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## EXCITING CHANGES AS DISC CHANGE IMAGE



Humankind new logo

Humankind, Paul Townsley, said the organisation, which has helped people improve their lives since 1984, is positioning itself for the future.

Paul said: "We need to be more visible so that we can reach more of the people we represent."

Delivering a mix of housing, education, employment, training, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, young people and families, and clinical support, the charity has now completed a process of strategic review, merging with a healthcare organisation and re-branding.

Paul continued: "The process that we've been through over the past two or three years has shown us what matters most to staff, to commissioners and to service users. We're all about people – that's the essence of it – the equality and potential of people and our commitment to treating everyone that way. Making sure all the people we work with access fair chances."

"The services we deliver, and the way we work has evolved. The thing that runs through all of it is this belief in equality – that we all deserve a chance to achieve everything we can in life. Boil it down and we're people working with people – no prejudice, no judgement, just ways to help. That's what the new name reflects."

A new website has launched, services and offices have been re-badged. A fundraising auction of work donated by artists will be hosted by the branding agency, Sheffield-based Peter & Paul.

Lee Davies, creative director at Peter & Paul, said: "We want to give something back to the charity we've really got to know well over the last two years. "Humankind does amazing work that changes lives, and we really believe in them. We wanted to do something to raise funds but also to celebrate a project and a client that we're really proud of."

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Chief Executive Officer Paul Townsley, with Humankind Volunteer Development Manager Ann Hall outside the Humankind HQ near the Blue Bridge in Newton Aycliffe.

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# Home Owners Will Lose Out on Regeneration Scheme

Dear Sir,  
*In Response to "Enough Homes for those who want to return to West Ward." by a concerned resident in edition 8th June 2018.*

As resident homeowners in West Ward we really are all caught between a rock and a hard place. I also want a lovely Estate to live in but at what cost to me as a pensioner who may never qualify financially for a CPO WITH A MORTGAGE to be paid for the rest of my life. Imagine approaching 70 years old and now being forced into either accepting a below par pay out for a neat well maintained 3 bedrooms house and well maintained gardens in front and back with secure off street parking and now...my wife and I face the reality of no other opportunity to ever own our own house again. With rentals running approx £550 pm minimum in a nice new 3 bedroom house with 2 gardens and private off road parking for 2 vehicles, a payout of £55,000 will last 8.3 years. Let's say even 10 years. Now imagine my aging wife and I being kicked out of our rented accommodation with no further means to pay rental. I am healthy and God willing will continue to be of good health well into my 90's. But then what? I do not claim any benefits as I have learnt how to work for my board and lodging and to save to provide for our older age. So I say kindly Concerned Resident imagine in 10 years time saying "how I wish I had listened to Cllr Arun Chandran and not agreed to accepting option 3." I so appreciate Cllr Arun Chandran's 'expose' of Livin's shady past applications so how can one

trust anything that has their name on it? You say take a walk around the West Ward and I say - then, report on what you will find and see. Then do some homework and find out how much of the broken windows, rubbish dumped, graffiti on the walls, and let me add, overgrown pathways where 2 people can't walk next to each other. Weed infested garages around the West Ward - an eyesore and places where more than mould grows or gathers all under the responsibility of Livin. Shame on you Livin. Do the homework and find out who is responsible. Where I live almost every eyesore house appears to be on Livin's portfolio with a badly maintained garden often full of weeds and dumped old utensils or furniture. An absolute eyesore for passers-by and neighbours. Livin is to blame for being a distant Landlord. Where are the consequences for signing a tenancy agreement and not abiding by legal requirements? Livin - you have fallen into the money trap of rather having a paying tenant than caring about the community they live in who deserve residents who willingly uphold the community standards. Come on Livin. Why should Concerned residents be upset with each other because you cause the problem and then you appear supposedly as a knight in shining armour and we must fall for the deception! Apart from all the behind the scenes shady deals you Livin have been involved in and thanks to Cllr Arun have been exposed where is your collective responsibility to the West Ward residents

and when are you going to provide any answers?

£6,000 offered to tenants who may tip the scale in a vote for option 3 is scandalous. Many would LOVE the opportunity to get paid £6000 to vote, move and never come back.

Watch every empty Livin house suddenly get rented when tenants know this story is reality. But the real losers so far appear to be the home owner residents who can't afford to up and move. Please answer the accusations against you Livin as your silence and the black and white evidence of an apparent dark cover up will not go away until then. We are now speedily approaching midway 2018. How much longer do you need?

Like for like into the new proposed estate with zero monthly payments for existing home owners until owner sells or the last surviving spouse is taken home is my expectation. Otherwise Option 3 will not be acceptable.

Another concerned resident with high hopes for our future improved West Ward community.

Name and address provided.

## Good News for Neville Residents' Association

Our next meeting of Neville Residents Association will take place on Tuesday 19th June at 6.30pm in Neville Community Centre.

We have some very exciting news about funding and a draft plan of activities over the next few months. Come and be part of the discussion. All Residents welcome.

Heather Brewster  
Chair, Neville  
Residents Association

## New Cop on the Block



Hi, my name is Andy Boyd and I am the new Neighbourhood Police Sergeant for Newton Aycliffe. I have been with Durham Constabulary for 23 years and have spent time working on response, CID and Neighbourhood teams at Bishop Auckland and Crook. Until recently I was the Neighbourhood Sergeant at Shildon, a role that I took immense pride in, fostering fantastic relationships in the community in order to problem solve around local issues. In my spare time, I coach youth rugby at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club, follow Newcastle United Football Club and enjoy spending time with my family. Together with my team, I look forward to getting out into the community and working with partners to tackle the issues that affect you.

## British Legion Appeal to Members

Due to the low turn out of Legion members to the Branch meetings on the first Sunday of each month at the Working Men's Club Newton Aycliffe, Branch Secretary Royston Pape is appealing for better support to keep the branch alive.

He particularly wants members who would like to take up positions on the Branch Committee, but out of all the members there has not been anyone in touch with the Branch Secretary with any interest in the RBL Newton Aycliffe Branch.

It has been decided by the Northumbria-Tyne and Wear County Office Royal British Legion to hold a Special Meeting on a date to be given later when an Officer from the County office can attend. That date will be published in Newton News and it is hoped that Members will attend the meeting.

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which is the chosen charity of the Chairman of Durham County Council - Councillor John Lethbridge. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War and we would like to raise as much as we can for this wonderful charity. Neil and 4 friends - Judith King, Peter Brookes, David Shipman and Andrew Gilmore, will take on the



The team with Chairman of DCC and the Royal British Legion Flag Bearers

challenge, cycling the 130 miles to Stranraer before crossing by ferry to Belfast and completing the remaining 100 miles to Belleek on the border with the Irish Republic. A grand total of 230 miles! They will be supported

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## 85% Against Livin's Regeneration Scheme

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Silverdale - 54, of which 30 Tenants, 17 Home Owners and 7 Private Tenants.  
Langdale - 52, of which 37 Tenants, 14 Home Owners, 1 Private Tenant.  
Eskdale - 36, of which 24 Tenants, 9 Home Owners, 3 Private Tenants  
Whinlatter - 43, of which 24 Tenants, 16 Home Owners, 3 Private Tenants  
Kirkstone - 38, of which 22 Tenants, 10 Home Owners, 6 Private Tenants.  
Honister - 66, of which 34 Tenants, 20 Home Owners, 3 Private Tenants

**Tenants are overwhelmingly AGAINST Option 3**  
In a lot of cases Tenants and Owners have received visits from Livin and were completely unsatisfied by Livin's answer and their flat refusal to put anything in writing.

