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Sarah-Jane (left) with Dawn and Beverley

Over Christmas there were children walking around in the snow with no shoes or wearing just flip-flops. With that in mind she decided to help them, and started collecting shoes and boots, plus socks and hopefully a treat of Easter eggs, to give to as many needy children as possible this Easter.

Sarah-Jane Jackman a local volunteer for the charity, put an appeal on Facebook and in the Newton News to try and get a few things collected and had an overwhelming response.

Sarah-Jane, a Graphic Designer at Newton Press, received countless boxes and bags of shoes, socks, eggs and sweets, resulting in a whole pallet full being sent to the charity's storage unit in Sutton on 9th March.

The donations will be leaving the UK on Friday 16th March and will head by road to Romania, arriving just before Easter for distribution.

Alison Standbridge, founder of the charity, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that donated towards this massively successful appeal and says she will be in Romania over Easter to hand out the donations and get pictures of some very happy children! Sarah-Jane said: "A special thanks to Madison and Cayden for packing endless boxes and storing everything in her garage for weeks,

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Newton Aycliffe Scout Centre is again hosting the very popular 'BACK TO THE 80's PARTY NIGHT' on Saturday 24th March. The last one was very well attended and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the night, especially our regular supporters from Beechfield. We love seeing you here enjoying yourselves. The event is for over 18's and starts at 7:30pm, admission is £3 paid on the door. With 80's music played all night you can be certain of a great time.

On the 31st of March NORTHERN SOUL is back with the DJ's playing your favourite vinyl 'Soul' Music. The floor is treated with Slipperine to give you the perfect surface to show your moves. Admission for

this is also £3 paid on the door. This is the first of the Northern Soul events for this year - more will follow. For those of you that like a bit of advance warning we have Karaoke in the bar, with Howie on the 21st of April and the 23rd of June. Our Social Club is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and most Monday evenings and from 12:30pm at weekends - new members always welcome. The hall is available for hire at very competitive prices: examples £25 for afternoon hire, £35 for evening at weekends. The bar area can also be hired when not in use and has proved a popular venue.

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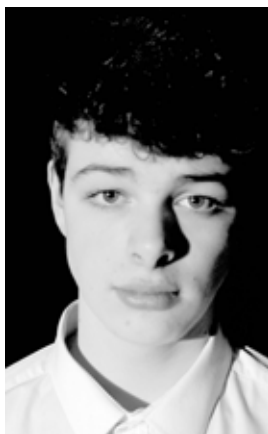
Last week, Woodham Academy students performed the cult musical 'School of Rock' to delighted audiences. Students were devastated when the previous week's snow meant that the show had to be cancelled. Fortunately, it was possible to reschedule and ensure that tickets were transferred.

Those familiar with the film 'School of Rock' will know the story. Dewey Finn, a wannabe rock star, poses as his housemate to accept a job as a cover teacher. He enters his class into the Battle of the Bands and teaches them to rock, whilst trying to keep his identity secret. Sonny Fielding, who played the part of Dewey, said that the role was a dream come true: "Watching the film was one of my earliest memories and is perhaps what started my passion for theatre. I knew the words of every song." In addition to taking part in 'School of Rock', Sonny together with Darcy Kent who played the parts of Rosalie Mullins and Patty, are also members of the Pauline Quirk Academy in Durham, rehearsing every Saturday morning. Following in the footsteps of former Woodham student, Nathan Elwick, both Darcy and Sonny are due to perform in London's West End this summer.

Woodham Academy has a long tradition of musical theatre. The staging of School of Rock involved not just the music department, but also the English department for drama and the art and design and technology departments for making the set. Two stars from previous productions also returned to help - teacher Paul Richardson, aka



'Bugsy', helped with staging whilst Will Kirton, aka Killer Queen, played both guitar and bass in the band. Head of Music and the show's producer, Rob Gales, says "This was a fantastic performance, especially as



Sonny Fielding



Darcy Kent



many of the cast are still in Year 7 and Year 8. Not only did students enjoy every minute, they also grew in confidence and made new friends. 'School of Rock' is an experience that students will remember for the rest of their lives".

Aycliffe Radio were also in attendance to record the show, which will be scheduled for broadcast in the near future.

Police Male Voice Choir Concert

On Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm the Homemakers present a Concert by Durham Constabulary Male Voice Choir. Tickets are £5 and include Tea, Coffee & Scones. Contact Ann Mann on 01325 312381 or pay at the door.

Row Brews Over Livin Regeneration Plans

Sir,

I won't go into too much detail here as space is a premium, but I address myself to the residents of Silverdale Place, Langdale Place, Eskdale Place, Whinlatter Place, Kirkstone Place and Honister Place.

There is mounting concern amongst residents, in particular home owners, of these streets (at least 40% of all properties) that if option 3 of the scheme is the outcome, that home owners will be faced with Compulsory Purchase which would effectively create destitution and destroy people's lives.

I am awaiting a response from Livin, but will organise a full public meeting to keep residents informed as soon as I get their response, and will bring in all Ward Councillors and the Town Council and Great Aycliffe Residents' Association to protect Residents' interests.

If you have any concerns please contact me:

Cllr Arun M Chandran

West Ward, Great Aycliffe Town Council

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Saturday 17th	Aycliffe Soul Club, £4 entry
Tuesday 20th	Kids Disco, 5pm-8pm, £1 entry
Friday 23rd	Rotary Club Big Gig with "Groovy Street" and a Guest Appearance by Shanaya in aid of MRI Scanner Appeal, Tickets £7.50
Saturday 24th	Disco Night, Tickets £2.50 or £3 otd
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7th April.

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For more information: www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk or contact Ray Sams ray@darlingtonjazz.co.uk 07860 368 022 Graham Foster graham@darlingtonjazz.co.uk

DON'T FEED THE BIRD PESTS

Dear Sir,
Don't get me wrong I am all for feeding the birds in my garden especially at this time of year. I get great pleasure seeing the different species visiting my garden feeders, knowing that they are getting the vital food that they need to survive this harsh weather.

But I draw the line at people scattering bag loads of bread crumbs on the waste ground at the rear of Dominoes Pizza in Greenwell Road opposite Aldi. I have seen numerous people doing this and all this practice does is to attract the scavengers such as Sea Gulls and Pigeons. I drove along this road on my way to Aldi the other day and it looked like a scene from

Hitchcock's "The Birds" and we all know what happened there.

These birds especially in their numbers present a hazard not only to drivers, but also to small children as it is within their habit to swoop in their attempt to scavenge food.

But apart from that, this practice of strewing bread crumbs is actually called "littering". The people concerned know who they are and I would like to ask them to desist in this practice, it is a known fact that the public have been

advised not to encourage these birds in our town centre by feeding them, and the fact that there are anti-settling spikes in place should be sufficient enough. Apart from the nuisance aspect, there is the issue of what they leave behind. But before anyone replies by saying that Seagulls and Pigeons are all God's creatures and need to be looked after as well, so are Mice and Rats but we don't leave food out for them, or do you?

Alan Elders
Hickstead Rise

Fashion Show for MRI Scanner Appeal

Heighington Homemakers are running a Fashion Show in aid of the MRI Scanner Appeal and their own funds.

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In addition for the £7.50p ticket price you can enjoy a Hot Pork Sandwich and Roast Potatoes for Supper.

Also as part of the attraction to this gala event is a Tombola and Raffle with very valuable prizes donated by local businesses and supporters to help the MRI Scanner Appeal.

The first prize in the raffle is a £700 Robot Mower donated by Husqvarna. 2nd prize is a VIP Tour of Hitachi for four, a goody bag and £50 Voucher. Tesco have also donated prizes along with many others



There are only a few tickets left available from Newton Press offices at the Blue Bridge Centre, Walkers Butchers, Simpasturegate, Aycliffe Framers and Engravers in the town Centre and the Big Club.

