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## St. Mary's New Catholic Priest



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He is no stranger to Aycliffe as he was born in Darlington, had an uncle who lived in Shafto Way in the early sixties and travelled on the Darlington to Durham bus route frequently in the seventies.

He has had a varied career, having worked as a teacher of Classics (Latin and Greek) in Liverpool, where his love affair with Florida began. "We used to have two months holiday in the summer and every year I went to work in a parish in Clearwater, Florida, where the work was not onerous, students were far away and the sun shone all the time, except during thunderstorms and hurricanes!"

After the school that he taught in closed he qualified as a physiotherapist then moved to Hartlepool (adventurous for someone from Darlington!) and on to South Shields. "It was in South Shields that my life changed when I spent three months in Zambia, helping handicapped children to walk and overcome some ailments that had been left untreated."

On returning to parish work in South Shields he continued his involvement with Zambia and in 1997 adopted a 14-year-old Zambian boy who went to school and college in South Tyneside for three years before returning home.

"When Andrew came it was a big change in my life and I will forever be grateful for it. He now has a family of his own although sadly one of his daughters died at the age of two in 2015, something all too common in Zambia." Six years in the West End of Newcastle and four years in Washington then brought him back to his roots in Durham. "It really was like coming home. All of my family still live in Darlington and it is great to find myself in familiar territory for once, after moving."

As well as looking after the parish of St Mary in Aycliffe he is also parish priest of St Thomas' Shildon and currently is overseeing churches in Ferryhill, Coundon and Chilton. "When the railway workshops in Darlington closed in the sixties, work was transferred to Shildon but my father lost his job with British Rail as a result, but I am growing to forgive Shildon and have always had a soft spot for Aycliffe!"

## REME MEETING

REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome, "Arte et Marte"

## P.A.C.T. Meeting

Police And Community Together

A reminder that the Aycliffe North and Middridge PACT meeting is at Woodham Community Centre at 6pm on Thursday 26th April 2018. PCSO 7848 Walls will be attending to represent the police. PCSO 7758 Jen Atkinson Email: [Jennifer.Atkinson@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jennifer.Atkinson@durham.pnn.police.uk)

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## Living Requested to Involve People More Fully

Dear Sir,

I wish to write and complain about the great assumptions which Living seem to be making, in respect of how tenants feel concerning the proposed West Ward Regeneration proposals. Many tenants are NOT in favour of Option 3, we don't want to leave our homes. Personally I moved here over two years ago to retire, I am now 72 and my wife 70 just the thought of moving again fills us with dread.

The physical thing of packing and loading into vans, then unpacking and fitting new carpets etc. the thought of it is awful. Two years ago we found it very stressful and exhausting, now the thought of doing it all again is not something my wife and I can contemplate. Most people feel that not enough time and thought has been given to the alternatives, and there ARE real alternatives.

1. The Option 3 proposal, which Living seem to be favouring, is a waste of resources. Houses which were only built in 1967-68 should not be demolished at the whim of planners and those who do not live in the area, unaware of the good points as well as the not so good. These are perfectly good houses that are comfortable and easy to heat. If they are carefully maintained and updated there is at least another 50 years left in them.

2. As for the layout of the estate, much of what Living is planning in option 3 could be accomplished as the estate currently stands. Eg. The section of Williamfield Way that, under option 3, is to be passable by buses and emergency vehicles only; this could be accomplished in front of the Lindsfarne Care Home with the layout as it is now, with little reorganisation of systems.

3. The parking issue could also be addressed as the estate is currently, by marking out parking bays for those people without garages and identifying them for a particular house (as is already done in Hawkshead Place). Extra parking could be made available by extending the parking laybys at present in use in Kirkstone Place and Honister Place. The problem with vehicle access to a few properties is difficult but not insurmountable eg: Extending the 'hammerhead' in Honister place could provide vehicle access to the front of 40-44 Kirkstone Place.

4. The final point I wish to make is that there needs to be more, MUCH MORE, consultation before final decisions are made. It is not enough to knock on a few doors, leafleting the estate and then, as was the case a number of weeks ago, inviting people to call in and see the proposals drawn up with a take it or leave it attitude.

People need to be involved in the decision making process and not be faced with a situation where a decision has already been made by Living saying, "Options 1 & 2 won't work", who says they won't work? Who made that decision?

Living must realise that this is the lives of people in 572 households we are talking about; it's not just an exercise in town planning. Why have we not had public meetings with Living decision makers, explaining to tenants and owners what is proposed? Why have the people living in the area not had a say in which of the three options was to go ahead? Why won't Living answer the questions put forward by GARA representatives? It is not good enough to say Living won't be in attendance at this meeting or that, WHY won't Living be in attendance?

I am concerned that I, along with every other resident in this area, are being ridden roughshod over by people who haven't stopped to think about the full implications of their decisions on the lives of residents. If these plans go ahead residents could end up living on a building site for many years and for me, that could mean the rest of my life.

Please consider your proposals again, involve people more fully and think laterally about what it is you really need to accomplish.

Derick Sutton

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We would especially like to thank the people at Aycliffe Village who are always at the usual spot every year waving us on. The convoy of bikes set off from Durham heading to Darlington Memorial, drop off eggs which are in a van behind the bikes, then head back to Durham University Hospital, coming through Newton Aycliffe, with more people to wave at. Thank you to all of our supporters, who always give us a fantastic reception. See you next Easter Sunday.

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in Whinlatter Place. Livin is being very cagey about the details, and won't attend meetings of the Residents' Association or the Town Council, or even have information printed in the Newton News.

What they are doing? By all accounts, they are meeting tenants on an individual basis, thus avoiding public scrutiny. It seems they are suggesting that there may be a very attractive deal available to tenants. Just remember that anything sounding too good to be true might not be as good as it sounds.

Ask what guarantee they can give you now that you will be eligible for any scheme they talk about and ask them to spell out any new responsibilities you will need to take on, e.g. a contribution to housing repairs or safety checks.

Dave Catleugh  
(Livin Tenant)  
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# NEWTONIANS SEND EASTER GIFTS TO ROMANIAN POOR

We are pleased to update readers on the Easter Shoebox Appeal, after the hugely successful collection sent down to Surrey ready to travel on the final stage over to Romania.

The donations arrived in Romania a few weeks before Easter and were all sorted ready to distribute. Many boxes of shoes, socks and Easter eggs, along with food and clothing items were given out to children on HIV & Cancer wards in the hospitals, orphanages.

As you can see from the photos, hundreds of shoes, eggs and other items were taken to central points in rural villages where children, along with their parents or carers, came along to try on shoes and get some treats and essential items.

Easter in Romania was a week after it was here so the whole week was spent distributing your donations to those who needed them. The children, families, rescuers, Sarah-Jane Jackman and Paws2Rescue can't thank the Newton Aycliffe donors enough for everything they have done in helping achieve this. The difference you made is huge!



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Pigeons were classed as heroes in the war, relaying important messages and saving lives.

All this rubbish about then giving disease- I'm 60 years old and worked in a hospital and I never saw one person who took ill from bird poo! The biggest threat to humans is other humans.

I love going to big cities where they actually sell bags of seed for people to feed the birds - unlike the children I see in our town centre who think it great fun to chase and kick the birds scrambling to find a crumb to eat which is heartbreaking.

Will all animal lovers join me and celebrate that we are not law breakers! Enjoy the spring and as the song says: "Feed the Birds".  
Irene Hewitson

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# “Lower Drink Drive Limit” say Safety Campaigners

As the latest provisional figures from the Department for Transport reveal that fatalities from drink driving have increased in the UK, safety campaigners are once again urging the Government to reconsider the drink drive limit in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Department for Transport’s report, which was released in February, estimates that 9,050 people were killed or injured in 2016 when at least one driver was over the drink-drive limit – a significant rise from 2015’s figure of 8,470 and the highest figure recorded since 2012.

The drink drive limit in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is currently one of the highest in Europe at 80mg in every 100ml of blood. Safety campaigners want this figure to fall to 50mg to be in line with Scotland’s drink drive limit, which was lowered in December 2014. Following its introduction, Police Scotland reported that drink driving offences in Scotland fell by 12.5% in the following nine months compared with the year before.

Despite debates on the subject in the House of Lords in 2016, the Government announced later that year it had no plans to lower the drink drive limit in England and Wales, stating that their approach to tackling drink driving was through rigorous enforcement, tough penalties and awareness campaigns.

Suzannah Robin is an alcohol safety expert at AlcoDigital. She works with corporate and governmental organisations and has helped dozens of local authorities and councils to implement their alcohol testing policies for staff. She said:

“It makes no sense whatsoever to keep the drink drive limit in England, Wales and Northern Ireland at its current level. Given the recent report, it is ludicrous to think that this isn’t even a consideration for the Department for Transport when all the statistical data available from Scotland and Europe clearly show that lives could be saved if the drink drive limit was lower.

