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My name is Ann... Rev. Ann Anderson! Hartlepool is my home town, and I attended the very ostentatious Henry Smith Grammar School but didn't really achieve well, finding the whole five years of secondary education a complete ordeal. I went on to take



Rev. Ann with husband Jeff

qualifications at the College of Further Education, Hartlepool, this time successfully. I then went to Leeds where I acquired the best nurse training at St. James' Hospital, but the actual reason I went to Leeds was my husband Jeff, he was studying Illustration at Leeds Polytechnic. Here, we settled, I qualified

and got a job as a Staff Nurse at Chapel Allerton Hospital and Jeff got a job at Rustcraft Greeting Cards. Life was good, though I knew there was something missing from my life; we started a much longer for family! In fact, we loved being a family so much we had two girls in two years.

It was while our second daughter was very small that Jeff lost his Dad, suddenly, to a massive heart attack. Within a few months it became clear that Jeff's Mam was also very sick; she was diagnosed with cancer. I travelled home to Hartlepool and took her to every radiotherapy/doctors' appointment. While I was nursing Jeff's Mam, Jeff's sister arranged for me to attend a Billy Graham event at Roker Park, Sunderland; Billy Graham spoke powerfully about Jesus, I just about ran to the front of the meeting as I realised that everything that was wrong in my life, everything that was missing, could be made good by the love of God.

Sadly, Jeff's Mam still died, but not before I shared God's love with her too, so I grieved, but not as someone who has no hope. Jeff and I went onto have another three children, we have three daughters and two sons, we are so very proud of them! We returned to Hartlepool and soon I realised God was calling me to full time ministry. Me?! A girl from Hartlepool who didn't even do well at school? You bet! I served as a Curate at St. Mary and St. Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street and as Rector at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Hetton, Lyons with Eppleton for the past eleven years, and now God has led me to Great Aycliffe. So, who am I? I am a

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funding has allowed us to purchase a brand new PA system which we used for the first time last week. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Tesco (Bags of Help) for funding from them which will go towards new outfits and music for the Choir as well as further pieces of equipment that are required.

MAD Choir are increasing in number, however, still have room to welcome more new members on board so if you love singing and would like to join, we meet in Woodham Community Centre every Wednesday at 7pm. You would be assured of a warm welcome and even a cuppa!

MAD are currently working towards their next fundraising event at the Xcel Centre on the 11th of April where they will be raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society. Tickets are available now from any MAD member or Woodham Community Centre. Or by ringing Sonia on 07746 925896. Tickets are £5

Thank you also to all you wonderful people who continue to support the MAD Choir - Together we are 'Making A Difference' Evelyn Lodge Musical Director.

Roadworks Congestion Scheme Benefits Drivers

Long traffic jams caused by roadworks could be a thing of the past as a scheme which has already significantly reduced delays in Kent and London is rolled out nationwide.

Lane Rental schemes, where utility companies are charged up to £2,500 a day for digging up the busiest roads at peak times, could now be adopted by councils nationwide after successful trials in the South East.

They incentivise firms to work on quieter roads or outside of rush hour, or even to collaborate with other companies to stop roads being dug up multiple times, to reduce the impact of roadworks on drivers. Pilot lane rental schemes in London and Kent have seen congestion on the busiest roads drop, saving drivers time and boosting the economy.

Transport Minister Jo Johnson said: "Drivers often see red when roadworks cause them delays, especially if no one is working on them."

"Lane rental has seen a massive drop in disruption to drivers as utility companies have changed when and where they carry out work. Now we want millions of motorists around England to get the same benefits."

The Department for Transport carried out a consultation into the scheme last year, and the majority of

those responding supported its rollout nationwide. Many said they wanted to take advantage of the "clear benefits" of lane rental schemes

RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said: "This is a very welcome announcement. Trials showed that some of the worst congestion caused by planned utility works in London was reduced by half on roads where lane rental was in operation, so rolling this out will extend the benefits nationwide."

"While motorists accept that some roadworks and congestion are unavoidable, lengthy and unnecessary queues are incredibly frustrating. RAC research suggests congestion on our roads and journey time reliability are growing concerns for motorists so introducing lane rental should encourage better planning and coordination of roadworks, and mean completion in a swifter, more efficient manner."

About 2.5 million roadworks are carried out each year, costing the economy £4 billion in increased costs to businesses through late employees or deliveries.

In London, utility companies have worked together more than 600 times since Lane Rental was introduced in 2015, up from just 100 beforehand.

ORGAN DONATION SHOWS WE MUST TALK WITH OUR LOVED ONES

The vote to change the laws surrounding organ donation has once again turned a spotlight on the vital issue of making our final wishes clear to loved ones.

The House of Commons vote to change organ donation laws in England to an opt-out system follows a public outcry over the fate of the 6,500 sick Brits on the transplant waiting list.

Around 1,100 families denied consent last year - many because they were unsure of their deceased relatives' wishes.

Now the man behind a direct cremation company shaking up the funeral industry is urging families to wake up to the importance of making their end-of-life plans known to loved ones.

Bryan Powell, who set up Pure Cremation with his wife Catherine, said: "When it comes to the uncomfortable subject of death we often don't know how to get the conversation started."

"More than two-thirds of us (67 per cent) say it's incredibly important that our final wishes are carried out after we die."

"Yet only a quarter of us tell our family about our wishes about organ donation consent and preferred funeral arrangements."

"Confusion over these things can lead to uncertainty,

family tension and even spark feuds at the worst possible time.

"The changes to organ donation consent highlight the importance of expressing your wishes before you go - giving more families the confidence they're doing the right thing when the time comes."

Prime Minister Theresa May and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn both backed the change in the law. Four in five people say they would donate their organs but less than half that number have registered.

A direct cremation is an alternative to a traditional funeral where the body is collected and cremated in the days immediately following the death, without a funeral service at the crematorium.

While traditional burials or cremations are often formal and follow a rigid formula, a direct cremation changes the dynamic by allowing families to go straight to the most meaningful bit - the wake.

Now families can take control, and take all the time they need to plan a more personal send-off when and where is right for them.

By ripping up the rulebook and taking a completely fresh approach, Pure Cremation is already beginning to transform the funeral sector.

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Saturday 10th	T.B.C.
Friday 16th	"The Hudson Sisters", Tickets £5 In aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group
Saturday 17th	Aycliffe Soul Club, £4 entry
Tuesday 20th	Kids Disco, 5pm-8pm, £1 entry
Friday 23rd	Rotary Club Big Gig with "Groovy Street" in aid of MRI Scanner Appeal, Tickets £7.50
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"Now if they are a new one for you too, make a point of getting to see them - you won't be disappointed. They didn't need gimmicks as the quality of playing was excellent, as was the sound quality. So a fantastic night with Rainbow, Free, Doobie Brothers "Long Train Running", Martha & the Muffins "Echo Beach" to name just a few. The crowd really appreciated them and I think you would too."

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Village School at Gala Theatre



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The short performance was one of 5 mini operas from various schools throughout the County Durham area. The aim of the event was to introduce opera to children, young people and adults in a fun, interactive and exciting way.

Freya and Mark, from Mahogany Opera Group, worked with the children in school for just 6 hours. They helped their acting skills and singing so that the children could move and sing like the characters in the opera – fish,

dodos, unicorns and hunters! On the day the children spent most of the day at the theatre rehearsing and watching the performances of the other schools.

The show was a sell-out. The auditorium was full of family and friends who thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Mr and Mrs Shaw (parents) said, "The performance was excellent."

New Head Teacher, Mrs Sutherland was very proud of the children. The children themselves also said that they had enjoyed the experience of performing on stage and hoped that they would have the opportunity to do something similar again in the future.
By Hannah Shaw, Isobel Welsh and Charlotte Bone.

Aycliffe UTC Receive Visit from Japanese Embassy



Last week colleagues from the Japanese Embassy visited the UTC South Durham with sponsor partner Hitachi Rail Europe. The college has a specialism of engineering and advanced manufacturing, raising the aspirations of the students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) vital to the UK economy. Staff and students were thrilled to welcome their visitors and colleagues from the embassy toured the UTC, meeting staff and students and tried out some of the engineering equipment.

The visitors met some of the next generation of engineers who would like to enter into the engineering sector. Year 10 and Year 12 students showed the visitors around the building and encouraged them to try some virtual welding! UTC South Durham is a state funded Technical School and College with a specialism in Engineering and Advanced Manufacture on Aycliffe Business Park.

Aycliffe's New Rector

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Christian, a wife/Mum/Grandma, a church leader, a lover of people, walking, sewing, knitting, reading, food, films and chocolate... and God's not finished with me yet!

You can find me at our four churches in Aycliffe, St. Andrew's Church, St. Francis' Church, St. Elizabeth's Church or St. Clare's Church, where you can find the Parish Office. I look forward to meeting you!

Rev. Ann Anderson.

Editor:

On behalf of residents of Great Aycliffe Newton News extends a warm welcome to Ann and her family. We hope they will be happy here and look forward to receiving the whole family into our community.

