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## Second MRI Scanner Being Installed at Darlington



Photo of the new MRI Scanner arriving at Darlington Memorial Hospital last week – due to its size, it was dropped in through the roof! When installed the Hospital plan a big celebration.

Both scanners, including one at Bishop Auckland Hospital, are now in place and once final finishing touches are made to the new MRI suite at Darlington, patients will begin to benefit from it later this month.

Meanwhile, there will be no break in service and Darlington Hospital will continue using the mobile MRI Scanners for the next few weeks.

Don't forget the charity appeal continues. Philips have kindly deferred payment until the end of 2018 so we can continue fundraising. Please keep arranging events, making donations and encouraging others to do so.

## APPEAL FOR 430 NEW HOUSES AT WOODHAM BRIDGE DISMISSED

The Appeal Hearing held recently for the Woodham Bridge site, at which Willmott

Partnership Homes sought to overturn a DCC decision to refuse planning permission for 430 houses on the site, has been quashed.

After a long hearing over a few days the Inspector dismissed the appeal and the site will NOT be used for housing development and it will be very difficult for anyone to come back and make a case to build houses there in the future.

The site is saved from development, and will remain as a separator between Newton Aycliffe and Woodham, as an open green corridor for wildlife in the Woodham Burn corridor.

It never seemed right to create an island estate in that area with no access roads to Woodham and the town. People living there would

have to use the A167 to get to any facilities they required in Newton Aycliffe.

The Inspector concluded that: "The proposal would result in serious landscape harm that would adversely affect the area's character and appearance. The proposal would not contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural environment. It would also have a significant adverse effect on the function of the Green Wedge".

## Newton News Does it Again!

Dear Sir,

May we say thanks for the great response to our appeal for clean carrier bags for Aycliffe Foodbank.

The front page item in Newton News did the trick! So many people brought us some, from a few, dropped off into the Foodbank by thoughtful individuals, to a pack of new bags from a local business.

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## ANCIENT SKULL FOUND IN DARLINGTON

POLICE investigating the discovery a human skull in the garden of a property in Darlington believe the remains to be ancient.

On Monday (May 14), officers were called to a property in Springwell Terrace after workmen working on an extension discovered what they believed to be a human skull. Police have now confirmed the skull to be that of a human, and that the remains are believed to be ancient. As a result, they are not linking the discovery to any live investigations at this time.

Further bones have also been recovered from the site. Detective Chief

Superintendent Adrian Green, from Durham Constabulary, said: "There is indication of a full skeleton at the site and all accessible bones have been recovered. "DNA testing and carbon dating is being carried out on the remains and may take some time. However, it is likely to be the body of a man and early indications suggest that it is not suspicious."

"We believe the skeleton to be ancient. Therefore, at this time, based on the information available to us, police are not linking it to any live investigations." A cordon, which was put in place while officers worked at the property, has since been lifted.

## Could Britain's Top Tradesman for 2018 Come from Aycliffe?

Britain's Top Tradesperson 2018 competition launches this week inviting builders, electricians, carpenters and plumbers in Newton Aycliffe to be recognised for the great work they do in keeping our homes and local businesses in the best condition.

The annual competition, organised by Screwfix and supported by Mitsubishi Motors in the UK, aims to highlight and recognise the great work tradespeople do in the region. This year's winner not takes home the coveted title of Britain's Top Tradesperson 2018, which will transform their business, but they also drive away in a brand new Mitsubishi L200 Warrior pick-up truck worth £33,000 (OTR).

Screwfix, in Newton Aycliffe, will select the best tradespeople to face-off in a regional heat and from there, 10 finalists from across the UK will head to Wembley Stadium for the national final in July, where they will compete in front of an esteemed judging panel consisting of industry experts.

Caroline Welsh, Director of Brand and Marketing at Screwfix, said: "The award is only given to top tradespeople who can demonstrate that they go above and beyond in their

trade. It's for those who can show how they are adapting to change in the industry, have a positive impact on their community, invest in the future of the trade or show true professionalism in every job they complete. This is our biggest competition of the year, designed to showcase the fantastic tradespeople in the industry.

"It's the ninth year we have run this competition and we want to continue to celebrate and reward successful tradespeople from all across the UK that deliver quality work, often without gaining recognition they deserve." Winning can truly transform a tradesperson's life. Business is booming for last year's winner, Lluís Dalmau, owner of LCD Heating and Gas Services.

"My business is my pride and joy, so to win the title of Britain's Top Tradesperson meant so much to me. My customer base has grown more than I could ever imagine and I now have extra confidence to take my business to the next level. I think it's fantastic that Screwfix run a competition like this – if you think you've

got what it takes, make sure to enter now – you'll never look back," said Lluís.

Rob Lindley, Managing Director of Mitsubishi Motors in the UK, commented, "British tradespeople are not only the backbone of the economy, they're also a pivotal part of every community in the UK. They are there to help us when things go wrong, they work with us to make improvements to our homes, gardens, businesses and lives and we are proud to do our bit to help Britain's top tradesperson by providing them with a Mitsubishi vehicle that's every bit as dependable, hard-working and cost-effective as they are."

Entries are open until 3rd June 2018, with regional finalists selected and competing later that month. In July the finalists will compete at the national finale, with the overall winner being named Britain's Top Tradesperson 2018.

To find out more you can go into your local Screwfix store in Newton Aycliffe, or go to [screwfix.com/btt](http://screwfix.com/btt) to enter directly.

## We're Dreaming of a White Christmas

It seems an odd thing to be thinking of as summer is making its welcome appearance, but this is exactly what we're doing at Ferryhill Stage Society.

Rehearsals for our November production of Irving Berlin's spectacular, 'White Christmas', have begun and we are looking for friends old and new to join us on stage for this amazing show. If you enjoy dancing, singing or acting, or indeed all three, then this is just the thing for you.

We particularly would like to

meet with a young girl (age 9 – 13) who can belt out a song and dance like a dream, to play the part of Susan, a smart, sassy character who can steal the show. If this is someone you know please get in touch.

We meet from 7.00 – 9.00 on Thursday evenings in Mainsforth Community Association Hall, Ferryhill Station and would love to welcome new faces to join us in this exciting venture. For further details contact Elsie McGowan on 01740 621161 or 07765 313538.

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## Honest John Donations

Honest John has donated £3,000: £1,000 to St. Mary's Primary School for their Mini Police Project, £500 to 1st Acle Scout Group, £500 to Aycliffe Community Radio, £500 to the newly formed Acorn Ukes (Ukelele Group) and £500 to Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade.

John would like to thank DISC for accommodating his shop; donors and customers for their support; Val his assistant and "Little Margaret".

## Bewick Surgery 25 Years Supporting Swimathon



Back, left to right: Doctor Stephens, Doctor Claire Morgan, Alison Wake and Andrew Poulton. Front: Team Captain Marie Gaffney and Aimee Reed

Bewick Crescent Doctors Surgery Swimathon Team celebrated their 25th year on Sunday, when they took part in this year's "Swimathon" held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. This year they are raising money to support the Great North Air Ambulance. The team wish to thank all those who gave sponsorship money.

This was the 37th year the event has been held, and approximately £400,000 has been raised for charity. The estimated sponsorship pledged this year by the teams

who took part is expected to be in excess of £5,000.

This year's headline good cause is the Scanner Appeal of Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospital's with half of the money raised going to the appeal, and the balance benefitting other local charities.

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Previous gigs include 02 Academy, Newcastle; Main Stage at Willowman 2017 and one of the best acts at the Ronnington Festival.

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The members of the choir have raised thousands of pounds for charity over a number of years and ask for your support by attending or contributing cash and prizes for the raffle.

Admission is £5 at the door with all proceeds to Motor Neurone Disease.

The Big Club is an ideal venue for the Concert with great accommodation and a bar. Come on down for a good night of pure entertainment by this fabulous group of singers who sing all the most popular songs inviting you to join in and sing along.

# New Courses Free at the PCP

The Pioneering Care Centre recently opened up their Community Computer Suite to the public; a free of charge suite equip with 9 laptops, 8 iPads and a projector for individual and group learning. The Community Computer Suite is generously funded by Great Aycliffe and Middridge AAP.

There are three upcoming courses free for anyone aged 19 or over to join;

'Digital Age Awareness', is a 9 hour course that can be taken over two or three sessions. Participants will learn the basics of how to use a computer - such as attachments to emails, online shopping, how to copy & paste text and images etc. The 'Building Emotional Resilience' course begins Monday 4th June from 10.00 - 13.15 over a four week period. Participants will become a more confident and positive version on themselves by learning to identify self-strengths and weaknesses, how to manage stress and anxiety and find ways to block out negative

emotions. 'Be Active, Feel Healthy' begins Friday 8th June from 9.00 - 12.45 over a four week period. Participants will learn all about different fats and sugars, gain confidence in managing long-term physical health and take part in a health walk.

For more information on each course, see the published posters on the Pioneering

Care Partnership's Facebook & Twitter pages.

