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Stiller - Aycliffe's Company of the Year

The boss of Stiller Warehousing and Distribution says investing in young people has been crucial in the firm's success after the third-generation family firm was named Aycliffe Business Park's Company of the Year.

Despite spending £9m on four new developments at its 22-acre site in Aycliffe and a fleet of new vehicles over the last four years, Stiller's managing director Matthew Stiller insists it's the time and resources the firm has put into developing young staff which has paid the most dividends. Stiller was named Company of the Year at Aycliffe Business Park's fourth annual Make Your Mark awards ceremony, attended by more than 200 people at the Xcel Centre.

Matthew Stiller, who took over the firm's leading role from his father Paul in 2017, praised the quality of other candidates during the awards competition.

"I thought the ceremony really celebrated apprenticeships throughout which was fantastic to see," he said.

"I've had the pleasure of seeing quite a number of newly recruited apprentices walk through the door like Bambi on their first day, and they're effectively running our business now 10 years later. It's really gratifying to see that in a decade of working



within the family firm.

"You've just got to keep piling time, energy and resources into young people, through apprenticeship schemes, and you know that will eventually bear fruit further down the road."

Stiller was formed by former prisoner of war veteran Gunter Stiller in 1954 and he handed the company to his son Paul in 1985, who led the firm for 32 years and guided it through history's worst-ever recession.

The firm, which is due to open a new £2m freight distribution centre on Aycliffe Business Park in July, pipped leading shower manufacturer Roman and Arlington Automotive – two firms which are larger than Stiller in terms of workforce and turnover – to win the Aycliffe Company of the Year award.

Mr Stiller added: "Roman and Arlington are both exceptional companies, and we can only hope to grow our business to the size of them one day."

"There's been a lot of very hard work done by a lot of people at Stiller over the last few years and it's great to have been able to share in some of the success of so many companies on the business park and in the North-East."

"When you work in the high-pressure environment of the logistics industry, everything happens so quickly, with next day delivery and all the work and pressures associated with that, so you need to go about your day with good humour

and good nature to enjoy it, but also to marry that up with pragmatic thinking.

"That helps to build a strong team and get the job done. Winning this award is a special moment for the company and we're absolutely thrilled."

Stiller's award was handed over by Business Durham managing director Brian Archer. Mr Archer said: "These awards really demonstrate that Aycliffe Business Park is somewhere that is making its mark."

"The latest developments at Forrest Park will see the business park continue to grow and ensure not only its importance to the local economy, but its regional and national significance."

"Stiller is a fantastic example of a company that has grown and thrived in County Durham, showing great resilience in the highly competitive logistics sector."

"The company's investment in innovation and in its future workforce is sure to set them in good stead for continued success and growth."

Other award winners during Make Your Mark 2017-18 were: Apprenticeships & Training (sponsored by Gestamp Tallent): South West Durham Training. Newcomer (sponsored by Fleet Recruitment): Pixel Media. Service Business (sponsored by Logico): Eldon Financial. Engineering & Manufacturing (sponsored by CDEM): Roman. Employer (sponsored by Handelsbanken): Arlington Automotive. Small Business (sponsored by Maven Capital Partners): M5tec. Innovation (sponsored by Teesside University): Excelpoint. Export (sponsored by Ebac): Crafter's Companion. Apprentice (sponsored by Razorblue): Kaylee McNally, Arlington Automotive. Heart of the Community (sponsored by Endeavour Partnership): Planet Leisure. Aycliffe Ambassador: John Parnell.

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New County Council Chairman and Youngest Vice Chairperson

A new Chairman and Vice Chairman have taken on the chains of office at Durham County Council. Cllr John Lethbridge was elected Chairman at the council's annual meeting, held today at County Hall. He takes over from retiring

Chairman Cllr Bill Kellett. He will be assisted in his official duties over the coming year by Vice Chairman Cllr Katie Corrigan, who, at the age of 26, is believed to be the authority's youngest vice Chairman.

Cllr Lethbridge, who represents the Woodhouse Close ward, has been a county councillor since 2004 and has also served on Wear Valley District Council and Bishop Auckland Town Council.

A former pupil of Broompark and Bowburn junior schools and Durham Johnston Grammar School, Cllr Lethbridge has a BA in Arts from the Open University and a Master's in Education from Newcastle University. He qualified as a teacher in 1967 and spent his teaching career at Sedgefield Secondary Modern School until retiring in 2002.

Cllr Lethbridge, who will also serve as Mayor of Durham, is married to Sandra and has a son and daughter and two grandchildren.

His chosen charity for his year in office is the Royal British Legion.

John said: "I'm honoured to be elected to serve as Chairman and represent the county council. I'm very much looking forward to spending the next 12 months meeting residents, promoting our wonderful county and raising money for my chosen charity."

Cllr Corrigan has represented the Belmont ward since being elected to the county council in 2013. She has also served on Belmont Parish Council, representing the Carrville ward from 2013 to 2017. She has a BA in Sociology and Politics from the University of Sunderland and worked for Belmont Community Association for five years assisting with the administration and running of the organisation across two sites.



Chairman John Lethbridge



Deputy Katie Corrigan

Razing Cash for MIND



Leading British shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, recently held a head shaving fundraiser for the charity MIND.

Matthew Brown, an apprentice at Roman, had his head shaved in front of colleagues in Roman's manufacturing plant. Matthew started an Engineering apprenticeship in September 2017 and undertakes this with SWDT on Aycliffe Business Park.

Matthew wanted to do something to raise money for the MIND charity as members of his family have been affected by mental illness.

Matthew raised nearly £400 for the charity MIND who provides

advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. Matthew Brown commented: "I have always wanted to do

something to raise awareness and funds for MIND charity as I have close family who have been affected by mental illness. Everyone knows how much I love my hair, so I decided to get it all shaved off to see how much money I could raise."

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Tuesday 12th	Kids Disco, 5pm-8pm, £1 on the door
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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
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Friday 29th	to be confirmed
Friday 29th	Upstairs Soul Sessions - Free Entry
Saturday 30th	Disco Night - Tickets £2.50 or £3 on the door

Royal Celebration



Dear Sir

I was walking along Honister Place in Newton Aycliffe when I noticed this garden that has been done out ready to celebrate the Royal wedding. This is the first property I have seen around here that has put up flags and bunting. This to me shows real British spirit when it comes to our Royal Family so I thought I would share with you some of the pictures I took as I walked past.

A lot of people have been looking for flags and bunting but nowhere seems to be selling it, so it's nice to see someone managed to get hold of some and do this - makes me proud to be British.

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Saturday 2nd June - "Hope City Rockers"

Gigit review: "We headed to The Fox Cover in Ashington to see a new band for us, a band we have had in the listings for a while now and who's set-list was one that we quite fancied. Although we arrived shortly after they had gone off stage, we were very impressed from the start with some great songs that are not usually seen on a night out, including Aerosmith, Shinedown and Blackstone Cherry amongst others. The band were very tight and the vocals were top class and Adam has a superb range that enables him to cover a vast collection of songs with The Darkness being pitch perfect and a very impressive vocal performance in the two Guns 'n' Roses songs. The second set reverted back to classic rock with songs from Steppenwolf, Motorhead, AC/DC, The Who, Led Zeppelin and more. The band perform each song extremely well and are not afraid to have some banter with the crowd and quite often Lee wandered through the crowd with either guitar in hand or mic when he set off to find various patrons to join in with Green Day. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining night and certainly a band that we'll happily return to see and would recommend to everyone."

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H.M. Lord-Lieutenant Visits UTC Students

UTC South Durham welcomed Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant to their site this week to highlight how they are tackling the engineering skills gap right here in the North East. Mrs Sue Snowdon, the Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, was shown around the state of the art facilities by UTC students and met with local employers that are engaged with the students for real industry led projects. UTC South Durham's Business Engagement Manager, Catherine Purvis-Mawson said, "To be able to welcome Her Majesty's representative here to UTC South Durham was very special for us. We are currently in the year of engineering and what better way to show off our students, our facilities and how we



hope to help young people engineer their futures."

When asked about the Lord-Lieutenant's work with young people in the region Catherine added, "Mrs Snowdon is a great ambassador for young people in the North East and it was an honour to have her here to see what we do, why we are different to other educational settings and how we, alongside our industry partners, hope to inspire the next generation of engineers."

Commenting on her visit, Mrs Snowdon said, "I was so impressed with the UTC and its students. The quality and diversity of the facilities and courses offered to the students are first class, as are the strong links, which the college has forged with the business community. UTC South Durham offers a hands on education where students are given opportunities to learn from industry experts and work with some of the most established and respected companies locally

and globally. It is an ideal vehicle for those young people who want to pursue a career in manufacturing and engineering, helping them get ready for the world of work and will certainly make a significant contribution to tackling the skills gap. UTC is an excellent facility."

