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entrepreneurial spirit." David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "We are very proud to be recognised by the London Stock Exchange in such a way and ranked alongside so many other

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Learn About Trafficking

County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission are holding their monthly meeting on Monday the 11th June at the Western Area Community Centre. Start time 7pm. Come along and see what our organization is doing in the community and find out more

about Human Trafficking. For more information Simon. 07754 244547.

Gardener's Plant Swap

Great Aycliffe Town Council are organising two plant supervents in partnership with the local allotment representatives at St Oswald's and Clarence Chare allotment sites.

The idea is that anyone who has extra plants left can bring them along to the stall which will be set up in the carparks and exchange them for constituting the

them along to the stall which will be set up in the carparks and exchange them for something else. Alternatively, if you do not have anything to exchange but require additional plants you can make a donation to the Mayor's Charity which this year will be the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. The events will take place at: St Oswald's - Tuesday 19th June - 5pm to 7pm Clarence Chare - Wednesday 20th June - 4pm to 6pm

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Years ago I was taught "Soft Systems Methodology" a technique to find solutions to complex situations, demanding definition and purpose of root causes affecting business.

The content of recent letters in Newton News on Regeneration of West Ward is moving towards this, identified by the residents and Livin.

I have a question - who owns Livin? Not the Directors we know but the people pulling the strings?

I have also been the mouthpiece for Directors telling everyone how good their proposals are and the benefits, but never had

any influence in the decision making process. I believe Option 3 will happen as Alan Boddy said and I overheard someone say "I'll get my £6100 quid as soon as I can and move elsewhere"

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"Bee Happy 2gether" Launched with Fun Day

A new Community Interest Company (CIC) has been set up by a Newton Aycliffe family caught up in the Manchester terror attack to help young people deal

Marie Robson has created Bee Happy 2gether to offer peer support to young people and families affected by post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), after her daughter Millie was seriously injured in the bomb attack at the Ariana Grande Concert on May 22, 2017.

Just a week after the first anniversary of the Manchester tragedy, Bee Happy 2gether was officially launched at the ROF 59 activity centre on Aycliffe Business Park this week.

Around 200 people attended and youngsters enjoyed trampolining, cake making, arts & crafts, cupcake making, a treasure hunt, nail bar, and tombola. Bee Happy 2gether aims to provide families with support in a fun, safe and supportive way, by providing a range activities, workshops and events. Marie has already enlisted the help of four volunteers who will offer support to people affected by bullying, bereavement, assault, domestic violence and accidents.

"After the terror attack last year we realised quite quickly that traditional counselling services weren't right for Millie at

I found she was getting more out of going to Manchester and meeting other people who'd been involved in the attack, as we all did as a family.

always worked on various peer-to-peer projects in and around County Durham and I had to give up work to look







after Millie last year. So it seemed like a natural progression, to set up that something benefit not only Millie but her friends and family, because of the impact a trauma can have around a family.

"It's not just for people affected by Manchester. We have quite a few young people who have been in touch affected by other

forms of trauma"
With the Manchester attack still a raw memory, Marie says setting up Bee Happy 2gether has given the family a focus. She added: "You see things over the years when people set up things like this and you sometimes think 'how can you do that? It's about moving on in a safe way and trying to take something positive from what happened."

Academy Woodham student Millie said: "When I tried to get counselling, it didn't really work for me. But spending time pename friends, and things with my doing ordinary things that teenagers do, helped me more than anything. It's about bringing young people together, to allow them to do fun activities and be like ordinary kids. It's almost like a twist on counselling, but more modernised, and I think in the future it will help a lot

of people.



And just a week after the first anniversary, brave Millie added: "I feel a lot better about things now the first year anniversary is over, and that it has helped me to move on. I'm really proud of my Mam, she has put a lot of time and effort

The official launch of Happy 2gether attended by local Bee was councillors, police officers, as well as Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg.

"This is just amazing," said Ron. "Marie came to see me about this - the energy she has, and the desire to be positive is all here today and it's marvellous. She will be successful. She's got that drive, the personal passion and commitment. and that is so important when you're trying to do the kind of work she's doing. I want to work closely as I possibly can with Marie to help her."

To find out more about Bee Happy 2gether, go to www. beehappy2gether.org.uk

Mr. Sheep Visits Walworth School

Walworth Special School staff work with children supporting each other in times of emotional need. This takes many different forms and the children can exhibit anxiety around many aspects of everyday life.

As part of our Mental Health Awareness Week the school enlisted the support of "Mr Sheep" a lonely black sheep who felt sad and anxious and felt he had no one to talk to. But Mr Sheep soon realised that, by talking to people, he was not alone.

Head Teacher, Peter Wallbanks said: "One of the main themes running through school is that talking to someone helps. It allows everyone to cope with their



feelings and makes them feel brighter.

Talking about our mental health is okay and can make us all feel better. The children were enthralled by the messages given by Mr Sheep in supporting their

mental health.

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you may find the humour a bit off the wall, the imagery a bit surreal, you may find you have a damn good night, a daaaaamn good night.

The first set is designed to be listened too, while you get comfy in your surroundings, the subliminal messages gradually turning you to drink, loosening your resolve, you may want to get up and dance and that would be great, but stick around for the second set as we know you will definetly feel the need to dance as the energy ramps up.

We will then send you out into the world having journeyed through time and space, faced some demons and come out the other side full of fabulousness a humming and a smiling. The list of acts we cover evolves through time, most stuff is post punk, we could do classic rock, but there are other bands that cover that area really well and we suspect that we are a bit different."

Saturday 16th June - "Sins"

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for the last few years, an

educational support network

for new GP's in the County.

Dr. Jones told Newton News:

"I have taught in Nepal with

Health Care Workers on

three occasions and intend to go back again to do similar

work next year. In addition

to this in my retirement I

intend to have more time for

hobbies and will have a tidy

allotment for the first time in

colleagues, past and present, for their friendship and

support over the years and also all the people of Newton

Aycliffe and the surrounding

areas who I have seen as

patients and who it has been

my pleasure to treat. Many

thanks for your good wishes, cards and gifts".

EDITOR: On behalf of the

townspeople we thank Dr.

Martin Jones for his long

service to his patients in Newton Aycliffe and wish

him a long and happy

retirement.

would like to thank

15 years!"

St. Clare's Church

Continuing the Messy Church year of celebration , we are holding a Messy World Cup Church on Saturday 16th June at 4pm.
Come along and polish special cups, have a go at Beat the Goalie and make a healthy fruit kebab. As we celebrate Father's Day too, you could make a card for the person who has that role in your family. In church we think about Our Father in Heaven. You may like to design your own world cup flag and create a model at the

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Starting at 4pm prompt - please try to be with us for the start - doors open at 3.30pm. Messy Church is of course Free but we do welcome donations to help us provide all that we do - a Full, Fun, Family afternoon with a time together to share our stories and prayers for each other. Ending at 5.45pm. St. Clare's Church, opposite Reviel C opposite Bewick Crescent surgery.

Helen contact McCormick, Children and Youth Team Lead for any further information on 07716 801262.