Total Homes Opposed to Livin's Option 3 as at 10th June 2018 are: 289 (of which: Owners 110, Tenants 179). That's 85% of homes visited by GARA to date. 39 were in favour of demolition, (of which Owners 10, Tenants 29), 10 had not made their mind up.

## CAB - AGM

The Citizens Advice, County Durham will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 4.30pm at their Head office: **Armstrong House Abbeywoods Business Park Durham DH1 5GH**  
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# WEST WARD REGENERATION

## Meeting of Town Council Officers with Livin

### Report by Leader of the Town Council Bob Fleming

At the Council meeting on 25th April 2018 (Minute 125 (i)) it was resolved that :-

“Durham County Council and ‘Livin’ be asked to talk to the Town Council and Residents to gather information and facts needed before sending a letter to the Minister for Housing and Local Government pointing out the facts and the need for a judicial review”.

A meeting was held with Livin on Wednesday 30th May 2018. At the meeting were myself; Councillor Malcolm Iveson, Deputy Leader; and Council officers; Chrissy Walton, Corporate and Planning Officer and Dan Austin, Finance Manager.

The representatives from Livin were Colin Steel, Chief Executive; Alan Boddy, Executive Director of Operations; Helen Darby, Business Development Manager; Vicky Miller, Regeneration Manager and Lauren Thompson, Press and PR Officer.

I think it would be fair to say that the meeting had a bit of a frosty start with everyone being a little defensive and unclear on the motives and intentions of each party.

However, it was quickly cleared up that the Town Council had requested the meeting to hear the facts on the proposed regeneration of the West Ward directly from Livin, and also to seek answers to a number of questions that had arisen from the Council Meeting on 25th April, both from councillors and the 150-180 members of the public who attended, many of whom were anxious and in some cases angry that the Town Council could not answer their questions.



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Livin explained it was their policy not to attend public meetings and preferred consulting with residents on a one to one basis.

Livin went on to express concern at some of what they perceived to be incorrect information being published in the local media and distributed to local residents, which they felt was undermining their consultation and muddying the waters.

Livin have spent at least 5 weeks fire-fighting these rumours which has put the whole time-line for the proposed regeneration back and has caused unnecessary uncertainty for many residents.

Livin stressed that the regeneration was not about ‘social engineering’, but improving and regenerating the area in line with what residents want, in order to improve housing, deal with estate design issues and reduce anti-social behaviour.

Livin confirmed that their preferred option was option 3 but within that option were a number of subsequent options that could be considered and this would depend on the outcome of the consultation and residents’ needs.

They also confirmed the regeneration would be phased and would take place over a number of years. It was unlikely that any physical work would start before 2020 and only then if there was community support for the proposal.

The consultation that is ongoing at the present time would inform the development of a Regeneration Master-plan for the area and this would be underpinned by a Residents’ Charter which would be consulted upon and would set out exactly what will happen, when, and what individual residents can expect.

Ultimately, the scheme would only go ahead if the Master-plan and Residents’ Charter were adopted by the majority of residents following a formal independent ballot.

There was a debate regarding time-frames, the original bid to the government and the level of DCC involvement up to now. The bid to the government had been in 2016 and was for funding for consultation and Master-planning. To complete the bid it was necessary to outline indicative ideas for the project. The numbers stated were not fixed and would depend on the actual requirements of the residents, as informed by the consultation.

For example, if a total of 250 residents wanted to come back to the estate in rented social housing accommodation then that is what would be provided for in the final scheme. Similarly the numbers of shared equity homes would be informed by actual demand from residents.

If the proposed regeneration project does go ahead it will be done in phases enabling residents to be rehoused temporarily elsewhere in Aycliffe e.g. in empty properties on the Agnew estates, as through phasing it would only involve manageable numbers and not hundreds of people in one go.

Livin stressed that every resident would have the opportunity to return to the estate if they wish to do so unless there were eviction proceedings already underway. They also will try and keep neighbours together and accommodate requests from families and friends to live closer to each other.

In relation to the issue of compensation for tenants, private landlords and homeowners, this information has already been publicly disclosed and is available on the Livin website.

I asked specific questions about rent increases and the uncertainty for those residents who had purchased their homes so did not have any rent or mortgage costs in their retirement. It was acknowledged that social housing rents would increase in future years even if regeneration did not take place. Following regeneration, there could be small increases in rent and new houses may be in a higher Council tax band, at the moment the houses are in Band A and in the future may be in Band B. However, this depends on the size and design of the houses, which again will be part of the Master-planning process.

Those residents who have purchased their houses will be offered a number of options, one of which would be shared equity i.e. they will be able to move back onto the estate to a new build property. It was confirmed that it is Livin’s intention that they will have no additional rent to pay nor mortgage to take out to purchase the property outright through shared equity arrangements that Livin would try to put in place.

The value of their current house will be offset against the value of the new property and used to calculate the shared equity value i.e. the residents’ stake in the value of the house. It was pointed out that the equity in the property would be more likely to increase following the regeneration as housing values should increase rather than stagnate and decrease as is the case now.

Livin would own the remaining share of the property. If the property was sold in the future, the proceeds would be shared between Livin and the resident based on the shared equity. The proceeds would form part of the estate should the resident die.

We discussed the requirements of the neighbourhood plan and the fact that any proposal would need to be compliant and if they were planning to build on green spaces we would object. It was agreed that should the project move to a Master-plan stage the Town Council would be closely involved to make sure there were no issues once a planning application was submitted.

Livin questioned whether the Council would expect all green open space to be protected and left exactly as it is now, or whether it would be acceptable to retain the same percentage of green open space but with the opportunity to re-design the estate to deal with specific anti-social behaviour issues. GATC will need to consider this at the Master-planning stage.

Finally it was clarified that Livin remains, first and foremost, a charitable not for profit social housing provider. The development arm of Livin is not currently operational and the intention in the future would be to use this company to build properties for sale to raise resources to invest in the core business of social housing.

In closing the meeting we were thanked for attending and clarifying the Town Council’s position and we were assured that Livin wants to work with the Council moving forward to deliver a successful project.

We look forward in anticipation to working with Livin on the Master-plan and Residents’ Charter.

# AYCLIFFE 6 YEAR OLD REGIONAL STORY WINNER

A 6 year old from St Mary’s Primary, Newton Aycliffe has been named a regional winner in the National Young Writers’ Award! Samuel Imran’s story, called ‘My Hero is my Mum’ was a story based on this year’s theme ‘heroes’.