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Ann Dixon, a volunteer walk leader at Esh Winning, said she has seen many participants greatly improve their wellbeing and fitness as well as making new friendships.

"I've been a leader for about four and a half years and it's a real privilege to be involved in an activity which helps people with their physical and general health. It's great to see people of all abilities spending time together and enjoying each other's company, all while making the most of the stunning countryside we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep" she said.

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Speak to Livin

Dear Sir,
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Livin's Consultation a Joke

Dear Sir,
Livin have proclaimed in both the Newton News and the Northern Echo that they are listening to the residents of West Ward. They have a team of specialists on hand to offer help and support. But are they really listening? Have they answered any of the questions/concerns raised by residents? NO!

In fact after reading the article in the 9th May Northern Echo, we are left with more questions and more confusion.

In the Newton News, Livin state they knew the estate was experiencing problems including high levels of anti social behaviour, low demand for homes, high levels of deprivation, low property values and poor run down play areas. But this doesn't stand up to scrutiny so where have they got their information from?

The actual figures show very low recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour for each street. The data was obtained from crime-statistics.co.uk using postcode DL5 7DT which is the postcode for Eskdale Place.

The photo shows one of two play areas in the West Ward which are not run down as Livin say, but in fact are well maintained, clean and tidy.

They mention high levels of deprivation but this isn't exactly true either, yes, it is a poorer part of town but it is no worse than many other



areas of Newton Aycliffe. And also if this social cleansing is allowed to go ahead what impact would that have on the local economy? The people who live there aren't rich but they are the people who work in the care homes, hospitals, delivery drivers, Tesco staff, office workers, cleaners, mechanics, taxi drivers etc. If all these people are forced out of the town who will do these jobs, and what effect will it have on the town?

Alan Boddy, director of operations for Livin stated in May 9th Echo: "In recent weeks, there has been significant discussion about the future of the Western Estate in Newton Aycliffe. Some of this has been factual and correct but unfortunately some of it has been misrepresentative and upsetting."

Now when I read this I nearly choked on my cup of tea, but I am assuming that the factual and correct part refers to the Newton News,

GARA, Arun Chandrun, and the concerned residents, and the misrepresentative and upsetting refers to Livin.

Mr. Boddy went on to say "There are of course other options for residents to choose – option two involves partial demolition and option one involves some environmental and property improvements."

This of course is news to us! So having read the article in the Echo can Livin please explain just what they mean by partial demolition in option 2, as up until then there is no mention of demolition anywhere in Option 2.

Can Livin also explain just what areas are the magnets for antisocial behaviour and provide data to back it up.

This consultation is a joke, it is a waste of government money and a blatant attempt to profit from the poor, the low paid, the elderly and the sick. In fact in my opinion Livin should be made to pay back every damned penny.

Name and address supplied

LATVIAN CELLIST CONCERT



On Friday, 15th June at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's Church at South Church, the third in Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2018 Concert Series features Latvian cellist, Kristiana Ignatjeva with Sven Heinoja at the Steinway piano. Kristiana is currently studying at the Royal College of Music with Professor Melissa Phelps. She has won many national and international awards for her playing and has recently been the recipient of the Muriel Taylor Scholarship. In addition, Kristiana is the winner of the First Prize and Unaccompanied Bach Prize at the Violoncello Competition at the Royal College of Music. Together with Sven at the piano, she will perform work by Beethoven, Franck, Prokofiev and Piazzolla. Tickets £13.50 (£15 on the door). Available from Brotherton's Music, Newgate Street or from Brian Varley (01388) 606075

AYCLIFFE DANCERS REACH NATIONWIDE FINALS

Pupils of South Durham School of Dance have done exceptionally well in their recent IDTA North East regional competition, with lots of pupils qualifying for the IDTA Nationwide Finals in Blackpool this coming November.

The North East area is one of the largest and strongest competitive areas for dancing in the whole of the country and Caroline Race, Principal of South Durham School of Dance based in the town said 'The competition was really tough, across all categories. With some qualifying heats containing more than 75

other dancers, with lots of rounds, so it was a massive achievement just to make the final 12 who would then go on to represent the North East at the finals, at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. I was really proud to see so many of my pupils not only reach this final 12 and qualify, but to see so many achieve top placing in the finals, including overall winners, was truly exceptional. I am one very proud dance teacher!'

South Durham School of Dance holds dance classes in Freestyle, Street, Ballet, Tap, Slow Lyrical, Acro and Flexibility. If anyone



Pupils who qualified for the IDTA Nationwide finals in Blackpool in November (back row, left to right) Anna Shaw, Reegan Smith, Kalya Shaw, Caroline Race (Principal), Drew Shaw, Abbie Kennedy, Alicia Simpson, (Middle row, left to right) Kianna Stewart, Amy Dolan, Gracie Nunn, Alesha Ross, Laycee-Lee Henderson, Alex Stubbs, Tyla Reed, (Front row, left to right) Molly Ross, Naomi Harrison, Faith Small and Layla Thompson.



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An MND Clinic has been opened at St. Teresa's Hospice in Darlington to save patients in our area having to travel long distances to hospital. St. Teresa's staff are delighted to be associated with MAD Choir and thank them most sincerely for thinking of people with this life threatening disease and



Left, Evelyn Lodge
Musical Director with
Founder Sonia Scott

helping them to care for their patients. If you haven't been to a Concert by the MAD Choir please take this opportunity at only £5 admission and have a great night out with music for all tastes, at the Big Club, with all their great facilities and a bar. For tickets ring Sonia on 310991 or call in and buy them at Woodham Community Centre.

KEEP GOING PHIL!

Dear Sir
With reference to a letter in the Newton News dated 25th May written by A. Welsh. I would like to correct one or two "facts".
His admiration for Jacob Reese-Mogg is commendable but he needs to be aware that Somerset North East, (Reese-Mogg's constituency) voted to remain as did Maidenhead, Theresa May's constituency. Reese-Mogg has also against protecting the climate, abortion in any case, (including rape) including the use of emergency contraception. He is also anti same sex marriage. He is however pro zero hour contracts and thinks food banks are used by people simply because they can. The same people could get out of poverty by getting a job. His religious beliefs come before everything else. He has now said that the UK could re-join Europe after Brexit. Which makes it all pointless.
I am happy to have an MP who realises that a referendum isn't an election and is giving people a chance to change their minds now that they know the cost of proceeding, especially the money that will have to be paid to the EU when we will no longer have a vote and open borders if we still want to trade with the largest trades in the world. There are many reasons for distrusting the result of the referendum. Keep going Phil Wilson, I wish your leader had the same strength of character. Shelagh McFarlane

KITCHEN AND BEDROOM COMPANY OPENS IN AYCLIFFE

Established in September 2017, Parkin and Denwood has had a fantastic start to the year. The business was purchased by Darren Marsden and relaunched under the new name of Parkin and Denwood. With ambitious plans and aspirations of creating a recognised brand within the home interest market, Darren has invested heavily in the manufacturing operation and has recently launched a marketing strategy to establish the brand within the UK market. The manufacturing facility is now a modern high-tech facility enabling bespoke products to be manufactured to the highest of quality.

Parkin and Denwood manufacture luxury aspirational kitchens, fitted bedroom furniture and bespoke storage solutions. Their skilled craftsmanship enables them to offer stunning bespoke products designed to fit today discerning client's lifestyle. Whether you are looking for a modern or traditional look, Parkin and Denwood create bespoke products of any style or size, even stunning curved options and for the ultimate style statement, you can choose any colour to achieve your dream finish. As a full-service company, Parkin and Denwood handle every stage of a renovation from planning and design, to remodel and installation. Their design professionals work with a client's budget and style preference to



Darren Marsden, Managing Director

design a kitchen, fitted bedroom or storage solution to meet the client's needs. They utilise the latest in design software to create bespoke products which perfectly and ergonomically fit client's requirements. The design team and skilled workforce ensure all the products are built to last. To meet the ever-increasing demands of the home interest market, Parkin and Denwood has established a distribution network that can supply and meet the requirements of the end consumer, interior designer, architect and house builder. Due to the bespoke nature of their products they have the freedom to design for every

lifestyle and budget.

To showcase their stunning products, a stylish new showroom has opened to the public on Aycliffe Business Park, County Durham. Featuring the latest kitchens, fitted bedroom furniture and storage solutions, the showroom is based next to the manufacturing facility and is open to the public five days a week, or by appointment on weekends. In a statement from Darren Marsden, Managing Director, he said, "The Company is going from strength to strength. We have already developed a national retailer network to distribute our stunning bespoke products. The opening of

the showroom in Newton Aycliffe is the first of plans to roll out other showrooms nationally under the Parkin and Denwood brand. It is an exciting time for Parkin and Denwood. We spent the initial six months focused on developing the factory into a quality manufacturing facility. 2018, has seen us focus on our customer offering, the new showroom showcases a selection of our best products. Our ultimate aim is to show that stunning quality kitchens and bespoke fitted furniture can be both beautiful and affordable."