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



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The session will be held on Thursday 21st June from 10.30 am - 4.30pm and costs just £28.00 for the full day. Elaine is a talented photographer who has exhibited at Greenfield Arts and can help you get the best out of your DSLR or bridge camera. You will also get the chance to take home an A4 print of your favourite image from the workshop.

We are also offering a fabulous opportunity to learn skills in print making. Come along and learn the art of monoprint and drypoint etching with talented artists Alan and Helen Holcroft. The workshop is suitable for beginners and requires no drawing skills but can produce amazing results including a piece of your own work to take away.

Materials and tea and coffee will be provided, just bring along your own lunch and enjoy an informal and friendly approach to learning. The workshop will be held on 19th July from 10.30 am - 4.30pm and costs just £45.00 for the full day. Please contact Helen

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## Against:139 For: Nine

The Petition being raised by Great Aycliffe Residents Association against Livin's Regeneration Scheme Option 3, to completely demolish and rebuild Williamfield, means visiting every tenant in the area.

Signatures obtained by this Tuesday show an overwhelming number against. 148 residents signed of which only 9 were in favour of Option 3 despite Livin's offer of £6,100 to each tenant.

Tenants and Owners who had visits from Livin were completely unsatisfied by Livin's answers to questions. By the end of next week GARA hope to have completed one visit round the Estate, and will revisit those who were out.

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# Can Aycliffe Produce a Workplace Choir?

Businesses are being urged to make their staff happier through song, by signing up for the North East's first Workplace Choir of the Year contest.

Durham Music Service is offering to help companies set up and run singing groups, who will go on to perform Christmas carols at Ushaw College and compete at Durham Cathedral.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services, said: "Singing triggers all four happiness hormones – dopamine, serotonin, endorphins and oxytocin – and being in a choir is a great way of bringing colleagues together, be they from the boardroom or the shop floor.

"When you sing together

each voice is as important as the next. It's an extremely unifying experience and the ultimate team building activity."

Durham Music Service will work with firms that sign up to the scheme to create a bespoke choir programme, to maximise the benefits for both staff and businesses.

That will include fun taster sessions to recruit staff into a choir; generally almost four months of weekly hour long rehearsals with one of the service's talented conductors; a set list tailored to the abilities of the singers – which could cover anything from Abba to Handel; as well as everything needed for the performances at Christmas and as part of Durham Vocal Festival 2019.

Michael Summers, who manages the service, which

is part of Durham County Council, said: "There is considerable scientific evidence that starting a workplace choir has great benefits, including improved staff happiness and togetherness, improved teamwork, reduced workplace stress and sickness levels, and it is a great way to boost talent recruitment and retention.

"It's also a unique opportunity for businesses to celebrate the talents of their employees.

"And we are incredibly lucky in Durham that we have magnificent venues like Durham Cathedral and Ushaw College that can ignite musical aspiration and provide happy experiences and memories for many years to come."

Workplace choirs typically range from 12 to 50 members – although they can be much larger.

The full programme costs £4500 plus VAT, which includes all costs linked to rehearsals, performances, venue hire, lighting and sound, judging and providing staff with many months of fun, unique experiences that will have a lasting impact.

Any business interested in signing up for the Workplace Choir scheme should contact Durham Music Service by calling 03000 262 368 or emailing [durhammusicservice@durham.gov.uk](mailto:durhammusicservice@durham.gov.uk).

## Livin's Scheme is Rubbish!

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# MORE CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM FREE CHILDCARE

Efforts to raise awareness of free childcare for two-year-olds in County Durham are paying off, with the number of families taking up the offer now significantly above the national average.

Most recent figures show that 87 per cent of eligible families are accessing the provision compared to 70 per cent nationally.

The figure also represents an increase of almost 20 per cent over a 12-month period, with only 68 per cent of families taking advantage of the offer in 2015.

The figures are included in a report which provides an update to Durham County Council's Cabinet on health and wellbeing rates for children, pregnant women and new mothers in the area. It also reveals that there has been a sustained downward trend in teenage pregnancies in recent years, with a drop of more than 60 per cent in under 18 conception rates between 1998 and 2016.

This reduction follows the development of a teenage pregnancy strategy and action plan by the council and its partners.

The authority is working with a number of agencies including Durham, Darlington, Easington and Sedgefield and North Durham Clinical Commissioning Groups and Tees, Esk and

Wear Valley NHS Trust, to address inequalities in child health across the county.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "Getting a good start in life and getting maximum benefit from education are important markers for good health and wellbeing throughout life so preparing children so they are ready to learn at the age of two and ready for school at the age of five is incredibly important.

"Parents have the biggest role to play in this but we can also do much to support the process, particularly when we work closely and collaboratively with our partners."

The report, which will be discussed by councillors on Wednesday, 16 May, also looks at how a review of the council's children's centres in 2015 has impacted on the number of families who now access services.

There has been an overall improvement in the number of children registered with a children's centre in recent years and a significant improvement in the number of families from the most deprived areas of the county who are registered with a centre.

The percentage of children under the age of five who

live in the county's top 30 per cent most deprived wards who are registered is 91 per cent, up from 66 per cent in 2010.

Staff are also reaching out to more families, with 85 per cent of children under the age of five who live in the top 30 per cent most deprived wards having been contacted by a children's centre. This compares to 43 per cent in 2010.

Furthermore, 97 per cent of the county's teenage mothers have had at least some contact with support services.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn added: "Since reviewing our children's centres in 2015, we have made a concerted effort to target services at the most vulnerable children and families in order to give us the best possible chance of reducing inequalities.

"This work is clearly paying off as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of families from deprived areas who are in contact with our children's centres.

"We have also been working to identify eligible families who are not taking up the offer of free nursery places for two-year-olds and have seen some fantastic results in this area, with many more children now benefitting from the initiative."

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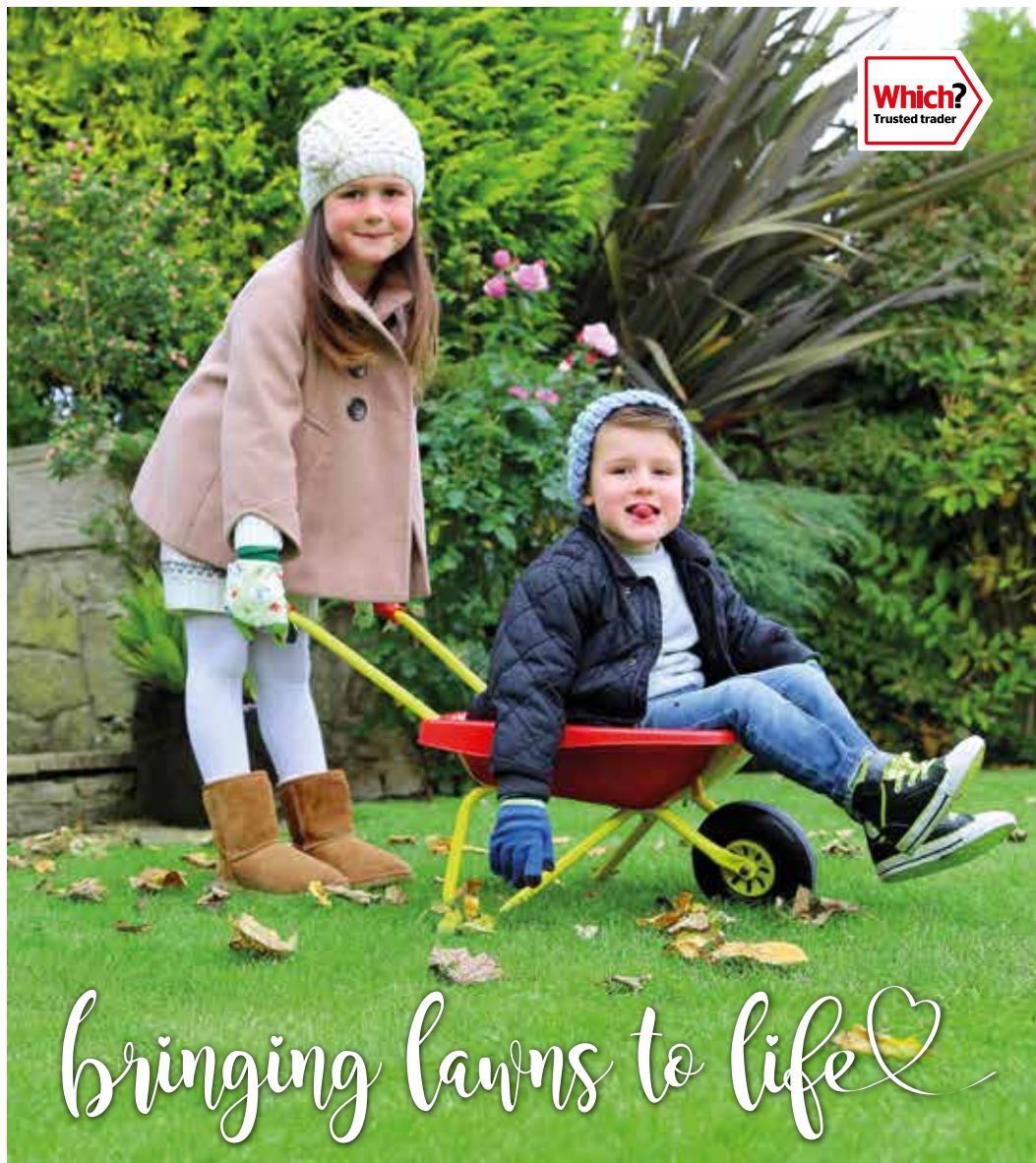
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## JUDGES DECIDE ON AYCLIFFE AWARDS



A panel of judges had the unenviable task of picking out 11 winners from 52 nominations in Aycliffe Business Park's fourth annual 'Make Your Mark' awards competition at the Xcel Centre on Thursday May 24th.

