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FX-Productions will be providing a professional 24ft x 24ft covered stage with lighting and a superb PA system with professional stage management crew. Performing on the day will be a mixture of groups, brass band, solo artists, choir and Aycliffe's very own, X-Factor contestant, "Shanaya".

The event starts at 11.00am with the Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band, followed by rock, indie, folk, pop, soul, mod, alternative, gospel and hip hop entertainers all the way through till 8.00pm.

Local artists giving their time are Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band, Dua Lipa Tribute act (Cassandra), Scott Wilson, Xcel Band & Choir, John Snowball, MAD Choir, Chris Mardula, Becky Sawyer, The Kent

Collective, Charlotte, The Thieves, Whiskey Haze, Tommy Whitehouse, Harris Tweed Mystery Machine, Bosko Green, Sonic Void and Lew BYG. Professor Nincompoo will perform three shows for the children (1pm, 3pm and 5pm); there will also be a kiddies fairground on site, glitter bar and refreshments. Competitions, spot prizes plus surprises in store for those in attendance. The event has been possible via a grant from Great Aycliffe Town Council (as part of the



Shanaya

Great Aycliffe Festival 2018); and with the kind generosity of Aycliffe Town Centre Management. For more information about the event visit the website www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/festival



The Kent Collective



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Mayoress 'At Home'

The Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Bernadette Moore, will be 'At Home'

on Saturday 28th July 2018 from 2pm till 4pm and would like to invite residents of Great Aycliffe to come along.

As well as some light refreshments, there will also be a raffle with proceeds going towards the Mayor's chosen charity, the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. Come along to the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane Newton Aycliffe from 2 o'clock on 28th July 2018

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Roman Future Magnates Team

Leading international shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, has won the Marketing and Branding Award with their Future Business Magnates Team. Roman was a business mentor for a team of Year 8 entrepreneurial students in the Future Business Magnates Competition. This exciting and fun competition aims to build enthusiasm in young people and introduces them to the basics of starting and running a business. School teams are supported by a business partner from a local firm who work with the team throughout the competition, lending their experience and expertise and guiding them in their first business venture. A large and glitzy Gala Award Dinner was held where achievements were acknowledged and awards were given. Roman was the business partner for Barnard Castle School and they proudly won the Marketing and Branding Award. Each team develops their business idea and participates



School Team with Roman M.D. David Osborne (right)

in a series of six challenges which include everything from team building, product design, marketing and finance. Roman helped Barnard Castle School over the year by attending each challenge and providing them with advice and help whenever needed. The team also had a couple of trips

to Roman's Headquarters, where they were introduced to each department and shown the manufacturing process. The team developed an ambitious business plan which created hydrogen from natural local resources to fuel agricultural machinery. David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "Barnard Castle School worked extremely hard on their product idea and to win the Marketing and Branding Award is such an achievement. The team's enthusiasm and eagerness to learn was inspiring to see and it has been a great pleasure to help and guide them through their various business challenges and we congratulate them on their well-deserved award."

YEAR 3 AMAZING DAY AT X-PLATOON!



On Wednesday, 11th July pupils from year 3 at St. Mary's primary went on a school trip to X-Platoon. X Platoon is located near Wheatley Hill. It is an outdoor adventure place, which also teaches you how to survive out in the wild. This experience is dedicated to children of all ages. Our instructors were called Steve and Andrew.

Our first activity was to sharpen some wood with a sharp knife. First Steve explained to us how to use a knife safely. Then we all went to get our own knife and piece of wood. We found

it quite difficult to get the right angle, (45°) to carve the wood. You had to do a quick movement to sharpen the wood, but eventually we all got the hang of it.

The second activity was where we got the opportunity to explore some dens that had already been made. Den number 1 was the most luxury den as it had a raised bed and room for a big fire. Den 2 was most of our favourites, as it had a small fire in the middle. It was tepee shape and had a little chimney at the top. We had lots of fun at lunch time as we got to sit around a fire, which kept us toasty and warm whilst we ate our lunch.

After lunch we went into groups and designed and made our open dens using material that was in the forest. Each group had a team leader and were given some string and a knife to use if they needed them. When we had made them, each group had to explain to the others what they did, which was really fun! Next we used a fire steel to light a cotton wool ball on fire. Most people found these very tricky, but most of us were determined to do it on our own. Our final part of the day involved toasting marshmallows over a fire using some long sticks. The marshmallows went golden brown and were sticky, but were absolutely delicious to eat. We all felt that X-Platoon was our favourite school trip and would give it a 5 star rating!

Written by YEAR 3 pupils.

Music Night at School Aycliffe

On Saturday 28th July Robson Fields sings and plays songs from the 50's and 60's including Elvis, Billy Fury, The Shadows, Eddie Cochran and Sir Cliff Richard to name but a few. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £8 per person at School Aycliffe Community Centre. Please contact Tony Robinson for details on 07807 134942.



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Saturday 21st July - "WHOLE HOG"

Gig Pit review: The Comrades welcomed the Whole Hog back with their eclectic mix of rock that although you're familiar with, you don't often hear played by local bands. The fact there were members of at least five other local bands in to see the Hog gives an idea of how highly the band are respected among the local musicians. Kicking off with Fleetwood Mac's "Oh Well" and running through classics by Family, Jethro Tull, Free, The Climax Blues Band as well as a couple of newer numbers by Joe Bonamassa and The Foo Fighters, the band gave a superb show that was well received by the punters. Rob on vocals and sax is an excellent front man whose vocal talents and on stage athletics are a visual focus that other bands could learn from. Twin guitarists whose on stage empathy speaks of long experience of working together are underpinned by a solid rhythm section fronted by John on bass who bounces well off Rob on vocals in giving the appearance of a party on stage. Musicians having a good time whilst playing always carry the crowd with them - we look forward to seeing the Whole Hog later in the year.

