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Cllr Ken Robson Vice Chairman of Great Aycliffe Residents' Association and Cllr Arun Chandran Secretary, are working very hard to ensure residents of West Ward get a say in Livin's Regeneration Plan. What is clear so far is that Tenants are overwhelmingly against Livin's Option 3, whether an Owner or Tenant. In a lot of cases residents have received visits from Livin and were completely unsatisfied by their answers. GARA strongly recommend people ask Livin to visit

them, but they are vague with their answers and refuse to give any guarantees in writing.

GARA continue with the Petition till all homes have responded. There are 514 homes of which 351 have responded so far with 88% against Livin's Option 3. Total Homes Opposed to Livin's Option 3 as at 19.6.2018 are: 300 (of which: Owners 117, Tenants 183). Only 41 were in favour of demolition, (of which Owners 10, Tenants 31) with 10 to make their minds up.

RESIDENTS WHO SIGNED PETITION AGAINST OPTION 3

SILVERDALE - 54
30 Tenants, 17 Home Owners, 7 Private Tenants
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37 Tenants, 14 Home Owners, 1 Private Tenant
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24 Tenants, 9 Home Owners, 5 Private Tenants
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HONISTER - 57
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New Neville R.A. Receive Big Lottery Funding

Fabulous news at our last meeting, of the newly formed Neville Residents Association which has been awarded a substantial grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The bid was to "Build Strong Communities" and will be used to fund trips and activities for our Residents.

We give a massive thank you to people playing the National Lottery, without them, this would not be possible. Keep checking the Newton News and our Facebook page for details of future trips and events.
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New MRI Scanners Installed in Our Two Hospitals

Newton News Proud to Have Blown the Whistle

Patients at Darlington Memorial Hospital can now benefit from the second of two new state of the art MRI scanners at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

The scanner has been purchased in part thanks to the generosity of local people, business and organisations who have been donating to a fundraising appeal. The appeal, which will continue to fund-raise until the end of 2018, has also brought a new MRI scanner to Bishop Auckland Hospital, installed in December 2017.

Dr Elizabeth Loney, Consultant Radiologist said, "I'm delighted that our patients are now benefiting from this

innovative technology. Modern scanners play an important part in helping our Consultants diagnose and determine treatment plans for what can be life threatening or life limiting conditions, including many types of cancer and heart disease.

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

At Darlington, we also have a purpose built new MRI suite with spacious changing facilities and areas where patients can be cannulated and, when



Jenny Chapman, MP for Darlington, Councillor Wendy Newall, patient Kevin Hogg and members of staff at the formal opening of the new MRI Scanner at Darlington Memorial Hospital.

needed, anaesthetised, leading to a much better patient experience.

"Not everyone realises that MRI scans often take between 30 and 40 minutes which is a long time to lie still, but our new scanners have wider tunnels, known as 'bores' and are much quieter than older models.

Patients can also choose from a selection of lighting programmes which change during the scan.

In the past, many children required sedation or a general anaesthetic in order to tolerate being scanned, but we're finding this is now much less likely. The number of adults unable to proceed

or who require sedation or general anaesthetic has also reduced. This is much better for patients and saves the Trust valuable time and resources.

"We've been amazed and very touched by the generosity of local people who have donated to our Appeal.

Individuals, groups, associations and local businesses have all stepped-up, recognising the huge benefits these scanners will bring. It's important that fundraising continues throughout 2018. We're grateful to scanner manufacturer Philips, who has generously deferred payment for both scanners until the end of the year."

One of the first patients to benefit from the new Darlington Memorial Hospital MRI scanner was Kevin Hogg, who said, "I'd had a previous MRI scan in an older scanner where the room felt quite cramped, the tunnel was smaller and noisier. I was more than pleasantly surprised by my more recent experience at Darlington. It felt like the difference between Economy and First Class.

Because the technology is so new, the scan itself was much quicker, I was able to hear and reply to the radiographer in the control room, who talked to me throughout the scan. Being able to choose lighting themes may not sound much but it's very calming and I also like the idea that you can watch a film - all meaning a much better experience. The staff were very attentive and reassuring throughout."

Newton News, through the Editor Syd Howarth is so proud to see this magnificent outcome, having initiated the appeal.

Syd saw figures showing the Trust paying a private finance company £1 million a year to hire MRI equipment when it only cost £1 million to buy and this had been going on for 18 years!

He blew the whistle and the Trust took the idea on board to launch the appeal and now Bishop

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AYCLIFFE 10K RACE REPORT



Sunday 17th June was not only Father's Day but also the day of the annual 10k Aycliffe Running Club Race in Newton Aycliffe. This year was the 21st year of the race which has grown significantly, particularly in the last few years with almost 400 runners taking part in the main race and 135 in the 3k Fun Run. Fortunately for this year the weather was a bit cooler than the last two years which made the running conditions more enjoyable.

The first event was the Fun Run which started at 9.15a.m. The race begins near Greenfield College and starts on the road before turning on to trail on part of the Great Aycliffe Way before finishing outside of Greenfield. The race is entered by both children from aged 4 up to adults.

In first place was Tom O'Mahoney in 12.10 of Richmond and Zetland Harriers, 2nd place was Joseph Reeve in 12.24, also of Richmond and Zetland Harriers with Cam Butterfield of Evenwood Road Runners in 3rd place in 13.45. ARC had a good number of their juniors in this race as follows:- James Hodgson 14.01, Isaac Boys 14.59, Jack Heywood 15.49, Fearn Ghenya Brischuk 16.01, Jack Heron 16.11, Adam Plews 17.13, Hannah Elizabeth Brischuk 18.05, Megan Plews 18.38, Lucy Heron 18.42, Alex

Fielden 22.05, Felicity Lineton 22.15, Oliver James Ferguson 22.29, Zoe Hodgson 23.16, Eva Ryans 23.22, Harriette Prosser 23.46, Ruby Ferguson 23.57, Poppy Rae Ferguson 24.26, Thomas Heywood 25.53, Theo Nattrass 27.27 and Charlie Nattrass 27.52. The main race got underway at 10a.m. starting near Greenfield College with a small loop before taking on the two large loops which pass Cobblers Hall and Bluebell areas of Newton Aycliffe. The whole route has road closures to ensure the safety of all runners.

The main race was won by Yohannes Eyob of New Markse Harriers in 33.31.9, followed by Stephen Jackson of Elvet Striders in 2nd place in 33.43.1 and John Clifford of Evenwood Road Runners in 3rd place in 33.52.3. First woman home was Michelle Nolan-Hood of Gateshead Harriers, in 40.11.8, Ruth Dadswell of Birtley AC was 2nd woman home in 42.16.3 and 3rd place woman was Rachel Adamson of Tyne Bridge Harriers in 42.31.9. Whilst most of the ARC members marshal this race, some members, particularly newer members, took the opportunity to run it as follows: Andy Talbot 40.42.9, Stuart Joyce 44.31.9, Mark Bainbridge 46.54.1, Mick Brunskill 52.01.9, Lucas Prosser 53.50.9, Kathleen Tonge 56.28.1, Gemma Holland 57.04.3, Richard Tonge 58.42.5 and David Thompson 59.32.0. Well done to all who ran and to all the Marshalls and

organisers without whom of course the race would not be able to go ahead. Finally a mention must be made of the main sponsors of the event, Hydram Engineering of Chilton, Beaumont Grounds Maintenance of Newton Aycliffe, 3M Newton Aycliffe and Greenfield College for the use of their facilities. Thanks to Karen Harland for the photography.