The competition, which has been running for the past three months, invited children from across the UK to write a 500-word story about ‘heroes’ – whether that’s their parents, a policeman or their idol! Organised by tuition provider Explore Learning, the competition is now in its tenth year and this year’s judge was world renowned best-selling children’s author David Walliams! A record breaking 39,000 children from all over the UK entered in an effort to win a trip to Disneyland Paris and £500 worth of books for their school!

Huge congratulations to Samuel Imran. He has been selected as one of our top 150 entries. This is a massive achievement as we had over 38,000 entries. Well done from everyone!

The next stage is to whittle it down further to a top 10, which are the ones that get sent to David Walliams. If he makes it through the next stage. This will be in the next few weeks.

## From Samuel’s Dad...

*“We have been very lucky that Samuel has been helped and encouraged with his reading and writing at St Mary’s - to the point that he is enjoying to read a lot now and has started to do his own diary. It’s heartwarming to see how he has been nurtured to express himself and encouraged to use his imagination to explore the world, thanks in no small measures to Mrs Bennett*

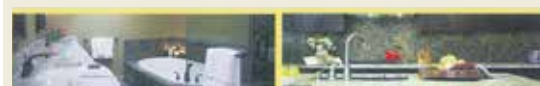


*and Ms Foster in Year 1. We have enjoyed watching Samuel getting more confident in reading and expressing his thoughts. It*

*will also be wonderful if he is able to inspire his school friends and make the school proud - we definitely are!”*

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# Excavation Work at 900 Year old Auckland Castle



Aspiring archaeologists of all ages can step back through the centuries on a summertime search at a County Durham castle. Excavations are taking place throughout June at 900-year-old Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland to reveal the footprint of the medieval Castle now buried beneath the lawns.

Running in partnership between The Auckland Project and Durham University, the dig will reveal how the Castle's buildings were arranged and give a fantastic insight into day-to-day lives of its medieval inhabitants.

Informal on-site tours of the dig will be running on a drop-in basis, Monday to Friday from the 4 to the 23 June, offering explorers of all ages to the chance to see inside the excavation trenches and watch archaeologists from Durham University peel back the centuries at the former home of the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham.

Weekend family archaeology sessions will also take place at 11am and 1pm on the 16, 17 and 23 June, giving visitors the opportunity to handle archaeological finds with members of The Auckland Project's education team.

John Castling, Community Archivist at The Auckland Project said: "The findings from this excavation could be of great significance for

the medieval archaeology of the region, and for our understanding of the lives of those in the household of the Prince Bishops before the 17th century.

"The tours and archaeology sessions offer a really unique opportunity for visitors to get right up to the trench edge and potentially see and even handle historical discoveries as they are unearthed."

Professor Chris Gerrard from Dept. of Archaeology at Durham University said: "It's great to work alongside The Auckland Project and we are excited to see what the next three weeks will bring."

To mark the end of the excavation, on Saturday, 23 June visitors can step inside historic Auckland Castle on a Behind the Scenes Tour to take a peek at the work under way to return the property to its former Georgian Gothic splendour, as designed by renowned English architect James Wyatt.

The conservation of Auckland Castle is supported thanks to National Lottery players via the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). It is also supported by the Heritage Conservation Trust, Sir James Knott Trust, The Charles Hayward Foundation, The Headley Trust, The Linbury Trust, The Rothschild Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable

Trust and Richard Oldfield.

Booking is recommended to take part in the weekend archaeology sessions, to book a place email education@auklandproject.org. For more information, visit: auklandproject.org, sign up to The Auckland Project's monthly newsletter or follow The Auckland Project on social media.

For those unable to visit Auckland Castle during the excavations, an online Durham University Auckland Castle Excavation blog has been launched. Regular updates: duaceblog.wixsite.com/2018 or follow DUACE.

# Honeymoon in St. Lucia for Aycliffe Couple

Stephen and Linda Gardner have pleasure in announcing the wedding of their eldest daughter, Miss Amy Cara Gardner formerly of Newton Aycliffe to Mr Lee Michael Atkinson, formerly of Aycliffe Village.

Amy, a QC Shift Team Leader for Huntsman Chemicals and Lee an IT Workflow Coordinator for ATOS first met when they were both young and attended the Christian Life Centre after school club and they remained friends into their adult life. After a two year

courtship, Lee proposed to Amy whilst on holiday on the Greek island of Kos on the 17th May 2016, two years to the day they were to be married.

The wedding took place on the 17th May 2018 at the Croft Spa Hotel, Croft on Tees at 1pm. The Bride and Groom were attended by Miss Stephanie Gardner; Amy's sister and Chief Bridesmaid and Mr Ben Atkinson, Lee's brother and Best Man.

Family and guests from various regions of the UK, USA and Spain attended and a good time was had by all, with the couple and guests dancing into the night and enjoying sampling the 3 wedding cakes on offer; a 3-tier mixed sponge cake, 3-tiers of Pork Pie and a 4-tier tower of cheeses.

The couple honeymooned for a fortnight in St. Lucia and will reside in Rushford Drive, Chilton. The couple are wished much love and happiness for the future from both families.



Photo: Mark & Joanne, North East Wedding Studio

## Poppy Appeal Volunteers

Members of the public are invited to volunteer to sell Poppies for this year's Remembrance Day on November 11th.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War 1 and your help is needed to raise cash for those families and ex-service personnel affected by recent conflicts who need welfare help.

Please contact the Royal British Legion Branch Secretary Royston Pape on: roystonpape1@yahoo.co.uk

## Mental Health Courses at The Work Place



Trainer Helen Dent prepares to deliver the first course at The Work Place.

Mental Health Facts:

- Affects 1 in 10 young people
- For those aged 5-19 suicide is the second most common cause of death.
- A record number of children contacted Childline with suicidal thoughts in 2016/17.

The Work Place at Newton Aycliffe is delivering its first 2 day Mental Health First Aid course on Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 June 2018 to equip people to support these youngsters. The course is already fully booked. More courses are now planned.

Come and see for yourself how life changing this course can be. Mental Health First Aid is an internationally recognised training course, designed to teach people to spot signs and symptoms of

mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis.

The course provides in depth understanding of specific mental health issues including, depression, anxiety, suicide and psychosis, self-harm and eating disorders. It focuses on the issues faced by young people such as cyber bullying and substance misuse.

'We must acknowledge that more than 3 young people in every classroom will have a diagnosed mental health disorder. We must become pro-active and begin to address issues at early stages to prevent this figure from rising'.

The Work Place, Heighington Lane, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6AH.

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## Notice of Appointment of the Date for the Exercise of Public Rights in Relation to the Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31st March 2018

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. Date of Announcement: 15th June 2018
2. Each year Great Aycliffe Town Council's Annual Return is audited by an auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them.

For the year ended 31st March 2018, the accounts and supporting documents will be available during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

The inspection period will commence on Monday 18th June 2018 and end on Friday 27th July 2018.

Appointments to view the accounts should be made with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have the following rights:-
  - The opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and
  - The right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them.

Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Town Council. The auditor can be contacted at the address provided in paragraph 4 below for this purpose, during the inspection period referred to a paragraph 2 above.

4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office' Code of Audit Practice.

Great Aycliffe Town Council's audit is being carried out by: Mazars LLP, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS

5. This announcement is made by Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A., who is the Finance Manager at Great Aycliffe Town Council.