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Saturday 21st	Aycliffe Soul Club, £4 otd
Sunday 22nd	Singer "Robbie Raines" followed by Howie's Disco/Karaoke, Free entry
Tuesday 24th	Kids Disco with KD Events, £1.50
Friday 27th	Neil Diamond & Motown Tribute Tickets £5
Saturday 28th	Private Party
Sunday 29th	Singer "Dixie" followed by Howie's Disco/Karaoke, Free entry

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20th July - Disco / Karaoke with BURNBABY FREE

21st July - Marty Q - Fab Vocalist
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Aycliffe Rotary Forms Town Rotakids Club

On Friday July 13th the newly installed President of The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, Jon Bean, presented The Rotakids Charter to the 18 Committee Members of Sugar Hill School which are two representatives from each Junior School Class. The aim of Rotakids is to provide young people age 12 and under with the opportunities to participate enthusiastically in active citizenship to improve the quality of life in their school, local and global communities. As a result Rotakids can meet the following targets:
Develop long term citizenship and leadership skills through identifying and taking responsibilities for real life problems within their school, local and global communities
Learn the importance of respect, dignity and caring for all people by working together to build friendship teams and learning about the impact of their projects
Recognise the high achievement and effect of completed projects that improve quality of life for their school, local and global communities
Work with the sponsoring Rotary Club members as facilitators, mentors and role models
Rotakids take the following pledge: 'As a Rotakid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to



Town's first Rotakids Committee with Rotary President Jon Bean and Rotarian Pat Pickersgill

show respect for others
Working with The Rotary Club, Rotakids will come up with ideas such as fundraising money for charity, improving the environment, helping the elderly or helping children in another country. The Sky is the limit!
All pupils in school will be part of The Rotakids Family. In achieving their annual goals they are expected to have FUN too.
Their aim for 2018/19 will be to have one without profit challenge e.g. collecting old spectacles, telephones, ink cartridges, coins, stamps etc for related charities.
One enterprise project where they are given a sum of money from The Rotary Club (to be returned!) and they must think of the most enterprising way to make that money grow.

One project where they support an overseas charity e.g. helping provide clean drinking water, helping purchase anti mosquito nets, helping to purchase a Shelterbox for families whose homes have been destroyed in natural disasters.
The Rotary Club are most grateful to Mrs P O' Rourke Headteacher for welcoming this initiative and to Mrs K Legge Deputy Headteacher, Mrs L Preece and Mrs J Forster Class teachers for their enthusiasm and support. The citizens of Newton Aycliffe are used to seeing members of The Rotary Club supporting initiatives in town as well as collecting for many charities. Now you will see many of these supported by these delightful children. Look out for the emerald green Rotakids Shirts!

Walworth Pupils Receive the Junior Prince's Award



These Year 5 and 6's from Walworth Primary school have spent the last 18 weeks working with an organisation called SkillsForce to gain the Junior Princes Award. The children had to complete a number of challenges including: team challenges, navigation, a community project, first aid and bush craft. As part of the award, children gained the Young Navigator Bronze Star Award and the Headstart Emergency Life Support Programme certificates. Miss Vicky Bourne, one of the year six teachers involved, who is also SENCO, at the school, said, "We have seen the children's confidence, team skills and leadership qualities grow significantly in the past 18 weeks. It has been excellent for the children in our school." Next year the school will be participating in the Prince William Award, a year long personal development program.

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ECONOMY

The CDP's primary objective can be summed up as "more and better jobs", and it seeks to deliver economic growth by "locating jobs in the most accessible and sustainable locations".

Thus, one of the highlights in the Plan is the 3.4 hectare high-tech business park at Aykley Heads – "a once-in-a-generation opportunity".

The Plan also allocates significant new areas for business at Newton Aycliffe – at Aycliffe Business Park and Forrest Park (totalling 85ha) – which it describes as "sites that will contribute significantly to the economy of the county".

Other new 'employment land' is identified at Jade Park (Murton); Project Genesis (Consett); Meadowfield; Integra61 (Bowburn); South Church and NETPark (Sedgefield) – totalling together about a further 122ha. – along with which the Plan protects 1,500ha. of existing business land.

On existing employment sites that are struggling, redevelopment for other uses will be permitted.

VISITOR ECONOMY

Policies 8 and 9 allow

visitor attractions and accommodation.

TOWN CENTRES

The CDP cannot force shops to come to County Durham, but Policy 10 seeks to "protect and enhance" retailing by allowing town centre developments, resisting the loss of essential shops and services, and requiring retail businesses which wish to build outside the town centre to pass a 'sequential test' which proves they can only locate there.

THE RURAL ECONOMY

In the rural areas of the County, whilst development will not normally be permitted, both Policies 11 and 12 make exceptions for rural businesses.

ENVIRONMENT

Meanwhile, the CDP seeks to protect and enhance the county's "renowned and high-quality natural and historic environment". You may wish to look at the following policies to see if you think they provide sufficient protection for our wildlife networks and historic assets:

28: Green Infrastructure
41: Landscape Character
42: Trees, Woodlands and Hedges
43: Biodiversity and Geodiversity
46: Historic Environment

There are also policies specifically to protect the Heritage Coast (39); the North Pennines AONB (40); Durham Cathedral & Castle (47); and the Stockton & Darlington Railway (48).

It is worth noting the difference between 'Green Belt' (a government designation only applying around Durham city), 'Green Wedge' (a designation in the Sedgefield Local Plan designed to prevent the coalescence of Newton Aycliffe with its surrounding settlements – see map – which is not replicated in the CDP), and 'green space' (which the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect).

Bad Driving Standards

Dear Sir,

The driving standard in Aycliffe over the last few years have become deplorable, no one takes any pride in the way they drive or park anymore. Speeding by drivers on most of the main routes is increasing, such as Central Avenue, Burn Hill Way, St. Cuthberts Way, Woodham Way, Pease Way and if you are driving within the speed limit, drivers will dangerously tailgate, trying to intimidate/bully you into speeding. The use of indicators is becoming almost none existent or not being used correctly, which is also dangerous. Parking by some is no better than there driving, I know its not illegal to park on the pavement, but it is illegal to drive on the pavement or block it. Many drivers park in such away parents with prams or pushchairs can't get passed,

PLAYDAY GRADUATION



On Tuesday 17th July Playday Nursery held their annual graduation ceremony for the children leaving to go to big school.

All the children were fantastic and sang beautifully and made parents and staff very proud.

We would like to thank all the families that attended the ceremony and for their support through the years. We want to wish all the children every success in the future. Please come back and visit us whenever you want.

From all the staff at Playday Nursery

Greenfield Leaders Look to the Future



Students at Greenfield Community College have been working with Greenfield Arts to explore their leadership skills and enable others to bring about school improvement. They have been part of the Great Exhibition of the North as they visited Unfolding Theatre's Multiverse Arcade at the Mining Institute in Newcastle.

This exciting installation puts the future in your hands through an interactive arcade. It asks us to think about the future we want, what change we see happening and how life might be in 2066.

The young people recorded their voices and had their say about equality, kindness and tolerance, encouraging people to think about the impact they make. The piece is on display throughout the Great Exhibition of the North until 9th September 2018.

