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Support Group. Bob Fleming and Malcolm Iveson were appointed Leader and Deputy Leader respectively, Ian Gray remains Chair of Environment, and Jed Hillary became Chairman of the Recreation Committee. Bob Fleming congratulated retiring Mayor Wendy Hillary on a very successful year.



Bob Fleming



Malcolm Iveson

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# National Music Award for Woodham



Woodham Academy's talented music students performing in School Of Rock

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certificate. "Music is a valuable subject. It brings value in itself to pupils, as well as supporting achievement in other subjects. Music also opens doors and generates educational opportunities for pupils from all backgrounds." In its third year, the ISM certificate recognises the achievements of schools in music, and celebrates their commitment to music education shown by the high uptake and achievement of their pupils. To be awarded a Silver Certificate, more than 15 percent of all a school's GCSE students must achieve an A\* to C in Music. Woodham Academy's Head of Music, Robert Gales, said: "To be one of only 146 schools nationally receiving the award is fantastic. It recognises the hard work from both staff

and students, not only to achieve our brilliant exam results, but also to promote the important extra-curricular opportunities that a subject like Music can bring to a school. Anybody who came to see our recent performance of the hit musical 'School of Rock' can see the vast amount of performing talent that we have here at Woodham." Woodham Academy's award-winning music students will soon be taking to the stage for their final performance of the school year. They will showcase their talents on Tuesday, July 3 at their Summer Concert, titled 'A Night at the Movies'. Woodham Academy's music department is also able to announce students will be performing the musical 'Grease' in March 2019. Look out for tickets going on sale later this year.

## KIDZ FLIX

EARLY MAN - Movie is showing at KIDZFLICKS on Saturday 2nd June at 2pm. Set in the dawn of time when prehistoric creatures roamed the Earth, Early Man tells the story of Dug, a caveman and his woolly mammoth mate Hognob - a great comedy written by Nick Park of Wallace and Gromit fame. Come along and enjoy this end of half - term treat for only £1. Sweets, ice-creams, lollies and drinks from our tasty tuck-shop, priced from 20p. Everyone is run by the Children/Youth Team.

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Saturday 16th	Aycliffe Soul Club - £4 on the door
Friday 22nd	Private Party
Saturday 23rd	East Coast Mainland - £2.50 on the door
Tuesday 26th	Kids Disco, 5pm-8pm, £1 on the door
Friday 29th	to be confirmed
Friday 29th	Upstairs Soul Sessions - Free Entry
Saturday 30th	Disco Night - Tickets £2.50 or £3 on the door

## Acorn R.A. Away Day at the Zoo

Popular Residents group ACORN had a wonderful outing to South Lakes Zoo last weekend which was a roaring success. Grandparents, parents, children and families had a wonderful day out at this magical place, subsidised by the Big Lottery Fund. Lions, Tigers, Hippos, Zebras and many many others were all on show but the main attraction for me was the joy which these animals and birds brought to the faces of our residents



the very young and elderly. ACORN was founded in 2011 from an already established Neighbourhood Watch Group and has gone from strength to strength. We work alongside DCC, livin. Police, The Big Lottery fund and other agencies to provide experiences which otherwise residents may not be able to access. Since its inception ACORN has sought to encourage other groups to follow its lead providing experiences such as pantomime trips petting zoos and Halloween parties to bring people together forming lasting relationships in our communities. There are a few places left for our forthcoming trip to Windermere on June 16th and Scarborough on July 21st please contact me on 01325 321471 for details. ACORN realise how expensive it can be to entertain children over the

school holidays and have organised a Fun Day for August 11th in which most of the attractions are free. We look forward to seeing you there! Anyone wishing to volunteer to oversee events would be especially welcome. I am very proud of my community and the many achievements and problems we have solved together, not least the flower tub project which has made such a fantastic difference to our environment. Please feel free to come along to our monthly meeting on June 12th. Have a cuppa and help us plan the future of our neighbourhood and town. Free Tea Coffee and biscuits. Talk to your councillors about anything which is concerning you and meet your neighbours in a great setting at Newton Aycliffe Phoenix Club 5.30pm for kiddies and 6pm for adults. Ken Robson

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So he emptied his garage, loft, bedrooms and shed and rented a room at St. Clare's Hall. Since then he has sold £9,000 worth of goods with every penny donated to charity including the Air Ambulance and the MRI Scanner Appeal.

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## Livin Answer Questions on Regeneration Scheme

Dear Sirs,

We have been following closely the articles and letters about the future of the Western estate. Some have contained facts and relevant information. However, unfortunately some have been misrepresentative, misleading and upsetting for many residents. For these reasons we want to put the record straight.

The regeneration of Western has been on our radar since 2014. This is because day-in-day-out, as the main housing provider on the estate we deal with reported problems and do all we can to maintain and improve the estate for people living there. It remains our ambition to address these problems through regeneration based on strong community support through consultation. At the beginning of the consultation we asked residents what the estate is known as and those who engaged – including Mr Chandran who originally volunteered to be a community champion for the project – told us it is known locally as Western. This name is also used officially for street signage and building names and has been for many years.

In terms of the five questions that Mr Chandran has stated publicly that “Livin needs to answer” and which he claims came from his “visits,” these are not questions we have come across when discussing the facts with over 200 residents so far. Nonetheless we are happy to respond as follows:

Question 1 Who were the Private Sector Partners in 2014?

In 2014 we considered the viability of regenerating Western with private sector partners on an informal basis. This was to establish possible options for redevelopment and associated costs. At this time regeneration was deemed not possible because of a funding gap of £15million. However, should regeneration progress following the current consultation, private sector partners may or may not be required. At this point in time no private sector partners are involved.

Question 2 Why Private Sector Partners?

Answered above.

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

Livin has not agreed to carry out demolition and rebuild with Durham County Council, any of its officers or any of its Councillors.

Question 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.

This is not a question, it is an allegation that is completely incorrect. Livin has, over the last 12 months and throughout the process of engaging with this community, been very open and clear about the options for the estate. There is more than one option, albeit we know, from what residents have told us, that Option 3 is the only option that would fully address their concerns. In recent weeks and in line with the community engagement plan we have

stepped up the consultation and spoken to hundreds of people. We will continue this until we have contacted as many local stakeholders as possible to determine their preferences.

As we have said throughout, we will only progress to masterplanning with strong community support. If that support is achieved this means the community will have the opportunity to work with us to develop a plan to show how the estate could look. Alongside this we will develop a Residents' Charter that will set out Livin's commitments to all residents together with opportunities and arrangements for protecting residents' interests. But there is significant investment needed if regeneration is to go ahead and this has not been secured. We will not seek to secure investment without strong community support.

Question 5 Why was Garburn Place not included in the Scheme? The reason Garburn Place has not been included is that from our management of the area and based on the data we hold it is clear that it does not experience the same issues as the Western estate. However, if Mr Chandran, GARA, the Town Council or indeed any residents from Garburn Place feel differently we would of course be open to listen to their concerns and look to consider it as part of the overall regeneration project.

Ultimately, it is the people directly affected by the proposed regeneration who will decide the future of the estate – not Livin. This is why we are urging everyone to get in touch and state their preference.

As mentioned earlier, we are becoming increasingly concerned that misleading information is being circulated and we urge residents to take a position based on the facts and what is best for the future of the estate and generations to come.

We have recently become aware that residents of the estate have been incorrectly

informed by sources other than Livin that if they support Option 3 and move off the estate they will not have a right to move back and there is a chance they will be moved to other localities some distance away. This is completely untrue and we are very concerned that this misinformation is causing distress. We wish to reassure residents that, should the project go ahead and in the event that residents have to move off the estate temporarily whilst work is being done, all homeowners, Livin tenants and private landlords would have the option to return to the estate. We have been asked this question previously and the factual answer can be found on our frequently asked questions sheet handed out during our home visits and is also available on our Western website.

We are also aware of Mr Chandran's petition against the project. We would like to stress that the decision as to whether the project moves to the next phase, will only be based on the preferences stated by residents and collected by Livin over several months of engagement. We are doing this to ensure all residents' voices are heard, not just the loudest, and that they make their choices based on the facts.

We are urging residents who might be concerned about having stated their preference based on misinformation provided by sources other than Livin to contact us. We are still consulting and we are determined to ensure the residents of this estate are fully informed with the facts in making their decision.