“Scotland has already lowered the limit with great success and it is now time England, Wales and Northern Ireland followed its lead. The latest figures from the Department for Transport only go towards reinforcing this.” Suzannah added: “One of the arguments against lowering the drink drive limit is the view that most accidents are caused by people who would flout the rules regardless of the law. This attitude simply doesn’t stack up. A lower limit sends a powerful message that drink driving is dangerous.

Law enforcement and raising awareness of the impact of drink driving has helped to improve road safety over the last decade, however, more can still be done.

Statistics show that even after just one drink you are three times more likely to be involved in a collision. This also applies to the morning after, when many people who think they are safe to drive will still in fact have alcohol in their system. I sincerely believe that lowering the limit will help to prevent more senseless deaths and injuries.” Don’t Be That Someone, an award-winning anti drink-driving campaign, which seeks to raise awareness amongst young people about the deadly impact alcohol can have on drivers, has partnered with AlcoDigital to lobby for a reduction in the limit. Its founder, Mike McAdam, said: “The issue here is fear of change and what a lower limit could mean to the alcohol economy or the drivers who are acting responsibly. But what about the families who are having to suffer the terrible consequences of losing a loved one?”

“No one is suggesting you can’t go out, drink and have a good time. You can still do that and arrange for a taxi to take you home afterwards. What we are asking for is that the law is aligned with the rest of Europe where a lower drink drive limit is already in place and has helped to decrease drink drive related injuries and deaths. How can that be a bad thing?” The official figures from the Department of Transport will be released later this year.

# COUNCIL ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR POTHOLE & ROAD REPAIRS

An extra £700,000 of council funding will be invested in improving the condition of roads around County Durham over the coming year, it has been revealed today.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, announced the additional funding at a meeting of the authority’s full council in Durham.

The cash will enable additional resurfacing works to be carried out, repairing damage caused by the recent bad weather, especially in relation to potholes.

The funding is in addition to the £1.3 million recently announced by the government for pothole repairs in County Durham in 2018/19 and brings the council’s funding to £5.7 million for this financial year.

Taking into account the £10.2 million already confirmed by the government, it means the council has a total budget for highways repairs in 2018/19 of £17.2 million.

Cllr Henig said: “We are well aware that maintaining the condition of the county’s roads is a priority for many of our residents. That’s why,

year after year, we have worked to protect our budget for this area and provide significant investment from the council in addition to the grant received from government.

“However, while we welcome the additional funding from the Government, we rely on the Department of Transport for the majority of funding for road repairs and this money is simply not enough to cover what has become a major backlog.

“The problem has been exacerbated by the long and particularly cold weather and, while the additional resources we are announcing today will go some way to help, as a council, we are simply not able to fill the funding gap.

“We would ask the Government to look again at the funding they provide to local councils for road repairs and look to provide more appropriate levels of support.”

Between January and March this year, the authority repaired more than 15,500 potholes compared to less than 9,500 during the same period last year, an increase of 39 per cent.

# Taxi Firm Present TV to Prizewinner



IAB Taxis launch into Newton Aycliffe commenced with a prize giveaway of a 4 inch flat screen Hitachi TV. The brand of TV was chosen because of the Hitachi links to the town.

The prize was awarded to the 1000th new booking from Newton Aycliffe.

The winner Rosemary Douglas a resident of Newton Aycliffe was presented with her prize on Thursday 12th April by IAB Taxis Managing Director Chris Bainbridge and General Manager Gary Park. To assist Rosemary she was met at her home address by a IAB Driver who ensured the TV was safely delivered to Rosemary’s home, it could also be mentioned that a IAB Taxis call centre operator Julie who took the booking was presented with VISA prepaid gift card and the driver who completed the journey.

IAB Taxis will be running further promotions and giveaways, so please lookout for news of these in the Newton News, Facebook and our website and app for more information.

# Newtonian Launches Charity for Young People



Marie Robson has set up Bee Happy 2gether to support young people and families affected by trauma/PTSD after her own daughter was seriously injured in Manchester attack last year. Young people affected by not only terror attacks but bullying, bereavement, assault, domestic violence, abuse and accidents are already in contact with Bee Happy 2gether and Marie has 4 volunteers supporting her including counsellors.

Bee Happy 2gether will be holding its free launch event on 30th May 2018 at 2pm at ROF59, Newton Aycliffe.

The afternoon will be a fun family event, and all are welcome to attend and to support the launch.

Activities include trampolining, cake making, arts & crafts, cupcake making, treasure hunt, nail bar, tombola, raffle and much more. Aycliffe Radio will also be present with an outside broadcast.

We are appealing for donations of prizes for the raffle and tombola. If you would like to donate, please contact Marie on 01325 230158 or marie@beehappy2gether.org.uk. Alternatively, you can drop prizes in to Newton Press, Blue Bridge Centre.



# AYCLIFFE RADIO

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Contact Aycliffe Radio via

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## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

An important DCC Cabinet meeting, interesting Town Council meetings, an Appeal Hearing, the GAMP Callout, free books ... and an Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society exhibition at the Locomotion Museum Shildon! There's lots happening in the Council and Community, and many things to do next weekend. Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB11

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- DCC Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday 11 April.
- Aycliffe Members' Meeting, Monday 16 April.
- More than 96 per cent of County Durham children will go this September to their first choice primary school – up 1¼ per cent on last year.
- The GAMP Project Callout is now OPEN -- £100,000 in funding bids between £5,000 and £11,000 available.
- Great Aycliffe Town Council Meetings, Wednesday 11 April.
- Woodham Bridge Appeal Hearing Day One.
- I have been asked by Cllr Joy Allen to promote the (very impressive) Bishop Auckland In Bloom website 'Bloom Talk'.
- Did you know that every child in England is entitled to free books when they are 0-12 months and 3-4 years old?
- Latest Local Roadworks Information.

### THINGS TO DO

- Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society exhibition, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, Monday 16-Friday 27 April, FREE.
- Durham Adventure Festival, Friday 27-Sunday 29 April.
- Wildlife Watch (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-12 noon, Saturday 28 April, £3.
- Dazzling Dragons (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 10am-3pm, Saturday 28 April.
- Practical Task Day (adults), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-3pm, Saturday 28 April.
- Weardale Way Countryside Walk (10 miles/6 hours), starts 10:15am, Saturday 28 April, in the car park by the Cattle Market, St. John's Chapel DL13 1QF, £4 (and take a packed lunch).

## HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

Tel: Syd  
01325 300212  
or syd@newtonnews.co.uk

## Creative Easter at Greenfield



Our popular creative activities were once again a big hit during the Easter Holidays, with many sessions being full to brim with eager young people enjoying the chance to shine. Our free Easter holiday programme saw the return of many favourites such as Gallery Encounters, Crazy Crafts and Story Explorers.

Jilly Johnston brought the art of story-making to life leading a fun session where young people got the chance to create their own handmade book full of their own stories, a great new skill for the

were keen to make the most of the opportunities.

In Aycliffe the children were inspired by local landmarks, making fabulous maps and memories and in Shildon they created fabulous plant-pot animals from recycled materials, a real fun activity for all the family with amazing results.

Jilly Johnston brought the art of story-making to life leading a fun session where young people got the chance to create their own handmade book full of their own stories, a great new skill for the

many budding authors in the session and a lovely item to take home.

Our new summer learning programme is now available with extra weekly sessions for young people with the return of our regular activities in Dru Yoga and our ever popular Art Club.

To find out more about what we offer please check out our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or contact Greenfield Arts on 01325 379048, [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or pop in and speak to one of our members of staff.

## KEEP DOGS ON LEADS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE



POLICE are warning dog owners to keep their pets on leads after two lambs were killed and 10 seriously injured in an attack.

The advice comes following an incident at Woodland House Farm, Bishop Auckland, on Tuesday (April 10) where two lambs were killed by a brown speckled lurcher.

David Holliday, who has lived on the farm all of his life, said: "It is very distressing. We have tended to the injured lambs and given them penicillin. They sustained puncture wounds from teeth marks. We are not sure if one of the injured is going to survive."

This is not the first time that an attack has happened on the farm. Last year, seven lambs were killed. Speaking of the incident, Mr Holliday said: "It was like nothing I'd ever seen before. They were ripped to shreds. You spend your time looking after them, up all night, and then this happens." Livestock worrying is a criminal offence under the Protection of Livestock Act 1953 and does not require an animal to be injured. The penalty for livestock worrying can be six months' imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1,000.