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There will be a short opening talk in the Library at 11.30am on Friday 6th July. Light refreshments will be provided. Please register your interest with the library: Tel: 03000 269 519 or email - newtonayc.lib@durham.gov.uk or contact daft.office@btinternet.com for further information.

Greenfield PE Teachers Share Good Practice



Over 40 PE teachers from across the county came to Greenfield Community College recently to take part in the annual 'Greenfield PE Teachmeet' event. The hugely successful evening was designed for teachers to share their good practice and learn from highly skilled classroom practitioners from across the area. Organiser of the Teachmeet and one of the presenters, Greenfields Subject Leader for PE, Martin Butterworth commented 'This has been an outstanding display of enthusiastic and passionate teachers sharing excellent practice with one another. The teachers had already done a full day's work before they have come here tonight and this further promotes our commitment to improving the educational opportunities for all the students in our schools. Teachers from many different schools within the county

attended the evening giving the event a potential reach of over 17,000 students.' The event was the second subject specific PE Teachmeet within County Durham and built on the success of Greenfield's maiden Teachmeet last year. This event comes on the back of recent high-profile success in the PE department. Last year Greenfield were awarded the Association for Physical Education Quality Mark, which has become the benchmark and industry standard for high quality. This is an achievement only a handful of other departments in the county hold. It also further reinforces OFSTED 2017 where they state 'there is clear excellence in the teaching of PE'.

Aycliffe Student's Work Exhibited

STUDENTS have made an art form of their work with an exhibition showcasing their creativity and innovation. Darlington College students displayed their inspired works of art at a public exhibition in the town's Kings Head Mercure Hotel.

Featuring more than 40 pieces of original work in fine art, photography and graphic design, the exhibition also included work by adult learners attending the college's photography short courses.

Darlington College programme leader Abby Potter said: "We usually hold our end of year exhibition within the college but this year we decided to host it in an outside venue to try and attract a much wider public audience."

"Many of our artists are exhibiting for the very first time and their work not only highlights the creativity and individuality that we encourage at Darlington College, it also provides a platform for our students to make the next step into higher education or into professional creative industries."

A section of the exhibition was also put on display for a week within the town's Cornmill Centre with the rest featuring at the Open Doors Festival at Darlington College.

Student Caitlin Turner, 20, of Newton Aycliffe, who exhibited her light and shadow portraiture, said: "This is the first time that I have put my photography on public display. 'I'm so proud and it's been wonderful having so many



Caitlin Turner exhibiting her light and shadow portrait photography.



Art students and tutors from Darlington College at their end of year exhibition

people come to see the show." George Turnbull, 19, of Darlington, who is looking to study photography at Sheffield University, added: "It's a real thrill to see your work displayed in a public place. 'I've been a bit of a nervous wreck watching people

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He currently works for Polestar, a Volvo electric car startup that he helped launch at the end of 2017. Chetan promotes STEM activities in the North East to help inspire the next generation of engineers. He founded the "Future Engineers Scheme" at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, which over the last five years has given over 200 students a headstart in engineering.

He was also awarded an Engineering Leadership Award from the Royal Academy of Engineering, allowing him to travel the world developing leadership skills. Five years on, Chetan continues to support and mentor a boy he met in a Rio de Janeiro favela who dreams of becoming a car designer.

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COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- Report: DCC Council meeting, Wednesday 20 June.
- Report: DCC Economy Scrutiny meeting, Tuesday 26 June.
- Report: County Durham Plan consultation event, Monday 25 June.
- County Plan Evidence Base consultations – parking, sustainable transport, building for life, how we consult.
- Could you be a GAMP Public Rep?
- The latest Performance Report, from Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg, shows crime up, anti-social behaviour down, and public confidence high.
- Report: Woodham PACT meeting, Thursday 21 June.
- Great plans for the Locomotion Museum Shildon.
- How to present your bin (handle outwards).
- Pulling over dog bins – an appeal for information.
- Latest local roadworks.

THINGS TO DO

- Middridge Village Fete,

1:30-4pm, Saturday 7 July.
• Smart Plants Wildlife Watch (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon, Saturday 7 July, £3, book on 0191 584 3112.

- Dangling skeletons – our body's bones (5-11s), Palace Green Library, 1-3pm, 7-8 July.
- There is a Friends of the S&DR 'Walking the Line' event, starting at Teesaurus Park TS2 1QE, 10:30am 15th July – phone 01833 650573.
- Tickets are selling out fast for the Flying Scotsman Show, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 27-30 July.



£1,000 to Horizons Young Carers, £500 for Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club, £126 to School Aycliffe Community Centre and £200 to Newton Aycliffe F.C. Thanks to Humankind (DISC) for their accommodation, customers and donors.

Afternoon Tea with the Bears

My bear's name is: _____

He/she is: _____ years old

Please write your bear's story on a separate sheet

Craft Competition Classes and Entry Form

- Class 1 An item of papercraft max size 6" x 4"
Class 2 An item of sugarcraft max size 4" x 4"
Class 3 A tote bag – any medium max size 18" x 16"
Class 4 Child's painting or drawing (age 5 and under)
Class 5 Child's painting or drawing (age 6 – 10 years)

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Class No: _____

Description: _____

No of Entries: _____

Adult Prizes

- 1st place £5 & certificate
- 2nd and 3rd place £3 & certificate

Children Prizes

- 1st place £5 & certificate
- 2nd place £3 & certificate
- 3rd place £2 & certificate

The closing date for entries is Friday 20th July, send to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6QF or e-mail to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk Bring your entry to St Clare's Church on Saturday 28th July between 9.15am and 10.00am.

Use one entry form for each person entering a class. For full terms and conditions of entry see our website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/aycliffe-festival

WEST WARD WELCOME

Dear Sir,
I do not live in the West Ward, but on Saturday 23rd June I had the pleasure of attending a free BBQ held in the Community Centre in Silverdale Place.

The residents were very welcoming and the free food was exceptional. I was bowled over by the community spirit in this area. The volunteers, which were numerous, did a marvellous

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job. I hope this ward continues to keep alive their community spirit as it would be a tragedy to lose something so worthwhile. Thank you for a great day. Name & Address Supplied

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Events from Friday 13th July to Sunday 29th July 2018

A series of events organised for the people of Aycliffe by the people and communities of Aycliffe

Sponsored with grants or assistance from Great Aycliffe Town Council. See full details of all events at www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events

Friday 13th July

"Afternoon Tea with the Bears"

St. Elizabeth's Church, St. Elizabeth's Close, Woodham
From 2.00pm to 4.00pm - **ENTRY FREE**

"Music Night"

Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club
Doors Open 7.00pm, till 11.00pm
Tickets £2.50 (available at the club or on the door)

"Evening of Jazz"

The County, Aycliffe Village
7.30pm to 11.00pm - Tickets £20 includes a meal
Available from The County, Joy Maries or Acle Leaders

Saturday 14th July

"PCP Summer Family Fun Day"

Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe
10.00am to 2.00pm - **ENTRY FREE**

Tuesday 17th July

"STEM"

Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
9.00am to 2.30pm - **ENTRY FREE**

Wednesday 18th July

"Fairground"

Moore Lane Park, Newton Aycliffe
Wednesday-Friday 5.30-8.30pm
Saturday 1.30-8.30, Sunday 1.30-6.00pm
Bring this advert for 50p off any ride (not side stalls)

Friday 20th July

"Social Evening"

SOLD OUT
Aycliffe Village Hall, Burnham Road, Aycliffe Village
from 7.30pm till 11.00pm

"Party in the Park & Durham Brass"

Town Centre Park, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe
6.00pm to 9.00pm - **ENTRY FREE**

Saturday 21st July

"OakLeaf Golf Tournament"

A **FREE** competition, open to all residents of Aycliffe with a handicap and all members of the OakLeaf Golf Club. Tee off times 9.00am to 11.00am.
Contact the Golf Club or the Golf Pro Shop
01325 310820 for further information.