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Messy World Cup at Popular Doctor Retires Film Show Parking Just as Bad! St. Clare's Church After 30 Years Service Film Show Dear Sir, our roads, but surely their **After 30 Years Service**



Dr Martin Iones started in Bewick Crescent practice in August 1988, just under 30 years ago, with Dr. Chamberlain and Brian Jones still working there and

Dr. Haw had just retired.
The practice at that point seven doctors and three nurses - now it has 12 doctors including trainees and six nurses. There were 5 clinical rooms and now have

When Dr. Jones started the Surgery was still doing overnight calls but this was replaced by Doctors working at Bishop Auckland Out of Hours Centre with much less evening or weekend work. However being a G.P. is still pretty hard work and Dr. Jones usually works an 11 hour day.

Though retiring from the practice Dr. Jones will still carry out educational work, continuing to help trainee GP's as he has done for the last 15 years. Four of them are working in the practice still and several others have positions locally.

He has been involved in the 'careers start' programme

ACORN June Residents' Meeting

This month's meeting will be on Thursday 14th June 2018 at 6pm in the Phoenix Club upstairs. Little Acorns will meet at 5.30pm.

Our local Councillors will be in attendance if available and anyone is welcome to come along and ask questions or put forward suggestions.

Seats are going fast for Scarborough on 21st July. We are also having an extra trip on 30th June to Seahouses/Bamburgh so come along to book and pay for any trips. If unable to attend ring 01325 321471

We look forward to seeing you for a cuppa, biscuit

"AMISH GRACE"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 12th June features the fact-based drama "AMISH GRACE" starring Kimberly Williams-Paisley. In 2006 a man took 10 young Amish girls hostage in a school at West Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. The horror that followed was flashed around the world, but it was the reaction of the Amish community that stunned everyone. Their reaction was to forgive almost immediately, or at least most could forgive. One bereaved mother found it agonisingly difficult.

Feel Good Film? I've seen it twice and wept most of the way through, and will again this time, I have no doubt. It is, though, one of the most memorable films I've ever seen, it made me think about forgiveness all over again and differently. I do hope that many will come to see it. EVERYONE IS WELCOME Tea and coffee are served at lpm, 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.

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I refer to vehicles parked on a regular basis, in the give way to on-coming traffic stop in Pease Way between Emerson Road roundabout and the roundabout at the top of Pease Way. Another vehicle also parks

in the give way area in Stephenson Way, between Silkin Way and Pease Way. I'm sure the drivers of these vehicles find very difficult to find a parking space for their vehicle, owing to the volume of today's traffic on

own common sense should tell them that it must be an offence to park in the give way to on coming traffic area. Do these people have total disregard for Road Traffic Laws, as with the people who exceed the speed limit?

It happens all over Newton Aycliffe in regard to parking in particular at night, vehicles are parked facing on-coming traffic: Con. Use Reg. 101 & RVLR Reg. 24, without lights, parked within 32ft of a unction at night without lights. Whatever happened to road courtesy? I could go on, but it's never ending, and I am of the opinion the reason is that motorists disregard the Law or it is quite a while since they looked at a Highway Code Name & address supplied

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rushed the pair, and her two other Jack Russells, to Wilson Veterinary Group, after she noticed her dogs were behaving oddly one evening and then discovered



the sausages

Vet Karin Volker saw the meat had been tampered with and x-rayed the four dogs under sedation. The x-rays showed two 5cm long metal fish hooks inside Beauty's stomach and one inside Toby's stomach.

Wilson Veterinary Group run a 24-hour service nurse Nicola Grinham-White performed the emergency surgery on the terriers to remove the hooks. Beauty and Toby were monitored overnight before returning home the next day to recover.

The owner fears her muchloved family pets may have been deliberately targeted and is urging other pet owners to be vigilant. The incident has been reported to the police.
Karin said: "These dogs

have been very lucky and it is down to the quick thinking of their owner who realised they had eaten something they shouldn't and took them to see us. It appears the fish hooks were

the cooked sausages and placed where the dogs could eat them.

"I have never seen anything like this before. It is would want to intentionally

Wendy Blatchford, said:
"I am disgusted with would do this especially if they are trying to deliberately harm family pets. I was supposed to be going on holiday the following week but I had to cancel my plans to look

"If the fish hooks had pierced the stomach wall then I was told that this could have caused peritonitis, a life-threatening infection, so I am lucky they were

"Wilson Vets were really helpful and I am very grateful they were able to operate out-of-hours on a weekend."

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Standing Ovation as Greenfield Students Rock

Students at Greenfield Community College gave a fabulous performance at their annual production last week and were rewarded with a standing ovation as they wowed the audience.

This year the cast of talented young people produced a brilliant interpretation of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's 'School of Rock', a production which showcased the range of exceptional talent at Greenfield and got the audience on their feet.

After the resounding success of last year's 'We Will Rock You' staff and students knew they had a big act to follow this year. Casting, auditions and rehearsals all began very early in the year and everyone involved has shown an impressive commitment in approach to give their very best. The results said it all. The show ran over three days with over 600 people coming through doors to enjoy the lively performance with students excelling in drama, music and dance. Subject Leader Dixon and Amy Robson were thrilled with the achievements.

Congratulations should also go to all of those



behind the scenes who made a helped make the show happen. Former students were also brought into the fold and made a brilliant job of working with sound and lighting with a professionalism which made great use of Greenfield's brand new equipment, a worthwhile investment helping the department go from strength to strength.

The music was provided by the students themselves led by talented musician and teacher John Gomez, keeping a tight ship and bringing the best out of the band.







The show is a special part of the school year that brings opportunities to shine and be a part of a big event. Well done to everyone involved, we are already looking forward to next year's production. Greenfield Community College is a specialist Arts and Science School and is committed to raise aspirations by providing opportunities for their students to excel

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Stage Show Cancelled

UK tour of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' starring Hayley Tamaddon has been cancelled, as the production company are unab continue with the tour. unable to

The production was due to have come to Darlington Hippodrome for a week run starting on Monday 11 June. Everyone who has booked tickets to see Thoroughly Modern Millie at Darlington Hippodrome will contacted by the theatre.

Amazing **Honest John**

Dear Sir

After taking a walk up to Honest John's next to the Blue Bridge, the amounts he raises for the community are even more amazing, considering DISC Furniture Scheme is in the same room and not part of his charity.

Many people think the whole room is John's shop, which is not the case. John's charity has a small partitioned area inside the Furniture Scheme room, provided by DISC free of charge for the benefit of the

community.

John sells only bric-a-brac and small items of furniture. If you haven't been already, why not venture up there as

you won't be disappointed.
The Furniture Scheme is operated by More Time UK and that is also worth a browse, as they even have a café on the premises with

great food. Happy shopping S. Duncan

CHARITY SHOP BRIDAL GOWN BOUGHT FOR NIGERIAN WEDDING

WEDDING bells out for the daughter of an African Chief after finding her dream dress 4.000 miles away in a North East charity

Edrin Dafiaghor, daughter of Chief Jimmy Dafiaghor and second youngest of 21 children, celebrated her big day in style after help from staff at St Teresa's Hospice superstore on McMullen Road, Darlington.

