of PACT meetings, Ash Room, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, 6pm, Thursday 1 February; public welcome.
- Police have launched a clampdown on using a mobile phone while driving.
- HealthWatch County Durham

want you to comment on the proposed new guidelines on supporting people with dementia and their carers.

• HealthWatch County Durham want women to complete a survey on cervical screening.

### THINGS TO DO

- Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership AAP Board Meeting, Oakleaf Sports Complex, 6pm Tuesday 30 January; public welcome.
- ROF59 Quiz Night, 7:30pm, Friday 2 February.
- Wildlife Watch (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am, Saturday 3 February, £3.
- Shipwreck Archaeology (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 3 February.
- Monstersaurus (age 3+), Gala Theatre, Sunday 4 February. Tickets £12, Family £40.

## New Club for Senior Citizens

"GOLDEN YEARS TOGETHER" a new group for older people hold their first meeting on Monday 29th February 2pm until 4pm. The venue is Burnhill Methodist Church Community Centre, Burnhill Way. Everyone welcome. Please contact Dorothy Bowman for more details on 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

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## Mayor Congratulates Diamond Wedding Couple



George and Pauline Shaw of Macmillan Road celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 24th January 2018. George from Leeholme met Pauline from Eldon Lane at a Dance in the Railway Institute at Shildon in 1956. George was employed at Shildon Railway Shops before it closed and he then moved to work in Aycliffe for Toledo Woodhead.

Pauline was a Bus Conductress and later worked in School kitchens, various factories, before finally being employed by Boots in the Town Centre for 20 years until her retirement.

The couple moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1958 when George became Secretary of the British Legion Club and Treasurer at the Sports Club. George and Pauline love their family and have five sons, four daughters in law, 13 Grandchildren and 18 Great Grandchildren.

The family came together to celebrate 60 wonderful years of marriage with a celebration at the Hammer & Pincers last Sunday.

George and Pauline agreed the recipe for a long and happy marriage is to work hard, enjoy life and always care for your family.

## CARILLION QUESTION

Dear Sir,  
The big question is how oh earth was Carillion allowed to get into a situation of being £900 million in debt before it was noticed?

If it was ordinary 'Joe Public' with a monthly mortgage, rent to pay or car payments it would not be long before alarm bells rang, followed by immediate action from people the money was owed.  
Jean Gilvy

## Our MEP Talks of Trade Bill Power Vacuum

"Jude Kirton-Darling, Labour Member of the European Parliament for the North East of England, this week gave evidence to the Trade Bill Committee in Westminster. The Trade Bill is a key piece of legislation that sets out new powers for the government to negotiate trade deals.

Currently trade deals are negotiated by the EU on behalf of its member states, with the European Parliament responsible for ensuring democratic oversight. But should the UK leave the EU customs union, there's a real risk that the new UK system would result in a power vacuum, with deals concluded behind closed doors and no scrutiny rights for Parliament.

At a time when the UK is redefining its position on trade with the EU and rest of the world it is vital that any new laws set out proper mechanisms to ensure that trade policy remains transparent and democratic. Jude travelled from Brussels to tell the Committee what she thinks about the Bill. Her wealth of knowledge from sitting on the European Parliament's International Trade Committee, together with her experience of leading steel workers across Europe means that she can bring a great deal of expertise to the proceedings. Jude Kirton-Darling MEP

said: "My main issue with the Trade Bill is that it would afford MPs only half of the powers MEPs currently have; MPs could still veto trade deals, but would have virtually no role during the negotiations. EU trade negotiations are by no means perfect, but there has been a lot of progress made in recent years in terms of transparency and democratic control.

I am very concerned that when the UK leaves the EU the rights that were hard won over a number of years will be watered down. This can have very concrete repercussions on the content of trade deals too - under the Tories' proposal, the government would do what it wants in negotiations and opposition MPs would have little other option than vote against trade deals. In Brussels, social democrats are not the majority but thanks to parliamentary scrutiny we can actually influence trade policy. I'll advise the committee today not to forget that today's government is tomorrow's opposition."



## Do You Have What it Takes?



Dr Suzie Kimber at Woodham Academy with students Gary Edwards, Charlie Pemberton, Iain Robson and Jak Hardy, and science teacher Adam Billyard.

Woodham Academy has hosted a visit from the winner of the BBC TV show 'Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?' Suzie Imber talked about her experiences on the show, her work as an astrophysicist and how and why she became a scientist.

Dr Imber, associate professor in space physics at the University of Leicester, beat

11 other contestants to receive a recommendation to join the European Space Agency. Her lecture, followed by a Q&A with students and parents, was sponsored by the North East branch of the Institute of Physics, one of Woodham Academy's partner organisations.

Andrew Jenkins, Head of Science at Woodham

Academy, said:

"We are keen to organise visits to Woodham Academy to encourage students to engage with science and they were fascinated and inspired by Dr Imber's story. At Woodham Academy, we are determined to raise aspirations and ensure that students are aware of all the opportunities a career in science can provide."