Sunday 22nd July

"Magical Afternoon"

Aycliffe Village Hall, Durham Road, Aycliffe Village
2.00-4.00pm, Children £1, Adults £2
To include refreshments

Tuesday 24th July

"Introduction to Football"

Town Centre Park, Burn Lane, 1.00pm to 3.00pm
FREE ENTRY
Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club will provide a fun coaching session for young boys and girls, aged 4-7 years. To book contact Berni 07939 045242

Wednesday 25th July

"Fun in the Park"

Town Centre Park, Burn Lane, 11.00am to 3.00pm
ENTRY FREE and entertainment

Saturday 28th July

"Live Music Festival"

Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Mall, Beveridge Way
12noon to 8.00pm - **ENTRY FREE**
Showcasing the best in local musical entertainment
16 confirmed local acts (soloists, bands, choirs, groups) performing on a 24ft x 24ft stage with superb sound system. Kiddie fairground rides, ice cream/hot dog stands, competitions, spot prizes and surprises!
A Great Family Day Out!

"Craft Competition & Displays"

St. Clare's Church, Central Avenue
10.00am - 2.00pm - **ENTRY FREE**
(Note the competition area will close briefly for judging)

BUILDING FIRM DONATES SPORTS KIT & DEFIBRILLATOR

Woodham Academy has new life-saving equipment and a range of sports kit, thanks to the generous donation of a North East company.

Building and roofing specialist Hodgson Sayers has donated a defibrillator for Woodham Academy's sports hall and training kit for the school's netball, rugby, basketball and football teams.

The donation, worth almost £2,000, comes after the Stanley-based company completed the installation of new roofing at Woodham Academy.

David Coates, Business Manager at Woodham Academy, said: "I would like to thank the company for its very generous donation. The defibrillator is something we had wanted to purchase for a long time, so that we can respond swiftly should a pupil or member of staff require urgent, life-saving treatment. Needless to say, the pupils are thrilled with their new kit."

Colin Howey, Contracts Manager at Hodgson Sayers, said: "I was aware



Woodham Academy Business Manager David Coates, and James Rolt from Hodgson Sayers, with students in new sports kit.

the school was urgently seeking a defibrillator and required new training kit for its various sports groups. "I informed the senior management team at Hodgson Sayers, and they were very happy to help out with the donation of just under £2,000. It is always rewarding when you can leave a project and know you have left a mark in other ways."



In Disney's vibrant tale of family, fun and adventure, an aspiring young musician named Miguel embarks upon an extraordinary journey to the magical land of his ancestors. A colourful, feast for the eyes and great music too.

Please come along on Saturday 7th July at 2.00pm to watch the wonderful movie COCO. Everyone is welcome, only £1 entry and ice-creams for 50p. It would be lovely to see you at St. Clare's Hall for our Family Movie afternoon.

Woodham Students Praised for Excellent GCSE Work

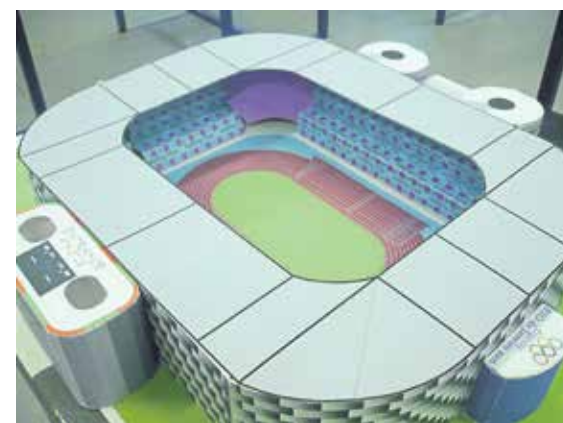
Some of the impressive graphics, textiles and resistant materials coursework produced by talented Woodham Academy students. Woodham Academy students have been praised for their excellence after creating a range of high-quality products for their GCSE coursework.

The Year 11 Design and Technology students have produced creative and original pieces of practical work for their controlled assessment.

The now-completed products range from models of national landmarks and sports stadiums to dresses and children's toys. Students developed products using a wide range of materials and techniques such as pewter casting in order to produce high quality work.

Stacey Oswald, Head of Design and Technology, said: "Our students have designed and created products of an exceptionally high standard. Their talent, creativity, and hard work have impressed us all, and they should be very proud of what they have achieved."

The Design and Technology department also recently celebrated success with 100 percent of Year 11 students passing their exam in engineering, constituting 25 percent of their NCFE Level 2 qualification.



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Chairman Change



At the statutory May Parish Council Meeting of Middridge Village, Cllr Harold Howe stood down as Chairman, for personal reasons. He is succeeded for the 2018/19 Municipal Year by Cllr Wally Mellors (left), our longest serving Parish Councillor. Wally thanked Cllr Howe (right) for his work as Chairman during the previous year, saying that he had put the Village before his personal interests.

ST. TERESA'S MEMORY TREE

A BUILDING society has branched out into the community to help family and friends remember their loved ones on a special memory tree. Darlington Building Society, through its members, has donated £35,000 to St Teresa's Hospice, which, alongside funding a room in the charity's new in-patient unit, has also established a unique tree of remembrance. The hand-engraved sculpture, which has been fixed to the wall in the hospice's in-patient reception area, will allow personal memories and messages of support to be engraved on to hundreds of metallic leaves and fixed to the tree in memory of loved ones.

Darlington Building Society chief executive Colin Fyfe said: "As part of our 160th anniversary celebrations we asked our members which organisations they would like to support and a vast majority chose 'people who help people'.

"St Teresa's Hospice is a fantastic example of an organisation, here in Darlington, that does just that by providing specialist palliative and at-home care, in addition to supporting family members of those with life-limiting illnesses. "It's fabulous to see the way

that the funds have been used and the memory tree is a wonderful addition to the hospice and a fantastic way to keep the memory of loved ones alive."

Funds raised through donations for each leaf will help St Teresa's provide care for hundreds of people in Darlington, South Durham and North Yorkshire.

St Teresa's Hospice chief executive Jane Bradshaw said: "It's wonderful that local organisations like Darlington Building Society continue to support the work we do. To raise such a substantial sum is amazing.

"Our new memory tree provides a truly special space for people to remember and reflect on family and friends and anyone can have a leaf engraved whether their loved ones were cared for by St Teresa's or not."