Our student leaders are inspired to capture their voice and others in a new film created alongside filmmaker Laura Degnan. The will be promoting leadership across Greenfield Community College and recruiting inspiring leaders for 2018/19

No Regeneration Needed if Kept Tidy

Dear Sir,

Please see photos of a house in Eskdale with boarded up windows and grass 3ft high which is really spoiling the area, with neither landlord or tenant seemingly to give a monkey's. One instance of overgrown grass did have the desired effect, as the tenant went out and bought a lawnmower and now keeps on top of it.

The other photos are of cars parked on grassed areas and this is becoming more and more of a problem as people simply drive over the kerbs and grass to get their cars outside their front door.

Please publish this, particularly with regard to Livin's comments on the area looking run down and in need of regeneration.



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The ancestors of Wallace and Gromit, Stone-age man, battles Bronze-age man and come up with a great new way of ending a war. A great comedy for all ages AND ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. Tea, coffee & juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, children just 1. And the film starts at 1-15pm.

Please note that children must be accompanied. 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.



We are pleased to announce that our new Community Learning Programme is now available to book online. Greenfield Arts are offering a full range of courses and workshops to suit the whole family. We

would like to invite you to a season of activity that encourages imagination and play and has something for everyone. We have a fun packed series of holiday sessions in July and August that are family focused and will be held in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. These free sessions include our popular Crazy Crafts with Dawn Belshaw, Window Wizards with Sharron Bates and Story Explorers with Jilly Johnston.

We also look forward to the return of our regular adult courses in the Autumn including Spanish, Yoga, Floral Art and Exploring Collage and are thrilled to announce new courses for the coming season with specialised sessions in Decorative Glass Painting and a One Stroke Painting Workshop.

We are pleased to be able to offer our free after school activities in the September term as we see the return of Young Yoga and Art Club. There is something for all ages and abilities, whether you are looking to improve wellbeing or develop your artistic talent, whatever level, we look forward to seeing you!

For full details of our exciting programme and more about our activities and events just check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk - For all courses and holiday sessions please book your place via the online enrolment form on the 'Courses and Activities' page on our website. If you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Woodham Students Enter Dragon's Den



Emilie Dunn, Joe Richardson and Macy Cane at the Big Deal competition.

Young entrepreneurs from Woodham Academy entered the 'dragon's den' after designing their own product.

The team of Woodham Academy's More Able Academy students attended the Big Deal Competition at the University of York.

Year 10 students Emilie Dunn, Joe Richardson and Macy Cane, have worked on their project for three months, designing a product to help overcome the crisis of global flooding.

The team designed a system to build houses on springs made of Nitinol which expands in response to flooding, raising houses out

of danger.

The team, named 'Ark Springs', took a prototype to the University of York and pitched their idea to a panel of business experts in a Dragon's Den-style presentation.

Teacher Richard Gore said: "The team presented brilliantly in a very professional manner, and fielded questions from the 'dragons' very well.

"Unfortunately our team narrowly missed out on making the final three out of 38 teams, and were commended on their performance. Emilie, Joe and Macy should be very proud of their efforts."

Options - Active & Healthy



Options is a Day Centre in the Pioneering Care Centre for adults with learning disabilities. The group meet 5 days a week and do fun activities to further their learning and social skills.

The members of Options have completed four sessions of the 'Be Active, Feel Healthy' course ran by Wellbeing for Life. All members learnt a lot about diet & nutrition, physical activity and behaviour and lifestyle changes. Together the mentors and members of Options played games and created fun ways to learn about how to stay healthy, stay safe and enjoy a healthier lifestyle to achieve new things.

On Friday, 29th June the Options members were awarded a certificate by Carol Gaskarth, CEO of the Pioneering Care Centre to acknowledge their achievements.

The members of the group thoroughly enjoyed

themselves during the course and were extremely proud to receive their certificates.

For more information about Options, follow their Facebook page @optionspcp.

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Wed. 1st August - Woodham Park

Teddy Bear's Picnic, bring your own teddy bear along to join in the fun

Fri. 3rd August - St. Oswald's Park

A visit from Chase, Skye and Marshall - Paw Patrol Hunt

Wed. 8th August - Moore Lane Park

Dot and Zooky will be teaching circus skills, bungee trampolines, tattoo artist and a bubbologist

Fri. 10th August - Horndale Park

The Minions will be visiting the park and the kids can take part in a Minions Hunt

Wed. 15th August - Aycliffe Village Park

Fri. 17th August - Simpasture Park

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NEW RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall. Present were Cllr Ken Robson, Vice Chairman

of GARA who chaired the meeting and Cllr Arun Chandran, Secretary of GARA, also in attendance (despite England playing in the World Cup that evening), were 20 residents plus County Councillors Jim Atkinson and Sarah Iveson, and Aycliffe Village Town Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp, Heather Brewster of Neville Residents Assoc., and Phil Clark of Horndale Residents Assoc.

Ken Robson chaired the informal meeting and explained that Cllr Bill Blenkinsopp had asked GARA to organise a meeting to see if it was feasible to set up a Residents Association in Aycliffe Village.

Ken gave a detailed summary of what was involved in setting up and running a Residents Association, aided by Heather Brewster and Phil Clark.

A general open discussion ensued on whether to proceed to the next stage and this was agreed by 17 residents with 3 against.

So another public meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st July at 6.30pm. All residents of Aycliffe Village are invited to attend and residents are asked to consider whether they would like to serve as Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or a Committee member.

If there are enough people coming forward to fill these posts then we will proceed at that meeting to formally elect the Committee and Officers and set about adopting a constitution for the Association.

Any resident interested in knowing more can contact Ken Robson on 321471 or Arun Chandran on 313224.

'DIVE IN' TO PCP's HYDROTHERAPY POOL APPEAL!

If you've ever visited Pioneering Care Partnership's fantastic purpose-built healthy living centre in Newton Aycliffe, you'll know it houses a fantastic range of projects, services and activities to bring people together and support healthier lifestyles.

Now the local charity, whose mission is 'Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All' is launching a major campaign to fund the renovation of the area's only publicly accessible hydrotherapy pool. You can use the hydrotherapy pool there without medical referral for relaxation, gentle exercise and the relief of discomfort. Well-used by the community, particularly older people, those with disabilities and mobility complaints as well as parents and babies; it offers the chance for people to make social connections and improve their physical fitness.