PC Sarah Thompson, of Durham Constabulary, said: "We would urge dog owners to keep their pets on leads when they are near any livestock, no matter how much you trust them. Dogs who may ordinarily be calm can become distracted and behave differently when in a rural environment where their sense of smell and chase instinct are stimulated."

"We want everyone to enjoy the great outdoors but farmers should not suffer the consequences of irresponsible dog owners. Please remember that the countryside is a farmers' workplace which requires respect. It is an offence to allow your dog to worry livestock and landowners have legal rights, under certain conditions, to shoot the dog if they feel their livestock is in danger. Anyone identified letting their dog off the lead resulting in an attack or worrying incident will be dealt with by police."

If members of the public have any information or concerns in regards to dogs not under control near livestock, they too should contact police. Anyone with information can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if they wish to remain anonymous.

## WINE AT THE AGM

School Aycliffe Community Association AGM is to be held on Monday 30th April 2018.

All residents are very welcome to come along and air their views.

There will be a wine reception at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

Looking forward to meeting with you

Tony Robinson, Chairperson

## AYCLIFFE RADIO

### Programme Schedule

### "GOOD MORNING AYCLIFFE" with Aidan Thompson

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broadcasting live Monday to Friday from 8.30am - 12 noon

### "AFTERNOON AYCLIFFE" with Paul Baker

broadcasting live Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 4.00pm

\*\* WATCH FOR NEW SHOWS/PRESENTERS \*\*

Time	Session	Presenter
<b>MONDAY</b>		
6-7pm	60s Show	DJ-A
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round Up	Darren & Lee
24th April	Craig Lowe - MAYFC Goalkeeper Coach	
1st May	David Bolt - 2018 Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal winner in Lawn Bowls	
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
7.45-10.15pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
6-8pm	Studio House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
20th Apr	Nathan Abbott	
27th Apr	Matthew Doughty	
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
8-11am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
11am-1pm	Kent Collective	Daz Kent
1-2pm	Honest John "Sixties Favourites"	
2-4pm	Aycliffe Radio Take Over	Metis
4-6pm	Something for the Weekend	Aidan Thompson
6-7pm	"The Evening Session"	DJ-Jim-Jams
7-8pm	Dance Anthems	The Doctor
8-10pm	Dance Mix	Nathan Abbott
10-12am	Garage/Grime/Drum n Bass	MC Supa
12-2.30am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gary & Alby
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
12-2pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	"Aycliffe Goes Country"	Aidan Thompson
4-6pm	Lazy Sunday Afternoon	
6-7pm	Church Service	Xcel Centre
7-10pm	R 'n' B Show	Jack Hall

### OPEN INTERVIEW INVITATION

Got an event or organisation you would like to promote?

Contact John Atkinson for an interview appointment, held in the Aycliffe Radio Studio on Wednesday afternoons.

Email: [john@ayclifferadio.co.uk](mailto:john@ayclifferadio.co.uk) to book yours ...

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to take place on SATURDAY 28th JULY 2018  
in NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN CENTRE MALL  
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[info@ayclifferadio.co.uk](mailto:info@ayclifferadio.co.uk) or 07931 701444

# Students Lead the Way Passing of an Aycliffe Angel

Student Leaders at Greenfield Community College have been sharing valuable ideas recently at a regional conference. The leadership team were invited to give a presentation at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC) where they attended alongside six other regional schools.



The young people had the opportunity to find out how other student leadership groups operate, sharing different models and ways of working and gaining valuable insight which will help further their development.

Student Leaders from each group were keen to communicate their ideas and practice with enthusiasm and clarity. Greenfield students displayed a growing confidence and were able to represent their school with an excellent presentation outlining their recent accomplishments and ongoing priorities. The group were especially eager to highlight the work they have done to help bring the school together as one, working closely with students and staff from both sites to reach common goals.

The students have been working with Unfolding Theatre which began with a fabulous live performance entitled "The Best in the World" which encourages young people to be the 'best that they can be'. The group have focused on this idea leading assemblies, participating

in staff training and more recently contributing to the publication of a book compiled by Greenfield students. The book "From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary" is part of a campaign to bring about positive change and is a credit to all of those involved. Katy Milne, Director of Arts & Creativity at Greenfield Arts has been working closely with the

group and is thrilled with their achievements, "This was a great opportunity for the students to reflect upon the positive changes they have made, particularly in their recent work which has strengthened us all working together as one school. Thank you to FBEC students for organising this. It was a powerful day of young people working together and exploring ideas."



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

- Visit the 'justgiving' website at [www.justgiving.com/cddft](http://www.justgiving.com/cddft)
- Send a cheque to: Cashiers, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6HX. Please make cheques payable to: Co Durham & Darlington NHS FT Charity.
- Pick up a donation envelope

with more information, from one of our waiting areas or wards.

- Text SCAN02 £10 to 70070 to donate £10 to CDDFT.
- To discuss fundraising or for more information, ring 01325 743786 or email: [cddft.charity@nhs.net](mailto:cddft.charity@nhs.net)
- Follow us on twitter: @CDDFTCharity
- Find the charity on Facebook

## Obituary - Vera Stobbs

We regret to announce the death of one of our "Aycliffe Angels" Vera Stobbs (nee Catterson).

Vera was born on 4th April 1924 in Leasingthorne and as a child lived there with her parents and older brother. Aged only 8 years, she saved her best friend Betty Palmer's life after Betty had fallen into a well and was saved from drowning by Vera.

Vera received a bible, a certificate of bravery and a letter of praise from the local MP, Mr Charlton Curry. Betty's two sons were still regular visitors to Vera.

She contracted rheumatic fever aged 12 and lost months of schooling.

Her mother died when Vera was only 17 years old which restricted her teenage years as she then took on the role of looking after her father and elder brother.

Aged 18 years, she began work as an inspector of Royal Navy Ordnance at ROF59, where she worked until the end of the war.

Vera married Joe Stobbs in 1949 and lived in Coundon, where they went on to raise three daughters. The family moved to Nottinghamshire in the early 1960's, where Joe worked as a miner, but moved back to Newton Aycliffe in 1968.

Vera was always proud of her family, which at the time of her death consisted of three married daughters,



six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Vera was also very proud to be called an Aycliffe Angel, and was invited to the opening of the ROF59 leisure facility in August 2015, which attracted TV news and press.

In July 2017 Vera gave a talk at a charity event at Simpature Court for the blind and partially sighted

on her experiences at ROF59 Ammunitions Factory. In January 2018 Vera met with an ex-BBC presenter/journalist and shared her ROF59 experiences for a book he was writing on Royal Ordnance Factories in the UK.

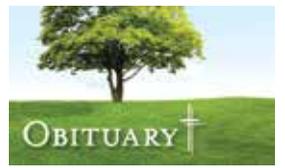
She thoroughly enjoyed speaking at all these events and assisted in any way she could.

Vera will be missed by all her family and friends. She was a remarkable lady, a lively character, known as the 'V'-machine to her grandchildren due to her long and active life.

She always said that when times were tough, people just got on with the job and during the hard times of the war this was when families, friends and neighbours helped each other out.

Vera died peacefully in her sleep on 14th April 2018, aged 94 years, surrounded by her loving family.

The funeral is on Friday 4th May 2018 at Coundon Crematorium at 12:30pm.



## Lylah Roberta Dickinson

Aged 9



Lylah died unexpectedly, but peacefully at home on Sunday 1st April 2018. A much loved daughter of Leah, beloved niece of Aunty Gabs, Cousins Annie and Eliza, Grandparents and Great Grandparents.

An Open Funeral Service will be held at 12.45pm in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 23rd April 2018, followed by a Private Burial.

Family and friends are invited to a Reception immediately after the Service in St. Clare's Church Hall.

The family request casual, bright clothing including Lylah's favourite colour, purple.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made via the Internet at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) or left on the collection plate at the church for UK Sepsis Trust.

## MOST CHILDREN GET FIRST CHOICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

More than 96 per cent of children will this September go to their first choice primary school – up 1.23 per cent on last year. Of the 5,131 applications received, 4,927 have been given a place at their number one choice, with 128 their second choice and 26 their third.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer so many children their first choice schools, and to see that number rising year on year.

"We know that for parents, the decision of where to send their children to school is a big one and we look forward to providing our county's next generation with the high-quality education they deserve."

Only 50 children were not offered a place at one of their three preferred schools, but have been offered a place at another school as close to their home as possible. Every child who applied has been offered a place at a school in the county.

Parents who applied online will be informed of the school place offered via email today (16 April). Those who applied in other ways will be informed of the school place offered via a letter. For more information about primary school places visit [www.durham.gov.uk/education](http://www.durham.gov.uk/education)

# Swimathon to Help Your Club

WANTED: Teams of one to six people from Clubs, Schools, Factories, Offices, Friends and Neighbours to swim for 55 minutes in relays for charity.