Where Section 106 Money Goes for School Aycliffe Development

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the following Information was sent to Heighington Parish Council on payment of Section 106 monies due to Darlington Borough Council from the building of 101 new houses at School Aycliffe Lane. The breakdown on the Section 106 money in relation to the development is summarised below.

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Newtonian Opens New Business Consultancy

Marie Robson has lived in Newton Aycliffe since 1976 and attended Woodham Comprehensive School. She began her career as a care assistant and ended up managing the care home. It was the first small care provider to achieve Investors in People in the North East and Marie attended many events as guest speaker with Business Link, promoting Investors in People to small businesses.

In her mid 20's she became the youngest postmistress in Britain on buying a small village post office near Bishop Auckland which she sold 3 years later when her first child Harry was born in 2000 followed by her daughter Millie in 2002.

Marie began volunteering for a local charity and was fortunate enough to be employed by them and spent 4 years gaining several promotions co-ordinating various community projects managing a team of staff and volunteers.

She achieved Level 5 in Leadership and Management and in 2016 decided to take a break to continue her studies full time. After completing a Business Management degree in May 2017 she was secured a Senior Management position for a healthcare organisation in Newcastle in charge of over 200 staff.

Unfortunately, only one week into the new post her daughter Millie was seriously injured in the Manchester Terror Attack and their family life was turned upside down. Millie needed several operations and spent two weeks in Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and then many more weeks



recovering at home.

"Commuting to Newcastle daily and working around appointments as well as the emotional turmoil my family have been through meant I had to rethink my career and family commitments. I owed it to the organisation who had been so supportive and accommodating to resign from my position", said Marie.

"This was a difficult thing to do as I have always worked hard but I had to find a role that could be flexible given that Millie still attends appointments both at James Cook Hospital and Manchester and will require future surgery."

"I decided to bring my 5 year plan of working for myself forward and have set up my own business consultancy MHM Guru. I have an office in the Blue Bridge Centre and will be providing businesses with tailored packages to suit their requirements.. Changing management, business development, internal communications, staff health & wellbeing are just some of the services I can offer. Please visit my website www.mhmguru.co.uk

co.uk" said Marie.

In addition to running her own company Marie wanted to use her years of health experience to provide a social support network for young people affected by trauma/ptsd. "Bee Happy 2gether" hopes to provide a wide range of activities such as trampolining, bowling, arts & crafts, horse riding, exercise classes, football, days out etc. to young people and their families.

Bee Happy 2gether received funding from Manchester Rotary Club and hope to receive further donations.

A company from Sheffield has donated a telephone system to enable Bee Happy 2gether to provide telephone support with the help of trained counsellors and volunteers. Anyone wanting further information can contact Marie: marie@beehappy2gether.org.uk

Marie said: "I wanted to show my children that no matter what life throws at us hard work and supporting others is the only way to be." Marie achieved a 2.1 BA (Hons Business Management Degree in June 2017 as she always enjoyed studying and learning new skills and been passionate supporting others whether in a business or caring capacity.

With her partner Anth she would like to thank family, friends and kind people of Newton Aycliffe for their continued support.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted to Help Elderly

Dear Sir,

Every week dozens of people across County Durham struggle to make it to GP appointments due to lack of transport. I am writing to appeal to local people to volunteer their time and driving skills to make a difference in their community.

Volunteer driving scheme, Help to Health, is funded by the local Clinical Commissioning Groups and is delivered by national charity Volunteering Matters, in partnership with Supportive. Many people rely on our volunteer driving schemes to help them get out and about and do everyday things that most of us take for granted. A routine appointment at the doctors can be complicated, if not impossible, for some people without the support of a volunteer driver.

Together we can assist with helping older people maintain their health, independence and reduce social isolation. Our drivers find it a rewarding way to spend their free time because they know they make a big difference to the lives of others.

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Monday's DCC Council meeting was very interesting (especially on housing). Please engage with the two important transport strategies affecting our town, and don't forget to support High Force. Minimum Unit Pricing of alcohol is also worth discussion. In the meantime, 8 March is International Women's Day, and 11 March is Mothering Sunday.

All this week's stories are on the internet and you can find out more about them on my blog here: bit.ly/CNB282

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- DCC Economy Scrutiny Committee, Monday 26 February (Housing & Homelessness, private sector housing, Investment Pipeline, Industrial Strategy White Paper).
- Council leader Simon Henig explains the 2018/19 budget.
- Two region-shaping transport consultations.
- Council newsbits from around the country.
- DCC Pest Control team

achieves European standard.

- PCVC Ron Hogg is calling for minimum unit pricing for alcohol.
- Durham Community Action February Newsletter.
- Aycliffe Angels online – a list of online information sites.
- Please help High Force win Landmark of the Year.

THINGS TO DO

- Incredible deals now available for families at Kynren.
- 'Hear My Voice' women's exhibition at Bishop Auckland Library.
- International Women's Day activities, Beamish Museum, 8 & 10 March.
- Durham Duck Race, Elvet Bridge, 2pm, Saturday 10 March.
- Powerful Pyramids (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 10 March.
- Make an Anglo-Saxon bracelet using a lucet weaver (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop-in 1-3pm, 10-11 March.

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AN AYCLIFFE FAMILY'S FOSTERING JOURNEY

Aycliffe couple, Mike and Marie Holton talked about the possibility of fostering for a long time, but once they made the decision they sat down with their children to discuss it with them and then the family as a whole. Fostering 100% needs to be a whole family decision as it will affect them all. They made initial enquiries and met with several IFA's (independent fostering organisation) and the Local Authority before choosing the Children's Family Trust to pursue their dream of fostering. The company ethos was fantastic, and as a not for profit charity they knew that their focus is about the children and Mike and Marie receive 24/7 support, 365 days per year. They also obtain ongoing specific training to the needs of the children they are caring for, and participation events where the children and carers get together to enjoy activities as well as the opportunity for carers to talk about their experiences



and any issues they may be facing. This support is invaluable for any carer, and the Trust even help with swimming lesson costs, driving lessons and rewards for great exam results which shows the children are truly at the heart of everything. Marie told Newton News: "Our birth children especially our young daughter, have been the biggest support; she had to share her parents, welcome children into her home and then say goodbye only to start again. It's been amazing to watch the unconditional love and patience they have all shown, plus our parents and extended family have also been a huge support. We also have the 'Staying Put' arrangement which means if the children in your care would like to stay on with you after their 18th birthday then this can be agreed by both the family and the young person. This is a huge reassurance for both parties as in a real family setting, who's ready to move out at 18?" Marie and Mike's journey from throughout the process was intense as their whole lives are laid bare starting with their own childhood, but this for them was reassuring as it was good to see such a robust selection procedure. They are now approaching their second year of fostering and couldn't be

happier. They have two amazing brothers who are settled, happy and thriving within the family. Marie said: "It feels great to make such a difference to children's lives with a great team supporting us. If you have thought about fostering, have a spare bedroom, drive, have time, patience, understanding and the ability to commit to a young person's life then please get in touch with us at The Children's Family Trust for a further discussion or attend an open day on Monday 26th March between 10:00-14:00." Telephone: 01388 779444

FLOWER DEMO

Calling all green-fingered gardeners - come 'Down the Garden Path' with Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday 5th March at 7.30pm in Shildon Civic Hall. Area Demonstrator, Pam Alexander from Morpeth, will take us 'Down the Garden Path' in a floriferously delightful evening of flower arranging, sure to be of interest to both gardeners and flower arrangers alike. All welcome, free to members, £5 for visitors.

Students Learn Consequences of Crime



Students at Greenfield College have been learning valuable lessons as part of Rights Respecting Day. Year 8 students across both the Aycliffe site and the Sunnysdale campus came together to learn more about choices and consequences in society and what it means to have your rights and freedom taken away from you in relation to crime and punishment. Students took part in a number of activities which brought home the effect of crime on both the victim and the criminals involved. 'Street Scene' gave an excellent demonstration of how petty crime such as 'breach of the peace' and 'drunk and disorderly' can impact upon society. Students were given the chance to participate in role play acting out scenarios in a light-hearted setting that achieved valuable results as students appreciated the effect on the victims, police time and ultimately the perpetrators. Visitors from 'Prison Me No Way' made a real impression on students as they were able to access their mobile prison cell and learn about the conditions and consequence of criminal activities. Inhabiting the small space and sparse interior was particularly enlightening and volunteers from 'Prison Me No Way' were on hand to explain the daily routines of prisoners and answer the many questions raised by students. Students were also able to hear about the experience of prisoners first-hand as individuals spoke sincerely about the poor choices they had made in the past and the consequence of their actions. Students engaged well and were able to ask appropriate questions. There were also sessions on hate crime and harassment and courtroom drama as students played out scenarios in a magistrates court. The day was a great success with students gaining a broad base of knowledge about the consequence of crime. A big thank you to all of our visitors who led the sessions throughout the day.



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DID YOU KNOW!!