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## What's on this coming week:

**TUESDAY 6-8pm - Sponsored by Honest John:** Join Darren Lowe and Lee Weldon as they give a run down on the latest LOCAL sports news? They will be joined by Joseph Billany on **Tuesday 30th January**. They will be joined by the Rugby Club representative Bob Malvern on **Tuesday 6th February**. Ben Potts will also give his weekly report on Newton Aycliffe FC's latest game.

**Text your sport question for Darren, Lee or their guest(s) to 07512 253333**

**FRIDAY 8-10pm:** 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 and Cllr. Eddy Adam discussing Credit Unions, Written Constitutions, Universal Credit & Political News. **Get involved in the debate, text 07512 253333 or email owen@ayclifferadio.co.uk** On **Friday 9th February**, Andy Little, an Ex-Newtonian, who runs CentralFM in Spain will start his monthly show. Mardi Gras time comes to Aycliffe Radio on **Friday 16th February** with local DJ Martin Norris who worked at D'ton Mardi Gras Night Club in the 90's.

**SUNDAY 6-8pm: 28th January** The Xcel Centre join Aycliffe Radio with a pre-recorded show from a church session. Join the lively congregation with a sermon, songs and prayers.

**NEW SCHEDULE:** Check our website for the latest update to the scheduling. Lots more new shows covering many genres and different decades... something to suit everyone.

## How to Get Involved:

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

**ORGANISATIONS** - You are invited to come along and record a 5 minute info slot about your club.

**ADVERTISE** - Could your business benefit from advertising on Aycliffe Radio?

**LOCAL BAND/CHOIR** - Send us a pre-recorded session of your set or invite us along to record for you.

**SCHOOLS** - We can attend and record your Concerts, Performances, Presentations to be played on air.

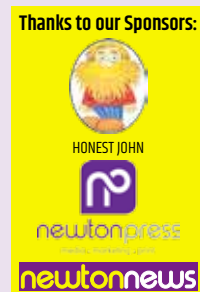
**PUBS/CLUBS** - Send us your upcoming events and our presenters will promote them during their shows.

**EVENTS** - If you are organising an event, why not let us help you promote it?

## SHOW SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY</b>	8-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm 10-12midnight	Morning Glory American Legends Lunch Break Afternoon Delight Rock 'n' Roll Greats 70s Show - Peter Rush Schools/Local Bands Dance Anthem (R)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm	Chilled Tuesday Power Ballads Lunch Break Afternoon Delight 2Tone Tuesday Sports Round Up - Darren & Lee Sponsored by Honest John 30th Jan - Joseph Billany (squash) 6th Feb - Bob Malvern (rugby)
	8-10pm 10-12midnight	Soft Rock OZ-DJ Dance Mix (R)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm 10-12midnight	Best of British Kent Collective - Daz Kent + Wellersday Lunch Break Afternoon Delight Reggae Steady Go 80s Show Alternative Aycliffe - Gary & Alby Gangsta Paradise
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm 10-12midnight	Girl Power Remember Yesteryear Lunch Break Afternoon Delight Motown Classic Heavy Metal Session Graeme Rooie in the House Rhythm & Soul Show (R)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm	Alphabet Street UK Number Ones Lunch Break Afternoon Delight Thank Funk it's Friday PVR Studio House Mix Guest Presenter Session Friday 2nd Feb - Owen's Political Debate Friday 9th Feb - Andy Little (Spain) Alternative Aycliffe (R)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm 10-12midnight	Kitchen Floorfillers Saturday Live School Disco Smooth House Dance Anthems - The Doctor Dance Mix - OZ-DJ Garage/Indie/Drum 'n' Bass - MC Supa
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8-10am 10-12noon 12-2pm 2-4pm 4-6pm 6-8pm 8-10pm 10-12midnight	Instrumental Classics Classical Hour Sports Round Up (R) Country & Western Lazy Sunday Church Service (from the Xcel Centre) Rhythm 'n' B Show - Jack Hall PVR Studios House Mix (R)

Scheduled shows may be changed/cancelled at any time.





## You Must Not Miss this Super Night Out!

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club are running a major event at the Big Club featuring popular local Show Band "Groovy Street" who provide a great night's entertainment with music for all tastes. The event is on Friday 23rd March from 7.30pm - 11pm with a ticket price of just £7.50p including a Hot Pork Sandwich and Roast Potatoes for supper. The show is in aid of the MRI Scanner Appeal and will include a super value Raffle and Tombola. An appeal goes out to individuals and businesses who have prizes

to donate to please get in touch with Rotarian Angela Stevenson on 01325 315067 who will arrange to collect the prize or vouchers. Tickets are available now from Newton Press Offices, Don Walkers Butchers at Simpasturegate and Aycliffe Framers and Engravers in the Town Centre. You can also ring Newton Press on 300212 who will arrange to deliver and take payment for tickets at your home. Don't miss this Mad March Gig guaranteed to give you a great night out! Make up a party and have some fun!

