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Great Aycliffe Residents' Association Prove their Point Livin Abandon Regeneration Scheme

When Livin began their consultation exercise on the Western Area Regeneration Scheme in August last year they never would have guessed who they'd be up against, or just how formidable Great Aycliffe Residents' Association Secretary, Arun Chandran could be. When he takes up a just cause he doesn't just seek victory, he tends to research to the 'nth' degree and overwhelm his opponent. Arun started off as one of Livin's Champions but as they failed or refused to answer his questions, he recognised that as a local ward councillor his first duty was to his residents. He resigned as Champion, persuaded the Great Aycliffe Residents' Association to the cause and the rest is history. He brought the Town Council on-side and GARA and GATC have never lost a cause yet. Livin say that 51% were in favour of Option 3 yet GARA have 340 homes signed up against Livin's Option 3; 45 in favour of Livin and 10 don't know - that's 86% of those who answered the door, with 100 houses still to go. The difference is GARA's petition can be easily validated. Under the Freedom of Information Act, Livin's original bid from the Government. Livin shows they had previously agreed their scheme in 2014 with Durham County Council (DCC), so, Arun dug deeper with FOI and obtained information from the County Council which proved DCC had never agreed such a scheme.



If GARA had taken this issue to the High Court, Livin's credibility would have been shattered! Our best case in opposing Livin was to ask residents to have meetings one to one with Livin, ask all their questions, then ask Livin to put it in writing. Owners, tenants and private landlords signed the petition in droves. Now that Livin have buckled under the weight of residents proven opinion, they are to be congratulated for doing so now, rather than waste any more money on a master plan, and ballot. It would have been costly for Livin if we had to go to the High Court for judicial reviews as the law on Planning and Compulsory Purchase Orders was on our side, so GARA salute them for doing the right thing. Livin is a social housing, not for profit, registered charity housing association. Neither they or the County Council should never, ever, be looking at reducing the social housing stock. Livin never answered the questions residents put in Newton News. Our MP and County Councillors were surprisingly quiet on this topic and did not take sides. GARA thanks Cllrs Ken Robson and Arun Chandran who knocked on doors in the sweltering heat. Thanks also to the tenants and owners who stood up together, side by side, in a principled, just and noble cause. From the start Chairman

of GARA, Syd Howarth, could not see the sense of demolishing perfectly good properties. When addressing the Town Council, attended by an unprecedented number of the general public, he pointed out the Western Area was not a Victorian slum. His main concern was for elderly people who had bought and modernised their homes and wanted to live the rest of their lives peacefully, not faced by removal and upheaval. GARA and Ward Councillors look forward to Livin doing it's job as a social housing landlord and looking after the estate. People can now get on with their lives, improve their homes, etc with the uncertainty of demolition removed from their lives. GARA is proud to have stood up for the vast majority of residents and thanks Councillors Ken Robson and Arun Chandran for their very hard work. Thanks also to Newton News for printing all the letters of concern and being the voice of the people!

Statement by Livin

Livin has released the results of its official community consultation on the proposed Western Estate Regeneration Project. Over the past 14 months, the not-for-profit housing association has carried out extensive consultation contacting every household on the estate and presenting three options for the area. Despite the lengthy consultation period only 280 (of 516 in total) households responded. The level of support for the options was:

- Option 1 - refurbishment of existing homes - 9%
- Option 2 - refurbishment of existing homes and partial demolition and rebuild - 17%
- Option 3 - full demolition and rebuild of the whole estate - 51%
- No preference - 23%

Alan Boddy, director of operations for Livin said: "These results show that, despite the misleading and inaccurate information being spread by a vocal minority throughout the process, 68% of residents want something to happen. However the reality is that the results also show there was not sufficiently strong community support for any one of the options. This means the physical regeneration of the estate cannot go ahead." The project, which had it proceeded to redevelopment, would have brought millions of pounds of investment to the area and provided more homes as well as improved community facilities, open spaces and safer street designs, would have been the largest regeneration scheme in Newton Aycliffe for years. This outcome now means that the masterplan for the estate cannot be developed and the planned Residents' Charter that would have set out the rights and protections for all households cannot be discussed. Mr Boddy added: "We are disappointed this cannot progress. We always said the regeneration of this estate would be led by the community and would only progress with strong community support. We are encouraging all residents and other stakeholders to now get involved and work with us to determine what is next for the Western Estate."

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Thank you to all the helpers from various organisations who have given their time to help make today a massive success.

This event was supported by the National Lottery, a massive thank you goes to National Lottery players who make these events possible.

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& Veg on Facebook or call into the shop where you can grab yourself their weekly offer box, which holds enough to feed your whole family for the week.

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All band members have at least 20 years experience of playing live in various local bands and clubs around the North East, some of which bands have included; Kneejerk Reaction, Alexander's Palace, Chase and Flashpoint. The band are primarily a classic rock covers band, covering music ranging from AC/DC, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Thin Lizzy and Queen, through to newer artists such as Billy Idol, Stereophonics, but played with a much harder edge.

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Tuesday 7th	Kids Disco, £1.50
Saturday 11th	Upstairs Lounge "Sam Naylor" Free
Sunday 19th	Pub in the Club "Marty Thomas" + Howie's Disco/Karaoke Free
Tuesday 21st	Kids Disco, £1.50
Saturday 25th	Upstairs Lounge "Trevor John Merriless Free
Sunday 26th	Concert Hall "Charity Night £10 Kick it for Seonaid Pub in the Club "Ian McDonald" + Howie's Disco/Karaoke Free
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4th - solo artist GARY WHITE and duo **DECADE OF DIVAS** £3

5th - 2pm to 6.00 pm Stan karaoke/disco also solo artist **JULIA MCARTHUR** £1.50

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10th - The fantastic BETCHA BY GOLLY WOW and solo artist **Lily** £5 A ticket .