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Local Club Produce Promotional Video

There was much excitement at The Hub of Wishes club on Tuesday, 13th March, when Dave and Paul from Tiny Hound Media Video visited our drop-in centre to record and film what the centre is about and what we do.

They filmed Lesley, one of our therapists, giving a reiki treatment as she spoke about the benefits of complementary therapies for relieving stress and anxiety. Members using the Art Room were filmed next and were questioned about how and why they came to choose art and what they enjoy about it. The IT room was next and some of our members explained what they had achieved and how they felt about IT and the centre. Some members were filmed doing Tai Chi and asked how they felt Tai Chi and our other exercise sessions help them. (We also do dance-based exercise sessions at the centre and health walks during milder months).

The Hubsters Singing Group was filmed and had a bit of fun ending the session with a raucous rendition of World in Union.

Some members were filmed chatting about the centre and what it means to them. The Manager, Vicki Lawrence and Joanne How, Assistant Manager were also filmed talking about their roles, the history of the centre and how it has evolved.

We have a decent sized garden area at the rear of the centre which is paved, has screening shrubs and raised beds. It is kept tidy by the garden volunteers who plan to make it a more attractive outdoor space this year. We believe it will be a relaxing green area for everyone to enjoy – weather permitting of course!

Dave and Paul from Tiny Hound Media Video were very professional, putting everyone at ease during filming and making it a pleasant experience all round; many thanks to them both.

Our Hub of Wishes video, when completed, may be viewed on YouTube, our website (hubofwishes.co.uk) and Facebook Page (Hub of Wishes). More information or queries, please contact Vicki Lawrence, the Manager.

Out of This World Planetarium Visit



Have you ever imagined what it would be like to have an adventure amongst the stars? Year 4 pupils at Stephenson Way Academy had that very opportunity when Durham University brought their portable planetarium to school last week. After eagerly crawling into the inflatable dome structure, children marvelled at the thousands of stars, planets and constellations that were projected onto the walls of the darkness within.

Following a fascinating chat about astronomy, pupils were able to spot several constellations of stars by their shapes. They also quickly recognised the North Star, (the only star in the sky that doesn't move)

and discovered that it has been used as a navigator for thousands of years. It was astounding to find out that stars aren't white as they often appear, some are red (they're the coldest) and some really hot stars are even blue.

As the session drew to a close, the children got to ask the visitors any questions that they had about space. There were oodles of interesting questions, such as, "What colour is gravity?" Everyone in Year 4 agreed that they thoroughly enjoyed this visitor experience and would like to offer a huge thanks to Durham University for offering us this amazing opportunity to learn more about the universe that we live in.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Woodham Academy's staff got into character to celebrate World Book Day.

Students also brought books into school to swap with their friends while teachers from the English Department dressed as literary characters.

World Book Day is the annual celebration of reading, books, authors and illustrators, marked in more than 100 countries.

Woodham Academy has invested heavily in reading, including in a reading suite with cosy rooms and soft furnishings. The school has a wide-ranging reading

library and has introduced a screening, monitoring and intervention system to assist their learners to develop 'active reading' skills.

The school's extensive extra-curricular and support programme has helped students record Woodham Academy's best-ever GCSE results. In English, 78 percent of students achieved a pass of grade 4 or higher this year compared to 73 percent for the county as a whole.

Pictured are English teachers Kirsty Orr and Anya Thomas, with student Kacper Krystek.

Aycliffe Special School "Good & Outstanding"

Walworth Special School in Newton Aycliffe recently

welcomed an Ofsted team to inspect both their academic and residential provision. The former inspection was a Short Inspection, one day, and the residential lasted three days.

The school were delighted at both Inspection findings the judgements being "good" for the academic and "outstanding" for the residential. The reports, which are available in full on the Ofsted website, commented very favourably indeed on the children and all that we try to achieve in school. The children work in a "calm, warm and welcoming school in which pupils' individual differences are recognised and celebrated".

The focal point of any school has to be the children's academic and emotional well – being. Walworth is no different in trying to innovate new practices to support our children. New initiatives within school mean that we can now offer the children much more than just a curriculum to meet their educational needs, but can also fully support them in many other areas. "The school has made extraordinary progress to support children who have emotional, behavioural and or psychological needs".

Head Teacher Mr Peter Wallbanks said that "everyone at Walworth is absolutely delighted with the outcomes of the Inspection. Walworth is fully supported by enthusiastic and knowledgeable Governors, appreciative parents and carers, highly skilled and dedicated staff in both school and residential, but most importantly by its most important commodity, its children".

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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 20th March, Danny Mellanby & Deano Brown from NAFC. Tuesday 27th March listen to Chloe Ryan. 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 "Beat"Roote.

FRIDAY 8-10pm: Friday 16th March Nathan Abbott from Darlington Mardi Gras lives things up with his take on dance mixes with Martin Norris. Friday 23rd March we welcome back Pauly Mac, ex-Newtonian now based in Sydney, Australia.

SATURDAY 2-4pm: Local group Metis take over 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 is on a short break but "Beat"Roote will be in the house from 6 to 8pm with his mix of Dance Anthems followed by OZ DJ 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 the very popular Alternative Aycliffe with Gary and Alby from midnight.

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

REGULARLY UPDATED SCHEDULE: Check our website for regular updates to the schedule. Lots more new shows covering many genres... something to suit everyone.

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AYCLIFFE RADIO SHOW SCHEDULE

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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
20th Mar - Danny & Deano from NAFC
27th Mar - Chloe Ryan (Girls Football)

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

THURSDAY
6-8pm Best of the 80s
8-10pm "Beat"Roote with Graeme Roote

FRIDAY
6-8pm PVR Studio House Mix
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
16th Mar - Nathan Abbott (Mardi Gras)
23rd Mar - Pauly Mac (From Australia)

SATURDAY
8-11am Kitchen Floor Fillers
11-12noon Kent Collective
2-4pm Local Bands & Guests
"Metis" take over Aycliffe Radio
4-6pm School Disco
6-8pm "Beat"Roote in the House
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)

Scheduled shows may be changed/cancelled at any time.

How to Get Involved:

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Us Girls' Project Growing



After successfully securing additional funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), the US Girls project continues to run sessions in Newton Aycliffe. Since the project first started, over 75 young females have participated in regular physical activity, with an average of 10 young females attending each session. The sessions are held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on a Monday evening, 7pm till 8.30pm. The group meet on the top floor in the bar/lounge and spend half an hour catching up with each other, discussing social and emotional issues and planning their next trip. They then head to the sports hall for an hour of activities. The session costs 50p and is payable to the coaches on arrival. The US Girls project is youth led, so the girls decide which activities are delivered each week, activities are usually fun and informal, while the coaches help the girls develop new skills. The

project delivers a wide range of activities to engage more girls into sport and physical activity. There are also many incentives offered for those attending, there are free gifts such as water bottles, t-shirts and hoodies for regular attendance, along with rewards and trips during school holidays. Laura Langdale, US Girls pastoral support and coach said: "This term has seen us follow the Winter Olympics, we adapted winter sports to be suitable for play in the sports hall, and we looked at countries and teams participating and made our own little competition. Following on from that the girls have had some more relaxed sessions with dodge ball, capture the flag and spent time shooting hoops. If you like a certain sport, we always say let us know and we can give it a go." A group of girls from the project are also hoping to be successful at an up and coming Key Fund panel to secure additional funding. If you have any questions

pop along on the night and speak to Laura or you can contact Sarah Price at the office on 01388 722317. Find us on Facebook 'Usgirls Sedgfield'

W.I. Celebrate Centenary

Heighington W.I. are celebrating their Centenary in 2018 and throughout the year are arranging a series of special events to mark our 100 years. The next such event, a "Centenary Celebration of Crafts", takes place on Saturday 24th March 2018 and is a showcase for the crafting skills of members and friends of Heighington W.I. Visitors can enjoy an exhibition of crafts, watch crafters at work, indulge in a little retail therapy at our sales tables and enjoy light refreshments. The event takes place in Heighington Village Hall from 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m., entry is free and everyone welcome.