## Show Your Work at Open Art Exhibition



## CHAIRMAN VINCE RETIRES FOR HEALTH REASONS

It is with regret that Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre announces the retirement on health grounds of its Chairman, Mr Vince Crosby. The Board of Trustees and the Centre Manager are heartbroken to lose from the Board a much-respected member.

Vince has been an exemplar of selfless volunteering. His leadership, energy, exciting fundraising events, and constant infectious enthusiasm and good humour will be greatly missed. We are delighted that Vince will be remaining at NAYCC as a volunteer, where his paralegal training, and extensive knowledge of the Centre and the voluntary sector will be invaluable.



During his term of office, Vince has steered the Centre safely through an unsettled

time of government cuts and changing situations. He led the Centre as it achieved Charitable Incorporated Organisation status and more recently he was the figurehead as NAYCC successfully acquired the lease of the building under the DCC Asset Transfer program. It is with pleasure that we also recognise the following officer positions within the board:

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Greenfield Arts are busy preparing for their popular 'Open Art Exhibition' which will run from Thursday 8th March to Wednesday 18th April 2018. The event gives the opportunity for emerging artists to display up to 3 pieces of work in a wonderful gallery space, an experience which often encourages artists to work towards their own exclusive exhibition.

The event is a truly 'open experience' and is open to applications from all art forms, the exhibition always provides a superb range of work in different media and a range of subjects. This year we are looking at 'The Power of the Pen' and how art can inspire creativity and passion in us all, this can encompass all art forms as they often derive from a written or drawn idea. The deadline for entries is Friday 2nd February 2018 and cost is only £10 per entry fee. There will also be a public preview of work on Wednesday 7th January and a celebration evening with craft fair on the closing evening on Wednesday 18th April from 6pm - 8pm, offering the chance to enjoy the final evening of the exhibition and have the opportunity to buy some very special crafts.

Greenfield Arts are also delighted to announce their next exhibition 'Travels Through Art' by Sonya Burn, a local self-taught artist who has explored different cultures through her passion for art. The exhibition will run from Thursday 8th February - Wednesday 28th February 2018 and features a range of mediums including paper, ink and metal and some excellent acrylic work. Sonya will also be hosting a public preview of her work on Wednesday 7th February 6pm - 8pm, the event is open to all and will include works for sale.

If you would like to know a bit more about the full programme of events and activities visit our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or alternatively email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

## Get us Out of EU & Safeguard A & E Departments

Dear Sir,  
Please can somebody explain what is happening? The Newton News is staunchly supporting the MRI Scanner Appeal for two scanners, one for Darlington and one for Bishop Auckland. In the Newton News of 19th January 2018, Nigel Boddy is drumming up support for a campaign to "Save the A&E Dept. at Darlington Memorial Hospital" and also, in the same issue, decrying "Whitehall's" policy on privatisation of the Health Service by financing Hospital building via PFI Contracts.

I am unaware of any alleged local plan to close the A&E Department. However, having watched Prime Minister's Question Time, and the BBC's "Victoria Derbyshire" programme, and indeed, the BBC news, I am well aware of the Labour Party's agenda to 'weaponise' our National Health Service. Personally, I think they are using the National Health Service as a smokescreen to thwart the Leave vote. If you voted leave, and even if you are a 'lunatic' and/or a 'racist' who voted Leave, be aware of the establishment's attempts to discredit and therefore ignore, the Leave majority.

The allocation of local Health Service funding is decided locally. I find it hard to believe that, in a predominantly Labour voting area such as ours, the elected Labour Councillors and MP's

cannot (if they have the will) influence the allocation of funding to keep A&E open. However, be aware, the allocation of welfare finding is also decided locally and, before the austerity cuts, the Labour run Durham County Council decided to close Care Homes and buy-in this service from the private sector. Just to be clear, "Whitehall" does not decide on how public money is spent, this is decided by the Government of the day. 70% of the current expensive PFI Contracts were awarded under a Labour Government and our local Health Services are burdened by these excessive costs. Please can our local MP's (Sedgefield, Darlington and Bishop Auckland) and a spokesman for Durham County Council advise your readers, and their electorate, what they are doing to ensure that, when the Scanner Appeal is successful, there will be two A&E Department's ready and able to use them for the benefit of the local subscribers. While the MP's are explaining about their attitude to local health services they can also explain how, after being elected on a Brexit Manifesto, they intend to implement the wish of the LEAVE voters.

Whatever the truth in this matter, it is clear that there is turmoil in the local Labour Party such that the electorate, and their membership, do not trust them to do what

the people want. That is, as a minimum, safeguard local A&E Departments and get us out of the EU!

Alastair P.G. Welsh

## Lunch at St. James' Park for Mums

FOOTBALL-mad mums are invited to a special, Mother's Day Lunch at one of Tyneside's best loved venues. On Sunday, 11th March, St James' Park - home to Newcastle United FC - is serving a two or three course table d'hôte lunch, created by the award-winning Sodexo Prestige Venues & Events catering team at the stadium. This will be followed by a taster tour of the stadium - going behind the scenes in areas usually reserved for the players and managers - and all mothers will also be given a small gift in honour of the occasion.