At Livin we care passionately about this community and believe that regeneration of the Western estate would provide a wonderful opportunity to help address the problems that many residents have to deal with every day. If you also care about this community please get in touch and make your views count.

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# Traditional Milk Service Takes Off in Aycliffe

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The 36-year-old is now also delivering to local businesses who have been quick to see a nostalgic return of the traditional morning milkman, which started to fade in the 1990s.

As well as amassing 200 residential customers already, Russ is now providing milk and cream to Jackson's Coffee Shop and Sabre Rail on Aycliffe Business Park, as well as the Bay Horse in Middridge and Horndale Infant's School. It has been claimed the war on plastic waste could spark the return of the neighbourhood milkman as figures showed demand for milk in glass bottles is on the rise.

In 1975, 94% of the UK's milk was transported in glass bottles compared to just under 3% in 2016. That could soon change, as milkmen are reporting a rise in demand for traditional glass bottles with consumers appearing to boycott the plastic alternatives.



Mr Gibson said: "I was a milkman for many years and unfortunately due to supermarkets selling milk cartons cheaper, glass milk bottles became unpopular which made your traditional milkman unable to compete with the supermarkets. Now recycling is a big thing in all areas and the milk cartons are made of various different plastics which makes them difficult to recycle, which has spurred consumers to look for an alternative, such as the glass bottle which is 100% recyclable."

Mr Gibson's venture is already proving a hit. He's now delivering 300 pint bottles of whole milk, 350 bottles of semi-skimmed milk and 250 glass bottles of juice to customers a week, as well as free range eggs, bread, yoghurts and milkshakes. He's also sourcing all of his supplies from within the

County Durham area – his milk is from Lanchester Dairies, retailing at 56p for a pint of milk.

"The feedback we're getting is fantastic," he added. "Some people just want to see a nostalgic return of the milkman and some people want to make an environmental statement."

"I think the overriding message is that the milk is sourced locally and delivered to your door on a morning at a reasonable price, which people have really missed."

As well as delivering glass bottles to residents, Aycliffe Dairies can deliver larger quantities of milk to businesses in recyclable plastic bottles, as well as other products.

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Aycliffe logistics firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution is set to open its doors to potential employees as part of its latest recruitment campaign ahead of another expansion which is close to completion. Stiller is creating the new 50,000 sq ft facility at its 22-acre site on Aycliffe Business Park to help the firm cope with sustained growth which has seen annual sales rise by more than 20% to £14.4m.

The palletised distribution centre, due to be completed in July, will be the largest of its type in the North East and will allow Stiller to load 30 vehicles at any one time. The scheme, which is being project managed by award-winning Darlington firm Wharton Construction, will also create more than 60 off-street car parking spaces and include a new large open-plan office for over 20 office staff.

Bosses at the firm, which has already taken on 26 new employees this year, say the project could create up to 25 new jobs, which would take Stiller's total head count to 190.

Stiller, well-known for using innovative ways to recruit staff, is looking to take on at least eight new LGV drivers



Brian Simpson

as part of its latest growth plans. The family-run firm is hosting a recruitment open morning at its premises on Aycliffe Business Park on Saturday June 2nd (8am-midday).

It's an ideal opportunity for those interested in taking up a driving job, and potential candidates will be able to meet some of the firm's staff, take a look at its equipment and learn about the type of work it does.

It's the company's latest way of trying to recruit drivers after previous successful initiatives, including an 'earn as you learn' programme which recruited four new staff.

Stiller operations director Brian Simpson said: "We're

gearing up for a major recruitment drive this year as our new North East Freight Centre nears completion, and new drivers are a big part of those plans.

"We're specifically looking for qualified class C and C+E LGV drivers, but no minimum experience is required, so we want to talk to people who have just passed their HGV test, forces' leavers and young drivers."

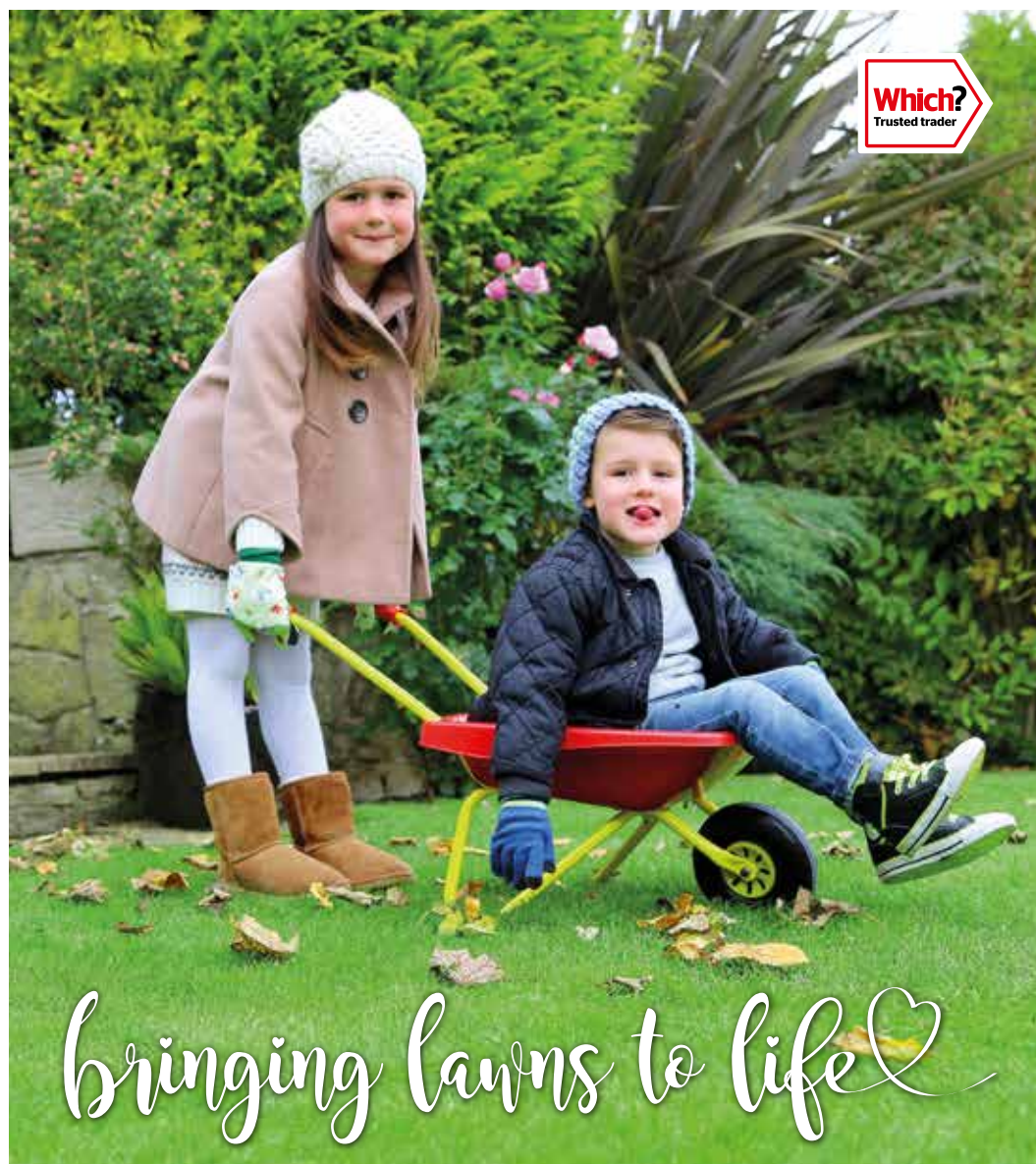
Stiller has previously ran successful programmes to attract ex-servicemen and overseas employees in a bid to combat a nationwide shortage of drivers. Some of the benefits of working for Stiller include day shift set-salary positions and working

with a modern vehicle fleet. Stiller's latest investment in equipment, people and facilities – including two new warehouses costing more than £1.8m between them – takes the company's total spend to almost £9m in the last three years.

More than £1.1m was spent on a new state-of-the-art, 40,000 sq ft warehouse in 2015, increasing the company's warehousing capacity to 200,000 sq ft, and last year it invested another £750,000 in a 40,000 sq ft extension, which was completed earlier this year, while more than £5m has been spent on new vehicles. Stiller provides cost-effective warehousing and distribution services to businesses in the North-East region as well as commercial property lettings and is also a member and major shareholder in Palletline, a national co-operative network of 70 companies.