11th - Trio RISE and solo artist **ANDREW KERRY** £3

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17th - BURNBABY Karaoke/Disco FREE entry

18th - Two solo artists RICHIE YOUNG and **DANI** £3

19th - 2 till 6.30 we have GARY Karaoke/Disco FREE

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Successful Campaign

Dear Sir,
I would like to take the opportunity to place on record my thanks on behalf of the residents of the West Estate to Cllr Arun Chandran, Secretary of the Great Aycliffe Residents Association, who right from the outset, stood up and was counted for residents. Fighting tirelessly against Livin and its preferred (or only) option 3. Arun Chandran was always convinced we could win, as was Cllr. Ken Robson and Syd Howarth of GARA who ran a superb and successful campaign, also getting the Town Council onside. Well done to all concerned. So shines a good deed in a weary world.
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Rotary Club Gig Raised £4,767 for MRI Appeal

Professor Paul Keane OBE, Chair of CDDFT was delighted to be invited to collect cheques from both Newton Aycliffe Rotary and Santander Bank following recent fundraising for the MRI Scanners Appeal at Woodham Golf Club. Incoming President of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Jon Bean said, 'We know so many people who have had need of a MRI Scanner at some point in their lives, for so many different medical conditions. It was very important to us at Rotary that we could support such a good local cause and be a part of bringing state of the art MRI technology to our local hospitals.'

Professor Paul Keane said, 'Rotary Clubs are renowned

for their generosity the world over and we are delighted that not only did they raise a fabulous amount but that they worked with Kate Ross, Branch Manager at Santander in Newton Aycliffe who both volunteered during the fundraising events and then match funded the Rotary donation adding a further £2500.00 to the MRI Scanner Appeal.'

The grand total of the combined donations was £4767.00 which is amazing, Charity Manager Pat Chambers said, 'Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club were one of the first local clubs to step up and show their support the MRI Appeal and their help has not been limited to financial support. Club members have helped at many events our own charity have organised or attended, from bag packs in supermarkets to country shows such as Wolsingham and the Weardale Show. We are very grateful to Newton Aycliffe Rotary, the fundraising for the MRI Scanner Appeal continues in earnest, with £700,000 already raised by local people and a further £300,000 needed before the invoice falls due for payment in December 2018. We continue to rely on the goodwill of our communities for their support in our fundraising endeavours and if anyone can help in any way with this appeal, please call me on 07770455651 to discuss further.'



Councillors Walkabout

Aycliffe West County Councillors Kate Hopper and Eddy Adam wish to thank residents in the Linden, Rowan and Elmfield Place area for getting in touch or joining us for the recent walkabout. Special mention for representatives of livin and their contractors Burleys who came along and carried out improvement works within days. We look forward to future partnership work with them as part of a multi agency approach to ensure Aycliffe West remains a safe, pleasant and prosperous place to live.
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'Railways on Canvas: The Art of Chris Pulham' will be on display in the museum's Collection Building from August 19 to September 30, 2018.

Part of Locomotion's Steam Season, this exhibition is the culmination of seven years of work by Chris, featuring paintings which are sure to bring back memories from the glorious days of steam on Britain's railways. Chris has a life-long passion for steam locomotives, and her paintings are inspired by her early memories and, more recently, visits

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WOODLAND BURIAL GROUNDS REOPEN

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Durham County Council took over the picturesque grounds, next to South Road Cemetery, following the liquidation of the Woodland Burial Trust in 2016.

And now, as well as honouring previously reserved plots, it is ready to welcome more people seeking a less traditional final resting place.

Cllr Brian Stephens, the authority's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We know that the local community is keen to see it continue to operate as a natural burial area and, following record checks, we are very pleased to announce that we are once again able to offer this alternative to more traditional cemetery burial."

Surrounded by wild flowers and trees the peaceful and tranquil site has capacity for around 700 burials, with near 70 people either currently interred or having reserved space there.

The site, which is the council's first woodland site, will be maintained as a natural glade setting with no headstones and

only biodegradable coffins allowed.

The council will be operating the grounds with the support of the Friends of Durham Woodland Cemetery, who own the lodge at the site.

As well as helping to maintain and improve the site, members of the group will be on hand to offer advice and support to families planning a funeral and also supply a plaque if required.

Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of direct services, said: "We are well aware that a number of people have paid to reserve a plot and we're pleased to provide assurance that previous commitments made by the Woodland Burial Trust will be honoured."

Newly requested burials at the woodland site will cost the same as at one of Durham County Council's other cemeteries.

The group's Stephen Hare, said: "We are pleased the council has taken action to honour the agreements made by the WBT and are committed to supporting its efforts."

"Operating as a friends group, we are very passionate about the site and are keen to support the ongoing operation and development of the site."

WOODHAM FUTURE BUSINESS MAGNATES



Woodham School students who participated in the annual Future Business Magnate (FBM) competition have been informed their prototype design is to be one of only two chosen from across County Durham to be brought to the market. The delighted Y8 students – who have spent the best part of a school year on the project, were short listed for a number of FBM awards, but walked away with the Brian Manning Award for the most effective networking – for their work with Darlington based Social Enterprise Bikestop.

The team – who go by the company name Freewheeling, decided to design bespoke wheelchair accessories for that 2% of the population who have to use a wheelchair to get out and about. Concerned that their innovations could benefit corporations more than their target customers, the youngsters opted to become a not-for-profit organisation. This, they say, will allow them to earn a wage for themselves, whilst ploughing any profits back into building the business, and providing for

the community they come from.

Having taken their school's wheelchair out for a test drive, the young entrepreneurs identified a number of issues with it ... and decided to do something about them. According to team member, Ciara Montgomery, wheelchairs can be uncomfortable, difficult to manoeuvre and difficult to stop; so Freewheeling set out to make them more fit for purpose: "Although wheelchairs have been around for a long time, the design has hardly changed at all," she says. "Having looked at a basic wheelchair, and studied the regulations which govern their manufacture, we came to the conclusion we could improve them for very little cost – in fact – thanks to our partnership with Bikestop, we could do this using some recycled bike parts – which is good for the user, and for the environment too." The ingenious adaptations are currently a closely guarded secret, but thanks to those clever boffins at Woodham Academy and

their new partners at County Durham Engineering and Manufacturing Network (CDEM), readers could soon be finding out for themselves what all the fuss is about.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE EVENTS

County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission are holding events at Western Area Community Centre.

