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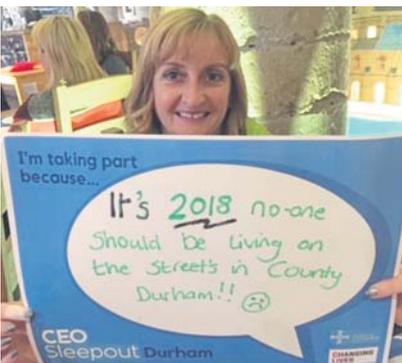
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Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, braved the frost on Monday night in a bid to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness and rough sleeping in County Durham.

The evening started with a welcome from the Dean of Durham Cathedral and inspiring talks from CEO Sleepout who organised the event and Changing Lives, a national charity based in the North East that has been supporting vulnerable people for over 45 years, before bedding down outside the Cloisters as temperatures plummeted to 2°C. Having raised over £800 already, Carol is pleased that so many people recognise the worthwhile cause whilst



reflecting that in 2018 no one should be without a place to call home. Carol explained, "We heard a very moving

story from a young lady who had been homeless for eight weeks after family breakdown and financial difficulties left her with no choice but to take to the streets.

Having experienced the discomfort and cold for only one night, I cannot even begin to imagine what that must be like, let alone not knowing if you're going to be moved on or where your next meal might come from. I was freezing, the floor was uncomfortable and as silly as it sounds I was surprised how dirty I felt off the floor - I hadn't appreciated how dusty the pavements are! I couldn't wait to get a hot shower, wash my hair and jump into my own bed; a luxury that I now won't take for granted."

If you'd like to know more about PCP please call into the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF, Telephone: 01325 321234, E-mail: enquiries@pcp.uk.net or visit www.pcp.uk.net or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPAndCentre.

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First Event for New Residents' Association



Neville Residents Association is proud to announce the success of their first organised event at Neville Community Centre, on Saturday 14th April. Residents from Neville area and beyond attended the Easter Event accompanied by families and friends. Children enjoyed a variety of activities including an Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Tombola stall, raffle, and an Easter Bonnet competition. Feedback from residents and families was brilliant, they considered it to be well worth the £1 entrance fee. The chair of NRA, Heather Brewster, said "Neville's Residents Association's mission is to try hard to improve the lives of our residents and from the good feedback we had we can

say we did achieve this by holding this event. The committee members would like to thank all who attended our Resident's event, and say a big thank you to all volunteers who worked so hard to bring this activity together. A special thank you to Carol Benson for organising the event, Arun Chandran for taking the photos and to Philip Clark, chair of Horndale Residents Association, who did a "cracking" job as egg hunt man! Our next Residents meeting will be held in Neville Community Centre on 5th May at 6:30 for refreshments, starting the meeting at 6:45pm. Ideas will be discussed for our next residents' outing. Please come along, your input is very much needed.

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Charity Night at the Scout Centre

NASA are running a charity fund raiser for Cancer Research and for the Scouts Centre at Bluebell Way in Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 19th of May - 7.30pm till 11.30pm.

Pay at the door - Adults £3 and £1.00 for Kids 12 and over

FREE entry for kids under 12. Disco and party games included. Games on the night will be as follows:

Adults: Stand up Bingo, Raffle, Coin challenge, Heads n tails.

The more money we get from the games the higher the prize will so hope everybody joins in to help raise the funds.

There will also be party songs for kids and adults with a few party vids. Good mix of music from 60's through to modern with requests taken throughout the night. NO KARAOKE, just music and videos.

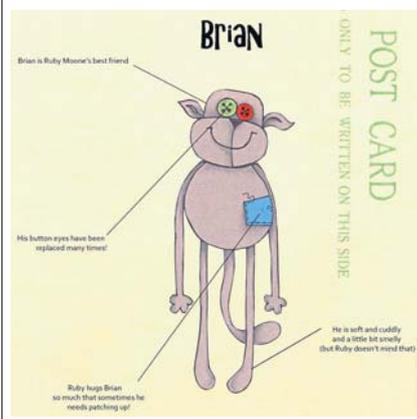
Members of Cancer Research UK will be attending so please dig deep and let's try and raise what we can to make a difference.

All door takings, money from games etc will be split between the Scouts Centre and Cancer Research on the night as well as extra donations going into the Cancer Research charity boxes at the bar etc. Drinks are cheap, bar staff

are great, room is large enough to support over 100 people. Dance floor is full length of room so loads of room to dance and have fun. Please support us and tell your friends.

Just to note, we will NOT be making any money out of this at all, the DJ's are donating their time for FREE, all proceeds and fund raising will go to Cancer Research UK and the Scouts Centre which is also charity funded.

Greenfield Exhibition



Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome Sharron Bates back to their Gallery for her latest exhibition, 'Hidden Depths'. Sharron is a talented artist who has been working with a variety of medium, and her new exhibition showcases a vibrant approach to illustration. The preview evening was a special evening with lovely comments and appreciation for the fabulous artwork displayed.

Hidden Depths is a collection of illustrations on paper and textiles created or guided by Sharron. A large part of the exhibition showcases her illustrated story, Where's Brian? which explores, and ultimately resolves, a small girl's feelings of loneliness. Included in the work exhibited are illustrations created by participants, of all ages, in Sharron's illustration

workshops. "This exhibition gently encourages us to challenge our own inner perceptions and see ourselves anew" said Sharron. The exhibition is now open and will run until Wednesday 16th May 2018. The Greenfield Gallery is open from 10 am - 9 pm Monday to Thursday and 10 am - 4 pm Friday.

Why not come along and see for yourself, there are prints and cards for sale and quality crafts produced by participants in Sharron's popular Creative Forum. If you would like to know a bit more about our forthcoming gallery programme or the courses and activities available at Greenfield Arts please check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk.

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On her daily commute by train Rachel regularly sees a couple in a house seemingly living a perfect life. Then one day she sees something shocking, and a trail of obsession and intrigue begin. Real edge of the seat stuff. EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Where Would we be Without Charity Workers?

Dear Sir,
May I say how impressed I am with the great work of Sheena from Children’s Blessings. A young lady had problems with her benefits leaving her with no money to care for her young baby and partner.
Sheena was amazing and gave her nappies, baby milk, baby food plus other needy items.
Without these amazing charities in Newton Aycliffe and volunteers, people would have bigger struggles in life. Thank you Sheena. Jane Johnson

Community Computer Suite at P.C.P.



The Pioneering Care Centre based in Newton Aycliffe have opened a community computer suite, available to the public from May 1st with special thanks to Great Aycliffe and Middridge

AAP for funding. The new suite has access to laptops and iPads as well as a screen for educational classes; such as job searching sessions or Microsoft Office learning. The room is a perfect local place to find motivation and concentration to complete the tasks that will benefit you, with help at hand, you could even learn from scratch how to work a laptop and access the internet. There is no cost for using the facilities, however people will need to book their place.

The Community Computer Suite is available for drop in use for anyone who wishes to use it for their own benefit or take part in a range of different organised classes; more information will be announced on the Pioneering Care Centre’s social media sites when the Computer Suite is up and running.

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer’s Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPAndCentre

ST. MARY’S HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR!



On Wednesday, 2nd May, Alison Gray from the Dog’s Trust came to visit our school. She also brought along with her a surprise visitor, her dog called Molly. Molly had been a rescue dog, who had been found near a road and they think she had been ran over. Alison chose to adopt her. She is the Education worker for the Dog’s Trust and came to speak to us about the dangers of littering and how this can impact on dogs, other animals and the environment.

As a class we were encouraged to think more about throwing litter and how we can encourage others to be more careful and show more respect. We did not realise some of the horrible things that can happen as a result of litter. Bubble-gum, sweets and chewing gum are actually toxic to dogs. We learnt about other foods that are also harmful to dogs, such as grapes, chocolate and raisins. A lot of us in our class have dogs of our own and were reminded of how to safely dispose of dog waste. We did not realise how many germs there were in dog poo. We were also set a challenge of designing a poster to encourage dog owners to safely dispose of dog waste. The winning design will be displayed at the Dog’s Trust in Sadberge.

It is really important we feel to spread the message of the dangers of litter. We encourage you all to in future, stop and think before throwing litter on the ground

or out of a window. It is easy enough to put it in a bin, or put it in your pocket, if a bin is not available. Please help us to make our town a cleaner one, where we have less animals and wildlife damaged by litter! Thank you!
Written by year 3 pupils from St. Mary’s Primary School.