The panel included ABPC chair Kerina Clark, Sarah Slaven from Business Durham, Durham County Council Cllr for Newton Aycliffe John Clare, Sharon Hutchinson from Endeavour Partnership, Liana Fish from Logico, Michael Vassallo from Maven Capital Partners and Neil O'Connor from Fleet Recruitment.

Kerina Clark said: "As chair of Aycliffe Business Park Community it fills me with pride and optimism that we have such a high level of quality companies and people working amongst us, all achieving great things in their own sectors."

Cllr Clare, who received an 'Aycliffe Ambassador' award

at last year's event, said: "Judging the categories was tremendously difficult. The achievements of ALL the nominees were outstanding – that was why they had been nominated."

Neil O'Connor, managing director of Fleet Recruitment, said: "This is the first time that I have been involved in judging the Make Your Mark awards and I was amazed at how difficult it was. It was really tough and quite emotive, particularly the best apprentice award."

This is the second year Endeavour Partnership have sponsored an award and they are delighted to support an organisation that is doing so much to highlight the fantastic achievements of businesses in the North East – something that is very much in line with their values.

Tickets are still on sale for the event, priced just £21 (including VAT), which can be purchased online at [aycliffeawards.co.uk](http://aycliffeawards.co.uk)

### (C187 DURHAM WAY SOUTH, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

The Council proposes in not less than 7 days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, to close to all vehicular traffic a 430m length of Durham Way South that extends northwards from its junction with Welbury Way / Cumbie Way, and including a 30m length of Whinbank Road from its junction with Durham Way by reason of carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required from 7am on 06/06/18 for the duration of the works anticipated to be 6 days (7am and 7pm daily). However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. **Alternative route:** from the northern/eastern side of the closure from Durham Way, southerly via Carlbury Road then westerly via Welbury Way to Durham Way South to the southern side of the closure, or continuing westerly on and Cumbie Way and northerly via Whinbank Road to the junction with Whinbank Road to the western side of the closure, and vice versa.

Dated: 18 May 2018



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• They currently have vacancies which can also be used by children outside of the Heighington area.  
• Heighington Pre-School is a registered charity; the staff and the committee work really hard organising events and activities to raise extra money to provide children with additional learning opportunities.



## Free Family Fun at Half Term

Visit Locomotion, Shildon, this May half term holiday for a fun programme of FREE, family friendly events and activities sure to inspire you to get involved in science, technology and engineering!

On Sunday May 27 and Monday May 28, the museum will host the popular, annual Meccano Magic event – in association with the North East Meccano Society.

Meccano is one of the oldest construction toys in the world. Invented by Frank Hornby in 1898, this system of reusable metal strips, plates and wheels connected with nuts and bolts can be used for creations from simple buildings to hi-tech robotics.

Meccano Magic will feature a wide range of static, mechanised and remote-controlled Meccano models made by North East Meccano Society members. Plus visitors will find a hands-on area where you can have a go at creating your own models using a plastic Meccano system – ideal for younger engineers!

From Tuesday May 29 to Thursday May 31, join Locomotion's Learning Team for free railway-themed craft sessions, suitable for all the family and available from 11am to 3pm daily (whilst stocks last).

What's more, the Learning team will give demonstrations at 12noon and 2pm each day, exploring the forces behind rail transport.

Then on Saturday June 2 and Sunday June 3, Shildon Model Railway Club's Annual Open Weekend Exhibition will take place at Locomotion. This popular exhibition will feature a wide range of model railway layouts on display in a range of gauges.

Visitors will find displays by Shildon Model Railway Club, along with visiting layouts from local modellers and further afield, all showcasing the skills of the railway modeller – including electronics, joinery, metalwork, artwork and more.

The Shildon Model Railway Club event will also feature trade stands, offering customers all they need to enjoy their modelling hobby at home.

For more information on events and activities taking place at Locomotion this May half term holiday, please



visit [www.locomotion.org.uk](http://www.locomotion.org.uk) Locomotion is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Parking and admission are

free of charge. For more information, please call the museum team on 01904 685780.

## Hollywood Legend Comes to Darlington

Hollywood and Broadway legend, Stefanie Powers, stars in a major new production of 84 Charing Cross Road coming to Darlington Hippodrome from Wednesday 23 May.

Adapted from Helene Hanff's best-selling book, 84 Charing Cross Road has been delighting audiences since its premiere in 1981. A tender and heart-warming take of transatlantic friendship, this bittersweet comedy is based on the extraordinary true story of the remarkable relationship that developed over 20 years between a vivacious New York writer and a London bookseller. Through their exchange of humorous and often intimate correspondence a snapshot of Britain from the post-war 1940's to the swinging 60's is revealed, alongside a touching human story that still resonates today.

Stefanie Powers plays

Helene Hanff. A star of stage and screen with a career spanning over 50 years, Powers is best known for her role opposite Robert Wagner in Hart to Hart, which ran over 5 series and 8 TV movies between 1979 and 1996. Her extensive film and TV credits include McLintock!, The Magnificent Seven Ride Again, The Rockford Files, The Bionic Woman, The Six Million Dollar Man and The Girl From U.N.C.L.E.

Clive Francis stars opposite Stefanie Powers in the role of Frank Doel. Clive's recent credits include Les Blancs (National Theatre), Enron, The Madness of King George III (West End), The Queen and Mr Turner; and most recently as Lord Salisbury in the award-winning Netflix series The Crown.

84 Charing Cross Road runs at Darlington Hippodrome from Wednesday 23 to Saturday 26 May.

## finding your potential



### What is ROAD?

Reaching Out Across Durham (ROAD) brings together twelve well-respected voluntary and community sector organisations who want to make a real difference to the lives of 625 people in County Durham, aged 25+. We will provide one-to-one support to help you achieve your goals to enable you to move into education, training, job search and employment.



### What does ROAD offer?

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(talking 'bout regeneration)  
Just talking about regeneration  
(talking 'bout regeneration)  
It looks like we're all gonna be out in the c-c-cold  
(talking 'bout regeneration)  
Hope the plan dies before I get old  
(talking 'bout regeneration)  
Why don't Livin just ??????????  
Just got a mental block and don't know how I could possibly  
finish this - any suggestions?

Name & address supplied.

# NEWTONIAN APPOINTED CARE HOME MANAGER

Newtonian Samantha Cottam has shown that hard work and dedication in caring for others pays off with her recent appointment as Manager of Aycliffe Care Home. She was born and raised in Newton Aycliffe, attending St Mary's Primary School and Greenfield Comprehensive, qualifying as a nurse in 2009. Samantha spent 4 years working as a nurse across a variety of private



Samantha with resident Jean Hedley

healthcare settings including independent hospitals, specialising in patients with learning disabilities and brain injury.

Samantha is well known as a singer starting with John Melvin and a group of girls from Greenfield School working semi-professionally in pubs and clubs in the north east of England.

Her singing helped fund college and university. She later worked as a duo with Cassie Bowtell and then another girl from the town Samantha McGarrigle called "SAS" (Sam and Sam).

More recently she has performed as a soloist to fit around her nursing/manager commitments. However, being a mum of 3 boys and managing a nursing home, the singing has finally come to an end.

She began Care Home work moving promoted to Deputy Manager and then became registered manager in 2015 before working as an area manager over a group of homes.

Samantha was employed by Aycliffe Care Home in April attracted to working in the town to get a better home / work life balance.

She was impressed by the Aycliffe Care Home which is beautiful and well maintained with a kind and dedicated staff. Her focus will be to continue on the home's current success (rated Good across the board with CQC) and strive to open up new opportunities for both residents and staff.

The home has already built relationships with Horndale Infant School close by and are in the process of implanting "reading days" where residents of Aycliffe Care Home will attend Horndale to help the children with their reading.

Our next aim is to run an After School Club for children to come and join in with an arts and crafts session with our residents once a week.

Sam invites anyone, looking to place a loved one, to view the home and drop in any time or ring 01325 307 262

Email: aycliffe@akaricare.co.uk

# Dementia Awareness Coffee Morning



Rose Lodge Care Home, of Carers Way in Newton Aycliffe, are welcoming people from the local area to join them for a Dementia Awareness Coffee Morning in honour of Dementia Awareness Week 2018.