To see the beautiful collection of inspired handcrafted kitchens, fitted bedroom furniture and storage solutions from Parkin and Denwood visit their stunning new showroom in Newton Aycliffe. Alternatively, visit their website www.parkinanddenwoodltd.co.uk or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Councillors' Surgeries

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jim Atkinson will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 9th June from 11am - 12 noon.

MAD Community Choir Newton Aycliffe

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HMRC do not ring to talk to anyone about their tax, so disregard the calls. You can call HMRC to report this scam on 0300 1232040.

MEET THE MAYOR

The newly elected Town Mayor for the 2018-2019 year is Councillor John Clark. He has lived and worked the majority of his life in Newton Aycliffe and represented the Simpasture Ward for the last 5 years on Great Aycliffe Town Council.



John is employed in the Education sector, helping local people enter sustainable work with local businesses to both prosper themselves and the community of Newton Aycliffe.

John told Newton News: "I am honoured to have been elected to serve as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe for the coming year and will endeavour to always promote our great town to the best of my ability and respect and follow the wishes of the people who have voted for me to represent them on the council."

"My aims are to better the town of Newton Aycliffe for the benefit of its residents and the local area. Thank you all for your faith in me." Councillor Clark thanked the Council for his appointment and announced that his nominated charity for his term of office would be the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

BISHOP AUCKLAND HOST 1940's EVENT

Bishop Auckland will be transported back to an era of wartime rationing, tea dresses and swing dancing when the Bishop Auckland Town Team hosts its first ever 1940s event.

There will be a selection of Military Vehicles on display along with LIVE performances from The Fenner Sisters. The local Sound Waves Community Choir will join in with some vintage classics and the Sandra Welsh School of Dance will be performing some dance routines.

Nigel Bryson said; "We are always looking at new events to add to our existing events programme which all help to bring footfall into the town centre. We know 1940s events are really popular in places like Barnard Castle and Pickering, and it would be fantastic to recreate that here in Bishop Auckland."

Lee Brownson added; "Several local businesses around the town are joining in the theme by decorating their shop windows and dressing up in 1940s costume. The public are invited to dress up for the occasion and join us in the Market Place for a trip down memory lane!" The event is on Saturday 9th June in Bishop Auckland Market Place



between 10.00am and 4.00pm, sponsored by the Bishop Auckland Town Council. For more information visit

the Bishop Auckland Town Team's facebook page or visit the website - www.bishopaucklandtownteam.org

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Great Aycliffe Parish Meeting

Report Copied from Counc. Clare's Facebook Page

The Parish meeting is not a Council meeting but a meeting of the people and, even if councillors go along, they attend only as electors, not as councillors.

The Mayor is required to tell the residents what the Council has done in the past year, and the residents have the right to ask questions and make criticisms.

Not only that, but the Parish meeting has the right to pass motions telling the Town Council what they want it to do - the motions are 'persuasive' only (the Town Council is not legally required to do as the Parish meeting asks) ... but a Town Council would ignore such decisions at its peril.

So, with the power to reject the Mayor's report, and the power to ask the Town Council to consider its decisions, the Parish meeting is a powerful body. It could be whole-town democracy in action. It is the meeting when the electors could hold the Town Council to account.

The Mayor's Report is a relatively short account of what the Town Council did last year printed below for your information.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

During 2017/18 – the Council has continued to provide services to residents of Great Aycliffe. The coming year and years to come will be challenging due to decreases in finance available. The Council will need to review what services it currently offers and how they are delivered.

ENVIRONMENT

The Town Council continues to:

- Deliver a comprehensive programme of activities for schools, community groups and public events during school holidays.
- Deliver Environment Week, which involves visiting the primary schools in the town, giving them an interactive presentation on litter and then giving them the chance to take part in a litter pick in their local community.
- Facilitate community groups such as local scout, guides and Friends groups.
- Deliver a licence agreement with Durham County Council to operate and maintain areas of land and woodland which form part of the Great Aycliffe Way.
- Provide over 200 allotment sites, including provision for pigeons and hens poultry. These sites are located at: Clarence Chare, Finchale Road, St. Oswalds, Aycliffe Village and Byerley Park
- Provide and maintain 2 cemeteries at West Cemetery and Stephenson Way, and a burial service for St. Andrews Church in Aycliffe Village.
- Facilitate the introduction of bee keeping plots at St Oswald's – this is proving very popular and consideration is being given to other appropriate allotment sites.

LEISURE

Leisure facilities have formed a major part of the Councils provision over the years, this has continued in recent times with a high standard of maintenance and ongoing development of 8 very different parks, all with their own character. These are found around the town at:

Moore Lane, St. Oswalds, Town Centre Park, Horndale, Simpature Park, West Park, Byerley Park and Woodham As well as on the parks mentioned above, modern and well maintained play areas are located at: Oakleaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe, Aycliffe Village and Scott Place.

• New facilities including a MUGA and play equipment have been planned and consulted on. These will be developed in July 2018 on the site of an existing play area at Cobbler's Hall/Burn Lane.

• A challenging well-manicured 18 hole golf course.

• An 18 bay flood lit golf driving range.

• A Sports Complex providing a sports hall, 4 squash courts, indoor bowls, function room and a bar and catering service. The Sports Complex is home to Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club and Aycliffe Squash Club.

The Sports Complex also provides a number of activity sessions for both adults and children.

• Provides 6 football pitches and changing facilities at 3 sites: Sports Complex, Simpature and Moore Lane.

The Park Patrol Service is also a key service which provides an out of hour's service to monitor and safeguard the Council's assets and its users.

The Council also continue to provide a series of annual leisure events such as:

- Festival Programme of events
- Senior Citizen Excursions
- Fireworks display
- Fun in the Parks

- Santa Tours and letters

The Council also supports events run by local organisations such as the 10K Fun Run.

An ongoing programme of safety surface repairs has continued to ensure play areas are safe for use.

The Council continues to invest in play provision. A new play area is planned to replace part of the Aycliffe Village play provision in 2018-19.

PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE

The Council provides a Pre-School Learning Centre located in St. Oswald's Park which is currently registered for 40 places for 3-year olds.

The Council has invested in the provision of a new two-year old setting 'Tots in the Park', offering 12 places, morning and afternoon, 5 days per week.

A programme of training and support for staff has been undertaken to ensure that the best service to children is provided.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council have considered a number of grants and have awarded a total sum of £525

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan received an overwhelming 'Yes' vote of 91.2% at public referendum last June and is now considered as a supplementary planning document. It has already been referred to in a number of test cases.

COUNCIL GRANTS / DONATIONS

The Council considered applications for Grants and the following were agreed and paid out over the year 2017/2018.

- Akari Care Home £75
- Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe £150
- Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group £52
- Great North Air Ambulance £350

CAPITAL WORKS

The Council has continued to develop its Asset Management Plan in order to keep the Councils buildings and assets up to a required standard.

A replacement programme of Council works department vehicles to ensure vehicles and machinery are available to undertake services.

NEWSLETTER

The Council produces four newsletters each year in order to keep the public advised of current activities, services and events. The newsletter give information on the Council's budgets and annual report.

COUNCIL FINANCES

The 2017/18 year has seen further improvement in the Council's already sound financial situation.

The Council received yet another clean bill of health from its external auditors, made savings of more than £180,000 on its Revenue Budget, invested nearly £185,000 £200,000 in Council and community assets, and increased its balances and reserves to £1.265 million.

This all means that the Council is beginning the new financial year in good financial health and has a strong foundation on which to build as it looks ahead to what is likely to be a challenging future.

The Council faces some significant financial challenges in the medium term, with the biggest risks being the ongoing cuts that are being made to the Council Tax Support Grant funding on which the Council is reliant, the ongoing increases to the National Living Wage which is putting pressure on the Council's pay bill.

So while the Council is starting from a strong financial position, in the longer term the process of achieving a balanced Revenue Budget is likely to become increasingly difficult, while balances and reserves will undoubtedly fall as potentially significant capital investment requirements are funded. The Council is currently in the process of updating its Medium Term Financial Plan, which aims to put in place a strategy to manage the financial impact of the challenges faced, protect services, maintain balances, reserves keeping council tax increases as low as possible over the next few years.

Supporting our M.P.

Dear Sir
I find the news that Phil

Wilson and other local MP's are supporting a referendum on the Brexit deal.

I find it laughable that some Brexiteers say that this would be a betrayal of democracy, which to me it is quite the opposite!

Brexit is too big a decision to be solely decided on one vote. I was against the referendum in the first place and I'm sure I was not alone in this.

The referendum gives the public a chance to fully scrutinise whatever deal is provided by our hapless government and then make a fully informed decision on the EU rather than voting blind and on false promises and hypothetical scenarios. It seems to me to be a no-brainer! This is Democracy!
Kane Shaw

Livin Cause Great Anxiety

Sir
I write this letter in a state of anxiety. I purchased my house in the Williamfield Area in July 2017 not knowing anything about any future plans for demolishing the said property. Nor did the Land Registry or Estate Agents.