However, at twenty years old, the pool now needs a massive overhaul and PCP is asking for your help. Quote: "Our hydrotherapy pool is an amazing resource in the area, unfortunately an increasing number of breakdowns and disruption to service users has necessitated plans for a new facility. We hope to create a more spacious, updated hydrotherapy haven. We want to build more adequate facilities such as better changing

areas, updated practical safety hoists, disability compliant toilets and new water therapy features." Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP

The charity is appealing to the public and local businesses to get involved in their 'Dive In' fundraising campaign to raise over £200,000.

How can you help?

- Get in touch for a workforce 'Dive In' fundraising pack, which offers ideas on how you can get your staff and colleagues involved in raising funds for this great cause.

- Come along and support upcoming PCP events such as the Summer Family Fun Day taking place on Saturday 14 July 10am-2pm

- Why not sign up to become a fundraising volunteer, helping out at fundraising events and activities which taking place over the next year?

- One-off donations are also gratefully accepted

For further information, please contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF

Tel: 01325 321234 Email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net Website: www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPAndCentre
Photo (L to R): Chief Executive Carol Gaskarth, Trustees: Barry Kneviatt and Carol Briggs, and Head of Customer Experience, Lynsey Todd.



Support for Rapid Response Team



Hospice supporters are rallying to the cause to protect a lifeline provision for palliative care patients after the service was hit by a shortfall in funding.

Supporters of St Teresa's Hospice have passed the halfway point of a £30,000 appeal for the Darlington Community Rapid Response Team, ensuring terminally ill patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

The 24/7 provision, which operates 365 days a year, responds to patients in the community within an hour of their call providing palliative nursing care, symptom management, crisis management and pain relief, as well as a hand to hold and a give listening ear.

St Teresa's Hospice chief executive Jane Bradshaw said: "We are an independent charity and we rely on donations and the support of our communities to provide all of our services free of charge.

"We receive some funding towards our work, including the Rapid Response Team, but we must negotiate for this and it cannot always be guaranteed. Our pioneering Rapid Response service was developed by and is run by the hospice. It is part-commissioned by the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS) which provides funding for 50 per cent of this facility. Unfortunately,

a separate charitable grant to the hospice ceased to be available from April this year. "There was no immediate risk to the Rapid Response Team, or patients currently accessing the service, and plans to raise the £30,000 needed to cover the shortfall are currently in place via our funding appeal."

To date St Teresa's has received £17,250 in one-off donations from just 211 donors, and with other funding expects to raise over £25,000 before the end of the year.

All funds raised by the appeal will go directly towards the Rapid Response Team.

Anyone wishing to support the appeal can give online via www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk or contact the hospice for more information on (01325) 254321 or events@darlingtonhospice.org.uk

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GREENFIELD EXCEL AT MATHS CHALLENGE



Students at Greenfield Community College achieved great results as they were awarded 3 silvers and 13 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

Over 260,000 students from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. The Challenge contest, aimed at those in Year 7 and 8, took place within school and students were keen

to rise to the challenge. Congratulations to Year 7 student Sophie Capstack who was best in her year and to Year 8 student Declan McAnaney who was the best overall competitor across the whole school. Subject Specialist, Amanda Hender, was full of praise for the students, "Its really challenging Maths and fantastic they did so well". The UK Mathematics Trust MT organises national mathematics competitions for UK Secondary students. "The Maths challenges provide material to provoke students' mathematical thinking and test their problem-solving skills in an accessible

and yet challenging way.

Many congratulations to Greenfield Community College on their success in the Junior Maths Challenge; it is great to see achievement in mathematics recognised" Rachel Greenhalgh, UKMT Executive Director.

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"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
24th July - Stuart Hall (Boxer)		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

9-12noon	Amy in the Morning	Amy Harrison
2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
20th July - Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix		
27th July - Pauly Mac - Rare Vinyl and Classics		

SATURDAY

8-11am	Kitchen Floor Fillers
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28th JULY - LIVE BROADCAST FROM NEWTON AYCLIFFE TOWN CENTRE'S FIRST MUSIC FESTIVAL

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8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
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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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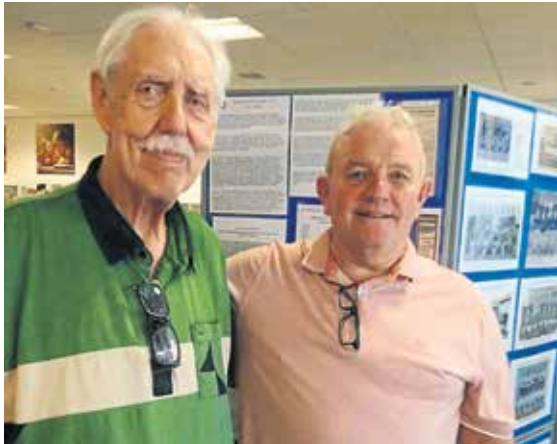
Durham Amateur Football Trust (DAFT) opened an exhibition at Newton Aycliffe Library on Friday 6th July highlighting the town's footballing heritage.

A display outlined the history of the game in our town with many photos bringing back memories for visitors. Among those attending the opening was Lenny Mutton, one of the most prolific scorers for Newton Aycliffe FC in its early days. The efforts of DAFT to research and put together such a fantastic display was much appreciated by everyone who attended.

The exhibition was opened with speeches from Pete Sixsmith and the Chairman of DAFT, Keith Belton, who was himself involved in the early days of football in the town and shared memories of staging film shows at Beveridge Hall to raise funds for the team.

Keith supplied reports to The Newtonian on the Club's exploits under the byline "Haurel and Lardy". Well worth a browse on the Archive section of the Newton News website!

Meanwhile the present day Newton Aycliffe FC are building towards the opening of the 2018-2019 Season with a series of preseason friendlies. The first of these as against Sunderland West End on Thursday 12th July at Nissan, followed by a game against Bedale FC on Saturday 14th at



Pictures from opening of the exhibition including a photo of Fred Birtle & Lenny Mutton

Longfield School. Full details of our fixtures can be found at newtonaycliffefc.co.uk Please note that preseason

games are often subject to change so please check the website, Facebook or Twitter for up to date details.