Saxophonist in Concert

The second in Bishop Auckland Music Society’s 2018 Concert series will take place on Friday, 18th May at 7.30pm at St. Andrew’s Church in South Church.
Jess Gillam - the first saxophonist to win the Woodwind Final of the BBC Young Musician - will be accompanied by pianist Jonathan Fisher, to present an eclectic concert which will include work by Bartok and Debussy amongst others. (‘A true inspiration, she frankly rocks.’ Huffington Post 2017)
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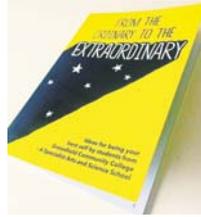
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Greenfield Book Shared with Other Schools

Through the work developed by Arts organisation Greenfield Arts, Greenfield Community College have been extending the campaign 'The Power of Words' to raise aspirations and develop their skills through creative learning. The project has been a great success at Greenfield Community College and has produced a young people's own publication 'From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary'.

The young people and commissioned artists involved are now expanding the reach by sharing the approach with other schools in the region. Greenfield Arts commissioned writer and film-maker Laura Degnan who has made a recent visit to Bishop Barrington School, Bishop Auckland, to deliver a workshop. This gave even more students an opportunity to take part in the



inspirational activities aimed to help them to be the best they can be and reach their full potential.

This activity has been informed by Laura's recent work at Greenfield Community College where students have worked together through a project supported by Michael Chaplin, GAMP and developed by Greenfield Arts.

The recent workshop was a great success, Katy Milne, Director of Greenfield Arts, was thrilled with the occasion and the response of the students. "we are so pleased to be able to share the work of the young people to inspire other young people. It was wonderful to see the students at Bishop Barrington sharing their gold medal moments and realising, through the activities writer Laura Degnan facilitated, the extraordinary skills and talents they each have". A very big thank you to Bishop Barrington for hosting the workshop.

TOWN BAND SEEKS NEW REHEARSAL ROOM

Aycliffe and Brancepeth band, one of the oldest organisations in Newton Aycliffe, are looking for a new rehearsal room.

Originally formed as Newton Aycliffe Town Band in 1960 the band was renamed the Aycliffe and Brancepeth band in 1994 when the Brancepeth Welfare band, itself with a history dating back the 1860's was looking to amalgamate rather than disband altogether.

In 1990 the band began rehearsing in the grounds of Appletree building in a band room which was erected by members of the band under the permission and guidance of Mr Baz Porritt, then a part owner of Appletree building company and also playing member of the band. With the kind permission of Appletree and Baz and Doreen Porritt in particular, the band has enjoyed 28 years of sole use and settled music making in the building. With its junior section it has helped many young brass players from the town and district and as a senior band has competed in numerous national and local contests and enjoys an excellent reputation as a performing concert band. The band supports

local events such as the Remembrance day parades, Durham miners gala and countless Town and Village shows, fetes and concerts.

The band would like to thank the generosity shown over the years by Appletree and the Porritt family in particular.

Moving forward, the band would welcome any suggestions of how this self funding local band could hold their two rehearsals.

At present they meet Wednesday 7.30 to 9.30pm and Sunday 6.00 to 8.00pm. Accessible Space close by to store a large library of music, music stands and instruments would be an important requirement.

The band is always looking for players young and older and anyone wishing to join this friendly band and thriving band should contact one of the numbers or Email below, instruments and training can be arranged.

Anyone who thinks they can help the band in their search for an appropriate rehearsal space should contact either: Paul (Secretary) 07825068613, Dave (Chairperson) 01325720128 or Mike ((Conductor) 07554345570 Email mnpriestley@hotmail.co.uk



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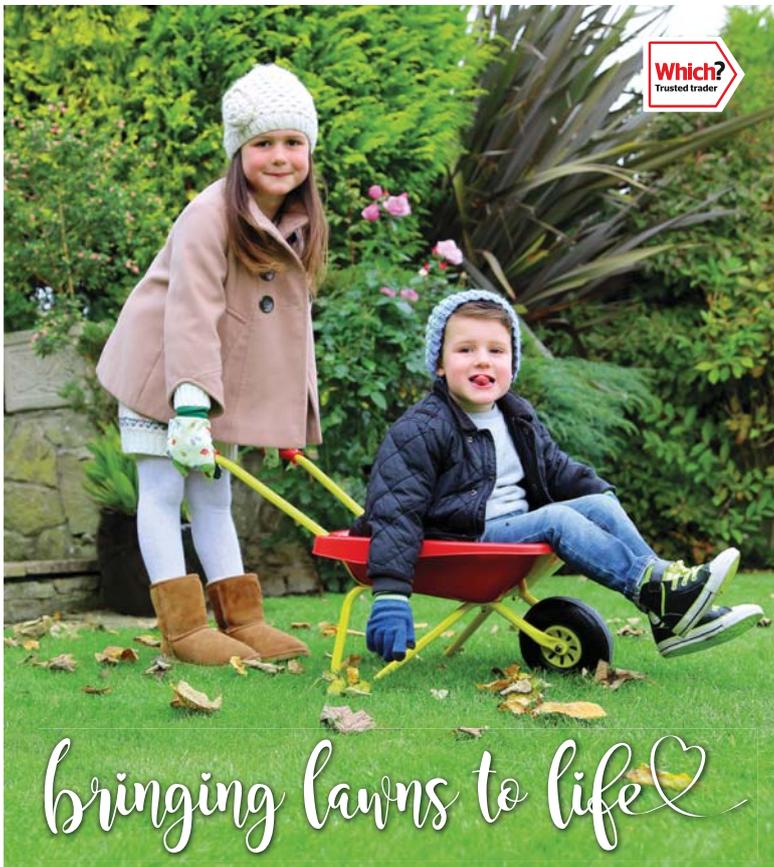
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Council Seek Final Location



An art installation which has been touring the county has arrived in the last of its temporary locations before being given a permanent home. Ps in a Pod was created by artist Louise Plant and has spent four months each in Seaham, Wharton Park and Bishop Auckland before arriving in Hamsterley Forest. The piece was commissioned by Durham County Council as part of a new approach to visual arts which sees work sited in community locations rather than in conventional gallery spaces. A family day will take place on Friday, 1 June from 10am until 4pm, where visitors can

make their own sculpture alongside local artists. The council is now considering a final location for the Ps to be sited, with the public invited to make suggestions for its new home. Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues, said: "It has been great to see the Ps on their year-long journey, showcasing the very different landscapes our county has to offer. "The various activity sessions that have been delivered alongside the sculptures have been a great success and we are pleased so many people have been able to interact with art in a way they might not

normally get the chance to." A photography competition has also been running alongside the Ps exhibition, with people being encouraged to take photos of the sculptures at each location and upload them to social media with the hashtag #psinapod. Mick Harle, from Durham, won first place for his photo of the Ps set against the night sky in Seaham, while David Johnson from Spennymoor wowed with his picture of the sculptures amongst the autumn leaves in Wharton Park. Both were awarded a special 'mini p' created by the artist and presented by Cllr Bill Kellett, Chairman of Durham County Council. The final two winners will be announced later in the year. Suggestions for the Ps final location should be sent to lucy.jenkins@durham.gov.uk

GARA Report on the Regeneration

Government Minister's Letter

Dear Sir,
The Secretary of State has replied to Great Aycliffe Residents' Association: "Compulsory purchase interferes with human the rights of affected parties and, as such, should only be used as a last resort where negotiations to buy land by agreement have failed. There must always be a compelling case in the public interest to justify interfering with the rights of those whose land is taken." Also in it's Estate Regeneration Resident Engagement and Protection National Strategy the Government states "Successful estate regeneration schemes need to have support of a majority of residents."