Community Breakfast Saturday 28th July 9-11.30. Free breakfast. Everyone welcome.

Every Thursday – Computer Clinic 10-3. Bring along your computers, laptops, tablets. Free unless parts need to be bought.

Bacon Butty Thursday. Only £1 cuppa and bacon butty and a chat. 10-1pm.

Community free barbecue Sunday 5th August... Bouncy castle, face painting, free food.

VANE ROAD COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Last Friday, eight Year 3/4 pupils travelled to Barnard Castle School to take part in the Level 3 School Games, as they had qualified for the county finals of the Quad Kids athletics competition. In glorious sunshine, the dream team ran, jumped and threw their way to

victory, defeating 16 other schools from across the area to claim the gold medals! Huge congratulations to this talented group of athletes, who were great ambassadors for the school, showing determination, team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Donate Your Unwanted School Uniforms



A town charity is collecting donations of school uniforms to help families in the County. They normally just do Newton Aycliffe but throughout the year have had requests from other areas. Luckily they've had what people have needed and everyone has been really grateful for the help.

As its nearly the summer holidays founder Newtonian Sally Symons is hoping that when people are sorting their children's uniforms out that they would consider helping families in need. Please be assured we do not charge for any of the uniforms we give people and everything is kept confidential. If you can donate please contact: email-symons039@hotmail.com or phone 01325 313949. Sally works full time please leave a message and we will get back to you asap.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to donate throughout the year as without you all this would not be possible – over the past year we have helped over 300 families. If anyone has any plastic storage boxes they no longer need could you please consider donating them to us as we are running low.

Village Primary School Raise £238



Year 6 pupils at Aycliffe Village Primary had many reasons to celebrate in their last few weeks of primary school. They recently raised £238 through an Enterprise Project they organised and ran at school. The money was used to buy new books for the school library, each specially chosen by the pupils and with a message inside the front cover from the child who chose it.

The money was also used to support the outside gardening project Year 6 helped lead this year and will cover costs for an information board about trees in the school ground which all classes will be contributing to in September. Year 6 also had excellent SATs results this year; they were above national averages in all subjects and showed a significant improvement for the school from results in 2017, with Reading results increasing by 11%, Maths results increasing by 26% and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling increasing by 23%. Head Teacher, Helen Sutherland, who joined

the school in January, said, "I am the first to say SATs results are not the 'be all and end all' and I strongly believe there is so much more to a good education than outcomes in SATs. However, I also firmly believe that we, as a school, have a duty to support children to achieve academically to the best of their abilities, as this will set them up well for their future lives. We are thrilled with the way our Year 6 pupils have risen to the challenges of their final year at primary school and congratulate them all on progress they have made."

Year 6 pupils led an emotional leavers assembly during their last week. This was watched by members of their families and the whole school. It featured songs from 'The Greatest Showman' and poems the children had written about each other. Prior to the assembly, family members had been invited into school to enjoy a school lunch together and then had a 'parents versus children' game of rounders! The pupils won!

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Fri. 10th August - Horndale Park
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PROTESTING OR RABBLE ROUSING?

In his letter in last week's Newton News, Cllr. Clare challenges your readers to challenge what he thinks Donald Trump represents. I'll briefly give it my best shot!

• **Islamophobia.** A phobia is an irrational fear of something. Donald Trump is the Elected President of the USA. His first duty is to keep all Americans safe. Post 9/11, and after the IS terror attacks throughout Europe and elsewhere, he decided to TEMPORARILY suspend travel to the US from certain Islamic states. In his own words, "Until we can find out what the hell is going on" That is, until the actual threat to the American people can be assessed. Clearly, Trump and his electorate have a rational fear that their lax immigration procedures are leaving them open to further terrorist attacks on American soil. He is doing his best to stop these.

• **Homophobia/Transphobic.** I'm not aware of Trump being either. However, like many members of society I am uncomfortable with, and distrust the motives of, the 'Gay Pride' movement. These were the people who, in the past, 'Outed' fellow homosexuals to gain further publicity for their cause! If someone organised 'Hetrosexual Pride' parades would the 'so called' Gay movement feel threatened? I think they would.

• **Misogyny.** I will leave it to Mrs. Trump to defend her husband on this charge. Perhaps Mrs. Trump is your troll, Cllr. Clare! I can assure you that it is not me.

• **Nationalism, trade wars, militarism and environmental carelessness.** America elected Trump on his manifesto to put America First. This is what he has done. The Americans knew he had his own view on global warming and that America was bearing the bulk of the burden He immediately put an end to China dumping steel and aluminium. America is prospering under his policies. The world is getting safer. Only today we heard that the North Koreans are demolishing nuclear facilities. Compare Trump's Presidency to those of Bush Senior and Junior. The former invaded Iraq. The latter also invaded Iraq, but illegally and took Tony Blair along for the ride.

How dare a labour Cllr. in Tony Blair's old constituency accuse Trump of militarism! In Trump's democratic America you get what the majority voted for. Here your Leave vote is ignored. Give me Trump any day!

On to Cllr. Clare's poster "Refugees welcome here". They are not welcome here if they arrive illegally! Our Government Policy welcomes Asylum Seekers to apply for asylum. However, we, sensibly, provide and finance safe refugee camps adjacent to conflict areas such that, should the conflict be resolved, refugees can go back to their own country and rebuild their lives. This, to discourage poor unfortunates falling into the hands of people traffickers who drown them by the thousand.