The Mother's Day Lunch will be served from 12 noon until 3pm and costs £16.95 for two courses and £19.95 for three courses.

Children under 12 can dine for half price and reservations must be made in advance by calling 0191 201 8525, emailing [candb@nufc.co.uk](mailto:candb@nufc.co.uk) or visiting [www.nufc.co.uk](http://www.nufc.co.uk).

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Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered. Completed forms should be returned to the school.

Please contact Chloe Taylor on 01325 300378 or email [chloe.taylor@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:chloe.taylor@greenfieldschool.net) for further information and an application pack.

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Interviews will be held week commencing 19 February  
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## The County Restaurant Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Business Owners Colette Farrell and Stuart Dale holding the birthday cake to celebrate with The County team

An Aycliffe-based restaurant is celebrating its tenth anniversary by pledging to raise money for 10 charities throughout next year. The County, which is situated in the heart of Aycliffe Village, is hoping to raise as much money as it can for a number of charities, including The Salvation Army, St Teresa's Hospice and Women's Aid, throughout 2018.

To say a special thank you to its loyal customers for their support over the years, the restaurant commemorated its birthday with treats, including a cake and a £10 voucher to be used in the restaurant.

Speaking about the anniversary, Colette said: "I'm shocked that the last 10 years have passed so quickly. "We are incredibly thankful to all of our customers and staff who have supported us

over the years."

The last decade has seen many highlights for the restaurant, which employs 25 staff members, including the addition of seven luxury guest bedrooms in 2010 and winning the Northumbria Dining Award in 2014.

Over the last six years, the Owners Colette and Stuart Dale, have invested over £150,000 into the refurbishment of both the restaurant and bedrooms.

Colette added: "We constantly work hard to make sure our restaurant and rooms are well-presented and welcoming for all of our visitors. The investment into the refurbishment has enabled us to increase footfall and attract new customers, which is fantastic."

The couple believe the reason for the business' success is down to the team's hard

work and dedication, mixed with the high-quality of food, customer service and excellent location.

"We have also benefited from an apprenticeship scheme as two of our chefs, Callum McFadden and Scott Marriott, who have been with us for four years, started at The County as apprentices," said Colette.

"Support from locals in the village and surrounding businesses in Aycliffe Business Park is fantastic and we can't thank them enough. We are looking forward to the next 10 years and can't wait to see what they have in store for us!" For more information about The County, visit [www.thecountyaycliffevillage.com](http://www.thecountyaycliffevillage.com)

## Aycliffe Video Makers Club Free Film Show

Aycliffe Village Hall is the venue for a free film show which can be enjoyed by all members of the family. Darlington Video Makers Club, formed over 50 years ago, is celebrating its first season in their new venue, the Village Hall in Aycliffe Village.

Since the move from Darlington last year, membership has shown healthy growth and the new location has proved popular with both existing and new members.

As a thank you the club will be hosting a film show at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 30th January 2018, starting at 7.00pm to which residents of the village and anyone else within driving distance are cordially invited.

The event will be free to those attending, and some of our members will be on hand during the interval to chat with any guests and advise on any video related questions.

A warm welcome awaits and if you are simply looking for an interesting evening away from the 'Telly' come along and enjoy the show, flavoured with many topics including travel to foreign climes and the odd injection of humour.

Arthur Best, club visitor contact said: "If you think the world of amateur film making may be of interest to you and you wish to find out more about our club come and talk to us during the interval or give me a ring on

0191 548 2721."

You can also visit our website [darlingtoncc.weebly.com](http://darlingtoncc.weebly.com)." Arthur then added "I enjoy being a member so much, I travel every week from my home in Sunderland."

## What's on at Burnhill Community Centre

**TABLE TOP SALE** 28th January Venue Burnhill Methodist Church hall/ Community Centre Syd Chaplin Drive off Burnhill Way.

Sellers 10.am - £5 a table. Public 11.am - Admission adults £1, children free.

Tea/coffee hot dogs/bacon sandwiches on sale.

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**VALENTINE DISCO** with Prof. Nincompoop Friday 9th February from 5pm until 8pm

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## 25-year Milestone for 'Grandma Lollipop'



On 17 January 1993, Marian Dawson started her first day as Lollipop Lady for Sugar Hill Primary School. 25 years, and thousands of safe crossings later, Marian is still happily working and enjoying her job of keeping children (and their parents) safe as they cross the busy roads near the school.

Marian said: "I love my job and I have no plans to retire. I am now helping children to cross the road just like I did with their Mams and Dads many years ago.