The event takes place on Wednesday 23rd May from 10:30am. Rose Lodge will be serving a selection of complimentary treats and refreshments. Information on dementia and local dementia-related support services will also be available for guests.

Whether you're just interested in learning more about dementia, finding out more about how to support a loved one or people living with dementia in the community, or are personally affected by dementia, everyone is welcome to attend.

Seating is limited so is recommended that those wishing to attend contact the home prior to the event to book a free place. For more information please contact the home on 01325 271301 or roselodge@cwch.com



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is an award-winning North East charity whose mission is 'Health, Well-being and Learning for All'.

## Reaching Out Across Durham (ROAD)

ROAD is an employment programme in County Durham funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. Working in partnership with 11 voluntary and community sector delivery Partners who are specialists in employment, health, financial and digital inclusion and volunteering, ROAD will support 625 long term unemployed people into or towards employment.

We are currently seeking a motivated and focused self-starter to join our successful team as a:

## Business Support Officer

**Salary:** Band 3, Point 15, £17,957 per annum

**Hours:** 37.5 hours per week (job share may be considered), funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund

**Location:** Predominantly at the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe with the requirement to travel to other venues as appropriate

**Post:** Fixed Term Contract Until July 2019

To work effectively and efficiently with the ROAD delivery staff to support them with administrative duties, producing accurate and timely information that meets the requirements of the funding partners. Candidates will need at least 3 years' experience in a fast paced office environment and be qualified to Level 3 in Business Administration or similar.

We are currently seeking a motivated and focused self-starter to join our successful team as a:

## Health Trainer

**Salary:** Band 3, £17,957 per annum, rising to Band 4 £18,824 per annum, once qualified and competent

**Hours:** 37.5 hours per week (job share may be considered), funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund

**Location:** Pioneering Care Partnership, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF, with significant outreach work

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## Job Purpose:

To work in a range of settings in County Durham to support a caseload of Reaching Out Across Durham (ROAD) Participants and provide them with 1:1 and group support, helping them overcome health barriers to employment. Working closely with Navigators to enable participants to address their barriers and realize their aspirations.

To provide a range of support and advice you will help each participant develop a tailored health action plan and monitor progress.

## Key tasks:

- Managing a caseload and maintaining regular supportive contact with each person.
- Creating personal health action/activity plans with clients.
- Developing and delivering group activities aimed at improving health or wellbeing.
- Working with partners and pro-actively signposting clients onto other services.

**Key skills required:** The ability to independently travel across County Durham

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Further details and patterns to knit poppies will be announced nearer the time.

A charity helping ex-forces personnel is selling various memorial items, including replicas of a "Tommy".

The website link is [www.therebutnotthere.org.uk](http://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk). The cost of a small perspex Tommy is £29.99 plus £3 P&P. The Tommy comes in a lovely presentation box and you get a voucher to have the statue plinth engraved should you wish. There are other items available to buy on the website.

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## Digital Careers Fair Fuels Recruitment Drive

Businesses looking to recruit young people in digital and IT have instantly benefited from a successful careers fair held in Durham city.

Atom Bank and Tombola are just two of several businesses who have already lined up interviews with potential new employees following the Digital Careers Fair.

Tech firm RAW Digital Training teamed up with DurhamWorks, a County Durham Youth Employment Initiative funded by the European Social Fund, to host the event in the Rivergreen Centre at Aycliffe Heads in Durham.

Almost 200 young people got to find out more information about digital and IT career opportunities from around 20 exhibitors during the four-hour event, which also included a series of presentations from experienced professionals in the digital sector.

At least 100 jobs were available from the companies in attendance which included Sunderland-based Tombola and Durham-based Atom Bank, as well as Media Works, Baltic Training, Virtual College, QA Apprenticeships and Sunderland and Teesside Universities among others. Neil Guy, head of international operations at Tombola, which is expanding with a new HQ in Sunderland, said: "Businesses are screaming out for IT and digital staff."

"We're now looking to recruit degree apprentices, taking young people from school and college and hopefully keep them for 10 years or more, because of the skills shortage. "It's such a big growth area with lots of opportunities, so events like this are really valuable. It has given us an opportunity to get in front of young people who are interested in a career in IT."

Jayne Parsley, head of communications at Newcastle-based national marketing agency Media Works, said: "We've had lots of interest from the people attending, and received lots of CVs, so it's very much been a worthwhile exercise for us. "We're passionate about keeping local talent within the local community. Luckily we have five amazing universities here in the North-East, and it would be such a shame to see that talent leave our region. We want the passion and expertise from young people to stay here."

Two aspiring IT professionals who attended the careers fair, Kayleigh Lowdon and Nicolai Frampton, both lined up interviews with Atom Bank, the UK's first digital-only bank, during the careers fair. Kayleigh said: "I'm interested in pursuing a career in digital marketing and social media, and maybe graphic design, but it was surprising to learn how many different avenues there are within the digital and IT sector."

"There are a lot of opportunities and it was a great chance to get to speak to businesses face to face, with at least one interview straight away which is fantastic." Joanna Wake, managing director of the event organisers RAW Digital, said: "We've brought together businesses looking to recruit people in IT, and young people looking for a career in that sector, so it's been a fantastic event which everyone involved has benefited from."

"We've seen an energy and buzz from the providers but,



more importantly, we'll see young people ending up with the type of jobs they've been looking for but maybe couldn't find, which will ultimately give us all a buzz."

Joint-organisers Durham Works, a partnership project led by Durham County Council and part funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, has now supported more than 4,000 people between the ages of 16 to 24 to become 'work ready'.

The programme works with a range of partners to help unemployed young people develop their existing skills, identify new ones and help them into a range of training, job and education opportunities.

Danielle Simmons, from DurhamWorks, said: "The digital sector is one of our main growing industries in this region – it's increased by 26% in the last 2 years – but the opportunities out there aren't reaching our young people. So it's a vitally important sector within our programme of works and this

event was about reaching out to those people and making them understand the full spectrum of career paths that are available to them."



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## Mars and Future Space Travel Lecture

The journey to Mars and the future of space travel were the subjects of the latest public science event hosted by Woodham Academy.

The public lecture delivered by Laura Thomas was organised in partnership with the Institute of Physics (IOP). Titled, 'The Moon: our next step in the journey to Mars', the talk explored space agency plans for a return to the moon, and compared this with imaginings of the early sci-fi authors such as Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and John Wyndham.

The visit is the latest in a series of lectures and activities – many in partnership with the IOP – arranged by Woodham Academy's science department, which is currently planning further inspiring events.

Andrew Jenkins, Head of Science at Woodham Academy, said: "We are determined to provide our students with every experience we can to develop their interest in science, raise their aspirations, and broaden their horizons."

"We are very pleased to welcome the public into school for our events, so they benefit the wider community as well as inspiring our



Laura Thomas

students. Woodham Academy has developed an excellent relationship with the Institute of Physics and we are very grateful for all their support." Recent science activities have included talks from TV scientists Susie Imber and Ian Johnston, a virtual reality space travel experience, experiments conducted by Science Museum staff, and a trip to see Tim Peake's Soyuz space capsule.

## Mental Health Awareness

Week commencing 14th May was Mental Health Awareness Week and as such, The Hub of Wishes our Newton Aycliffe mental health charity is focusing on STRESS. Many people are suffering from some form of stress in their lives, often unaware that their physical symptoms stem from stress. Some stress is necessary and often constructive at a level where it improves your performance, however prolonged stress becomes destructive.

Definition of stress: Stress is difficult to define because it means different things to different people. Stress is the imbalance between the everyday demands of life and the ability to cope. Stress can mimic signs of physical illness - failure to relax and break the cycle can lead to more severe symptoms.

• Signs of stress are: feelings of suffocating pressure, panic attacks, loss of memory at crucial moments, irritability, tiredness, sleep and digestive problems.

• Physical signs of stress are: cardiovascular problems, hypertension, migraines, stomach ulcers, PMS

• Further signs to watch for: exhaustion, insomnia, dizziness, cramps, anger, unable to cope with simple decisions

### COUNTERACTING THE EFFECTS OF STRESS:

• **Relaxation:** relaxation calms the mind and body, it may not come naturally to some people but with time and practice it will be of benefit. Some relaxation techniques include breathing exercises, guided visualisation, meditation, listening to online relaxation videos or CDs.

• **Exercise:** exercise releases the body's feel good hormones and actually increases energy levels. Even moderate exercise is of benefit. Walking, swimming, biking, some form of dance, going to the gym – all are

beneficial.

• **Balanced diet:** studies have shown there is a connection between mental health and nutrition i.e. blood sugar imbalance, food allergies, and histamine levels can all affect the mind/body and cause some of the symptoms listed above. Often when we are stressed we eat and drink the very things which negatively affect our nutrition, (i.e. alcohol, fast food, chocolate).