SURPRISE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR WELL-LOVED LOLLIPOP LADY

A Newton Aycliffe woman helping children get to school safely for 25 years has been recognised by grateful pupils and staff.

Marian Dawson, school crossing patrol near Sugar Hill Primary School was honoured in a special assembly to mark her landmark anniversary in the role.

"I was gobsmacked, it was a real surprise. I was given flowers as well as cards made by children from every class – it really meant a lot to me that they'd taken the time to do that," she said.

Marian, who lives close to the school, said that although lots of things have changed since she began in 1993, her passion for the job remains the same.

"There are lots of differences



between now and then – when I first started we were only allowed to help children over the road not adults which is quite a big change. "The uniform has changed as well and I think I'm the only one in Aycliffe who still has

the original hat, I won't part with it. Most people wear the baseball caps now but I much prefer my flat type cap.

"The one thing that hasn't changed is the children – no matter how low you feel, when you see them coming round the corner and smiling and waving and shouting your name they cheer you right up."

Even the cold Durham winters aren't enough to put Marian off.

"I always say I'll still be doing it with my zimmer

frame – they might have to drag me off the crossing!" she said.

Paula O'Rourke, head teacher at Sugar Hill Primary School, said: "Marian has been part of our team for 25 years, always smiling, always cheerful and always putting the children first.

"It doesn't matter what the weather is doing, rain, hail, snow or sun, Marian is at her post ensuring the children cross the road safely. I would like to thank her once again on behalf of the whole school, staff, children and parents for the work she is doing and long may she continue."

Cllr Brian Stephens, cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "It's clear that Marian is a much-loved part of the school community and I would like to thank her for her excellent service over the last 25 years. "We are always on the lookout for people who might like to become a school crossing patrol and I'd encourage anyone interested to contact us on 03000 268 175 for an informal chat."

Maths Gold Awards for Woodham Students



Richie Steward and Callum Fielden

Woodham Academy students struck gold as they made it through to the next stage of a national maths competition. Callum Fielden and Richie Steward received gold awards in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Challenge.

A further 11 Woodham Academy students received either silver or bronze awards for their high scores in the challenging competition.

Students completed challenging and intriguing question papers in school, before they were returned to the UKMT for external marking. Maths teacher Sophie Elliott said: "At Woodham Academy, we provide all our students with opportunities to excel across and beyond the curriculum.

"This was a truly tough challenge, requiring an extensive knowledge of mathematics. Many congratulations to Callum and Richie for making it through to the final round, and to all our students who took part. They all did remarkably well and should feel proud of their achievements."

Callum, who recorded the school's highest score, and Richie, who won the prize for best in year, will now take part in the final round of the UKMT Challenge. Silver certificates will be awarded to Jak Kennedy, Owen Lister, Liam Luck, Lucas Pilling, Emilie Dunn, Hannah Tam and Charlie Pemberton, while bronze goes to Andrew Blair, Joseph Capstack, Hannah Cox and Amy Chatt.

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Dawn Hughes for her hard work and appeals on Facebook, Aycliffe Village Primary School and South Durham Gymnastics Elite Squad, Beverley Dowson and friends at One-Point, Sheena at Children's Blessings, Charles Clinkard Shoes of Darlington for boxes, shoes, socks and balloons, Tesco of Newton Aycliffe for donating 18 Easter eggs, Newton News for promoting the appeal and Newton Press for

arranging for the mountain of donations to travel to Sutton in Surrey for the first part of their journey to Romania." "Without help like this the appeal couldn't have been the success it is and believe us, the difference this will make to so many children is huge!"

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Greenfield Achieve Extraordinary Results

Students at Greenfield Community College have been working hard to bring about extraordinary results. The campaign, which has inspired a number of projects both at Greenfield and within the wider community, is coming together this week to celebrate a love of reading and writing and to recognise the extraordinary 'power of words'.

Students from our Sunnydale Campus have been working alongside talented writer Laura Degnan to produce their very own special publication, 'From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary'. The book is a collection of insightful prose designed to inspire themselves and others to reach their full potential. The project was developed by Greenfield Arts and supported by Michael Chaplin, son of renowned local author Sid Chaplin. The results have been amazing and to mark the event Greenfield has been hosting assemblies across the school to celebrate not only the publication but the underlying message.

Our fabulous Cree Men have also been working hard to shine light on the topic, working alongside group leader Richard Agar they have once again created an amazing installation which will impact on the school and the local community. The installation can be seen at both sites and consists of large LED displays which depict the words 'Try, Inspire, Achieve' a fitting phrase for the students of Greenfield which originated from our very own Student Leadership Team.

The Cree group were invited to attend the opening celebration at our Sunnydale site and Greenfield's Student Leadership Team were an



integral part of proceedings leading part of the event and engaging the audience which consisted of the full school. Greenfield were thrilled to welcome back special guest Michael Chaplin who has been sharing inspirational stories of his father's work and how his determination and talent won through.

All students received a copy of the special book which can inspire the reader and map their own achievements and coincided with World Book Day. The 'extraordinary' pack also included a personalised pencil, a bookmark and even some sweets, a great inspirational starter pack. Katy Milne, Director of Arts

and Creativity at Greenfield Arts was thrilled with the way things have come together. "It has been brilliant to see the students come up with their own ideas and inspire each other and see our projects

make such an impact". A very special thanks must go to all the students involved, to Michael Chaplin and to GAMP AAP for their continued support with our Cree and Youth Cree projects.

Jumped at the Chance to Help Two Charities



Rachel Armstrong and Kaylee Johns were given the opportunity to complete a Sky Dive in aid of a charity of their choice so they 'Jumped' at the chance. They entered along with many of our colleagues but were fortunate or unfortunate (depends on which way you look at it) to be picked. They have chosen Cancer Research and Epilepsy Research UK as their charities.

get in the groove then a DJ to dance the night away. There are lots of amazing raffle prizes to be won on the night so please get yourself down and help these worthy charities. Tickets available at the Navy Club, or by e-mail: Rachel.Armstrong@baltictraining.com. Admission by payment at the door.

"We have chosen these charities as they are really close to our hearts. Rachel's family has been effected by cancer, and she has seen it destroy lives. Kaylee's Dad has epilepsy and has been effected by this for almost 27 years. Rachel's brother in law has since been diagnosed with epilepsy so it's an even bigger reason to raise for both" said Rachel. They are holding a charity fundraising night at The Navy Club in Newton Aycliffe on the 24th of March to raise as much money as possible. Tickets are £3 each. There is a live band playing to

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COMING SOON!!! COBBLERS HALL PLAY AREA

Great Aycliffe Town Council are proud to announce the development of a new play area will soon commence adjacent to Eade Close and opposite Cobblers Hall shopping area.

Following extensive public consultation Kompan have been selected as the preferred play provider to deliver this investment which includes an extensive play area and Multi User Games Area.

They have a proven track record of producing innovative and exciting new play area in the town and it is hoped that once completed, the play area will prove a massive hit with the children and families of the area when it is due to open in the early Summer.



Aycliffe Festival

The Festival is not one event, it is lots of events held throughout the Town and Aycliffe Village organised by organisations, residents' associations, and community centres who organise an event or events in their own area for everyone to enjoy.

Why not do something really great for your community?