Greenfield Future Business Magnates

A group of year 8 students from Greenfield Community College have been taking business seriously over the past months as they have been part of (FBM) Future Business Magnates competition for schools. Their great ideas and hard work paid off recently as they celebrated a win with a special award for the best environmentally friendly business. Working alongside teaching staff and business partner Michael Fawcett from Franks the Flooring Store, the students were quick to learn as they designed their winning E-bin. The product was an innovative recycling bin that rewards customers with vouchers every time they recycled. Students developed their engineering skills over the year, building the E-bin from recycled metal, reinforcing their environmental theme. The group of students worked brilliantly together as a

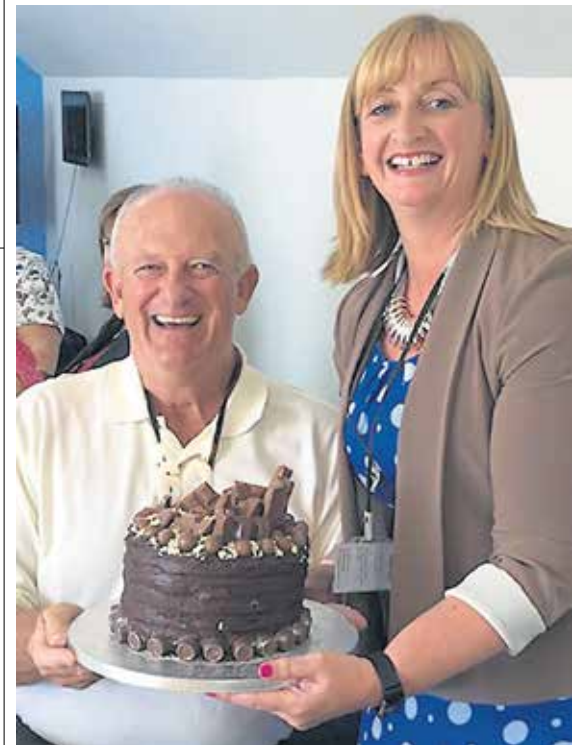
team excelling in their communication skills and overall resilience.

The students decided to create the E-bin as a scheme to increase recycling figures throughout the UK which are lower in comparison to other countries. The team were keen to back up their practical ideas and worked hard on written reports to strengthen their proposal. FBM is a highly successful business enterprise competition for schools and has provided a valuable opportunity for the students to showcase their skills.

Teaching specialists Miss Foster and Mr Robson were incredibly proud of their achievements as they worked together to win the award and finish a fabulous 7th on the overall leaderboard. "We are so proud of the team this year, and couldn't have done it without our business partner Michael Fawcett" said Miss Foster. Well done to all involved.



Trustee Barry's Birthday Celebrations



PCP Trustee, Barry Knevit, was surprised with a chocolate loaded cake for his 60th Birthday. Barry was overwhelmed because he'd tried to keep his milestone birthday quiet. PCP Chief Executive of the Health and Wellbeing Charity said, "We knew Barry loves chocolate and one of our administrators, Vicky, made him a very indulgent cake - which he thoroughly enjoyed. Barry is going on a cruise with his wife Linda to continue the celebrations and we look forward to hearing all about it when he returns". Many happy returns Barry from Trustees, Carol and the rest of the staff and volunteer team.



Lots to tell you, and loads to do as we start the school holidays. Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB46

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• Did you tell the DCC County Durham Plan consultation your views on modern housing estate design?

• Report: DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 11 July - Council finances, Children & Young People, Lumière and Rail Issues.

• DCC wants our thoughts on how to support children to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

• Report: GATC Planning Sub-committee, Wednesday 11 July.

• Latest MEPs' newsletter.

• Ron Hogg PCVC launches his new Vision.

• Durham Constabulary are seeking our views on Stop & Search.

• Durham Constabulary's Cohesion Unit Newsletter.

• Good Business Park news for Parkin & Denwood, Complete Sales Solutions, EMCON and Hitachi.

THINGS TO DO

• Mud Pie Monday (old clothes), Hardwick Park, 11am-3pm, Monday 23 July, £3 per child.

• Gruffalo Woodland Adventure, Hardwick Park, 11am-3pm, Friday 27 July, £3 per child.

• Total Lunar Eclipse, Moorhouse Upper Teesdale National Nature Reserve, 8-11pm, Friday 27 July, £10.

• Ancient Egyptian object handling (families), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Wednesday 25 July.

• Super Saris (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Friday 27 July.

• Festival of Archaeology (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 28 July.

• Vote 100 - Inspirational Women (5-11s), Palace Green Library, 1-3pm, 28-29 July.

• Flying Scotsman on Show, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 27-30 July.

• Aycliffe Live Music Festival, Aycliffe Town Centre Mall, 11am-8pm, Saturday 28 July.

• Milkshake Live - Magic Story Book, Darlington Hippodrome, 12noon and 3:30pm, Sunday 29 July, tickets £10-15.



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TEAM WARRIOR CULTURE WEEK



On Monday 9th July 2018 Team Warrior TKD Aycliffe Village were invited to UTC South Durham as part of their Culture Week. They held 6 taekwondo sessions for the 150 Year 10 pupils. It was a good afternoon, with positive feedback from both students and staff.

The students had lots of fun, whilst also gaining a basic knowledge of taekwondo. Team Warrior has been asked to return later in the year to host more sessions. If you would like more information about Team Warrior TKD, please visit our website www.teamwarriortkd.co.uk

LOST CAT SCHOOL RUN FOR FUN

My cat Beau (answers to Bobby or Bo Bo) missing since Sunday evening. Very timid and probably gone due to stray cat in the area terrorising. Although recently living in Sunningdale, Woodham, he has not gone far, so this is strange. Please check. All agencies notified. He is microchipped. Dark grey and white with a white moustache, paws, bib and tip of his tail. Telephone 07854 219215.



119 Key Stage 2 children and 9 staff from Woodham Burn Community Primary School ran 1 mile by taking part in the Go Run For Fun event at the Oakleaf Complex on Friday morning

along with other schools from the Sedgefield area. The Go Run For Fun programme aims to promote running for children to improve their fitness and encourage them to lead healthier lifestyles.

All of the children said they had had a great time running with their friends and they are all looking forward to taking part in the event again next year. Miss Roberts, PE Co-ordinator said "We run daily in school but this has been a brilliant event that has reminded all of the children that running can be fun."

Mrs Gibson, Teaching Assistant said "I was really impressed that there was a track available for the children with disabilities who would have found it difficult to get around the main running track. I went around the track with six of our children and the finish line was in the same place as the rest of the groups so the children still felt involved with the rest of the runners". Woodham Burn would like to say a big thank you to the GRFF team and the Sedgefield Schools Sports Partnership team for organising the event"

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Sedgefield 75 Summer Madness

Sedgefield 75 swimming club have had another successful weekend at the Richmond Dale Summer Madness Gala, held at Leeds, in a 50 metre pool.