Sister-in-law Wendy who lives in Darlington, said: "Edrin contacted me from Nigeria to say she was getting married and was looking for a white wedding dress

"Unable to find what she was looking for at home, I offered to help but after searching many shops in Darlington I was struggling to find a dress that wasn't cream.

went into St Teresa's charity shop in the town centre and was told to contact their new St T's Superstore where they had just had a delivery of wedding dresses donated by a local bridal store.'

'Rose sent me pictures of the dress and it was so beautiful that I arranged to pay and pick it up straight away," said Wendy.

"When I got it home I sent some more pictures to Edrin and she was over the moon with the dress, it made her a very happy lady as the wedding was only two weeks away. One of my brothers-in-law was visiting

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Edrin, daughter of Chief Dafiaghor, of Nigeria, with her new husband Jerry Omazino

the UK at the time and he was able to take the dress back to Nigeria just in time

for the wedding.
"Edrin looked absolutely stunning at the wedding and she and her new husband Jerry had a beautiful day helped by the kind staff at St T's Superstore."

St T's Superstore floor manager Rose Wills added: "It was wonderful that we were able to help a bride find her dream dress even from thousands of miles away.

donation Bexbrides was incredibly and although generous we don't have a specific wedding dress shop the dresses are now on sale at our shop at 8 Skinnergate,

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Darlington, where hopefully we will be able to help lots other brides find their perfect wedding day dress." Bexbrides owner Rebecca Lombard-Earl said: "We are fortunate to be part of many brides' big days, offering the largest choice of vintage, retro and designer sample wedding dresses in the

region. "We inevitably end up with more gowns than we need and are delighted to donate them to worthwhile causes to benefit brides who can buy a gown at an affordable price. We are thrilled St T 's is making excellent use of our donation as it's a charity very close to our hearts.



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Celebrating Eid-al-Fitr

Town and Parish Council meetings, and some important news items – it is especially vital that residents consider the County Durham Plan. Plus some lovely family activities for Father's Day weekend. Find out more about all the following on my weekend. Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB34 COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

• DCC has announced the 'Preferred Options' stage of

the County Plan.

• DCC statement on the recent dumping of drugs paraphernalia.
• GATC Environment and

Recreation Committee meetings, Wednesday

May.

• Middridge Parish Council

— Jay 31 May. AGM, Thursday 31 May.

• Please complete the PCP questionnaire on

Therapy Services.

• Healthwatch Durham's June newsletter is

Kynren's cast and crew 1,000 volunteers have won The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

• The charity Bee Happy 2gether, which helps young people traumatised by terror incidents, was launched at ROF59 last week..

• Aycliffe Business Park's Tekmar is set to float on the Alternative Investment Market.

Latest local roadworks information.
THINGS TO DO

• Dad's Den-Building for Father's Day, Hardwick Park, 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, Sunday 17 June, £10 per family, pre-book on 03000

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Memorial Service for a Dear Friend



HC-One's St Clare's Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham said goodbye to one of their dearest friends.

Family members, friends and the team at St Clare's Court attended the Memorial Service of Maurice Kay last week, as well as the local police and Police Commissioner Ron Hogg.

Maurice was born on the 9th June 1931 before passing away at the age of 87 earlier this month. He was one of the first Residents to stay at St Clare's Court and was a truly kind and friendly gentleman who made friends easily.

He enjoyed a game of dominoes with a group of Residents that followed him into the home and used to join in in all the activities, scrabble being one of his favourite pastimes. He would often check the spelling or questioned what the word meant.

The Community Officer called into the home when they first opened and introduced herself to Maurice who was in the police force for 40 years. After enquiring about his police number, she had an epaulette made and framed for him, which the Police Commissioner and the Mini Police presented to him.

A rose bush was planted at St Clare's Court along with a beautiful plaque in Maurice's memory. St Clare's Courts Home

Manager, Jason Parkinson commented: "It was a lovely afternoon for a very special gentleman who touched the hearts of everyone he met.' The home is also celebrating achieving a 9.9 average rating on the sector's leading

care

home comparison website carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to Residents.

For more information or to arrange a tour, visit www. hc-one.co.uk or call 01325 315 671.



Lots Happening at Aycliffe W.I.

Institute is a very active group. We have a different

For our May meeting we had Mr Mike Thornton with a talk entitled 'Behind the scenes'. This was a talk about the life of the artist Norman Cornish. A fascinating insight into his

At our meeting on June 12th we have a talk about 'Parliament and Women' with Skye Yarlett There is always social time at the end of the meetings for tea and chatter with friends.

We have also been active within the community with a cake stall at the Acorn petting zoo at the leisure centre, where we made a donation from our takings. In July we have been asked to hold a craft exhibition as part of the Avcliffe festival. It will be in St Clare's church hall on Saturday 28th July 10am till 2pm and

Women's be several crafts on display with demonstrations and some opportunities to have

a go yourself.

There will also be competitions. The three

categories will be a paper

craft, a tote bag in any

medium, and a sugarcraft. The competition for the

little ones will be a painting

with 2 age groups, under 5yrs and 5-10yrs. See the

press for further details. We hope to see you all there.

For further information contact Helen on 315017

speaker or activity every month at our meetings. In April we had Pat Chambers along to talk to us about the MRI scanner appeal. We were all amazed at the number of scans carried out on a daily basis within our health trust. The new and improved scanners will make a vast difference to everyone needing to use

entry will be free. There will





Champion Delivers Dementia Training

put understanding action after championing the UK's largest ever dementia initiative

Farrell, head Diane workforce development at St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington, is aiming to transform the way people think, talk and act about dementia, backed by the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme.

There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over a million by 2025. This will rise to two million by 2051. Around 225,000 will develop dementia this year and one in six people over the age of 80 have dementia. Diane was approached by the local Dementia Alliance Group part of the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme helping tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia.

"Dementia is not just a normal part of aging and not everyone develops it," she said. "It is caused by diseases in the brain, most commonly Alzheimer's, and it's not just about memory problems, but also about thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks.

50-minute training session gave me a real understanding of all aspects of the condition, how it impacts on those living with the condition and their



L-R Head of Care Alison Marshall, Chief executive Jane Bradshaw and Head of Workforce Development Diane Farrell

families, so much so that I decided to train to become a dementia champion."

As a Dementia Champion Diane, supported by St Teresa's Hospice, now

delivers her own dementia friends training sessions within the community and has presented to more than 138 people including hospice staff, volunteers and external

groups.
"It is all about getting as many Dementia Friends as possible and passing on the message," added Diane.
"They can then put their knowledge into action with the overall aim of changing people's perceptions of dementia creating more

awareness,

and

society. "It is possible to enjoy a good quality of life with this condition. People with dementia are still a valuable part of our community."

understanding

helpfulness across

To arrange a Dementia Friends training session Diane Farrell contact at St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington, on (01325) Darlington,

WHAT IS COUNTY **DURHAM TEES VALLEY RESCUE MISSION?**

CDTVRM started off as a human trafficking abolition group which initially supported 'Hope for Justice' in their charitable work. group initially

Within our organization we realized that awareness and prevention were significant factors in combatting the modern day slavery business. For example, a vulnerable person attending a local foodbank could be led to go into a dangerous situation with no understanding of the danger they could be in.

offer training and awareness groups to help local communities identify or at least see certain warning signs which can then be fed into the correct channels for verification and action if

CDTVRM ways of involving the communities is by sponsoring local events such men's breakfasts, craft clubs for all ages, afternoon teas for ladies, computer repair clinics, special lunches and presentations at residents and community meetings.