Livin are hoping that Tenants will outvote homeowners to force their scheme through offering tenant £6,100 each. Livin's arguments are dissected piece by piece in a Planning Inspectors report "CPO Report to the Secretary of State 29.1.2016 on the Aylesbury Estate " 83 pages long it blocked Compulsory Purchase (CPO) and showed that a Council down there, like Livin here, made statements and promises to residents, but once permissions were given, then withdrew nearly all the offers and promises it made to residents. The CPO was called to a Public Enquiry and stopped dead. Do not sign any agreement with Livin, do not sign any confidentiality agreement with Livin We can

stop Option 3. Any resident in Great Aycliffe wanting a copy of the Inspectors Report can email me : arunmchandra@aol.com Sign the GARA Petition
PS: I was one of those Councillors stopped from speaking on behalf of Ward Residents in Council because I am a Home Owner in those six streets. The Council sought advice from the Monitoring Officer at County Hall. The same County hall that secretly with livin and a Private Investor, approved demolition

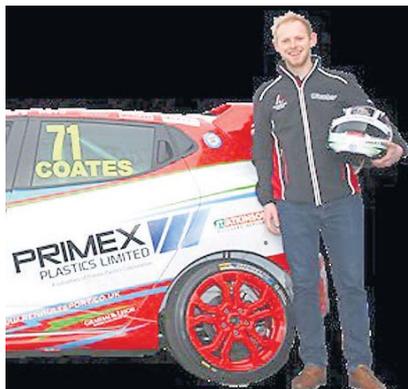
in 2014 4 years ago ! I will be challenging the ruling with the Secretary of State on too narrow a definition which stops me from speaking up for residents in the Council Chamber, but it won't stop me acting for the residents. GARA thanks all those who sent letters to Newton News. They have been very useful in conveying the mood of the people involved to Livin.Arun M Chandran Secretary Great Aycliffe Residents Association: (GARA)

National Demonstrator

Since early childhood a fascination with flowers and nature have inspired Jonathan Moseley to become one of the country's leading designers within the floral art world. For over 25 years he has inspired and entertained audiences with his love of flowers through demonstrations, workshops and classes. Jonathan is a regular exhibitor at all of the major RHS shows, including Chelsea, Hampton Court, Tatton, Malvern and Chatsworth and he is President of the North of England Horticultural Society as well as being a National Demonstrator for NAFAS. He has a national profile following his appearance on BBC2's Big Allotment Challenge and Shildon and District Flower Club is extremely fortunate to have such well-known personality as the guest demonstrator at their Open Night on Monday, 14th May at Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm with a demonstration entitled 'Flower talk'. Tickets £8 (Members £5) - available on the door or in advance by contacting Terry Hall (01388) 763430

LOCAL DRIVER QUALIFIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Donington Park hosted rounds three and four of the Renault UK Clio Cup in which North-Yorkshireman Max Coates promoted himself to the lead of the championship. Following two successful test sessions he was confident of a strong qualifying performance. Despite heading the field at mid-session distance the drying track enabled a number of drivers to switch to slick (dry) racing tires and beat the BRDC Rising Star's time which meant



he would start Sunday's two races from 11th and 10th on the grid respectively. It was always going to be a tall order to climb back into podium contention from rows 5 and 6 of the grid, but nonetheless Max in the Harron Homes car made his way through the highly talented field of drivers to take a pair of 6th place finishes. In race one Coates backed by Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling, dropped positions at the start but came around on the first lap two places up in 9th after altercations for others. He climbed to 8th and dropped to 9th again before a late charge netted him 6th three laps from the end. Similarly Coates ran wide at turn one in race two and dropped to 12th at the end of lap one. He quickly made his way to 6th by lap 6 but ran out of time to catch those in front in the Clements Limited car.

the pace to fight for wins so hopefully we get chance to show that at Thruxton in a couple of weeks."

The first race was shown as a highlight on ITV4's broadcast of the British Touring Car Championship event and the second was live on the network. Coates racing through the field provided entertainment to those watching trackside, including new sponsors Polydist UK, and on ITV4. The Bennett Renault driver earned the championship lead as the ultra-competitive one make series travels to Thruxton in Hampshire for the next rounds on the 19th and 20th May. Afterwards Coates said, "Two sixth place finishes is a solid haul of points considering our qualifying position and to lead the championship at an early stage is encouraging. We have

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 23rd MAY 2018
at 7.15 p.m.**

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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

The Agenda will be available on Notice Boards, or by request from the Council Offices (01325 300700) or our Website: (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) from the 11th May, 2018.

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M.P. at GACAP's A.G.M. Majority Opposed to Livin Regeneration

The Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership AGM was held on 20th April at the Big Club. Chairman Ron Mitchie thanked all for attended and for helping on the day. He said so many people were doing good in the community and they shouldn't be afraid of saying so.

The Secretary gave a power point presentation which encompassed all that had happened throughout the year showing all speakers who enlightened the partnership. She concluded with three points for the year ahead. Website completion. The development of Friends of and Associates of GACAP and to have our own community welfare hub. The Treasurer's report was accepted with Liane Taylor thanked for her service as Treasurer. The new Treasurer Dawn McCreanor, was welcomed.

The first speaker Chris Reeve spoke on Modern Slavery, saying there were more slaves now than there was when slavery was recorded. Chris worked alongside Northumbria Police and he outlined areas of slavery as forced/tricked labour, sexual assault. Forced labour. Chris said he was excited to be addressing GACAP because community groups were the best people to know exactly where areas of concern were. He encouraged people to contact the police with their concerns, even if their



Sid Rooke

suspicions were untrue. Simon Day spoke on the group he was setting up saying they were a relatively new abolition group, but have realised in setting up that there were people who need support in many different avenues. Their FREE community lunches were very popular. 28 on Christmas Day and 50 on Easter Sunday. Sid Rooke Director of NE First Credit Union said there was a new ring-fenced scheme for people who need to renew white goods and items of furniture. Loans could be granted to people with a poor credit history. The Credit Union would do all they could to Stop Loan Sharks. The final speaker was our MP Phil Wilson, who said it had been good to hear from the experts. We think Modern Day Slavery only happens in big cities but we have heard that it is on our own doorstep. The Credit Union was important to help people who

struggle with finances and he was happy to hand out information as needed from his office in the town centre. He said it wasn't all negative about Newton Aycliffe, it had the largest Business Park in the North of England. There is a lot of great work going on, Hitachi were bidding for more prestigious work. He wanted to promote good work in the area and in closing said that Newton Aycliffe had a lot to be proud of, from cutting edge technology to a vibrant coffee shops.

Vice Chairman, Geoff Batchelor read a letter from the founder and life president of GACAP, Syd Howarth, M.B.E. in which he expressed praise for the officers and new committee and encouragement for the year ahead.



MP Phil Wilson

Successful G.A.R.A. Petition

Dear Sir,
As Vice Chair of Great Aycliffe Residents Association (G.A.R.A.) and a West Ward Town Councillor it has been my honour and privilege to be able to walk around the Williamfied Way area listening to the concerns of residents regarding the proposed regeneration scheme proposed by livin.

A very large majority of those residents questioned appear to oppose the proposed scheme citing their reasons as: **Security of Tenure, Community Spirit, Uplift and Financial Loss.** Many people talked about Community Spirit amongst neighbours who look after each other, others talked about owning their own homes and a wish to be left alone to enjoy/improve and perhaps pass on that home to offspring.

It is a basic human instinct to better oneself and home ownership can be a way to do so. Lots of residents talked about having lived on the estate for many years, making friends and forming relationships with others. Livin officers are visiting residents passing on information but seem to be evading some queries which is adding to the distress



caused to residents of all ages but particularly the elderly and infirm.

We have asked ourselves how long this has been in the planning, and who knew about it at County Council Level and why have our County Councillors been silent on this issue for so long? As Councillors Arun Chandran and myself consider ourselves servants of the people as opposed to imposing our will on the public. We have been particularly pleased with the reaction of residents offering cold drinks on a very hot weekend as we trudged the streets.

Everyone we visit has received our calling cards with the hope that they will contact us with their views. Cllr Ken Robson West Ward 01325 321471

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*Heighington Pre-School is a registered charity; the staff and the committee work really hard organising events and activities to raise extra money to provide children with additional learning opportunities.



Police Issue Vehicle Security Advice Following Thefts

POLICE are reminding owners to make sure their vehicles are secure when unattended. Following a string of thefts from cars and vans, police are advising that vehicles are locked, parked in a safe area, and that no valuables are left on display. In particular, vans have been targeted and construction or joinery tools stolen. Detective Inspector Lee Gosling, of Peterlee CID, said: "Leaving vehicles unlocked, even if just for a few minutes, or with items visible inside makes them a prime target for thieves. Leaving tools in vans overnight, although convenient, is not advisable. "Perpetrators are often opportunistic, and our advice is not to make things easy for them. If you see somebody trying car doors or otherwise acting suspiciously, please don't hesitate to contact us

on 101." To ensure the safety of your vehicle, follow these helpful tips:

Never leave keys in the ignition or in your car unattended, even for a short time.

Park with care, if possible in a busy, well-lit area.

If you have a garage, use it. If you park on a driveway, close and lock any gates.

Close windows, sunroof, lock doors and activate security alarms when leaving the vehicle.