Organise an event for people in your neighbourhood, something for toddlers, juniors, teenagers, families and older people. The reward of seeing people

enjoying something that you have helped to create is really fulfilling and not that difficult.

It needn't be a large event, just something that you think people will enjoy even if it's just a games day or a darts competition.

The date for 2018 is 13th – 29th July inclusive,

encompassing three weekends.

We have meetings to help anyone who might be interested in organising an event, or who would like more information about the Festival. The meetings are usually held at 6pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, all are welcome. Please watch this page for dates of next meetings.

It's relatively early yet, but we already have 5 others in the pipeline. See our "What's on this Year page" for more information www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/aycliffe-festival/ From the website you can download an application form or even view our document on how to organise an event.

We are always ready to hear from you if you are thinking about organising an event for the Festival and we hold meetings especially for current, new and potential organisers to come along and discuss their plans, and find out what the benefits are of organising an event for your community.

Events organised by the local community during the past three years have provided a wide variety of experiences for children and adults and delivered a range of activities throughout the Parish.

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“The Town Council agrees it’s 2018/19 Precept, with the Band A Town Council Tax set to increase by £7 next year”

The Town Council has met to agree its Revenue and Capital Budget and set the Precept and Council Tax increase for the forthcoming 2018/19 financial year.

Whilst in the short term, the Council’s finances remain in a healthy position, with a balanced Revenue Budget, continued delivery of savings in the current financial year, capital receipts from land sales, and healthy levels of balances and reserves, the Council is facing an increasingly challenging future, and must ensure that it prudently plans ahead for the difficulties that it will face in the coming years.

The Council is suffering year on year cuts to the Council Tax Support Grant on which it is reliant to a total of nearly £200,000 per year. This funding is due to be cut by a further 10% next year.

The Council is also facing significant increases in its staffing costs linked to rises in the National Living Wage. The latest local government pay offer would implement a minimum local government pay rate of £8.50 per hour, with annual increases of between 4% and 9% for lower paid staff, and 2% for all other staff. The Council employs a high proportion of staff in the lower pay grades, and this pay award will amount to a year on year increase in the Council’s staffing costs of nearly 5% in 2018/19.

In addition, the high level of inflation is putting unavoidable pressure on the running costs of many services.

The Council is also making new investment next year in opening a new pre-school setting to meet the demand for places for two year old children in Great Aycliffe, and developing a new park with play equipment and games area in the Cobblers Hall area of the town.

In order offset these additional costs and maintain the many services already provided by the Town Council, as well as ensure that sufficient contingency resources are maintained to help deal with some of the longer term budget pressures faced, the Council has agreed to increase the Town Council Tax next year.

This decision has not been taken lightly, particularly in light of the on-going ‘cost of living’ difficulties we know are being faced by local residents, and following on from the four year freeze in council tax that the Town Council was proud to deliver earlier in the decade.

The agreed increase will add £7.38 per year to the Town Council Tax Bill at Valuation Band A which equates to 14p week.

The Council hopes local tax payers will agree that this is a modest price to pay in order to ensure that all of the important services provided by the Town Council to the community of Great Aycliffe can be protected for at least another year, whilst ensuring that a sufficient level of contingency is maintained to help steer the Council through the difficult times that lie ahead.

Should you require further information on the Council’s finances and the 2018/19 budget setting process you can view detailed information on the Finance Section of Council website via the following link <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/info/council-and-democracy/finance/>

Councillor Bob Fleming

Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and Leader of the Council



Senior Citizens’ Excursions

Our Senior Citizens’ Excursions are free of charge. We provide you with a choice of venue for the day, a three course meal and tea or coffee in a good quality establishment usually with disabled facilities. On most of the excursions we also have a comfort stop on the outward and/or return journeys. We usually provide tea or coffee with a biscuit on either the outward or homeward journey.

Please see the itinerary (when published in April) regarding the stops en route.



Our visits in 2018 will be to Skipton, South Shields, Melrose in the Scottish Borders, Keswick, Blackpool and Northumberland.

To be eligible, you do not have to be receiving your pension or have a bus pass. However, you do have to be a resident of the electoral parish and 60 years old (applies to both men and women) by 1st April in the year of travel and your date of birth must be on or before 31st March 1958.



The application forms and full itinerary with information on each destination with menus etc. will be available from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, the Library, Council Offices, Oakleaf Sports and Golf Complexes and this website on Tuesday 17th April at 10 am.

Applications will be accepted in person at our offices only during the following times:

From Tues 17th April to Mon 23rd April between 10.00 am – 12.45 pm & 1.45 pm – 3.30 pm

also From Tues 24th April to Fri 27th April between 10.00 am – 12.30 pm



There’s no need to wait! The first few days tend to be rather busy but if you leave your application form at reception we guarantee that it will be processed on that day.

However, we can also accept your application form (together with proof of residency and age) by post or e-mail to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk and it will be processed on the day we receive it.

If you are in any doubt about your eligibility, please telephone 01325 300700 and we will check to see if you are eligible.

All coaches provided are 49-53 seater executive coaches with toilet facilities. A coach (to each destination) has a wheelchair hoist for passengers who cannot manage the high steps on the coach. This ensures that even people with severe mobility problems or people who need to travel in their wheelchair can enjoy a day out.

The Excursions are extremely popular and it is inevitable that we may not be able to accommodate everyone on their preferred destination or date. If we cannot provide the date or venue of your choice we will endeavour to provide an acceptable alternative for you.

MAYOR’S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

Despite the wintry conditions, many members of the public joined the Civic dignitaries for an evening of food and fundraising on Friday 2nd March at the Hallgarth Hotel and Golf Club Darlington, for the Mayors’ Civic Dinner 2018.

The event was hosted by the Mayor, Councillor Wendy Hillary and was in support of her nominated charity for her year in office, the MRI Scanner appeal for Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals.

The Chair for the County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust, Professor Paul Keane OBE spoke to the audience outlining the need for fundraising for this great cause and the success that has been achieved so far and their plans for the future.

Tony Robinson, President of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, gave a response to the



Left to right: Pat Chambers, Charity Development Manager, MRI Scanner Appeal, Councillor Jed Hillary (Mayor's Consort), Councillor Wendy Hillary (Mayor of Great Aycliffe), Professor Paul Keane OBE, Chair of the County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust

Mayor on behalf of the guests and John Melvin provided the music for the evening.

The Mayor would like to thank friends, family and Councillors for their support throughout the year and also the following local businesses who kindly donated prizes for the raffle and tombola which helped us to raise £727 on the night for this worthwhile cause:

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Our two's provision is now open and we can provide 12 spaces per session and offer 15 free hours to parents who are eligible for funding. Our hourly rate is charged at £4.50, with session times being 8:45am to 11:45am or 12:30pm to 3:30pm, full day sessions are also available.

At pre-school we carry out baking and cooking activities every week, we also have trips to the local shops where the children are given the opportunity to purchase items needed for these activities and to also choose their own snack.

Over in our pre-school we have extended our home lending library and added more fun and educational resources for children to share with their parents.

The children have recently enjoyed creating their very own hairdressers in the pre-school which led to endless amounts of fun and extended learning. They have also been creating lots of mud pies and recipes in our wonderful mud kitchen.

Over in our two's building the children have been creating wonderful masterpieces using their hands and feet and we have had lots of fun messy play.

Our recent parents survey showed that the parents are very happy with the service and standard of care we provide. They value the pre-school and like the changes made last year. The new private Facebook page is a great addition for parents/grand-parents and carers to see what the children have been doing during the day.

We still have places available please contact Julie Gale (Pre-School Manager) on 07968 379009 to arrange a viewing of our wonderful pre-school.



Moore Lane Eco Centre COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS IN AYCLIFFE

Here are a few public events to keep the family entertained through the school holidays from Great Aycliffe Town Council.