Its 22-acre site in Aycliffe stores goods and parts for well-known national brands as well as local businesses including Gestamp Tallent and 3M.

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# Extra Staff Trained to Issue Fines for Dog Fouling etc.

The region's largest council is stepping up the fight against littering and dog fouling. Durham County Council has increased the number of staff members who are able to hand out fines for environmental crimes.

An extra 14 council workers, including head of Direct Services Oliver Sherratt and the authority's clean and green team leaders, have received additional training and are now authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN).

They join neighbourhood wardens, PCSOs, police officers and some town and parish council staff in being qualified to issue the fines for offences such as littering and dog fouling as well as flytipping, graffiti, flyposting and untidy yards and gardens.

The authority is now planning to provide training to more workers. Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of Direct Services, who has also taken part in the training, said: "We know very well that littering and dog fouling remain among the greatest issues of concern for many of our residents so we hope this will reassure them of our commitment to tackling the problem.

"Our clean and green team leaders are passionate in their care for our county. Extending these enforcement powers will mean more 'eyes and ears' on the ground, increasing still further the deterrent to the minority who spoil our environment."



Between April 2017 and March 2018, Durham County Council issued 464 FPNs for littering, 396 for untidy yards or gardens and 35 for dog fouling.

To reinforce the message that environmental crimes will not be tolerated, the council has increased the maximum penalty for littering to £150.

This is in line with government guidance and is discounted to £65 if the fine is paid within 10 days. However, anyone who fails to pay could be taken to court where the maximum fine is £2,500.

The FPN for dog fouling is £100, reduced to £60 if paid within 10 days. Anyone

taken to court for non-payment could face a fine of up to £1,000.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "Most people do the right thing and bin their litter but there is a minority who don't despite the fact that bins are provided throughout the county and emptied on a regular basis.

"By increasing FPNs to the maximum possible level we're hoping that we send out a clear message that litter will not be tolerated in County Durham."

For more information about environmental crimes and FPNs, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/envirocrime](http://www.durham.gov.uk/envirocrime)

# Christian Aid Collection

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of Churches Together in Great Aycliffe, I would like to thank Tesco for allowing us to take a bucket collection in their store on Friday 18th May 2018. Thank you to Tesco's customers who donated so generously and to the volunteers from our churches who gave their time to collect for Christian Aid. The amount raised from the bucket collection was £635.86.

Christian Aid reaches out to people all over the world in tragic circumstances, regardless of race, religion or creed. It works with poor communities across the world to bring lasting change for the most vulnerable people on earth. Every year thousands of volunteers all over the UK take part in fund raising for Christian Aid and the good people of Newton Aycliffe always respond very generously to our bucket collection in Tesco.

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Anne Molyneux  
Secretary  
Churches Together in Great Aycliffe

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## HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

### Redworth Road Closure

From Tuesday 29th May DBC will be resurfacing the part of the A6072 between Red House and Redworth. This work will take six days to complete and will be carried out under a full road closure running 24hrs a day. There will be a signed diversion route via the A6072 to Bishop Auckland, A688 to St Helen Auckland and A68 to the Swan House Roundabout, and vice versa.

DBC have put up roadside notification signs warning of the closure and I have delivered letters to the Business Park and the residents of Red House informing them in more detail of the closure and their access arrangements.

If you have any questions, or need clarification, come back to me

### Battle of Piercebridge

A local resident living in Piercebridge has made a fantastic model of the events of December 1st 1643 when a battle took place over Piercebridge bridge. Mark Hornsby, a local resident has created an amazing model of the battle and by working with a local historian called Phil Philo and Groundwork's River Tees Rediscovered together they have organised a grand exhibition of the battle which will be formally

opened by the Mayor of Darlington in the Head of Steam on the 25th May from 2pm to 4pm.

On the 9th of June the exhibition will be displayed in St Mary's Church Piercebridge between 11am and 3pm and a battlefield tour is planned for July 9th accompanied by Phil who will describe all of the details of the action. Everyone is invited to the 9th June exhibition in St Mary's Church and to join this interesting walk on July 9th. Please put the dates in your diary and go along to learn about a battle that took place on our doorstep.

Piercebridge is a delightful village with its ancient village green so worth visiting to see just how beautiful and peaceful this local village is and while you are there why not acquaint yourselves with the wonderful tea and coffee shops in and around the village green.

So put June 9th down in your diary for a great day out - an exhibition of interest, a river walk, refreshments provided and produced by village people and should your children/grandchildren want to learn even more about our local history there is the impressive Roman site in the centre of the village that will spark their imagination.

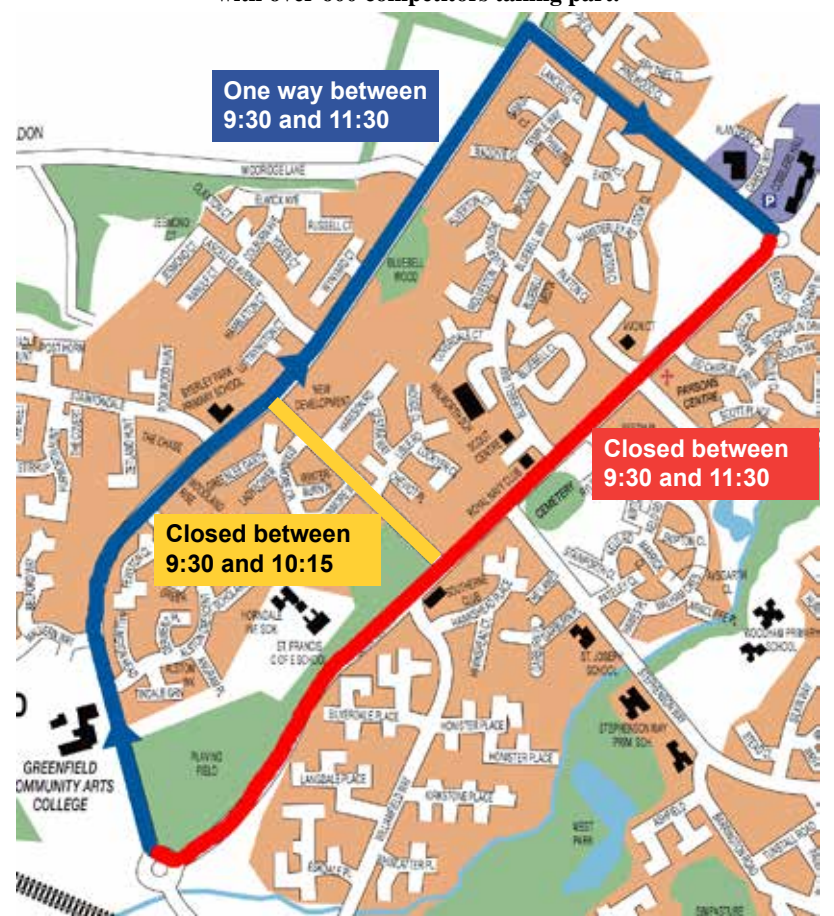
Cllr Gerald G Lee

## Notification of Road Closures

June 17th 2018 - Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run

From 9:30 to 11:30 Burnhill Way in both directions is closed with no access, Burn Lane from Cobblers Hall to the junction with Greenfield Way is one way West-East towards the town centre, Greenfield Way from Burn Lane to the roundabout with Burnhill Way is one way South-North towards Rope Moor. Meadowfield Way is totally closed in both direction for the first lap 9:30 to 10:15. Aycliffe Running Club are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, the road closures are a requirement of the race safety risk assessment agreed with Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. We hope you will join others in cheering the competitors on their way.

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## Has Livin Misled Government on Regeneration Bid?

Dear Sir,  
With regard to Livin's response I never said the area was known locally as Western, West Ward - yes Western - no!

1. Livin has failed to answer any of my questions. They stated in their bid to the Government on 16.1.2017 that: "In 2014 Livin, private sector partners and DCC considered the whole scale demolition and rebuild across the estate....."

Yet again, I ask Livin, who were the private sector partners in 2014 that they referred to in their bid to the government in January 2017? Or did Livin mislead the government and misrepresent their bid?