We are hoping to have a positive influence in offering support network. Our other services include 1 to 1 advocacy and sign posting to other local services.

We are a voluntary organization and most of our events are free to the community. We do rely on donations and funding for support. We are looking to host

communities Newton Aycliffe and continue supporting the local communities in awareness of the modern-day slavery bill which includes Sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic servitude and the harvesting of human organs within the UK.

We would like to thank the following for their continued support: GACAP, Tesco, Cnclr. Dorothy Bowman -Western Area Community Centre, Cllr. Ken Robson Acorn Chairman, Harvest Church, Honest John for his generous donation of £500. public donations and all our voluntary team who make this possible.

Our office is based at the Western Area Community Centre.

get would like to involved in any way kindly contact: Email:cdtvrescuemission@ gmail.com or call Mobile: 07754 244547

Our next events at Western Area are:

June - 2pm to 4pm Ladies Tea 23rd June - 2pm - BBQ and **Music Event**

Every Monday - 1pm to 3pm - Craft Club with Free Materials, all welcome.

Every Thursday 10am to 3nm - Computer Repair Computer Repair Clinic nevt committee

meeting is 11th June at 7pm.

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Centre, in partnership with England Netball, offered a FREE Walking Netball taster session on Monday 4th June, at 10.30-11.30am, regular sessions taking place from the following week costing £3.00.

For more information or to register your interest please Joanne Heron, contact Culture & Sport on 03000 266888 or email joanne. heron@durham.gov.uk

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West Ward Eyesores Deliberately Left?



The photograph shows a house with almost 3 ft of grass left uncut! It would probably be more difficult to leave it than cut it while they are doing the rest, but whoever lives in these places obviously care how it looks. Council Tax is paid one way or another so the place should be kept tidy.
Is this purely a strategy adopted by Livin to make the place

look run down? They may come back and say it is the private landlord's or tenants responsibility the fact is neither are obviously bothered, so is the answer Just leave it!

Surely an element of common sense must prevail here as it is not fair to other residents living in the area who take pride in how their houses look.

Is this another way for Livin to try and achieve their objective of Regeneration Option 3?

SWDT Win Award for Apprenticeship Scheme

Engineering training provider South West Training celebrating winning an award for its apprenticeship scheme. SWDT was nominated businesses Aycliffe Business Park for the Apprenticeship and Training Award, sponsored by Gestamp, implementing an apprenticeship scheme as an integral part of developing its workforce. The 400-hectare business park is home to more than 500 businesses employing around 10,000 people and its fourth annual Make Your Mark Awards ceremony, hosted by BBC Radio Five Live presenter Charlie Charlton, was held at The Xcel Centre. than 200 people attended the event, with 52 nominations for the award categories. The top award of the night - Company of the Year - went to Stiller Warehousing and Distribution.

SWDT, which marked its 50th anniversary last December with a big ceremony of its own led by BBC Breakfast's Steph McGovern, is well known



(l-r) are: Business Apprentice Laura Pickford; Electrical Tutor Ryan Blewitt; Jason Howe, General Manager at SWDT; School Liaison & Careers Officer Matt Gatiss; BTEC & Higher Education Coordinator Brian Corker; and Andy Dunn, Chair of SWDT Executive Council.

for training apprentices for other companies. But it also employs its own apprentices.

Pickford, 17, Laura joined on an 18-month level 3 apprenticeship in business administration in March. She said: "I'm still learning the important academic skills necessary for the role, but I'm also getting to know the ropes of the office, doing general admin jobs, data cleaning, printing, filing and dealing with people on the phone, and I'm loving it."

General Jason Howe. Manager at SWDT, said:

"The award is special as it is nominated and judged by companies on the Aycliffe Business Park. It is great recognition for the continued hard work and commitment of our staff and fantastic students.

enthusiastic exponents of apprenticeships, and we keep in touch with many of our former apprentices who have gone on to have very rewarding careers in industry. Our message to the region's employers is continue to invest in apprentices - our future

TOWN COUNCIL DANGER WARNING ON DRUG DISPOSAL IN WASTE BINS



Town Council Officers are highlighting a worrying current trend of irresponsible disposal of drugs paraphernalia around the town in public waste bins for public safety.

The 'haul' pictured was recovered from a bin in the Humphrey Close area in carrier bags and contained a copious volume of associated drugs material including used hypodermic needles, some of which were unguarded Council Officers are working with the Police and

Enforcement Officers to track down the irresponsible people who have disposed of the waste in this manner. In the meantime, they recommend that the general public do not put their hands physically into the bin.

Members of the public are asked to be aware of this situation and report any suspicious activities to the police.

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Aycliffe Girls Open New Salon



L- R: Faith and Sam

Richmond, Newton Aycliffe qualified in level 2 and 3 hairdressing 7 years ago, also within this years she has gained level 2 in Barbering and Beauty Works Hair Extensions, covering all aspects of hairdressing. Faith started in Darlington then after becoming well established moved to her home town to open the business "Hair by Faith".

Sam Mitchell, also from Newton Aycliffe, qualified as an eyelash technician over 6 years ago. Initially working on a mobile basis with friends and family; Sam slowly built up a clientele whilst balancing full time work alongside developing her business.

well established

from within Newton Avcliffe and the surrounding towns, Sam has a large customer base and is continuously developing which includes all aspects of eyelash extensions, eyelash, eyebrow tinting as well as waxing, and is soon to be adding Dermaplaning to her

Faith started off as Sam's client last year and have now become business partners in setting up HairbyFaith and SJM Lashes.

In the near future they are looking to expand and potentially add more staff to the team! The Salon is at Unit 8, Durham Way South, Aycliffe Business Park DL5

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Half-Term Holiday Fun at Greenfield Arts

Holiday activities have been a big hit during the May half-term break. Greenfield Arts have once again been on the move holding free creative workshops both Newton Aycliffe and Foundations Building, Shildon. The family focused activities were enjoyed by both children and adults in equal measure as they spent time together having fun and producing some fabulous creations.