Orders for an engraving can be placed at <https://www.support.darlingtonhospice.org.uk/memory-tree> or forms are available from the hospice and all St Teresa's charity shops.

Photo: Chief executive of St Teresa's Hospice Darlington, Jane Bradshaw with Darlington Building Society chief executive Colin Fyfe in front of the St Teresa's Hospice Memory Tree



GREAT AYCLIFFE & MIDDRIDGE PARTNERSHIP NEEDS YOU!

Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership currently has a vacancy on the partnership board for a public representative.

This is an exciting opportunity for a resident from the partnership area (Great Aycliffe and Middridge), with a keen interest in the local community to join a dynamic and proactive board, who have successfully delivered a number of projects throughout the area since our formation in 2009.

The public representative role itself isn't onerous; in terms of time commitments, there's a requirement to attend a board meeting every two months, and preferably to have input to at least one of our Task & Finish Groups if you can, but really it's about sharing your valuable local knowledge and being passionate about your community – helping to make a difference in our area.

To become a public representative on the board you must live, work, volunteer or study within the partnership area, and you must be over the age of 16.

Brian Riley, GAMP Coordinator, said: "The work of the partnership is driven by the support and enthusiasm of the Board. The

public representative vacancy represents a good opportunity to become directly involved and make a difference in our local community."

If you're interested in applying, please contact the

office for a full application pack: Email us: gampaap@durham.gov.uk or telephone: 01325 327441 The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Friday 3 August 2018.

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SPEEDY PEST CONTROL

Families faced with wasps, fleas, rats or any other pest problems can now call on speedier pest control services from Durham County Council. The authority has introduced same day appointments to more quickly rid homes of irritating insects, troublesome rodents and other unwanted animal guests.

Cllr Brian Stephens, the council's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local services, said: "We offer a great service and this development makes it even more accessible with residents able to book at any time of the day or night." Pest control manager, Mark Farren, said: "Previously the earliest appointment our booking system could offer was the next day but now, after streamlining our booking process and freeing up appointment slots we can make sure more people can get their pest problems seen sooner – even possibly on the same day. "Just the other day we treated a wasps nest within 15 minutes of someone making a booking."

For a one-off charge of just £40 the council's British Pest Control Association registered pest controllers can help Durham householders tackle rats, mice, moles, squirrels, wasps, bed bugs, fleas, cockroaches, flies, and other flying and crawling insect problems.

The same team also provide pest management services for businesses and landlords at competitive rates.

Mark said: "Our experienced team of technicians hold industry leading qualifications and collectively have over 120 years' experience so if you've got a pest problem we can help."

For more information about the services available and to book an appointment visit www.durham.gov.uk/pestcontrol

AYCLIFFE RADIO

Programme Schedule

Every Night from 12 Midnight to 3am
cuddle up and listen to classic "Love Songs"

MONDAY

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
Through the Decades with Elachi Indian Restaurant		
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
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

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
Sports Show sponsored by Honest John		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
2nd July - Alan Gaskarth - NAYFC U12s Manager		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

1-5pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
5-7pm	Tea Time Out	Amy Harrison
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
5-8pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-8pm	"Throwback Thursday"	The Doctor
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-8pm	House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
29th June - Owen & Amy present a one off show for Pride Month. Music & History of LGBT & Drag Scene.		
6th July - Owens Politics Show with guests John Clare and Mel Wilson discussing Tommy Robinson & Ferryhill Mayor		

SATURDAY

8-11am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
11am-1pm	Kent Collective	Daz Kent
1pm-2pm	With the Beatles Part 6	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
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7pm	Church Service	Xcel Centre

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EVENTS - If you are organising an event, why not let us help you promote it?

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:



Great Opportunity for Aycliffe to Attract Railway Buffs

The star attraction at a recent Town Council meeting was Trish Pemberton, who talked about the Bicentenary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, and encouraged the Town Council to think about how it might support the event. The S&DR, she told us, had opened in 1825. There had been anniversaries in 1875, 1925 (when the future king and queen attended), and 1975 (which many councillors remembered).

With the anniversary approaching, the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway had realised the need to protect and restore the line, and to organise a proper celebration of its 200th birthday.

This had required bringing together three Councils (Stockton, Darlington and Durham), as well as forming links with essential organisations such as Durham University, Palace Green Museum, Network Rail, Hitachi, the Science Museum etc.

The campaign had kicked off two years ago with a major conference at the Locomotion Museum, at which the S&DR's claim to be the 'first in the world' had been out to the test. At that meeting, delegates had been shocked to be told that the S&DR was NOT the first public railway, NOT the first steam-powered railway, NOT the first passenger railway, and NOT the first to be built as a result of an Act of Parliament. It could not even boast the first railway death!

What made the S&DR spectacular, Trish told us, was not the individual firsts, but the fact that the S&DR was the first railway to put everything together. It was a public not a private railway, with a permanent main line plus branch lines. It used standard gauge with malleable iron rails. It carried a range of goods, along with passengers. It proved railway

technology worked (Shildon's Timothy Hackworth was instrumental in this) and established the reliability of steam locomotives. It invented the railway station, passenger timetables, and signals. It was PROFITABLE, and it immediately attracted visitors from all over the world (esp. Prussia, France and the USA) who went back home and copied it.

i.e. it was where the fully-functioning modern railway system was born. It is therefore a UNIQUE offer, and not just for tourists and railway buffs – it was the line's heritage offer that had brought investment from Hitachi into Newton Aycliffe.

SO WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

(1) The Friends have done a track-bed audit, identifying 617 assets (including the Locomotion Pub, which the Friends are trying to buy and restore), which the three Councils have promised to protect and restore.

(2) A Railway Heritage Board has been set up, including the three Councils plus key organisations such as Network Rail and Hitachi. This meets regularly to plan progress.

(3) The line has been granted Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) status by Historic England, which will oversee the regeneration of the line, with up to £700k to spend on doing so.

The HAZ is not just about organising another spectacular cavalcade, as in 1975. The focus of the project has to be on regeneration, economic and community development, and on SUSTAINABILITY ... on making changes that will create "a lasting legacy" for the area. One such will hopefully be a 26-mile walking/cycling route along the entire length of the line. There must be other gains in terms of tourism, local business growth ... and the development of local pride and a 'sense of place'.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The Railway Heritage Board is meeting regularly. A procurement call-out to create a consistent interpretation features along the whole length of the line has been issued. A Business Plan is being written, and a Lottery Fund Bid developed.

The project is being linked into the restoration of the Darlington Rail Heritage Quarter and the Locomotion Museum site. There are plans to repair the Locomotion train. The next anniversary – on September 2018 – would see a major event which would bring together potential supporters and sponsors. It is all very exciting.

Trish promised to keep the Town Council informed. Are local people fully aware, she wondered, of the WORLD CLASS HERITAGE FEATURE they have on their doorstep? She asked councillors to think about how GATC might contribute to the huge event which will be 2025.

Horndale R.A. July Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th July starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts Centre.

We will be discussing our August Community Fun day, it is shaping up to be a great day with lots of things to see and do. Honest John has given us £1,000 and Durham Constabulary has given £500 from the Proceeds of Crime Act towards the cost of running the event.

The event is also supported by Tesco and Greenfield Community College. If you are part or know someone who is part of a local group or charity you are welcome to hold a table to advertise the work you do in the community. Contact horndaleresidentsass@outlook.com

Sunday 1st July sees us going to Holy Island then to Seahouses on the return journey. We will have some good news regarding funding for future trips in the coming weeks.