2. Livin in that bid stated: "DCC are supportive of our approach and acceleration of regeneration plans". Who at Durham County Council in 2014 agreed that or did Livin mislead the government on that as well?

Livin are the ones who have caused the upset and appear to have misled and misrepresented facts. GARA by exposing Livin's "preferred option 3" as having been planned secretly, since 2014, and by taking the lead in opposing Option 3, has given residents the realisation that Livin can be stopped from appropriating and bulldozing their homes. Likewise we will, with the Secretary of State's support prevent Compulsory Purchase. Our Petition is gathering pace as more and more Tenants, Owners and Private Landlords have now had meetings with Livin on a one to one basis, and are totally unhappy with Livin's answers and insistence on signing the petition. The £6,100 offered to every tenant did not work! Livin, we will stop your Option 3. We do not expect Livin to provide this information but it will be brought to the attention of Secretary of State and the HCA - there are other ways of getting it!

As for Livin's Garburn Place comment I suspect the real reason they did not include it was because the home owners there outnumber tenants. Private Sector Finance usually implies

profit, a return on their investment, that is Option 3. Option 1 and 2 will cost Livin money and require them to do what they should be doing all along, as a Social Housing, supposedly registered charity not-for-profit Landlord, maintaining and improving their properties and land, dealing with anti social behaviour by their tenants, and so forth. Which Estate is next for social cleansing and

gentrification, Agnew 1, 2, and 3, Elmfield, Rowan? Livin & Private Investors with no Councillors no Tenants on their Board, to whom are they accountable? What do our Labour County Councillors and MP have to say? Do they agree with reducing Social Housing. Social Cleansing, gentrification? Cllr Arun Chandran Secretary of Great Aycliffe Residents Assoc.

## Mayor Donates £3,250 to MRI Scanner Appeal



At the Town Council A.G.M. and the end of Wendy Hillary's year as Mayor she donated the total cash she raised to the MRI Appeal, as her chosen charity.

Head Fundraiser for the Appeal, Pat Chambers, was present to accept the cheque and said how delighted she was to receive such a large sum. Pat said: 'I was totally overwhelmed at the amount raised by Wendy during her term of office as Mayor of Great Aycliffe. Based on previous conversations about the fundraising I believed the donation would be approximately £1500 but was floored by the generosity of a massive £3250! We are so grateful for this donation, with work still

underway to complete the installation at Darlington Memorial Hospital we are mindful that fundraising still needs to continue as we don't actually pay for the scanner until December. So if there are any other local heroes like Wendy, who can still help us with our fundraising for the MRI Scanner Appeal, we would be delighted to hear from you.'

In making the presentation Wendy said she proud to be able to contribute to the Scanner appeal and thanked everyone who had supported her during her year of office. She also congratulated the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor John Clark and Mary on their appointments.

## Laura Takes New Role at SWDT in her Stride

A former college student has taken a new admin role with South West Durham Training. Pony-riding Laura Pickering, joined the Newton Aycliffe training provider on an 18-month level 3 apprenticeship in business administration in March after leaving her college course.

"I wasn't enjoying my college course, I prefer to be hands-on and doing practical work rather than being sat in a classroom all day, so I saw this as a good opportunity" said Laura.

"I'm still learning the important academic skills necessary for the role, but I'm also getting to know the ropes in the office, doing general admin jobs, data cleaning, printing, filing and dealing with people on the phone, and I'm loving it."

South West Durham Training (SWDT) is well-known for producing its own apprentices for other companies, mainly in engineering and advanced manufacturing, and celebrated its 50th anniversary at the end of 2017.

General manager Jason Howe says it makes a refreshing change to take on their own apprentice. "Laura interviewed fantastically well, and came across as very mature and very knowledgeable. Since she's joined us, Laura has been working with our centre supervisor Vicky Chapman, who's giving her a lot of support, guidance and direction.

"In less than two months she's already working with minimal supervision and taking on tasks alone, using her own initiative. All the staff get on great with her, and she's been a great asset to the organisation already."

Meanwhile, small businesses across County Durham are to receive free training to help address skills gaps as part of a £6m Government initiative. The two-year programme aims to future proof supply chain companies in providing consultancy support to identify key needs including strategic planning and upskilling, then delivering mentoring and flexible training.

The £345,000 project follows a successful bid by a consortium



Jason Howe with Laura Pickering

led by Bishop Auckland College, and its Aycliffe-based subsidiary South West Durham Training (SWDT) to the Higher Education Funding Council for England's (HEFCE) Catalyst fund.

The college was one of 34 universities and colleges to secure funding, receiving £200,000 from HEFCE. Match funding came from the college and its subsidiary South West Durham Training, and bid partners County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network, South Durham Enterprise Agency and Aycliffe Business Park Community.

The units will be at Level 3, 4 and 5 and include leadership and management, business improvement techniques, engineering and manufacturing engineering. Experienced managers and technical specialists from large companies will help

college staff deliver training sessions, mentoring and support to the participating SMEs, transferring knowledge and building expertise throughout supply chains.

Free training is open to SMEs in all sectors. To find out more contact senior business advisor Julie Cook at julie.cook@bacoll.ac.uk or on (01388) 825837.

A subsidiary of Bishop Auckland College which employs 27 staff, SWDT works with many of the region's big employers including Hitachi Rail, Cummins in Darlington, Richmond-based Pipeline Engineering, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in Barnard Castle and car parts maker Nifco in Stockton, and currently has more than 300 learners on its books.

Find out more about SWDT at www.swdt.co.uk or call 01325 313194.

## Film Show

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The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 29th MAY features the classic 1960 western "THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN" Starring Yul Brynner, Charles Bronson, James Coburn, Steve McQueen, Eli Wallach, Robert Vaughn, Brad Dexter and Horst Buchholz.

This film is 58 years old and still just as much fun now as it was then. Loads of excitement, action, sad bits and very funny bits; plus the great music of Elmer Bernstein.

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If you can donate, we would love to hear from you. It would be fantastic to have your support towards giving our young people a "ROCSolid" path to their future.

Please contact us by ringing: 01325 328964 Or email: steverocslid@btconnect.com

## ECO WARRIORS WIN BRONZE AWARD

Since the beginning of the school year, members of Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School's eco-council have been working hard to raise awareness of important environmental issues. Known throughout the school as the 'Eco Warriors', they've spearheaded several campaigns that have already made a big difference and as a result of their dedication and hard work, the school has now been presented with the Bronze Eco Schools Award.

One of the group's first projects was 'Switch Off Fortnight', an initiative to encourage pupils across school to save energy by making sure lights were turned off and electrical items weren't left on stand-by unnecessarily. Did you know that if everyone boiled only the water they needed every time they used the kettle, we could save enough electricity in a year to power the UK's street lights for nearly seven months?

By far the most successful campaign, 'The Big Battery Hunt' enabled us to collect over 2000 old batteries for recycling. Amazingly, several pupils contributed over 100 batteries as they gathered them not only from their homes but also from neighbours and their parents' workplaces! Miss Oakes, who leads the Eco Club

in Key Stage 2, told us, "This has been a great initiative. I have been amazed at the amount of batteries collected by the pupils throughout the school and the interest in recycling. We are very proud to have been pioneers in this initiative." During the colder months, our warriors seized the opportunity to care for some of the vulnerable animals that may not have been able to

find food in the harsh winter conditions. Using recycled materials, both infant and junior members made bird feeders to ensure our feathery friends did not have to go without food.

With many more projects in the pipeline, they're now fully focused on achieving silver status in the near future and hopeful of widening their target audience to engage the community in their plans.



## GRASS CUTTING: COUNCIL 3 LIVIN 0



Dear Sir,

A picture of Livin grass compared to DCC grass (behind) a disgrace; this is outside our house, which we attempt to keep neat and tidy.

DCC have cut the grass three times while Livin grass remains UNCUT, and rapidly turning into a wilderness. Livin seems to be abandoning its role of Social Landlord and destroying our green spaces.

There are no Councillors or Tenants on their Board and they seem to be distancing themselves from the communities which they are meant to serve.

The state of grass cutting is an example of privatisation and outsourcing, where a cheaper, less efficient provider from outside the area, is meant to deliver the service and fails.

Mike Dixon, Crowley Place.