Talented tutor Belshaw was on hand at Shildon where everyone got the chance to create their own magical fairy or pirate house, they were fabulous creations using a range of recycled materials and a sprinkle of fairy dust! The young people were very proud of their little houses and were keen to take them away with them to a new home

Aycliffe families were again busy working together. Artist Sharron Bates led a lovely session giving expert

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a special memory box with collage materials. Once complete the young people filled their boxes with special messages to themselves, their hopes and dreams and aspirations. They had a lovely time and took their treasures home with them to use for the future. Positive feedback from the groups showed that both activities had sparked imaginations in all ages and a confidence to continue to do more at home and at school. Greenfield Arts are thrilled

guidance as everyone made

to see young people getting the chance to get creative and enjoy family activities. If you would like to know more about what we do check out our website at



www.greenfield-arts.co.uk where you can find our more information and sign up for our newsletter. You can also

Enough Homes for those that Want to Return to West Ward

After reading all the constant information posed through social media, meetings, letters and house visits about the West Ward regeneration (much of the information being repeated weekly by Arun Chandrun in the Newton News) I feel compelled to write a response.

The estate that Livin want to regenerate was not built for long term occupancy. Since my 8 years living here I have seen a decline in the area. I love my house and have made many improvements over the years, and wish I could pick it

up and move somewhere else. There are lots of issues with the houses, I'm told many have mould and the general maintenance needed to keep them going is high. The area itself is suffering from a lot of antisocial behaviour of which I've often witnessed e.g children swearing at me, throwing stones at the houses

encourage people to walk around the estate – you'll see broken windows, rubbish dumped, graffiti on the walls – do you really think this is going to improve? How feasible do you really believe

making their minds up for themselves and think of long term and not just short. First of all, these houses are worth very little at the moment, in fact people can't sell because of the reputation of the area. What will the estate look like in 10 years, what about 20 years? It's just going to get worse. You don't want to think in a few years time, 'I wish I'd taken the chance

given by Livin'.
Then think about who will inherit your house, will it even be worth inheriting? If you speak to Livin, you can get assurances to what will happen and at least work with them to bring an improvement to the area. This whole debate about who can return to the estate is quite clear - everyone wants to return CAN! This has already been stated numerous times – there may well be less houses built than what is already here but not everyone will want to return

research the turn-over of

social housing estates!
Plus many home owners will naturally sell and move elsewhere so YES there will be enough properties for people who WANT to return. If there are more home owners who want to return then there will be more properties to purchase built – if there are more tenants who want to return than the ratio for houses to rent will be greater

the maths is simple!

Organise a consultation with Livin and state your preference – they can make consultation the necessary arrangements should option 3 go ahead. The decision is yours and the people of the Western Estate. Just ask yourself, do you really want to listen to propaganda or make your mind up for yourself? In addition, I urge the town and county councillors, as well as our MP to listen to all voices on the estate (you are after all elected to represent the people – not just a group of people) – not everyone is opposed to option 3 – for many the option of progress and modernisation appeals. The prospect of beautiful new accommodation with private gardens and driveways to raise families in will quite naturally be desirable to many.
A concerned resident.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE -A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

I received two pieces of good news about crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in my ward last week.

The first was that, year, Woodham/Middridge had the lowest crime rate in County Durham (one sixth that of the worst area in County Durham). The second was that, in April this year, ASB in Woodham was (at 9 reported incidents) the lowest in Great Aycliffe, whilst ASB in Greenfields (the area which includes the southern half of my ward) was second-lowest, at just 11 incidents. This is fantastic. Why should this be so? One

of the reasons is Insp. Sarah Honeyman's multi-agency Great Aycliffe ASB Group, which has been meeting to coordinate the response to anti-social behaviour. As the various agencies have met and shared information, ASB in Great Aycliffe has all but halved.

There are, however, other factors at work than effective enforcement. The Police especially praise the associations in residents' the ward for the work they do to lay on events and build community cohesion. They also comment how people in Aycliffe North ward are willing to help the police, to offer information, and to report issues.

I would like also to suggest two further reasons. congratulate the young people of the ward - random dropped vandalism has away of late. And I would also draw attention to the growing pride of the community in itself, which leads people to care about neighbours and their neighbourhood.

This does not mean that we can stop being vigilant and proactive, or that I am minimising the harm crime does to its victims. Neither does it mean that there are no problems to address in Aycliffe North ward (one such being low employment skills and qualifications).

But, for the moment, let's just enjoy the fact that we live in a place which is not

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Driving Home with Carl Bennett 2-5pm 6-7.30nm Sports Round UP Darren & Lee Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

12th June - Adam Caylis - Newton Aycliffe Juniors FC 7.30-9.30pm Northern & Classic Soul Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

2-5pm Driving Home with Carl Bennett 8-10pm Alternative Aycliffe Gary & Alby **THURSDAY**

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Whilst out for a walk the other day I noticed the old Woodham Community College running track had been 'marked out', as if being prepared for athletic track events. Surely this cannot be the case. After years of neglect, this track is not fit for purpose. I'm am not one for writing letters to newspapers, but many

years ago I was a young athlete who used this track in its better years. I can only imagine the budgetary restraints placed on our schools and colleges and the need for them to prioritise their spend and therefore the need to seek funding

from other streams.

I ask myself, would it not be possible to fund an athletics facility 'for all', similar to that enjoyed by athletes in Shildon? A facility in Newton Aycliffe, for use by our schools, athletics clubs and those of us who just want to keep fit.

Let's inspire our young people to become involved in 'track & field' by adding to the already amazing sports facilities our

Name and address supplied.

Head Teacher replies:

Your reader is correct in surmising that money is a real issue for schools. Education is currently grossly under funded, with reductions in income and increased costs. As such, our priority has to be maintaining our high quality teaching so that students continue to achieve above national average

results.

We do, however, ensure that the facilities we have are looked after properly. The running track, which is used only for PE lessons, not for competitions, is maintained regularly with additional work planned for this summer. We also seek to invest in our facilities as best we can, completing a refurbishment of sports changing rooms last autumn.

It would be lovely to have modern community facilities at Woodham Academy. We are currently in discussion with Durham county council to find a way to fund a 3G football pitch. A state of the art athletics track would be fantastic. Christine Forsyth



FIT FOR PURPOSE? 222 More Houses to be **Built in Heighington**

I am sure that most residents from Heighington are aware that the Planning Application to build 75 houses in a field off Walworth Road was approved

Walworth Roau was approved last Wednesday.

I wish to thank Judith King, Jackie Jones and Rob Haywood who all spoke with passion who all spoke will passion against the application and it was good to see that they were supported by Trevor King and Ann Holmes. three speakers set out objections clearly and their methodically outlining traffic, flooding, sewage, parking, unsafe access and the problems associated with the school, but their comments fell on deaf

Although the 33 page report that came to the committee was discussed in detail taking a good two hours before the decision was made I know that most Heighington people felt that the decision to approve would be inevitable and so it proved. The meeting was acrimonious at times, but as I explained to those people who attended planning committee meetings do get that way from time to time.