In August 2017 I went to a meeting at PCP Centre and I brought up to the Representatives of Livin that I had heard there was a plan afoot to demolish all houses in my area and rebuild. They denied all knowledge of this.

It would appear that persons giving information are not fully briefed on any plans. In September I attended a meeting in Whinlatter Place where the proposal 3 was put forward and was told this was their preferred plan, I was then asked who had told me about the plan in August.

It would appear that the people who have visited my home have no idea what is to happen to residents of the area.

Could Livin confirm or deny that they are associated with Livin Developments Ltd., who I believe have built houses in conjunction with private companies in the past.

No private companies do anything without reward.

So Livin, please state which private investors you had in mind in 2014 and now.

Also I am yet to hear from our County Councillors for this ward, neither of whom I am given to understand live in the ward.

Also I would like to hear from Councillor Clare who I am sure will remember the two proposals in the 1980's from Durham County Council to close Greenfield

Comprehensive where he was a teacher (perhaps we saved his job.)

These decisions according to the then Chairman of D.C.C. Education Dept. Councillor Tarrens were taken at the Policy and Resources Committee of the council behind close doors. It would now appear that many matters are decided by the Executive in secret. To me, anything that concerns me should be held in public and published in local press

How much land does DCC own which it would sell to Livin. They should remember it is not their land but owned by the people and so the people should be consulted on this.

I live in an area surrounded by trees, woods and green

areas and a very large and well maintained Park with lakes. It is quiet and peaceful, how many private estates can boast this. I am over 70 years old and could well do without this stress and worry.

I notice that Livin has not really answered any of GARA's questions but then they are very good at prevaricating on subjects

A combination of Proposals 1 and 2 would perhaps be a better result and if Livin can't do this I suggest that they just drop the whole idea.

I was told that York Hill at Spennymoor had been a great success, how many houses were demolished there or were they all regenerated.

Name and address supplied

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Michelle Mason submitted this cute photograph of her border collies Skye, Tess and Roxy enjoying their walk along Woodham Burn and framing the Town Council's Queen's Jubilee plaque. Please send you favourite photo to: syd@newtonnews.co.uk

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Aycliffe Company's Achievement Award



Parkin and Denwood a new company on Aycliffe Business Park has recently been recognised for the investment and opportunities given to young people, and have received an achievement award. They have been recognised as Winners in 2018 in the category of Small Business. Director Darren Marsden said: "I am extremely proud of what we have achieved in such a short time, but I completely recognise that none of this would be possible without our dedicated customers. I would like to give them a special thank you, as without them we would not have the business we have today".

Kalma Baby Classes

Lucy Ellis from School Aycliffe has started a new business in the area covering Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, Sedgfield and Wynyard.

A few months ago Lucy had her first child and naturally wanted to spend time with her daughter but returning to her career as a full-time primary school teacher in Aycliffe meant there was insufficient time to do that.

After taking her daughter to a Kalma Baby yoga class in Durham since she was just six weeks old and seeing how it has helped her development enormously, Lucy decided to leave teaching to set up the Kalma Baby yoga business in Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, Sedgfield and Wynyard.

Kalma Baby is home to Developmental Massage Baby yoga, Toddler yoga, Pre-school and Junior yoga through a variety of classes from six weeks old up to 12 years. These unique sessions make yoga and massage fun with serious developmental benefits and are taught in a safe and stimulating environment. A beautiful world of therapies await your child with Kalma Baby which are devoted to aiding their development. Sessions are kept engaging with the use of singing, music and sensory. They are structured following Early Years Foundation Stage, the National Curriculum and Special Educational Needs which bring the peace of mind your child will reap the benefits of a healthy mind and body whilst learning.

The benefits you can expect your children to gain through yoga are helping to develop gross motor skills, promoting deeper sleeping patterns, better coordination, body awareness and confidence along with balance and flexibility to name a few!

Lucy will kick off with a FREE taster class for babies from six weeks old to crawling which will take place on Wednesday 6th June from 10:00 to 10:45 in St Mary's Church Hall on Burn Lane (opposite Tesco). Classes for older children will follow shortly.

To reserve your FREE place, please book online at www.kalmapractice.co.uk/Darlington/ or give Lucy a call on 07738 853198.

Follow KalmaBaby on Facebook:

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Aycliffe Company Made Aware of Mental Health



As part of mental Health Awareness Week Palram DPL of Aycliffe ran various workshops for all employees to attend. As an organisation that is 90% male Palram wanted to break away from the typically male dominated attitude of not sharing your feelings and raise awareness on the taboo subject of Mental Health.

The workshops were delivered by a range of charities and community organisations. They were attended by over

60 employees with a safe environment for them to talk. It pointed out the differences between stress and pressure in the workplace, how to cope with certain situations, suicide awareness, how a healthy lifestyle can help to better your mental health and the fact that we all could have mental health problems as well as physical health. The local charities included the PCP, The Sally Allan Foundation and If We Care Share.

Stacey Hardman Leading Health advocate said "As an organisation we identified this year a big gap in wellbeing that was not discussed in the workplace, Mental Health after enrolling in the Better Health at Work Award as we knew this was a subject that is not typically talked about within our workplace or industry.

We have set up a team of health advocates on site and after attending training courses we found that our core age and sex of our staff are most at risk group for suicide, so we decided that raising awareness of this was a must to be introduced into our workplace.

We decided on Fun Workshops, using local trainers and professionals to deliver this, as it would benefit our employees and inform them of the broader support network on offer.

We have had really positive feedback and now have people talking, which is what we wanted to achieve. It's only the start of the journey for us, but we hope these workshops, training courses and widened support network will continue to promote and champion the benefits of talking about our mental health with others"

Greenfield Prepare for GCSE Success

The GCSE exam season is upon us and we couldn't be any prouder of our students as they begin to take their exams at Greenfield Community College. The effort, commitment and hard work that they have shown has been superb on the run up to exams.

As well as their normal curriculum, students have taken part in a large number of exam masterclasses, bespoke revision sessions and last minute, marginal gains including exam booster sessions immediately before their exams. This has come on top of a fourteen-week Period 6 revision programme where they have studied outside school hours to give themselves the best possible preparation.

The students really have pulled out all the stops to ensure that they are well prepared for these important examinations. Students and parents have also informed us that there is a balance to be had at home between managing revision and sustaining a social life, a balance that our families feel that they have got just right on the run up to exams this year.

Teachers at Greenfield have worked exceptionally hard to plan and create resources and materials to support students in their revision for the recently reformed GCSE exams. Students are very grateful for the work 'over and above what is expected' that their teachers have put in for them.

Head of School Stuart Dixon said 'The run up to GCSE exams this year has been exceptionally well coordinated and will maximise the chances of success for all of our young people in Year 11. The only element that we can't control or achieve through hard work is luck so we are keeping everything crossed and wishing all students in Year 11 the very best of luck in their exams this year. We are very proud of the work that has been completed by Year 11 students and teachers.'



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Dated: 1 June 2018



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

100 MILE BIKE RIDE FOR "BLESMA"



Andrew Brown, Gayle Brown, Craig Brown & Mark Easton

Gayle, Andrew and Craig Brown with Craig's daughter's partner Mark rode 100 miles on Saturday 26th May in aid of BLESMA - British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association. This is a charity close to Andrew's heart as he served in the Green Howards and his son Sam is now a serving soldier. They hope to raise quite a lot of money for this worthy charity and thank all their supporters.

Flying Scotsman Visits Shildon Loco Museum

The world's most famous steam engine, No. 60103 Flying Scotsman, will be paying the North East a visit when it travels to Locomotion, in Shildon this Summer.

As part of the museum's 'Steam Season', Flying Scotsman will be visiting Locomotion from 11 July to 1 August 2018. The season offers visitors an inspiring programme which will explore the power of steam and its influence on the railways. There will also be host of free activities for school and family visitors to join in with.

Alongside catching a glimpse of the iconic locomotive, visitors will have the chance to access the footplate and corridor tender or ride behind Flying Scotsman and experience passenger steam rides for a small fee.

Make sure you don't miss the museum's 'Steam Season' of inspiring events, exhibitions and activities from May to September 2018.

Locomotion is open from 10am to 5pm daily and parking and admission are free of charge. For more information, please call the museum team on 01904 685780.

Further details of Flying Scotsman activities, along with prices and booking information for ticketed activities, will be available from 4 June - see www.locomotion.org.uk for details.

Misconceptions About Fostering Explained

A lack of awareness about the financial benefits available in fostering is seriously affecting the number of potential foster carers exploring the profession across the north east. That's according to leading fostering service and social enterprise Five Rivers Child Care, which surveyed 2,000 respondents as part of its ongoing activity to identify the misconceptions hindering foster carer recruitment across the UK and as part of the organisation's celebrations to mark Foster Care Fortnight which runs from Monday 14th - Sunday 27th May.