- Heighington Pre-School recently got OUTSTANDING in their latest Ofsted inspection.
- The recent Ofsted inspector reported that the "teaching is inspirational", "The children show overwhelming levels of respect and consideration for each other" and "they show readiness for starting School earlier than expected as they are resilient and well prepared".
- They offer 15 hours funding however you can use your 30 hours funding and split them with an alternative setting or childminder.
- They currently have vacancies which can also be used by children outside of the Heighington area.
- Heighington Pre-School is a registered charity; the staff and the committee work really hard organising events and activities to raise extra money to provide children with additional learning opportunities.

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Dog Lovers Help Change & Enrich Lives



Dog sitters, Barking Mad Durham, are asking fellow dog lovers to join them in helping to change lives. The dog holiday specialists have officially partnered with 'Dogs for Good', a life transforming charity which creates partnerships between people living with disability and specially trained assistance dogs. Joanne of Durham enthused: "We are so proud to announce that 'Dogs for Good' is Barking Mad's chosen charity for 2018! Dogs for Good train assistance dogs to support adults and children with a wide range of disabilities and also children with autism, in order to enrich and improve lives. This is particularly relevant to the work which we undertake with our own dog sitting Host Community. We offer the opportunity to care for someone else's dog whilst its owners are away and through this initiative, we witness the amazing difference that canine companions can make in terms of improving social

interaction and fitness every day."

Cathryn Simpson, Corporate Partnerships Manager for Dogs for Good said, "We're absolutely delighted to be working with Barking Mad in 2018, there's obvious synergy between the two organisations in respect of the dogs but more importantly the ethos of both organisations is closely matched and this is important to ensure a successful partnership. Thank you to everyone for getting involved!"

How can you get involved? Barking Mad Durham's ultimate wish would be to raise enough money to fund the training of a Dogs for Good puppy and would really appreciate your help! Throughout 2018 they plan to hold fundraising events and would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved. Jo can be contacted on 0191 5805111 email Joanne.Hewitt@barkingmad.uk.com and www.barkingmad.uk.com/franchisees/durham/ to find out more.

ACORN R.A. MEETING

Our March meeting will be held on Thursday 8th at 6pm at the Phoenix Club upstairs. Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us for a chat.

We usually have local Councillors who will help out if at all possible with any council issues you may have. We have a trip to York on Saturday 24th March - cost £5 per person. Ring 01325 321471 if you would like to book a seat.

Our popular trip to Whitby on the Goth weekend in April is sold out already. Our next event will be the Petting Zoo which this year will be on Saturday 7th April. Entrance £1 per person. Under 2 year old free.

We will be having Animal Story and Crazy Creatures visit us along with Jet and Ben and several other side events. Pay at the door on the day. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and community events.

Time to Check Moles on your Skin

The British Skin Foundation is urging the public to check their loved ones moles! Whether it's your boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse, friend or family – take the time to check for changes in moles.

Things to look for include:

- Moles that are growing or changing shape
- Moles that are developing new colours
- Moles that are inflamed, bleeding, or red around the edges
- Moles that are particularly itchy or behaving unusually.

Dr Bav Shergill, Consultant Dermatologist and British Skin Foundation trustee explains "Most skin cancers can be cured if detected early. The best way to detect skin cancer is to check your skin regularly, about once a month. You should examine the skin all over your body from top to toe. Ask a friend or member of your family to look at areas you can't see such as your scalp, ears and back." The most recent Office for National Statistics report on melanoma skin cancer in England found:

- There has been an increase in melanoma skin cancer diagnosis from 1995-2014
- Over half of newly diagnosed skin cancer cases are in people aged 60 and over.
- But it also affects younger people – in 2014, skin cancer was the second most common type of cancer diagnosed for 15 to 49 year olds.
- Men are more likely to get skin cancer.
- Early diagnosis of skin cancer results in higher survival.

Enjoyable Visit to Loco Museum



Written by Year 3 pupils from St. Mary's Primary.

On 20th February Y3 pupils from St. Mary's visited Locomotion in Shildon. We were driven there by Neville from J and C Coaches. The purpose of the visit was to start our topic looking at famous people, focusing on those who lived in the North-East.

A very kind lady called Claire met us and our first activity involved handling some very old objects, such as a Davy Lamp and some

old tools. We also looked at some photographs of George Stephenson's house and the room he lived in. We had some questions to discuss about these photographs and objects.

Next involved a role play where we re-enacted the first train journey on the Darlington to Stockton Railway, learning some exciting facts about George Stephenson. We were put into two groups and had to imagine we were doing the train journey from Shildon, to Darlington and then on to Stockton. We wore hats, waved flags, and had signs to hold, showing each destination. It was great fun!

After this we did a craft activity where we had to create our own paper train of the George Stephenson

Locomotion.

We had to cut out train parts, colour them in and stick them together as they were on a train. We had worked so hard it was now lunch time so we enjoyed relaxing for a little while before we were to start on our afternoon investigation trail.

In the afternoon we did a Treasure Trail where we had to look at the pictures that were on the sheet and try to locate them in different places around the museum. Also we got to explore inside a couple of the trains, finding out exciting facts. We were divided into 3 groups for this activity, one with Mr. Bowden, one with Miss Wise and the other with Mrs Brown. It was great fun exploring the different parts of the museum and finding where all of the pictures were found in the museum.

Sadly, we came to the end of our adventure, but when we got back to school, Mrs Brown gave us a goody bag that included crayons, a rubber, ruler, pencil, badge, and some colouring activities.

Some of our class had never visited the museum before and will definitely go again. If you have not already visited the museum, give it a go! You will have fun and the best part is, it's free!

Here are some quotes on thoughts of the day....

"I thought this trip was amazing."

"Inside the trains were amazing."

"I loved finding out about George Stephenson."

"I enjoyed learning about the history of the trains and George Stephenson."

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HRA Trip to Newcastle Dogs



Last Saturday Horndale Residents' Association arranged a trip Newcastle Dogs where everyone enjoyed the night with good food and good company. Imogen and Sophie Johnson celebrated their birthday and are pictured with the winning dog of our race The Horndale Stakes.

Our next meeting is this Wednesday 7th March starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45, Greenfield Arts Centre.

Our guest speakers will be Simon Day and Jane Johnson from County Durham and Tees Valley Rescue Mission. They will talk about their vital work raising awareness about modern day slavery, supporting those who have been rescued from slavery, they also focus on the homeless and substance misuse.

Modern day slavery is closer than we would all like to think and this work is vital in combating it. So if you want to find out more please join us and see and hear about their work.

Philip Clark, Chairman

Aycliffe's Front Line NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By P.C. John Lamb



Hello everyone, greetings from Durham Police. My name is PC 2056 John Lamb, and I'm a newly appointed beat officer very recently posted to Newton Aycliffe. Prior to this however I've been a front line response cop for many years, a good deal of which was spent in the town so I'm looking forward to being reacquainted with old haunts.

I had a few things planned for my first article in Newton News, however looking at the incident logs and the weather reports today (Wednesday 28th, as I write this prior to publication) the snow is of course causing a great deal of disruption. Based on my experience of the roads from a police officer's point of view, whenever there's bad weather the accidents increase markedly.

Please please increase your following distance behind other cars in bad weather – something as basic as dropping back by a few car lengths can save injury, bent metal and the nightmare of navigating a disputed insurance claim. As a general rule, a gap of around 3 seconds will suffice for most speeds (although you may wish to increase this in particularly bad weather). Try it, and see. You will notice you can still maintain the same speed, just with a far safer distance between you and the car in front.

And please make sure to clear all your windows of snow before driving off – it's amazing how many cars we see driving about with mirrors and rear windows left untouched. Hand in hand with the snow of course comes the thorny issue of anti-social behaviour, and what can be done about it.

In looking at some of the repeat problems on the town, I notice that on occasion people make use of off-road quads and motorcycles in public parkland and are then surprised when a ticket or warning notice results.

Please be aware that there are places you can use recreational vehicles of all kinds, but it's illegal and dangerous to use them on pavements or residential greenbelt.

Often police are criticised for taking action by owners describing the activity as harmless, but it's important to bear in mind that a) quad bike collisions with pedestrians do happen, sometimes resulting in serious injury and b) it's illegal, so when it's reported to police we are directed to take action. There's really only a very small minority of people that use these vehicles anti-socially, but once police arrive social media comes alive with 'police spoil harmless fun' comments. It may seem harmless at the time, but if somebody was hurt the rider concerned would really which they'd left it in the garage.

We can all help each other with anti-social behaviour of all kinds, just by employing a little courtesy and thought. As we head towards the warmer weather, being observant and doing such things as taking a moment to look out of our windows as we close the curtains at night really can help keep our neighbourhoods safer.

If you see illegal activity taking place or behaviour that is likely to lead to such and require police assistance, please include as detailed a description of those responsible as you can. If they've run off, then please report in which direction. If you'd rather not have police officers arrive at your house and cause potential embarrassment, just tell the call operator and we won't.

If you'd rather report something completely anonymously, then just explain this to the police control room and we won't press you for who you are. And remember if it's not an emergency then you'll find the 101 number is just as quick to connect.