## Overwhelming No! Against Livin's Scheme

On 6th May 2018 Cllr Ken Robson Vice Chairman of GARA and Arun Chandran Secretary, began gathering a Petition against Livin's Regeneration Scheme Option 3, the demolition and rebuild of 6 streets in the Western area of the town.

### Statistics of Signatures Obtained (First Visit)

**Silverdale** - Signatures 39 of which 19 Tenants, 15 Home Owners, 5 Private Tenants.

**Langdale** - Signatures 38 of which 23 Tenants, 14 Home Owners, 1 Private Tenants

**Eskdale** - Signatures 26 of which 16 Tenants, 7 Home Owners, 3 Private Tenants

**Whinlatter** - Signatures 36 of which 20 Tenants, 14 Home Owners, 2 Private Tenants

**Kirkstone** - Signatures 26 of which 13 Tenants, 8 Home Owners, 5 Private Tenants

**Honister** - Signatures 49 of which 31 Tenants, 14 Home Owners, 3 Private Tenants In Silverdale we met 2 Owners undecided and 2 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option3

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

In Eskdale we met only 1 Owner who was undecided and 2 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option 3

In Whinlatter 1 Owner

was undecided, 1 Owner in favour and 3 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option 3.

In Kirkstone 1 Owner was in favour and 2 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option 3.

In Honister 2 Owners in favour and 6 Tenants in favour of Livin's Option 3.

What is clear so far is that Tenants are overwhelmingly against Livin's Option 3, despite Livin's offer of £6,100 to each tenant if the scheme goes ahead.

Residents are rock solid whether Owner or Tenant against the scheme.

In a lot of cases Tenants and Owners have recently had visits from Livin and were completely unsatisfied by Livin's answers. First visits completed 20.5.2018

The Total Opposed to Livin's Option 3: **214** (of which Owners 91, Tenants 123)

Only **21** were in favour of demolition and did not sign the petition (of which Owners 5, Tenants 16).

GARA officers Ken and Arun are calling back on those who weren't in when they first called.

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## HAVE A TEA PARTY IN AID OF MARIE CURIE CHARITY



TV presenter Mel Giedroyc and the charity Marie Curie are calling on people in Newton Aycliffe to throw a Blooming Great Tea Party this June.

It's easy to get involved. Pick a date in June then invite your friends, colleagues and family round for a tea party, bake sale or a "Bake Off" style competition. All you need to do is ask for donations on the day. The money you raise will help Marie Curie provide vital care and support for people living with a terminal illness and their loved ones.

Blooming Great Tea Party super fan, Mel Giedroyc, who is fronting the campaign said: "I'm supporting Marie Curie's Blooming Great Tea Party because it is the most sublimely joyous, wondrous event that takes place in June for the best cause."

"My mum is an amazing hostess and a brilliant baker. My all-time favourite cake is still mum's chocolate fridge cake - I'll be making some for my own tea party this year!"

"My top tip would be to invite more people than you

can possibly fit into your house. They will squeeze, don't worry. For cake, people will do anything.

"So, to all my friends in Newton Aycliffe, get baking!"

Carly Searle Community Fundraiser for Cumbria, Darlington & West Durham said:

"Throwing a Blooming Great Tea Party for Marie Curie in June is an easy and great way to get together with friends, family and colleagues whilst raise money for a fantastic cause. You can invite the whole village round for a garden party, or spend time with a few close friends and buy in your favourite treat."

"So whether you're an aspiring pastry chef, or a total butterfingers, join the hundreds of people in Newton Aycliffe who will be baking up a storm to raise money for people who are terminally ill across the whole country. We're counting on your cuppa!"

To find out more and receive your free fundraising pack, call 0800 716 146 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty)

## MP Visits New MRI Scanner unit at Bishop Auckland

Bishop Auckland MP, Helen Goodman, has visited Bishop Auckland Hospital to see for herself the new state of the art MRI scanner that is now benefiting patients.

The scanner is one of two new MRI scanners at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, the other, at Darlington Memorial Hospital, was also recently installed and will be in use from the end of May. Helen Goodman MP, said, "I'm delighted that in the midst never-ending cuts to hospital budgets and services, we're seeing some positive development at Bishop Auckland Hospital. I'm really proud of the work that has been done to bring this MRI scanner to our town; a lot of people will benefit from shorter journeys to appointments and faster diagnoses."

Rob Goddard, associate director of governance, clinical specialist services at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "Modern scanners play an important part in helping our Consultants diagnose and determine treatment plans for what can be life threatening or life limiting conditions, including many types of cancer and heart disease."

Previously patients may have had to undergo exploratory and sometimes invasive surgery to support the diagnostic process. This advanced technology, which provides detailed and high quality images, will help reduce many such interventions, improving the

patient experience.

"Not everyone realises that MRI scans take between 30 and 40 minutes which is a long time to lie still, but our new scanners have wider tunnels, known as 'bores' and are much quieter than older models. Patients can also choose from a selection of lighting programmes which change during the scan."

All of this leads to a much improved patient experience. In the past, children and some adults required sedation or a general anaesthetic in order to tolerate being scanned, but we're finding this is now much less likely. This not only means reduced risks to the patient, an anaesthetic

is avoided but also saves hospital beds, traditionally required for recover."

The trust continues with a fundraising campaign until the end of 2018, as both scanners have been installed early, thanks to manufacturer Philips, who have deferred payment until the end of the year.

Rob Goddard, said, "We've been amazed and very touched by the generosity of local people who have donated to our Appeal. Individuals, groups, associations and local businesses have all stepped-up, recognising the huge benefits these scanners will bring. It's important that this generosity and fundraising continues throughout 2018."



## We had a People's Vote Mr. Wilson

Dear Sir,

The Referendum was the People's Vote! It had the biggest voter turn-out in our history! Further, at the last General Election both of the main parties' manifestoes promised that we would Leave the EU. That is, circa. 80% of voters voted for a party which promised to Leave the EU. and 64% of the MP's currently in the House of Commons were elected in constituencies that had voted to Leave in the Referendum; Sedgefield Constituency being one.

That is, two majority votes to Leave. Why does Phil Wilson expect us to believe that he will do his duty properly if we tell him a third time? He has chosen to ignore the expressed will of his electorate twice.

Democracy did not end on the 23rd June 2016; rather it was re-set. The people voted for Parliament to take back control from the EU and NOT from the democratic wishes of the electorate. Also, contrary to the protestations of Remain MPs and Lords, Parliament does not have sovereign control until AFTER we leave the EU. The wishes of the British people are sovereign until we actually leave the EU. Only then can Parliament decide whether we spend some, or all, of the monies we repatriate on the NHS.

Why does our MP, Phil Wilson want another 'People's Vote'? Does he need to be told three times what his constituency electorate want? He reminds me of an English teacher at my school, who, prior to repeating a lesson,

he prefaced it with, "For the benefit of those who are not too bright".

I was disappointed to see our MP resorting to the Remain/BBC tactics of attempting to vilify selected members of the Leave Campaign. I'm not surprised that Jacob Rees-Mogg frightens the life out of him. Jacob Rees-Mogg is a backbench MP elected by a majority Leave voting electorate who is doing his best to represent his constituents wishes. I wish we had one of these! Of course, the BBC go further and allow contributors to call Jacob Rees-Mogg an extremist!

Further, Jacob Rees-Mogg is a very intelligent happily married family man who is open and honest about both his political and personal views. However, our MP thinks he must be bad because he is wealthy!

What about the immense wealth in the un-elected, undemocratic House of Lords which our MP is relying upon to keep us in the Single Market and the Customs Union? Do you think they care a fig for the poor down-trodden electorate of Sedgefield?

Mr Wilson, we have had our democratic 'People's Vote' and we have voted to Leave. Either represent your constituents properly in Parliament or do the honourable thing and resign. Either way, don't demean your office by a personal attack on a fellow MP because he is doing the right thing. This makes you look like a bad loser.

Alastair P.G. Welsh

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6-7.30pm	Sports Round Up	Darren & Lee
29th May	Danny Mellanby & Alan Oliver - Football	
5th June	Tez Anderson - CrossFit All Out	

7.30-9.30pm Northern & Classic Soul Kevin Sowerby

#### WEDNESDAY

7.45-10.15pm Alternative Aycliffe Gary & Alby

#### THURSDAY

6-8pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
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## Opportunistic Changes at St. Josephs Primary

PRIMARY school pupils are looking to a brighter future after their school joined a learning trust renowned for its outstanding standards. St Joseph's Primary, A Catholic Academy, Newton Aycliffe, has become the first to join the recently formed multi academy Romero Catholic Education Trust.