POND DIPPING

Tuesday 10th April, 1pm - 3pm

Come along to Aycliffe Nature Park and discover the wonderful creatures that make this pond their home.



NATURE DETECTIVES

Thursday 12th April, 10am - 12 noon

Join the Wildlife Trust to discover the tell-tale signs left by creatures who make the woodlands around Moore Lane their home.

Places at these free events are limited, so booking is essential by calling Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This year will see the Skate Park in the Town Park being refurbished with new ramps.

Public consultation events will take place through the Easter Holidays.

Further information will be posted on the Council Website, the Council Facebook page and in the local press.

Mini Activity

Tuesday 3rd April
9.30am until 11am

4 to 7 Years

£2.40 Members

£2.90 Non
Members

Mini Activity

Monday 9th April
9.30am until 11am

4 to 7 Years

£2.40 Members

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Wednesday 4th April

8 to 15 Years

Fencing

9.30am until 11am

£3.20 Members

£3.70 Non Members

Sporting Fun

11.30am until 12.30pm

£2.40 Members

£2.90 Non Members

Friday 13th April

8 to 15 Years

Fencing

9.30am until 11am

£3.20 Members

£3.70 Non Members

Dodgeball

11.30am until

12.30pm

£2.40 Members

£2.90 Non Members

Mini Arrows

Wednesday 11th April

4 to 7 years

11.30am until 12.30pm

£2.40 Members

£2.90 Non Members

Table Tennis

Tuesday 10th April

10am until 11am

8 to 15 years

£1.00 Members

£1.50 Non Members

Archery

Friday 6th April

9.30am until 11am

8 to 15 Years

£3.20 Members

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Wednesday 11th April

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Exhibition Raised £2000 for Charity



Ellie and Tillie Smailes search for the hidden unicorns in the eye-catching Hogwarts layout, designed and built by Brian Winwood from Newton Aycliffe



Charlotte Icton presents Trophies to Dave Atkinson of Penrith watched by Exhibition Organiser John Burrows



The winning Model



Mayor Wendy Hillary with consort Jed and Tony Robinson



County Council Chairman Bill Kellett and his wife and Rotary North East Governor Len Burns and his wife with Aycliffe President Tony Robinson.

Model Railway enthusiasts from many parts of the country have helped to raise over £2000 to support MacMillan Cancer Support and Prostate Cancer UK. Organisers of this year's Model Railway Exhibition staged by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe have voted the event 'another huge success'. During the day, over 450 visitors to the Youth and Community Centre venue in the town enjoyed 23 working layouts, 10 trade stands and 4 preservation society exhibits. Visitors included Rotary District Governor Len Burns, Durham County Council Chairman Bill Kellett, and Great Aycliffe Mayor Cllr Wendy Hillary. "We were delighted with the support we received from near and far again this year, with one visitor coming from near Inverness" said Rtn John Burrows who headed the organising team. The Hogwarts layout, built

by a Newton Aycliffe resident and member of the town's Rotary Club, attracted a great deal of attention but the layout which swept the board was "Canalside Ironworks" by Dave Atkinson of Penrith. He won both the John Henry Jones Trophy for the best layout as judged by the other exhibitors and The People's Choice Trophy, judged by the visiting public. This is the first time this has ever happened in the nine years of running the exhibition. The John Henry Jones Trophy is in memory of "Johnnie" Jones who helped start the event and was presented by his Granddaughter Charlotte Icton. Rtn. Tony Robinson, President of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, said later: "This exhibition is now accepted as one of the best railway exhibitions in the North East and is an excellent method of bringing visitors to the town whilst benefitting important charities".

Gregg Little Garage Sponsor Superkid Jack



Steve Thompson from Halls Construction in Newton Aycliffe was looking for sponsors for Jack his son, and his new go-kart. Jack has cystic fibrosis and was diagnosed at only 3 weeks old, and he has to take over 50 tablets a day and attends two sessions of physio. Nothing however keeps him from his love of Go-karting and since taking it up doctors have noticed a significant improvement in his health. Jack races at Teesside Autodrome every month and regularly gets on the podium. His racing is only possible with sponsorship from Gregg Little's Garage on the Business Park. Everyone at Gregg Little's wishes Jack all the very best in his next race on 25th March for the Teesside Pro-kart and Cadet Sprint Championship. For those wishing to follow or get involved with Jack on his adventures check out jtracing on facebook.

Youthy Football Round Up

Last weekend saw only a few of our teams managing to play their fixtures due to the amount of water on the Oak Leaf pitches.

Newton Aycliffe U9's Wildcats 2 - 2 Leam Rangers Green

Playing late in the thick fog on the all-weather pitch at Peterlee, made for a delicate start with a slippery surface. The girls got stuck in with lots of hard tackles against a physically strong opposition. We went a goal up, after a brilliant pass from Tilly led to a solid goal from Faith. Leam levelled soon after and the ball continued to go from end to end.

Wildcats passed brilliantly with great midfield play keeping the ball out of those danger zones. A further goal came following another inspired Tilly pass, this time to Thea who put the ball away. The remainder of the game had most chances going to Wildcats but the final score remained 2-2. Player of the Match was Anna.

Newton Aycliffe Youth U8's Falcons 5 - 2 Darlington TSC

After a few weeks of training hard and going back to basics it paid off on the pitch today. These lads passed the ball around for fun and took the game to TSC from the 1st minute.

Eagles can now build on this and finish the season as strong as possible heading into the Summer Tournaments.

Newton Aycliffe U15 Falcons 7-1 Coulby Newham Reds

The Falcons returned back



to action today after many weeks of cancellations. Cameron Jones on his Falcons debut opened the scoring with a tidy goal underneath the keeper but CNR managed to equalise before HT to make it 1-1 at the break. Second half we regrouped and I made a few changes in midfield that changed the game.

Adam Askew scored a tremendous Hat-trick with 2 spectacular goals that got a round of applause from both sides. Cameron Jones got his second with Luke Robinson getting a deserved goal. Jack Ewin rounded off the scoring by scoring a well taken 7th goal for the Falcons.

Excellent second half with Aaron Hepburn Joe Armstrong Jacob Gibson Lewis Gray holding a good back line with Dylan Burnside Jack Ewin adding

support in both defence and midfield. Spencer O'Sullivan had an excellent game and our Captain led by example. Luke Robinson followed instruction and got his deserved goal.

Upfront Cole Harrison worked his socks off and provided brilliant assists but Cameron Jones on debut impressed throughout and deservedly picked up Man Of The Match. Great second half won us the points and we will have to continue that quality, determination and discipline if we want a 3rd successive promotion.

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Littering Prosecutions

Six litterbugs have been ordered to pay a total of £2,000 in fines and legal costs after being found guilty of littering the streets of County Durham.

The six defendants were initially handed Fixed Penalty Notices by Durham County Council's neighbourhood wardens, but failed to pay. The defendants, none of which appeared in court, were from Stanley, Wheatley Hill and Newton Aycliffe. Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates court ordered the defendants to pay a £200 fine, £130 in legal costs, and a £30 victim surcharge; with the exception

of one, who was given a £40 fine and ordered to pay £130 in legal costs and a £30 victim surcharge after she submitted an early guilty plea by post. Ian Houlst, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "We know that littering is a concern for residents across the county, and these latest prosecutions help demonstrate our continued commitment to cracking down on the problem."

"Most cases of littering are dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice, but in the event of non-payment we are prepared to take people who litter to court. "It really does take very little effort to dispose of your litter responsibly but the consequences of not doing so can be very costly."

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Just to remind you the next meeting of above is on **Tuesday 20th March 2017** at **Neville Parade Community Centre.**

Refreshments are available from 6.30pm and the meeting starts at 6.45pm.