In closing, after speaking recently with the Newton News staff I've been listening to the very excellent Aycliffe Radio (the app for which is newly available). I understand the police will soon be recording some material for broadcast (not hugely pretentious ten minute guitar solos, don't worry) which we will endeavour to make interesting and informative for all.

I'm very much looking forward to meeting people in town, but I've been asked by all of the Aycliffe beat team to thank you all for your continued support that we absolutely could not operate without.

Stay safe
John.

PEST CONTROL TEAM ACHIEVES EUROPEAN STANDARD

Bed bugs, rats, cockroaches, fleas and weevils – they deal with them all on a daily basis. And now Durham County Council's pest control team has become only the fourth in the country at a local authority to do so to a prestigious European standard.

The service, which can also be tasked to tackle mice, wasps, moles, squirrels and flies, has achieved Confederation of European Pest Management Associations (CEPA) Certified status.

The status means that the team meets 'EN 16636,' the European quality standard for pest management services.

Compliance was confirmed in an inspection by independent technical experts who examined the team's knowledge, operational practices and record keeping.

Mark Farren, the council's pest control manager, said: "We're delighted



that the inspectors recognised the quality of the service we provide.

"Our aim is to protect both residents and businesses from the health risks associated with pests. This award shows we are doing that and that we are at the cutting edge for councils in the UK when it comes to pest management."

Pest control is not a service the council has to provide under law. It provides the service to residents for a one-off fee of £40 per infestation.

Appointments can be arranged online at www.durham.gov.uk/pestcontrol or by calling 03000 260000.

Businesses can request a free, no obligation survey which would identify works they would be charged for, by calling 03000 262550 or emailing: pestcontrol@durham.gov.uk They can also find out more about services the team offers to companies including annual prevention and monitoring contracts and site proofing works.

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Aycliffe Craft Company Rises in SME Export List

North-East-based craft retailer, Crafter's Companion, has ranked at number 31 in this year's Sunday Times Lloyds SME Export Track 100 list, after experiencing 72% year-on-year growth in export sales.

One of just four North-East companies to make the list, the Durham-based business has grown significantly from a small start-up into a global enterprise, now exporting to 32 countries worldwide across Europe, Africa, Australia and North and South America.

Having been listed at number 52 last year, the company jumped to spot 31 in the 2018 list, and expects export growth to continue, particularly in the US and Germany, over the coming years.

Company founder Sara Davies MBE said: "We're absolutely delighted to be listed once again for Sunday Times Lloyds SME Export Track 100. To move up by such a substantial jump is a real achievement for us and is tribute to the hard work of our teams across the UK, Europe and US.

"We expect to see continued export growth driven by product innovation, greater brand visibility and increasing consumer demand. Hopefully we can act as a catalyst, along with the other companies listed, for greater export from the North East to the rest of the world."



The annual Sunday Times Lloyds SME Export Track 100 league recognises the 100 small and medium-sized (SME) companies in Britain with the fastest-growing international sales over the previous three years.

Founded in 2005 by award-winning entrepreneur Sara, Crafter's Companion has enjoyed continued growth with the company's export sales increasing by an average of 94% each year, rising to £10.3 million in 2017.

Crafter's Companion currently employs more than 100 staff across the UK, selling products online, through its own outlets and independent retailers, and regularly presenting workshops and demonstrations in store and on TV shopping channels in the UK, US and Germany.

For further information about Crafter's Companion, visit www.crafterscompanion.co.uk.

co.uk. The full Sunday Times Lloyds SME Export track 100 list is due to be published on 25th February 2018 and can be found at www.fasttrack.co.uk

Handel's "Messiah"

Bishop Auckland Choral Society will be performing the Messiah by G.F. Handel at Hetton-le-Hole Methodist Church on Union Street on Saturday March 17th.

The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra, and led by Venera Bojkova. Tickets are available from Jim Murray, 07809 741151, or at the door on the night of the performance, priced £8, or £6 concessionary.

HOW TO STOP YOUR CAR BEING STOLEN

Around 85,000 car thefts took place in the UK during 2017 and car thefts have risen by 30%* over the last three years. To highlight the importance of vehicle safety, car leasing specialist Leasing Options, collaborated with BBC's "Beat the Burglar" and Channel 4's "Going Straight" security expert Michael Fraser to provide tips on how to keep your car safe from burglars.

PARKING IN PUBLIC

Whether you like to park right by the door or avoid those pesky bollards, always park facing the wall in public car parks. This will minimise the chance of thieves making a quick getaway in your car. If they have to reverse, it will slow them down and they will be less likely to take the risk. Always turn your car wheels into the curb.

Surprisingly, a simple technique of stopping thieves from taking your vehicle is turning your wheels into the curb or towards another vehicle. This makes it really difficult for a thief to make a getaway in your car as they would have to make more maneuvers.

KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT

Although we are always reminded to keep our personal belongings out of sight in our cars, many of us forget to hide them away. Having visible items in your car shows thieves exactly what you have to steal and suggests there may be more items that are worth taking.

Don't leave your handbag or keys near your front door. Did you know that the latest technique used by criminals to steal cars is letterbox fishing? Letterbox fishing is where thieves put a pole through a letterbox to pull over your handbag and take your keys. The burglar then has the opportunity to take your car and let themselves into your home. Always keep your handbag or keys away from ground level doors, ideally, you should leave them on the first floor or above.

FACE YOUR CAR TOWARDS THE HOUSE

After a long day away from home, the way you park is the last thing on your mind. When you arrive at home most people tend to reverse on to their drive to make it easier for them to leave the house. However, doing this makes it easier for someone to take your car from your driveway. Make sure you park facing your house and don't forget to lock your wheels too.

CHANGE YOUR HABITS

Have you ever stopped to think about how often you go about the same routine each day? It's very easy to slip into

habits but doing the same thing each day will make you an easy target for burglars. Consider switching the way you park and where you leave your items every five days to make it harder for criminals to guess your next move.

KEEP IT CLEAR

Were you aware that windscreen marks are indicators to thieves that your car is worth stealing? Remove any wiring, Sat Nav mounts and marks from your windscreen before leaving the car. The suction mark from a Sat Nav is a sign that you have left valuables in your vehicle.

It may also sound crazy, but having a tidy car can fend off thieves as it shows that you take your car and its security seriously. If the car is untidy or has any items visible – it generally shows that the person is unorganised and they have something in the car to be taken.

ALWAYS TAKE A LOOK AROUND

Believe it or not, taking a look around as soon as you leave the car can potentially deter thieves. It shows any potential thieves watching that you're aware of your surroundings, as well as appearing to be security conscious.

Mike Thompson, brand manager at Leasing Options, said: "Michael has provided some great insight into how to avoid car theft, highlighting points that many of us probably did not know until now. We're hoping that our research highlights the extent of car theft in the UK and the importance of taking extra time to ensure vehicle safety."

Security expert, Michael Fraser, said: "Car burglaries are a regular occurrence in cities at this time of year and many people are unknowingly putting their cars at risk by not taking the correct precautions.

"Leaving cars in unsecure areas, such as dark car parks or under trees with no lighting, makes it easier for thieves to steal the vehicle and they know they are less likely to get caught on security camera footage.

"Members of the public could also be unaware that high valuable technology inside vehicles won't be covered on car insurance policies, unless the driver has made the insurance provider aware of the items being left in the car. "Unfortunately police forces don't currently have enough resource to follow up on car theft crimes or home burglaries. These crimes are constantly being pushed down the list of priorities."

Information on how to keep your car safe, visit: <https://www.leasingoptions.co.uk/news/blog/dont-give-thieves-an-easy-ride-keep-your-car-safe-this-winter/4753>

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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. **Tuesday 6th March** Martin Smiles, the manager of Newton Aycliffe Youth U14's Hawks football team. Ben Potts will also give his weekly report on Newton Aycliffe FC's latest game(s). **Text your sport question for Darren, Lee or their guest(s) to 07512 253333**

WEDNESDAY 8-10pm - Join Gary and Alby with their weekly Alternative Aycliffe Show.

THURSDAY 8-10pm - Graeme Roote gives a mix of some of the best dance tracks in his show entitled "BeatRoote".

FRIDAY 8-10pm: Friday 2nd March Owen Dickinson will present his monthly politics show with guests Cllr. John Clare and Cllr. Scott Durham discussing Credit Unions, Constitutions, Universal Credit and the latest news, as well as answering questions from the listeners. **Friday 9th March** Andy Little from Spain returns with his 80s Show **Text your question for Owen or his guests to 07512 253333**

SUNDAY 6-8pm: The Xcel Centre present a pre-recorded sermon from the church. Join the lively congregation with a selection of songs.

SATURDAY 2-4pm: Local group **Metis** join Aycliffe radio for a regular Saturday afternoon session with guests, banter and requests. Don't forget Saturday night is all about the Dance Music: The Doctor will be in the house from 6 to 8pm with his mix of Dance Anthems followed by OZDJ with his eclectic mix of classic house tracks. MC Supa will play a bit of dirty grime, garage and drum 'n' bass from 10 to midnight, followed by a repeat of Alternative Aycliffe from midnight.