By doing so it becomes a partner school of the celebrated St John's School and Sixth Form, a Catholic Academy, to work to provide the best education and opportunities for young people.

St Joseph's currently teaches 146 pupils with provision for two-year-olds and three-year-olds, including those eligible for 30 hours of free nursery provision.

For new head teacher Fiona Brown the reorganisation represents an opportunity to give something back to a community which shaped her spiritual life.

"I used to be so excited coming here as a child to worship in the beautiful school chapel," she said. "It is so nice for me to return to this parish and be so involved in the community again. I was really keen to come back here to support the staff and children who are all working extremely hard to restore the school's good Ofsted rating, something that is being recognised in the community and reflected in the seven new starters who have joined us since January." Mrs Brown said she was enjoying working with St John's staff and each school had a wealth of experience and



Headteacher Fiona Brown

skills to share with the other. Headteacher of St John's School Lisa Byron also welcomed the addition of St Joseph's to the trust.

She said: "This is a really exciting time for both schools and the trust's aim is to build upon the existing strengths of the partnership so that every child is valued, supported and encouraged to develop their talents to reach their full potential."

"By working in partnership, we are stronger together and are committed to prioritising the welfare and well-being of our children. Our close working relationship will help and support pupils during their critical transition from primary to secondary education."

"The atmosphere is incredibly positive and we are all committed to providing the very best learning environment possible for our young people to flourish."

The move, supported by the Hexham and Newcastle Catholic Diocese, secured capital funding for school improvements at St Joseph's, including new windows, roofing and heating, and will also see greater opportunities for accessing training and continuous professional development for all staff. In

addition three new staff have just been appointed to start in September.

Mrs Byron said: "With new staff appointed, an enthusiastic and proactive head teacher to lead the way and the support and guidance of the Romero Catholic Education Trust, St Joseph's has a bright and exciting future ahead."

## Record for Big Spring Clean Volunteers

Thousands of residents across Durham and Darlington have given up their free time to take part in the most successful Big Spring Clean campaign to date.

Durham County Council's annual crackdown on litter is run in partnership with LitterFree Durham and Darlington Borough Council and this year saw more than 4,000 people get involved – more than ever before.

Despite a number of events being delayed because of the heavy snow, 4,123 bags of litter were collected by residents, schools, community groups and businesses between February and April, making a real difference to the local environment.

As well as blighting the environment and making areas look untidy, litter also affects natural habitats and wildlife. Big Spring Clean, which has run since 2010, encourages and supports residents, businesses and volunteers to organise litter pick activities or events to help tidy their village or town.

This year saw:

- 272 litter picks take place
- 4,131 people take part
- 5,417 volunteer hours contribute to the campaign
- 4,123 bags of litter collected in total.

Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We are delighted that more people than ever turned out to help improve their communities by taking part in a litter pick and we are very grateful to all those who gave up their free time."

"Their efforts should encourage everyone to dispose of their rubbish properly by putting it in the bin and remind the minority of people who drop litter that they are breaking the law and could be fined up to £150."

Anyone can organise a litter pick throughout the year, with more information available at [www.durham.gov.uk/litter](http://www.durham.gov.uk/litter) or by contacting the civic pride team at [civicpride@durham.gov.uk](mailto:civicpride@durham.gov.uk)

## ROLLER DERBY AT NEWTON AYCLIFFE LEISURE CENTRE

Flat Track Roller Derby is having a bumper year in the UK – from hosting the World Cup in Manchester to having not just one but five teams from the UK and Ireland playing in the Women's Flat Track Derby Association, Division 1 and 2 Playoffs in America and Europe for the 2017 season.

This continues with the British Roller Derby Championships, which originated as a tournament in 2015, and is the first British tournament that features a fluid structure for progression and development, with promotion and relegation at the end of each season.

Durham Roller Derby are now in their third season as a part of the British Championships tournament and are looking to place in their highest position yet this season as part of the WFTDA division, Tier 4 (Local) North.

Established in 2014 with only 9 members and having seen growth to upwards of 20+ members, with a cluster of teams on their doorstep, has been a real feat. But after receiving some transfers over the past two years, and development of new talent through their intake program, they have not only grown in numbers but in knowledge and skill set.



The league became UKRDA (UK roller derby association) affiliated early this year and have entered the rankings at 53rd (correct at time of writing), after playing their first sanctioned game in March.

Durham are bringing Roller Derby back to the region for their double header match day on the 16th of June in their home venue at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre and will face off against another local league, Sunderland Roller Derby, who are in their first year in the tournament.

Tickets for the day are available for purchase now via Durham Roller Derby's website and their facebook page. If you're interested in joining the league as a player or official, or if you'd like to support them as a volunteer or sponsor

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## REME MEETING

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Claire Turnbull

# Aycliffe CrossFit Bloomed in Spring

Members at local gym CrossFit All Out have been busy representing on the competition floors between Gateshead and Birmingham. On Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th March, 8 teams from All Out battled it out at the Glacier Games Thaw '18 competition, after qualifying for the event in early February. In the RX division "Guns and Buns" (Bex Shaw & Matthew Taylor) placed 34th, "The SAS" (Becky Auton and Michael Couch) placed 40th, "Team BSB" (Rachel Burnip and Richie Hackett) placed 16th, "Two Smokin' Barbells" (Carol Mohan and Sam Slaus) placed 20th, "Team Metcalfe" (Claire Dale and Michael Metcalfe) placed 45th, and "Young & Breathless" (Andrea Clarke and Paul Hilder) finished in 13th place in the over 70 combined division.

In the scaled division "Team Sloth" (Adam Innes and Ruth Burnip) placed 26th, and "Team Little and Large" (Samantha Hall and Stewart Smith) finished in 22nd place. Head Coach Terry Anderson said "this was a really great representation of the level that some of our members are now performing at. Athletes and supporters never cease to amaze us with their commitment in attending these events far and wide. For some it was their very first time competing away from the gym and it was amazing to see all teams putting in 100% effort."

## North East Affiliate League, Gateshead

The NEAL is a competition that is held monthly at CrossFit Glacier in Gateshead, allowing teams of 4 to go head to head in a number of different workouts throughout the evening. On Thursday 29th March three teams from CrossFit All Out fought for a podium spot. "Team All Out 1" consisted of Colin Wooster, Chris Knight, Gemma Whittle and Rachel Burnip.

It was fantastic to see this team being crowned runners up at the event. "Team All Out 2" (Bex Shaw, Carol Mohan, Matthew Taylor and Paul Hilder) placed 4th and "Team Last Resort" (Becky Auton, Claire Dale, Michael Couch and Sam Slaus) placed 6th. All these athletes work so hard and get such fantastic results from the sheer hard graft they put in, week in, week out! It's great to see them go ALL OUT each and every time!

Earlier this month at the May NEAL event, "Team All Out 1" (Colin Wooster, Gemma Whittle, Richie Hackett and Rachel Burnip) won both workouts, so were crowned overall winners that evening! These athletes have had links at CrossFit All Out for a number of years and at this event they played to their individual strengths as a team and dominated the competition.

Rainhill Trials, Manchester  
On Saturday 7th April 4 of our members participated in the Rainhill Spring Trials individual competition in Manchester. For all four of these members this was their first time competing outside of the gym, so it was fantastic to see them all thrive on the competition floor. In the female scaled division Janet Roote qualified for the event in 34th place and then went on to finish 15th in the final alongside Sophie Moffat who

qualified 4th and finished 6th overall. In the male scaled division Josh Burlison finished 43rd and Rod Farrow finished 36th. Josh, Rod and Sophie all managed to hit personal best lifts in the first workout which was the strength complex. Rod Farrow said "My first proper competition at the ripe old age of 46 and I hope it's not the last. Really enjoyed the experience and I would recommend anyone to have a go. You just have to make the commitment to keep trying".

## First Means Everything, Sunderland

On Saturday 14th April Chris McGeevor and Rachel Burnip took part in the First Means Everything Competition in Sunderland. For Rachel it was her first individual competition and she placed 14th, "they were really hard WODs but I loved the challenge. My best finish was 3rd in the max lift snatch workout."