The Annual SWIMATHON, organised by the ROTARY CLUBS of Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor and the LIONS CLUB of Darlington is now in its 37th year and has raised over £385,000 for local charities and good causes.

50% of the proceeds from this year's event will be donated to the BISHOP AUCKLAND and DARLINGTON HOSPITALS MRI SCANNER APPEAL. Other charities are nominated by the swimmers taking part in the event so

this is an opportunity for you to have a great day knowing that you have made a worthwhile contribution to your local community and your own club or choice of charity.

The state of the art scanners will make an important contribution to the health of our region and the life they save may be yours or one of your loved ones.

If you wish to take part in this FUNd Raising event or donate to the swimmers please contact the organiser listed below.

APPLICATION FORM shown below - please complete and send in or hand in at Newton News offices, Blue Bridge Centre. Further details from John Snowball of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Tel 01325 317804.

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SUNDAY 13th MAY 2018  
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IN ORDER TO OBTAIN YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORMS,  
YOU DO NOT NEED THE NAMES OF YOUR  
SWIMMERS UNTIL THE DAY OF THE SWIM

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name of Team.....  
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Address of Contact.....  
.....Postcode:.....  
Telephone Number.....  
Email.....

EXACT TITLE of Charity or Good Cause nominated to receive half of sponsorship raised by team.....

Signature of Team Contact.....

The organisers reserve the right to refuse the nomination of a "cause" which is considered inappropriate. Any refusal will be given in writing following receipt of this entry form.

Sessions will start promptly on the hour, every hour, from 9am to 4pm. Whilst no guarantee can be given, every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred day time.

PLEASE STATE YOUR PREFERRED START TIME

9.00am  10.00am  11.00am  12noon

1.00pm  2.00pm  3.00pm  4.00pm

If children under the age of 14 are competing a Parent's Consent Statement must be completed on sponsorship form. NOTE: Confirmation of time of swim and sponsor forms will be forwarded by the organisers to the Team Contact, whose responsibility it is to advise the team of all relevant information.

Please return to Swimathon Chairperson:

KEITH PATTON  
'Greenfields', The Paddock  
Tudhoe DL16 6YW  
Tel: 01388 811 963

Email: [kpatton0201@aol.co.uk](mailto:kpatton0201@aol.co.uk)



## ACORN PLAYERS BOOK SALE THIS SATURDAY



Acorn Players are holding a Book Sale in Aycliffe Town Centre this Saturday 21st April to raise cash for their forthcoming Pantomime "Alice in Wonderland". The Players had a Panto each year but have not performed for the last two years and ask for support to get them back on stage training young people to perform. Please call in the shop next to Greggs and buy a book or two.

## Costly to Mess with Dog Fouling Law

A dog owner who did not pick up after her pet has been left more than £200 worse off and with a criminal conviction.

Carly Lamb, has been successfully prosecuted by Durham County Council through its new dog control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

A neighbourhood warden from the council who was on patrol in the area observed the dog fouling on the pavement and the defendant failing to pick up the mess.

Lamb was served with a fixed penalty notice under the council's PSPO, introduced last June, under which it is an offence to allow a dog to foul without picking it up.

The notice was for £100 and would have been reduced to £60 if paid within working ten days. However Lamb failed to pay it and so was prosecuted by the council.

She pleaded guilty by letter to contravening the PSPO by failing to pick up after her dog. At Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court on Wednesday, the letter was read out detailing how she was very sorry for her actions. Lamb normally carries bags to pick up after her pet but did not have one on the occasion in question.

Magistrates fined her £100, ordered her to pay legal costs of £130 and a victim surcharge of £30.

Ian Hoults, the council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "Dog fouling is an unpleasant stain on the environment and poses a health hazard, particularly in relation to children and areas where they play.

"It is so easy to take bags out when walking your dog so you can pick up after it. While the overwhelming majority of people do, some as in this case do not and we will continue to take action through our PSPO to send out the message that we will not tolerate irresponsible dog ownership.

"This case should also serve as a lesson of what will happen if you get a fixed penalty notice and don't pay it." Under the PSPO, it is also an offence to allow a dog to stray, fail to put a dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised person and allow a dog in a designated fenced off fixed play area.

The £100 fixed penalty notices are issued for all breaches with courts able to issue fines of up to £1,000 to those who do not pay.

More information about the order is available at [www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol)

## BEAUMONT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE COMPANY EXPANDS



Beaumont managing director Alex Lineton (front right) and maintenance manager Craig Taylor (front left) with apprentices Bailey Howarth and Matthew Dixon, and operatives Brian Denton, Ian Baul and Adam Hanlon.

A family-run grounds maintenance firm is flying high with five new members of staff – including a former Royal Air Force engineer.

Craig Taylor, who spent his RAF days fixing fighter jets, has joined Aycliffe-based Beaumont Grounds Maintenance as the firm's new head of maintenance. The 32-year-old, originally from Aycliffe joins new landscape operatives Brian Denton, Ian Baul and Adam Hanlon as well as apprentices Bailey Howarth and Matthew Dixon.

The five new recruits have boosted Beaumont's staff numbers to 17, but the landscaping specialists expect to increase to 22 during the busy summer months.

As Beaumont Grounds Maintenance was increasing its fleet of vehicles and machinery due to an increase in workload, managing director Alex turned to his brother-in-law for help to bring the maintenance side of the business in-house.

Alex explained: "It's always something we've outsourced, but as our client base has grown, our fleet of vehicles and machinery has naturally grown to accommodate that so it makes sense to bring it in-house.

"It's now Craig's job to keep all our machinery moving. It will not only make the business more efficient, it will also improve the service we offer to our customers by reducing the timescale of any vehicle and equipment repairs.

"Craig not only fitted the bill in terms of his vast knowledge and experience, but the fact he's my brother-in-law also ties in with the family ethos we have here at Beaumont."

Craig said: "It's an exciting time to join the company. We're continually expanding and upgrading our fleet of vehicles, and keeping them moving as quickly as possible is vital to the business."

Beaumont was established in 1965 by Steven Lineton, who ran the business alongside his garden centre based on Beaumont Hill in Darlington. The company relocated to larger premises on Aycliffe Business Park

in 1991 and has since moved into the commercial maintenance sector.

It's now headed up by the third generation of the Lineton family, Alex's sister Sophie as accounts manager. Beaumont has a growing list of 160 contracted sites across the whole of the North-East, down to the Yorkshire and Humber areas and across to the Cumbria region.

These include a range of public and private sector contracts – various commercial premises including factories, hotels and premises run by national property management companies – as well more

than 50 schools around the North-East region.

Beaumont also looks after about 70% of the land across the huge Aycliffe Business Park, with its client list including Gestamp Tallent, Hitachi Rail Europe, Stiller Warehousing and Distribution, the Xcel Centre, Vine Property Management, 3M, Roman, II-VI Incorporated (formerly Compound Photonics) and Finley Structures.

You can find out more about Beaumont Grounds Maintenance: [www.beaumontgrounds.com](http://www.beaumontgrounds.com) or call on 01325 301379.

## Village Hall for Hire



Mordon Village Hall is shared between the two parishes of Mordon & Bradbury. Villagers would like to get out to a wider audience that Mordon Village Hall is a seventy seater hall with full stage and lighting equipment, and available for hire.

Over the years it has staged pantos and other shows. The hall is suitable for hire to any local amateur groups, for weddings, slimming groups etc.

Contact: Dave Sayers E-mail: [davesayers15@outlook.com](mailto:davesayers15@outlook.com)  
Mob: 07970 629013

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## harvest foods

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Some knowledge of HACCP required. Must have at least two years relevant experience. This role includes some heavy lifting, up to 20kg.

Hours Monday-Friday, 36.5 hours per week, salary negotiable depending on experience.

Applications in writing only with CV to Julia Whitham, Harvest Foods, Ketton Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6AU  
or by email to [juliaw@harvestfoods.co.uk](mailto:juliaw@harvestfoods.co.uk).

Start immediate.

## Bear Performing at Russian Match

Animal Defenders International (ADI) has condemned the appearance of a circus bear at a football match in Russia, the host nation of the World Cup in June.

A video shows the bear, known as Tim, being forced to stand on his hind legs, hold a football and 'clap' repeatedly before the game between Mashuk-KMV and Angushta in Pyatigorsk. ADI President Jan Creamer said: "The sight of this poor bear, forced to perform tricks for the crowd, should shame us all. An incredible, intelligent and inquisitive wild animal reduced to a figure of fun.