Cllr. Clare, you are a retired teacher of history. Why teach history if you don't learn from the mistakes of the past.

I refer to the mistake of Angela Merkel. She, like you, could not differentiate between genuine refugees and economic migrants and invited all and sundry to Europe, trafficked or otherwise. Like you, she misread the will of the EU people (you are both socialists so assume that everyone else agrees with you on everything). Throughout Europe, the electorate have, at the first opportunity, told the EU in no uncertain terms that refugees are not welcome! Luckily, we don't have a socialist government so we have practical and humane immigration policies that does not reflect Cllr. Clare's banner. If you want to protect our tolerant, welcoming and supportive community I suggest that, instead of wasting time and money travelling to an anti-Trump march, you should talk to members of your local Labour Party (or fellow travellers) who have called me 'Scum' and 'Racist' because I'm a member of UKIP. Indeed, you may be interested to know that the person who called me 'Scum' (you can have his name if you want) told me that the testimony of the Jewish MP's in Parliament was, "all lies". I hope you don't agree with him.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P G Welsh.

Keeping an Eye on Livin

Dear Sir,

Neil is spot on with his comments, he has a brilliant sense of humour, but to be serious, it is totally correct what they are like.

I saw one Livin worker run over a set of steps outside my house and took a chunk out of the concrete, breaking the machine in the process.

There are days when they cut the grass and leave the residue to go low around, some of this residue ends up in the drain which causes blockages in the sewers; they blow the grass anywhere - once, I had just washed my car, it was still wet and the Livin employee blew the grass onto my car. I did go and have words with him about it!

Kids could do a better job, so Livin, if you are reading our favourite weekly Newton News, take note, we (the carers of our town) are keeping an eye on you.

Name & Address supplied

Head Shave for Cystic Fibrosis Fund



On Saturday 21st July Angie Williams (top) had her head shaved, and Hollie Thomas had hers cut short. This was done in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Holiday Fund, which gives families the much needed funding towards a holiday. Any money raised goes direct to families.

Angie has done a lot of charity work, but found most of the money pays wages with only a small amount going to research. However, this charity is different and because her daughter Hollie has Cystic Fibrosis, and has received support from them in the past, they decided to help other families in desperate need of a break from hospital life.

I would like to thank Syd and Paul Howarth, they are a true inspiration in what they do in life and for supporting us with charity work; also thanks to Natalie, owner of Heads Up Hair Salon for holding the event at no cost, along with Rosa and Laura who cut our hair.

Hollie had a rough start in life, she is our little miracle, against all the odds, she is a fighter, never complains, even though we know she's in pain or unwell, she just plods on.

Hollie is now 13 and more knowledgeable about Cystic Fibrosis but she still asks questions that are hard to answer. Cystic Fibrosis is life threatening and sometimes people don't realise the seriousness of the condition.

Doing this fundraising will hopefully make more people aware; you can't see Cystic Fibrosis, it's what's inside these people, who don't have life easy because it also affects family life. So Cystic Fibrosis Holiday Fund means so much to us, helping families have break from the norm.

Taking time to think about others doesn't take much and if you would like to help, please contact Newton News (Paul), he will contact Angie.

Hollie will be sending videos to Laurie Howard Cystic Fibrosis Holiday Fund every month, as a day in the life of Cystic Fibrosis. She is doing excellent in school, exceeding in everything, she had her first holiday without her parents when she went on a trip with Woodham Academy to France. Mrs Skaife looked after Hollie and the family were very impressed, in fact she loved it.

A LAST CALL FOR THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN

Have you responded to the County Durham Plan consultation? Here are some questions you may want to address.

THE FOUR MAIN QUESTIONS

QUESTION 7: Do you agree with DCC's economic strategy, which makes Aycliffe Business Park (ABP) an industrial driver of the county? If you do, then you should SAY so, because people are writing in who disagree with economic growth in principle, or who want that growth to be in their town not ours.

Much the same goes for transport in **QUESTION 31.** Do you agree with 'sustainable' transport ... or do you think that the policy

is too anti-car? There are some sensible suggestions for new roads and rail, but – given the importance of ABP – do we ask that the C35 also is an economically strategic route? Also the CDP suggests two locations for a rail freight interchange (Forrest Park on ABP, or Tursdale); I wonder how many people have written in supporting the Tursdale option?

QUESTION 10: The number of houses proposed for Aycliffe has been reduced on 2015, because the government's formula suggests we won't need as many. Nevertheless, the Planners judge that we will still need 830 more houses by 2035 to support our growing Business Park. I have heard some people saying they want more, so Aycliffe can be more important; others want fewer, fearing for our 'green' environment. Is this something on which you have a view?

QUESTION 39: And what about the design of new housing estates? The CDP adopts the industry-agreed 'Building for Life 12' as its standard. Personally, I would want more open space, wider estate roads, more off-street parking, lower densities, 'lifetime homes' with bigger rooms, and broadband and solar panels for every new home. There are higher standards out there (e.g. 'Passivhaus'), so do we seek them ... or do we trust the Planners, who fear that insisting on 'better-than-BfL12' may make construction commercially unviable, and lose us the house-building our economy needs?

OTHER QUESTIONS

There are many more questions in the CDP Preferred Options, which you can find online at: bit.ly/CDPPOF

These policies will determine planning decisions until 2035, but we

need to comment before 3 August!

• **QUESTION 16:** the proposed policy hinders non-retail uses in our town centres – do you agree, or should we accept that town centres need to contract, and allow other uses (e.g. office-space and housing)

• **QUESTION 22:** should developers' affordable housing contributions be restricted to new houses ... or might they be better directed towards regenerating older housing?

• **QUESTION 40:** is the restriction of hot food takeaways in policy 32 a vital measure to protect obese communities, or a nanny-state attack on a harmless indulgence?

• **QUESTIONS 47-55:** are the policies to conserve and enhance our natural and historical environment – including, wonderfully, a specific policy for the Stockton & Darlington Railway – sufficient ... or would you wish them tougher (or laxer)?