REGULARLY UPDATED SCHEDULE: Check our website for regular updates to the schedule. Lots more new shows covering many genres... something to suit everyone. **Send your request or dedication to info@ayclifferadio.co.uk or text 07512 253333**

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MONDAY

6-7pm 70s Hour - Peter Rush
7-8pm Paul Gittins "80s Reminiscing"
8-10pm UK Number Ones

TUESDAY

6-8pm Sports Round Up - Darren & Lee
Sponsored by Honest John
6th Mar - Martin Smiles - Football Coach

WEDNESDAY

10-12noon Kent Collective - Daz Kent + Wellersday
8-10pm Alternative Aycliffe - Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

6-8pm Best of the 80s
8-10pm BeatRoote with Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

6-8pm PVR Studio House Mix
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
2nd Mar - Owen Dickinson local Politics
9th Mar - Andy Little (from Spain)

SATURDAY

8-11am Kitchen Floor Fillers
11-12noon Kent Collective
12-1pm Honest John - With the Beatles Pt 3
2-4pm "Metis" take over Aycliffe Radio
4-6pm School Disco
6-8pm Dance Anthems - The Doctor
8-10pm Dance Mix - OZ-DJ
10-12midnight Garage/Indie/Drum 'n' Bass - MC Supa
After midnight Alternative Aycliffe (by demand Repeat)

SUNDAY

12-2pm Sports Round Up with Daz & Lee
6-8pm Church Service (from the Xcel Centre)

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Two Important Local Traffic Consultations

Two consultations have been published recently which will hugely impact on our local transport system and economic growth. One of the biggest things holding back our local economy is our transport infrastructure, and its underfunding (£855 per person) compared to London (£4,155 per person). So you may wish to check out these latest proposals, and comment.

THE FIRST CONSULTATION

(ends 19 March) identifies a 'Major Roads Network', to be preferentially maintained from a separate government funding stream. Whilst it will undoubtedly be beneficial to ensure that our core transport network is as well-maintained as possible, I worry that – because the proposals use existing traffic flow and settlement size to define the main road network – the proposed network will simply embed the current overemphasis of transport spending in the south-east.

THE SECOND CONSULTATION

(response required before 17 April) concerns Transport for the North's new 'Strategic Transport Plan'. The Plan says that improving the transport infrastructure in the north could grow the economy by £100 billion a year and, wonderfully, Newton Aycliffe finds itself at the hub of three of the proposals:

- (1) 'Connecting the Energy Coasts' (improved east-west links) mentions the A66, but we need to lobby also to ensure it includes the A690 and A689, and the North Darlington Bypass.
- (2) 'East Coast to Scotland'

(north-south rail links up the east coast) seeks better freight provision, and improvements to stations, line speed and capacity, but we need to lobby for the Rail Freight Interchange at Forrest Park, and the Leamside Line.

(3) 'Yorkshire to Scotland' (north-south road links) – we need to press hard for improvements to the A19, for the A1M to be three-lane to Newcastle, and for improvements to the A167 and A68.

Funding for all this is flaky ... so it needs our engagement and support all the more!

GETTING INVOLVED

You can find links to the full documents and how to respond, on my councillor's blog at: bit.ly/NNHTC

Hitachi Intercity Express Train Tested in Inverness

A new Intercity Express train has arrived in Inverness depot for the first time this Wednesday ahead of improving passenger journeys when they enter service later this year.

The Hitachi-built train at Aycliffe, which will offer customers more seats, space and improved on-board technology, is doing test runs in Scotland and giving depot staff the chance to familiarise themselves with the train.

A £5 million investment has been made at the Inverness depot, by Hitachi Rail through the government-led Intercity Express Programme, to allow the trains to be serviced and maintained using modern technology, this in turn will mean more reliable, delay-free journeys for passengers. The new train, which draws from world leading Japanese bullet train technology, is the first of a fleet of 65 Intercity Express trains that will run from Inverness and Aberdeen, via Edinburgh, to London.

The trains will offer customers far more seats – with up to 81 extra per train – as well as more legroom and space for luggage and bicycles.

Passengers will also benefit from new on-board technology, including faster Wi-Fi, and a traffic-light style seat reservation system. In a first for a UK passengers, the Intercity Express trains, which are already in operation on the Great Western Mainline, are a hybrid. They can run on either electric or diesel power, meaning they are both more flexible and better for the environment.

Under electric power the trains will produce no emissions and have a maximum speed of 125mph. Yet, even in diesel mode, harmful emissions, like PM10 and NOx, will be reduced by up to 90%, compared to older trains (like the 40 year-old HST). Hitachi Rail's wider investment in Scotland The new trains and depot infrastructure are being

built as part of the UK Government-led £5.7bn Intercity Express Programme that is also supported by Hitachi's investment in their £82m purpose-built factory at Newton Aycliffe, County Durham.

A further £20 million is being invested in depots across Scotland, at sites including Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Inverness, to maximise the reliability of trains for passengers.

This will see upskilling of depot staff and the installation of new technology to allow the trains to be maintained and serviced in Scotland for 27½ years.

The move will also see around 300 people employed in depots in across the country and a renewed focus on bringing new talent into the industry.

The Intercity Express trains that are due to run on the East Coast Main Line are just one of three different fleets that Hitachi is building for Scotland.

There are also 70 Class 385 electric commuter trains, which will run between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and 19 Transpennine Express trains that will connect Northern England with major cities in Scotland.

Andy Rogers, Intercity Express Programme Director, at Hitachi Rail said:

"We've beaten the snow and the so-called 'beast from the east', with the train completing its test run from Edinburgh to Inverness successfully."

"Having the train at the depot, with its new £5m investment, is an important milestone for the project and it means the start of service is a step closer for people in Scotland."

"Later this year, trains will make it easier and more pleasant for passengers to travel around the country, boosting leisure journeys, connectivity and local economies."

Rail Minister Jo Johnson said: "We are investing in the biggest modernisation of our railways since the Victorian era to give passengers what they want – more frequent services and quicker journeys."

"The new state-of-the-art Intercity Express fleet provide more space, more comfort and more reliability for passengers on the East Coast Line when they are introduced later this year, with 65 new trains and nearly 500 new carriages running between London and Scotland. These trains are part of the £5.7bn Intercity Express Programme that will bring in modern faster trains across the country."

Shine Welcome for Rector



The brilliant SHINE CHOIR welcomed the newly appointed Rector of the Parish of Great Aycliffe, the Reverend Ann Anderson and her husband Jeff, at her Licensing Service held on Sunday 25th February. Ann joins Reverend Elizabeth in serving the community, alongside a strong team of lay people.

The service was led by the Bishop of Jarrow, Mark Bryant with clergy representing the diocese

attending. Local civic dignitaries were also represented and the Town Mayor Wendy Hillary welcomed Ann warmly. SHINE CHOIR sang the moving worship song 'This is Amazing Grace' and the children, aged from 5 - 14 years of age, had also taken the time to learn to sign the song. It was an amazing performance and was received with joy from the large congregation. and everyone enjoyed

a magnificent Faith Tea afterwards - especially the cake!

SHINE CHOIR will next perform at the Daffodil Coffee Morning to be held in St. Clare's Hall on Saturday 10th March at 10am. Please come along to support them and you can also enjoy delicious bacon buns, tea, coffee and cake. There will be a raffle and plenty of home-made produce to tempt you. We hope to see you there.

Film Show

"CARMEN JONES"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 6th MARCH features the drama "CARMEN JONES" Starring Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge and Pearl Bailey.

This contemporary version of Bizet's opera, adapted to the screen, has modern lyrics to the original songs. It is set in an American army camp and is the first film ever to have a completely African-American cast. If opera isn't your thing don't be put off, this isn't high-brow stuff. EVERYONE IS WELCOME Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm.

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SCHEME TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE #Motiv8ed

Workshops to empower young people has been launched by a local charity. #Motiv8ed is a programme developed by Tees Valley YMCA to support agencies in Darlington that are working with young people, particularly those in need of early help and intervention and those at risk. Staff will provide a range of workshops and activities to improve the prospects of young people and steer them away from negative behaviours. The scheme draws on the strengths and skills of young people to help them navigate some of the challenges they may face, and to help tackle past experiences of trauma, family breakdown, homelessness and exclusion. The skills they learn will also enable them to become more resilient to any challenges

they face in the future. A similar scheme is currently running in the wider Tees Valley area, and has received positive feedback from those who have taken part. Matthew Connolly, pastoral intervention co-ordinator at Acklam Grange School, said: "We ran anger management sessions with our most challenging pupils and the level of engagement from them was a pleasant surprise to all the staff involved. "Most pupils have said they have implemented the strategies suggested in daily life and feel they are able to manage their emotions better." It is anticipated that the Darlington programme will support 400 children and young people in its first year. Tees Valley YMCA

has provided supported accommodation for young people since 1993, as well as offering community-based services across the region. For more information on the #Motiv8ed service, contact Tees Valley YMCA on 01325 462452 or visit www.ymcateesvalley.org.uk Twitter: @ymca_TeesValley



'On Wednesday 7th March Tony Nicholson will speak to Aycliffe Village Local History Society on 'The Battle of the Tees' in Aycliffe Village Hall At 7.30pm. All welcome members £1 non members £3 includes tea/coffee/biscuits.' Enquiries 01325 301093.