3M Apprentice Urges Girls into Engineering

Young women are being encouraged to consider a career in engineering by a former apprentice who has enjoyed a decade at a global science company.

Lisa Fletcher, an Advanced Manufacturing Engineer at 3M's Newton Aycliffe plant, met girls from Bishop Auckland's King James 1st Academy during their tour of South West Durham Training yesterday.

The visit was arranged to mark International Women in Engineering Day tomorrow (Saturday). The annual celebration of the achievements of outstanding women engineers aims to raise awareness of the huge range of opportunities for young women in the sector.

Hundreds of events are taking place across the UK, including taster sessions and workshops being held at schools, colleges, universities and engineering firms.

Year 10 students Rebecca Jacob, Katie Bennett and Melisa Littlewood, who will next year take their GCSE exams, are all considering careers in engineering. Lisa, who was an engineering apprentice at South West Durham Training ten years ago, told them her apprenticeship had prepared her well for her career.

She said: "I was able to gain excellent skills throughout my apprenticeship, which set me in good stead as I qualified as a multi-skilled maintainer at 3M. An apprenticeship gave me much more than hands on practical skills; it was communication, teamwork, technical knowledge and problem solving."

Lisa, who moved 'off the tools' four years ago having completed a 3M-sponsored BEng (Hons) degree, added: "On a daily basis I look at waste projects, cost reduction and bringing new equipment/technologies to site."

She also had a positive message for the girls about



(l-r) are students Rebecca Jacob, Katie Bennett and Melisa Littlewood with 3M's Lisa Fletcher.

industry opportunities. Lisa said: "Women progressing in engineering careers is taking a positive turn. I think the key to this is educating girls at school so they are aware of the opportunities that are available to them - breaking down any misconceptions they may have about working in industry and engineering."

"I wasn't aware that these careers existed for women when I was in school so it's a passion of mine to inform young women so they too can become a successful engineer."

The visiting girls were clearly inspired by the visit and meeting Lisa. Melissa said: "I haven't had the opportunity to study engineering at school, but I now hope to move my studies into engineering at South West Durham Training and get an apprenticeship so that I can start my career."

3M, which employs 400 people in Newton Aycliffe, manufactures reusable and

disposable respirators and car care products including finishing compounds and polishes.

It has a long standing relationship with SWDT, and currently has seven apprentices in maintenance engineering, mechanical and electrical with the training provider, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last December and is part of the Bishop Auckland College Group.

An open evening is being held at South West Durham Training on Thursday June 28 from 5pm to 7pm where specialist tutors will be available to discuss full time courses and apprenticeships in fabrication, welding, toolmaking, machining, maintenance and electrical and give tours of the fantastic facilities. See swdt.co.uk for details.

More information about International Women in Engineering Day can be found at inwed.org.uk

BUTTERWICK BIRTHDAY



Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland is celebrating their 23rd Birthday this month! 23 years we have been caring for the local community and we hope to still be here, helping in another 23 years!

In order to celebrate we invited staff and volunteers to our BBQ, here in the gardens of the Hospice on Friday night. We had an amazing night and we wanted to say thank you to everyone who attended. We raised £800 from this simple, but enjoyable celebration! Thank you again for everyone who supports the Hospice, we couldn't do it without you.

#backingthebutterwick
Call Milly on 01388 603003 or email millytoner@butterwick.org.uk if you would like to support the Butterwick.

Reported Crime Up!

REPORTED CRIMES in County Durham and Darlington increased over the past year, according to the latest Performance Report from Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Ron Hogg.

The report indicates that the number of reported victim-based crimes rose by 32%, whilst levels of anti-social behaviour reduced by 11% over the twelve months to March 2018.

At the same time, residents of Durham and Darlington have greater confidence in the Police than almost anywhere else in the country. 84% of people agree that 'taking everything into account I have confidence in the police', whilst Durham is rated higher than any other force for 'community understanding'.

Commenting on the report, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg said "There have been real increases in crimes such as theft, robbery and arson, but the increase is also due to changes to the national requirements for crime recording: more incidents such as harassment are now recorded as crimes, for example. He added "The Sunday Times reported last weekend that Durham has the highest 'solved rate' for crimes of any force in England and Wales, mainly because of the Constabulary's on-going commitment to neighbourhood policing. Victims of crime can be confident to come forward and report their experiences,

knowing that the Force will take them seriously".

The number of Police Officers in County Durham and Darlington has dropped by 400 Officers since 2010, following reductions in Government funding. Ron continues to call on the Government to ensure that Police have the resources they need to protect the public. Ron's Public Performance Report is available on his website at www.durham-pcc.gov.uk. Further crime prevention advice is available on the Durham Constabulary website at www.durham.police.uk

Middridge Village Fete

The Fete will be held on Saturday 7th July starting at 1.30pm on the Village Green.

Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band will be performing throughout the afternoon as well as a re-enactment group and a Dog Show to find 'The Mutt of Middridge'.

Vintage Teas will be available in the Village Hall as well as hot dogs, tombola and many stalls on the Village Green.

There will also be a Grand Raffle with lots of good prizes.

John Clare, our County Councillor, has kindly agreed to open the fete.

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Car Boot Sale for Butterwick Hospice

On Sunday 8th July 2018 Butterwick Hospice are holding their very own Boot Sale! We are welcoming anyone with a car or a van to Bishop Auckland College Car park to sell any of their unwanted bits and pieces.

Prices are: £7 per car or £10 per van, and to register your car or van, simply apply for your space online <https://www.butterwick.org.uk/events/butterwickbootsale/>. You will then receive a pass, please bring this pass on the day of the event to gain entry. You must provide your own table.

Entry into the car park for cars and vans will be from 8am. The college car park is large, so we can fit around 60 cars and vans in at once.

For entry on the day as a buyer, prices are: £1 adult and 50p child, payable on the gate. Dogs are welcome, as long as they are kept on their lead at all times.

Doors open at 10am – 1pm. There will be food stalls on the day along with the boot sale, so feel free to stick around for some dinner and chat to us!

We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Milly on 01388 603003 or email millytoner@butterwick.org.uk for more information.

Golden Career Prospects



The winning team of students designed an innovative bar system to allow multiple products to be painted at once for Hydrum Engineering.

Nearly 200 students have improved their future career prospects by achieving gold and silver awards from the national industrial cadet programme.

Students from South Durham UTC have completed a 12-week project culminating in a presentation of their assignments to ten different businesses.

The business partners from across the region have supported the projects through mentoring the students and supporting them in their creative ideas and also judged the projects. Catherine Purvis-Mawson, Vice Principal (Business Engagement, Careers and Marketing) at UTC South Durham said: "We're delighted with the quality of the projects this year and the commitment from both the students and the businesses. They have created some fantastic product designs using a variety of skills and

software."

Four graduates and eight apprentices from Hitachi Rail furthered their own development by mentoring students on ten of the projects. The project was to re-design an element of the interior of the train such as a table.

Kendra Stonehouse, Learning and Development Manager, Hitachi Rail, said: "The projects are a brilliant way for the students to learn and gain experience of the world of work. The students had to consider a variety of different elements to the design including Health and Safety standards, quality standards, responsible procurement and meeting the expectations of fare-paying passengers. The skills that students have been demonstrating today make them very employable and we are delighted to be supporting them at the start of their exciting career

journey."