14 swimmers from the club made the journey to Leeds and competed in 65 races, bringing home 32 medals and 15 personal best times. **James Hodgson** swam 6 races, attaining 2 PB's, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Niall Coulthard swam 7 races, achieving 1 PB, 1 gold and 2 silver medals.

Emma Price swam 10 races, bringing home 2 gold, 2 silver, 4 bronze and a 5th and 6th medal.

Ethan Craig swam 5 races, attaining a 5th and 6th medal.

Aaron Stephenson swam in 2 races and achieved 2 amazing personal best times in both events.

Charlie McEwan swam 4 races, attaining 1 PB, 1 bronze and a 5th place medal.

Robert Price had 3 races and achieved fantastic personal best times in all his

events.

Oliver Turnbull swam 3 races, attaining 2 PB's and 2x6th place medals.

Zoe Hodgson had 4 excellent swims and was awarded a new racing costume from her family.

Chloe Harding swam 5 races, attaining 1 PB and a 5th place medal.

Katelyn Craig had 5 races, attaining 2 PB's, 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

Leah Smith swam 4 races, attaining 4 gold medals.

Charlotte Lee had 3 races, achieving 1 PB and a 6th place medal.

Kathryn Lee had 4 excellent swims and was a credit to the club by helping the younger swimmers throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the day was the 8 person mixed team cannon relay race. Emma, Ethan, Chloe, Oliver, Kathryn, James, Katelyn and Niall all made their club proud, placing in bronze medal position at the end of the gala.



Protesting For All The Right Reasons



Last week I was proud to keep my New Year's promise to my residents by attending the anti-Trump march and rally in Newcastle.

I was not marching against the USA, nor even particularly the person of the President himself. I was protesting what Donald Trump represents – his Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, nationalism, trade wars, militarism and environmental carelessness. All of these things have been well-reported, and are part of the factual record.

I am aware that the anti-Trump demonstrations were controversial, and not everyone may agree with what I did. I have received online trolling for my stand.

However, I would ask anybody tempted to disagree with me to note again what I was protesting – Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, nationalism, trade wars, militarism and environmental carelessness. And I would ask them to tell me which of those things I was wrong to challenge.

On the march, I was proud to carry a placard saying: "Refugees Welcome Here". In Newton Aycliffe we are ALL incomers, and EVERY family here has known the hopes, fears and problems involved in building a new life in a new place. Yet we have created a community which is tolerant, welcoming and supportive of all different kinds of people. That's what I value, that's what I want to protect, and that's why I was out demonstrating last week.

John D. Clare

Thank You Litter Picker

Dear Sir,
I write to thank the man that walks around the town picking up other people's rubbish.

You can see him outside Tesco, Aldi and on the grass outside Barnardo's and he does a hell of a job!

Where are the official litter pickers?
B. Mullin

Neville RA Bus Trips

The aim of Neville Residents' Association is to "Build Strong Communities" and to help us achieve that we have arranged trips out for Residents during July and August.

Our next trip is to Whitby on Saturday 28th July 2018. There is a Steam Punk Festival on that weekend too.....so get dressed up and have a ball.

Our August trips are to Forbidden Corner on Wednesday 8th August and South Shields on Wednesday 15th August.

All trips are £5 per person (payable on booking) and there is no entrance fee to pay at Forbidden Corner. Our trips are supported by the National Lottery through Neville Residents Association.

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Woodham Sports Academy Annual Presentation Evening



both GCSE PE and BTEC Sport.

The Sports Personality of Year Award went to Aaron Busby who has shown great character and sportsmanship throughout his membership of Woodham Boxing Academy. The final award of the evening was the Mark Bulman Award, named in memory of a former Woodham student who epitomised determination, hard work, resilience and positivity. It was awarded to Mackenzie Alton. Mackenzie plays for Darlington Football Club and boxes with Woodham Boxing Academy and Shildon Boxing Club. He has become a role model for younger students and is a positive influence on those around him.

Woodham headteacher, Christine Forsyth, said: "I am amazed at the number of exceptionally talented students at Woodham Academy, many of whom are competing at international level in a wide range of sports. Given the dedication and discipline needed to succeed at this level, it is no surprise that Woodham Sports Academy students also achieve at the highest level academically, making the school one of the highest performing schools in Northern England."

Woodham Sports Academy held its sixth annual presentation evening at the Xcel Centre on Monday. The event celebrates the achievements of students who attend Woodham's elite sporting academies, which deliver coaching in twelve different sports. These include football, dance, gymnastics, swimming, water polo, basketball, netball, table tennis, cricket, handball, boxing, mountain biking and leadership academies.

Dave Parnaby, the legendary Middlesbrough Football Club Academy Director, presented the awards. Dave has been responsible for the development of many professional players, including Jonathan Woodgate, Stuart Downing and former Woodham students Ross Turnbull and Jason Steele.

The first award of the evening was the Year 7 Individual Achievement Award, presented to Gregor Mills. Not only does Gregor train with Woodham football and basketball academies, he is also an extremely talented ice hockey player. He has been selected to play for Team England's under-13's and has represented his country in four international matches in Slovakia.

The winner of the Year 8 Individual Achievement Award went to Ben Alderson. As well as being part of the basketball academy, Ben is involved in both rugby and water polo, where he is part of England's under-14 talent academy.

Bethany MacDougall won the Year 9 Individual Achievement Award. She is an exceptionally talented gymnast who has been British Champion for two consecutive years. In October 2017, she travelled to Poland to represent Great Britain in the European Championships, winning a bronze medal.

The Key Stage 3 Contribution to Sport Award celebrates participation in a range of sports as well as sports leadership. The winner of the award was Sydney Etherington, an extremely talented dancer who takes every opportunity to perform. Sydney has also been selected to take part in Woodham's Thailand experience next summer where, together with a group of students, she will travel to northern Thailand, volunteering in an elephant sanctuary.

Team of the Year was awarded to the undefeated Year 7 basketball team, who train with Woodham Deputy Headteacher and Durham Wildcats coach, Danny Morgans.

The Year 10 Individual Achievement Award was won by another exceptional dancer, Georgia Thelwell. Georgia has already been offered dance scholarships for

when she leaves school and has been invited to perform on the main stage at Disneyland Paris this summer.