Take valuables (cash, credit cards, mobile phones, satellite navigation systems) with you when you leave your car. Remove any suction cup

marks from your windows.

If you have no other choice, make sure valuables are locked in the boot, taking care nobody is watching you put them there.

Keep your driving and vehicle documents safe and not in the car.

Postcode your valuables with a UV pen.

Make sure your keys are secure when at home and at work.

For more details and advice on how to keep your property safe, ring 101 and ask to speak to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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An accountancy related qualification such as AAT would be helpful, although this post would also be ideal for a candidate wishing to undertake this qualification via day release training.

A full driving licence is required.

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Finance Manager Dan Austin on 01325 300700 or by email at Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing Date for Applications:
5pm on Friday 18th May 2018

Letters will be sent to shortlisted applicants on Monday 21st May 2018

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Under 12's Champions!



A number of the Aycliffe Juniors teams travelled to Silloth to compete in the Lake District Challenge Cup played over two days of the Bank Holiday weekend. They faced a variety of teams who had joined them from across the North of the England and Scotland. Each team had a great weekend and the Under 10's finished as runners up and the Under 12's champions. The Under 7's played their seven games over the two days and recorded impressive wins against both Silloth teams. The highlight was a great hatrick from Sam in one of the wins as they finished sixth in their league. The Under 9's enjoyed five matches and finished third in their league after winning two games. The victories came against Durmsagrad FC and Dalston Juniors with a draw against Milton Rovers. The Under 10's progressed to the final of their tournament after finishing second in their league. Over seven games they managed five

wins, a draw and a loss with a great run earning wins in their final four games to get to the final. The league winners Dundee United Sports Club edged a tight final 1-0 so Aycliffe ended as runners up.

The Under 12's faced teams from Scotland, Merseyside and Cumbria in eight games. They started with a 0-0 draw against Patrick Thistle then went on a great run. The next seven games featured 28 goals scored and only 1 conceded to secure seven wins. This put them top of the league and saw them crowned as champions. Scorers over the weekend were Zack (9), Liam (6), Charlie B (5), Evan (2), Lucas (2), Harry (2) with Oliver and Jake P getting one each. Charlie B's performances saw him named as the player of the tournament.

Across the week there was also a variety of other local league games involving Aycliffe Juniors teams with the results as below;

- Under 8's 1 (Thomas) v Stockton Town 9
- Under 10's Black 2 (Cole, Jake) v Ferryhill 2
- Under 11's 2 (Zack, Charlie B) v Normanby 4
- Under 12's RF 2 (Noah, Charlie) v Jarrow 2
- Under 12's 1 (Charlie D) v Whinney Banks 6
- Under 16's 0 v Northallerton 1

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Ex England Footballer at Pooches in the Park Walk

On Sunday 17th June Butterwick Hospice are welcoming all People and Pooches to Auckland Castle for a 5k Dog Walk. (there is a shorter route for anyone less able, older dogs and even blind dogs.)

their daddy. The 5k walk will begin at 11.30am, and all dogs will receive a pooches goodie bag (kindly donated by trophy pet foods). Entry is £8, with optional sponsorship and

you can sign up online. www.butterwick.org.uk/poochesinthepark For more info call Milly on 01388 603003 or email millytoner@butterwick.org.uk



Dave Thomas (ex England footballer) can't wait to open our dog walk with his guide dog Hannah, who has helped him greatly. We will welcome all guide dogs on the day of the event also. Registration is from 9.30am. There will then be classes, stalls and even doggy agility. There will even be a fathers day special pooches competition for the most like

GRAND OPENING

School Aycliffe Community Hall has been sound proofed, decorated, with new LED lighting & blinds fitted with help from GAMP. County Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam will be in attendance at the Grand Opening on Sunday 20th May from 2-4pm. All welcome.

Perry Staff Score Goals for Bowel Cancer Charity



On Friday the 27th of April, Aycliffe Business Park firm Perry Process Equipment Ltd took part in Football Shirt Friday to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund, which funds pioneering, life-saving research into bowel cancer. Transport Manager for Perry, Gerry O' Driscoll, organised the event in memory of his late father-in-law.

The team managed to raise £305. As well as wearing their football shirts, colleagues had fun with a football penalty shootout competition. Some staff members even wore their rival team's shirt for additional sponsorship! A great day was had and Perry would like to thank friends and family who made a donation, and Bounceabout and Play for providing the inflatable football penalty shootout.



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We are listening to the residents

At Livin and as far back as 2014 Western was on our radar. We knew community spirit was strong but we also knew the estate was experiencing problems including; high levels of anti-social behaviour, low demand for homes, high levels of deprivation, low property values and poor, run down play areas and public spaces.

Our vision is therefore to work with residents to make Western a great place to live now and for generations to come.

Option three is our preference as it fundamentally addresses the estate layout and the problems this has created. However, this does not mean decisions have been made. The community will decide what it wants in Western, not Livin. Then only if support is gained will we work with residents to secure the millions of pounds of much needed investment for the area.

But remember, it's early days and if regeneration does go ahead it could take up to ten years to deliver.



Homes: Together we could design new homes suitable for families and older people with specialist accommodation and bungalows that are modern, energy efficient and meet local demand with their own driveways and private gardens.



Green spaces and play areas: Together we could provide children with safe, clean play areas and central green spaces all residents can enjoy.

Imagine A vibrant new Western



Safe streets: Together we could design areas where pedestrians and cyclists are given clear priority over vehicles and design streets that reduce car speeds significantly making your estate a safer place to be.



Traffic free routes: Together we could design walkways and traffic free routes to schools and the town centre.

Timeline

2018

May

- Consult on options 1, 2 and 3

June

- Feedback consultation results to the community

July/August

- Develop the masterplan and Residents' Charter

October

- Present the masterplan and hold an independent residents ballot

2019/20

- Seek Government investment
- Consider legal requirements
- Seek planning permission

2020 onwards

- Demolish, build or refurbish – spanning a 10 year programme

Ongoing community consultation

What are the options?

We have presented three options to residents

Option 1 - This option would involve:

- Improvements to existing homes such as new windows and doors
- New play areas
- Some landscaping improvements

Due to restrictions of the current estate layout, this option will not enable:

- Private gardens to all homes
- Driveways and parking to all homes
- Areas that attract anti-social behaviour to be designed out
- Any significant funding from Government

Therefore, in addition to this, whilst Livin could improve its properties, private owners and landlords would need to find their own funding to improve their homes.

Option 2 - This option would involve:

- Improvements to existing homes such as new windows and doors
- New play areas
- Some landscaping improvements
- Building some new homes on existing open spaces (subject to obtaining planning permission)

Due to restrictions of the current estate layout, this option will not enable:

- Private gardens to all homes
- Driveways and parking to all homes
- Areas that attract anti-social behaviour to be designed out
- Any significant funding from Government
- A consistent visual appearance of the estate as there will be a combination of old and new homes

Therefore, whilst Livin could improve its properties, private owners and landlords would need to find their own funding to improve their homes.

Option 3 - This option would involve:

A full estate redesign (this will require full demolition and rebuild)

- Private gardens
- Driveways
- A better mix of homes including bungalows and specialist accommodation for elderly residents
- New play areas
- New community facilities
- New open green spaces

This option is not guaranteed as it requires:

- Resident support
- A Residents' Charter
- An agreed masterplan
- Planning permission
- Millions of pounds of external funding
- Time – this option will take a number of years to deliver. The earliest it would start is 2020.

What's next?

We are making every effort to speak to all who are affected, individually if we can. We urge anyone that has questions, concerns or would like to provide feedback to contact us directly as we have a team of specialists on hand to offer help and support.

You can:

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Time	Session	Presenter
MONDAY		
6-7pm	60s Show	DJ-A
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
TUESDAY		
6-7:30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
15th May	Gregor & Finley - Ice Hockey Players	
22nd May	Steve Wilkinson - Aycliffe Karate Club	
7:30-9:30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
WEDNESDAY		
7:45-10:15pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
THURSDAY		
7-8pm	"Throwback Thursday"	The Doctor
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote
FRIDAY		
6-8pm	Studio House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
11th May	Andy Little (Spain) 80s Flashback	
18th May	Nathan Abbott Mardi Gras 90s	
25th May	Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare House	
SATURDAY		
8-11am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
11am-1pm	Kent Collective	Daz Kent
1-2pm	12th May - Honest John "Sixties Girls"	
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	"MixTape"	Paul Hardy
8-10pm	90s Classic	Nathan Abbott
10-12am	Garage/Grime/Drum n Bass	MC Supa
SUNDAY		
12-2pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	"Aycliffe Goes Country"	Aidan Thompson
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
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?