All that we learn from using animals in entertainment are the reasons why it must stop. Avoid these sickening shows and support the efforts of ADI and others to stop circus suffering." Last year a bear called Tim, from a travelling circus run by the Polar Wolves bike club, was filmed riding in a motorcycle sidecar in Arkhangelsk. Studies of the use of wild animals in traveling circuses show that circuses cannot meet the physical or behavioural needs of wild animals. Animals are confined in



small spaces, deprived of physical and social needs, spending excessive amounts of time shut in transporters. These animals are often seen behaving abnormally; rocking, swaying and pacing, all indicating that they are in distress and not coping with their environment. ADI's video evidence has shown how these animals are forced to perform tricks through physical violence, fear and intimidation. Please visit [www.stopcircussuffering.com](http://www.stopcircussuffering.com) for more information.

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## Durham Receives £650,000 for Government Pilot Project

Durham County Council is to receive almost £650,000 as it leads the way in how local authorities receive funding to support families. The national Troubled Families Programme aims to provide stability and practical support for people to overcome complicated issues including worklessness, uncontrolled debt and truancy. Now, as the scheme helps more than ever before, 11 local authorities across the country have been selected to receive money allowing them to invest in ambitious plans to ensure positive outcomes for families.

member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "We are the only authority in the North East to have been given the new Earned Autonomy status, which recognises the strong case we made, with our partners, for that upfront investment.

"We hope this funding will help us achieve our ambitious aims, spurring faster transformation of the services we offer and ensuing high quality support for families in need."

The new Earned Autonomy scheme builds on the existing Payments by Results system, in which local authorities are paid for each family who either achieves "significant

and sustained progress" or moves into continuous employment.

Durham will use the money it receives in three areas of the county where there is a high demand for family support; to invest in the development of a new IT system through which agencies can share information and better work together; and to train staff, partners and voluntary sector workers to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to address complex needs.

That will include parenting programmes to help support families affected by domestic abuse, and the further development of a "relational, child centred approach" to family working to ensure children's needs are accounted for.

Local Government Minister Rishi Sunak welcomed the progress made by the Troubled Families Programme over the past year, which was revealed in the government's second Troubled Families annual report.

He said: "Adults who were once far from the job market are now moving into work. Children are getting the right support they need and local leaders are encouraging and challenging all services working with children and their families to act early and offer whole family support, to stop their problems becoming worse."

## CARE HOME OPEN DAY AT DEFOE COURT

HC-One's Care Homes in County Durham are looking forward to welcoming neighbours and local residents into the home to celebrate the sixth annual Care Home Open Day on 21st April.

Care Home Open Day is a national event that gives local people the opportunity to learn more about the services at the heart of their community. This year's theme is 'Linking Our Community', and HC-One has decided to launch a 'Big Sing', inviting local choirs from across the UK into homes to come together and sing with Residents, their loved ones, colleagues and neighbours.

All are welcome to take part in this free open day, where HC-One's Care Homes are putting on a range of activities.

**Defoe Court, Newton Aycliffe - From 1.30pm Onwards. Watch live entertainment from the local Ukulele band, try your hand at winning some prizes in the fete and enjoy homemade cakes from our national award-winning chef.**

HC-One's Area Director, Lynn Lant said: "At HC-One, we open our doors to friends, family, neighbours and local people regularly to offer kindness and support, and most importantly, to enrich the lives of our Residents.

"We cannot wait to welcome everyone into the home to take part in what will be a fantastic day."

HC-One is proud of achieving a 9.2/10 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing the kindest care to Residents.

## TV Star Leads Hippodrome "Aladdin" Pantomime

Television and stage star Louie Spence will lead the cast of this year's spectacular family pantomime Aladdin at Darlington Hippodrome, alongside last year's returning stars Eric Potts and Liam Mellor from Saturday 8 December.

Television personality, presenter and choreographer Louie Spence pirouetted into the nation's consciousness thanks to the overwhelming success of Sky One's Pineapple Dance Studios and Louie Spence's Showbusiness, solidifying Louie's reputation as an expert on all things dance. In addition to his television experience Louie has enjoyed an extensive stage career appearing in Miss Saigon and Cats and danced alongside Take That and the Spice Girls. Louie will play the Genie of the Ring in Aladdin, his ninth foray into pantomime, bringing with him the high kicks and high jinks he's best known for.

In addition to fronting television shows for Sky One Louie has appeared as a judge on ITV's Dancing on Ice and was a housemate in the 12th series of Celebrity Big Brother. Most recently Louie took part in The Jump for Channel 4 and Tour de Celeb, a gruelling cycling-based reality series which saw him tackle the toughest stage of the Tour de France on a 140km ordeal.

Returning for another year as Darlington's ultimate Dame, Coronation Street star Eric Potts will star as Widow Twankey, Old Peking's ultimate laundry lady. Having starred in and written numerous pantomimes over the last two decades, Eric wowed Darlington crowds as Nora Crumble last year with his array of stunning outfits, quick-fire wit and stage presence, and will once again direct this year's production. Also back for more will be Liam Mellor, who stars alongside Louie and Eric as Wishee Washee, the hapless but hilarious brother to the high-flying hero Aladdin. Alongside his feature film appearances in Yellow Ribbon, Kick It Out and Jack Falls Liam is highly sought after on the comedy circuit and in the world of pantomime where he delights audiences with his infectious, 'cracking' humour every year. Aladdin will be produced by Qdos Entertainment, the world's biggest pantomime producer, and the team behind Darlington's annual



pantomime, who guarantee another must-see production packed with a lamp-full of audience participation, sensational music and dancing, jaw-dropping special effects and fantastic festive entertainment suitable for all ages.

Jake Hine, Executive Producer for Qdos Entertainment, said: "We are delighted to be bringing pantomime back to Darlington after such a fantastic season last year at the newly refurbished Hippodrome. Louie Spence is an absolute showman and a natural at pantomime and we're thrilled to be reuniting Eric and Liam to star alongside him. We have plenty of surprises planned, and can't wait to get started later this year."

Theatre Director Lynda

Winstanley said: "We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Louie will be coming to Darlington Hippodrome and it's an extra bonus to welcome back last year's dream team of Eric and Liam. I am sure Aladdin will all be a great hit with our audiences."

Featuring a wish-granting genie, an evil sorcerer and the timeless tale of the Twankey family panto lovers should hop aboard a flying carpet and fly to the Box Office to secure their tickets for this year's must-see, genie-us family pantomime.

Aladdin flies into Darlington Hippodrome from Saturday 8 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019. For full details and to book visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk or call 01325 405405.

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# More Shoplifters Caught with New System Terrorism - Stay Vigilant

A GROUNDBREAKING system which has seen solved rates for shoplifting soar during an 18-month pilot programme is being extended across County Durham.

Supermarket giant Morrisons has signed up to use the SentrySIS digital justice system in all of its stores across the county, following the

incredible success of a trial in Darlington where solved rates for shoplifting rose by 21 per cent.

The agreement between Durham Constabulary and Morrisons is the first step in extending the system to retailers across County Durham.

SentrySIS allows businesses to report shoplifting offences

to the police electronically, saving police and retail staff an enormous amount of time.

Retailers can upload CCTV footage and digital witness statements direct to the police, without an officer having to travel to the store to conduct an initial investigation and retrieve the footage, which takes an average of two-and-a-

half hours for each offence.

This frees up retail staff to prevent and deter further offending and frees up officers to apprehend the offender and ultimately prosecute or divert them away from further offending.

Since the trial was launched with Darlington's 80 Shopwatch stores, SentrySIS is estimated to have saved the force 822 hours.

Sgt Adam Norris, Durham Constabulary's operational lead for the project, said: "Even we have been surprised at just how successful it has been.

"Once upon a time we would hand over mugshots to Shopwatch volunteers and ask them to have a look out for them.

"Now this system allows us to update retailers with images of suspects in real time. It is much better: it gives the police an extra set of eyes and ears by allowing us to share intelligence with the retailers on who is wanted and who is active".

After a successful trial at its Darlington store, Morrisons has now agreed to expand the programme to its supermarkets in Consett, Chester-le-Street, Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle, saving an estimated 500 hours of officer time each year.

Police hope that other retailers across County Durham will also join the expanded scheme in the coming months.

Detective superintendent Kevin Weir, force lead for the project, added: "We are working with a number of national retailers to get this system in place and expand across County Durham".

A national counter-terrorism campaign is being backed by the Safe Durham Partnership.

The 'Action Counter Terrorism' campaign is urging residents across the UK to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity that could be terrorism-related.

Although there is no specific threat in County Durham, the Safe Durham Partnership, of which Durham County Council is a partner, is reminding County Durham residents that any piece of information could be important to law enforcement and that it is better to be safe and to report anything suspicious; no matter how seemingly insignificant.

A one minute video accompanies the national campaign and provides the message that terrorists often buy and store materials in full view of the public, and vigilant residents could make a difference in stopping potential threats.