Woodham Sports Academy Leader of the Year was awarded to Cameron Turner Neill. Cameron is a member of both the Leadership Academy and the Mountain Bike Academy which spends Friday nights riding the exciting trails in Hamsterley Forest. This year, Cameron has also completed a Sports Leaders Award and has impressed everyone with his work with younger students. Jon Hardy won the Year 11 Individual Achievement Award. He is a talented performer in a vast range of sports and has excelled in

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As Newton Aycliffe Juniors look ahead to their new season we would like to recognise those that have supported us and help make it possible for all of our teams to enjoy their football each week.

Every one of the teams have sponsors to thank for funding equipment and kits. This year that support has also been enhanced by four of our teams bag packing at Tesco, Newton Aycliffe to raise additional

funds. Each team who have been welcomed into the store were well rewarded by the generous customers and all at NAJFC would like to thank both Tesco and their customers for their support.

We have also welcomed new sponsors this year one of whom is well renowned for supporting local causes, Honest John. He has kindly provided new playing kits for our Under 9's for next season as well as supporting the Under 23's last season. ROF 59 are now supporting our club and this year will be sponsoring both the Under 14's and 17's. Other sponsors who have continued their support of our teams are Beanies flavour company, Yorkshire Bank, SE Landscaping, Steve Lambert Transport, Workshop Supplies, J Maitech Builders and Offsite Design Services. The club would like to thank all of these great companies for their ongoing support.

Our Under 23's presented awards for last season recently and this saw the Golden boot go to Matty Raisbeck, player of the season was Jack Slatcher, managers award went to George Slatcher and the players player of the year was Declan McGough.

700 Children Run 2km in Mass Running Event



700 PRIMARY school children gathered at Oakleaf Sports Complex in Newton Aycliffe on Friday 13 July 2018 for a running event arranged by GO Run For Fun.

Durham-born Athlete Cameron Boyek, who set the runners off at the start line and congratulated them as they crossed the finish line, joined the pupils in the mass running event.

Cameron, who specialises in long distance and cross country running, said: "I was attracted to GO Run For Fun's Newton Aycliffe event because it promotes healthy living for young children through physical activity, and it's an opportunity that I wish I had as a young boy. "It's important to enjoy what you are doing, and sport is a great way to meet friends and gain confidence amongst many other qualities. It's a skill you'll have for the rest of your life."

Cameron's interest in running began in secondary school when he was 12 years old, and Cameron won the school cross country race. It was then when he realised he had a talent, and was then asked to attend a local running club. He continued: "I found that trying other sports throughout my childhood meant I could find which one I enjoyed most and was best at."

Deputy Mayor Mary Dalton also made an appearance at Oakleaf Sports Complex, congratulating the children as they completed their fun run.

The event, organised by GO Run For Fun, which is part of The Great Run Series, is one of many fun runs which are taking place across the UK, so far seeing over 26,000 children taking part since its launch in 2013.

The ultimate goal is to get 280,000 children running by the end of 2018.

The programme is supported by INEOS, a multinational company headquartered in London, with health and fitness at the heart of its ethos.

INEOS Chairman, Jim Ratcliffe, is deeply passionate about running.

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Woodham Academy Art Exhibition



Exceptional art students Alivia Hoy and Eva Estathiou with some of their work at the Woodham Academy Art Exhibition.

Woodham Academy's talented students have displayed their fantastic art work at the school's end-of-year exhibition. The well-attended exhibition featured an extensive collection of impressive art works in a range of styles and materials. Lynsey McAulay, Head of Art and Design said: "We were very proud to display some of the amazing work our students have created throughout their GCSE courses. "They have worked incredibly hard and have produced art works of an exceptionally high standard. The exhibition was a great success and we thank everyone who attended." The public also took part in a silent auction, bidding against each other for the chance to take original art work home.

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Good Result for Reader's Letter

Dear Sir,
Full marks to Newton News, on achieving at the first attempt, one of the things I have been trying to get done for the last two years!

That is, mobilising Livin, to kick the proverbial backside of Burley's, their chosen ground works operator, into doing one of the jobs they are paid to do, - 'Cut the grass'. The Burley Army were out the day after publication of my letter to you, about Livin's, lack of ability to get the ordinary every day things done, but still thinking they could manage a task like knocking down and re-building an entire housing complex.

I wonder however, this letter will have any effect: The grass was attacked by a man on a machine, a man, who had the police been observing his approach, may have chosen to breathalyse! Such was the random, haphazard way he went about the business, still, as my father in law used to say, "There's only a week between a bad haircut and a good one". As the days passed, and with many over runs of the same areas, the grass was hacked into submission, but that's just the grass! The shrubs (much beloved by one of Aycliffe's councillors) are now dangerously overgrown, with litter and fly-tip they contain, and in some places, causing blind spots for drivers, who, may not be aware of children playing with detritus contained in these zones. Although these vehicles may not be exceeding the speed limit, an impact with two tonnes of metal and high density plastic at even 5mph, will be detrimental to a child's wellbeing!

The last contact I had with Livin, was with Colin Davison, an e-mail in which he assures me things will only get better! That was 2016, and Colin (If he is still in Livin's employ) has not been heard from since. So! Let's put this directly to the CEO, Colin Steel: Burleys, are not employing ground work specialists, simply machine operators, and not good ones. They are maybe not doing the job you are paying them to do, but that

does not absolve you of responsibility should a child be injured as a result. If that happens, a copy of this letter will be made available to the media;

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Neil McKee;

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sources of funding.
Durham 4 Community
includes information on a
wide range of local, regional
and national funding
schemes available in County
Durham.
By signing up for free,
groups and organisations
can search for specific types
of funding support or simply
browse what is available
before applying through the
site.

Durham 4 Community,
which can be found on
Durham County Council's
website at www.durham.gov.uk/communityfunding,
also includes helpful
background information on
different types of funding as
well as tips for producing a
successful application.

Andrew Megginson,
principal area action
partnership coordinator at
the council, said: "There
are hundreds of funding
schemes available for
voluntary and community
groups in County Durham.
However, finding the right
one is not always easy.

"We recognised that
a central source of
information specifically for
organisations working in
County Durham could prove
invaluable.

"The new website will act
as a signpost for groups,
making them aware of what
is available and helping them
identify the funding sources
that are most appropriate
for them - and ultimately,
helping to bring more
money into the county to
support the community and
voluntary sector."

Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham
County Council's Cabinet
member for neighbourhoods
and local partnerships, said:
"We are very supportive
of the community and
voluntary sector in County
Durham and have helped
hundreds of projects secure
additional funding.