According to the Fostering Network, there is currently a nationwide shortfall of 7,180** foster carers across the UK, with the north east facing a shortfall of 360 carers. The survey reveals that 60 percent of respondents across the north east aren't aware that foster carers can be paid a fee of up to £25,000 a year, which increases if additional children are looked after. Yet despite this uncertainty, more than half of those surveyed view fostering in a positive light and 37 percent said they would consider or had previously considered fostering as a career option. Almost a quarter of respondents (24%) are reluctant to pursue fostering as they believe they don't meet the appropriate criteria needed, yet 63 percent are unaware that childless

individuals or couples can foster - highlighting a stark misunderstanding of the relevant criteria. Further findings from the survey reveal that 40 percent of those surveyed don't know that same sex couples can foster, with similar numbers not aware that those in rented accommodation, or single individuals are also eligible.

Commenting on the recent findings, Martin Leitch, Head of Fostering Operations for Five Rivers Child Care, said: "The ongoing shortfall has a direct impact on the thousands of children across the UK currently waiting to be rehomed with loving foster families. The industry as a whole has worked extremely hard over recent years to increase professionalism for the benefit of children and young people and now a better understanding of foster care as a career option needed if we are to rectify the shortage. "Our latest research reveals that over half of the British public would consider fostering, but they are deterred by the out-of-date misconceptions that are no longer relevant. If we could even encourage 10 percent of them to get in touch and explore the possibility of fostering as a career option, we could stem the shortfall. To recruit the best people for what can sometimes be a very difficult and challenging profession, it is imperative we highlight the benefits on offer, including the salary and any additional allowances available.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who is naturally compassionate and understanding to speak to us about fostering opportunities. Anyone who is over 21 and has a spare room, is potentially eligible. And it offers people a fulfilling career that really does change lives while also being financially viable." Mindy Golder, a former foster child and care advisor at Five Rivers Child Care, where she supports training foster carers, echoes Martin's sentiment and said: "As a former child in care, I know from personal experience the significant impact foster carers can have on a vulnerable young person's life. For them, a foster carer might be all they have, their only place to call home and the only person who is looking out for them. "This is an incredible privilege. And similarly, those that are already fostering and dedicating time and energy to this tough profession deserve to be celebrated and recognised for the selfless work they do on a daily basis. My foster parents changed my life and I can only hope more people begin to explore foster care as a career opportunity so that more people like me can be helped."

People from all walks of life can become foster carers as long as they are over 21 years of age, including single people, cohabiting couples, same sex couples and people living in rented accommodation are all eligible, the only requirement is a spare room for each foster child.

A career in foster care offers many benefits including competitive rates of pay and flexible working. Information from Five Rivers Child Care - 0345 266 0272. www.five-rivers.org

H.R.A. Enjoy Vintage Afternoon Tea



On Thursday 17th May Horndale Residents' Association visited Gladys' Vintage Tea Rooms in Seaton Carew to enjoy a fabulous afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed the sandwiches and cakes, served, as always by the great staff who made us all feel very welcome. We travelled on a 1958 United coach provided by Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society. Gladys' is a little gem and well worth a visit.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 6th June starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45pm Greenfield Arts Centre. Plans are going well for our Community Fun Day on 16th August. We would like to invite any local groups/charities to our Fun Day to advertise the work they do.

Email horndaleresidentsass@outlook.com for more info. Philip Clark, Chairman

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2-5pm	Driving Home with	Carl Bennett
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
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5th June - Tez Anderson - CrossFit AllOut		

7.30-9.30pm Northern & Classic Soul Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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7-8pm	"Throwback Thursday"	The Doctor
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote

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6-8pm	House Mix	PVR Studios
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THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE

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8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Garage/Indie	MC Supa

SUNDAY

12pm-2pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	"Aycliffe Goes Country"	Aidan Thompson
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7pm	Church Service	Xcel Centre
7-10pm	R'n'B Show	Jack Hall

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Aycliffe Tri Club Report

Aycliffe Triathlon Club members have again been busy during the month of May with competitive triathlon and marathon events and the usual swim, bike & run training sessions. A group of members also got together socially for a new multi-sport event.

The swim / cake / run which was held at the idyllic Ellerton Lake – we think this may catch on so watch out for this event at the next Olympics!

First up on 7th May was Tracey Warrior who competed in the Ashington Triathlon, a 400 metre pool swim, a 24km bike ride out of the town with a climb up Bothal Bank finishing with a 5k run in the tranquil Ashington Woods. Tracey finished in an impressive 13th place in her age category with an overall time of 1:31:20.

Tracey was in action again on 19th May at the Nottingham Sprint Triathlon, a European Triathlon Union (ITU) qualifying event. This was a 750m open water swim in the regatta lake, a 20k closed road bike and a 5k run finishing at the grandstand in



front of hundreds of cheering spectators. Tracey finished 22nd in her category in a time of 1:25:55.

Another ITU Championships Qualifying event was held the following day on 20th May at Eton Dorney Lake in Berkshire one of the iconic venues of the 2012 Olympic Games, representing the club was Nicola Darragh who competed in this 750m open water swim in Eton Dorney Lake, a 21.2k closed road bike and a 5k run along the side of the rowing tank. Nicola completed the triathlon in 1:23:25 coming in an impressive 12th in her category.

Fraser Kirkley and Mick

Casey competed in the iconic Edinburgh Marathon on 27th May, the event attracted more than 30,000 runners. Fraser completed the 26.2 miles in a time of 4:00:07. Mick achieved a personal best at this distance with a time of 4:48:21; both fantastic achievements.

For the month of June there are more races and events planned as well as a range of training for club members including bike skills, training rides, run coaching, swim coaching and core strength and conditioning sessions. If you would like to join this friendly and active club then contact us on facebook or by email: aycliffetriclub@gmail.com



Film Show

"SHALL WE DANCE"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 5th JUNE features the classic song and dance film "SHALL WE DANCE" starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The music and lyrics are by George & Ira Gershwin and include songs like "They can't take that away" "Change partners" and "They all laughed". It also includes "Let's call the whole thing off" performed partly on roller skates. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

TOWN SWIMMING CLUB WINS 30 GALA MEDALS



Sedgefield District 75 Swimming Club have had yet another successful weekend.

Attending the Wear Valley Gala at Bishop Auckland were Katelyn Craig, Leah Smith, Mattie Wilczynski, Ethan Craig, Emma Price, Charlotte Lee, Charlotte Healey, Aaron Stephenson, Matthew Winbury, Oliver Turnbull, Kathryn Lee, Nell Heslop, James Hodgson, Chloe Harding, Zoe Hodgson and Charles McEwan.

The 16 swimmers had 67 swims between them and they achieved 33 personal best times. There were also a total of 30 medals won, 12 gold, 11 silver and 7 bronze. Leah Smith swam 4 races and got 4 gold medals but the star of the weekend was Emma Price who swam 11 races and

medalled in every race with a haul of 6 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze.

Well done to everyone who competed and to the parents who helped on poolside.

Residents Association for Aycliffe Village

A date for a Public Meeting has been fixed to discuss a Residents' Association for Aycliffe Village.

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association has a mission to form these groups in all areas in Great Aycliffe and will lead the debate, outlining the many advantages and opportunities in bringing the community together with help from outside funding.

A leaflet drop has been arranged to encourage people to attend and volunteer for office as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer along with people to sit on a Management Committee.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd July at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

ROAD HUMPS STOP SPEEDING CARS

Dear Editor,

The police are not going to catch many speeders by letting all the offenders see them, as there are other drivers who flash their lights or give warning to let them know the cops are there. Police should be covert, not visible!

We live on Pease Way,

which is a race track from the roundabout at the top to the other roundabout that joins Emerson Way and the nip points are a waste of time. There have been serious incidents including a car ending up in a garden. Some years ago I witnessed a car hitting the bus shelter

near Cumby Road.

We need speed bumps across the whole road every 100 metres as the best deterrent. Traffic will still be able to pass without congestion as it is now, and they will slow down but not stop, this is the correct way to calm traffic.

Do we have to wait for a death to have it done? The traffic is getting worse, so is speeding, due to budget cuts. Humps would sort it and as one of the poor pensioners and infirm who are too afraid to cross the road, please get it done!

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was yet another full week of racing for the runners of ARC and this week began with some members taking part in the Tees Trail 5k series. This run took place at Pinchinthorpe. Eve Doe completed this course on 34.34, Jan McLuckie in 37.00 and Carol Stanger in 37.01.

Unlike other weeks there is not much to report by way of the parkruns. This was due to the fact that the club had agreed to 'take over' at Sedgefield Parkrun. This meant that all volunteer positions such as setting up, marshalling and timekeeping were all done by the members of ARC. We had an extremely good allocation of volunteers for this and it was great to see the club giving something back to the parkrun that so many participate in every week.