BEING REALISTIC

The Planners will not allow into the CDP things which will break national planning rules so that the government turns down the Plan (again). However, they ARE anxious to hear what people think, and to agree as much as possible so that – when the Plan goes before the Inspector – we are all satisfied that this is the best we can get and we're all behind it. So now is the time to support very clearly the bits you think the Preferred Options have got right ... and to share your wish-list for the future.

HOW TO TAKE PART

The question for each policy is the same – 'Do you have any comments?' To take part simply put the Question number and start "I think..." to: FREEPOST Spatial Policy, or email: cdpconsultation@durham.gov.uk

Film Show

"A BUNCH OF AMATEURS"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 31st July features the British comedy film "A BUNCH OF AMATEURS" starring Burt Reynolds, Samantha Bond, Derek Jacobi, Imelda Staunton and Charles Durning.

A fading, arrogant Hollywood star travels to England to star in King Lear at the famous Stratford (Upon-Avon), and finds it is a different Stratford, a little village.

Tea, coffee & juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1. The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied, and the film has a "15" rating, containing some strong language.

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Dated: 27th July 2018



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Head of Legal & Democratic Services
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2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
"Through the Decades" with Elachi Indian Restaurant		
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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
31st July	Mark Reay (Viper MMA)	
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
10-12am	Garage/Indie Show (Repeat)	MC Supa

THURSDAY

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-8pm	"Throwback Thursday"	The Doctor
8-10pm	"Beat"Route	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	
27th July	Pauly Mac - Rare Vinyl and Classics	
3rd Aug	Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (Repeat)	Gary & Alby

SATURDAY

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

"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"

6-7pm	Evening Session	JimJams
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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Rotary Support Play Cafe



Last week Rotary President Jon Bean presented a cheque for £750 for the Play Café project in Newton Aycliffe. The Play Café is helping address the difficulties families experience during the long school summer holiday, when there are no Breakfast Clubs or school lunches.

The pop up cafes will be held weekly in local venues, offering the families a meal, time to play and some groceries. All family members will benefit. Thank you, for this generous contribution from the Rotary Club.

OH YES THEY ARE



Who can remember our first production? Cinderella, 22 years ago! After a break the Acorn Players have reformed and are bringing back Panto

to Newton Aycliffe with a forthcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland", to be performed at Woodham Academy on 22nd, 23rd and 24th November.

It's not too late to be part of the show. The Acorn Players meet at Aycliffe RAFA Club on a Monday from 7.00-8.30pm. There will be no rehearsal on

Monday 6th August, due to holidays. Acorn Players have no age limit, so why not turn up and give it a try?

For further information please ring Brenda on 01325 311816 or Anne on 01325 787503.

Watch Newton News for more information about Alice in Wonderland.

Friendship Force from USA



On Sunday 15th July, all the planning by The President of Co Durham Friendship Force and the committee came to fruition.

The County Durham Friendship Force has been established for over 30 years following the visit of the then President Carter from the USA, who when he visited Newcastle Upon Tyne offered the hand of friendship to the people of the city to visit with and join the friendship force in Atlanta over 40 years ago.

The County Durham Friendship Force which is now thriving, set a six day programme into place for the fourteen USA guests, members of The Seattle Tacoma Friendship Force who would be hosted in member's homes. Following the meeting and greeting of our visitors a welcome party was held at the home of The President Cynthia Scott of School Aycliffe.

Monday was a full day starting with a trip to Durham City, an audience with The Mayor Councillor John Lethbridge and his body guards all resplendent in their full regalia. The Mayor welcomed our guests, accepted a book on Seattle from our visitors. He introduced his body guards. Each bodyguard told us a little about their roles and explained all the staffs they carried. A tour of The Town Hall and coffee were appreciated. This was followed by a trip to the cathedral taking in lunch, and an afternoon boat ride, starting with rain which did not put off our travellers and the sun soon shone. A good and interesting commentary was appreciated.

Tuesday was a free day for hosts to take their ambassadors to many of our places of interest locally explaining the history of the many places in the North east. Beamish Museum was enjoyed by many.

Wednesday was another long day with a coach trip to the Lake District. Leaving from West Auckland at 8.30am the trip included a short break at Grasmere, followed by a lunch time picnic at Brockhole the Lake District Visitors Centre. The trip concluded with a visit to Bowness and a sleepy trip back to the car park and the journey homeward.

Thursday was a must with a Fish and Chip lunch at Whitby in a restaurant overlooking the open sea with lots of activities taking place in beautiful weather. The rest of the day was free to fill as best they wished. Many attacked the steps and Whitby Abbey. Danby Visitors Centre and the many picturesque villages around Whitby were . A visit to Goatland and a trip to Pickering was also a favourite. The television Programme Heartbeat was also known to our visitors.

Friday a trip to Binchester Roman fort to see what had been uncovered since the dig started in 2004. The fort is located some 15 metres above the River Wear close to Bishop Auckland. Our visitors gave a donation of £100 to the fort which will be spent on plants seen in Roman times and giving their uses. A trip to Raby Castle followed the visitors were shown around the Castle and the contents of many of the rooms were explained. The day concluded with a trip back to base to prepare for the farewell party at The Hammer and Pincers (formerly The Blacksmith's Arms in Preston le Skerne, Newton Aycliffe. The oldest lady of County Durham Friendship Force celebrated her 99th birthday and was presented with a gift from the group and a cake to celebrate the occasion. Hilda has travelled for many years with our Friendship Force and had earlier this year been one of the group doing a two week

visit to Birmingham Alabama and Atlanta Georgia.

Sad faces concluded the trip at Darlington railway station Our new Friends were making the onward trip to Edinburgh and eventually their trip back to the USA. Friendships had formed over the 6 days that will stand the test of time.