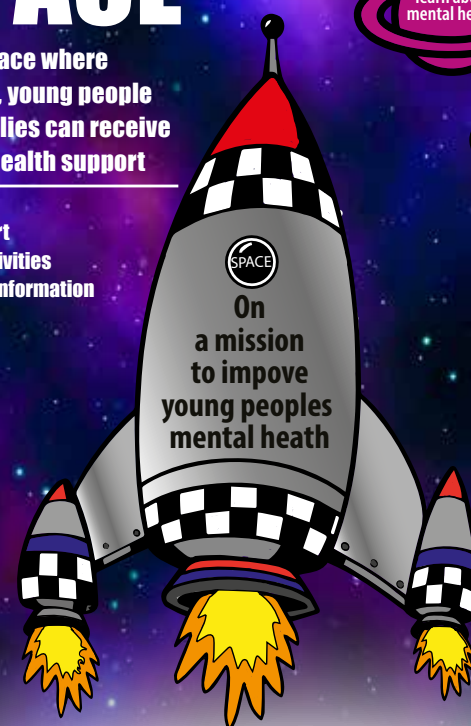
Some of the children call me 'Grandma Lollipop' and I still shed a tear when the Year 6 children leave to go to comprehensive school. My uniform has changed a bit over the years – I remember the white plastic mac I wore – but I still enjoy my job and I love to help the children".

Children in the school made cards for Marian to help her celebrate her milestone, and the staff and children at Sugar Hill want to wish her all the best for many more years to come!

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## Shildon - Aycliffe Derby at Moore Lane

There was no game for Newton Aycliffe FC last week, this time through scheduling, although very few Ebac Northern League games were played due to the snow.

Despite this Aycliffe did manage to move up a place to 18th in Division One. However, this was due to Guisborough's misfortune of being deducted three points for playing an ineligible player.

This week sees Aycliffe travel to third placed North Shields on Wednesday 24 January to play a game which has fallen foul of the weather twice so far.

In a change to the fixture list Aycliffe will now play away at Team Northumbria on Saturday 27 January. We were due to play the university team in December, another weather casualty. The game was then rearranged for Monday 5th February but with both teams being available the league has taken the opportunity to move the game to a Saturday. Aycliffe's next home game is Saturday 3rd February when we welcome local rivals Shildon to Moore Lane. The Railwaymen are 4th in the League but suffered a surprise defeat to Jarrow Roofing in their last match. Hopefully Newtonians will turn out in force for the first game of 2018 to support our towns team at Moore Lane. As ever the Sports Club bar will be open from 12 while the ground "Bait Cabin" opens at 1:30pm. Kick off is 3pm - Admission £6 adults, £4 concessions, £2 under 16s while accompanied under 12s are admitted free.

## 77 Year old Record Breaking Runner

Local runner Laurie Cummins from School Aycliffe has reached the age of 77 and still takes part in 5k Park Runs throughout the country.

Up to present he has taken part in 100 runs and out of those has broken 37 age category records. The Park runs are held on Saturday mornings starting at 9am. Laurie's records have brought him fame, appearing on BBC TV.

Apart from running Laurie is a sub-aqua diver with 13,000 dives to his credit all recorded and certified. He received an award from the Professional Association of Diving for his achievements.

Recently he was in Sharm, Egypt diving and taking



underwater photos and videos. Back in the UK he attends Aycliffe Leisure Centre six days a week, training with weights and exercise.

## New Gym Classes for Families & Over 50's

Newton Aycliffe based strength and conditioning gym CrossFit All Out, has introduced some brand new sessions for the new year, in an effort to meet the needs of families and older people. The sessions are proving to be a hit!

CrossFit and CrossFit kids Coach Allen McGee said "During the winter months it can be difficult to get the kids active due to the weather. The new Sunday afternoon family sessions offer a nice alternative for families to spend quality time together, working as a team, getting fit and having fun all at the same time. It's an ideal Sunday afternoon activity for the whole family aged 3+."

"Family sessions have been really popular during

school holidays but we know that parents often struggle to get to the gym regularly or have to pay for childcare whilst they exercise. We always keep sessions as affordable as possible so we offer sibling discount plus adults come for free.

The sessions are on a pay as you go basis to ensure families have the flexibility of attending the sessions that fit with their busy schedules" said Vikki Anderson, Business Manager.

Head Coach Terry Anderson added "CrossFit All Out is always looking to improve services, improving health and fitness in the local area and targeting those who may not be staying active and looking after their health.

Our new weekly 50+ sessions led by Coach Dan Boulton, which started in the new year are designed to cater to all fitness levels but primarily delivering functional training at a mild to moderate intensity. Too many older people are becoming less active and therefore less able, it's a serious issue that we are looking to assist with and help keep people active and healthy, living a strong life for as long as possible."

For more information contact Vikki on 07788 123321 or see the website [www.crossfitallout.co.uk](http://www.crossfitallout.co.uk) or facebook page.



## Under 11's Discover Value of Fitness Training at Local Gym

Football Coach Anthony Greenwell brought 12 of his team of 17 players to local strength and conditioning gym CrossFit All Out for a gruelling 90 minute session with Head Coach Terry Anderson and assistant Coach Vicki Finn Smith.