• **Talking about our problems:** Being able to express our feelings to family, friends, or a counsellor will all help alleviate stress. Having a good support network is important to offload our feelings; however there are times when professional counselling may be required. To access help for ourselves in this way is about respecting and caring for ourselves. Very often people are nervous about speaking face to face to anyone about their problems and ringing a helpline may be a first step.

The Hub of Wishes based at Silverdale House promotes good mental health, supports, encourages and provides a social outlet for those who may be suffering emotional distress, difficult times or have mental health issues. Our service is confidential.

Various activities at the centre promote wellbeing and relieve stress including health walks, exercise classes, arts and crafts, learning new skills via training by professionals or supervised by staff; our singing group, film shows and regular outings and day trips. We are open from 10.00 am to 4.00pm Monday – Friday.

If you would like to know more or are interested in becoming a volunteer or member, please contact Vicki Lawrence or Joanne Howe on 01325 300121. Email: thehubofwishes@gmail.com) Check us out on www.thehubofwishes.co.uk, facebook and YouTube.

## PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Raindrops to Rainbows was formed in 2014 by Stephanie Addison, to offer Perinatal Mental Health Peer Support to mums. Stephanie experienced Postnatal Depression in 2007, following the birth of her daughter and realised she could turn her negative experience into a positive by helping others in a similar position. Our Peer Support Groups offer mums a safe and comfortable environment without judgement, where they are able to chat amongst other mums who are having a similar experience.

Since it began, Raindrops to Rainbow has gone from strength to strength, supporting many families across the North East, winning the 2017 Health Impact Award at Catalyst Achievement Awards and taking part in a maternal mental health event at the House of Commons.

Stephanie is also a member of the Perinatal Mental Health Partnership which is a collection of individuals, professionals and groups from across the UK working together to raise awareness of Perinatal Mental Health, and founders of the UK's Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week.

"Perinatal Mental Health is something that needs to be more widely recognised, and its absolutely phenomenal to see how many organisations joined our Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week using our hashtag #maternalmhatters. And whilst there is more and more support becoming available for mums, there is still a huge



gap in support for dads, and this is something we would like to change" Stephanie Addison, Raindrops to Rainbows.

Stephanie, as the founder of Raindrops to Rainbows works alongside numerous organisations across the region, to promote Perinatal Mental Health Services and Support, including Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind, Cleveland Police and their Blue Light Programme as well as being part of a larger Peer Support Network, Teesside By Side.

Raindrops to Rainbows is currently looking for volunteers to join their Peer Support Programme, this includes both mums and dads, who have personal lived experience or supported a partner through a Perinatal Mental Illness. Alternatively, there are other numerous ways for parents to get involved, please email support@raindropstorainbows.co.uk for more information.



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## Half-Term Holiday Activities at Greenfield



Greenfield Arts are once again offering FREE activities for young people over the May Half-Term holidays. Popular favourite 'Crazy Crafts' will be making a return to both Foundations Building at Shildon and Greenfield Arts at Newton Aycliffe. The courses are sure to be great fun, are family focused and suitable for all ages, although children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult.

Talented tutor Dawn Belshaw will be on hand at our Shildon venue to help you work your magic in our 'Crazy Crafts' session, making good use of unwanted everyday materials to create brilliant inventions from recycled items found at home. Illustrator Sharron Bates will be inspiring young artists in Aycliffe to create a special memory box from craft and collage materials to take home with you. The sessions will be held on 30th May and 31st May and are a great opportunity to get creative in a lovely environment.

For full details and to book via our simple online form visit our website at [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 for further information, we look forward to seeing you soon!



## Free Meals & Activities at Silverdale

Take the opportunity to visit the Western Area Community Centre (Silverdale) and meet some new friends and residents at the following events:

**Men's Breakfast - Free**  
26th May 2018 from 9am  
Bring a friend or 3

**Ladies Tea - Free**  
9th June 2018 2pm - 4pm  
Bring a friend or 3

**Every Monday Afternoon**  
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CONTACT: Simon or Jane - 07754 244547  
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## Stolen Purse Returned with Sentimental Photos



Audrey Chapman's purse contained precious photographs of her late husband and daughter when it was taken from her handbag while she was shopping in Aldi, Newton Aycliffe, in October last year.

The 84-year-old's late husband Siril, whom she was married to for 34 years, passed away in 2009 and Audrey's daughter Ondra died a year later. Audrey said: "When I realised that I would probably never get the photos back, I was absolutely devastated."

Now, the purse has been handed into Bishop Auckland police station and returned to her. Audrey said: "I was gobsmacked and just so happy. It was like a miracle. My faith has been restored and I feel like I have closure now. 'I want to say thank you to the anonymous person who handed it in.'"

PC Sarah Thompson of Durham Constabulary, said: "Throughout the investigation, Audrey's focus has always been on the return of her photos as opposed to catching the offenders."

"If this had happened to my Gran then I'd want the police to do absolutely everything they could to help. We searched high and low for her purse, in bins and around the local area to see if it had been discarded by the criminals but to no avail. 'I was over the moon to be able to give it back to her.'"

Earlier this year, Audrey nominated PC Thompson for a customer service award stating that she did not expect the police to put so much effort into the investigation. The nomination read: "I would like to say that I was very impressed with the level of care shown by Sarah following the incident. I personally felt that she went over and above in trying to identify the offenders. Thank you." Speaking of the 'Wow! Award', PC Thompson said: "It was lovely to be nominated by Audrey and I am just so pleased to close this chapter for her. She is a wonderful lady."

## Livin's Bid Exposed

Dear Sir,  
As Secretary of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association (GARA) I obtained a copy of Livin's bid and exposed their true intentions from 2014 - The TRUTH IS OUT!

Livin states in it's 2 page article last week in Newton News that "At Livin and as far back as 2014 - Western was on our radar"

Firstly it's not "Western" and Livin don't get to name our Estate. It is the 'Williamfield' area, or as some call it the Dandy Cart.

Secondly, Livin totally misled everyone (except perhaps our County Councillors). When GARA obtained the original bid by Livin put in to the Government on 16th January, 2017 it stated "in 2014 Livin, Private Sector Partners and DCC considered wholesale demolition and rebuild across the estate, however this was not viable with a gap of £15 million."

Livin never told tenants about this until 2018 - GARA exposed it when we got a copy of their original bid.

Livin have been busy visiting Tenants and Owners who are now signing GARA's petition against Option 3 in droves.

After the visits, Livin need to answer the following questions:

1 *Who were the Private Sector Partners in 2014?*

2 *Why Private Sector Partners?*

3 *Who at County Council have they agreed with in 2014 for demolition and rebuild? Our County Councillors have been deafeningly silent!*

4 *Livin misled their Volunteers and Champions and Residents pretending there were 3 Options when 4 years earlier, secretly, behind the scenes with Durham County Council they had only one Option.*

5. *Why was Garburn Place not included in the Scheme?*

Livin should continue to visit residents, their lack of answers, refusal to put things in writing, is helping the petition against their scheme. SIGN THE GARA PETITION - it has the support of the majority of residents.

CLLr Arun Chandran  
EDITOR: livin will reply to this letter next week.

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## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Caroline Norton of Lee Green sent in this lovely photo of what she views from her house.

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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
7.30-9.30pm	22nd May - Steve Wilkinson - Aycliffe Karate Club	
	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

#### WEDNESDAY

7.45-10.15pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
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#### THURSDAY

6-8pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
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	
	18th May - Nathan Abbott Mardi Gras 90s	
	25th May - Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare House	

#### SATURDAY

11am-1pm	Kent Collective	Daz Kent
1-2pm	Honest John's Sixties Part 1	Honest John
2-4pm	Aycliffe Radio Take Over	Metis
6-7pm	"The Evening Session"	DJ-Jim-Jams
7-8pm	"PH7 MixTape"	Paul Hardy
8-10pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
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

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# Does Our MP Not Understand Leave?

Dear Sir,  
It was reported in the Northern Echo on the 10th of May that Phil Wilson MP is calling for 'People's vote' on the final Brexit deal. It is a second referendum on leaving the European Union that he is calling for. Over 58% of people in this constituency voted to Leave the EU. Therefore, seeing the sitting MP for Sedgefield calling for a second referendum is a clear betrayal of his constituents wishes.

During the referendum campaign, both sides made it clear that a vote to Leave the EU was to leave it in all its entirety including leaving the single market, customs union to take back control of our borders, money and laws.

In the General Election 2017 Phil Wilson campaigned on a manifesto to respect the referendum result however it has become clear Labour have changed their position on Brexit many times before and will do so again before the next General Election.