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# "The Head" Fabricator Appoints Marketing Expert

Aycliffe Fabrications, specialists in steel fabrication, has appointed Faith Marketing to support them in developing and implementing their 2018 marketing strategy. Established in 1980, Aycliffe Fabrications is a successful, well-established company based on Aycliffe Business Park.

As a manufacturer of bespoke metal products in mild steel, stainless steel, aluminium and Cor-ten, they service a wide range of customers from large-scale manufacturers through to local authorities and schools. Their core business is within factory maintenance, security, safety and artistic commissions.

As a full-service company, they handle every stage of a project from site visit, quotation, drawings, quality manufacture, delivery and installation. With a skilled long-serving workforce they have the skillset and knowledge to provide solutions to various safety, security and factory maintenance problems and the technical ability to undertake challenging prototype work. The company takes pride in their reputation for high-quality work and excellent customer service.

The quality of their work enables them to undertake artistic commissions for artists, local authorities and schools. The piece of artwork they are best known for is "In Our Image", the stunning head structure at the A1 entrance to Aycliffe Business Park.

Christine Bewley, Managing Director at Aycliffe Fabrications said, "The key objective was to identify a marketing professional with



Left to right: David Mann, Production Manager, Colin Henderson, Estimating & Technical Manager, Katie Flanagan, Business Manager, and Loraine Henderson, Faith Marketing. Standing in the gallery at Aycliffe Fabrications dedicated to the manufacture of 'In Our Image' (The Head).

a detailed understanding of manufacturing and the ability to develop a marketing strategy tailored to the needs of the business and its markets. As owner of Faith Marketing, Loraine Henderson brings to the partnership a deep understanding of manufacturing with her background of being Marketing Director at Roman Limited prior to setting up her own marketing consultancy. Loraine understood our business from the outset. She offers us invaluable knowledge of strategic marketing and her experience within a manufacturing capacity means she can support us in implementing a marketing strategy that is completely tailored to our needs." Established in 2015, Faith Marketing specialises in offering marketing services to businesses across the North East. The business offers consultancy and outsourced marketing solutions for a range of clients across numerous market sectors.

As a full-service marketing consultancy, Faith Marketing offers clients expertise in marketing strategy, brand development, advertising, public relations, social media marketing, website development support, corporate and internal communications, copywriting and creative services.

Loraine will work with the team at Aycliffe Fabrications to offer consultancy advice on their overall marketing strategy with the aim of increasing their brand awareness within their key markets.

For more information about Aycliffe Fabrications, please visit [www.aycliffefabrications.co.uk](http://www.aycliffefabrications.co.uk), follow them on Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram, or contact 01325 310000 or [info@aycliffefabrications.co.uk](mailto:info@aycliffefabrications.co.uk).

For more information about Faith Marketing, please follow the LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages or contact [loraine@faith-marketing.co.uk](mailto:loraine@faith-marketing.co.uk).

# Aycliffe's Tekmar Floats on AIM Market

A Newton Aycliffe-based provider of subsea cable, umbilical and flexible pipe protection systems has revealed plans to float on AIM. Tekmar, which expects the flotation take place this month (June 2018), operates two primary divisions.

The £22m turnover group operates an Offshore Wind Farm division which focuses on the provision of subsea protection for power transmission cables from and between offshore wind turbines, while its Subsea business focuses primarily on the provision of subsea protection for umbilicals and flexible pipes to the oil and gas market.

Both divisions are supported by AgileTek which provides subsea analysis, simulation and engineering consultancy services. The group said it was well-positioned for continued growth in a marketplace shaped by technological progress, growth in the scale of the offshore wind industry and a reduction in the cost of capital.

Building on the growth already achieved in recent years, Tekmar said it has the potential to accelerate its growth to meet demand in the expanding offshore wind market as a consequence of the lower cost of offshore wind farm projects in Europe which is expected to lead to more projects coming online more quickly, and the growing emerging market opportunity for renewables in new geographies such as Asia-Pacific. Growth will be driven by Tekmar increasing its market share in the subsea oil and gas market; adding new product variations to meet the needs of existing and future clients; and making selective acquisitions.

Tekmar chief executive James Ritchie said: "We are delighted to announce our intention to float. Our plans to join the AIM market follow a period of consistent, strong organic growth supported by the group's current owners, Elysian Capital.

"Tekmar is already the undisputed leader in offshore wind cable protection systems and it is our objective to become the partner of choice for the supply of subsea protection equipment to the global offshore energy markets.

"Admission to AIM will enhance our profile and brand recognition further in our sectors and allow us to execute our strategy to grow in both existing and new markets and geographies."

Story by Inside Media

# Greenfield Cree Men Create Artwork



The Cree men at Greenfield Arts are once again working their magic to bring new life to spaces that can be enjoyed by students and the wider community.

The group attended a free workshop offered by Durham County Council Arts Team at Gala Theatre to see Matisse cut outs from Heywood Gallery London and take part in a creative arts workshop with local professional artist Paul Merrick.

The men used the stimulus of the Matisse Exhibition to create their own works. Experimenting with shape and colour, the men came back to Greenfield Arts inspired and are busy creating a new mobile for the Arts Centre.

Katy Milne, Director of Greenfield Arts said, "The Cree men are such a fantastic group of people who are open to exploring ideas, trying new things and creating things which others can also benefit from. I know those who come to the visit the Arts Centre will be wowed"

Our next project is a 'changing rooms' project to make a space at Greenfield Community College a more comfortable, inspiring space

# Stalls at Chilton Gala

Chilton Gala is to be held on 28th July at 11am at Charlie Wayman Playing Fields, Chilton, opposite Nisa Garage.

Anyone wishing to have a Charity or Craft Stall please contact Lynne on 01388 721745

# Film Show

"LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED THING"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 19th June features the romantic drama "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" starring William Holden and Jennifer Jones. Set in Hong Kong in 1949/50, a widowed Eurasian doctor (Jones) and an American correspondent (Holden) fall in love, but face prejudice on all sides. This box office hit collected 3 Oscars, 4 nominations and the title song was a No 1 hit. 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.

# READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Suzanne Price, of Woodham sent in her favourite photo of her cheeky little Yorkie "Bonnie". Send your photo to [syd@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:syd@newtonnews.co.uk)

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## Police Appeal

At approximately 0320hrs on Saturday 9th June 2018, a vehicle was set on fire in the Sugarhill Crescent area of Newton Aycliffe.

At this time, two males were seen to run away from the scene, both were described as white males, approximately 16 years old. One of the males was wearing dark clothing, the other was wearing a blue hoody and grey jogging bottoms.

Two males with similar descriptions were seen in Woodham at around 0500hrs the same morning. If you saw anyone acting suspicious at these times and locations, or have CCTV in the streets around this location, can you please contact a member of the Newton Aycliffe Beat Team on 101, quoting crime reference number CR100129846.

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE EQUALITY & DIVERSITY



Twenty students from Greenfield Community College took to the streets of Durham on Sunday 27th May 2018 to celebrate equality and diversity. They marched from the Cathedral to the Sands as part of this important event.