The session began with a discussion about why strength, fitness and the other components of CrossFit are essential for anyone to excel in the sport of football, as well as the general health and wellbeing benefits.

The physical part of the session then consisted of a warm up, technique instruction and practice, followed by a 20 minute workout that included skipping, wall-sits, kettlebell swings, box jump-overs, push ups and plank holds.

Terry explained "every CrossFit session is different as we design the sessions to cater for individual groups



we work with. We are always working different body parts and energy systems, which is partly why it's beneficial to people involved in any type of sport.

We wanted to deliver a workout to the team that included a variety of exercises for the group and get them learning and working hard in pairs. The team was a pleasure to coach and we wish them all the best with future training and matches."

Team Coach Anthony added "it's great for them to try different sports and activities together as a team off the pitch and helps build camaraderie. The feedback from the session has been great, the lads really enjoyed it. Terry and his team were very accommodating, and we hope to get some

regular sessions at CrossFit All Out." For more information about personalised group sessions contact Vikki on 07788123321 or see the website [www.crossfitallout.co.uk](http://www.crossfitallout.co.uk)

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## Snow Monkey Sculpture



Reader Michael Simmons sculptured this Snow Monkey looking after his dog Ruby in the cold on the green at Pudsey Walk, Palmer Road. "We had fun and thanks to local youngsters that came out to help me "feed" him more snow." said Michael.

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and Families, at an event  
which also celebrated Darly's  
first birthday.

Speaking of the importance of  
children's literacy at the event,  
she said: "Education experts  
recognise the important  
link between reading skills,  
especially at primary school  
level and future academic  
and employment success.  
With this in mind, I welcome  
Darlington Building Society's  
powerful initiative to provide  
books for those that need them  
most at a time when they can  
make the most difference."  
The launch event also featured  
a reading of the book by  
Peter. He said: "Writing for  
a company with a reputation  
for investing back into the  
community made this project  
especially exciting for me.

"As a father of four, I  
understand the importance of  
children reading and letting  
their imaginations run wild.  
Books introduce children  
to wonderful new worlds,  
expand their vocabularies,  
and inspire them to be creative  
themselves."  
Darlington Building Society  
Chief Executive Colin Fyfe  
said: "We are all very proud  
to be able to make a difference  
to children locally by  
creating the Darly Children's  
Foundation and sharing the  
proceeds of the book. Darly  
has become really popular  
with our regular savers and  
we are delighted that Peter has  
been able to bring our little  
train to life this way."  
Darly's Magical History Ride  
is available from Darlington  
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# DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF PACT MEETINGS

The Neighbourhood Policing  
Team are keen to address and  
improve the PACT meetings  
- the 'Police and Community  
Together' meetings where  
police/PCSOs meet with  
members of the public to  
discuss, learn about and act on  
their concerns.

The NPT have ideas of how  
the PACT meetings might be  
better arranged and advertised  
and would like to rejuvenate  
the meetings and locations to  
maximise attendance of the  
community, whilst reducing  
the time of officers and  
councillors.

PACT, whilst important, is  
only one route to reach out to  
the community and they aim

to increase the community  
events they hold as well as  
more visible foot patrols.  
By ensuring that the PACT  
meetings are more focused,  
they hope to be more able to  
achieve these aims.

Consequently, they would  
like to invite you to attend  
a meeting with the team on  
Thursday February 1st 2018  
at 6.00pm in the Ash Room  
at Newton Aycliffe Leisure  
Centre. This meeting, which  
is open to the residents of  
Newton Aycliffe, is solely to  
discuss the PACT meetings  
moving forward and  
hopefully agree on a plan that  
will be more effective than the  
current meetings.

# Riley's Snow Igloo



Riley Preston spent the whole day building this amazing Igloo  
with his Dad. Send your photos to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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# ART INSTALLATION MOVES TO BISHOP AUCKLAND



An art installation made up of three cast iron sculptures has moved to its third location as it continues its journey across County Durham.

"Ps in a Pod" was created by artist Louise Plant and has so far spent four months each at Nose's Point, Seaham, and Wharton Park.

It has now arrived in Bishop Auckland, where it will be sited in the town's Market Place until moving to its final destination in Hamsterley Forest. The piece was commissioned by Durham County Council as part of a new approach to visual arts which sees work sited in community locations rather than in conventional gallery spaces. An exhibition showing the process of how the Ps came to

life will also be on display at Bishop Auckland Town Hall until Saturday, 7 April.

The exhibition illustrates how the Ps started out as sketch book drawings, then plaster models in Louise's studio and finally being cast from scrap metal at Hargreaves Foundry in Halifax. A film by Alan Fentiman,

describing how the Ps were made, will also be available to view, alongside drawings and prints, marble P sculptures and tiny P sculptures in bronze and ceramic.

Lucy Jenkins, visual arts manager at Durham County Council, said: "It's great to see the Ps continuing on their journey and we hope that those who live in Bishop Auckland as well as visitors to the town enjoy and interact with the installation.