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BRASS IS BACK



County Durham's loudest festival is back - with brilliant bands and musicians heading to the region for a ten-day celebration of all things brass. BRASS 2018 takes place from Friday 13 to Sunday 22 July and this year sees a special focus on female performers, starting with Women and Brass on the festival's opening night.

Led by 74-year-old drummer Crissy Lee - a member of the pioneering all-girl Ivy Benson Band popular during the Second World War - the concert will feature a big band of leading female jazz musicians including Swedish internet sensation Gunhild Carling.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues at Durham County Council, which commissions the festival, said: "BRASS is a fantastic event for the county, attracting tens of thousands of music fans to the area and bringing hundreds of thousands of pounds into the local economy."

"It has a well-deserved reputation and I'm looking forward to seeing this year's festival once again raise the bar and build on the success of previous years, bringing together an absolutely cracking line-up of big names and local talent and showcasing the very best music from around the world." Festival artistic director Paul Gudgin said: "The 2018 festival provides us a great opportunity to celebrate the increasing prominence of female musicians in all forms of brass music."

"It is a real privilege for us to showcase many of the leading female musicians from the classical, jazz and the brass band world and we are confident BRASS 2018 will be another fantastic event." The 12th annual festival boasts a true international flavour, with Australian

trumpeter James Morrison, New Orleans' all-female jazz band Shake 'Em Up and street bands from France, Serbia and Spain. The ever popular streets of brass will return to Durham City, while parks across the county will host this year's Big Brass Bash events where revellers can enjoy a real party atmosphere with the ever-popular street bands. The festival will conclude with a large free concert in Wharton Park where the Reg Vardy Band will be joined by a big choir to perform Carl Orff's instantly recognisable Carmina Burana - better known as the X Factor judges' music.

Other events new for this year include a competition for brass musicians to create a composition using a live looping phone app and a new commission inspired by Quentin Blake's BFG exhibition, which will be on display at Bowes Museum during the festival.

A Street Ceilidh led by a Scottish street band promises to have people up on their feet and dancing, while the Scottish Swing Orchestra will join with a local chorus for swing versions of Hollywood musical tunes from films including The Sound of Music, Chicago and Hairspray. West End star Liza Pulman will also join with the Brighthouse and Rastick Band, the UK's number one championship band, in a unique collaboration celebrating the songs of Barbara Streisand.

And once again the festival will see bands head out into schools across the county, with special performances for over 15,000 children, and pupils given the chance to have a go at playing brass instruments for themselves. For more information and to book tickets to all BRASS events visit <http://www.brassfestival.co.uk/>

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Cutting Edge Electronics Company Opens In Aycliffe

The Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) has opened a state-of-the-art facility in Aycliffe to help companies exploit opportunities using the Internet of Things.

The printable electronics centre is expected to support a number of developments, including self-monitoring packaging capable of tracking sensitive medicines in the healthcare sector.

Expected to be worth up to £10.8 trillion a year by 2025, the Internet of Things connects devices via the internet, allowing them to send and receive data, and is seen as an integral platform in helping electronics companies develop new business models. Based in Newton Aycliffe, the CPI facility, which supports 20 jobs across new and existing roles, will create rolls of thin, flexible inlays containing multiple electronic components that can be converted into labels or embedded into smart products or wearable goods.

Providing open access facilities, including incubation areas for closer collaboration between companies and CPI, the site will help companies develop products to pilot production volumes, with potential market opportunities including packaging capable of tracking and tracing goods and monitoring contents. Such functions are already being used in the distribution of temperature sensitive medicines.

The Aycliffe printable electronics base is an extension of CPI's National Printable Electronics Centre at NETPark, in Sedgefield, and John Cocker, platform director, said it will deliver significant benefits. Thanks to these new



John Cocker, Director of CPI (left) with Phil Wilson, MP

resources, CPI is now uniquely placed to provide clients with thin, flexible electronics at an unparalleled scale on an open access basis' he said. With the Internet of Things developing fast, CPI is now even better prepared, with this investment in design and manufacturing capability, to meet future technological needs. Josephine Charnley, co-founder of Quantum Technology Supersensors, which received support from CPI to launch a new sensor, said the help has been invaluable. She added: Our

'environmentally-friendly' printable inks, which can create smart pressure sensing surfaces and 3D Force Touch without costing the earth, have had an incredible launch with CPI's assistance. Its first-class facilities have enabled us to develop our new products, which have just won two awards in Europe". Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, unveiled a plaque to mark the centre's official opening. He said: "I want to see companies and organisations that offer cutting-edge work and are creating jobs have a place to flourish. CPI has a good track-

record of doing that and I want to see Aycliffe Business Park go from strength-to-strength". Alan Welby, innovation director at the North-East Local Enterprise Partnership, added: "Printed electronics are at the cutting-edge of advanced manufacturing, Industry 4.0 and Internet of Things, and the facilities here are world-class. The centre will give a real competitive advantage for local companies to test out their ideas".

CPI's centre expansion was funded with £2.6m from the European Regional Development Fund. Further funding was contributed by CPI via the Catapult programme and the SCOPE project: a collaborative project involving industry and co-funded by the Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative.

Support is available for SMEs via the Emerging Electronics Manufacturing Centre project. To be eligible entrepreneurs, start-up companies or SME's must be primarily located in County Durham to benefit and their projects and ideas should be linked to flexible electronics and to the Internet of Things, and also use internet and wireless connectivity.

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Greenfield College Hosts French School Partner



Greenfield Community College have been privileged to host partner French school, Collège Arthur Rimbaud from Amiens, as part of an exciting international project. The students from both sides of the channel had a fantastic week working closely together to gain a better understanding of the significant impact that railways have had on our society.

The project is supported by the British Council via the Lefevre Fund, and was brought to Greenfield through a bid which was put together by Subject Leader for Performing Arts, Mrs Ali Dixon. It has also given students an exceptional opportunity to learn more about heritage, culture and creativity whilst also improving their language skills and establishing new international friendships.

The packed week included a programme that supported activities centred upon both past and present. This included visits to 'Head of Steam', Hitachi, Locomotion and Beamish Museum, giving a broad focus to help students expand their knowledge and understanding of the project and how important the railways have been to the region.

The students received a great welcome from staff at 'Head of Steam' where the group explored first hand the beginnings of passenger rail, something that we can often take for granted as part of our heritage, however the French students from Amiens were fascinated as the tour unfolded. It was also nice for the students to see their twin-town, Darlington, on the trip. The visit to Hitachi was a perfect contrast as it revealed the next generation of trains which are being built right here in Newton Aycliffe, it was an amazing experience for all the students. Mrs Dixon was thrilled with the activity and how well the students engaged "we even got to try out some of the induction training to see how smart we are and passed with flying colours of course, and without translation!"

At Locomotion students were able to learn more about train engineering in our region, the students and staff were keen to share their pride in their local heritage at Shildon, and were amazed at what was created by Hackworth, Stephenson and Pease. What a legacy to follow! The visit also coincided with STEAM week a celebration of Science, Technology,

Engineering and Maths, a very fitting connection for the students and a fantastic way to connect with the curriculum. The final educational visit was a trip to Beamish to gain a wider understanding of the impact of travel on the region and how it affected coal mining, communications and what it meant for industry and society. "Our partner school thoroughly enjoyed the week and said we have set the bar for our reciprocal visit to Amiens at the end of June, we can't wait", said Mrs Dixon. The students have worked very hard showing an increased curiosity, building skills in team work and developing aspirations through this long-term partnership between the schools.

As part of the project the students will have an opportunity to create a DVD using all they have learnt throughout the project, using dance, drama and photography, cartoon imagery, poetry and soundscape. It is sure to be a special piece of work that will bring together an interpretation of their experience and showcase the exceptional talents of the students and staff at Greenfield and their commitment to Arts and Science as a Specialist school.

The week was a great success and Greenfield students have learnt so much in the process. The week concluded with a well-deserved trip Planet Leisure and tea for 45! The students are keen to keep up their friendships and the school are keeping in touch through social media whilst they await the trip to Amiens. Well done to all the students involved and a big thank you to Locomotion, Hitachi, Head of Steam, Beamish and Planet Leisure for their wonderful contribution.

Mucky Man

A man was observed getting out of his car allowing his Alsatian dog to roam without a lead on the Green near The County at Aycliffe Village.