Strong Ryhope Beat Aycliffe



Craig Hutchinson scoring Aycliffe's second goal

Aycliffe's recent run of good form came to an end away to Ryhope Colliery Welfare. The home side clinched a 3-2 win with an injury time winner, but the margin could have been larger, as they missed several good chances. Ryhope started the stronger and nearly took the lead on 14 minutes when a shot narrowly missed the goal. A minute later they took the lead when Aycliffe failed to clear their lines and Ryhope winger Ellis shot past James Winter. Aycliffe then had a good spell in the game. A Kurt Matthews header brought a good save from the home keeper on 26 minutes. Then Craig Hutchinson and Thibault Charmey both got shots away.

They pulled level on 33 minutes when the Ryhope centre half misjudged a header, releasing Hutchinson who finished well in the corner. The lead only lasted three minutes, as a cross from the left found its way to Ellis, who put a unstoppable shot in the top corner. Ryhope were on top, but Aycliffe pulled themselves back into the match just before the break when Jordan Jewson beat two men and crossed for Aycliffe man-of-the-match Hutchinson to head in for his second. Half-time 2-2. Ryhope dominated the second half and hit the bar on 64 minutes. They went on to miss several good chances, as Aycliffe rode their luck. That luck ran out in injury

time, as slack marking allowed Ellis to claim a hat-trick and the three points. Final score 3-2. MOTM : Craig Hutchinson. Upcoming fixtures are Washington at home on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm, followed by Consett at home on Saturday 3rd March at 3pm.

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Andrew Lumley, in his first Tees trail outing was first home for the club, 44th in 23 :21. Not far behind and getting back to form was Susan Milburn, 47th in 24:16 and 1st F/55. Next to finish was Jane Burnside, 88th in 30:09, followed by Ray Todd, 108th in 34:53. His best time in the series so far.

AYCLIFFE ICE HOCKEY STARS SELECTED FOR ENGLAND



Two highly promising prospects from Newton Aycliffe have been selected to represent England in Ice Hockey. Finley Bradon and Gregor Mills were selected for the Under 13 team after taking part in a demanding trial process which featured over 50 players from all over the country. Finley plays his club ice hockey for Billingham Stars and Gregor plays for Bradford Bulldogs. As pictured, Finley and Gregor are already teammates for the Northern Conference, which selects the best players from throughout Northern England to play competitive games against other regions in the UK. The duo will make their England debuts when they travel to Bratislava, Slovakia in April, taking part in a highly intensive development camp with competitive games against teams from Austria, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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Aycliffe's Heavy Defeat Against League Leaders

Aycliffe's First Rugby XV suffer a heavy defeat at the hands of promotion favourites, Acklam. The First XV travelled to Teesside and to league leaders and all but certain league winners, Acklam. Given the difference in recent form, there was little expectation on Aycliffe, and missing a few key players the First XV were free to be a bit more creative with their rugby. The game started poorly, as has so often been the tale this season for the First XV, with Acklam crossing within the first minute, a mismatch in numbers in the Aycliffe defensive line forcing players to come in and cover tackle, leaving Aycliffe's winger man

for man on the outside centre, giving the home winger a clear run in. The only positive for the visitors was the home side's kicker who was unable to convert, keeping it to seven. Instead of shaking off and numbering up, Aycliffe continued to play the same defensive shape, gifting the overlap to Acklam, three more times in quick succession. There were some positives to be taken from the defensive performance, with individual tackles from Ben Walton who returned to the 9 shirt for the first time this year, James Thacker and Jeff Hodgson all showing real intent, their efforts were not enough to stem the flow of tries

as a further three came in the following fifteen minutes, all of which were converted. The record remained unchanged for the remainder of the first half, as time and again Aycliffe found themselves outnumbered on the wing, or individual missed tackles allowed the home side to cut through and cross. The many Aycliffe fans who had made the trip across, headed into the bar at half time in search of a strong drink, and fearing a cricket score was to come. Half Time: Acklam RFC 55 – 0 Newton Aycliffe First XV. Aycliffe returned to the field almost a different

team, no changes had been made, but the attitude of the squad that began the second half was the polar opposite of the half that had preceded it. Despite spending the first fifteen minutes of the half in complete control and almost exclusively in the Acklam half, Aycliffe failed to execute at the last stages of their attacks, either giving penalties or ceding possession through poor ball control, which saw Acklam go the full length twice, taking them to almost seventy to nil. However, the visitors reapplied the pressure, forcing the defence back through hard carries from the whole squad,

with centres pairing with flankers and locks with wingers, all carrying hard to make well earned metres and press on towards the white line. On the five-metre line Aycliffe lost possession to a questionable turnover, but managed to regain control as inside centre Lewis Stephens read the play, taking the intercept and crossing to give Aycliffe their first points of the game and deserved degree of pride. Acklam struck again twice, profiting from poor one-up tackling and crossing twice to take them over eighty

points. Despite a further few good phases of attacking play, Aycliffe were unable to capitalise and take any further points.

Full Time: Sedgfield RFC 81 – 5 Newton Aycliffe First XV

This result sees Aycliffe remain second bottom, tied on points with demotion rivals Winalton Vulcans, and four points behind Richmond but with a game in hand to both. Richmond also lost their fixture, and given their much tougher run of games to the end of the season, may see the First XV leapfrog them and stay up in DN2.

Chaplains' Special Church Service

The chaplains at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust invite parents living with a pregnancy loss or the death of a baby the opportunity to gather to remember their child at a forthcoming service.

The Service will be held on Wednesday 7 March 2018, at St. Cuthbert's Church, North Road, Durham, starting at 7.00pm. Kevin Tromans, lead chaplain at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "These services of remembrance and thanksgiving are for anyone who has been affected by this very sad experience, including wider families and regardless of whether the loss was recent or in the more distant past.

During the service the names of the babies to be remembered will be read, and there will be opportunity for families to light candles in memory of their babies. We hold services regularly and anyone wanting to find out more is invited to telephone the Durham Chaplaincy office on 0191 333 2183."



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The introduction of the NHS at midnight on 4 July 1948 was a hugely ambitious plan, but one that revolutionised how everyone in the UK received healthcare. Whilst it may be easy to moan about long waiting times and delays, free healthcare is a luxury and gives us much to celebrate. In the last 70 years the NHS has helped to dramatically reduce childhood illnesses and death through immunisation programmes, has increased life expectancy, and has been responsible for some of the most important studies, clinical trials and research in modern medicine. And if that doesn't convince you, The Department for Health says the average daily cost of a hospital bed is £400 per day. Start factoring in other things like hospital maintenance, IT infrastructure, communications, equipment, and staffing and it is likely to cost a lot more.

BREATHE EASY
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such as gas.

These days vehicle emissions and congestion take centre stage, but the premise is still the same – to keep air clean and the environment around us healthy. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' annual budget of £2.2 billion also goes towards supporting the rural economy including food, farming and the water we drink.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

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WELFARE OR UNFAIR?

It may be a divisive subject, but contrary to what many people might believe, a welfare state helps to improve overall health, education, employment and social security. And whilst many will argue it cultivates a culture of dependency, research undertaken by The Joseph Rowntree Foundation in 2013 found that there was

no evidence of a generational culture of worklessness amongst claimants. It has also been found that reductions in benefits and tax credits results in many of the most vulnerable people in society being forced to make cut backs to essentials and, in some of the worst cases, falling into serious poverty. This has an overall effect on the economy and puts more pressure on services such as the NHS. In fact, figures show that countries operating as a welfare state are some of the

most economically stable in the world.

TAX PLANNING, NOT TAX EVASION

Whilst there are many positives to paying tax, no system is perfect. There will always be question marks over how efficiently taxpayers' money is being used, no matter how it is allocated. Of course, no one wants to pay more tax than they need to; the key is to keep taxes fair for everyone through legal tax planning that is both effective and ethical.

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The stuff we throw away can damage the environment but now an expert has offered his top seven smart tips to reduce home waste. Harsha Rathnayake, founder of national waste clearance service Junk Hunters says planning meals ahead and investing in long-term items such as

re-usable bags and batteries are just some of the things you can do to lessen your rubbish load.

He says: "Adopting small changes over time can reduce the amount of waste you generate at home and have a really positive impact on the environment. "As a business, we collect

so much waste that's improperly recycled and if everyone was aware of the consequences of their actions on the environment they would rethink how they live and what they do with their rubbish.

"We've compiled a list of simple changes that anyone can make to their lifestyle to ensure a step in the right direction towards a healthier environment."

1. Choosing products with minimal packaging – shop wisely and choose foods with little or no packaging such as fruits and vegetables. Buy things in bulk to save buying singularly packaged smaller versions of the same products e.g. cleaning products, toilet paper, cereal etc.