All Residents are welcome. Please ask your neighbours to come and join us.

Heather Brewster
Chair, Neville Residents Association
Email: neville residents association@btinternet.com

Ice Hockey Guests on Aycliffe Radio

Aycliffe Radio's Sports Show presenters, Daz and Lee, welcomed **Finley Brandon** and **Gregor Mills** on Tuesday 13th March. The boys represent England in the sport of ice hockey. If you wish to hear what they had to say, the repeat show is on this **Sunday 18th March** at midday, only on Aycliffe Radio.



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The widely adopted practice of issuing 28 day rather than longer duration prescriptions for people with long-term conditions should be reconsidered, according to a study published in the British Journal of General Practice. Related research shows that considerable savings could be made by the NHS switching to longer prescriptions. Over a billion NHS prescription items are issued each year by pharmacists in the community, at a cost of over £9 billion. Many of these medications are used for the management of long-term health conditions, such as diabetes or heart disease. Prescriptions for these medications are issued through the 'repeat prescribing' system. This allows patients to request a further supply of medicines without needing to make another appointment with their doctor. Local guidance by clinical

commissioning groups in many parts of the country encourages GPs to issue shorter supplies of these repeat medications, partly to reduce wastage. Prescriptions are typically 28 days in length, but this policy has been questioned. Longer prescriptions could save GPs' time, which could in turn be used to increase time spent with patients. Savings to the NHS from lengthening all prescriptions for statin drugs alone (one of the most commonly prescribed medications) were estimated at £62 million per year. However, Dr Payne also cautions that lengthening prescriptions could have undesirable consequences for pharmacists. "Community pharmacies receive a fee for every prescription they dispense. So simply switching every repeat prescription item from, for example, one month to three

months, could result in a large reduction in pharmacy income. Therefore, although the NHS may save money, it could lead to a loss of pharmacy services. Changes to policy around the length of repeat prescriptions should also consider how pharmacies are reimbursed."

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Compiled by
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Council meetings; a seminar on homelessness; a consultation on support for sensory impairment; statistics about health and achievement; funding and training opportunities; and a crackdown on seatbelts. Plus your chance to be a star! All this week's stories are on the internet and you can find out more about them on my blog here: bit.ly/CNB153

COUNCIL

- DCC Environment Scrutiny Committee, Thursday 8 March.
 - Homelessness Reduction Act Seminar, Wednesday 7 March.
 - DCC is consulting on changes to support for children with sensory impairment.
 - DCC leads the fight on food waste.
 - 'A Walk Through Life' - statistics about health and achievement in Great Aycliffe.
 - Evaluation Report on Operation Spruce Up.
 - Gypsy Roma Traveller Sites.
 - Great Aycliffe Town Council Meetings, Wednesday 7 March.
 - Great Aycliffe Festival - apply for funding before 31 March.
 - Latest local roadworks information.
- COMMUNITY**
- The latest editions of Durham County News, the 'This

Is Durham' pocket guide, and the DCC Countryside Services newsletter are out.

- Is your Voluntary Group ready for the General Data Protection Regulations (May) - free session, 6-7:30pm, 19 March at NAYCC.
 - Could your group apply for a Community Safety Project grant?
 - PCVC Ron Hogg seeks Independent Custody Visitors.
 - Police to crack down on seatbelts.
 - Mental Health Services engagement events, 21 and 27 March.
 - Good Aycliffe Business Park news for Intelligence Fusion and The Incubation Centre.
 - Have you noticed your oven clock losing time recently? Here's the amazing reason why.
- THINGS TO DO**
- Greenfield Arts Open Exhibition.
 - Toddler Tales and Trails: The Rainbow Fish (2-5s), Hardwick Park, 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, Wednesday 21 or Saturday 24 March, £4, advance booking required on 03000 262 899.
 - ITV 'The Voice' auditions, Gala Theatre Durham, 5pm Wednesday 21st March - pre-registration essential.
 - Fantastic South Korea (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 24 March.

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Reduce Food Waste

The war on food waste in County Durham has been given a major boost with the awarding of a grant worth more than £35,000. The County Durham Food Partnership, working with Durham County Council, has been chosen as a Discovery Community by Sainsbury's as part of the supermarket chain's 'Waste less, Save more' campaign. The announcement means the partnership has received £35,600 to encourage people to reduce their food waste, but also help them to save money. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships said: "We know people in County Durham are keen to cut down on food waste. "This grant will give us the opportunity to look for exciting ways to do this such as installing community fridges, where people can donate their unwanted edible food to be used by others. We're really looking forward to helping residents and local businesses reduce the amount of food they throw away." The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) estimates that the average UK household with children

throws away £700 worth of food that could have been eaten. A reduction in this could mean a saving of £60 per household per month. The partnership has been working with local communities and businesses in County Durham on a number of activities, including:

- Recruiting Food Saver Champions to spread the word about reducing food waste
- The Zero Waste Kitchen Challenge with 10 families
- Installing community fridges in Shildon, Chester-le-Street and Consett
- Distributing Waste less, Save more welcome packs to Durham University students
- Promoting the free food sharing app Ollo
- Organising 'Feed the 1,000' events in Chester-le-Street and Bishop Auckland, giving away meals made using food that would otherwise have been thrown away.

Businesses will also be encouraged to donate their unwanted food to local community projects such as community fridges. To follow the campaign, visit www.facebook.com/recycleforcountydurham or www.durham.gov.uk/wastelessavemore

Open Art at Greenfield



Greenfield Arts have recently hosted the preview of their popular 'Open Art Exhibition' which runs from Thursday 8th March to Wednesday 18th April 2018. The event was a great success and everyone who attended had the opportunity to appreciate the fabulous work from the many artists from around the region who had applied to exhibit their work. The theme this year has attracted work around the theme of 'The Power of the Pen' and how art can inspire creativity and passion in us all. This is part of a wider campaign at Greenfield which has brought together a number of projects which celebrate a love of reading,

writing and creativity. The exhibition, which has attracted over thirty artists, features a range of mediums is also offering the chance to enjoy a final celebration evening where everyone is welcome to come along. The event will be held on 18th April, from 6pm to 8pm where there will be a number of crafts on sale and of course a final opportunity to enjoy this very special exhibition. If you would like to know a bit more about the full programme of events and activities you can find further details on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or alternatively email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

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Aycliffe Entrepreneur Gives £5000 Back to Community

A North East not-for-profit social enterprise, founded in 2017 by a team including Newton Aycliffe born David Judge, has presented a Community Centre with a cheque for £5,000 after saving them thousands of pounds on their energy bills.

One Unite Partnership saved Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre £14,473 over three years by helping them switch their gas and electric.

They also presented them with a cheque for £5000, the money they received from commissions. This resulted in a total of £19,473 being put back into the local community. The Birtley based not-for-profit social enterprise is a new to the market business idea set up to support the third sector. It specialises in sourcing better deals on utilities and saved the community centre money through saving energy. One Unite Partnership provide this service for a wide range of companies including nurseries, not-for-profit organisations, care homes and charities.

Dom Ryan, co-founder of One Unite Partnership spoke



about their work, "We have created a new business that is totally unique. Unlike all other utility companies, we aim to keep money in and put money into the third sector. What we are doing is completely new to the market. We are set up to support the third sector, which we expanded to include a wider range of good causes. A great example of this is if we save a good cause £1000, then we have made this money available for them to spend on themselves."

Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre were introduced to One

Unite Partnership after they provided this service to a local nursery. The centre already ran street dance classes and coffee mornings but are now able to buy a range of new equipment and a much needed new boiler.