The Year 10 students will now receive a Silver level award meaning they have completed the activities including company research, site visits, presentation materials and problem solving. The older Year 12 students will be accredited with a Gold award thanks to their formal presentation process.

MP SUPPORTS UNISON'S SAFETY IN WORKPLACE

Our MP Phil Wilson recently attended a UNISON event which was raising awareness of the violence staff working for housing associations and charities face on a regular basis.

The issue of abuse is becoming an acute problem for many employees, with many UNISON members reporting that assaults are sometimes seen as part of the job.

Phil Wilson strongly believes no one at work should feel unsafe or feel that abuse is part of their work day, and is therefore writing to housing associations and third sector organisations asking them to sign up to UNISON's 'Violence at Work Charter'. The Charter is a reasonable list of ten steps employers can take, such as adequate training for staff and support for victims of violence, to help protect and ensure their employees safety whilst they are at work.

Speaking on UNISON's



initiative, Phil Wilson said 'It is unacceptable that anyone should feel unsafe in their workplace, which is why I will be asking housing associations and charities

in this area to sign up to UNISON's 'Violence at Work Charter'. The issue is a serious one and I hope that many organisations will consider signing up.'

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Greenfield in School Olympics 3M Volunteers at Work in Aycliffe School



Students from Greenfield Community College excelled in a range of sports and activities recently as they attended the Secondary School Olympics held at Oak Leaf Sports Complex. The event, which was organised by SSP (Sedgefield School Sport Partnership) was a great success attracting secondary schools from the area to compete in this popular event. Greenfield were well represented with a total of 57

students taking part showing a great team spirit throughout the day. The team competed in a range of events such as Dance, Boccia, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Basketball, Mountain Biking, Football, Handball and Athletics achieving brilliant results. Subject Specialist, Ellie Butterworth was full of praise for the team, "The students were a credit to the school and demonstrated the Olympic values throughout the day.

We had great success across many sports." Medal winners included: Silver for Dance and Bronze for Table Tennis, Boccia, Handball and Girls Football. A big thanks to all the students involved and to SSP for their commitment and organisation to such a great event.

On Monday 18th June 4 staff members from 3M, Newton Aycliffe, through Employee Supported Volunteering (ESV), volunteered at Aycliffe Village Primary School.

3M actively encourage their employees to volunteer within the local community to develop their own personal skills and their understanding of the surrounding area.

Aycliffe Village Primary School opened its doors to the volunteers to help restore their outdoor play equipment. As the equipment is well used by the children, after being installed some years ago, they were in need of uplifting and maintenance. The volunteers wasted no time getting stuck in and



they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Head Teacher, Mrs

from members of the local community. Our children are very excited about the difference this has made to our trim trail and climbing frame!"

Durham University, Staff Volunteering, work alongside 3M to provide volunteers to community organisations across County Durham including Newton Aycliffe. Over the past 6 months 50 volunteers have volunteered 294 hours to charity organisations such as Newton Aycliffe Foodbank, Serenity Social and Therapeutic Horticulture and Shildon Alive.

We're always looking for more community organisations/ charities to work with us. If you would like more information about hosting 3M or Durham University volunteers please contact Stacy Porter – community.engagement@durham.ac.uk

Helen Sutherland, remarked "We are extremely grateful for the support given to our school by 3M and Durham University's employee volunteering scheme. It is wonderful to know our school has this support

COUNTY PLAN - TRANSPORT What's Your Opinion?

As part of the consultation on the County Durham Plan, Council officers are asking residents to consider a particular 'focus issue' each week. The theme for this week (2-8 July) is TRANSPORT, and the relevant policies are summarised below (you can read the full text on pp.127-142 online here: <http://bit.ly/CDPPOF>).

What do you think? Submit your comments by post to FREEPOST Spatial Policy or by emailing: cdpconsultation@durham.gov.uk

POLICY 23 – DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Although the planning system cannot directly change people's travel behaviour, the Plan will use Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans to encourage sustainable transport choices by:

- Seeking to put new development in locations which minimise the distance and time of journeys;
- Making the best use of existing public transport and the highways network; and
- Integrating sustainable transport choices into the design of new developments, which will be planned to maximise opportunities for travelling according to the following priority: those with mobility issues or disabilities, walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing and alternative fuel vehicles.

The Plan will protect Rights of Way, Railway Paths and Green Infrastructure, and a new County Durham Cycling Delivery Plan will identify a proposed cycling network (including 'Cycling Super Routes').

As for cars, the Plan will establish parking standards which focus on limiting car parking supply at destination. It will also set minimum car parking standards that house builders must adhere to when building new housing, and it will encourage electric vehicle charging infrastructure and car sharing bays.

POLICY 24 – DURHAM CITY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

This policy seeks to relieve the pressure of traffic around Durham by a number of measures including a new 'Western Relief Road' (from Broompark to Snipeley) and a new 'Northern Relief Road' (from Lanchester Road to Carrville); both these proposed roads will run through the Green Belt.

POLICY 25 – OTHER ROUTES AND FACILITIES

Other transport proposals in the Plan include an eastern by-pass for Barnard Castle, the reinstatement of the Leamside train line from Ferryhill to Gateshead, a new station at Horden, and an inland rail freight interchange at Newton Aycliffe (Forrest Park). The Plan is aware of a proposal for a new north Darlington by-pass linking the A167/A1(M) junction 59 to the A66, which could have potential benefits to Newton Aycliffe Business Park as a result of improved links to Teesport. Although the majority of this link road will be located in Darlington, the County Durham Plan will safeguard the small part of the route in County Durham, specifically the link to the A1M junction.

(All the new routes depend on government money becoming available.)



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Can no longer contact neighbourhood wardens in Aycliffe, and PCSO said Durham Council now responsible. McColl's HQ said Area Manager would contact me three months ago and no reply.

Why are no fines imposed - never see wardens? Can you post photos so parents can tell their kids to bin litter or take it home? Name and Address Supplied

Overhanging Tree Danger on Cycle Path



An Aycliffe worker was cycling home from work on the Business Park and, because of the overgrowing trees and bushes along the A167 was forced to either go onto the main road or try and duck under the overhanging branches. He chose the latter and was nearly forced off his bike into the main road as one of the branches caught his backpack and nearly pulled him off! Who is responsible for these trees and can they be cut back to allow cyclists and pedestrians safer access?

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Spectrum Roller Skater, Jazzmyn Loring, achieved bronze at The British Figure & Free Championships held at Kettering on 23rd/24th June 2018.

Jazzmyn, aged 8, joined the artistic roller skating club at only 4 years old and trains every weekend at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon. Hours of hard work paid off when Spectrum's Jazzmyn achieved bronze podium position in the tots free skating event at The British Championship.

Coach Tracy Stevens commented, "I am so proud of Jazzmyn for her dedication and determination. She was the last skater to compete but held her nerve and focussed her energy into her skating. It is such a tremendous achievement for our newly established club as it is the first time we have attended The British Championships. It was a huge entry this year with 24 tots in the girls event. We were super proud to attend but to come home with a bronze medal is a dream come true. It has been a super weekend and an amazing skate from Jazzmyn. We are all thrilled for her!"