"People will also have a great opportunity to learn more about the sculptures through the art exhibition taking place at the town hall at the same time." As part of the Ps' journey across the county, many people have also participated in workshops exploring what the Ps mean to them from drama to art

## Talk to Commissioner Ron Hogg About Policing

Residents of County Durham and Darlington are invited to come along to meet the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, at a series of drop-in

sessions across the county.

Ron is committed to visiting as many communities as possible to gain an understanding of local issues. Residents are welcome to pop in to meet Ron and members of his team, and discuss issues in their area.

Ron said 'I want to gain a real understanding of local concerns. I want to hear the good and the bad, and hear the positive and negative stories, so that I work with you to identify solutions to help keep our communities safe.' Residents are also encouraged to come and share their views about the increase to the police element of Council Tax for 2018-19. Ron intends to introduce an increase of £8 per year for properties in Band A – equivalent to 15p per week. Over 55% of properties in County Durham and Darlington are in Band A. Further details on the increase can be found at [www.durham-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.durham-pcc.gov.uk)

In addition to the drop in sessions Ron or his staff will be visiting a number of Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) in the next few weeks to discuss policing issues and the rise in the police element of the precept. Members of the public are welcome to attend the AAP meetings. For more information on the meetings and how to register to attend, please visit <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/1960/About-AAPs>. Ron or his staff will be attending the following meetings:

**30th January 2018** – Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership AAP Board. Tuesday 30 January 2018, between 6pm and 8pm at Oakleaf Sports Complex,

# Newtonian to Repeat Benidorm or Bust Rally



In June last year Bill Hedley drove a Xsara from Newton Aycliffe to Benidorm in Spain via Rouen / Bordeaux and Zaragosa to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance.

He admits to being mad and is going again this June on behalf of the Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust based in Spennymoor who look after people who suffer from the dreaded disease. No matter where

the Trust also helps carers and families when and where possible.

The car for June will be a Suzuki Lianna and Bill will be taking it to boot sales and rallies to raise cash. If

any company would like to sponsor the car or make a donation please get in touch with Bill on E-mail: [billhedley11@hotmail.com](mailto:billhedley11@hotmail.com) or Phone: 07763 896309.

## Obituary

### Walter Henderson

Newton Aycliffe

January 18th, suddenly. Walter, aged 86 years. Dearly loved Husband to Ada; much loved Dad to Karen and Michael; dear Father-in-Law to Billy and Jane and devoted Grandad to Lewis and Katy.

Funeral to be held on Thursday 1st February.

Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please.

## Birthday Remembrance

**MARILYN BAKER** 26th January. Thinking of you on your birthday with sadness in our hearts for a very special Mam, Nana and Great Nan from whom we had to part. Happy birthday. Love you and miss you, from your Gang xx  
**ANN TOMLINSON** 29th January. Happy 87th birthday Mam. As we visit your resting place upon this special day, once more we feel the sadness that will never go away. Loved and missed so much, Lyn, Stan, Sharon, Nigel, Tony, Karen, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxxx



## Acknowledgement

### BRENDA MILBURN

John, Kevin and families would like to express their sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for the messages of sympathy and support received during their recent sad loss.

Special thanks to the staff of CCU Memorial Hospital who cared for our Mam. Thanks also to Pam Lovelass for her comforting Service and Gillian Cogan from Co-op Funeralcare, for her caring arrangements. £235.63 was donated to the British Heart Foundation.

## In Memoriam

### Gladys Kennedy

28th January 2017

We can't have old days back, When we were all together, But happy thoughts and memories, Will be with us forever.

Always in our hearts x

### Jean Hobson

1st February 2017

Friend, a year has passed and not a day goes by when you are not thought about. Miss you. Angie

**SHEILA TWOHIG** 29th January 2011. A loving nature, a heart of gold, the very best this world could hold. A silent thought, a quiet prayer, for a special person in God's care. Love always Mam. Carol and family x

**BEN BENNETT** 1st February 2015. Dad. We are sending you a dove to Heaven with a parcel on it's wings, be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs, to say how much we miss you and to send you all our love. Always in our hearts Dad. Love, Helen and Sandy xxxxx

**BEN BENNETT** 1st February 2015. You are thought about so often in loving memory for you were all the special things a Grandad ought to be. We have missed you being here since you went away. But the happiness you brought us is remembered every day. So may you find a gentle place in your eternal rest, we'll always love you Grandad, you really were the best. All our love, Ben and Sam xxxxx  
**THOMAS TOMLINSON** 3rd September 1936 to 29th January 2014. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. Missing you is the heartache, that never goes away. Love always Dad. Sharon, Nigel, Tony, Karen, Lyn, Stan, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren



## Congratulations

### Bob and Liz Wheatley



Married 50 years on 27th January 2018  
"We made it hunny"

Finally got the gold medal.  
You are and always will be the love of my life  
Lizzy xxxxx