Cllr Joy Allen, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for transformation, and a National Prevent Champion, said: "It is vitally important for everyone, everywhere, to know that if they see something suspicious and have concerns to trust their instincts and report it to the police.

"Before people plan to carry out a terrorist act they have often been subject to radicalisation.

"Our elected members and staff have undergone training to recognise when someone might be vulnerable to radicalisation so that we can intervene early and prevent people being drawn into terrorism.

"Councillors are often the first people residents go to for advice and guidance. Their experience in engaging with their communities

and keeping them safe makes us ideally placed to protect those vulnerable to extremism.

"Our members have the awareness to deal with concerns in the appropriate manner and act as a real community champions in their area."

In an emergency, or if urgent police assistance is needed,

residents are asked to dial 999.

A Durham Constabulary spokesperson said: "It's more important than ever that everyone plays their role in tackling terrorism, any information could be important. We urge the public to report anything suspicious by calling 0800 789 321. Visit: act.campaign.gov.uk

## Maximising Money Spent on Health & Social Care

An exciting new approach which aims to maximise the value of every pound spent on health and social care and improve lives for residents in the county has been agreed.

Described as 'bold and ambitious' - the approval for a new approach to providing people with access to health and social care services aims to deliver better value for money and much improved outcomes for residents of all ages.

Through new governance arrangements and an integrated approach to how services are planned, purchased and managed across the county, a new health and social care plan will now be brought forward.

In a joint statement Cllr Simon Henig, leader of Durham County Council, and Clinical Commissioning

Group chief clinical officers Dr Neil O'Brien and Dr Stewart Findlay said: "We are jointly leading the way on this approach to ensure that every pound spent in our county on these services delivers the best possible outcome for our residents.

We have a well-demonstrated track record in improving people's lives through strong partnership working and this latest agreement paves the way for potentially one of the biggest health and social care plans in the country.

"By integrating how we buy and provide these much-needed, important services we will be able to make it easier for people to access the help they need and make these often challenging journey through the system much easier to navigate.

This is a really bold and

ambitious approach that I believe will be seen as one of the most important things the county has ever done."

The Health and Social Care Plan aims to tackle issues like duplication, maximise skills and knowledge and put a greater focus on benefits to communities.

The approach builds on the success of the Teams Around Patients model which acknowledges more care should be delivered in community settings and at home delivering better care for patients with complex needs and which puts a greater focus on prevention and independence.

The approach was agreed by Durham County Council's cabinet when members met in Spennymoor on April 11.

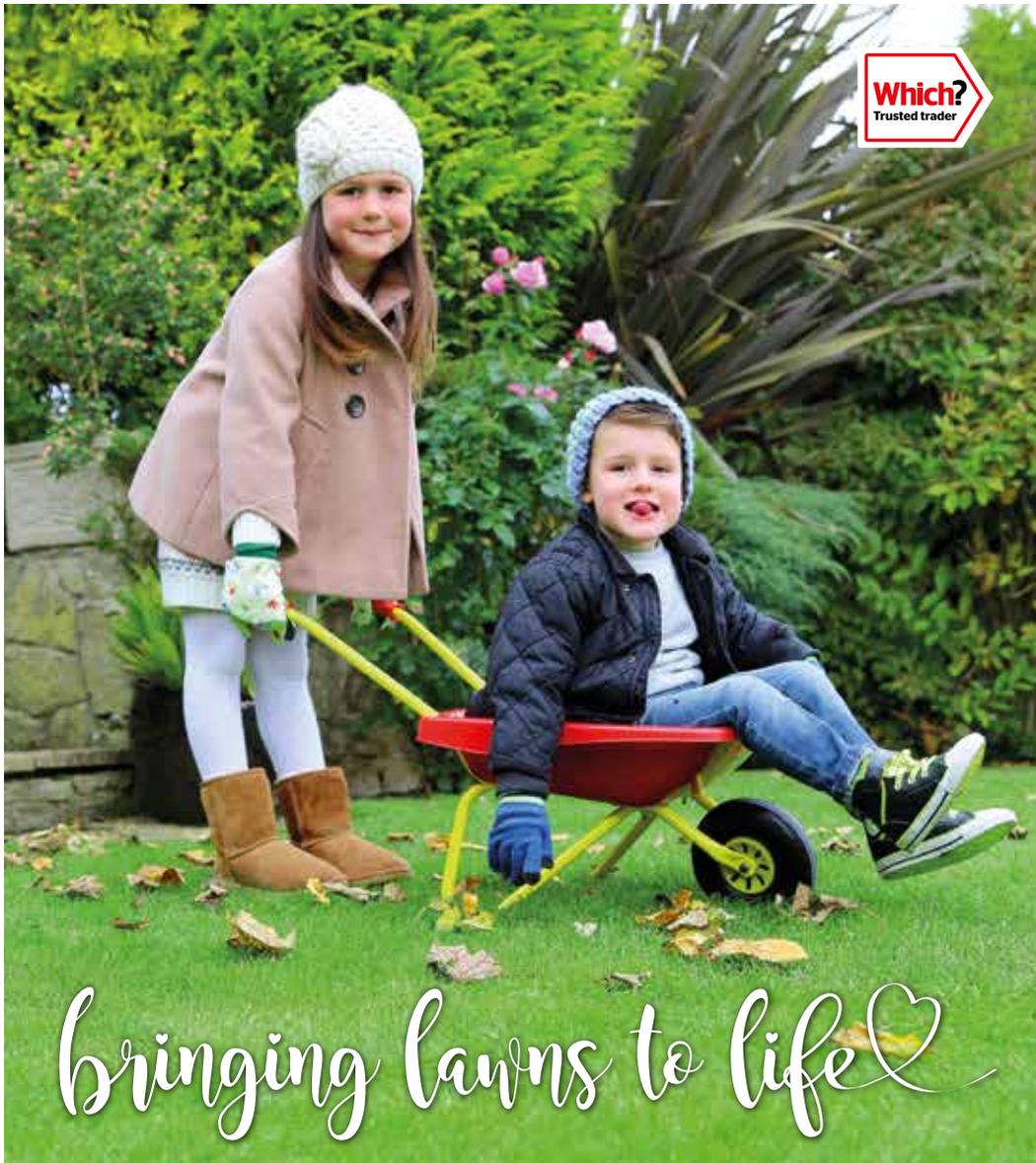
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## Town's Pipe Band Recruiting Drummers



Publicity in Newton News helped form the town's first Ukelele Group and now Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band are looking to recruit side drummers. Ideally they would like experienced players, but the band would welcome anyone regardless of experience who want to learn.

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# Opportunities for Residents in GAMP Area

Bishop Auckland College has secured funding through the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and Livin to help the residents, aged 16+, in the GAMP area to progress/move closer to or into employment,

further training or volunteering. Project Description There are three funds designated to supporting those over the age of 16+ residing in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area. These three funds are:

- **Upskilling Fund** aimed at those in low paid jobs, to support them in acquiring new skills/qualifications, enabling them to move up the career ladder, change direction or gain additional work in a new sector. This opportunity is available where there is no mainstream funding available and where opportunities cannot be provided through employers' Continuous Personal Development Fund (CPD).

- **Employability Skills Fund** aimed at responding to specific training needs, where there is no mainstream funding available.

- **Discretionary Fund** aimed at removing barriers, for example, travel, childcare, resources that prevent clients from accessing training and employment.

To-date the Project has successfully supported 249 people into employment.

For further information contact Denise Hopps, Project Officer 01388 443078 or email [denise.hopps@bacoll.ac.uk](mailto:denise.hopps@bacoll.ac.uk)



# Extended School Activities



At Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School, the extended school activities outside of school hours are helping to meet the needs of children, their families. Most employment or courses of study do not fall exactly within the core school hours and so to help parents to work, school provides out-of-hours childcare (wraparound care) in the form of both a breakfast and after-school club.

As well as providing children with a tasty, nutritious breakfast or tea-time snack, the clubs offer the perfect opportunity for pupils to socialise and play a range of games with their peers. In addition to this, children who attend after-school club are encouraged to read and complete homework tasks with the qualified school staff who lead the sessions. Karl, a busy working parent, whose son attends the after-school provision explains, "It's great to know that once I've collected my son from school we can enjoy spending quality time together before bedtime knowing that his reading and homework

have already been done." Mum of two, Hannah, adds, "If it weren't for the wraparound care that school provides, I wouldn't be able to attend my university course. My boys were new to the school and it has really helped them to settle in and make friends more easily. Knowing they are in good hands leaves me with one less thing to worry about."

As well as giving working parents access to the childcare they need, the club often proves invaluable to parents who need extra childcare to fit in with medical appointments or those unforeseen circumstances that can crop up at short notice.