The students then joined in the celebrations and live music for the rest of the afternoon.

It was a very special day for all with a well-attended parade and a chance for people to come together and celebrate individuality. This is the fifth Durham Pride event which is now an established day in Durham's calendar, with over 10,000 people attending last year's event. Students were complimented on their banner which was created by last years Greenfield LGBT+ group. Assistant Headteacher Ms Davis was full of praise for the young people:

"I was extremely proud of the way the students supported each other during the day and their approach to the celebration". We were really pleased to be part of this wider celebration of diversity.

## Football Club Memorabilia Requested

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the Durham Amateur Football Club, I am researching the early days of the Club to include in an exhibition in Newton Aycliffe Library mid-July.

The archive section of Newton News website is excellent in providing early reports, but I have been unable to locate any early photographs.

If any readers have any photographs of teams, especially from the 1960's and early 1970's (of either Newton Aycliffe FC or Newton Aycliffe Rangers), please contact daft.office@btinternet.com or ring 07849 909310.

Thank you.  
Barbara Wood

## Police & Aycliffe Radio Speak at GACAP

At the June meeting of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership we saw Joan Mitchie, stand down as Secretary. "As Chairman it is with much regret and sadness to see Joan relinquish the position of Secretary as she has made an outstanding contribution to our organisation since it was formed" said Ron.

Jane Johnson stepped in to take the minutes and we thank her so much and hope she may find the time to take on the position as Secretary.

18 people attended the meeting with the two speakers, who were Inspector Sarah Honeyman from the Newton Aycliffe police force who gave an illuminating talk on her time in the force and the changes in not only the force but the age and experience of those officers coming through. She commended her team including PCO's and the great job being done with the help of the community but said the police would not be resting on their laurels. Sarah then took a question and answer session from the partners who praised her professionalism.

The second speaker was Paul Howarth in his role as a founder of Aycliffe Radio, on the aims and objects of this new, not-for-profit, community organisation. He informed GACAP of the large number of volunteers involved and the day to day running of the station. He thought it would take 2/3 years to achieve what has been achieved in six months. Paul covered his past history in the world of music including his time in mobile discos and night clubs; but settled for the family business.

He invited all our partners to visit the studio in the Blue Bridge Centre and even take part in a broadcast to tell everyone about their work and charity. I for one will be taking up that invitation, so why not give Paul a ring if you would like to be on air in any way, no need to be shy!

The main talking points of business were the Management Committee's decision to apply for charity status and we had set up our first Task Group to look at bringing in income and funding, plus to explore the need for our own stand-alone office.

Ron Mitchie, Chairman



The next PACT meeting as Aycliffe North and Middridge is on Thursday 21st June, at 6.00pm with PCSO 7848 Matt Walls at Woodham Community Centre.

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## AYCLIFFE RADIO Programme Schedule

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### "Afternoon Aycliffe" with Paul Baker Mon, Thurs and Friday from 12 noon to 4.00pm

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#### MONDAY

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|         |          |              |
|---------|----------|--------------|
| 6-7pm   | 60s Show | DJ-A         |
| 7-8pm   | 70s Show | Peter Rush   |
| 8-9pm   | 80s Show | Paul Gittins |
| 9-10pm  | 90s Show | Paul Baker   |
| 10-11pm | 00s Show | Producer Dan |

#### TUESDAY

|             |  |               |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| 2-5pm       | Driving Home with                                    | Carl Bennett  |
|             | Sports Show sponsored by Honest John                 |               |
| 6-7.30pm    | Sports Round UP                                      | Darren & Lee  |
|             | 19th June - David Todd from Newton Aycliffe Youth FC |               |
| 7.30-9.30pm | Northern & Classic Soul                              | Kevin Sowerby |

#### WEDNESDAY

|        |                      |              |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2-5pm  | Driving Home with    | Carl Bennett |
| 5-7pm  | Tea Time Out         | Amy Harrison |
| 8-10pm | Alternative Aycliffe | Gary & Alby  |

#### THURSDAY

|        |                      |              |
|--------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2-5pm  | Driving Home with    | Carl Bennett |
| 5-8pm  | Mystery Year         | Paul Baker   |
| 7-8pm  | "Throwback Thursday" | The Doctor   |
| 8-10pm | "Beat"Roote          | Graeme Roote |

#### FRIDAY

|        |  |             |
|--------|--|-------------|
| 6-8pm  | House Mix  | PVR Studios |
| 8-10pm | Guest Presenter Session                                    |             |
|        | 15th June - Classix 90s with Nathan Abbot & Dave Nicholson |             |
|        | 22nd June - Pauly Mac from Australia                       |             |

#### SATURDAY

|          |                             |               |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 8-11am   | Kitchen Floor Fillers       |               |
| 11am-1pm | Kent Collective             | Daz Kent      |
| 1pm-2pm  | With the Beatles Part 4     | Honest John   |
| 4-6pm    | Northern & Classic Soul (R) | Kevin Sowerby |

#### THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE

|         |                       |             |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 6-7pm   | Evening Session       | Jim-Jams    |
| 7-8pm   | PH7 Mixtape           | Paul Hardy  |
| 8-9pm   | Chart & Dance Remixes | Alan Hastie |
| 9-10pm  | Retro Tech House Mix  | OZ-DJ       |
| 10-12am | Garage/Indie          | MC Supa     |

#### SUNDAY

|        |                         |                |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 9am-12 | Dante's Sunday Dinner   | Dante McGuire  |
| 12-2pm | 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    |

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# WOODHAM ACADEMY

This was the verdict of the school's recent Ofsted inspection. Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "The report recognises how well our students learn, how well they behave and how proud they are of their achievements. It also recognises the quality of teaching and how well our students are cared for. I am delighted that the difference our teachers make to the lives of our students has been noted".



In 2017, pupils' attainment overall was above the national average. Overall, pupils currently in the school are making strong progress from their starting points across key stages 3 and 4 and across a broad range of subjects. Inspectors noted swift progress in each year group and across subjects, both during lessons and in the wide sample of pupils' books. Consistently positive progress characterised pupils' learning.



Leaders ensure that pupils learn about a variety of employment sectors and routes into further education. The range of external qualifications is suitably varied to support pupils' aspirations.



The behaviour of pupils' is good. They behave well throughout the day, across the range of their lessons and during breaks and lunchtime. Pupils' behaviour is characterised by their consideration for others and the positive, lively conversations with each other and staff in their free time.



The full report is available on the  
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# Y IS A GOOD SCHOOL



Pupils say that they are cared for well by staff and feel safe in school. They have confidence in trusted members of staff to help them if they have a concern or are worried. Under the care and guidance of staff, pupils grow in confidence as young people as they prepare for the next steps in their education and training. Pupils demonstrate respect for each other and the adults around them in their everyday interactions with one another. Pupils understand that bullying in any form is unacceptable. They know it is not tolerated in school, and, even though it is rare, they are convinced that, when it does happen, it is dealt with promptly by staff.



Teachers use their strong subject knowledge and understanding of pupils' prior learning to plan lessons that interest and engage them. They have consistently high expectations of pupils' conduct during lessons. In response, pupils apply themselves to their learning and are keen to do as well as they can. The very positive relationships established between staff and pupils encourage their readiness to ask questions and contribute their ideas. Pupils are proud of their learning and their achievements.