The dog did its business and the man picked it up in a bag for disposal. However the same person followed the man and his dog to his home in Heighington Village! Why did he think it was OK to foul Aycliffe Village Green when his village has more rural dog walks? Even picking dog muck off a green can leave some mess behind carrying a danger to children playing.

WIN A "PAMPER HAMPER" AT BEWICK CRESCENT SURGERY

Dear Sir,
3,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the UK every year. It is the most common cancer in women under the age of 35 years, yet it is the 25-35 year old age group that are least likely to attend for cervical screening (smear tests.) Cervical Screening is a way of identifying cell changes in the cervix so treatment can be received BEFORE cancer develops. Screening only takes 15 minutes and appointments are available at Bewick Crescent Surgery in evening clinics for those ladies who would prefer that to a daytime appointment. Women are often guilty of putting other members of the family before themselves. Work and childcare can get in the way and it's easy to think of an excuse not to attend for screening. By promoting our "pamper hamper" we'd like ladies

to take a little time for themselves. Please ring and book an appointment if your smear test is due/overdue. It really does only take a few minutes and could save your life.

To try and encourage ladies to attend, I wrote to local businesses asking for donations towards a "pamper hamper." Each lady that attends for their smear test receives a raffle ticket to win a hamper of goodies and the raffle is drawn at the end of each month.

I would like to thank our friends at Tesco and Creations Hair Salon for their kind donations to date. If any other local business should wish to contribute to our monthly raffle, please do not hesitate to contact the surgery with details. (Dr Ruth Hewitt.)
Joanne Jones

Pupils Keep Active



At Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School, pupils are encouraged to stay active from an early age. As well as understanding the benefits that keeping fit and leading a healthy lifestyle can bring, they also know just how much fun sport can be too.

Last week, twenty-seven of our Reception children jumped at the chance to attend a multi-skills festival held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Across the course of the session, pupils practised their ball skills, throwing, catching and running in a whole host of activities, including hopping challenges, pancake races and penalty shoot outs. Miss Kelly, who accompanied

the children, told us that the dress the scarecrow race was their favourite activity because everyone loved dressing each other up and showed such fantastic team spirit. The youngsters were delighted to find out that by working together, supporting one another and being utterly enthusiastic they had placed third out of the 7 schools who competed.

All of the children left fully energised and beaming with pride as they cheerfully carried their certificates back to school. A huge thanks to the Sedgefield Sports Partnership and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for hosting such an enjoyable event.

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- Fun Run**
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Race details: <http://ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk/about-aycliffe-10k-and-fun-run/>
Cheques to be made payable to 'Aycliffe Running Club' Entries to: Michelle Scott, 11 West Auckland Road, Shildon, DL4 1PY
Closing Date for Entries midnight Friday 15th, June 2018

NOTE! - Collect your race number before 9:40 on the day.
- Headphones are NOT to be worn, you will be disqualified.

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Address first line: Post Code:

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(10K runners must be 16-years or over on June 17th, 2018)

England Athletics membership No. Select from the following: 10k or Fun Run Male or Female

Emergency Contact - name: Phone No.

Declaration: I wish to enter the HYDRAM 10K or Fun Run and I declare that I am an amateur as defined by England Athletics Laws and certify that I am medically fit to run. Furthermore, I agree that the organisers will not be held responsible for any injury or illness as a result of my participation in the events. I understand that my details will be stored on the entry computer but will not be distributed to any other organisation or running club. Timing chips must be returned at the finish even if you pull out, if I do not return the timing chip, I accept that I must pay for a replacement which is £10.

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Joy of Walking at the Walk About Festival

People in the North East of England are being invited to step out with the Ramblers for their Walk About festival this summer, from 26 May to 3 June. The walking charity is encouraging people to head outdoors to explore their local area and uncover the hidden gems on their doorstep. During this year's Walk About festival, supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery, there are hundreds of free group walks on offer nationwide. Many of the walks highlight hidden gems that can be found along the way - from unexpected views and peaceful picnic spots to atmospheric ancient ruins - that can often only be spotted when you head out on foot. Chief Executive of the Ramblers, Vanessa Griffiths, said: "Anyone who loves walking will know it's the best way to discover the world around you - it could be an amazing secret view, a quirky old building tucked down a side-street, or simply a great new walking route. We know lots of great spots and wonderful walks and want to share them. "If you want to

discover local places that are great for walking and enjoy the great outdoors in good company, come and join us on one of our walks. And bring your friends and family too - everyone is welcome!" All walks during Walk About are free to attend and there's something for everyone, whether you're after a short summer stroll or you're a seasoned walker looking for more of a challenge. And if you're bitten by the walking bug, why not join the Ramblers? Your membership will give you access to hundreds of group walks every year, an online library of over 2,500 downloadable Ramblers Routes, as well as many other benefits. To get involved in the Ramblers Walk About festival: • Visit www.ramblers.org.uk/walkabout2018 to find out more about all the walks taking place during the festival and find hidden gems near you • Or if you'd like to head out for a walk with family or friends, browse the online library of Ramblers Routes for some inspiration.

Thanks to the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery, Walk About is helping everyone, everywhere to enjoy walking.

Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: "We are delighted that players of People's Postcode Lottery are

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growing challenge in support of a worldwide campaign. International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) 2018, which runs from Sunday, 6 May to Saturday, 12 May, aims to make people more aware of the benefits of home composting. Durham County Council's waste strategy team is working in partnership with Durham Community Action's Growing Durham to encourage local schools and community groups to get involved over the summer by growing the tallest sunflower or largest pumpkin. The winning team will receive a £100 voucher for gardening equipment for the school or group. John Shannon, strategic waste manager said: "By composting we can reduce the amount of household and garden waste we produce. Composting also improves soil quality so can be used to feed plants and gardens. "We want to raise awareness of these benefits and encourage people to start composting at home if they don't already." During ICAW 2018, Durham County Council's waste

strategy team will also be holding a composting information stall at Durham city market on Saturday, 12 May from 9am until 3pm. People are encouraged to come along and get advice on how to start composting and how to make the most of their day-to-day waste. To enter the competition, email the waste strategy team with your school or group name, contact details and how many people will take part, by Saturday, 12 May to wasteaware@durham.gov.uk. Teams will be sent free seeds and given more information about the competition, which will be judged in October 2018. Residents in County Durham can also take advantage of the council's current discounted prices for home compost bins. Prices start from £17.98. A second compost converter can be purchased from £8.99. A one-off delivery charge of £5.99 applies. This offer ends on 31 March 2019. To order a compost bin or for more information, visit www.getcomposting.com or call 0844 571 4444.

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of electrical infrastructure around the globe. They also mark the 5th and 6th project that we have worked on with Van Oord, from the first project together taking place back in 2011." With more than 32 years' experience, Tekmar is a market leader in the design, manufacture and supply of subsea cables, umbilicals and flexible protection systems for the global subsea energy market including oil and gas and offshore renewables. More information on Tekmar can be found at http://www.tekmar.co.uk



supply its market leading CPS to protect the 35 inter-array cables planned on the project. The CPS is to be tailored for the project to cater for all different cable sizes applied and respective interface to the monopile foundations. BorWin3 is a 900 MW DC grid connection system of the Dutch-German transmission system operator TenneT. BorWin3 will convert three-phase electric power generated by offshore wind farms into direct current and transmit it 160 km back to shore. Tekmar will supply its export cable protection system to protect the 3 export cables between the Hohe See offshore wind farm and BorWin gamma, the corresponding offshore converter platform of BorWin3. Tekmar is also supplying its systems to protect the 79 inter-array cables on the Hohe See offshore wind farm, as part of a separate contract. Tekmar said, "These contracts mark our 61st and 62nd named projects working within offshore wind, taking the total systems supplied to well over 6,000 protecting over 20 GW

Youth Variety Show
The Civic Hall, Shildon in June will be full of the sounds of young people aged 8 to 25 years entertaining in their own Youth Variety Show. A spokesperson said "The annual Variety Show is full of young people showing off their talents in all kinds of different ways. There will be soloists, skaters, dancers, musicians, youth choirs, and lots more. We still have a few places left in the show for any young people who can sing, dance, whether as a soloist or in a singing or dance group. Also any instrumentalists, gymnasts, magicians, and comedians would be very welcome too. The shows are on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th June, at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £3.50 each, and payable on the door. All proceeds to the SCYPAN Young People's Awards Evening in November. For more information ring 07747 826324.