The All Out support crew were awesome too". Chris finished 22nd and said "It was a great day and thanks to everyone from All Out for the support. I missed out on the final by two places but it just motivates me to work even harder next time!"

## Battle of Britain, Birmingham

On Saturday 21st April Bex Shaw, Vicki Finn Smith and Rachel Burnip all travelled down to Birmingham to compete in the Battle of Britain Throwdown competition. The level of competition was very high with some competitors from CrossFit Regionals participating. All three All Out athletes battled their way through 3 gruelling workouts to fight for a place in the final. Rachel Burnip



Bex Shaw and Rachel Burnip



Janet Roote



Josh Burlison



Vicki Finn Smith

who qualified in 90th place finished in 69th place and Bex Shaw who qualified in 87th place finished in 68th place, both of whom said they were happy just to have qualified and being able to take part in a great event. Vicki Finn Smith set a new personal best of 85KG for her hang clean-front squat- jerk complex and made it to the final where she placed 3rd but unfortunately just missed out on a podium spot and finished fourth overall. Head Coach Terry said "The girls confidently carry out all the CrossFit movements to such a high standard and fully embrace the competition experience."

It was outstanding to see them thriving in such a competitive environment and enjoying the event. I'm really proud of the effort from all of our members."



Team All Out 1 - NEAL Champions

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Compiled by  
 County Councillor John Clare

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- My report on the DCC Cabinet meeting of Wednesday 16 May.
- Great Aycliffe Town Council AGM, Wednesday 16 May.
- GAMP Board meeting, Tuesday 22 May.
- DCC is consulting on the physical, mental and social wellbeing of County Durham's LGBT+ communities.
- The Durham County News is out.
- This year's DCC Big Spring Clean was the biggest ever.
- DCC has employed extra staff to hand out fines for littering and dog fouling.
- County Durham Volunteering is helping volunteers find organisations - Market Place

- Durham, drop in 9am-3pm, Friday 1 June.
- The Stockton & Darlington Railway is to benefit from Heritage Action Zone status.
- Middridge and Woodham Village had the least crime per capita of any area in the County last year.
- Newton Aycliffe Police have responded to our PACT priorities.
- The Healthwatch County Durham AGM will be held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre, 9am, Wednesday 27 June, book on 0800 3047039.
- Still all go on the Business Park.
- Latest roadworks.

### THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- At Durham Oriental Museum (5-11s), FREE.
- Happy Hedgehogs, drop-in 1-3pm, Wednesday 30 May;
- Powerful Pots, drop-in 1-3pm, Friday 1 June (autism-friendly session, 10am-noon);
- Death Masks, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 2 June.
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- Flower Pounding, 10:30am-12:30pm, Wednesday 30 May;
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## 'JUST LOOK' AT GREENFIELD'S LATEST ART EXHIBITION

Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce their latest exhibition 'Just Look' by Tom Dudding. Tom is

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Colin opened the shop in May 2013 having been on the Market's waiting list, for a few months. Having graduated in Geology from Durham University he spent the previous 12 years as a geologist, working for a local company in Spennymoor.

He decided on a complete career change to indulge his hobby and passion in all things geological! He had never been self employed before or ever worked in the retail sector, so this was a huge step.

There used to be a similar shop in Durham, but that closed many years ago. The high rent and rates in a similar location meant that the only option (and best, as it turned out) was to open in the Indoor Market.

Colin got his foot in the door by occupying a small unit, just bigger than a wardrobe!



However, since then the shop has grown and now occupies a modest, open, unit which enables him to display specimens to good effect.

Colin told Newton News: "It's been hard work, and remains so, but well worth it. The shop stocks many items at pocket-money prices for the children, all the way up to specialist items for the serious collectors - and all in a small shop in Durham's Indoor Market.

I'm very pleased to have had the custom and support from the people of Durham, the surrounding area, and the northeast; without them the

shop would not be celebrating five years in business".

The celebration on Saturday 26th will include balloons, banners, etc, and a few giveaways for the children but mostly a big thank you to my customers.

Colin Flett: <http://www.rockandfossilshop.co.uk>  
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nurses and streamed to the most appropriate area for the care they require in our new facilities which now include 11 treatment rooms and a large separate children's waiting area.

"Of course, there will be people who don't arrive by ambulance but who we believe, following streaming, need to be seen by an Emergency Department doctor. As the two departments are co-located, we can ensure this happens as soon as possible and smoothly.

"Patients can also make appointments with the Urgent Treatment Centre, via the 111 service. This removes some of the uncertainty for patients around when they will be seen. With an appointment, they can also self-check in when they arrive - another time-saving new facility.

"We're delighted with our new facilities and the benefits they will bring for patients but would like people to consider other treatment options before attending, including community pharmacists, their own GP and the 111 service. That way, we can preserve emergency services for those who need them most."

## Law Graduate Launches Eco-Friendly Domestic Cleaning Business

Scott Dawson, from Newton Aycliffe, has embarked upon a new business venture specialising in eco-friendly domestic cleaning. Scott noticed that consideration for the products used in domestic cleaning had not been the focus of existing services offered in the local area.

The aim of his new business, named the Greener Cleaners North East Ltd, is to offer a domestic cleaning service that uses products which are non-toxic, plant based and biodegradable. As a result, customers can be assured their homes are cleaned to the highest standard whilst participating in a global challenge to change what we put into our environment.

The Greener Cleaners North East Ltd offers a range of services including regular cleaning, deep cleans and end of tenancy cleaning. To arrange a home consultation for a cleaning service tailored to your needs please call 07926054842. Please email [hello@thegreenercleaners.co.uk](mailto:hello@thegreenercleaners.co.uk) For more information visit [www.thegreenercleaners.co.uk](http://www.thegreenercleaners.co.uk)

## Birthday Remembrance

WAYNE SEAL 1st May 1970. Remembering a very special Son on his birthday. Mam, Dad, Tony, Juli, Garry, Julie, Matty and Olivia  
LINDA GRIFFITHS 31st May 1954. Always and forever you will stay in our hearts and our thoughts every day. Loved and missed so much. God bless. Ray and family.

## In Memoriam

Alan Longley

8th May 2017

In loving memory of my darling Husband. I miss you and will love you forever.  
Your devoted Wife  
Huijuan (Lily)

28th May 2017

Treasured memories of a dear Brother, Brother-in-Law and Nephew.  
John, Joy, Christine, Robert, David, Val and Auntie Joan

WAYNE SEAL Passed away, 29th May 2016, in our hearts you will always stay, you are loved and remembered every day. Mam, Dad, Tony, Julie, Garry, Julie, Matty and Olivia  
NOEL NEEDHAM Passed away peacefully on 26th May 2009. You left us so quickly, your thoughts unknown. We have golden memories, we are proud to own. Love always, Sheila and families xxxx

## Obituary

DOUGIE SINCLAIR

Suddenly, on 11th May, aged 55 years.  
Much loved partner of Andrea, loving Dad to Becci and Emily; loving Son of Albert, Alan and the late Margaret and Pat; also a much loved Brother and Uncle.  
Will family and friends please meet for a Service in The Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 1st June at 10.00am to be followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.  
Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made for "Cancer Research, Race for Life". Plate provided at the Service.

## Free Entry to Model Railway Exhibition

Shildon model railway club are to stage their annual show exhibition at Locomotion museum in Shildon on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June.

The club are proud to announce that they have secured a key exhibit that stretches over 26 feet long and 2 feet wide. The impressive structure is the work of just one person - Doug Kightley who painstakingly spent two and a half years building "The Forth Bridge".

This will be the first time this layout has been exhibited in the North East of England and one not to be missed.

Accurate models of North Queensferry and Dalmeny are at the respective ends and have tiny model trains crossing the 3mm gauge track.

The show opens to the public at 10am each day with over 20 impressive working layouts throughout the exhibition site.

Flying Scotsman will make an appearance on numerous layouts along with accurate display models of both Shildon and Billingham to name a few accompanied by the sounds and smells of a bygone era.

Trading representatives from Hornby, Bachmann and Dapol as well as respective model retailers will be in attendance from 10 am - 4.30pm each day. Parking on site and entry is totally "FREE" of charge making this a great family day out.

Throughout both days visitors can purchase "steam train ride tickets" for just £3 or an all day ticket for just £5.