TO MY wonderful, beautiful Wife on your 50th birthday on Saturday 27th January. Thank you for being you. Love you always. Your Husband xxxxx

**JAY BLAKEY** "My No 3". I may not be rich or famous, but I do have priceless Grandchildren. Happy 18th Birthday Jay. Love always, Grandma xxxxx

**ABRAHAM GRAHAM** Happy 30th birthday. Love, Mam and Dad

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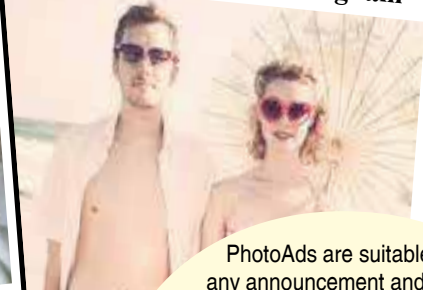
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to our beautiful Daughter on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Mam & Dad xxx

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## Good Start for Swimming Club



2018 has started as well as 2017 finished with double gala success in January for Sedgfield District 75 Swimming Club (SD75SC). The first gala in Billingham on 6th and 7th January saw swimmers win a haul of medals in all events, gain several PBs and swim brilliantly after the Christmas break. The two day gala saw 9 swimmers compete and was also a fantastic event for some of our newest competitive

swimmers who also got medals and PBs. The following weekend saw 5 swimmers compete at a higher level gala in Sunderland. Niall Coulthard swam an incredible 400m race to put him 3rd in rankings and swimming negative splits on the 50s. Both him and Leah Smith came away with another haul of medals. Our youngest swimmers swam brilliantly Ethan Craig and Emma Price swam for the first time in a

50m pool with both swimming PBs in their races and Emma getting further times for N&D (Northumberland & Durham County competition). The club are now focussing on N&D competitions starting the first weekend in February, this year 6 swimmers have qualified for races to be held over 2 consecutive weekends. Good luck to everyone swimming!

## Film Show

### "LOVING"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 30th JANUARY features the 2016 true-life drama "LOVING" Richard Loving and Mildred fell in love and married. The problem was that she was black and he was white; this was in Virginia in 1958 and interracial marriage was illegal.

This isn't only another film about the fight for racial equality though; it is also a beautifully sensitively made film about their love. 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.

## Juniors Football Report



It was another weather affected weekend for the Aycliffe Juniors football teams. The highlight was for our Under 6 team who enjoyed some Friday night football.

The Under 6's were invited to play at Newcastle United's Academy on Friday. It was a great experience for Dom, Denver, Dan, Jonah, Kai, Mason, Jack, Jensen, Marley and Ryan. They played 4 mini games against the Newcastle side and put in a great effort - well done to all the players. None of the clubs scheduled league matches survived the weather. The Under 8's though

enjoyed playing indoors at the Alun Armstrong Sports Centre against Newton Aycliffe Youth. This training game consisted of a few twenty minute sessions with all players enjoying the match and taking the chance to play in different positions. The Juniors goals came from Dylan (5), Thomas (2) with Finley and Zeke scoring one each.

## Aycliffe Girls Take First Prize at Gateshead Glacier Games



of members all supporting each other and will always welcome new athletes who would like to compete within CrossFit or other sports." For more information contact Vikki on 07788 123321 or see the website www.crossfitallout.co.uk

Two committed athletes from CrossFit All Out Gym in Newton Aycliffe battled their way through five gruelling workouts to claim 1st prize in the Gateshead competition "Glacier Games - Ice Age" last month. Vicki Finn Smith and Yasmine Meite teamed up for the same-sex fitness competition and knew they were in with a good chance of winning after qualifying in 1st place, but also knew they were up against some strong athletes. The workouts were a mixture of Olympic weightlifting movements, rowing, wall balls, burpee box jump overs, pull ups, toes to bar, ski erg, handstand walks and bar muscle ups. No easy task and a test of a multiple of strength, fitness and skills. Head Coach and affiliate owner Terry Anderson said "Yasmine has been a core member at CrossFit All Out since our opening in January 2014 and Vicki just over 1 year. Together they are a very strong and skilled team, a force to be reckoned with in the CrossFit arena. I am a very proud Coach and look forward to see where the future takes them."

CrossFit All Out also had another 2 teams compete at the event and both did well, completing some tough workouts up against some strong competition. Bex Shaw and Rachel Burnip who both work for the NHS, have been avid CrossFitters for sometime now, but have more recently focused on improving their skills in order to compete, placing 21st overall at this event. Members since CrossFit All Out first opened, Frazer Macintosh and local firefighter Michael Pearson paired up for their first ever competition in the scaled division and had a lot of support on the day. Terry said "This is what it's all about, just enjoying your fitness no matter what level you are and always having something to aim for. To have members enter their first competition is exciting and helps push themselves outside of their comfort zones, building strength of character and confidence. Some members commit all of their free time to CrossFit outside of work and others are juggling busy family life too. We are lucky to have such a great community

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