"Only recently, for example,
we have seen Citizens'
House in Consett awarded
£650,000 from the Big
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"We've also just heard that
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Report Rural Crime TACKLING YOUTH OFFENDING

Phil Wilson, the MP for Sedgefield has pledged to support the "Rural Crime Reporting Line" a new service for farmers and the public to give information about rural crime which can have a devastating impact on farmers and rural communities.

Launched by the National Farmers Union, in partnership with Crimestoppers, farmers, rural business and the public can ring 0800 783 0137 or visit www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk to anonymously provide information about crimes relating to large-scale industrial fly-tipping, hare coursing, machinery and livestock theft. Rural crimes is a serious issue for farmers, and MP Phil Wilson, knows the significant impact they can have on farms and other rural businesses. Mr Wilson said "Rural crime can be devastating for those

in rural communities and it is an important issue for many of my constituents living in those areas. I fully support this new initiative by the NFU and commend their ongoing work to tackle serious issues and I am fully committed to working alongside the NFU to try tackle rural crime." NFU Deputy President Guy Smith said "The NFU has teamed up with the charity Crimestoppers to provide a service for farmers and the public to give information anonymously about these crimes. With relevant information being passed on to the police, this service could help to provide key leads in the pursuit of these criminals. I want to encourage anyone who has experienced, witnessed or has any information about these rural crimes to come forward and call the line – your information could be extremely valuable."

Fewer young people from County Durham are entering the youth justice system than ever before. The latest data shows that 119 young people from the county entered the youth justice system between April 2017 and March 2018, the lowest number ever achieved.

The figures are included in the latest update to the Youth Justice Plan submitted by the County Durham Youth Offending Service (CDYOS) which is being presented at a meeting of Durham County Council's Cabinet next Wednesday.

Other achievements highlighted in the plan include a reduction in both re-offending and the number of custodial sentences for young people.

This year has also seen the introduction of the Skill Mill, a community interest company which provides employment and training for young people under the supervision of CDYOS.

The first cohort of four young people completed their six month contract, with three progressing into long-term employment and none committing further offences. Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for Children and Young People, said: "Over the last year we have worked hard to identify the factors that make it more likely for young people to re-offend and put many interventions in place to tackle these issues."

"We will continue to focus on reducing first time entrants to the Youth Justice System and provide opportunities for education, employment and training which make a significant impact in preventing further offending."

"Restorative justice remains at the heart of our work and we are pleased that over the last year we have engaged 192 victims of youth crime in restorative approaches."

Obituary

In Memoriam

MARGARET EUNICE PARKIN. 21st July 2015. If roses grow in Heaven Lord, pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Wife's arms and tell her they are from me. Tell her I love her and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day. But there is an ache within my heart, because I am missing her today. God bless, love your loving Husband, Stan and family. Until we meet again xxxxx

JOY CASH 8th April 1938 to 19th July 2012. Always in our thoughts, loved forever. Ian, Yvonne, Kenny, Andrea, Alex, Sara, Grandkids and Great Grandkids

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KIRSTY SHEILA HUGHES Died 18th July 2017, aged 30 years. We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and the days before that too. We think of you in silence, as we often speak your name. All we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Remembered every day, forever in our hearts. Mam, Dad, John, David, Paul, Amy, Nan. Love you to the moon and back xxxxxx

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Birthday Remembrance

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DAVID ALLAN 17th July. To our Dad on your birthday. Remembering happier times. Love and miss you, Jacquie and Chris xxx

BRENDA SCOONES 24th, July. Missing you every day, happy birthday. Love, Jacqueline, Victoria, Rob and boys

Congratulations

Joanne Jones



Happy Anniversary to my AMAZING Wife
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Tina Brown



Happy 30th Birthday to our beautiful Tina. We love you all the world. Love from Mam and Dad xxx

Happy 30th Birthday Tina Hope you have a nice day. Love from Sister Shell and Brother-in-Law Nath xxx

Happy 30th Birthday Auntie Tina We love you very much, can't wait to be your bridesmaids. Love, Ellie and Gracie xxx

Happy 30th Birthday Love you always. From all your family

Happy 30th Birthday To my Fiance Tina, who I love so much. Love from James



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Louis Hurst



21 on 21st July Happy 21st Birthday You have grown from a gorgeous little boy into a wonderful young man and we are all very proud of you. Here's to a healthy, happy future. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Sam, Joe and all of the family

Sophie Bush

Congratulations on your amazing performances in this year's 'This is me' show! Your confidence is growing with each show and you were brilliant! We are so proud! Love, Dad and Laura xxx

Hope you loved your own fan club shouting out! You were fab! Love, Luke, Heather and Harvey xx

You are our star! Well done on your show! Love, Granda Bush, Julie and Katie xx

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The 2nd team put in an excellent performance and were really unlucky to end up losing by just two wickets at home to third in the table Sedgefield 2nds in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first Aycliffe made a below par 119 all out after 34.1 overs with Dan Craggs top scoring with 37 and good contributions from Dylan Tribbley (16 runs) and Matty French (12 runs). In reply, opening bowlers Neil Bancroft (4 for 36) and Dan Weldon (2 for 42) and change bowler Lewis Gimple (2 for 20) had the visitors in trouble at 75 for 8, but the 9th wicket pair put on an unbroken partnership of 45 runs to take their side to victory after 26.1 overs.



The u17's lost at home to Sedgefield by 36 runs in the NYSD Junior League. Electing to bat first, Sedgefield scored 127 for 4 in their 20 overs with captain Ryan Patrick the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 14 with Jack Lowery and Iain Robson each picking up a wicket. In reply, opener Dan Bowmer batted really well, top scoring with 37 and he received good support from Dylan Tribbley with 14 as Aycliffe got off to a decent start. However the homeside's innings quickly went downhill as they were bowled out for 91 after 18 overs despite a fighting unbeaten 18 by 12 year old Leo Mercy.

The improving u15's team put in another good performance away at Darlington in the NYACC league but unfortunately they were still defeated by 24 runs. The home side decided to bat first and scored 140 for 4 in their 20 overs with captain Lucas Pilling the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 11. In reply, all rounder Pilling (37 not out) and Harry Wright (15 runs) gave the visitors a good start. This set the game up for a blistering innings of 47 not out from just 28 balls by Kyle Cuthbertson, who smashed the bowling all over the ground, hitting eight boundaries and a six, but his career best score was just not quite enough as Aycliffe ended on 116 for 4 after their allotted 20 overs.

The u11's lost at home to Darlington by 38 runs in the NYACC league. However there were still some good individual performances from the Aycliffe lads, Thomas Dearden scored an excellent 23 runs, Harrison

Music Festival Running Order

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