County Durham Friendship Force meet approximately every 2 months for social events such as walks, coffee mornings, plant sales, bar lunches and afternoon tea. They also have an annual four-day coach trip within the UK. The group are looking forward to a 3-week trip to New Zealand, plus hosting Kempsey, Australia in 2019 An invitation has been extended to visit Seattle also probably Vancouver. The Aichi Club in Japan are requesting a visit to Co Durham in 2020. Anyone interested in learning more about the County Durham Friendship Force should contact the president Cynthia Scott on 01325 313055

Thank You Honest John

Last Friday Horndale Residents Association collected a cheque for £1000 from Honest John and his great

volunteer Val towards the cost of our FREE Community fun day on August 16th Greenfield Community College. Because of this and other funding we are now making the rides etc free. More details in next week's edition or follow us on Facebook it is going to be a great event. The event is also being supported by Tesco, Durham Constabulary, Bay Horse Middridge, Grannies Kitchen and Greenfield Arts

and Community College. A true community event bringing people together.

Our next meeting is this Wednesday 1st of August starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts centre. Our meetings are friendly and open to everyone. They are a great way to meet your local Councillors and other members of our community working to improve the lives of those living and working in our communities.

Thank you
Philip Clark, Chair



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Free Snacks to Fuel Summer of Fun

Children can enjoy free snacks at libraries and leisure centres across County Durham this summer.

Bananas, satsumas, popcorn and raisins will be among the nutritious treats on offer to youngsters at Durham County Council venues throughout the six-week holidays from Monday 23 July. This includes selected council leisure centres, along with libraries and community libraries across the county.

Cllr Jane Brown, Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "This scheme is part of a council wide programme to assist and encourage residents who may find themselves under increased financial pressures during the school holidays, as well



as providing opportunities for families to socialise."

The initiative runs alongside a programme of free and low cost holiday activities, which are listed in the council's Summer Fun Guide.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "The summer holidays should be

a time for fun and adventure and it's so important that all children are able to enjoy it to the full. By offering free, energy boosting snacks we can help keep youngsters going when they are out and about.

"We would encourage everyone to find out more about the range of great

activities on offer across the county over the next few months."

The leisure centres taking part in the scheme are Woodhouse Close in Bishop Auckland, Freemans Quay in Durham, Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe, Chesterle-Street, Teesdale, Consett, the Louisa Centre in Stanley and Peterlee. Snacks will be on offer every day during the venue's opening hours.

For leisure centre opening hours, visit www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentres

For library opening hours, visit www.durham.gov.uk/libraries

To find out about summer holiday activities, visit www.durham.gov.uk/summer or www.countydurhamfamilies.info

FREE Holiday Activities at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to offer free family focused holiday sessions during the summer holidays.

We have a fun packed series of activities in July and August, these are family focused and will be held in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. The sessions include our popular Crazy Crafts with Dawn Belshaw, join these playful workshops and learn how to create brilliant inventions from recycled items to take home. We also see the return of our popular Window Wizards with Sharron Bates where you can make your mark as

a designer creating a playful installation for our entrance foyer. Story Explorers will bring out your creative side as you find the magic in story making with Jilly Johnston. You can now book online 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 about our holiday sessions or activities please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



Silver for Stephenson Way Juniors



Silver medals adorn the necks of two Year 6 boys from Stephenson Way Academy following sporting success at the Schools County Games last week. Both Finnley and Dominic were unaware of their amazing potential in

the relatively unknown discipline of New Age Kurling until they were chosen to represent the school earlier this year. From the outset it was clear that the pair not only had a meticulous eye for the target and an astonishing aim but that they worked fabulously well as part of a team.

It was these attributes that led them to victory in the group stages and secured their spot in the County Finals, held in Barnard Castle School.

Across the course of the day, the dynamic duo faced a series of tough competitors from across County Durham. Stephenson Way's PE Leader, Miss Whitfield, who accompanied the boys acknowledged their determination by saying, "There were one or two tense moments, but the boys maintained their composure against the best of the best and used their strategic skills exceptionally well. They represented the school brilliantly and did themselves proud." Congratulations to both boys for placing second in the whole county in this wonderful sport.



New Release "Peter Rabbit" at St. Clare's Kids Flix on Saturday 4th August at 2pm! £1 entry per person.

Come along and watch Peter Rabbit, the mischievous and adventurous hero who has captivated generations of readers, now takes on the starring role of his own irreverent, contemporary comedy with attitude. In the film, Peter's feud with Mr. McGregor escalates to greater heights than ever before as they rival for the affections of the warm-hearted animal lover who lives next door.

James Corden voices the character of Peter with playful spirit and wild charm, with Margot Robbie, Elizabeth Debicki, and Daisy Ridley performing the voice roles of the triplets, Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail.

As always there will be a fully stocked tuck shop, selling sweets, crisps, drinks etc... for you to purchase.

At half time, the hatch will open for ice cream and ice lolly sales all at an affordable cost of 50p! Everyone welcome!

Personal Crusade

Dear Sir,

There are many in this country who dislike our Prime Minister, and her policies and her party. Regardless of that she is our elected leader, and when she visits another country we would like to think that, as our leader, she would be shown respect.

President Trump, as the elected leader of the USA, was not shown that respect during his recent visit.

John D. Clare has said in last week's Newton News that he was "proud to protest". He does stress that he was not protesting against the USA, nor the man himself.

An interesting statement.

At the recent Commonwealth Leaders Conference, many of those leaders could have been accused of some or many of the various things listed in Mr Clare's itemised list.

To the best of my knowledge he did not protest on that occasion, so is it a case of double standards, or is it just a personal crusade against Mr. Trump? Peter Hardy.

"Done on Porpoise"



On 18th July, Greenfield Arts opened a new exhibition entitled "Artifice" a collaboration of work from four artist friends working with the concept of "The End of the World".

Dan Walls, Fred Thomas, Amy Morris and Graham Rispin all produced and displayed a wide variety of work in different media looking at themes such as space, society, nature, death and technology.