Jazzmyn's results
Tots Girls Free 3rd
Tots Girls Figures 8th
Tots Girls Combined 4th



Home Win Gives Coates Championship Lead



At his home circuit, Croft, Max Coates took an emotional race two win alongside a second placed finish in race one. The weekend's results have given the Harron Homes driver the Renault UK Clio Cup championship lead as the series heads into its summer break.

Alongside his season long sponsors Coates was supported by a number of local businesses through his sponsor a tyre scheme. The companies included; Primex Plastics, Aycliffe Engineering Ltd, DMC Electrical, Workshop Supplies, Northern Handling Systems Ltd (Cesab), Hydraulic and Offshore Supplies and Colourpol.

Coates started strong, topping the timesheets in free practice one on Friday. He then showed his true pace in Qualifying to take a double pole position with a new circuit record.

A good start in race one went wrong at turn one, the Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling sponsored driver braked too late and was sent into a spectacular drift. He controlled the car well but fell back into second place. Despite applying pressure to Paul Rivett for the whole race he couldn't find a way through.

Determined not to fall foul of the same error in race two Coates duly took the lead into turn one and held on to lead the first lap. He then started to build a gap of almost a second and brought home his third win of the season and reclaimed the top spot in the championship. In front of a huge race day crowd the Clements Limited driver received a rapturous applause as he climbed onto the top step of the podium.

Afterwards Coates said, "What a weekend. We achieved exactly what we set out to do and now lead the championship, to do it with a home win is very special!" Coates will be appearing at the new RMB / Bennett Renault dealership in Darlington on Friday with his race car where members of the public are openly invited to attend and try to beat Max's lap time on a racing simulator.

Snetterton, near Norfolk is the next round of the championship on the 28th and 29th of July.

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Jakob Ebrey Photography

Vane Road Reach the Top



On Tuesday 25th June, 20 children from Vane Road Primary School attended the SSP Primary Olympics at Sedgefield Community College. One group of children participated in the football competition, while the other children took part in an exciting athletics event.

The brilliant athletics team narrowly missed out on top spot, finishing in second place. The football team remained undefeated all day and grabbed the gold medals for a fabulous first place finish. All the children worked well as a team and fully deserved their medals.

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Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2 admission, 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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Visitors offered rare opportunity to see the train up close before new fleet starts carrying passengers. The new fleet for the East Coast Main Line is being built by Hitachi in Newton Aycliffe. Stephenson's Newcastle-built Rocket locomotive also on show at the museum. The front carriage of a new Azuma train arrived at Newcastle's Discovery Museum as part of the Great Exhibition of the North (22 June - 9 September). The new fleet is being built at Hitachi's Newton Aycliffe factory. The factory, home to 1000 employees including 50 apprentices, opened in 2015. Azuma is due to begin carrying passengers later this year along the East Coast Main Line, connecting the North East to Scotland and London. Passengers can expect modern trains offering more seats and space, as well as shorter journey times. On Sunday 24th June, operation of East Coast Main Line services will transition to London North Eastern Railway (LNER) from Virgin Trains East Coast. LNER will



then run all services from London to Yorkshire, the North-East and Scotland. Hitachi has designed the trains using their Japanese bullet train technology, with the front of the train using a sleek aerodynamic design. With faster acceleration rates passengers can expect their journey times to be cut once the fleet is introduced. The name Azuma means "east" in Japanese, an acknowledgement of Hitachi's roots and Japan's advanced railways.

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Visitors will be able to compare two North East built trains as the region celebrates its railway heritage and future. Karen Boswell, Managing Director of Hitachi Rail Europe said: "This symbolic moment celebrates a new chapter in the North East's proud railway history. Later this year passengers will start to enjoy our Azuma trains, harnessing Japanese bullet train technology and built by a proud workforce in the North East"

Carolyn Ball, Manager of Discovery Museum, said: "This summer thousands of visitors will be able to get up close to one of Britain's (if not the world's) most famous feats of engineering, that was made right here in Newcastle. It's Rocket Science, which features Stephenson's Rocket and accompanying exhibition will share how this historic engine's ground-breaking design heralded the birth of passenger railways and celebrates the North's world-famous industrial heritage and innovative spirit, which is still thriving today thanks to North East companies like Hitachi."

David Horne, Managing Director of London North Eastern Railway (LNER), said: "LNER is absolutely committed to ensuring a successful transition for our customers, employees, station staff and everyone else who depends on the train services we operate."

"Once the transition to LNER has been managed successfully, we will continue to invest and develop the East Coast for the benefit of customers. As part of this commitment, LNER is taking on the Azuma project from Virgin East Coast. These Azuma trains will mean more services on the line and more capacity for customers. LNER is delighted to be part of the preview of the new Hitachi Azuma trains which will be entering service across the line later this year." Great Exhibition of the North

is an 80-day Exhibition, which takes place between 22 June and 9 September 2018 across NewcastleGateshead,

celebrating great art and culture, design and innovation from across the North. www.getnorth2018.com

GET CRAFTY AT AYCLIFFE LIBRARY



Kids and families in County Durham can get creative at their local library over the coming weeks at a series of art and crafts sessions.

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• Saturday, 14 July – Newton Aycliffe Library

All sessions cost £1 per person. For more information, visit www.durham.gov.uk/libraries.

Armed Forces Day



The Deputy Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, attended the War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church on Monday 25th June to raise a flag on behalf of the Town to mark the beginning of Armed Forces Week. The Deputy Mayor was assisted by Officers from the Aycliffe Armoury. The Service was conducted by Revd. Ann Anderson and Arthur Middleton played bagpipes whilst the flag was raised. Veterans and members of the public attended to mark this annual occasion which is an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families, recruits and veterans.

Birthday Remembrance

DAWN ELLIOT 29th June. No birthday cards to send you, no gifts to show we care. Just memories treasured of the love and happiness we all share. Love and miss you so much Mam. Bill, Stephen, Jacky, Darren, Louis and Owen
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Acknowledgement

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The family of the late Sheila Harty would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their support, cards and messages of condolence following their sad loss. Special thanks to Father Cornforth for the beautiful Service, Whitehouse Funeral Service, The County (Aycliffe Village) and for donations received from the church collection amounting to £290.67 in aid of the Children's Cancer Ward, RVI

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Obituary

ALAN WALL

On 8th June, Alan aged 72 years. Beloved Husband of the late Jen; loving Dad of Jackie, Joanne and Karen, Brother of Pam and the late Anne and Grandad of six. The Funeral Service took place in St. Michael's Church, Heighington on Friday 29th June at 1pm and was followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Donations in lieu of flowers if so desired may be made online at www.cancerresearchuk.org

VERONICA (Vera) BUTLER

23rd June, Veronica (Vera) nee Butler, aged 91 years of Newton Aycliffe. Loving Wife of the late John Frederick (Fred) Price and loving Mother of Robin, Denis and Suzanne. Service to be held at St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village, on Friday 6th July at 11.15a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired, to Royal British Legion or Alzheimer's Society. Plate will be provided at the reception following the Service.

LENEGAN. 18th June, peacefully at home. June Rose, aged 75 years of Newton Aycliffe. A dearly loved Mam and Gran. Funeral Monday 2nd July. Would family and friends please meet at 9.30am for a Service at Durham Crematorium. No flowers, donations in lieu, if desired, may be made after the Service for Cancer Research.