Shaun Hillary, Chairman of the centre, said "After the savings provided by One Unite Partnership we've been able to give back to the community and give the people what they asked for by setting up a new soccer school which now averages 50 children a week. The soccer school is available for ages 2-13 and has been set up with funds that we wouldn't have had if it were not for the money One Unite Partnership saved us"

Shaun continues "One Unite Partnership's impact on Ferryhill as a community has been huge, with children from the area now able to attend a local soccer school, as well as having much more to do within the centre in general" Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre are the latest success story to join a growing list of organisations to have been positively impacted by the work of One Unite Partnership. For more information on One Unite Partnership's work and their other projects visit oneunite.org.uk

SHUNTING AT LOCO



Locomotion, Shildon, is delighted to welcome the Ground Level 5" Gauge Main Line Association for a shunting demonstration event from Friday March 23 to Sunday March 25, 2018. The Ground Level 5" Gauge Main Line (GL5) Association focuses on realistic railway operations in ground level 5" gauge. GL5 Association members model British main line railways.

The shunting demonstration event will take place in Locomotion's Collection Building – and visitors will be able to see ground level 5" gauge steam and diesel locomotives operated against a backdrop of the museum's standard gauge collection! The museum will be open from 10am to 4pm throughout the event, and admission and parking are free of charge. For more information, please call Locomotion on 01904 685780.

Free Home Visit Advice on Energy Bills

If the recent freezing temperatures left you shivering by the radiator, you may be worried about the impact on your heating bills – and your bank balance.

Residents concerned about their energy bills are being encouraged to seek advice from Durham County Council's Managing Money Better service, which is run in partnership with Prince Bishops Community Bank.

The service provides a free and impartial home visit to ensure residents are on the most appropriate tariff, as well as giving fuel debt advice. They can also find out if they are entitled to the Government Warm Homes Discount of £140, something many homes do not realise they can claim.

With the average home energy bill now £1,340 per year, there are a number of ways to make savings but many people are unaware of how to get more for their money.

Six hundred residents have already benefitted from the scheme, including a disabled woman in her 90's from Barnard Castle.

Living in a large end of terrace house in a rural village, the woman's electric bills were high and so a home visit from a Managing Money Better advisor was arranged. After checking her bills, the advisor realised she was paying more than the standard tariff and had been missing out on the Warm Home Discount for 17 years, despite being in the automatic group.

As a result, she switched her tariff, saving £277 a year – as well as ensuring she should receive the Warm Home Discount of £140.

A couple from Stanley also wrote to the council to show how much they appreciated the team's help when it was most needed.

After receiving an unexpectedly large bill, they were visited by an advisor who worked with them to ensure the bill was reviewed and they were then given a large refund.

Cllr Kevin Shaw, Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "Many people worry about dealing with their energy bills but aren't aware that little changes can make a big difference. "Our Managing Money Better service has already helped lots of residents in the county and we would encourage anyone who is struggling to get in touch with our team who can provide free, impartial advice."

To arrange a home visit from Managing Money Better contact Durham County Council's Housing Advice Line on 03000 268 000.

In Memoriam

EMILY COOK

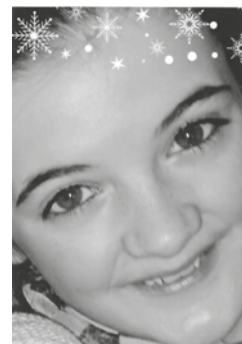
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We long for one more day with you, to be a family once again. So our broken hearts would mend, and could feel no more pain.

But our bond and love will never die, and forget you we will never.

We love and miss you every day, until we are all back together forever.

Love you Em's, Mam and Wayne xxxx



Beautiful Emily was taken away from us one year ago today, 21st March, aged 12 years.

Our beautiful Sister. Special memories of you will always make us smile. If only we could have you back for a while. If only to see your cheeky smile, you will always be our ray of sunshine. Miss you Em's, Morgan x Holly x and Harry x

Of all the gifts in life, however great or small. To have beautiful Emily as our Granddaughter, was the greatest gift of all. One year has passed since that sad day, when our beautiful Emily was called away. God loved her too and thought it best, to take her home with him to rest. Miss you Em, love Nanna xx and Grandad xx

They say an elephant never forgets, and we will never forget you. You left a lasting legacy in our hearts and memories a plenty, that will stay with us forever. As the boys grow, we are filled with pride and sadness, but we know you will always be with them, guiding them every step of the way. We will always love you, as you are forever in our thoughts. 'Be a warrior not a worrier'. Auntie Caroline, Uncle Michael, Cousins Thomas, Michael and Mathew xxxxx

Look around your garden Lord, find our Emily, the one I love. Put your arms around her, give her lots of love, for I only wish I could. Miss you Em's. Love, Nicola and Bella xx

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. Losing you is the heartache that never goes away. Miss you Em. Love, Lesley, Brian and family xxx

We saw her getting weary, the pain so hard to take, the angels came and took her hand and laid her soul to rest. Emily, so beautiful, so loved, never to be forgotten. Love, Howard, Eleanor and David xxx

A thousand words can't bring you back, we know because we've tried. Neither would a million tears, we know because we've cried. Love, Vicki, Dave, all your friends from The Hub and all your supporters from #teamEmily xxx

A silent thought, a secret tear, keeps your memory ever so dear. Chris and Hayley xx

Good night, sleep tight. We love you more than last night.

Thank You

FRANCES WOODHEAD 19th March. You left me beautiful memories, your love is still my guide, and although I cannot see you, you're always at my side. All my love, Peter xxx

FRANCES WOODHEAD 19th March. Miss you Mum. You're with us when each new day dawns, and when we say goodnight, our guardian angel here on earth, and heaven's shining light. Lots of love, Gary xxx

FRANCES WOODHEAD 19th March. Till roses lose their petals, till the heather has lost it's dew, till the end of time dear Mum, we will always remember you. Lots of love, Mandy and John xxxxx

ALLEN FRAZER 18th March 1998. Twenty years have gone by, your memory is our greatest treasure. Loved forever, forgotten never. Loved and remembered always, Ann and family xxx

SJ & PAWS2RESCUE would like to thank everyone who donated to their Easter Shoe Box Appeal for the children in need in Romania. The response from the appeal in this area has been overwhelming, with more than 500 pairs of shoes, hundreds of socks and eggs being donated. Thank you to all who dropped boxes into Newton Press offices. A massive thank you to Dawn Hughes, Beverley Dowson, Madison and Cayden, Clinkard's Shoes of Darlington, Tesco Newton Aycliffe, Sheena at Children's Blessings, Newton News for advertising the appeal in the paper and Newton Press for sorting delivery of the extra large pallet to Surrey, the first leg of it's journey! Without you all we couldn't have achieved what we did. You have all helped make a massive difference to the children.

THANK YOU A BIG THANK YOU to Dr's and Nurses in A&E Darlington Hospital. When I became ill the Paramedics looked after me until there was a bed ready. They are wonderful people who are often treated badly. I didn't have to stay in but was treated with the care of someone who was really ill. Doreen Robertson

Obituary

Hartis



HARTIS BRUCE at home on 5th March 2018 aged 79. Dearly loved Husband of the late Margaret who sadly passed away 18th February 2018. Dearest friend of Bill and Faith. Friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 21st March at 10.00am. No flowers please.

HARDY (nee Lambton)

Audrey of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on March 6 aged 78 years. A dearly beloved wife of the late Maurice. A much loved Mam to Stephen and Martin. A dear Mother in Law to Beverley and Emma. Treasured Grandma to Jennifer and Lewis. Family and friends please meet for service at Darlington Crematorium on Monday March 26th for 9.45am

Congratulations

George Slatcher



Happy 18th Birthday

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Birthday Remembrance

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GEORGE RICHARDS Dad, your birthday's here, but you aren't. It doesn't take a special day to think of you, we do it every day. Love and miss you, Elizabeth and Keith xx
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TV Festival Looking for Future Talent

The Edinburgh International Television Festival talent schemes are a charitable organisation, whose mission is to identify and nurture the next generation of talent from all backgrounds. The schemes are The Network and Ones to Watch, are regarded as the industry's most respected training programmes.