The gallery space itself has been utilised to the full, making use of the light to display both 2D, 3D and installation - the aim of the art is to be more than just aesthetically pleasing, but to be more conceptual and invite the viewer to question what they see and to remember it.

Lots of the pieces are for sale and prints are available on request. The gallery is open from 10.00am till 9.00pm Monday to Friday. For more information call into the Greenfield Arts.



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Greenfield Students Experience French Hospitality

Following the resounding success of the recent visit by French school, College Arthur Rimbaud, students from Greenfield Community College were excited to be crossing the channel to experience another culture and be reunited with staff and students from Amiens.

The project 'STEAM' has been a great experience and students were keen to learn more about heritage, culture and creativity via their host school in Amiens. The international project, funded through the Lefevre Trust in conjunction with the British Council, has focused upon transport, past, present and future.

Students were able to gain a valuable insight as they immersed themselves in French culture, sampled local trains and worked with a local artist to develop innovative ideas about transport in the future. Students also built upon their friendships and had been keen to keep in touch through writing letters between visits, this has been a lovely way to strengthen links, make friends and improve language skills. The following comments are a sample from students showing a positive reflection on the value of the project:

"I had a great time, it helped develop my language and taught me to be more independent. It built my knowledge on the history of transport and French Culture" - Grace

"Being part of the whole project has taught me I can work better if I work with others, I have learnt to be resilient" - Callum

"This project was a great life experience for me probably one of my best life experiences ever" - Harry

Students also had the chance to visit local landmarks such as 'The Baie du Somme, St Valery Sur Somme and Amiens, taking in French culture and heritage as they travelled. Subject Specialist, Mrs Ali Dixon who led the project was full of praise for the students, "This project has really enabled this group of young people to consider how our learning environment can mirror the modern, interconnected world in which we and our students live. International learning experiences prepare our students for life in Global Britain and beyond these shores, I am super proud of their achievements", said Mrs Dixon.

To finalise the project staff and students have been invited to speak about cross-curricular links and the impact on language skills at the 'Our Classrooms Through a Lens' Conference at Beamish Hall.



THERE BUT NOT THERE

1st World War 'Tommies' in Great Aycliffe



Great Aycliffe Town Council is proud to participate in the nation's commemorations of the centenary anniversary of the end of the First World War. As part of this remembrance,

two life-size hollow outlines of 'Tommy', a First World War soldier, have been purchased and installed in the parish of Great Aycliffe, one outside St Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe and a second on The Green in Aycliffe Village. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, pictured here with one of the figures said, 'the Tommy figures are an evocative reminder to the residents of Great Aycliffe of the loss of life in the First World War and the Town Council is honoured to participate in the centenary

commemorations'. The figures stand in a swathe of growing poppies, as part of the There But Not There campaign and are intended to be a poignant reminder of the 888,246 British and Commonwealth soldiers who died in the war, and of those who survived but suffered physical and mental scars. The figures are produced nationally to raise funds for a new charity called Remembered, which aims to raise £15million for Armed Forces and mental health charities.

Whatever Happened to . . .



Dear Sir,
My memory is a bit vague on the date that I took these photos. However I am sure that I took it with my 35mm camera (I will have the originals somewhere - but where?) and I think I went digital in 2005, so somewhere between 2002 and 2005? The kids were standing at the bus stand in St Cuthbert's Way and were a cheerful friendly bunch. I wrote someone's contact address on a scrap of paper - and lost it by the time the film was developed! I wonder if they can remember this photo being taken and fill in a few blanks for me.
Name and address supplied.

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6



On Wednesday 18th July Woodham Burn Primary School celebrated year 6 coming to the end of their journey at their school in style. They enjoyed a red carpet prom party which included a disco, mocktails, food cooked by staff and governors and some sweet treats including an ice cream parlour. The children danced the night away and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening celebrating with their friends. Excited Y6s started to arrive at 5.30pm and all made a huge effort dressed up in beautiful outfits. A fantastic time was had by all and Woodham Burn School would like to wish all of them the very best for their futures. Goodbye Year 6!

Mrs Robinson, Pastoral Lead said "The children were a pleasure to have and all the hard work paid off, they have done themselves proud"

Mrs Edwards, Head Teacher added: 'The Prom is a lovely way to end the year and to say farewell to our Year 6s'.



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Neville Parade Art Club Exhibition



NAYCC were approached again by Shelagh McFarlane on behalf of the Neville Parade Art Club to see if we would host an exhibition of their work. NAYCC are

honoured to be asked again. The exhibition opened on Tuesday 24th July 2018 and will run until Friday 31st August. The Neville Parade Art Club

Public Consultation Launched into New Specialist Schools

A public consultation has been launched into plans for a new specialist school in County Durham.

Durham Gateway Academy has been proposed for young people from across the county who are not flourishing in mainstream secondary education but would thrive in a setting offering practical, skills-based learning.

If it gets the go ahead, it would be based in the Aycliffe Business Park adjacent to the existing South West Durham Training facility, and would boast a unique curriculum, integrating academic and vocational learning with the development of social, life and employability skills.

Training would be offered in industry-standard facilities, with subjects including engineering, construction, welding, plumbing and electrical installations, as well as catering, sport, childcare, hairdressing and beauty therapy. The Academy would be open to young people aged 13 to 16, including those who may be at risk of exclusion, from across the county and other neighbouring authorities.

A unique alternative provision free school, Durham Gateway Academy would offer a clear route towards apprenticeships and employment.

Students would be supported to develop key employability skills including preparing applications and CVs, conducting interviews, punctuality, communication skills, self-confidence and social skills. They would also have a supported internship or work placement in an industry related to the selected vocational study option.

Other extra-curricular activities would include health and fitness sessions, teambuilding exercises such as outward-bound and team sports, educational visits, volunteering opportunities and mentoring from business coaches.