Those of you who read an email I sent a few weeks ago will remember that I explained that those sites that have already been identified to build houses to satisfy the 5 year Housing assessment have little or no chance of being refused and this proved to be the case in this instance. The planning Officer reminded the committee that Walworth Road is part of the 5 year plan and should it be refused the Developer would appeal against the decision and because we could not prove our 5 year assessment because Walworth Road had been refused it was felt that the Planning Inspector would overturn the Planning committee's decision and grant planning permission.
Section 106 money has been agreed for the following:-

£78,900 – improvements to cycle ways, footways and the public footpath

£6.762 to make improvements to the playing fields £229,125 towards education in

the village £15,000 towards a potential scheme to create additional

parking spaces in Hopelands (this is my request)
So whilst the Walworth

Panning application was approved we did get the following concessions:

The sewage pump to be moved as far away from Rob's

• A 'gate' will be installed to slow traffic as you approach the site entry from the Dog Inn

• £15,000 to build some parking bays in Hopelands. This follows my approach to DBC and the need to improve off road parking on the estate. The parking bays will also give parents a few more places to park at 8.45am and 3pm

• Developers to identify what they have included in their housing site plans following comments from residents during consultation. I have been asking for this for some time in Council Meetings and as I have not had any success I thought I would push the point at the Walworth Road Planning application hearing. Despite having to have a few cross words from and to the Chair of the Committee our Planning Officer did accept my argument that Developers should report back on what was suggested at residents consultation meetings and more important confirm what they have included from the meeting in their housing layout so residents are made aware of whether the Developer has listened.

Heighington Parish is to be

increased in size by another 222 houses – 104 in the Oaklands, School Aycliffe, 43 in Station Road and now 75 off Walworth Road – overall an increase in the numbers of

houses by approx. 22%
Despite these increases
Heighington Parish will
still be a lovely place to live.
Redworth will be unaffected.
The Chestnuts residents may be concerned over the possibility of traffic volumes and flooding/ sewage issues from the Oaklands development and Heighington residents may be concerned, but looking forward we still will be living in one of the most beautiful villages in the north of England.

Heighington was voted Britain's Most Perfect Village in 2007 and the addition of houses will not alter this. The countryside surrounding the Parish is as glorious as ever and our village greens will stay as attractive as it has for centuries. Yes we will have to deal with the extra traffic and our school will experience growth problems and yes the safety issues around the school gates will give us some headaches but village people in the past have tended not to sit back without helping to sort out our own problems and I am sure that this attitude will continue.

I appreciate that there are people who are really upset about the decision to build new houses in the Parish and its potential to effect that sense of community that we all enjoy but 'community' is people driven so it is up to us all to ensure we continue to come together so that the parish of Heighington remains a wonderful place to

So, continue to take pleasure in living in this beautiful parish of ours and let's make sure that together we keep it that way. Cllr Gerald Lee

SPONSORS WANTED FOR AYCLIFFE JUNIOR ICE HOCKEY STARS



Gregor Mills

Two promising young Ice Hockey prospects from Newton Aycliffe are seeking sponsorship to help them with the next stages of their ice hockey journey. Finley Bradon and Gregor Mills, both 12, were this season named to the England National Team.

Their selection puts both firmly on the elite player pathway to possible future selection to the Great Britain Ice Hockey teams which start at Under 16 level.

Ice Hockey in Great Britain is currently enjoying its most successful time in nearly a quarter of a century with the GB senior team playing with the world's elite teams such as Canada, Russia and Sweden

In addition, a number of the junior GB teams have also won gold in their respective World Championships in 2018. It is certainly a sport



Finley Bradon

on the rise.

Ice Hockey is however a sport that receives no central funding from UK Sport or Sport England. It is a sport that requires a huge commitment in time and finance from both the players and their parents.

At this stage of Finley's and Gregor's sporting journey they would love to partner with organisations or individuals who would like to play a part in that journey, however big or small, and who have a passion for contributing to the development of young athletes into winners, at the highest possible level in their sport.

If you would like to know more about Finn and Gregor, the England Ice Hockey National Team Programme and how you can help, then email sbfb2009@gmail.com or dm51@hotmail.co.uk



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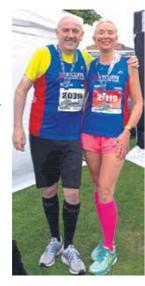
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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Marathon Festival for which several members made the journey to Edinburgh to participate in several races. The festival is split over two days with a 5k and 10k taking place on the Saturday and the Half Marathon and Marathon taking place on the Sunday.
On the Saturday we had three members taking part in the 5k race. This included two of our junior members. This is not an easy 5k course as the first part of the course takes you up Arthur's Seat. Sarah Dixon completed this in 26.03, closely followed by Caleb Nicholson in 26.12 and Rob Nicholson in 26.23. On Sunday Ste Sutheran and Angela Sutheran took part in the half Marathon. completed this in 1.29.45 and Angela in 1.48.49.

In relation to the marathon this was run by the following members: - Jason Dixon 3:48:35, Rob Nicholson Michelle Dixon 4:00.58, Michael Brunskill 4:29:42 and Richard Tonge

Elsewhere four members



took place in the Melmerby This race is close to Ripon and is a very undulating course. Pau1 Dalton completed this in 43.25, Stuart Joyce 43.54, Michael Lloyd 49.43 and Carrieanne Ingledew in 1:24.:00. Carrieanne also obtained a PB at Chesterle-Street Parkrun the day before in a time of 36.35

Local Clubs Hold North East Aycliffe FC Changes Taekwondo Championships





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Town Council

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For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Golf Administrator; Marie Thompson on 01325 310820 or by email to marie.thompson@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing Date for Applications: Noon on Wednesday 20th June 2018 Please note interviews will be undertaken on Wednesday 27th June 2018

Application packs can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700 emailing: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or from the Council website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Team Warrior TKD hosted their first Taekwondo Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 3rd June 2018. The North East Open Championships was a great success, with over 200 competitors from all over the Country competing.
Team Warrior TKD

recently celebrated their 1st Anniversary and wanted a new challenge by running the only North East Open Competition since 1999, within the **British** Taekwondo organisation.

With the support of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, the six clubs all worked together and feel very proud of what they have achieved in such a short period of time.

The clubs are based in Aycliffe Village, Ferryhill, Darlington, Willington, Stanley, Crook and Northallerton.

Further details can be found on their website teamwarriortkd.co.uk.

Help Wanted at Brusselton

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for New Season

Newton Aycliffe FC have got He had previously spent their pre-season preparations off to a rapid start with two new appointments in the dug-out.

Deano Brown Manager has appointed former club captain Sean Tarling and UEFA B-accredited coach Andrew Jinks as his new assistant managers for the 2018-19 Northern League campaign.

Club legend Dan Mellanby, who had been assisting Browne as joint manager for the last 18 months, has stepped down from the management to take up a new role in the club's committee, mainly in strengthening the side's ties with the town's youth teams.

Browne said: "Sean has loads of experience in the Northern League, he was a really solid player for us and has a lot of respect in the dressing room, so it's going to be an easy transition for

"Andrew is a UEFA B coach. not as experienced in the Northern League, but he's someone I work with day-in, day-out and he's someone I trust a lot. I know he has enough skill and enough football knowledge to help us out."

Tarling, 33, takes up his first coaching role after he returned to Aycliffe as a player last year.

several years with his hometown club, helping them win successive promotions to reach the them Northern League first division, before leaving for Bishop Auckland in 2014.