On site both indoor and outdoor picnic areas as well as play areas are available throughout the Locomotion site along with Locomotion's cafe facility.

Open 10am - last entry 4.30pm - Free entry.

## A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY FRAMED



Rob with the 101 year old Poster

Rob Sowerby of Aycliffe Framers in the town centre came across a bit of local history in the form of a very old poster he was asked to frame.

The customer, Mr Tinkler, is the son in law of Kathleen Rutherford. The poster was

found after being "put away for safe keeping" and Mrs Rutherford decided it needed to be framed after she had so much contact about it from different people.

Rob received the poster into his shop realising it was an

original and very fragile. He framed and sealed the poster into the frame without any fastening to maintain its originality. It required a deal of great care to ensure the creases and folds were straightened as carefully as possible without causing any further damage.

The customer has contacted the local "What's Happening in Eldon" Facebook page and has numerous contacts because of it and seems to have made connections with families from the past that weren't aware of each other.

## Congratulations

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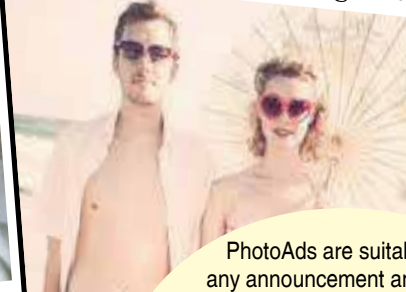
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# Ayclife F.C. Up in Lights



Wembley lit in the royal blue colours of Newton Aycliffe FC

Ahead of last weekend's Emirates FA Cup Final, Wembley Stadium lit up its iconic arch in the colours of all 737 teams to play in the competition this season, including Newton Aycliffe F.C.

737 teams from Step 6 of the National League system through to the Premier League took part

in the 137th edition of the world's oldest domestic cup competition, involving over 11,000 players and resulting in over 3,000 goals.

Days before the showpiece Final which was played at Wembley Stadium connected by EE, the stadium's arch and big screen lit up to celebrate

every one of the clubs, from the 370 who started in the Extra Preliminary Round in early August through to the two Premier League finalists, Chelsea & Manchester Utd, who battled it out for the trophy last weekend with Antonio Conte's Blues emerging victorious.

Meanwhile Newton Aycliffe will be celebrating the end of the season with their Presentation Night at the Sports Club in Moore Lane on Friday 8 June @ 7:30pm. Featuring music from band "Another Crisis"

Admission is just £3 on the door with Season Ticket holders free. There will also be a special offer of 2 pints for £5 on selected lager beers before 9pm.

## Ladies Free Golf Taster

A FREE LADIES GOLF TASTER LESSON is planned for SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 1pm - 2pm, Equipment supplied. More details from Ernie Wilson, Woodham Golf & Country Club. Telephone: 01325 319977 E-mail: woodhamproshop@googlemail.com

## Help Needed at Western Area Community House

Dear Sir,

The power of Newton News came to the aid of the Food Bank recently and I wonder if you could help us with our project?

We are having the Western Area Community House painted outside, grass tidied up, seats and window security bars painted etc.

We are wanting a firm if possible to supply (loan) us equipment scaffolding to safely reach the top windows. We also welcome any firm on the Business Park who may sponsor us to do this spruce up.

Our funding is limited as the families in this area don't often have trips away so our money goes mainly to make sure families enjoy a day out.

We also would like anyone who has ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS to put in our hanging baskets at Silverdale Centre as we did last year. Just ring 07967 901477 or 01325 308094 and we will collect them or please leave them at the community house. We are there every Tuesday morning Monday afternoon and Thursday. Thank You Dorothy Bowman.

**Aycliffe C.C.**

**CRICKET SCOREBOARD**

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had a mixed weekend, losing on Saturday and then bouncing straight back with a maximum points victory on Sunday.

On the Saturday they lost by four wickets away at Rockcliffe Park 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Asked to bat first, Aycliffe were bowled out for a below par 132 after 34.2 overs despite good innings from Dan Craggs (38 runs), Sam Telford (23 runs) and Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Dean and Tina Greaves) with 14 runs. Lewis Gimple (3 for 29) and Patrick Howe (2 for 36) bowled well for Aycliffe but were unable to prevent the homieside from reaching their victory target after 44.2 overs. On the Sunday the firsts travelled to Hartlepool 2nd XI and came out on top by 85 runs. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe scored a superb 215 for 9 in their 50 overs thanks to some excellent batting from Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne & Bob Wood), who top scored with 58, Adam Gittins scored 53 and Chris Palmer scored 38.

When the homieside replied they found the Howe brothers in fantastic form with Patrick taking a seasons best 6 for 40 and older brother Michael taking 3 for 44 as Hartlepool were bowled out for 130 after 41.3 overs.

The 2nd team were comprehensively beaten by 131 runs at home to Rockcliffe Park 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. The visitors chose to bat first and scored 172 for 9 from their 40 overs despite some outstanding bowling from 17 year old Dylan Tribbley who finished with career best figures of 6 wickets for 29 runs from his seven over spell. In reply Aycliffe batted poorly and were dismissed for just 41 after 21.3 overs with only Danny Weldon managing double figures when he scored 14 from 24 balls including three boundaries.

The U17's began their season with a seven wicket home defeat to Sedgfield in the first round of the NYSD Junior



U11's Team 2018

League Cup. Batting first, Aycliffe scored a respectable 99 for 6 in their 20 overs thanks to openers Ryan Patrick (sponsored by A\* Bathrooms) and Dan Bowmer, who both scored 33 runs. In reply the visitors comfortably reached their winning target after 16.3 overs with Lucas Pilling taking 2 for 15 for Aycliffe.

Despite an improved performance, the u15's lost at home to Richmond by five wickets. Batting first Aycliffe scored 68 for 8 in their 20 overs with good contributions from captain Lucas Pilling (16 runs) and Kyle Cuthbertson (13 runs). In reply Richmond reached their winning target in the 16th over despite two wickets each for all rounder Pilling and Harry Wright. The U11's won their

second game of the season in a mightily impressive performance by a massive 127 runs at home to Barnard Castle in the NYACC League. There were outstanding innings for Aycliffe from Thomas Dearden and Harrison Pearson, who both finished unbeaten with 24 runs each. Talented all rounder Dearden then followed that up with an amazing spell of bowling during which he took a career best 5 wickets for no runs, including a hat-trick and he was given brilliant support from Joe Ingman who also took a career best 4 for 8. Special mention must also go to AJ Wild, who marked his debut for Aycliffe with an excellent bit of fielding to run out one of the opposition batsman. Photo above of the victorious u11's team.

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## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was yet another busy weekend for the members last weekend and it is clear that race season is well underway.

The weekend began again with the Saturday Parkrun which saw some members obtain new PB's At Sedgfield Parkrun. They were Gemma Holland with 26.36, Kathleen Tonge with 27.40 and Jan McLuckie with 34.14.

On Sunday two members participated in the Durham Trail 10 mile race and whilst described as tough they said that they really enjoyed it and were recommending it for next year. Andrew Lumley completed this in 1:41:10 closely followed by John Heywood in 1:42:26.

Two other members attended the Daisy Dash 5k which took place in the grounds of Wynyard. This had all kinds of surface but was made longer when the lead runner went the wrong way and everybody followed adding

on approximately half a mile to the route! Their times for this were : Eve Doe in 41.49 and Jan McLuckie in 45.52. There was then a very strong attendance of runners at Sunderland where they participated in both the 10k and Half Marathon races. Results were : 10k - R Holland 42.26, Rob Young 43.13, Alan Wilks, 45.50, Trish Kay 49.19, Sam Baronowski 1.12.40, Lisa Dowell 1.17.00 and CarrieAnn Ingledew 1.17.00. Half Marathon : Paul Dalton 1.26.52, Christine Mudd 1.35.55, Dave Blewitt, 1.40.08, Rob Nicholson 1.47.15, Susan Rees 1.48.33, Wendy Bake 1.57.40, Ian Baronowski 1.59.06, Heather Fenwick 2.01.37, Gemma Holland 2.05.09, Richard Tonge 2.06.45, Lindsey Brown 2.07.30, Michael O'Sullivan 2.13.33, Susan Clark 2.19.33. Well done all on another successful weekend of racing.

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