2. Buy reusable containers – they are a lifesaver when it comes to food, keeping cereals, rice and pasta stored properly to extend life and prevent waste. You can also use them to bring food from home daily to avoid buying packaged takeaway sandwiches.

3. Invest in reusable items – items such as large reusable shopping bags can be kept in the boot of the car and used when needed to avoid having

tonnes of plastic disposable ones being thrown away. Rechargeable batteries are also a great investment as you can simply charge them up and reuse them to save buying new ones each time with more packaging to discard.

4. Stop buying plastic water bottles – plastic water bottles are a huge waste material, purchasing a large reusable water bottle or flask is a much eco-friendlier choice and you can keep refilling it throughout the day to stay hydrated.

5. Meal planning – planning ahead is so easy and quick to do it and it will save so much food going to waste in the long run. Plan breakfast, lunch and dinner weekly and buy everything in advance so you'll have exactly what you need and no more.

6. Start composting – composting is a great way to reduce food waste going to landfill which does not break down as easily causing harmful gases like methane in the atmosphere. When composted in the garden, waste can break down properly as it remains above ground with access to fresh air - within a year you have natural fertiliser to use

for your garden and plants.

7. Repurpose materials – think twice before throwing things away, lots of things around the house can be repurposed. Envelopes make great scrap paper and cardboard; old newspaper and egg boxes can be donated to local schools for arts and crafts materials.

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WILL NEWTON AYCLIFFE BENEFIT FROM HOUSING GRANT?

Dear Sir
I read the article in Newton
News on housing grant in
Newton Aycliffe where the
emphasis seemed to be on the
A167 plus installing water,
sewage and power supplies
"overcoming significant
development costs that had
been affecting the viability of
housing sites within the town".
Other print media, stated, "The
Government has awarded
£6.8 million to Durham
County Council through its
Housing Infrastructure Fund
to improve infrastructure in
Newton Aycliffe". It would
seem that it is Durham County
Council (DCC) who have
decided how this grant would
be spent.

Is it just coincidence that DCC
owns a huge area of land to the
east of the town at Copelaw
(formerly Aycliffe Centre for
Children and farm land) which
is earmarked for housing?
Would having improved
access to this site and roads/
utilities in place on the site
make it easier for DCC to sell,
and probably at an improved
sale price?

If the Council sell this land
for housing, land I believe to

have been gifted to them by
the Trustees, would Newton
Aycliffe benefit in any way
from the profits from the sale?
Remember the Avenue School
site in a prime position on
Central Avenue. How did
Newton Aycliffe benefit from
the money accrued from the
sale of the site of the school
buildings where Tesco now
stands?
If DCC genuinely want to
quote, "overcome significant
development costs that had
been affecting the viability of
housing sites" there are
at least two other sites with
planning permission that
would certainly benefit from a
share of this grant and improve
the town's infrastructure; both
sites are on the C35 Middridge
Road. Not only would these
two sites benefit from the very
long awaited upgrading of the
C35 but also the new housing
development in Shildon next
to Middridge as motorists
from there use the C35 to
access the AIM and other
major roads.

There is planning permission
for executive housing on
Woodham Golf Course which
I am given to believe will

involve work on the C35 and
an improved roundabout to
facilitate improved and safer
access to Middridge Lane and
Burnhill Way. The upgrading
of the C35 would also improve
the infrastructure for the
existing estates on the western
side of town giving them
better access to the A167, the
AIM and the A689 which is
the nearest route for the east
coast for Newtonians and
road users from the industrial
estate. This could also help
relieve the congestion on the
A167 and help traffic capacity
issues both of which are
stated outcomes by the DCC.
Anyone who frequently uses
the C35 will be very aware
of the volume of traffic using
the road to access or leave the
industrial estate.

This road was built for tractors
and other farm vehicles not for
large lorries etc. Upgrading
this road would make it safer
for all users and again help
further alleviate congestion
on the A167.

The golf course proposed
housing would bring no
benefit, other than Council
Tax, to the DCC as DCC do
not own the golf course. The
sale of Eldon Whinns will
benefit the DCC as it is their
land gifted to them when
the Aycliffe Development
Corporation came to an end
but I doubt if the sale of this
land would result in sufficient
funds to upgrade the C35
but it may go some way to
paying for the new roundabout
included in the plan.

If this Government grant is for
Newton Aycliffe then Newton
Aycliffe should benefit from
the sale of the Copelaw site
and any money made from the
sale should be put back into

Newton Aycliffe which would
have a significant impact on
the economic growth of the
town especially as the site will
be enhanced by the grant.

To the best of my recollection
this did not happen with the
Avenue School buildings
site. Yes, we did get a land
to develop a lovely park but
that was previously playing
fields for the school before it
was closed down. This being
the case it cost DCC nothing
and our Town Council is
responsible for the upkeep
paid for by our Town's precept.
Could I ask if our County
Councillors are going to fight
to keep the monetary benefits,
direct or indirect, from this
multimillion pound grant
actually in Newton Aycliffe
or are they going to allow the
profits from the sale of land
to disappear up to Durham
as they seemed to do with the
Avenue School site? Could
they also keep us updated on
progress and if the money
from Copelaw is not ploughed
back into Newton Aycliffe we
need them to tell us exactly
where it is being spent.
A.Bergg (Mrs)

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Kindness Recognised at Newton Aycliffe Care Home

HC-One's St Clare's Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, is celebrating the success of its Home Manager, Jason Parkinson, who received a Kindness in Care Award for the great work he delivers for Residents on a daily basis. The Kindness in Care Awards programme was launched by HC-One, a leading provider in health and social care, in October 2013 to recognise the efforts of their kindest colleagues, and the impact they have on the lives of Residents and their loved ones.

Last month, a record breaking 230 Awards were presented to colleagues, volunteers, and whole teams within the family of homes that HC-One operates across the UK.

Jason was nominated for the award by a colleague, who highlighted his 'kind, caring and professional' approach. He was described as 'an exceptional manager who goes above and beyond', and someone who is 'always willing to listen'. Jason was presented with his award by HC-One Area Quality Director Mandy Falconer. Since 2013, over 3,000 HC-One colleagues have been awarded for their commitment to kindness with nominations invited from Residents, relatives, colleagues or visitors to the home.

HC-One aims to be the first-choice care provider in each of its communities



for Residents looking for the very best care and support, and the employer of choice for the best, most professional, and kindest care staff, with sector leading career progression opportunities. HC-One consistently invests in staff, and is currently celebrating achieving a 9.2/10 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk, with St Clare's Court itself boasting a 9.9/10 rating. This high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector.

HC-One St Clare's Court Care Home Manager, Jason Parkinson, said: "I am delighted and humbled to have received this award.

Every day we at St Clare's Court strive to provide the kindest care to Residents, and it is a pleasure to be a part of such a dedicated team."

HC-One Managing Director, Stephen Butterworth, said: "The Kindness in Care Awards programme is about recognising and celebrating colleagues who demonstrate the kindest care and the best practice that we can all learn from, and St Clare's Court has the privilege of having just such a colleague.

"Each and every day, HC-One staff do incredible work, and make such a difference to the lives of Residents living in our homes. It is great to work with such inspirational, caring and kind people."

Rally to Raise Funds for Cancer Research

Two men from Aycliffe, William Hedley and Tom Karroll who were inspired by the dedication and efforts of Pride of Britain award winner Mark Solan from Spennymoor have joined a rally to raise funds for cancer research and to support a local charity involved in cancer care the Solan Connor-Fawcett Trust.

They are also helping a charity called Busy Bees and need boys and girls clothing from the age of 12 up to about early 20's. They are happy to pick up items of clothing or you are welcome to drop it off. If you want something to put on the car to remember someone lost or dealing with cancer we are happy to place a heart sticker with your info



for £20, which will go to the charity. Please help us to show that the people of Co. Durham are kind and happy to help others in need. Contact numbers 07759 469032 or 07763 896309.

In Memoriam

Peter Mooney

Died 1st March 1987 (aged 57)

Loved and missed by Rosemary, Annette, Paul, Gillian, Clare, families and friends.

DERICK YOUNG 2nd March 2005. Dad/Grandad. The time passes by but we will always remember the good times we shared together. Missing you always, love David, Louise, Thomas, Joseph and Stan xxxxxx

RON RUSSELL 5th March 2013. Five years have gone by, loved and remembered every day. Miss you so much. Loving Wife, Dot xxxxxx

DEBORAH CLELLAND 6th March 2017. Always in my thoughts. Sadly missed. My life feels so empty without you. Rest in peace my darling. All my love always, Dave

DERICK YOUNG 2nd March 2005. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and held so dear. Love, Michael, June and all the family xxxxxxxxx

GLADYS HARBOTTLE died 7th March 2013. A dear Mother who is constantly in our thoughts and missed every day. Your smiles, laughter and poetry will always live on in our memories. Vera, Lavinia and Andy xxx

Congratulations

Joanna and Athol Hawkes



Golden Wedding Anniversary
5th March 2018

Congratulations from all the family

JOSH RAINE

Happy 20th Birthday - 5th March 2018

Love from Dad, Mam and Chloe xxx

Obituary

Paul Watson

Suddenly at home on 15th February. Paul, aged 61 years. Much loved Husband of Anne; loving Dad, Step-Dad, Grandad, Brother-in-Law and Uncle.

Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 8th March at 11.00am.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to The District Nurses, plate provided at the Crematorium.

Keith Maw

Newton Aycliffe. Suddenly at home on 23rd February. Keith, aged 80 years. Dearly beloved Husband to Rina. Sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Funeral Thursday 8th March. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Darlington Crematorium at 1.45pm. No flowers please and no dark clothing.

Donations in lieu may be given in aid of The British Heart Foundation or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

CREASEY, Dorothy Mary. (nee Curran), sadly passed away on 15th February 2018 aged 89 years at Providence Court Car Home, Baldock, Hertfordshire, formerly of Woodham Village, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. Much loved Wife of the late Vince Creasey. Will be greatly missed by her Daughter Jane and Husband Steve and her three Grandchildren Matthew, Thomas and Emma. Funeral Service will take place on Monday 5th March 2018 at Darlington Crematorium at 10.45am. Flowers welcome or if preferred, please make a donation to Dementia UK in memory of Dorothy Creasey. Rest in Peace now Mum.

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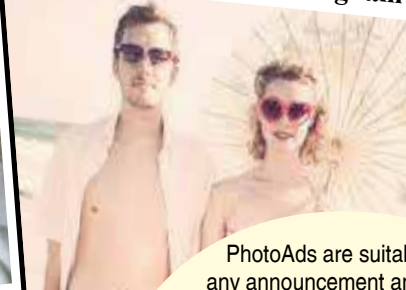


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Juniors Football Report



The Aycliffe Juniors football teams continued their seasons and looked to continue developing the younger teams and improving league positions for the older age groups.

Under 6's enjoyed a friendly with Darlington 21st All Stars. A great effort saw twelve goals scored from the team, Denver got four, there was a hat trick each for Jack and Daniel with Kai scoring two.

Under 8's travelled to play Stranton AFC, they went behind to an early goal but Oliver equalised. The first half though ended with Stranton 2-1 up. Another goal for Oliver and a second half hat trick from Thomas was added to by Dylan and this exciting game ended 6-4. Kenyon was named as the man of the match.

Under 10's 'Black' played Darlington Young Bulls away and started well with two goals from Jake opening up a 2-0 half time lead. In the second half, despite a man of the match performance from goal keeper Jack, they slipped to a 3-2 defeat. In the development game Alyssa had a great game in defence and Jayden scored in a 4-1 defeat.

Under 10's 'White' made the trip to Seaton Carew to play Golden Flatts. They came back happy after two goals each from Jayden and Archie secured a 4-1 win, the man of the match was Jack. In the second game Lucas and Oliver scored in a 2-0 win with Dom named as the man of the match.

Under 11's played away at Kader FC and they secured a great 5-0 win. McKenzie and Zak scored good first half goals then man of the match Thomas added two goals after the break with Jayden also getting on the score sheet.

Under 12's Russell Foster league team played high flying Durham County FC Whites for the second time in two weeks. They lost out 6-0 but showed great attitude and gave a positive performance.

Under 12's TJFA League side played at home against Boro Rangers 'White'. The visitors scored first before Will equalised for Aycliffe. It was Will who scored again after the break to make it 2-1. The Aycliffe team dominated the rest of the game, there were no further goals but they thoroughly deserved this 2-1 win.

Under 23's played Pelton at Sunnysdale, after an early penalty miss Matty Raisbeck opened the scoring with a neat finish. Pelton equalised before man of the match Jack Slatcher scored to make it 2-1.

The last kick of the game saw the Pelton keeper smash a free kick in to the cross bar and Aycliffe held on to win the game.

Middridge History Society

Thursday 8th March
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Lynn Lampport will tell a fascinating story about a young boy, born in 1809, who ended up in India for almost 20 years.

His diary, which Lynn discovered in Cardiff Castle, forms the basis of her talk and reveals his life in the army, spent in the most exotic of locations; And there is a very surprising twist at the end of the tale!

Everyone is most welcome so please join us for this last talk of the season.

SPORTS CLUB TAKE DERBY DAY POINTS



MoM : Connor Hughes

After last week's comfortable 5-1 win against Shildon Three Tons, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club continued with their promotion push with a 3-1 victory over early league pace setters Hallington FC. With the Moore Lane pitch just about holding up, this game was always going to be a scrappy affair but with bragging rights up for grabs it was the Sports Club that started the stronger of the two.

It took just 6 minutes for the opening goal, a long throw from right back Jonathan Clegg found the head of Connor Hughes who towered over everyone to nod home. Controversy surrounded the equaliser on 20 minutes as the home team had a goal disallowed for offside and the resulting free kick saw a quick break and the equaliser, Mason Stead slotting past Mark Craggs to make it 1-1.

Leading goal scorer Kyle Allen made it 2-1 to the Sports Club on the half hour mark with an overhead kick which managed to wrong foot Hallington Goalkeeper Nick Peterson. A derby wouldn't be a derby without a little frustration

creeping in and a foul on the Hallington goalkeeper led to a bizarre goal for the home team. Kicking the ball off the back off Callum Farley, the away keeper then saw the ball come back towards himself, with Farley beating him to the ball and crossing for Kyle Allen to tap in at the far post for his 30th goal of the season.

The second half was pretty none eventful, but tempers frayed as a player from each side was sent off after a small altercation reducing both sides to ten men for the last half hour of the game. Hallington did come close on two occasions with the best chance coming from Luke Black whose cross come shot hit the cross bar and the home sides best effort falling to centre half Darren Griffiths also hitting the bar in the late stages.

Six straight wins in a row for the Sports Club now sees them pushing hard for automatic promotion, with four games in hand on the two of the three teams above them and only four points behind league leaders, WA Tons, who sit 12 points clear of the sports club having played two games more.

Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Youth U11's Falcons 1 - 1 Thirsk Falcons.

This week we played away at Thirsk and it proved to be a frustrating match for us. The game started and we looked a little off the pace and not quite performing to our usual standards. Despite creating a few half chances though we got caught out with a long ball and conceded the first goal of the game despite the best efforts of the goal keeper and recovering defenders. After this we tried our best to get back into the game quickly and had a goal ruled out for an alleged push in the box. It was not until the second half that we really took a good control of the game and found the equaliser.

Following this we created several chances to win the game but Thirsk still were a threat on the counter attack. A few more good chances passed us by and the game ended 1-1. Just was not our day today and was a largely frustrating game for us and the players. Can't fault the lad's efforts though they did their best to try and play the right way and get a result. Well done boys. Goal scorer was Ethan Tate and man of the match was Louis Parnaby.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U16's Girls 1 - 6 Washington.

This weekend the girls faced Washington in the semi-final of the cup. Unfortunately, the outcome of the match was not what we all hoped. Despite a great

first goal from Katie Bragg and some great defending from Melissa and Hallie, the final score of the game came to 6-1 to Washington. There was also some great football played by Katie Fell and Holly Barrigan.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U13's Girls 2 - 7 Washington Lionesses

On Saturday we were at home v Washington Lionesses who are likely to finish runner up in the league so we needed bring our "A" game to the match. Bright start from both teams resulted in Washington taking the lead but Kate equalising shortly after. The opposition keeper then stopped us taking the lead as she started her MOM performance. At the other end Washington grabbed the lead. Then the girls just forgot to close down giving the visitors time to hit the roof of the net giving Faith no chance on any of the goals HT 1-5.

The girls needed to concentrate on what we do best and to be fair played a lot better in the second half. A lovely free kick from Macy and Hattie beats the keeper to the ball 2-5, a couple of good saves stopped Aycliffe from getting back into the game. A Washington penalty was saved by Faith but the striker tucked away the rebound. Then in the closing minutes the visitors scored again.

Seaton Carew 4 - 3 Newton Aycliffe Youth U14's Eagles. On Sunday the Eagles played away at top the league

Seaton Carew. The Eagles were a little rusty to begin with and found the pace of a couple of the Seaton Carew players very difficult to keep up with, but they battled on. Seaton Carew scored 4 goals in the first half which on reflection was slightly unlucky for Aycliffe as they were very much in the game as the half went on.

One goal was in my opinion offside, one the ball had clearly gone over the by-line and should have been a goal kick not the resulting goal that was scored. To be fair Seaton were very lucky.

The second half saw Aycliffe take a firm hold of the game. The football being played was brilliant.

The squad worked well together and piled pressure onto Seaton Carew. Joey Howarth scored a brilliant hat-trick. He scored a tap in after some determined play, a header off a free kick played in by Joe Halford and a screamer from well outside the box into the top corner! Aycliffe kept pushing for the equaliser but just ran out of time.

Really proud of the players' effort and the result isn't a disappointment as they were outstanding. Man of the match was Joey Howarth and Ellie Geary.

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