Running concurrently every year, the schemes help talent from a diverse range of backgrounds across the UK kick-start their careers in the TV industry.

The Network was set up in 1991 to give talent with little or no experience their vital first step on the TV ladder. Designed for those who want to work behind the camera, places are highly coveted with 60 hopefuls accepted onto the scheme every year. Successful applicants benefit from a four-day course that takes place alongside the world-famous TV Festival in August. This is followed by 12 months of mentoring and paid work placements with some of the TV industry's most prestigious companies. Ones to Watch (OTW), founded in 1994, is aimed at those who already have three or more years' experience in TV and are looking to make the next big step in their career.

With only 30 places available on this course, only the most impressive entrants are selected. Candidates are drawn from all areas of the TV industry – from assistant producers to directors, writers to marketers, schedulers, business and

legal. Graduates of OTW will gain access to a series of exclusive workshops and masterclasses, led in previous years by prominent industry executives and creatives including Jay Hunt, Charlotte Moore, Vince Gilligan and Vinay Patel. OTW participants will also be showcased to over 2000 delegates at the TV Festival and will receive 12 months of training and development from the best in the business. Places on both schemes are awarded after an online application process and those shortlisted will be invited to take part in a series of assessment days across the UK. The Talent Schemes are free to enter and participate in and have a long history of finding and nurturing future talent and leaders.

They have kick-started the careers of those who have gone on to become heads of production companies, channel controllers, award-winning director and writers, including Fiona Campbell (Controller, BBC News, Mobile & Online), Laura Mansfield (Managing Director, Outline Productions/PACT Chair), Cameron Roach (Commissioning Editor, Sky Drama) and Rajiv Nathwani (Social Media Manager, Netflix).

Applications can be submitted via <http://www.thetvfestival.com/talent-schemes/> open until 27th April at 11pm. All applicants must be over 18. Shortlisted applicants will be notified in May.

Skating Club News



Spectrum Skaters performed 'Skate Idol' demonstration at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, Shildon on 10th March and raised £61.81.

The skaters chose to put together 'skate idol' performance and created their own skating routines to their favourite music idols with music ranging from Dolly Parton to My Chemical Romance, which gave the skaters the opportunity to develop creativity.

"The team created solo, duo, trio and group choreography," explained coach Tracy Stevens. "I am very proud of all the skaters who took part. Demonstrations where the skaters perform to an audience helps to boost the

skaters confidence. We were lucky to have skaters aged from 4 years to adults taking part and they all skated very well."

A big thank you to the friends and family who supported the event. We raised £61.81 from door entry, a cake sale and a tombola.

Spectrum Roller Skating Club always welcome new skaters, whatever the age or ability. We have beginner lessons on Saturday 2.30-3.30pm and a roller disco Fridays 7.30-8.30pm both at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, Shildon. Please find more information on our social network pages (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) or ring Tracy Stevens 07891 461958.

AYCLIFFE FC AWAY WIN ON 3G PITCH



Aycliffe keeper James Winter puts in a Man of the Match performance

Newton Aycliffe FC travelled to Stockton and came away from Teesside with a win and three points. Most Northern League games were postponed on the day, but this one went ahead on Stockton's 3G plastic pitch.

The surface suited Aycliffe's passing game and they got off to a great start on 3 minutes. Centre forward Craig Hutchinson was fouled 20 yards out. Thibault Charmey smashed the resulting free-kick past the wall into the net for 0-1. Stockton came straight back and Aycliffe keeper James Winter made a smart save from Hayes.

Stockton equalised on 9 minutes when a corner was headed back into the penalty box and Coleman headed in. Aycliffe then had a good spell in the game. They worked a good move on the quarter hour which resulted in home keeper Arthur saving from Stuart Banks.

They then created a couple of half-chances in quick succession, as their inter-passing was giving the Stockton back four some problems. Stockton worked a free-kick on the half hour which ended with Woodhouse curling his shot

over the bar. Aycliffe went ahead again on 34 minutes when another good passing move was finished by Ben Trotter who drive the ball low into the corner for 1-2. Again, Stockton came back at Aycliffe and Winter made a good save following a corner. Half-time 1-2. Aycliffe started the second half well and were unlucky when Charmey curled a shot just over the bar. Both sides tried to prise an opening, and Stockton went close on 66 minutes when a good move ended with Winter making a fine save from Coleman's header.

A minute later it was Aycliffe's turn to go close as Banks dribbled past three defenders and got his shot away, only for Arthur to make a sharp save. Stockton pressed hard for an equaliser and Hayes put two shots over the bar. On 90 minutes Aycliffe man-of-the-match Winter made another save, this time from Owens. Aycliffe saw out injury time to gain an excellent win. Full-time 1-2. MOTM: James Winter. Upcoming fixtures: Jarrow Roofing at home on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm, followed by Whitley Bay at home on Saturday 17th March at 3.00pm.

Juniors Football Report

After the 'Beast from the East' wiped out last weekends fixtures it was good to see some of the Aycliffe Juniors teams back in action over the weekend. Some games were postponed which allowed players to enjoy Mother's Day with their families.

The Under 8's reversed their fixture to play Wynyard on Sunnysdale's 3G pitch. The visitors scored two first half goals before Oliver and Thomas netted to bring the score to 2-2. The Aycliffe team pushed for a winner but two late goals were conceded to give Wynyard a 4-2 win. Josh was the man of the match in this game. The development game gave the opportunity for new players to get some time on the pitch. Theo and Stephen made their debuts and the latter managed to score a good goal.

The Under 9's have now entered two teams in the Russell Foster Spring League and they both started their campaigns on Saturday. The 'Whites' beat Washington with man of the match Kai getting a hatrick and Jude also scoring. The 'Clarets' played a strong Seaton Carew team. There were debuts in this game for Ido, Daniel, Sam, Flynn and Hudson. A goal from Daniel and a man of the match performance from Ido were not enough to avoid defeat.

The Under 10's 'Black' hosted league leaders Stranton FC. They started positively creating a few chances then defended well to end the first half with the score 0-0. A good strike from range gave the visitors a lead and as Aycliffe pushed to equalise another goal was conceded. This match ended 2-0 with Jack named as the man of the match after another great game in

goal. In the development game Caleb, Noah and man of the match Cole scored in a 3-3 draw.

The Under 11's were away at Billingham Synthonia it was a tight start to the game on a heavy pitch. Thomas broke the deadlock when he scored from a tight angle but an equaliser was conceded shortly after. Jayden scored to regain the lead after he had an earlier effort ruled out by the referee. There were no further goals in the game and Aycliffe secured a good win, Ellis was named man of the match.

The Under 13's played away at New Marske knowing a win would put them above their opponents in the league table. They started well when good build up from Kay and Watson gave Clark the chance to score and give Aycliffe the lead. That lead was doubled when Kay scored with a great free kick. A couple of defensive errors allowed Marske to level the score before man of the match Watson made a great

break and scored to make the final score 3-2.

The Under 16's hosted table topping Darlington 21st All Stars. They performed well in the first half and Stoker got a goal making the score 2-1 at the break. The visitors' strength shone through after the break as the Darlington team ran out 7-1 winners.

The Under 23's travelled to play Peterlee Helford United. Jack Slatcher scored a great long range goal and A Vincent was man of the match in a 1-1 draw.

Ukelele Group

There was a great response from people interested in playing the Ukelele in a Newton Aycliffe group. Around ten people have expressed an interest in playing and being taught to play.

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