What of Mr Wilson's concerns? Mexico has a free trade agreement with the EU without having to be in the Single Market and Customs Union and without agreeing to free movement of people. The Isle of Man, which is not a member of the EU, trades tariff free and has a work permit system. Of course, no one would expect the transition to be totally

smooth after membership of the EU for over 40 years but the regaining of our independence and our ability to strike our own trade deals throughout the world would more than compensate for that. There would be a period of transition with some not benefitting initially but this is a decision for the

long term and ultimately would be of benefit to all. Why does Mr Wilson want the UK to be shackled to the corpse of the EU even though it is a diminishing export market in percentage terms for our country having dropped 14% in 14 years. On a global scale, the EU's share of the world's GDP

has dropped from 31.6% in 1980 to 22% in 2016. Many of those of us who voted for independence see the EU as a failing project.

Mr Wilson, where does your loyalties lie – to your Sedgefield constituents or to Brussels?

**John Grant**  
UKIP

## "I WANT A PEOPLE'S VOTE" SAYS OUR M.P.

Dear Sir,  
The last thing I want to see happen is another EU referendum. What I do want to see is a people's vote on the final Brexit deal negotiated between

the British government and the EU. That deal will set the country's economic prospects for decades to come.

The irony is, all the economic impact assessments, including the government's own, state that it is the Brexit areas such as the North East which will be hit the hardest. I and my colleagues who are calling for a People's vote on the deal simply argue that since the Brexit is the most important issue facing the British people since the Second World War, they should have the final say on the terms of the deal. After all, it is not only us but our children and grandchildren that will have to face the consequences. I believe therefore the request is reasonable.

Some argue that such a demand is thwarting the will of the people and is undemocratic. But how can

wanting to give people a vote be thwarting their will and be against democracy. It is as if democracy ended on June 23rd 2016. It didn't. There was a General Election last year. The government fought the election on a Brexit platform. As a result they lost their majority and people said 'no' to a hard Brexit.

Both the Tories and Labour are split. The cabinet can't agree. The House of Lords keep defeating the Government. Jacob Rees-Mogg is the poster boy for the Brexit cause. I don't know about you, but that frightens the life out of me. So I definitely believe the people should have a final vote on the deal. It's in their interest to make the final decision because, unlike Jacob Rees-Mogg, the vast majority are not wealthy enough to weather failure. Phil Wilson M.P.

# ROYAL WEDDING FLOWERS AT GREENFIELD

'Flowers for a Royal Wedding' – this is something that jogged the memory of Cynthia Scott who was chosen to be part of a forty-strong team to decorate Westminster Abbey on behalf of The National Association of Flower Arranging Societies of Great Britain for the wedding of Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson in 1986.

Teaching Flower Arranging at Greenfield Arts for over thirty years her whole class took part in an exhibition of wedding flowers in the run up to Prince Harry's marriage to Megan Markle. The group rose to the occasion with great attention to detail. All arrangements had to be in harmony with each other to create a stunning overall effect without any appearing to be out of scale with the rest and creating a natural flow between all components. Fourteen members took part and created an amazing atmospheric and inspirational overall romantic exhibit including a headress with veil and two wedding rings created in plant material.

"Not knowing the colours for The Royal Wedding we played safe" said Cynthia, sticking to green and white, although she had a sneaking feeling on the day the colours might be lavender



and white.

Cynthia remembers knowing the colour scheme in advance of the 1986 wedding which had to be kept secret even though the press were speculating over colours and themes, all of which had to be kept tightly

under wraps.

Cynthia is very proud of what was created at Greenfield Arts and the approach and enthusiasm to the project. Anyone interested in joining the class, can contact Greenfield on 01325 379048 for further details.

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## Police Appeal

Police in Norfolk are appealing for help to trace the family of a man who died in Great Yarmouth last month. David Mark Patterson, aged 50 of 7 Eighth Street in Hartlepool, died whilst at work on board a ship in Great Yarmouth on Wednesday 25 April 2018. There were no suspicious circumstances and despite carrying out extensive enquiries, no next-of-kin have been identified. Anyone who may have known David is asked to contact the Coroner's Office in Norfolk on 01603 276490.

## Youthy Football Round Up

It is that time of year where our teams are either finishing off their last games of the season or going away and playing in tournaments. Newton Aycliffe Youth's U14's Hawks gave there all at the Blackpool Tournament last weekend. We may not have won any games but at times we played some really good football and were never disgraced at any point. Players playing through injury and playing in new positions all to help the team. Your behaviour has been impeccable. Thanks to all the parents for making it an enjoyable weekend. Newton Aycliffe Youth U10s

4 - 1 Hurworth Albion Great day on Saturday for the Under 10s with a good 4-1 win to win the league with 1 game left. Won 8 Drawn 1 with 1 game to go. Really proud of the boys! Will Houlahan scoring 2, Declyn Nelson and man of the match Alex Bellwood getting things started with a super strike after about 15 minutes. Well done to everyone who has played a part in this and especially Martin, Chris and Ken for all their hard work!! Next season our U18's boys are moving into U23's football. This is a huge step forward for the club and the

town. There are going to be open training sessions for players new and old to come along and get involved. Any further information can be obtained by contacting Michael Bloomer on 07857 238568. If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website for information and links to league tables for competitive football age groups [www.nayfc.com](http://www.nayfc.com).

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

This race report will cover two weekends due to holidays. Firstly in the weekend commencing 28th April 2018 Julie Nisbet travelled to Scotland for the Stirling Marathon. She completed this in 4.16.36 which was a massive personal best for Julie.

Also on April 29th Paul Dalton (although competing under his first club name) completed the Fountains 10k



in a time of 39.55. He was placed 9th overall but was 2nd place Vet male. There were also a number of PB's recorded at local parkruns so well done all who recorded PB's that weekend. Unfortunately these results are no longer available to be able to record them individually.

During the following week two members travelled to Gribdale near Great Ayton to participate in the Gribdale Growler (fell race). Rob Nicholson completed this in 59.21 and Louise Wright in 62.02 which was a PB of 4 minutes compared to her time last year!

The weekend of 5th May 2018 again began with parkruns and the following all gained PB's:

At Sedgfield Parkrun: Richard Holland in 20.31, Rob Young 20.57, Gemma Holland 27.31 and Jan McLuckie in 35.53.

At Durham Parkrun, John Surtees secured a course PB of 17.32 and over at Chester le Street Lisa Dowell obtained a course PB of 37.36.

On 6th May Paul Dalton rang in the Kirkbymoorside 10k and finished 15th in a time of 40.18.

Also on 6th May Trish Kay travelled to the Lake District to compete in the Keswick Half Marathon which she

describes is her favourite race. The route starts in Portinscale and follows a hilly course through the Newlands Valley along the foot of Catbells and back towards Kewick. The course is very challenging with some steep ascents and descents alike but the scenery is beautiful and a welcome distraction. Trish did state that it was extremely hot and very sunny and as such she stopped at every water station to ensure that she kept hydrated which meant that she finished in 2.04 which was one of her slowest times for a half marathon but she adds that she thoroughly enjoyed it!

Finally on the Bank Holiday Monday 7 members took part in the Tees Barrage 10k race. This takes place on the first Bank Holiday Monday in May every year. The route runs along the Tees taking in two of the bridges along the Tees which certainly add a challenge to the route. Again the weather was extremely hot and this was commented on by all who ran. Results for this race were as follows: - Richard Holland - 44.34, Christine Mudd - 45.13, Rob Young - 45.59, Dave Blewitt - 46.35, Angela Sutherland - 51.30, Ian Baronowski 55.19 and Bev Phillippo 1:02.51. Well done all on another two great weeks of racing.

## Police Crackdown on Off Road Bikers

Durham Constabulary has teamed up with petrol stations across County Durham and Darlington in a crackdown against off-road bikers who are causing a nuisance in their community.

The force receives about 3,000 reports of anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance off-road motorbikes and quad bikes every year and now it is working with petrol stations to educate the public that it is illegal to sell petrol to people under the age of 16.

'Operation Endurance' was launched in August last year in a bid to tackle nuisance off-road bikers. Since then, 16 bikes have been seized and a further 54 warnings have been issued.

Inspector Jon Curtis from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit who is heading up the operation,

said: "If young people are able to access petrol, then they may be able to perpetuate anti-social behaviour by fuelling mini motorbikes. This is why our partnership with service stations is so crucial.

"Anti-social behaviour can have a huge impact on the quality of life for the communities in which it occurs.

"We sought the support of all service stations in the County Durham and Darlington area to ensure that all aspects of the Petroleum Act in relation to the sale of fuel to persons under 16 years of age are being strictly adhered to and enforced. The simple fact is that many of the off-road vehicles require petrol to run and any activity that minimises an offender's access to fuel or makes the process of fuelling harder is likely to have an impact on their ability to continue causing anti-social

behaviour."

Durham County Council petroleum enforcement officer, Chris Matthews, said: "Petrol is a hazardous substance and we must ensure that it is not being sold illegally to or obtained for unsupervised use by children. Adults and petrol retailers must all abide by the legislation."

Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg, said "This topic is frequently raised by residents in the communities in I represent. People's safety is our top priority and I am pleased that the police are working with local people because these vehicles are causing a great deal of nuisance in our communities."