It was not so quite on the Sunday however, with numerous members taking part in several different events.

First up was Trish Kay who was the only member to take part in the Pier to Pier race on the North East coast and which is almost 7 miles long. She was on of 1249 runners in the point to point race which starts on the beach at South Shields.

After approximately 1 mile along the beach there was a climb onto the Leas before continuing along the clifftops which gave spectacular views of the North East coastline. The run the continued passed Marsden Rock and Souter Lighthouse before joining the



promenade to finish on the beach at Roker Pier. This is not an easy race as there are different surfaces to contend with from sand, grass, stones and rocky clifftops. Trish reports that she was very happy with her time of 59.05 on a course on which it is unlikely that you could obtain a PB.

John Surtees then participated in the Whitsun Woodland Run at Wynyard. This is a trail run and unfortunately due to an error the course became an additional mile longer than it should have been. However, John completed the run in 46.38 in 10th position. Paul Dalton travelled to Liverpool to take place in the Liverpool Rock and Roll Half Marathon. This is a large event which takes runners along the Mersey and past some of the sights of Liverpool such as Penny Lane. Paul completed the half marathon in 1:24:37.

There was however, a really good turn out of runners at Raby Castle for the annual 5k and 10 races. The 5k race consists of one lap arounds the grounds of Raby Castle

taking in several inclines. The 10k race follows the same loop only it has to be done twice.

Jane Burnside completed the course in 33.11 and despite the hills still enjoyed the course.

The results of the 10k were as follows: - Floyd Jones 40.16, Richard Holland 44.40, Richard Campbell 45.48, Rob Young 45.54, Dave Blewitt 47.02, Rob Nicholson 50.22, Peter Smith 51.11, Ian Baronowski 56.03, Lindsey Brown 57.36, Heather Fenwick 57.40, Richard Tonge 59.58, Bev Phillippo 62.07, Kathleen Tonge 62.27, Denise Evans 64.15. A few PB's were achieved here also. Finally on Monday evening two of our older members took place in the NEMCAA track Championship at Monkton Stadium. Alan Wilks competed in the 3000m event and came 2nd o/70 in a time of 12.17 which was a PB for him. Ray Todd competed in both 400m and came 2nd o/80 n a time of 2.03 and also competed in the 3000m again coming 2nd o/80 in a time of 19.02.

Open Garden for Charity

On Sunday 10th June, Jean and Charles Crompton have kindly agreed to open their stunning garden at Woodside House, Witton Park DL14 0DU from 1.00 - 5.00pm, in support of the Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie.

This 2-acre, mature, garden is full of interesting trees, shrubs and plants. Superbly landscaped by the owners with island beds, flowing herbaceous borders, an old walled garden, rhododendron beds, fernery, three ponds, grass bed and vegetable garden, this delightful garden has much to fire the imagination.

Winner of Bishop Auckland in Bloom, the garden has featured in the Sunday Telegraph as well as Garden News.

As well as delicious tea and cakes on offer, there will be various stalls to peruse, including garden furniture and sundries from local charity supporting the homeless, Cornerstone, based in Willington.

Entry £4/£1 for children.

Aycliffe Girl Wins CrossFit BodyPower Games 2018



Vicki Finn Smith, 1st in the BodyPower Games individual event

On Saturday 12th May and Sunday 13th May CrossFit All Out member, Vicki Finn Smith, travelled down to Birmingham where she battled her way through various gruelling CrossFit style workouts during the weekend.

Saturday saw Vicki competing in the BodyPower Games team event, alongside two fellow CrossFitters from other UK CrossFit gyms, Hannah Gale and Rhian Pearson. Vicki said "Considering none of us had worked out together we did well at using our strengths and weaknesses to our advantage.



Vicki Finn Smith left, Rhian Pearson middle and Hannah Gale, placed 3rd in the BodyPower Games Team event.

DOUBLE PODIUM DELIGHT FOR COATES



After gaining the Renault UK Clio Cup Championship lead at Donington Park, team Pyro's Max Coates arrived at Thruxton hoping for podium successes and race wins.

In previous years the circuit hasn't been a happy hunting ground for the Harron Homes sponsored driver, but Coates was keen to change that. Qualifying was the first session of the weekend and Max sat 2nd at the mid-point. He then bettered his time later in the session to take pole position for round 5 of the championship.

His second fastest time was the 3rd fastest overall and as such the Primex Plastics backed driver secured a second row start for round 6. The PLASgran Recycling driver got away from the line well in race one and lead the opening lap and half before being passed by his team-mate Daniel Rowbottom and James Dorlin. The three battled to the chequered flag, Coates re-passed Dorlin in a classy switch back move at the first complex of corners before a mistake let him back past. When Dorlin and Rowbottom battled for the lead Max was able to slide past his team mate Rowbottom exiting the final

corner, right in front of his sponsors Clements Limited watching trackside.

The second race of the day was broadcast live on ITV4, Coates in the Bennett Renault car held 3rd off the line and remained in position for the entirety of the race. He applied significant pressure to Paul Rivett throughout but the pair were unable to mount an attack on leader Dorlin after he cut the chicane on lap one. The result dropped Coates to second in the standings but the Polydist driver is only trailing by two points.

Afterwards Coates said, "This weekend has been a significant one, the Thruxton round has been a bit of a disaster the previous two years so to put it on pole position and then take two podium positions is a massive achievement for me and underlines our potential for the remainder of the season! I really enjoyed race one in particular, the battle between the three at the front was hard, close and clean, perfect Clio Cup racing."

The ultra-competitive one make series heads to Cheshire and the picturesque Oulton Park Circuit on the 9th and 10th June for the next two rounds.

We came 2nd in the final and 3rd overall so really pleased." The team secured a place on the podium which bagged them £250 prize money. An excellent start to an action packed weekend.

On Sunday Vicki then went on to compete in the individual BodyPower Games event, where she had to fight her way through four challenging workouts. Vicki gave it her all and came away with a gold medal and 1st place on the podium. She said "I was so happy to get to the top of the podium, it's been one of my goals for this year to win a competition. Two event wins and two 2nd places, also equalling my personal best of

90KG for clean and jerk when I was under fatigue. I really couldn't be happier with the result."

Owner and Head Coach of CrossFit All Out on Aycliffe Business Park, Terry Anderson said "Vicki has worked so hard and overcome her weaknesses in CrossFit with consistent effort. Her win is so deserved as she has a strong work ethic, turning up to put 100% effort in, in the gym daily. Competing in the team event the day prior to the individual speaks for itself, she has a great attitude and the ability to perform well as an individual or in a team. I see a great future ahead for Vicki in the sport of CrossFit."

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ISN'T A REFERENDUM A PEOPLE'S VOTE?

Dear Sir,
In response to Phil Wilson's letter, your first point is, you don't want to see another referendum, what you do want to see is a "peoples vote", (I thought that was called a referendum?)

Where is the irony in the government's assessment that claims the North East will be hit hardest? There is no irony there, however there is an irony in the fact that the

same organisations claimed if we voted for Brexit there would be economic disaster in days, and now you calling for another referendum (sorry, 'people's vote') to prevent this.

You claim that Brexit is the most important issue facing the British people since the second world war. Surely joining a Common Market that has been twisted into a Federal States of Europe

could be seen as an important issue. This should have called for some sort of people's vote, but I didn't hear any of your colleagues shouting for that. Large scale immigration changing the face and culture of the UK may have occasioned a people's vote, but no that didn't either. I would have believed it would have been reasonable to confront the population with the truth,

but not for the likes of you. Your next point is that some argue it would be undemocratic to ask for a new vote, but how can wanting to give people a vote be thwarting their will and be against democracy? Well how about you standing down and letting the people of Aycliffe have another vote? Let's not call it an election, just a "people's vote".
Denis Underwood

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Learner Drivers Can Use Motorways Starting June

This month learner drivers will be able to choose to take voluntary driving lessons on motorways in England, Scotland and Wales in a progressive shift by the government to make sure drivers know how to use motorways safely. From 4th June 2018, the law will be modified to allow driving instructors to assist students, who are at a 'test-ready' level, on motorways. Learner drivers will need to be accompanied by an Approved Driving Instructor and be

driving a car fitted with dual controls. Crispin Moger, CEO for Marmalade – the leading provider of cars and insurance for young drivers – comments: "Our annual Census* revealed that motorway driving was the top 'real life' scenario that learner drivers (77%) wanted to experience, so allowing them access in a supportive environment is an encouraging shift by the government. "I believe there is more that can be done in order to showcase a broader, realistic and

practical perception of driving. For example in addition to motorway driving, night time (71%) and rush hour (60%) driving within lessons both featured as high priorities for learner drivers too. These are everyday occurrences for most road users so it is important learner drivers are armed with as much experience and confidence as possible before they are behind the wheel as a qualified driver." Despite the UK automotive infrastructure consisting of 50 motorways, learner drivers have been forbidden from experiencing them through their training process. Currently, new drivers must partake in the Pass Plus scheme after passing their driving test to experience the motorway with the comfort of an instructor for a minimum of six hours.