HIRST, 26th June, peacefully at home. Rodney Stephen (Steve), aged 70 years of Newton Aycliffe. A much loved Husband of Olwen also a loving Dad and Grandad. Funeral to be held on Friday 6th July. Would family and friends please meet at 2.30pm for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired, may be made after the Service for Cancer Research.

Nominations Open for County Durham Environment Awards

Eco-friendly businesses, volunteers and great green projects are being urged to put themselves forward for awards recognising those who look after their local environment. To coincide with World Environment Day nominations opened for the County Durham Environment Awards 2018.

Chair of the County Durham Environment Partnership, Oliver Sherratt, said: "The awards are a real opportunity to highlight the excellent environmental work that goes on in our county every year. "I never fail to be impressed by the efforts of volunteers, schools, businesses and community organisations, but we need more people to tell us about their environmental work so we can give them the recognition they deserve and, in doing so, inspire others to do their bit."

Now in their 29th year the awards – which are sponsored by Durham County Council, Durham University, Banks Group, Citrus Group, Lichfields and Durham Wildlife Trust – will see prizes rewarding top design, environmental guardianship and community spirited work. The award's 12 categories include: Built environment; Climate change; Community partnership; Craftsmanship; Greener business; Natural environment; Places and spaces; Schools and colleges; and Waste management. There are also awards for Volunteer group of the year,

environmental tourism, community gardens, school and community allotments, environmental education programmes, sustainable engineering projects and gardening clubs so we'd encourage anyone who feels they deserve to be celebrated to put themselves forward. "If what you have been doing in the last year has been positive for the environment of County Durham, we want to hear about it."

The deadline for 2018 entries is Friday, July 7 with shortlisting and judging taking place over the summer. Winners will be announced at a ceremony in November. To submit an entry or nominate go to www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk/envawards or call 03000 267 133.

"The award has boosted the confidence and motivation of our volunteers and also enabled us to build new community partnerships which we hope will ensure that Mildert Outreach continues to go from strength to strength. "If you are a member of a local group, I would strongly recommend making an application." Other previous winners have included everything from Durham County Council's £3m restoration of Durham's Wharton Park, to Crook Hall Visitor Centre, Durham Heritage Coast Partnership's Reach for the Beach festival, scouts and young firefighters, and Witton Park's Brothers at War project. Oliver said: "We have had winners including conservation projects, environmental work at the coast, building restorations,

AYCLIFFE VILLAGERS WILL BENEFIT FROM FORMING A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Great Aycliffe Residents' Association has been requested to help Aycliffe Village form their own Association to take advantage of external funding and to bring the community together. Other R.A.'s in Newton Aycliffe have prospered as a result of getting together enjoying social events, outings and community activities. It is vitally important the group is self managed and the organisation does need Officers and a Management Committee. GARA is calling a Public Meeting of residents on Tuesday 3rd July in the Village Hall at 6.30pm to gauge interest, so it is important there is a good turnout to ensure the project goes forward. It is even more important that

leaders in the community take the responsibility of running the Association and be elected as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary along with a management committee. Residents will feel the value of an association as it gives power to the people who may have to come together to fight for necessary action to be taken by the Authorities. YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE! Ken Robson Vice Chairman of GARA will chair the Public Meeting. Ken is Chairman of the very successful ACORN Residents' Association and has lots of experience along with Secretary of GARA Arun Chandran. Other R.A.'s will attend to answer any queries.

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Executive Job for our M.P.'s Wife
 DURHAM Constabulary is preparing to say farewell to one of the force's most senior officers, who is leaving to take up her first executive post. After five years with Durham, Superintendent Kerrin Wilson (wife of our M.P.) has been appointed Assistant Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police. Supt Wilson, currently the commander of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, is due to take up her new role in mid-July.

During her 25-year career to date, Supt Wilson has served all four North-East forces, invaluable experience which has made a difference in her current role at the CDSOU, a joint unit which covers armed response, road policing and the dog section. She initially joined Northumbria Police in 1992 and spent the majority of her service with Cleveland, before moving to North Yorkshire Police as Chief Inspector and then joining to Durham in 2013 as Superintendent. Supt Wilson said, "I have had the most amazing time in Durham over the last five years. I am privileged to have worked with some of the UK's best police officers and staff and made many friends. "The guidance and support I have had from the Chief Constable and the chief officer team has been incredible. "I will miss Durham a great deal, but leave knowing I have been part of an outstanding force that has made a real positive difference to people's

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were well beaten by 62 runs at home to bogey team Barnard Castle 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Choosing to bat first, the visitors scored an impressive 207 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs despite some excellent bowling from Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Dean & Tina Greaves), who finished with the excellent figures of 3 for 15 from his 13 over spell and a couple of wickets from captain Luke Telford. In reply, Aycliffe battled hard, but were eventually bowled out for 145 after 48 overs with Joe Haines (29 runs) Darryn Bancroft (22 runs) and Adam Gittins (20 runs) the main contributors. On Friday 22nd June at Marton CC, Aycliffe 1st team's terrific run in the Brunton Cup came to an end when Saltburn's first team beat them in the final by 27 runs. Saltburn made a challenging 141 for 5 in their 20 overs and in reply,

good innings from both Jack Slatcher (36 runs) and Adam Gittins (34 runs) were not quite enough as Aycliffe were held to 114 for 8 in their 20 overs. First team photo with Valerie Palmer (MD of shirt sponsor Vanila Design & Print) taken at the Brunton Cup Final (above). A very young 2nd team put in a decent performance away to promotion favourites Billingham Synthonia 2nd XI, but were

still defeated by five wickets in the NYSD 4th division. Batting first Aycliffe were bowled out for 67 after 20 overs with only Dan Weldon (14 runs) and Dan Bowmer (10 runs) reaching double figures with the bat. In reply, career best figures of 4 for 12 from 13 year old Matty Greaves (sponsored by Britannia Fire), in only his third senior game, briefly gave Aycliffe hope, but the home side rallied and reached their winning target after 16 overs.

The u15's put in a good display, but still lost by seven wickets away at Seaton Carew. Aycliffe scored a respectable 99 for 5 in their 20 overs thanks to a superb career best score of 38 by Kyle Cuthbertson and he was supported well by Harry Wright who scored an unbeaten 23. In reply, the home side reached their victory target after 15 overs despite some good bowling from Leo

Mercy who took 2 for 11 from his four overs. The u15's had a close win by 19 runs at home to Rockliffe Park. Aycliffe scored 78 for 6 in their 20 overs thanks to an excellent innings from Harry Wright (30 runs) and he was given good support from Will Varley (11 runs) and Matty Greaves (10 runs). In reply good bowling from Iain Robson (3 for 11) helped restrict the visitors to 59 for 7 in their 20 overs. The u13's continued their run of good form with

their fifth win out of the last seven games, this time with a 22 run home victory against Darlington RA in the NYACC league. Batting first Aycliffe scored 114 for 5 from their 20 overs with Matty Greaves top scoring with an unbeaten 33 and a good innings from Leo Mercy with 24 runs. In reply, Darlington RA were restricted to 92 for 8 from their 20 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from David Robinson (3 for 4) and Matty Greaves (2 for 12).

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