Contact your local neighbourhood officers or email [opendurance@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:opendurance@durham.pnn.police.uk) to get in touch with the team.

## Oak Leaf Golfers Win Top County Trophy



An Aycliffe duo, from Oak Leaf Golf club were among 34 pairs of golfers from clubs in and around Co. Durham competing for the Golf Union Championship. Congratulations to Carl Robinson and John Petrie, Captain and Vice Captain, on winning this year's Captains' event on a bright and breezy day at Consett Golf Club.

The Aycliffe club is probably the smallest in the County yet the pair were triumphant, showing how good our course is to hone your golfing skills. The Oakleaf is also one of the cheapest to join and play in the County and new members are always welcome. Call in the Golf Shop for details. Remember too Newton Aycliffe is one of only a few courses in the County that has a Driving Range.

Carl told Newton News: "It was a great surprise and honour for Oakleaf Golf club to win this trophy as we are a much smaller club than most of the other affiliates in the county and we were

warmly congratulated by the other Captains & Vice Captains on the day which was very pleasing with a special thanks to the Consett pair who were our playing partners on the day."

Part of the prize for winning the trophy is that Aycliffe have the honour of hosting the event next year - the council members on the Oakleaf golf committee are very enthusiastic in support of this event, subject to full council approval - this would involve golf club representatives from all other clubs in Durham County Golf Union coming to Oakleaf Golf Course.

The date requested is Sunday 5th May 2019 and the club are keen to start preparations once the go ahead is given. This will be an ideal opportunity for the Oakleaf Golf Club & Great Aycliffe Town Council to showcase the assets that are on offer at Oakleaf Golf & Leisure Complex and to demonstrate the warm welcome that can be offered to clubs from all over the county when they come to Newton Aycliffe.



## MRI SCANNER APPEAL

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We want to grow and improve local community services across County Durham and Darlington to ensure that healthcare constantly meets expected levels of quality and that it continues to represent best value.

This approach is in line with our vision of developing an Integrated Community Service as part of our Five Year Forward View plans to improve access, continuity and coordination of community based health and care services for the local population.

The 3 CCGs carried out a comprehensive tender and evaluation process before awarding the contract to CDDFT.

Our aim is to develop and improve existing community services to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and support people to stay well in their own homes. This new way of working will include bringing health and social care organisations closer together with a focus on prevention and early intervention. We want to improve the quality of services for local people by supporting multidisciplinary teams for those with complex needs.

Over the coming weeks we will be working with CDDFT and health partners across County Durham and Darlington to take forward this proposed new way of working ready for the new contract to begin in October of this year.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust has a strong track

record of success and experience in delivering community services having been an integrated provider of both acute and community services since 2011.

Sue Jacques, Chief Executive of CDDFT said: "We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded the contract for community services. We truly believe this is a great opportunity to work differently with our health and social care partners across County Durham and Darlington which will bring real improvements to both

patient care and also the overall health and wellbeing of our local communities.

"Our experience of providing community services over previous years gives us a fantastic foundation on which to build and we know we have a dedicated and highly skilled workforce ready to take on this new challenge.

"We will be working closely with GPs, local authority and voluntary sector colleagues as well as our patients and local communities to deliver services fit for the future."



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

What a busy week for Council. Community and the Business Park, plus lots to do over the Bank Holiday weekend! Find out more about the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB31

## COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- DCC Economy Scrutiny Retail Review Group update.
- Digital Durham has delivered superfast broadband to Ryder Court.
- Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership May Bulletin.
- DCC Countryside May newsletter.
- Is there a volunteer you wish to celebrate - closing date for nominations is Wednesday 23 May.
- DCC Gambling Act consultation.
- Middridge Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 14 May.
- Small businesses. Are you missing out of business rate relief?
- Swiss manufacturer Stadler has been announced as headline sponsor at Xcel Centre's EMCON conference.
- Latest roadworks.
- OVO Energy Cycling Tour

## THINGS TO DO

- Dementia Action Week, Beamish Museum, 21-27 May (entrance fee).
- Sebastian Faulks' Birdsong, Gala Theatre Durham, 21-26 May, tickets £25.
- Meccano Magic, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-4pm, 27-28 May.
- Aclie Early Medieval Re-enactment Group Meet, Barnard Castle DL12 8PB, 10am-5pm, 27-28 May.

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# £700,000 Grant to Develop Railway Heritage Ready for Bicentenary

Plans have been revealed for the Stockton and Darlington Railway Heritage Action Zone, which will see the 26-mile route of the railway boosted by an injection of funds and the collaborative efforts of a number of organisations.

Historic England is providing an estimated £700,000 in grant aid as part of the five-year scheme, which will focus on developing the railway as a heritage attraction, working towards its 2025 bicentenary. New research will be carried out to help identify areas for repair and restoration, while other projects will help people to develop skills and training, encourage tourism, recreational activities and housing regeneration.

The Stockton and Darlington

Railway opened in 1825. It was the birthplace of the modern railway system, changing the shape of the world's communications, travel and economy. Some of the historic railway remains in use today.

Though the railway was at the forefront of the Industrial Revolution in the early 1800's, over the years it has become overlooked and neglected. Restoring the track as a heritage destination aims to give a much needed boost to the local area and economy. The scheme is being led by a partnership which includes Darlington Borough Council, Durham County Council, Stockton Borough Council, Tees Valley Combined Authority, Historic England, A1 Steam Locomotive Trust,

Bishop Line Community Rail Partnership, Hitachi, Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway, Network Rail, Northern Rail, Science Museum Group (Locomotion) and Virgin Trains.

Catherine Dewar, Planning Director for Historic England in the North East, said:

"We're very proud to have three of the country's 18 Heritage Action Zones here in our region and the Stockton and Darlington Railway is an incredibly exciting one. The 26 mile stretch of historic railway is coming up to its 2025 bicentenary and we're thrilled to be working with a wide range of partners to develop the fantastic heritage along the route. 2025 may seem like a long way away but time will fly and we want

to work with our partners to make the most of the railway heritage in this area with a view to recognising and celebrating the legacy of the Stockton and Darlington Railway."

Councillor Nick Wallis, Darlington Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Local Environment said on behalf of the three local authorities:

"Darlington Borough Council, Durham County Council and Stockton Borough Council are delighted that our Heritage Action Zone plans are now taking shape and we're incredibly excited to get started. Plans to rejuvenate and revive the heritage along the Stockton and Darlington Railway route will benefit local residents and businesses, as well as attract visitors to the area. Through the Heritage Action Zone, we want to help the line achieve world-class status as a visitor attraction."

Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor said:

"Celebrating the birthplace of the modern railway is a critical part of the Tees Valley's and County Durham's heritage and we see developing and interpreting this internationally significant asset as a critical element of our economic development strategy for the Tees Valley. Through preserving our heritage and celebrating it through events such as the bi-centenary in 2025 and the City of Culture bid, we celebrate the legacy of our region as one at the forefront of innovation and technology in the past, the present and the future."

Trish Pemberton, Chair of the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, said: "The Friends have been working to raise the profile of the Railway for many years, and save its important heritage. We are so pleased that this Partnership will help us achieve this, and more importantly, make sure that the economic regeneration it can stimulate is maximised - and that new generations know about it and value it."

There are now 18 Heritage Action Zones in villages, towns and cities across England identified by Historic England as places in need and where the historic environment can create economic growth and improve quality of life for people.

# 4,000+ Young People Ready for Work

A programme which helps young people into employment is celebrating after reaching a significant milestone.

DurhamWorks, a partnership project led by Durham County Council and part funded by the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative, has now supported more than 4,000 people between the ages of 16 to 24 to become 'work ready'.

The programme works with a range of partners to help unemployed young people develop their existing skills, identify new ones and help them into a range of training, job and education opportunities.

One of the many who have been supported by DurhamWorks is single mum Catherine Kime, who is now

studying accountancy and feeling positive about her future.

"I wasn't very confident about my career prospects before being introduced to DurhamWorks but thanks to them I now have an idea of what I want to do. Their staff gave me the practical and moral support I needed to apply for college courses, which I wouldn't have been able to do on my own." DurhamWorks works with a number of partners to help young people not in employment, education or training, including offering one-to-one support with a dedicated member of the team and providing help with benefits, housing and care arrangements.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We are delighted that so many young people have benefited from this project and been supported into employment, training and further education. "This is an achievement we are extremely proud of and we would encourage any other businesses interested in taking on young people to get in touch and find out more about the help we can offer."

For more information visit [www.durhamworks.info](http://www.durhamworks.info)

## Birthday Remembrance

**RAYMOND SPARKS** 17th May 1946. Love from Linda xxx

**TREVOR PLASKITT** 23rd May. Best wishes on your birthday Trevor. So sadly missed every day. God bless. Loving Wife Valerie xx Loving Daughters Shirley, Julia and Adam; loving Grandchildren Jonathan, Maxine, Louis, Mia and family xxxx

## Congratulations

**CALUM BRYAN** (19th May 2018). Happy 13th birthday Cal. Love from Mam, Dad, Nana, Granda, Nick, Leah, Max, Macauley, Lindsey, Craig and Bella xxx

## In Memoriam

### CHRISTINE ELLIOTT



(1954 - 2017)

On May 21st 2017, we said goodbye to a wonderful Wife and Mother.