Although there is a small charge for pupils attending the wraparound care, any profits made are reinvested into the services so children are continually able to benefit from additional resources and new activities. Parents or even prospective parents are very welcome to contact Mrs Defty on 01325 300324 for further information

# Oktoberfest Rebranded as Emcon

Engineering and manufacturing expo Durham Oktoberfest is re-branding as EMCON to reflect 10 years of growth. Over 50 invited delegates from the North East's business community were told the news at a breakfast launch at Ramside Hall Hotel this week.

The event, which launched in 2008 to give businesses from County Durham the chance to showcase their products and services to potential customers, is now regarded as one of the best for the sectors anywhere in the country. After reviewing feedback from exhibitors, visitors and sponsors, and the event's ever-increasing ability to attract national and international companies, organisers felt a change of identity was needed to give it the profile it now commands. EMCON will continue to be held at the Xcel Centre in Newton Aycliffe, with long term sponsor Business Durham remaining as one of the event's main supporters.

**The event returns on Thursday, 18th October. For updates, or to book as an exhibitor, visit [emcon.show](http://emcon.show).**

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# BROADCAST YOUR SPORTING SUCCESS ON AYCLIFFE RADIO

Darren Lowe and myself (Lee Weldon) were hesitant volunteers when we were invited by Paul Howarth to host a weekly live Sports Show on Aycliffe Radio on the day our community based radio station was launched back on Friday 1st December 2017. However as we have now reached our 20th show, we feel that we have both grown in confidence and genuinely enjoy doing the show with a blend of guests, sports news and music. What has been a real "eye opener" is the amount of young talent, in the various different sports, that we have here in Newton Aycliffe. We have also been in awe of the many people who work tirelessly in voluntary roles to support the various clubs which gives these youngsters a safe and

regulated environment to play their chosen sport. We have been incredibly privileged to interview some remarkable Newtonians during our 20 weeks doing the show, especially some clearly talented Aycliffe youngsters who have already represented their country in their sport such as Gregor Mills and Finlay Braden at Ice Hockey and Chloe Ryan at Football. As the show continues to develop, we are always looking to publicise all the different sports in Aycliffe, however diverse. Anyone with a story to tell about their career or how they help their local club etc. and have a desire to share that story with our listeners, please do not hesitate to contact the radio show via the Aycliffe Radio web site or Daz and Lee's Facebook page.



# Juniors Football Report

It was a mixture of midweek and weekend fixtures with the Aycliffe Juniors teams squeezing games in as they look to fit in the matches lost to the weather.

The Under 6's Development team enjoyed a Friday night joint training session with Sunderland Rokerites on the 3G pitch. There were 13 Aycliffe players involved equally over four mini games. Denver and Dan both scored goals and all the players enjoyed the game.

The Under 8's played twice in midweek, first facing Norton & Stockton Ancients 'Black' and then Seaton Carew. Against Norton & Stockton there were two goals each for Kenyon, Stephen and Dylan in a 6-2 win with Jamie named as man of the match. The development game saw Dylan and Oliver both score hat-tricks in a 6-0 victory. Then against Seaton Carew they narrowly lost 5-4 in the league game. The four Aycliffe goals came from Kenyon, Thomas and Dylan (2) with Zeke named as the man of the match. The development game ended with a 7-5 win and goals scored by Thomas (3), Kenyon (2), Stephen and Josh.

The Under 9's 'Claret' played Crookhall Beck 'Blues' who were last season's league winners.



A great first half effort kept the game level at the break. Two quick goals in the second half then gave Crookhall the lead. Aycliffe got close to levelling the score when Kai and then Harry nearly scored. Their were no further goals and the game ended in defeat despite a great effort against good opponents, Ashton was the man of the match.

The Under 9's 'White' were up against Velocity FC, the Aycliffe team showed a great attitude and their fantastic work rate was epitomised by man of the match Flynn. Velocity though proved to be the better team and ended the game as winners.

The Under 10's 'Black' faced Hardwick Youth who were a big physical team. Aycliffe though battled well and despite going a goal down Jake quickly equalised. It was Jake who went on to add two more goals to get his hat-trick and secure a 3-1 win. Jack Louis was the man of the match for a great performance in goal. In the development game Jack Gibson scored and Jake Smith was the man of the match in a 1-0 win.

The Under 10's 'White' had a midweek trip to play Norton & Stockton Ancients 'Amber' but continued rain saw this game called off due to a water logged pitch. On Sunday they played Bishop Auckland Kings in a tight game which they lost 2-1, Harvey got the goal and Oli was man of the match. They won the development game 4-3 with Aidan (2), Jack and man of the match Dom scoring.

The Under 11's planned to welcome Billingham United Hornets to Sunnydale but due to their pitch being unplayable they reversed the fixture. The travel was worth it to see a stunning long range goal from Alfie. Charlie Brown also scored but both goals were in vain as they were beaten 4-2.

The Under 12's TJFA League team had two away trips this week, first to Marton FC 'Blues' and then to Leven. At Marton it was Aycliffe who looked the

stronger team but they went two goals down early in the second half. Two Charlie D goals got the game level but it was Marton who got a scrappy winner as the game ended 3-2. At Leven it was the Aycliffe team who dominated the game and there were six goals scored with one each for Lucas, Will, Alex, Jake P and both Charlie's in a 6-1 win.

# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Last weekend saw the rearranged Thirsk 10 mile race take place. This was rearranged from the end of March when bad weather stopped it taking place. Five members participated in this race with results as follows : - Michelle Jane was first back for the club on 1:11:08, Dave Blewitt followed in 1:14:15, Mark Bainbridge 1:18:23, Sandra Collins 1:26:11, Ian Baronowski 1:32:49. The Druridge Bay Marathon also took place last weekend with one member Wendy

Bake taking part. Wendy completed the race in 4:34:31 and was first female over 45!. Last but not least there were also some Parkrun PB's achieved by some of our members. Julie Nisbet took place in Shildon Parkrun with the parkrun being part of an overall longer run. She achieved a course PB of 25.15. Jan McLuckie achieved a course PB at Darlington in 36.26 and Carrieann Ingledew achieved a course PB at Chester le Street parkrun on 38.45. Well done all.

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As he quotes from DEFRA that it may not be illegal to feed these animals. But I would like to point out that

other wild animals such as Foxes, Rats, Mice, and other such vermin come under this category.  
Would anybody like to leave food out for these wild animals? I think not. It has been known in the past where foxes have attacked young babies in their prams while in the so called safety of their own garden with horrifying results. Also how about the

scenario where a child's pet Rabbit for e.g. is playing in the confines of the back garden when it is attacked by such an animal. Who in their right mind would encourage such a thing?  
We are constantly advised that if you like to feed the wild birds that frequent our gardens (and who doesn't) not to leave such things out as meat products as this will

attract vermin such as the aforementioned.  
For goodness sake Mr. E. can we let some common sense prevail here and forget about

your so called legal issues. After all how would you explain to a young child that a fox has just ripped their pet rabbit's throat out, or worse

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# GAMP KEEPS CLUB PITCHES A CUT ABOVE



Funding from Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) has been used to help Newton Aycliffe Sports Club with the maintenance of their ground. The funding secured through Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of all County Councillors allowed the organisation to purchase a new grounds mower. The new mower will be used by volunteers from; Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club, Newton Aycliffe RUFC and Newton Aycliffe FC. The three organisations share grounds and have

previously depended on outside contractors to maintain the pitches at considerable expense to the clubs involved. The purchase of a grounds mower has allowed the cricket, rugby and football clubs to regain control of grounds maintenance, whilst at the same time reducing costs. The money saved on the grounds maintenance arrangements has and will continue to help reduce individual club costs, which in turn, will support the sustainability of the clubs. Ian Palmer, Chairman of Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club and the lead on the project said,

“We would like to thank GAMP and the local County Councillors who have long been great supporters of what our sports clubs are trying to achieve and have once more stepped up in supporting this purchase. The Sports Club provides a platform for many in the town to both play and watch sport at a high level and it is important that the pitches are kept in top condition to enhance everybody’s enjoyment. The machine gives all the sporting sections greater flexibility to make sure pitches are cut as and when required, thereby improving the quality of the playing surfaces”.

## Community Breakfast For Men

We are holding a Mens Community Breakfast on the 28/04/2018 at Western Area Community Centre Newton Aycliffe. (Silverdale) This is a free event but we will be accepting donations. We will be serving a full English Breakfast doors and open 9.00am. Come and have a coffee and a chat. Breakfast served from 9.30am. Please Contact Simon on 07754 244547 County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission for further information or just turn up.

## Congratulations

Susan Buxton



Happy 50th Birthday  
20th April 2018.