The Department for Transport has received wide support from both learner drivers and driving instructors for the change next month. Amanda Green, an Approved Driving Instructor based in St. Albans and Learner Driver Week's Driving Instructor of the Year 2017, says: "So many people avoid driving on the motorway once they pass their test as it can be a

frightening experience. "Teaching learner drivers safely on the motorways is a good idea in principle but it is a very big jump from normal driving lessons. A motorway lesson in a one hour slot will be difficult and therefore will probably need to be offered within a two hour slot. I would only take my pupils on a motorway if I felt they were able to deal competently with dual carriageways and were capable of quicker reaction times." Crispin concludes: "Young drivers (under 25's) are statistically more likely to

be killed or seriously injured compared to older drivers and one of the main reasons for that is lack of experience. Despite motorways statistically being the UK's safest roads, they can be a daunting and complex experience, even for the more qualified driver. This development is extremely encouraging for learner drivers to practice driving at higher speeds, apply their theoretical knowledge and obtain the crucial knowledge and confidence needed for optimum safety when driving." For information visit www.wearearmalade.co.uk

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DRIVERS UNAWARE OF MOT TEST CHANGES

• New research* from Green Flag reveals that six in 10 (58 per cent) of drivers are unaware of the upcoming changes to MOT tests
 • Nine in 10 drivers (89 per cent) are unaware that drivers will be fined up to £2,500 for driving a car with an invalid MOT
 • A quarter (25 per cent) of drivers are unaware that

you will get fined at all for driving a faulty vehicle

• A sixth (16 per cent) of drivers don't book their MOT tests in early, meaning they could be caught out under the new rules

• Green Flag has released hints and tips about car repairs: <https://www.greenflag.com/advice/maintenance/choose-garage>

Under the new MOT rules, drivers could be fined up to £2,500 if they are driving a car with an invalid MOT. A massive nine in 10 (89 per cent) of drivers are unaware of this figure, while one quarter (25 per cent) are unaware that they will be fined at all.

Recent research** by Green Flag found that up to 21 million cars*** on the roads are faulty and a tendency to "ignore the problem" is racking up bills in British households.

Drivers are spending an average of £574 per year - a national average of £21.5 billion - on car repairs; and 47 per cent of these repairs could have been cheaper if the issue had been addressed sooner, the research revealed.

Nick Reid, Head of Automotive Technology at Green Flag, commented: "Driving a faulty car is a huge issue. Not only is it dangerous for you, your passengers and other drivers on the road; not getting issues seen to only makes them worse, which means a bigger bill for you. "Our research indicates that, under the MOT changes which come into effect on Sunday, the

majority of drivers are going to get caught out, and potentially face fines for their vehicle treatment. We are urging drivers to read up on the new rules and ensure that they book MOTs in early, so if their vehicle fails they have time to get it repaired before putting it through the test again."

According to the Green Flag research, one sixth (16 per cent) of drivers don't book their MOT in early, meaning that if it fails they have no time to get it repaired before putting it through the test again.

When asked about getting their car repaired, drivers revealed they wait an average of 10 weeks before they get the issue seen to. More than half (57 per cent) of drivers say repairs are too expensive, 27 per cent say they don't have the time and 23 per cent say they simply can't be bothered.

Polio Eradication

Dear Editor

Just one percent of Polio left to eradicate, success has never been so close. Polio eradication has been a huge success across the world. Thanks to mass vaccinations and big medical campaigns, we have only the final one percent to destroy. Since 1988 there has been a greater than 99.9 per cent drop in cases but conquering the final percentage point remains elusive.

Polio is still in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria in its grip, but we must not lose hope. The darkest hour is always before the dawn. Thanks to Rotary and the work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, millions have been saved from paralysis and death and the prospect of Post Polio Syndrome (PPS) in later life. The human and financial cost of these efforts continues to be great, but the risk of Polio returning is greater still.

That British Polio marks its 80th anniversary next year is a testament to the persistence of Polio and PPS, a neurological condition which still affects 120,000 people in the UK. Polio has existed for thousands of years and was never going to relinquish its hold without a fight. In areas blighted by poverty and war, reaching every last child is not a challenge for the faint of heart. History has shown we all need to work together to see the result we all want to see but we are too close to give up now.

If would you like to join The Fellowship or for further information about The British Polio Fellowship, visit www.britishpolio.org.uk or call 0800 043 1935.

David Mitchell
 National Chairman,
 The British Polio Fellowship

FAIRTRADE BAKE-OFF



At Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School pupils value the importance of treating everyone fairly and know that in doing so people are far happier.

Learning more about Fairtrade this week has highlighted that, sadly, in the wider world people are often treated unfairly when it comes to the sale of their goods. Indeed, children were shocked to find out that, despite working relentlessly, many farmers earn less than 70p per day for their produce.

In a bid to raise awareness of the plight of many producers, children carried out a range of challenges this week and as a result of their hard work and involvement, were delighted to receive the news that they have been awarded Fairtrade's FairActive award.

The school's Fairtrade Ambassadors recognised that buying Fairtrade products is just one way to support hardworking farmers and decided that hosting a Fairtrade bake-off would help to do just that. Across the course of the week, pupils considered what their favourite recipes were and studied Fairtrade produce that was available

to see how easily it could be switched within a recipe. Each class voted for what they felt would be a winning recipe, popped on a pinny and got down to baking.

Once all of the culinary creations had been made, they were placed on display in the school hall for all to marvel at. Judging the entries were cake connoisseurs Mr Allen, Mr Pearson and head boy and girl Matthew and Paige, who had the tough job of sampling the sweet snacks in search of the winning recipe.

As well as taste, the entrants were also awarded marks for their presentation. It's fair to say that the judges' tastebuds were truly tantalised with a mouth-watering array of cakes, cookies and tray bakes, which made choosing a winner a near impossible task.

Torn in their decision making and, unable to choose between year 2's chocolate refrigerator cake and Year 6's banana crumble, they announced both as worthy winners of the coveted golden banana.

Huge congratulations to every class in school for their contribution and phenomenal effort in securing this fantastic achievement.

MP Should Do His Job

Dear Sir,
 Excellent letter by Alistair P.G. Welsh with regard to local MP Phil Wilson's attitude to his constituents, in the Newton News. It's about time more MP's correctly represented their voters instead of playing God with their positions and voting how they like.

MP's are representatives of the people, and I suspect that Mr. Phil Wilson will be losing his seat and all that it entails come the next by-election if he doesn't do the job he was elected to do.

On another note, on the article on the same page, I was glad to see mine and other peoples donations for the MRI scanner have come to fruit. Thank goodness we won't have to endure the old 'torpedo tube' apparatus that was the only other option before.

Ron Giles.

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Apprenticeships with Durham County Council

An award-winning former apprentice is encouraging others to follow in his footsteps by applying for one of 36 new roles being offered at Durham County Council.

Daniel Mudd started his career as a business administration apprentice in 2015 before securing his current role as a licensing assistant, and was named the council's Young Employee of the Year in 2017.

"Applying for an apprenticeship was one of the best decisions I've made and has really helped me get a foot on the career ladder while gaining lots of invaluable hands-on experience," he said.

"The opportunities to move into other roles within the council and work in a variety of teams has helped show me a lot about different ways of working and greatly improved my communication skills."

"As you learn on the job, you often don't need previous experience to be considered or accepted and I would encourage any other young people thinking about their futures to look at the opportunities on offer."

There are currently 36 apprenticeship posts in areas including business admin, civil engineering, accounting and catering to name just a few, with the roles starting in September 2018.

John Hewitt, the council's corporate director of resources, joined Sedgefield Borough

Council through the Youth Training Scheme in 1988 and said the role had helped kickstart his career.

"That first role – which is very similar to today's apprenticeship schemes – helped me learn all about the world of work and working with people for many different backgrounds. I picked up lots of skills which have been extremely useful as my career has developed," he said.

"We are a big council providing many different services and there are a broad range of roles and opportunities we can offer people who are interested in getting into work whilst continuing with vocational qualifications. Durham is a fantastic place to work and to develop a career."

"When I started my career I never thought for one minute I would end up where I am now – but the opportunities are there – apprenticeships provide hands on work experience and the opportunity to work your way into senior positions if you have the desire to do well."

Apprentices will receive formal training towards a recognized qualification as well as gaining technical knowledge, practical experience and the wider skill needed for employment. Successful applicants will also be part of an Apprenticeship Network where they can receive updates of what is happening across the council including any training or job

opportunities available. Applicants need to register with the North East Recruitment Portal online at www.northeastjobs.org.uk to see the opportunities available. The deadline for applications is Monday, 4 June.

Instructors Needed to Help Newly Qualified Driving Scheme

A successful scheme aimed at helping newly qualified drivers become safer on the roads is now looking for driving instructors to help deliver its training.