"I've been saying this is my last season (as a player) for a few years now," said Tarling. "I had some bad injuries last season, and I've had a lot of conversations with the family, and I just feel it's the right time for me.

been involved in Aycliffe for a lot of years. It was great to come back last season and I loved every minute of it. So I'm looking forward to the new role."

Jinks is a former Darlington FC Under-18s and reserve team coach and Under-17s manager, and also had a spell coaching with Billingham Synthonia last season.

He said: "I'm looking forward to working with a decent level of football working players and alongside Deano and Sean. "Their experience will help

me progress as a coach, and I think I've got quite a bit to bring to the table as well. I think we'll create a good management team together. I know the town well - I coach in the local schools and I know how good a club it is, so I'm really excited about the challenge ahead.'



L-R: Sean Tarling, Deano Browne, and Andrew Jinks

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Second Referendum Vote at a **General Election**

Dear Sir,

In my letter published 25th May 2018, in reply to MP Phil Wilson's call for a 'Peoples Vote, I pointed out that Phil Wilson was, 'playing the man (Jacob Rees-Mogg) and not the (Brexit) ball'. Indeed, I pointed out that this made him look like a bad loser. I described Jacob Rees-Mogg as being, "a very intelligent happily married family man who is open and honest about both his political and personal views". On the other hand, Phil Wilson disliked/was afraid of him due to the fact that he is wealthy.

In her letter in the Newton News 1st of June 2018, McFarlane Shelagh for my commends me admiration for Jacob Rees-Mogg, but warns me that his political and personal views on most subjects are not hers. By this I assume she means, not 'mainstream'. However since Jacob Rees-Mogg voted to Leave, and was elected MP, on a Leave manifesto, in a constituency where the majority had previously voted to Remain, it is clear that, on Brexit at least, he is more 'mainstream' than Phil Wilson and Shelagh McFarlane! Indeed, like Phil Wilson, Shelagh McFarlane is 'playing the man and not the ball'. Jacob Rees-Mogg is only one of circa. 17.4 Million who voted Leave. Why single him out? Why

not pick on me? However, back to Phil Wilson's proposed 'People's Vote'. Prior to David Cameron including the promise of a Referendum in his 2015 manifesto, both main parties in our, so called, Parliamentary Democracy had refused to contemplate letting the people decide on the EU.

Four Million votes for UKIP and a Coalition Government that followed had changed his mind! The people elected a Conservative Government that in General Election because they promised a Leave/ Remain Referendum in their manifesto. This being the case, it is not unreasonable for those people to demand that the holding of a second Referendum be voted on in a General Election.

The Conservative Manifesto could say they would not grant another Referendum and the Labour / Momentum manifesto could say that they would. The fact of the matter is that, in a Parliamentary Democracy, a Referendum can only be democratic if the electorate have had a chance to vote for one prior to one being held.

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Remedy Mini Festival held at The Hammer & Pincers

in Newton Aycliffe, featured a huge line-up of DJs and performers all pulling together to raise money for

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in

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Trev wanted to be his boss, so took the opportunity to combine this with his love for driving and decided that a small delivery service would be ideal.

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Darlington Business Club Partners with Echo Arena

has announced it is to work in partnership with the Northern Echo Arena. The new arrangement will see the club's monthly meetings and quarterly events being hosted at the Northern Echo Arena, the home of Darlington Mowden Park Rugby Club. The Northern Echo Arena

is already a key supporter of Darlington Business Club with its sponsorship of the club's annual DL Businesses Expo. To cement the new formalised partnership. they will once again be the headline sponsor of this year's DL Business Expo which is due to be hosted later in 2018.

The partnering of two of Darlington's most renowned clubs will benefit the local business club by attracting new members and meeting the objective of attracting more corporate members.
Sharon Hutchinson,

Managing Director and Chair of Darlington Business Club said, "This is such an exciting opportunity for Darlington

Hammer's Festival Raised

Over £3000 for Charity

went, support from everyone

from the DJs, the venue, the

sponsors to everyone that

shared the event on social

media or bought tickets was

simply amazing"
The event quickly sold out with 500 revellers in

attendance at the one day festival with camping. Music

lovers spent the day enjoying both classic house music in the giant tipis with Hacienda

legend Allister Whitehead and

dancing to more contemporary

underground music in the Bedouin tent with DJs such

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has

professionally within the music business for many years

and was determined to put on

"It was amazing to get sponsorship from two

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companies convertmyvan. com and Webahead who gave

us the ability to put on a first class event and enable a large

part of the ticket money go directly to Zoe's place charity.

The sound systems, the lighting, the DJs, fire performers, in-fact everyone

involved with the event did a first class job and helped the day go off with such a great

atmosphere, and all for an amazing cause" said Andy

commented

"Feedback on the event has

been amazing, social media has been awash with brilliant

comments and praise for everyone involved. To do

something on this kind of scale was a challenge, but

we are fortunate enough to

have amazing friends around

us that helped us achieve

something really special with

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Eline Dunning from Zoë's
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Andy

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Northern Echo Arena. business club will be officially partnered with an iconic venue within the region, and it will enable us to reach a wider audience attracting more corporate members.

more corporate members. Lee Rust, Managing Director of Darlington Mowden Park who own the Northern Echo Arena said, "We are pleased to be partnering with Darlington Business Club, it is a well-established club offering fantastic benefits to its members. With similar business objectives, it was a natural development to cement the relationship into a formal agreement, benefiting all members.

To coincide with the new partnership, Darlington Business Club is launching a new member benefits package called Platinum. Platinum will provide members with the current benefits of monthly networking meetings, quarterly Big Breakfast networking events and DL Business Expo, but will also offer its members

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Stephenson Way Academy Receives Prestigious Artsmark Award

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There are now over 280 North East schools There registered for Artsmark and they are supported throughout their journey by Culture Bridge North East and The Forge who work together to deliver the Artsmark programme in the region. This includes providing advice, practical teaching resources and introductions to leading cultural organisations in

Melanie Carter, Area Manager, Culture Bridge North East says: "We are absolutely delighted Stephenson Way Academy received their Artsmark Award. It's fantastic to see that so many school leaders are recognising the prestige and intrinsic importance of this award in supporting an arts focussed

curriculum." order to In

school, Artsmark Stephenson Way Academy had to develop their arts culture provision to achieve a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Artsmark. Through Stephenson Academy will continue to incorporate art and culture into every pupil's life, learning, knowledge and learning, sur-understanding, helping helping resilience, confidence and character.

On receiving the award, Miss Whitfield said: "We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Award. We are committed to delivering a high quality art and cultural education and we look forward to continuing to grow with Artsmark.

In Memoriam



Lillias R. Smith

12th June 2014

dearly loved Mum. Granny and Great Gran. Remembered by Valerie and Michael; Elizabeth and Kathryn; Allan and David; Jacob, Bronwyn, Theo and Dylan.

tomorrow, whole lives through, we will always love remember you.

Norman Holdsworth

9th June 2016

A much loved Husband

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that never goes away.

Loved always, Wife Margaret and all the family

Congratulations



Julie and Angela



Happy 50th Birthday Congratulations to Julie and Angela.