Leaders support the ambitions of the sports academy to develop high-level skills across a range of disciplines. As well as developing their sporting prowess, participating pupils attend school well and, overall, make better progress than others in the school.



# Car Boot Sale & Fun Day with the Scouts Local Driver on the Podium

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association would like to say a huge thank you to Phil of A1 Roadshow and his friends for organising and running the fund raising event for Cancer research UK and the Scout centre on the 19th May. The crowd wasn't as big as

expected, with very little support from the parents of the young people that use the centre, but those that did support the event had fun, raised some funds and still made it a success so thank you everybody. Phil and his friends managed to raise £140 for the Scouts

Centre from door takings, raffle and games and also managed to raise £150 for Cancer Research from door takings, raffle, games and donations in the goblets and box. So a total of £290 raised for these good causes. Thank you everybody.

This month we have a Charity Car Boot Sale and Fun Day on Sunday 24th June from 1.30pm till 4.30pm this is raising funds for The Scout centre, NASSL and Cians Heroes. This is being organised by DFY PARTY PLANNING, Tables are £5 for car booters and £8 for business sellers. More details are available by calling Louise on 07749 293114 or check out her facebook page.

NORTHERN SOUL returns on Saturday JUNE the 30th at 7.30pm admission is £3 on the door, and you are all welcome to come along and show off your moves or just listen to the music.

The following day Sunday 1st July is the annual Classic Car Show organised by The Northern Bygones Society. This event takes place from 10am until 4pm and there should be a good display of vehicles from the past.

The car show is being supported by 1st Newton Aycliffe Scout Group who will be doing the catering and selling tea and coffee to raise funds for their group. The Scout group is also holding a table top sale, raffle and tombola. If you are interested in booking a table to sell your unwanted items please contact Cath on 07875302982 to reserve your place. Please come along to our events and support these worthwhile causes.

Max Coates was back in fine form at Oulton Park where the Renault UK Clio Cup and British Touring Car Championship drew a capacity crowd in the Cheshire sun.

Coates has a strong test day in the Harron Homes car and early on in qualifying a double front row start and increasing his pole position count looked possible. A longer than expected pit stop made that difficult as the Aycliffe Primex Plastics sponsored driver could only manage one additional flying lap in his second run in which the majority of the rest of the grid set their best lap times. 4th place for race one and 2nd place for race two were his qualifying positions.

He got away well in both races and slotted straight into 3rd place in race one and despite hassling Paul Rivett in second all race long he couldn't find a gap to get past. Coates was left feeling frustrated after knowing that he had the pace to win. Race two started in much the same way, the Clements Limited driver making a move around the outside at turn one to take the lead. Broadcast live on ITV4, Coates soaked up the intense pressure in the Bennett Renault car and held the lead from lights to flag.

He is now only four points behind the championship



lead heading into his home round of the series at Croft in just under two weeks' time. Afterwards Coates said, "I'm so happy to get back on the top step of the podium. It was a really important win as we had to stop James Dorlin's 5 win streak becoming 6. Now the momentum lies with me and we're heading to my favourite event of the season.

I'm sure we will have lots of sponsors, friends, family and fans at the track in two weeks' time and I can't wait to try and replicate the second race this weekend." Croft Circuit near Darlington will host the next rounds of the championship and mark the mid-season point. Coates will be hoping to regain the championship lead in front of his home crowd.

## Aycliffe Taekwondo Club Celebrate 3rd Birthday



Team Warrior TKD who train at Aycliffe Village, celebrated their 3rd Anniversary with the traditional bowling trip to Planet Leisure on Sunday 10th June 2018. There was a great turn out as usual, with 35 people bowling. Big thank you to Planet Leisure for their usual great hospitality.

This family friendly Taekwondo Club has steadily grown over the past 3 years and have a lot of fun, whilst training, and at social events held during the year. Further information can be found on their website [www.teamwarriortkd.co.uk](http://www.teamwarriortkd.co.uk).

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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was another week when the runners of Aycliffe Running Club were out in force competing in many events. The week of racing began again on the Thursday 30th May when Alan Wilks took part in the Penshaw Hill Race. The name of the race speaks for itself and

encompasses the hill up, around and down Penshaw Monument near Sunderland, making for a tough 3 mile cross country race. Alan completed this run in 24.26. Also on the same night we had runners compete in the Darlington Trail Series run at South Park, Darlington.

This was the third race in the series. John Surtees won this race in a time of 17.22 and was followed by Tracey Surtees in 21.06, Eve Doe 34.20, Jan McLuckie 38:23 and Carol Stenger in 38:24.

Then on Thursday 1st June 16 members took part in a relay competition at Stewart Park, Middlesbrough. This was arranged by North Yorks Moors Athletic Club and consisted of teams of four with each member running a mile lap. We entered 4 mixed teams who all did well, especially in the heat with the teams coming in in 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th place out of 19 teams.

The first team home were Tracey Surtees, John Heywood, John Surtees and Lindsey Brown in an overall time of 25:20, next home were Richard Campbell, Alan Wilks, Gem Holland and Peter Smith in 26:58, they were closely followed by Dez Fielden, Mandy Heywood, Michelle Zamir and Rob Nicholson in 27:11 who were again closely followed by Dave Blewitt, Andrew Lumley, Jane Burnside and Richard Holland in 27:17.

It was then Saturday the day for running in the local parkruns with the following runners all achieving PB's at the respective parkruns:-

Sedgefield: - Richard Holland in 20:18, Michelle Jan 20:52, Gen Holland 26:24, Lindsey Brown 26:25, Heather Fenwick 26:30 and Kathleen Tonge 27:30. Darlington: Rob Young in 20:36 Shildon: Susan Clark 31:25. Jan McLuckie 34:00, Carol Stenger 35:24, and Carrieann Ingledew 38:41.

On Sunday 3rd June, Paul Dalton ran the Mulgrave 10k which was an undulating off-road course. Paul completed this in 43:45 which placed him in the top ten and also meant that he claimed the Second Prize for Male 0/40. Finally on Monday 4th June, two of our members Alan Wilks and Ray Todd, attended the 2nd meeting of the NEMAA Track and Field League at Monkton where they participated in the track events. Alan Wilks took part in the 1500m in a time of 5:53 placing him 2nd 0/70 and for which the time was a PB. He also ran the 800m in 3:05 placing 1st 0/70. Ray Todd competed in the 200m in 47.9 seconds placing 2nd 0/80 and also in the 800m in a time of 4:32.6 placing 3rd 0/80.

Well done all on what has been a great week of racing by ARC!!

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Aycliffe's swing bowler Jack Slatcher

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had a brilliant six wicket victory at home to former Premier League Champions Redcar 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, Redcar found the Aycliffe opening bowlers in superb form with Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Dean & Tina Greaves) taking a season's best 5 for 45 and Michael Howe finishing with 4 for 52 as the visitors were dismissed for 111 from 29.1 overs. In reply, the homeside batted well with Adam Gittins (23 runs), Luke Telford (20 runs) and an unbeaten 26 from Chris Palmer seeing their side home to an excellent win after 33.3 overs.