EXCELeRate Plus, formerly known as the EXCELeRate Durham Young Driver scheme, provides free training to young drivers around the three scenarios that produce the most casualties in County Durham and Darlington.

Co-ordinated by Durham County Council's road safety team, the scheme is now looking for DVSA driving instructors to deliver the two hour, post-test, practical driving sessions.

Paul Watson, road safety manager at the council, said: "As part of the re-launch of the scheme we are looking for instructors to help us target the most common causes of accidents among young drivers and we know there are many great teachers out there who can make a real difference."

"We want our roads to be safe for all users and focusing on those who have recently passed their test is known to help reduce accidents among that group of drivers." Anyone who wants to find out more should email road.safety@durham.gov.uk, using EXCELeRate Plus in the subject line.

The project is funded by the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner Ron Hogg, with instructors being paid via the scheme and pupils receiving training for free.

Ron Hogg said: "Improving road safety remains a priority for me and I am happy to continue supporting the EXCELeRate scheme as it is re-launched as EXCELeRate Plus. This programme offers a fabulous opportunity for young drivers and their instructors to work together to improve safety on our roads."



COUNTY NEWSBITS

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- Rural Economy Seminar – Report.
- Great Aycliffe Parish Meeting, Wednesday 23 May.
- Report on Thursday 24th May's Aycliffe Business Park #MakeYourMark awards.
- Well done Roman, named as one of the UK's 1,000 'most inspiring companies'.
- £2m Stiller distribution centre nearing completion.
- Congratulations Cozy Coffee, Aycliffe Lane

Brafferton, which has reopened after the devastating fire last year – why not support it with a visit!

- A Brexit issues-map for the North-East.

THINGS TO DO

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- Bodies of Evidence Exhibition – how archaeology revealed Durham's Dark Secret, Palace Green Library, 9 June to 7 October, £7.50.
- Bodies of Evidence (5-11s),

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On 25th May, peacefully in hospital, Irene (Rene), aged 86 years of Newton Aycliffe. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Peter; much loved Mam of Colin, Alan and Lynn; dear Mother-in-Law of Cilla, Julie and the late Paul; also an adored Gran and Great Gran to all the Grandchildren. Funeral Monday 11th June. Would friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 2.00pm, prior to Cremation in Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, a donation basket will be available in the church in aid of Cancer Research UK.

KEITH COATES. 24th May. Suddenly at home, Keith of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Willington, aged 64 years. A loving and much loved Dad to Keith and Scott; dearest Husband of Lynn; beloved Grandad to Jamey, Levi, Cailan, Rhys and Lottie. Will family and friends please meet for Service at the Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 8th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Keith may, if desired, be left at the crematorium for M.I.N.D.

Thank You

A BIG thank you to the manageress at Argos Store on 21st May, for all the help she gave to my Husband, also the after sale's service was excellent. J&E Edmondson

THANK YOU to our wonderful family and friends for helping us celebrate our 30th Wedding Anniversary and for the lovely cards, gifts and beautiful cake. Love, Craig and Mollie Brown

In Memoriam

Lee Smith



3rd June

Another year and another million tears gone Lee. But the pain still stays, we miss you dreadfully and we'll love you always and forever.
In our hearts always
Mam and Dad

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Blake Reed



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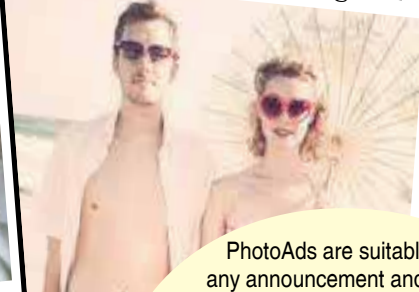
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2nd Place for Girls' Team



With silver medals hanging proudly round their necks, the Year 5 and 6 girls' football team returned happily to Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School this week to share news of their second place position in a football tournament.

A fast paced team with a strong defence, the girls proved a force to be reckoned with throughout the three week competition, which was held locally at Greenfield Community College. Having lost their first game (to the competition winners) they

not only won every match that followed but amazingly kept a clean sheet as team after team tried but failed to concede a goal against them. Having coached the girls to silver medal position, Miss Whitfield told us, "The sheer determination and grit shown by this group of girls (who had previously not played a game together) was outstanding. From the outset they were able to work confidently as a team and thoroughly deserved to be medal winners." Thanks to Sedgefield Sport Partnership, who organised the fantastic event, as well as Greenfield Community College for providing their facilities and a host of young sports leaders to facilitate the matches.

SAFC: NEW OWNER, NEW MANAGER, NEW BEGINNING

The coming season will see the start of a new era with Stewart Donald and his financial backers having bought the club, and appointed a young manager, Jack Ross, to bring the club back. Jack has a reputation for a brand of exciting, attacking football, which will put a smile back on the supporters faces. The Newton Aycliffe branch of the Sunderland Supporters Association continue to provide safe, comfortable and competitively priced travel to all of Sunderland's home matches, and many away games. With nearly 25 years experience in providing for all the needs of the fans in the town and have contacts with the club to receive advance information and invitations to exclusive events.

On Thursday 7th June, we will be holding our annual informal meeting to take membership applications and subscriptions for our 25th Season. The meeting takes place at the Phoenix Club (Legion) on Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe at 8.00pm. Annual membership costs £5.00, if bought on or before the 5th July whereupon it reverts to £6. Members travel cost to home games are discounted by £2.00 from the standard price, so after three trips, you're membership fee has paid for itself. If you are interested in joining, but can't attend the meeting, please contact Andrew Eales on 07714 785555; email SAFCNAB@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook (SAFC Supporters - Newton Aycliffe). Thanks for your support.

Aycliffe C.C.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Darryn Bancroft

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, had a terrific win by 141 runs at home to Maltby 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored an impregnable 258 for 7 in their 50 overs thanks to a breathtaking century from opener Darryn Bancroft (sponsored by Utility Warehouse). Bancroft (see photo) finished on 121 from just 100 balls faced and his amazing innings included eleven boundaries and eight huge sixes.

There were other good contributions from fellow opener Joe Haines (32 runs), Adam Gittins (18 runs) and an unbeaten 18 late in the order from Ben Nicholson. In reply the visitors were bowled out for 117 from 34.2 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from Michael Howe (4 for 35) and younger brother Patrick, who not to be out done by his older sibling, took 4 for 27, including his first ever hat-trick, to help give Aycliffe the maximum 25 points for the 2nd consecutive game.

The 2nd team were desperately unlucky to lose away at Maltby 2nd XI by the smallest possible margin (one wicket), in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first Aycliffe fought hard and scored a respectable 130 for 7 in their allotted 40 overs thanks to good innings from Dylan Tribbley (37 not out), George Slatcher (33 runs) and Dave Richardson (15

runs). In reply, all rounder Slatcher bowled superbly taking 4 for 41 and there was good support from Neil Bancroft (3 for 22) and a first senior wicket for 13 year old debutant Matty Greaves (1 for 15) as the homeside crawled over the line after 32.5 overs in a tense finale.

The u15's were beaten away at Norton by 50 runs despite a spirited performance from the young team. The homeside scored 124 for 2 in their allotted overs with Kyle Cuthbertson and Jak Kennedy both picking up a wicket. In reply Aycliffe were restricted to 74 for 4 in 20 overs with good innings from Leo Mercy (28 not out), Lucas Pilling (22 runs) and an unbeaten 11 from Kyle Cuthbertson.

The u13's had a cracking

eight wicket victory at home to Norton in the NYACC League. Batting first the visitors were bowled out for 60 after 18.4 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from the inform Thomas Dearden (3 for 8) and Brandon Grant (2 for 14). In reply, Matty Greaves batted superbly scoring 26 as Aycliffe romped to a fine win with 5 out of the allotted 20 overs still remaining.

The u11's won their third game of the season at home to Norton by 49 runs. Harrison Pearson, Dan Heaton and Thomas Dearden each took two wickets in the Norton innings. When Aycliffe batted, the visitors found Harrison Pearson (16 runs), Adam Shaw (14 runs) and Thomas Dearden (11 runs) in top form.

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WINTER IS AYCLIFFE'S FIRST SUMMER SIGNING



Newton Aycliffe FC is pleased to announce that goalkeeper James Winter has agreed to extend his stay with the club for another 2 years. Manager, Deano Browne said "I am delighted that James has committed his future to Newton Aycliffe Football Club. For a long time he's been one of the best, if not the best, goalkeepers in the division and that's vital at this level."

James began his career on the books of Hartlepool United & played Northern League football for Durham City before joining the Newtonians in October 2014. He has made 134 appearances for Aycliffe over the last 4 seasons. The Club's presentation night will take place on Friday 8 June (7.30pm) at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club in Moore Lane. Music is provided by "Another Crisis". Entry is £3 on the door, with Season Ticket holders free.

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