Lots of love Mam, Dad and all the family xxxx

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Allan & Audrey **Drake**



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Stephen Lonsdale



Look Who's 50!

Happy birthday to my beautiful Stephen, you are my one true love. Dreams really do come true as we've finally found our happy ever after. Love you so much, you are my soul mate. Kay xxx

Happy Birthday to a special Dad. Thank you for all the love and support you always give me. Love you, Matthew xxx

Happy Birthday Stephen All our love and kisses Mam, Dad, Kat, Stephen Adam, Corinna, Anth. Anton and Peter xxxxxx Happy Birthday Stephen All our love, Kath, Viv. John, Brian and Lynn xxxx

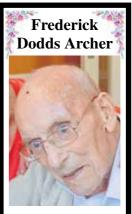
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I WOULD like to thank everybody who came to my assistance outside Aldi last Thursday, you were all wonderful. Thank you much, Mrs M.. Vickers

Rita Chape

8-11-1952 to 12-6-2006

Taken far too soon. Much loved Wife, Mam and Grandma. Lots of love, Vaughan



Died 12th June 2016

Much loved and sadly missed by all the family. You inspired us all with your fortitude, humour and undying love through the pain you suffered in vour later life

Now at peace and together with our Mam (Peggy) and Brother (Dennis). You will never be forgotten. Love always from all the family

Birthday | Remembrance

Robert Waites 7th June

Memories of happy times on your birthday.

Love always, Ruth

KENNETH INNES 13th June 2018. Remembering you on your birthday, 13th June and also for Father's Day. Love from your loving Wife Brenda and all the family. Love you always, forget you never x

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11th June 2016

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All our love, Teresa, Claire and Tara

SYLVIA HUBBARD 13th June 2007. Always thought of every day by all. I miss you and love you always. Derrick xxx ALLAN SHELTON 4t

February 1943 to 7th June 2010. Two tired eyes are sleeping, two willing hands are still. The one who loved us the most, is resting now at last. Loving Wife Maureen, family and friends. **ADA HUTSON** 4th April 1927

to 5th June 2007. A special smile, a special face, and in our hearts a special place. Our memories we keep one by one. things you've said and songs you've sung. They bring a smile, sometimes a tear, but always a wish that you were here. No words can tell, no tears express, the love, the loss, the emptiness. You are not just a memory or part of the past, you are ours to remember as long as life lasts. Love always Mam from all your family xxx BARBARA WHITE Sunday 10th June (1942 - 2017). In memory of a beloved Wife, Mam and Grandma. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, It's the pain of losing you, that never goes away. I watched you suffer, I saw you die, but all I could do was sit close by. You went away, we had to part, God eased your pain, but broke my heart. Allison xx JOE CARRUTHERS. 4th

June 2012. It is 6 years since we lost you, and not a day goes by when we don't miss your wisdom, your humour, and your smile. We miss you so much, because we love you so much. Jean and family x

SHARON PATERSON

(Newton Avcliffe)

Passed away peacefully on the 19th May, aged 46

A much loved Daughter, Sister and Aunt.

Family and friends please meet for a Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 14th June 14th for 12.45pm. Followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

Family Flowers only. Any donations, in lieu of flowers will go to Butterwick Hospice in

"Small in Stature but left a huge void in our hearts

SHEILA HARTY

On 25th May, peacefully with her loving family, of Atkinson Gardens, Atkinson Aycliffe Village.

Sheila, aged 81 years Dearly loved Wife of the William (Corky); much loved Mother Maureen, Mary, Gerald. Bernadette, Kathleen, Michael, Tony and the late Patrick; a Mother-in-Law, loving Nana, Great Nana and

Sister Funeral on Monday 11th June, friends please meet for Requiem Mass in St. Mary's RC Church, Central Avenue 11.00am. followed by in Aycliffe interment

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ALAN TREVOR

TAYLOR

On 1st June, in hospital,

aged 80 years. Much loved

Husband of Marie; loving

Andrew and Father-in-

Law of Joseph & Antonia.

Will family and friends

please meet for a Service

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All are welcome to The

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following the Service.

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Cremation

of Beverley and

Allan & Audrev **Drake**



Congratulations to Allan and Audrey Drake on your 60th Wedding Anniversary. What a great Diamonds are forever! Love from Stephen, Christine, Hannah, Eddie





Aycliffe Champion Aycliffe



Avcliffe Boxer Newton James LePoidevin (17) took part in the first ever Lord Lonsdale Box Cup, held in the grounds of Lowther Castle.

The event was over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd June involving over 150 boxers from all over the country, all hoping to win the title of Lord Lonsdale Champion. James is a former 2 times

National Champion and has represented England on a number of occasions.

His class certainly shone through as he put on an incredible performance to win the Gold medal in the 63 - 66kg category. He now

hopes to return to the same event in 2019 where he has the opportunity to defend his title and if successful, awarded the prestigious Lord Lonsdale Amateur Belt.

James trains at Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club under the guidance of Head Coach Les Gibson and Assistant Coach Stuart LePoidevin.

The club is open to both males and females and the opening times are: Mon, Tues, Thurs 6pm till 7pm for Juniors and 7pm till 8pm for adults. Wed 6pm till 7pm ladies only. Sat 10am till 12 noon. For further info please contact Les Gibson on 07989 830049

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store couldn't beat the weather as persistent rain forced their NYSD division two game away at Marske 2nds to be abandoned as a draw. Asked to bat first, Aycliffe scored 164 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs thanks good innings from Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Mr & Mrs Greaves), who top scored with an unbeaten 45, Darryn Bancroft (36 runs) and Patrick Howe (24 not out). The homeside innings never got started because of the rain which began to fall at the tea interval and the game was duly abandoned as a draw at

The 2nd team lost by seven wickets away at a very strong Billingham Synthonia 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe were skittled for 63 after 28.1 overs with only Dan Bowmer reaching double figures when he top scored with 23. In reply, the home side hurriedly reached their winning target for the loss of three wickets after 11 overs.

The u17's travelled to Stockton in the NYSD Junior League and were beaten by 61

runs. Chasing the homeside's total of 114 all out, Aycliffe were restricted to 53 for 8 in their 20 overs with man of the match Harry Wright following up his two wickets for 17 runs in the Stockton innings, by top scoring when Aycliffe batted with 14 not

The u13's had a couple of games this week, on the Tuesday they lost away at Billingham Synthonia by seven wickets. Special mention must go to nine year old debutant Will Dearden, who bowled superbly and only gave away one run from his two overs and also ten year old Joe Ingman, who was also making his u13's debut

taking a wicket and holding very good catch. On the Thursday the u13's redeemed themselves with an exciting victory away at Barnard Castle by eight runs.

Batting first Aycliffe scored 86 for 7 in their 20 overs with Leo Mercy top scoring with 18 runs and Matty Greaves supporting well with 15 runs. In reply, the home side were restricted to 78 for 9 in their 20 overs thanks to a great effort in the field by Aycliffe with five run outs recorded. Harrison Pearson was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 8 and Charlie Cayless and David Robinson both chipped in with a wicket a piece.





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