Kingdom Hall Church Moves to Town Centre



Planning Permission is being sought by Jehovah's Witnesses in Aycliffe for the construction of a new Place of Worship together with car parking and landscaping on the former Police Station site on Central Avenue, next to St. Clare's Court Care Home. The members currently occupy Kingdom Hall in Alington Road, Newton Aycliffe, but this early 1970's building is suffering from the effects of ground subsidence and roof problems. The building has a shortage of car parking, compromised by the building of new housing surrounding the hall. The congregation has decided to re-locate to a more central location where it's present and future needs can be adequately met.

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In reply, Aycliffe looked very comfortable at 56 for 0, with acting captain Darryn Bancroft (37 runs) and Adam Gittins (17) in control. Then a dramatic collapse saw the visitors lose all ten of their wickets for just 46 runs as they were bowled out for 102 from 32 overs, still 41 runs short of their winning target.

The 2nd team hosted a very strong Saltburn 2nds in the 4th division of the NYSD and were soundly beaten by 129 runs. The visitors were asked to bat first on a beautiful Aycliffe wicket and proceeded to rack up an impregnable score of 225 for 5 from their allotted 40 overs.

James Brown finished with 2 for 30 from his 6 overs, Dan Weldon also bowled well for the homeside taking 2 for 41 from ten overs and Dylan Tribley took two smart catches. In reply, Aycliffe were dismissed for 96 from 25.1 overs with Dan Bowmer (18 runs), Joe Haines (15 runs) and Dylan Tribley (14 runs) the top three scorers. The Under 15's lost by ten wickets at home to Blackhall in the NYACC. Batting first Aycliffe were skittled for 61 after 16.4 overs with opener Harry Wright the only batsman to reach double

figures when he top scored with 12 runs. The visitors easily reached their winning target in the 11th over. The U13's began their season away at Richmond and came away with an eight wicket defeat in the NYACC. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe were bowled out for 69 with good innings from Charlie Cayless and Dan Heaton, who both jointly top scored with 19 runs each. In reply the home side eased to a comfortable win despite some good bowling from Aycliffe's David Robinson who took one wicket for seven runs from his three overs. Special mention must go to debutants Adam Shaw, who kept wicket, Harry Brumwell and Will Dryden who all played well in their first games at this level. The club's U11's team got their season off to a great start with an emphatic 53 run win away at Blackhall in the NYACC League. In the Aycliffe innings, Dan Heaton top scored with 18 runs and Harrison Pearson also batted well scoring 12. When the home side batted, Pearson was again in the action taking two wickets for just two runs for Aycliffe and he was supported well by Joe Ingman who also took a wicket. Special mention must go to both Jayden

Leaver and Harry Palmer, who had encouraging debuts for Aycliffe. The attached photo showing the victorious u11's team with coach Adam Gittins.

left of the Labour Party (Len McClusky) who think that those who speak out against anti-Semitism are doing so to harm their Party. I hope that Mr Mooney is not one of these! What personal or political gain am I achieving by stating facts? The Labour Party has acknowledged that it has a problem with an anti-Semitic faction. Labour MPs blew the matter wide open in a parliamentary debate which was shocking to watch. However, in an earlier letter, Cllr. Clare stated that following the Leave Vote, "a few racists" are determining our Immigration Policy. I asked him to identify them; he has declined to do so! Perhaps I am being 'thin-skinned', however, having been called a racist while campaigning locally for the Leave Campaign, I reasonably assumed that Cllr. Clare was insinuating that Leave voters are racist. If this was indeed the case, I'm sure that Cllr Clare will have the good grace to apologise to all non-racist Leave voters, including me. Alastair P.G. Welsh.

Freight Vehicle Donated to Shildon Locomotion Museum

The National Railway Museum has announced that the nationally significant High-Speed Freight Vehicle 1 (HSFV1) has been donated to Locomotion in Shildon, by the APT-E-Support Group. The HSFV1 made international high-speed travel and freight carrying possible and represents a historic and ground-breaking landmark for rail travel.



It was developed by the Railway Technical Centre in Derby in the late 1960s under Professor Alan Wickens. The outcome of this was the development of new trains to run consistently at high speed across the existing network. The vehicle was purchased in 2010 by The APT-E Support Group and displayed in Coventry's Electric Railway Museum, but follows to its recent closure, a new home was needed and with the help of Shane Wilton and Graeme Gleaves from the Electric Railway Museum, the move became possible. Senior Curator of Rail Transport & Technology at Locomotion, Anthony Coulls, said: "We thank the APT-E Support Group for their kind donation of this seminal vehicle. The research was part of the development

of modern rolling stock and we look forward to placing it on display at Locomotion alongside the APT-E, two of the most significant vehicles of late 20th Century railway development."

Kit Spackman and Paul Leadley of the APT-E Support Group, said: "HSFV1 is as important to modern high-speed rail travel worldwide as Stephenson's Rocket was the development of railway travel originally. It's very pleasing that at long last it's been given a proper recognition and a showcase in the Museum's collection." Locomotion, which officially became part of the Science Museum Group portfolio in December last year, will also be the new home to the

British Rail class 306 no. 306107, later this year. This electrical multiple unit was introduced in 1949 and used on the electrified suburban lines between Shenfield and London Liverpool Street.

The Class 306 electric multiple unit has previously housed at the East Anglian Railway Museum in Essex, where it has been on loan from the National Railway Museum. The unit will return to Locomotion in Shildon for conservation and for public display. Locomotion houses over 60 historically and significant locomotives and rail vehicles and will give visitors from the North-East and across the country, access to railway history within the collection.

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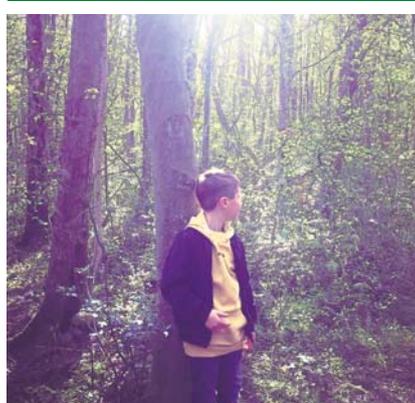
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READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Michael Todd took this photo while out with his son, Harry (8) on one of their jaunts around Newton Aycliffe. The photo was captured on the public bridle way to Woodham Park from Woodham Way. The trees were starting to colour in the warm Spring and they were really impressed with the route taken.
 "We read so many negative comments on social media about our town and I just thought a positive image would show we have a wonderful natural environment" said Michael.
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Thank You

DOROTHY CHEESBROUGH
 Vivienne and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support, messages of sympathy and kindness shown following their sad loss. Thanks to Carol Briggs who conducted the most touching and comforting Service and all at Whitehouse Funeral Services for their outstanding care, guidance and professionalism. Appreciation to the District and Macmillan Nurses, Ward 42 Staff and Dr. Stephenson for their compassion, dedication and kindness. Finally, thank you for all the generous donations totalling £256 in aid of Macmillan and Butterwick Hospice.

Obituary

BELL
 Malcolm of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on April 29th aged 59 years. Dearly beloved husband to Francesca. Much loved Dad of Victoria. Treasured Grandad of Ben. Family and friends please meet for service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday May 15th for 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if so desired to SSAFA.

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 Kathryn died suddenly in London on 25th April 2018. Funeral Service will be held at 1.30 pm on Monday 14th May at East Lancashire Crematorium, Cemetery Road, Radcliffe, Greater Manchester, M26 4EU.
 Family flowers only, please, donations to Macmillan Cancer Support may be sent c/o S Wellens & Sons, 121 Long St, Middleton, Manchester, M24 6DL (tel 0161 643 2677), to whom all enquiries should be made.

EVERETT, Neil of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Willington, passed away peacefully on May 2, aged 83 years. Beloved Husband of Hilda, much loved Dad of Lesley and David, loving Father-in-law of Pamela, cherished Grandpa and Great Grandpa. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Durham Crematorium on Thursday, 17th May at 11:00am.