On the Friday evening, Newton Aycliffe's 1st team advanced to the semi-finals of the Brunton Cup with a tense victory by four runs at home to Wolviston 1st XI.

Electing to bat first the home side scored 109 for 6 in their 20 overs with good contributions from Jack Slatcher (18 runs), Luke Telford (17 runs) and Michael Howe (16 runs).

In reply, Aycliffe bowled well to restrict the visitors to 105 for 7 from their 20 overs with Jack Slatcher, Luke Telford and Patrick Howe all taking a couple of wickets each.

The U15's were well beaten at home to Sedgefield by nine wickets. Barring first Aycliffe were restricted to 59 for 6 in their 20 overs with Lucas Pilling scoring 18 runs and Kyle Cuthbertson scoring 12 runs. In reply the visitors easily reached their winning target after 10.3 overs with Jak Kennedy taking the only wicket to fall.

The U13's team put in a tremendous performance and were desperately unlucky to lose a dramatic game off the very last ball away at Stockton in the NYACC league. After being asked to bat, Aycliffe scored a respectable 85 for 4 in their allotted 20 overs thanks to an excellent innings from Charlie Cayless, who top scored with 20 from 22 balls, including three boundaries. There were also good innings from Aycliffe's David Robinson (17 off 48 balls), Leo Mercy (10 off 29 balls) and a vital six not out from seven

balls at the end by Jack Paylor. In a tense finale, the homeside reached their winning target off the last ball to give them victory by six wickets. The U11's lost by 70 runs away at Sedgefield but despite the defeat there were good individual performances from Aycliffe's Thomas Dearden, who not only took 3 wickets for 8 runs, but also had 3 direct run outs and Daniel Heaton who top scored with 15 runs.

## OPEN DOOR EVENT

This weekend is the national weekend of invitation. If no one has invited you in person to renew your relationship with God, St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village will be open from 2.00-4.00pm on Saturday 16th June. As well as prayers, music, favourite hymns and exploring the building, you could ask questions about faith and take some refreshment. Why not bring a picnic if the weather is fine? If you are reading now, this invitation is for you! Come along and relax in your church.

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Further information regarding the post can be obtained from Luke Gayles, Sports Facility Manager on 01325 300378 or 07879 117224 or by e-mail [luke.gayles@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:luke.gayles@greenfieldschool.net).

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## Young People Honoured at DurhamWorks Awards

Young people supported  
 into employment, training  
 and education as part of the  
 DurhamWorks programme  
 have been recognised at an  
 awards ceremony celebrating  
 their efforts.

The DurhamWorks Achieve-  
 ment Awards, which took  
 place at Ramsde Hall, saw  
 six prizes handed out to young  
 people as well as the employers  
 who have supported them over  
 the last 12 months.

**The winners were:**

- Achieving through work – Stephen Bee
  - Investing in young people (large business) – Dunlop BTL, Consett
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  - Overcoming adversity – Rabiaa Al Hassoun
  - Inspirational mentor – Mary Stevenson, Citizens Advice, County Durham
  - Inspirational individual – Tom Makepeace and Melissa McClaren
- DurhamWorks is a partnership  
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 by the EU social fund. It  
 is supported by the Youth  
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 aims to have supported nearly  
 5,000 young people between  
 16 and 24 to be 'work ready'  
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Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet  
 member for children and  
 young people, said: "The  
 awards event was a fabulous  
 evening and it was a real  
 privilege to meet these  
 incredible young people and  
 hear their stories."

"It is also a great opportunity  
 to thank all of the employers  
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 provide such a worthwhile  
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 rain we saw was on the coach  
 drive home and that was only  
 minimal.

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 Lake in Glenridding was  
 absolutely delicious, could  
 not fault it one bit, served by  
 a friendly efficient staff. We  
 arrived a little early so the  
 dining room wasn't quite  
 ready for us, but we had no  
 problem with that, because  
 it gave us the opportunity  
 to enjoy a walk around the  
 stunning gardens overlooking  
 the lake.

The Rhododendrons were just  
 starting to fade but still looked  
 amazing, and the manicured  
 lawns were a sight to behold.  
 The gardener himself  
 deserves a mention for all his  
 terrific work.

Our driver this year was David  
 and his oppo was Stewart and  
 many thanks to them both for a  
 great day out. David deserves  
 a medal for negotiating those  
 narrow country roads in a  
 coach of that size.

Last but not least was the  
 company we had throughout  
 the day I think we all had  
 enjoyed ourselves to the full.  
 See you all again next year.  
 Mr. A. Elders



# Let's Help Daniel Get to Hollywood

Talented Aycliffe dancer and gymnast, Daniel Wilkinson is off to Hollywood in July for a once in a lifetime opportunity. He received a scholarship to Train in LA for 2 weeks on the 'Hollywood Summer Tour 2018 and he is fund raising to pay for his trip.

On Saturday 23rd June at Spennymoor Town Hall 7pm-9pm, he is producing and creating his own show for 'One Night Only' It will be a night full of Dancing and Singing with different styles to suit everyone! There will be a raffle, tombola and even his very own brand of Tie-Dye tops! He would love to see you all there! Tickets are £5 each. Invite as many people as you can! It's going to be INSANE! Daniel thanks everyone for your support!

Dance Schools Performing!

Diane Macadam School Of Dance, South Durham School Of Dance. Singers: Nathan Brown, Grace Clark and Ellie Houlahan. (More performers to be confirmed!)

## Phil Wilson Supports Cancer Research UK



For 70 years NHS staff have helped transform cancer research into lifesaving tests and treatments. However, an ageing and growing population means that one in two people in the UK are predicted to get cancer in their lifetime.

The NHS is already struggling to keep up with the increased demand for cancer tests and treatments. More than 1 in 10 NHS diagnostic posts (the people who diagnose cancer) are unfilled and thousands more NHS staff will be needed in the future. Action is needed now to solve this problem. People who suspect they may have cancer can currently

wait more than 2 months for tests and test results. Early diagnosis gives a far higher chance of survival for the patient, and is also far more cost effective for the NHS as treatment is less costly. I should like to thank Phil Wilson MP personally, and on behalf of CRUK, for his time and support in the campaign.



No Council meetings to report, but some interesting news items. Plus some activities for next weekend. Find out more about all the following on my blog at: <http://bit.ly/CNB36>

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY

- Saving our High Streets and the County Durham Plan.
- Lumière evaluation event.
- DCC has unveiled a massive artwork celebrating County Durham.
- Durham University has climbed to 74th in the latest global university rankings.
- Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway Chair's Report, Thursday 7 June.
- 11-17 June was My Money Week, with a focus on loan sharks.
- 11-17 June was also Carers Week, with a focus on staying healthy and connected.
- 11-17 June was also Creative Learning Week in our schools.
- There is a new funding information website for Durham Community Groups.