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## In Memoriam

John Winston Clement  
17th April 2017

I will always be your little girl,  
And you will always be my Dad.  
I know how really lucky I am,  
To have the best Dad any girl could've had.  
I never ask for miracles,  
But today just one would do.  
To see the front door open,  
And see my Dad walk through. xxxxx

It's been a long sad year without you Dad  
Love and miss you so much. All our love Ang and Dale xxx

John Winston Clement (aka trouble)  
17th April 2017

You were a husband in a million,  
Why did you have to go?  
You meant the world to me,  
I really loved you so.  
To hear your voice, to see your smile,  
To sit and talk to you a while.  
To be together in the same old way,  
Would be my dearest wish today. xxxx

My first year without you, it's been tough, but the memories we created together get me through. Love and miss you my Darling, your loving Wife Margaret xxx

## Births

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Vernon & Hilda Jones



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## Obituary

ALAN MATHER. 5th April, peacefully, formerly of Aycliffe Village. Alan, aged 82 years. Beloved Husband to Maud; a much loved Dad to Paul and the late Kevin; Father-in-Law to Julie and Susan; dearly loved Grandad to Laura, Andrew and Liam; a dear Brother to Tony and Ian; a Brother-in-Law to Jackie and Val, also a loving Uncle. Funeral Wednesday 25th April. Will friends please meet at 9.40am for Service in St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village followed by a private cremation.

MELVYN NICHOLLS (Mel). Mel Nicholls passed away on Wednesday 4th April, aged 67. Loving Husband to Joan; father to Mel, Jason and Eddy; Grandfather to Callum, Megan, Ethan and Ben. Funeral to be held at Darlington Crematorium on Monday 30th April at 1.15pm. Following on to the Phoenix Club (Legion in Newton Aycliffe) for refreshments. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for the British Heart Foundation.

WISE, Irene Grace. Peacefully on 9th April, Irene, aged 89 years. Wife of the late Harry; a devoted and much loved Mum of Susan; a beloved and adoring Grandma to Chloe and Sister to Chas. Funeral Service to take place at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 1st May at 11.45am prior to committal at Wear Valley Crematorium. Friends please meet at church.

Raymond Murray



Happy 50th Birthday

Have a good weekend. Love, Mam, John, Trevor, Ian, Nicola, Sue, Jeanette and all the family

STEPHEN P. IBINSON (Ibbo)

Died 16th April 2009



To us you were so special. What more is there to say, except to wish with all our hearts, that you were here today. All our love Son. Mam, Dad and Family Wife Marion and children in Northern Ireland

MAUREEN YOUNG In memory of Maureen, died 20th April 2003. Still sadly missed by your Husband Paul, Children Mark, Paula, Claire and Lewis, Grandchildren Kal, Katie, Ben and other family and friends. R.I.P. JOHN WINSTON. 17th April 2017. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. Loved and missed every day. Griff and Kevin x CHRISTINE ROBSON. 25th April. Much loved and sadly missed Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Nana, Sister, Sister-in-Law and Aunt. Another year passed but not a day goes by without you in our thoughts. DENNIS POSKETT. Died 22nd April 2007. Treasured memories of a special Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Always in our thoughts. Love, Susan, Michelle, Kevin, Lisa and families xxxxxx

KIM FOWLER OAKENFULL NEWMAN  
5th April 2009

Reunited with her son Michael (29th April 2007). We know you are still with us Kim, especially today, because we shared a closeness even death can't take away.

And when a pure white feather falls softly from the sky, we know you are lovingly saying "chin up, I don't want to see you cry". For there is a special golden thread from Earth to heaven above that keeps you ever close to us. It's called the bond of love "one wish is all we need!"

Kim, you are held close in our hearts forever. Mam Tessa, Dad Ian, Brothers Craig and Martin

DERRICK NELSON  
8th April 2015

A cherished Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Remembered always by Valerie and Michael, Elizabeth and Kathryn, Allan and David, Jacob, Bronwyn, Theo and Dylan.

Today, Tomorrow, our whole lives through, we will forever love and remember you.

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# Cricket Club Prepare for New Season



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are well into their preparations for the new season which kicks off on Saturday 28 April when the first team entertain Stokesley while the second team make the short trip to Sedgfield.

The season was due to start on Saturday 21 April but, due to the recent wet weather which had hindered ground preparations, the League took the unusual decision to cancel the entire programme moving the opening day fixtures to a date later in the season.

Despite the wet weather preventing any outdoor practice Newton Aycliffe have been working hard since the New Year with indoor net sessions held at Longfield School. Training has been going well and the Club are hoping for better

performances than last season which saw them flirting with relegation right up until the last game of the season, when they did just enough to finish above the relegation zone.

This season the playing squad has been strengthened with the signing of four additional players. 2016 Player of the Year Sam Telford has returned to the Club after spending last season with Marsden CC, Dan Craggs and Lewis Gimple have signed from Durham City while Darryn Bancroft has signed from Richmondshire.

As well as the senior sides Newton Aycliffe have a thriving junior section playing competitive cricket from under 11 level as well as participating in All Stars Cricket which sees boys and girls getting involved in cricket from the age of 5 years.

The Club have made great strides at junior level in recent years and are delighted that two of their youngsters have been selected to represent their counties in 2018. Thomas Dearden has been selected for Durham's under 11 development squad while Matthew Greaves will be representing Cleveland at under 13.

The opening games of the season start at 12.30pm and further details about this and other activities at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club can be obtained by either visiting the Club website at <http://newtonaycliffe.play-cricket.com/> or by contacting the Club Secretary Lee Weldon on 07759 754959. Also listen out for reports about the cricket on Daz and Lee's Sports Show on Aycliffe Radio on Tuesday nights from 6pm.

# Youthy Football Round Up



Following the lengthy period of bad weather, all of Newton Aycliffe Youth teams have a huge backlog of games to play before the end of the season. Some of our teams are playing 3 games a week to ensure the season finishes on time.

## Stockton Rangers 5 - 5 Newton Aycliffe Youth Falcons U8's

Reversed fixture again today moving from Stockton to Aycliffe 3g. Another game we knew would be a tricky one due to playing rangers 7 weeks ago and coming out on the wrong end.

Rangers started the match strong and sharply took to lead with a good finish, it was then back to the goal as Rangers tried to finish Aycliffe off in the first half and we managed to close down the first half at 4 - 1 down.

After half time motivational speech and direction we changed it up and went with the formation 1-1-3 which seemed to have a positive impact.

Falcons really took it to Rangers and put in a solid 2nd half, they ran their hearts out and gave 110%. The goals that Falcons scored were top notch and this presented in an excellent fightback.

With 3 minutes to go to score was level at 5 - 5 and Falcons weren't ready to stop as in the last minute the ball was adjudged to be not over the line and heartbreak for Aycliffe.

Overall the game proves the lads can fight back and have the passion and determination to come from behind. This was an excellent 2nd half performance from all the boys. MOM - Evan Braddon Goals - Evan Braddon , Cole Raine x4.

## Newton Aycliffe Youth U14's Hawks 6 - 1 Redcar Athletic Blue.

Final home game of the season for u14 Hawks Vs Redcar Athletic Blue. Today the boys stepped up and put on a good performance. Creating lots of chances, many from the boot of Callum setting up Jack and Ethan for 6 or 7 great chances.

Redcar goal keeper was in inspired form today though making save after save to keep the score 0-0 On the stroke of HT we finally put a chance away as Ethan found the corner with a low shot.

HT 1-0. Some very good performances in that first half by Dylan chasing down every ball, Declan bossing the defence and Callum creating chances at will.

2nd half we stepped up a level and added a 2nd through Lee. Redcar pulled a goal back to make it 2-1. Again there keeper was on fire and kept us at bay until about 10 minutes from time when Callum scored. We quickly added a 4th when Dylan grabbed his 1st goal of the season. Jack then added a 5th and MOM Callum finished the scoring. 6-1 Ft. Declan

Scott pushed very close for Mom today as he was outstanding marshalling the defence but MOM goes to Callum, playing a year above himself he bossed the midfield creating lots of chances and scored 2 important goals. Well played lads 1 win away from Promotion and if results go our way we will be champions.

## Saxons 2 - 5 Newton Aycliffe Youth U15's Falcons

Fantastic TEAM performance from the lads and excellent all round attitude.

Aarron Hepburn brilliantly saved a penalty, Joe Armstrong Lewis Gray Tristan Bowden-Bloomfield Charlie Hirst Jacob Gibson were solid in defense with Luke Robinson Jack Ewin Dylan Burnside and the return of Jay Williams providing great midfield support and assists.

Our attacking players of Spencer O'Sullivan (2) and Man of the Match Cole Harrison (3) were simply outstanding today with goals and finishes of the highest quality.

Very proud of all the lads today for an excellent and positive TEAM effort from everyone.

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