Birthday Remembrance

BARBARA SUTTON 15.5.32
 Another birthday without our Mother and Nana, so we look up above at the stars in the sky. We all make a wish to carry all our love to you on your birthday. Never forgotten. From all the family

Congratulations

KEIRAN JONES



13th May
Happy 21st Birthday Keiran
 Hope you have a great day. I'm so very proud of the young man you have become. xxxx
 Lots of love, Mam and Dad
 Chris, Sonia, Emvie, Josh, Ryan, Sammy, Kyra, Boyce, Dexter xxxxxxxx

JORDAN



08.05.97
Can't Believe You're 21.
 How the years have flown by. You are a smart and handsome young man. We are so proud of you. Love, Mam & Dad xxx

Jordan McCabe



To Our Big Brother.
 We love you so much. Hope you have a fantastic birthday xxx

Jordan McCabe



8th May
Happy 21st Birthday
 to our eldest Grandson Jordan.
 Love you loads,
 Grandma & Grandpa xxx

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY
 Jordan. Lots of love, Auntie Emma, Mat, Griegan, Nathan and Xander xxx



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Consultations and things to do this week! Find out more about the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB28

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- Take part in the DCC consultation on Durham's riverside and walks.
- Comment on Ron Hogg's new Police, Crime & Victims Plan, 2018-21.
- SMEs can secure funding from the Durham Coast and Lowlands LEADER programme.
- My report on judging the 'Make Your Mark' awards.
- My report on the Friends of the S&DR meeting, Thursday 3 May.
- A leap forward in local history – did the battle which created England take place in Humwick?
- Join Bee Happy 2gether – which offers support for young people affected by trauma – at their launch event on May 30th at ROF59.
- The Watchtower Bible and

Tract Society has put in a planning application to build a Place of Worship on Central Avenue.

- Our bees are counting on you to count them from 17 May.
- Latest roadworks information.

THINGS TO DO

- Toddler Trail: "Norman the Slug" (2-5s), Hardwick Park, 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, Wednesday 16 or Saturday 19 May, £4, phone 03000 262 899 to book in advance.
- Classic Car, Bike and Commercial Show, County Hall Durham, 10am-3pm, Saturday 19 May, £1
- Buddha's Birthday Special Event (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 19 May.
- Plumes and Pom Poms (5-11s), based on the DLI Collection, Palace Green Museum, drop in 1-3pm, 19-20 May.
- Empire & Flag Days, Beamish Museum, 19-20 May (entrance fee).

Post Office Looking for Operator in Woodham

Woodham Post Office temporarily closed on 29th March and are currently looking for a new operator for the branch. The previous proposed move fell through following the withdrawal of interest by the potential new operator.

A Post Office spokesperson said: "We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the temporary closure of Woodham Post Office following the resignation of the postmaster and withdrawal of premises for Post office use.

We understand and appreciate how much communities rely on our services and would like to reassure customers that we are working hard to restore the service to the community as soon as possible and are committed to maintaining services in the area.

Any retailer or small business owner interested in running the Post Office and incorporating it into their business should ring 0845 266 8790 and talk to an advisor or email NTquestions@postoffice.co.uk or visit www.runapostoffice.co.uk

ROADWORKS INFO

• Until some time in May there will be road and lane closures, traffic lights and traffic management as required on the A167 at Newton Park Services and also St. Andrew's Way and Heighington Lane for the installation of a sewer rising main, although works should be gradually coming to an end.

• Until 11 May April, there will be 2-way lights on Westmorland Way, for footway works.

FUTURE ROADWORKS

• From 6-11 June there will be a road closure for carriageway resurfacing on Durham Way South, on Aycliffe Business Park.

• Throughout the Sedgefield area there may be traffic management as required for road maintenance & patching, and also (in summer) grass-cutting.

Note that you can check up on roadworks throughout the county on the DCC webpage: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/roadworks>

Petitioners Against Livin Regeneration Plan

On Bank Holiday at 2pm, 6th May 2018, Cllr Ken Robson Vice Chairman of GARA and myself began gathering the Petition against Livin's Regeneration Scheme.

We started at Silverdale Place, and despite the glorious weather managed to catch 41 residents in and on Monday night we visited Langdale

Rest assured, we will revisit those not in because we want to gather everyone's signature. The only nights not out gathering signatures are Wednesdays. Next area is Eskdale, then Whinlatter, Kirkstone and Honister thereafter revisit those not at home.

Statistics of signatures

Silverdale Signatures: 39 of which: 19 Tenants, 15 Home Owners and 5 Private Tenants

Langdale Signatures: 38 of which: 23 Tenants, 14 Home Owners and 1 Private Tenant.

In Langdale we met only 1 owner and 2 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option 3.

Resident Joanne Sweeney, currently working in China, has contacted GARA to add her name to the petition thanking GARA for all their hard work on this campaign.

It is heartening to note that nearly every tenant is opposed to Livin's Option 3 and will not be turned, and used against Home Owners in a vote. The whole community is rock solid united against demolition of the estate.

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Youthy Football Round Up

Newton Aycliffe Falcons U11 team we're the winners of the Haggerston 2018 Tournament.



Tournament winners Falcons Under 11 Team

We travelled north for the tournament for the 4th year running hoping for a great weekend of football and we certainly got it.

Saturday was a mixed day winning 3 and losing 2 games this gave us a massive uphill task as the top two teams remained unbeaten and therefore stood a good chance of qualifying for the final. Sunday saw some of our best football and we managed to beat one of the unbeaten teams leaving us a good chance to catch them in the league.

Another 2 victories and we found ourselves level on points with 2nd place but behind on goal difference by 6 goals. One game left and we needed a big result. We certainly got it by winning our final league game 11-0 and qualifying for the final.

Our final opponent was Hebburn Town Juniors. Hebburn were going to be a challenge as they had beaten us on Saturday 4-2. However the team had been performing outstandingly since and went into the game with huge confidence. The game was largely dominated by Aycliffe

and we were 1-0 up just after half time. With minutes to go a controversial penalty was awarded to Hebburn and converted. Final score 1-1.

This took the game to a penalty shoot-out and the Aycliffe goal keeper saved the first penalty and then later went on to score the winning penalty for Aycliffe. Falcons won the Haggerston Tournament 4-3 on penalties.

Great performance from the team who never gave up even when it looked unlikely. All the coaches and parents are proud of how the players performed and conducted themselves throughout. Every player played a massive part and played some great football especially on the final day. A massive well done also to Dylan Stewart who was awarded Player of the Tournament. Well done everyone.

If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website where there are lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.nayfc.com

Aycliffe F.C. Finish 14th in League

Newton Aycliffe finished the season with a 2-0 home defeat to in-form Sunderland RCA. Aycliffe were missing some players, but still gave a good account of themselves against a team who were unbeaten in nine games prior to this match.

Aycliffe started brightly, and Jordan Jewson put in a good cross on 4 minutes, that Kurt Matthews just failed to collect under pressure. A minute later RCA keeper and ex-Aycliffe player Scott Pocklington did well to palm out an in-swinging corner. RCA took the lead on 19 minutes, when a high ball into the penalty area wasn't cleared by Aycliffe and Elliott latched into the loose ball to put it past home keeper Jack McLaren.

The play was fairly even, but on 30 minutes, McLaren had to make a smart double-save. Three minutes before the interval, RCA were awarded a penalty when Andrew Grant-Soulsby was alleged to have fouled an RCA forward. The RCA players didn't appeal, so perhaps justice was served when McLaren made a fine save from Larkin's spot-kick.

The second half was also fairly even, albeit RCA created slightly better plays and chances. They got behind the Aycliffe defence 2 minutes in, but the resulting cross was just behind centre forward O'Neill. Then Jordan Jewson had a good chance for Aycliffe, but his shot was charged down for a corner. RCA came back and McLaren made a good save from Charlton. Aycliffe responded, and

Jewson had a shot well saved by Pocklington. Aycliffe man-of-the-match Liam Browne was having a good game against RCA centre forward O'Neill, and restricted him to long range shots and headers over the bar. RCA extended their lead on 67 minutes. Page put in a cross that McLaren seemed to have covered, but the ball squirmed out of his grasp, hit the post and went in for 2-0.

Aycliffe continued to compete to the end, but were unable to trouble Pocklington, and RCA saw out time for the win. The result saw Aycliffe finish 14th out of 22 in the Ebac Northern League Division One. The club would like to thank our volunteers for their hard work throughout the season & our supporters for following the team home & away. Special thanks also to our shirt sponsors Ebac & SE Landscaping whose support was crucial.

Preparations for next season are already under way at Moore Lane. It is expected that the FA will reduce leagues at our level (Step 5) to 20 teams in the hope that it will prevent end of season fixture congestion. Marske & Morpeth have been promoted to Step 4 while Jarrow Roofing who finished third bottom have resigned from the League.

We start again in August, when Aycliffe enter their tenth Northern League season, but watch out for latest news on pre season friendlies & fixtures by following us on Facebook & Twitter.

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