- Vote for your Sainsbury's Local Charity of the Year.
- North-East business news.
- Latest local roadworks information.
- THINGS TO DO**
- Binchester Roman Fort re-opened to the public last weekend.
- Miners: Pitmen, Pride and Prayer exhibition at Durham Cathedral, from Tuesday 19 June to 15 September (tickets C: £2.50, A: £7.50).
- Brusselton Incline Group needs people to help with weeding, 9:30am, Friday 22 June.
- Hardwick Park Wood Club, 10am-12:30pm, Saturday 23 June, £10 per family – contact 03000 262 845 to book.
- Dragon and Damsel fly identification talk and walk, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10:45am-1pm, Saturday 23 June, FREE.
- Durham Castle Goes Back In Time: family fun day, noon to 4pm, Sunday 24 June (FREE but need to book).

## New Storage Yard on Business Park

A1 Rubbish Removal of Darlington have applied for change of use for a car park in Carlbury Road on the Business Park to build a Self Storage Unit Yard for containers.

The yard will be erected opposite Parsons Court and Newton News will keep readers informed on the progress of the application.

## In Memoriam

**AUDREY HUMBLE** 16th June. Three years since you died, we still love and miss you. In our thoughts every day. Gisela and David xx

**CHARLIE ROSSITER** 18th June 2015. Remembering a very special man, taken far too soon. You are always in our thoughts Dad. Loved and missed always, Lesley and Tony xxx

**GILBERT WILSON** With my Dad, life became an adventure, the minute he walked in the door at night. Even the house would seem to take on a new energy, everything became brighter, more colourful, more exciting. That's how my Dad always made me feel. I still miss him every single day, 21 years on. Love, Daughter Pamela xxx

## Birthday Remembrance

### Shane Smith

6th June 1989

Thinking of you on your birthday and every day. We love and miss you so much Son. You brought us so much joy, we were so proud of you, our perfect boy. Love you loads Mam and Dad xxxxx

**KEITH SAMS** 15th June. Today is your birthday, sending you all my love. Not just today but every day. In my heart you will always stay. Love and miss you always and forever. Milly xxxxxxx

**KEITH SAMS** 15th June. Our hearts still ache with sadness, our silent tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Although you can't be here with us, we're truly not alone. Until the final breath we take, you'll be living in our hearts. Dearest Dad, to hear your voice and see your smile, just to sit and talk to you, would be our dearest wish today, on this your birthday. Dad, thinking of you today and always. We will love you forever. Gary, Mandy, Clare and Anth xxxxxx

**KEITH SAMS** 15th June. Grandad and Great Grandad. To Grandad in Heaven, it's your birthday today, we hope that you can hear us, as there are things we'd like to say. We really miss and love you. How much you'll never know. You were so special to us, how we wish you didn't go. Even though you're there, not here. We know that you will see, the special thoughts we all have for you, we love you always and forever. Kane, Alex, Roxanne, Nathan, Jackson, Frazer, Deacon, Kray, Chloe, Charlie, Riley and Herbie xxxxxxxx

**SHANE SMITH** Thinking of you on your birthday Shane. A day doesn't pass without you in my thoughts. Love and miss you loads. Love from Ryan xxx

## COMMUNITY BARBECUE

County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission are holding a Community Barbecue on Saturday 23rd June at Western Area Community Centre (Silverdale), 3.00pm onwards.

This is a free event. Further details contact 07804 454471

## Fathers' Day

**HOWEY, John, Michael, Stephen and Paul** - you are all the best Dad's ever and all your kids wish you all a Happy Father's Day xxx

**SPENSLEY** (Vic and Eddie). Happy Father's Day, Dad, Daddy, hope you have a great day. Love always, Julie and Den xxxxx

## Fathers' Day Remembrance

### Joe Fin



22-11-1941 to 17-06-2008

Sadly missed. We had some laughs and great times. Love from Trev, Sue, Abbie, Sheila and all the family xxxxx

**KEITH SAMS** We love you and miss you Dad, and though you've passed away, you'll never be forgotten, as we think of you each day. If Heaven celebrates this day, how special it will be, a gathering of many Dads, upon our family tree. Your Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather too. How wonderful it is, if they can spend the day with you. May you know how much we love you, though we are here and you are there. Happy Father's day in Heaven to the best Dad anywhere. Love always and forever. Gary, Mandy, Clare and Anth xxxxxx

**BRIAN DUNN** 8th July 2010. "The best Little Dad and Granda in the World". Dad and Granda, you were so wonderful and words just can't convey, how much we love and miss you and wish you were here once more with us today. . . Deeply loved and missed always. Love from all your Bairns and Grandbairns xxxxxxxxxx

**BRIAN MAGEE** Father's Day Remembrance. We send you all our love on Father's Day to a special Dad who we miss so much. Love from your Daughters, Julie and Susan, Ross, Billy and Bella xxxx

**ALBERT ANDREW** Father's Day Remembrance. We send you all our love on Father's Day to a special Dad who we miss so much. Love from your Daughters, Julie and Susan xx

**FRANK SWINBURNE**. Thinking of you today on Father's Day and every day. Love always, from all your family xxx

## Congratulations

### Joe William Potter



Happy 1st Birthday 9th June

Happy Birthday to our amazing little boy! Love you lots, from Mammy and Daddy xx Love and hugs on your 1st birthday from Nan, Grandpa and Uncle Carl xxx

## Obituary

### STUART LAND

Suddenly but peacefully on 1st June, Stuart, aged 68 years.

Much loved Husband of Marlene, loving Dad of Richard and James, Father-in-Law of Ruth and Lisa; much loved Grandpa of Conor, Tyler, Lincoln, Eloise and Isobel; a much loved Brother of Geoffrey, Pauline and Judith also a much loved Brother-in-Law, Uncle and Cousin.

Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church on Monday 25th June at 11.45am. To be followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired may be made to Macmillan Nurses, plate provided in church. No black to be worn, Stuart would prefer blue.

### FLO HUSKINSON

Newton Aycliffe

4th June, peacefully in Lindsafarne Care Home. Flo (nee Wright), aged 93 years, originally from Easington Colliery.

Dearly loved Wife of the late Brian; loving Sister to Vera; dear Sister-in-Law to Harry.

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Friday 22nd June. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired, in aid of AGE UK may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

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# Aycliffe Girls Team win Blackpool Tournament



Newton Aycliffe Youth FC under 13 Girls travelled to Blackpool to compete in the prestigious and very competitive annual Youth Soccer Tournament. Furthermore a late call from the organisers meant we had to compete with older girls in the under 14 competition. The tournament was over 2 days and these older teams from across the country provided stiff opposition for our younger girls. The tough group stages were completed with 2 wins, a draw and 2 defeats giving us a 4th place finish from the eight team group. The semi final against Morpeth Town, group

winners and the team stages 4-1, ended in a 1-1 who beat us in the group draw and Aycliffe came

out on top 3-1 winners in the penalty shoot out. On to the cup final against a very physical Preston North End side, but the girls dug in and matched their older opponents. Chances were created by both sides but the game ended 0-0 and onto another penalty shoot out.

After 8 penalties each, the sides still couldn't be separated but then Emily slotted hers in of the post and PNE hit the post and stayed out, we were champions and the celebrations began. Well done to every player and all the supporters who made for a memorable weekend

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