She is missed every day and is forever in our hearts. Love, John, Matthew and Tracy xxx

**GORDON DOUGLAS** In loving memory of Gordon who passed away on the 19th May 2017. It's hard to believe a year has passed since you left us, but not a day goes by without you in our thoughts and in our hearts. We love and miss you every day, but that will be even more heartfelt on our Wedding Anniversary on 29th May. Our love always, Rose Mary, Lorraine, Amanda, Nathan, Kyle, Catriona, Ronan and Matthew.

**MARIA HALPIN** In loving memory of a darling Daughter, Maria, died 22nd May 2016. We do not need this special day to bring you to mind, for a day without thought of you is very hard to find. Loved always, Mam, Dennis and family

**LOUISE CUNNINGHAM** 23rd May 2010. In our hearts you always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Dave, Steven and Family

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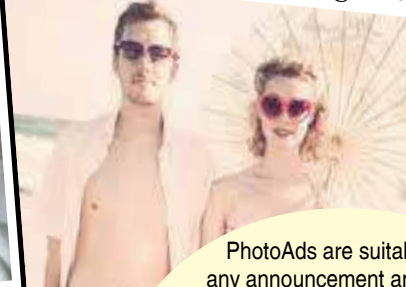
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## Aycliffe C.C. CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's two senior teams made it a memorable weekend for the club with both earning 25 point victories after completing a notable double against Bedale CC.

The 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had an excellent 53 run victory at home to Bedale 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored a very respectable 199 for 9 in their 50 overs thanks to excellent innings from Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy), who finished with 58 not out, Luke Telford (40 runs) and Jack Slatcher (36 runs). When the visitors batted, all rounder Slatcher lead the way for Aycliffe taking 4 for 33 and he was given good support from Michael Howe (2 for 22) as Bedale were bowled out for 146 from 45.3 overs.

Sam Telford (sponsored by Neil and Kim Telford) put in an extraordinary performance breaking second team club records for the fastest fifty (22 balls) and then the fastest hundred (41 balls) when he scored a memorable 125 as the 2nd team beat Rockliffe Park at home by 55 runs in the quarter final of the Hornby Cup. Aycliffe scored 194 for 3 in their 20 overs and then Rockliffe were restricted to 139 for 3 when they replied.

The 2nd team won their second game in a week with a hard fought 58 run victory away at Bedale 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. After losing the toss, Aycliffe batted first and scored a superb 215 for 8 in their 40 overs thanks to an outstanding innings from Joe Haines (85 runs from 78 balls, including 11 fours and 2 sixes). Neil Bancroft and Daniel Bowmer also both batted well scoring 44 and 35 respectively. When Bedale replied, they were eventually dismissed for 157 after 35.5 overs thanks to some good bowling from Dylan Tribbley (3 for 24) and James Brown (2 for 24).

The u13's played really well at home to Darlington and took the game to the final over before the visitors took the honours by eight wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored 70 for 3 from their 20 overs thanks to brilliant 27 not out from fast improving David Robinson. In reply a wicket each for Charlie Cayless and Jai Sander was not enough to prevent the visitors from reaching their winning target after 19.1 overs.

The following night however, the u13's won by 15 runs away at Wolviston. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe scored 91 for 5 from their 20 overs with Charlie Cayless top scoring



Sam Telford

with a career best 27 and he received good support from Matthew Greaves (21 runs) and David Robinson (14 runs). In reply the homeside were restricted to 76 for 6 from their 20 overs thanks to some tight bowling and good fielding from Brandon Grant, Harry Brumwell and wicket keeper Adam Shaw. The u11's lost a nail biting game at home to Wolviston by just 7 runs and the u15's lost away at the same opposition by 75 runs in the NYACC league.

## FUTURE STAR

Spectrum Roller Skating Club's Jazzmyn Loring was placed 8th in the country at The British Championships (Tot's Solo Dance) held at The Dolphin Centre, Haywards Heath, 12th May 2018.

Jazzmyn (8) is the first ever skater from the club to attend The British Championships and we are very proud of her and all that she has achieved. Jazzmyn trains at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre with Spectrum Roller Skating Club on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. She has worked so hard and her dedication has paid off.

Tracy Stevens - Coach said: "I am very proud of Jazzmyn who started roller skating lessons aged 4. It is such a massive achievement to represent the club at this level and to come 8th is fantastic!" Jazzmyn performed two dances - Glide Waltz and Skaters March which are set steps to music and competed against people from all over the country.

Jazzmyn took part in the opening ceremony where the National Anthem was played and she received a pin badge from The National Governing Body to commemorate the 2018 British Championships. "I was so proud to watch Jazzmyn skate out on to the floor at the opening ceremony representing our club from the North East at such a prestigious event. The club has been running now for 4 years and I am so pleased with everything we have achieved so far."

Jazzmyn will be representing the club again next month at The British Championships (Tots Figures and Free) held at Kettering.



## Dreams Really do Come True

### Newtonian Luke's Debut Playing for Sunderland

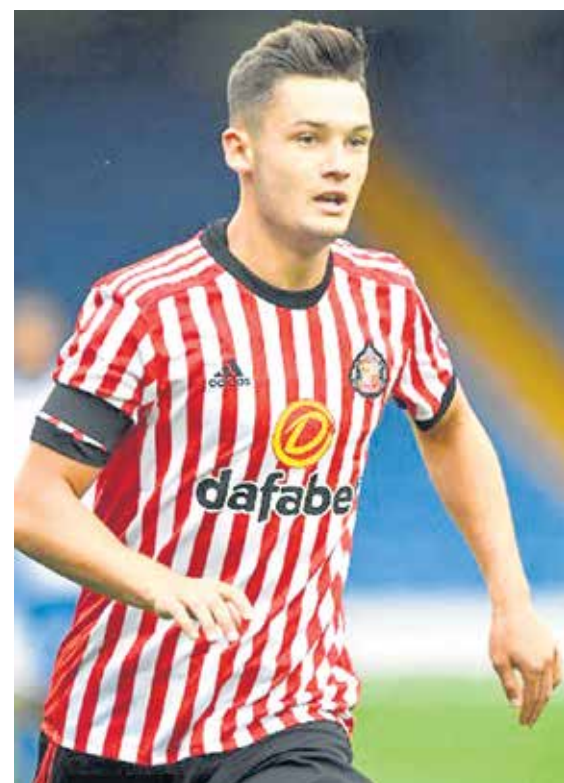
On Sunday, 6th May, at twelve thirty, local lad, Luke Molyneux made his debut for the Sunderland first team in their last game of the season against top of the league Wolves. Luke was amongst the subs warming up on the pitch before the game when he was pulled to one side after LuaLua had got injured in the warm up. Luke was told to get ready for action just a few minutes before the game was due to start and he couldn't wait to get involved. Luke played the full 90 minutes and was instrumental in setting up the first goal.

Sunderland beat Wolves 3-0 and Luke said: "We are the only team that hasn't been beaten by Wolves." Luke played on the wing for this game and didn't show any sign of nerves. Luke felt that he had had a good season and even though he was out for 3 months with a knee injury he came back stronger and scored 5 goals whilst playing for the Under 23s.

Luke's family and friends cheered him on from behind the dugout but his grandad (Peter Molyneux) a life long Sunderland supporter and season ticket holder, preferred to be in his own seat for the last game of the season. He didn't even know that Luke was on the pitch until the players' names were announced and shown on the large screen. Seeing his grandson on the pitch with the first team was something he had waited for, for a very long time for.

Luke said: "It was a dream come true for me really. Ever since I was a kid I have been brought up to be a Sunderland supporter so to get the chance to play at the Stadium of Light was incredible. My grandad has been a season ticket holder for years and it makes him very proud to see me out there on the pitch."

Luke started playing football at about the age of 4 for Aycliffe Sports Club in the TJFA League until he was 11 when he started playing for St. Mary's, Bishop Auckland. Luke attended St. John's School, Bishop Auckland, and couldn't wait to play for the school team and the Bishop Auckland District team. Whilst Luke was at St. John's he went on to play for Fulwell in the Russel Foster League. Luke was



signed by Sunderland AFC for 2 years after a 6 weeks trial at the age of 13. At the end of the 2 years, Luke was offered a 2 year scholarship and on completion of this scholarship he was offered a 2 year professional contract. During this time Luke has played for the Under 18s and the Under 23s.

All Luke's family and friends are very proud of his achievements and wish him well for the future.



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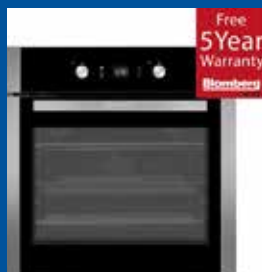
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