All places at Durham Gateway Academy would have to be commissioned by other schools and academies within County Durham or local authorities; the Academy would not operate in competition with existing providers.

The proposer of the Academy is Gateway North Academy Trust and the sponsor is Bishop Auckland College, which has been providing vocational



education for 60 years.

An eight week public consultation into the proposed Academy runs until Friday August 17th to provide opportunities for feedback and suggestions on how best to set up and operate the new school. As part of this, two further drop-in sessions will be held at the proposed site in Newton Aycliffe and will include a tour of the building which would be developed. They will be held on Tuesday August 14th from 10am – 11.30am.

Target groups for the consultation include potential parents and students who are likely to be interested in the proposed school, representatives of schools and local authorities, businesses and business forums, local residents and community groups, and the County Durham and Darlington MPs. If the proposal wins public support and the backing of the Department for Education, it would open in Spring 2020 and accommodate a maximum of 120 places when full.

Pamela Petty, Chair of the Durham Gateway Academy Trust Board (pictured), said: "A key strength of the vision for Durham Gateway Academy is its potential to accelerate the progress of its students through vocational routes to employment."

"Combined with well-established employer links for work placements and apprenticeships in a wide range of industries, this unique learning offer would provide a springboard to employment and bright futures for the Academy's students."

To complete an online questionnaire or register to attend one of the consultation events, visit durhamgatewayacademy.com or email saffron.ridley@bacoll.ac.uk who can also supply hard copies of the questionnaire.

meet at the Methodist Church every Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm. They charge a small fee of £2 per session and this also gets you a cup of tea and a biscuit. They have come together as friends in a social gathering as well as to work on their art. There are specialist amateurs in every medium of art, from sketching to oils. The group means more than mere art, it is also a group that meet for companionship. The go on outings once a year with the next one planned for 6th September 2017 where they will be visiting York.

For more information about the club please contact Shelagh via email on shelaghmcfarlane@rocketmail.com.

NAYC Centre Manager, Beki Metcalfe says "There is yet another stunning display of artwork by the group, and each piece is different from last year. It can be clearly seen that the group have worked hard, and we are again honoured to display their work for all to see."

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre is available to hire for a variety of activities such as meetings and seminars, training and educational classes, arts and crafts, dancing and exercise classes. It also regularly hosts the, Tai Chi, the Monday Lunch Club, Dianne Howe's Power Hoops class and a new addition is the Acorn Ukes.

Jazz Night

There's a real treat guaranteed for Darlington jazz fans when Emily Bacon brings her Good Time Gang back to the town. Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club's lunchtime gig on Saturday 4 August features the ever-popular Miss Emily Bacon and her Good Time Gang – a seven piece band guaranteed to delight with their deep south sounds of traditional New Orleans Jazz. And the fun just goes on and on – a double bill in September, with the Club hosting two gigs featuring international piano star Jeff Barnhart. First up, Saturday 8 September sees Jeff join forces with banjo and guitar virtuoso Spats Langham, and together they'll amuse, captivate and entertain playing their arrangements of music from the Great American Song Book, and earlier.

The following Saturday 15 September, Jeff presents a new departure for the Club – a showing of his Great Silent Movie show, a treasure trove of stories and films from early days of cinematic comedy. Just like in those far-off days, Jeff's live piano accompaniment weaves musical magic from scene to scene whilst the likes of Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Fatty Arbuckle entertain the audience with romps through car chases, stunts, suspense and romance. Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington 12.30pm. Entry is just £10 on the door, and children 15 and under go free. St Augustine's Parish Centre is a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

HATE CRIME CONFERENCE



James Kingett, Stephen Miller, Ron Hogg

Practitioners across County Durham and Darlington were planning their future work together for tackling hate crime at a conference held in Newton Aycliffe.

Over 100 delegates attended the conference, which was hosted by the Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC). Hate Crime remains a key priority for the PCVC, and has been throughout his tenure.

Mr Hogg said: "Reducing the impact of Hate Crime remains one of my priorities. Today's Conference builds upon my previous seminars on hate crime. We have listened to what people have said and I am pleased that good progress has been made towards tackling hate crime locally. I recognise there is still much to do. I note that the number of recorded hate crimes has risen, and am pleased this appears largely to be because victims are increasingly confident to report incidents to the Police. People in this area continues to show higher levels of confidence in policing than in many other parts of the country."

Today we have focused on how we can further develop joint working to improve community cohesion and tackle hate crime. Through a range of workshops we have identified a series of projects to help us to understand and reduce the true level of hate crime and incidents, increase reporting of hate incidents, provide effective support for victims and ensure that we get effective prosecutions. I am looking forward to seeing these ideas translate into an action plan to tackle and reduce hate crime."

The conference was opened by Mr Hogg, and chaired by James Kingett, from Show Racism the Red Card. Delegates were delighted to receive a speech from Stephen Miller, the Paralympic Gold Medallist as the key note speaker. Stephen Miller said: It was great to be back to address the Hate Crime Conference today. It is great to be back today, and whilst there is always more to do, it was good to see what has already been achieved. It is so important that we continue to address this big issue. I often remind people that respect is the highest

currency we have. I believe events like today help to strengthening the message that hate crime won't be tolerated."

The conference heard four brave hate crime victims share their stories, to show the positive and negative aspects of their experience. In addition a video was also shown which highlighted the prejudice which a Syrian refugee family faced after being housed and settled in the North East. These presentations showed that despite a low number of reported incidents across county Durham and Darlington, hate crime is happening within our communities and that victims need support. Students from the Hermitage Academy Chester Le Street were in

attendance. They delivered a powerful presentation on the holocaust.

Graham Hall, Head of Community Safety, Darlington Borough Council said: "Today serves as a great reminder of the enormous impact hate crime can have on people within

our communities. Lots has already been achieved however there is always more that can be done. The agencies across County Durham and Darlington, and the wider region remain committed to working together in partnership to tackle this issue."

McColl's Relaunch with £500 to MRI



McColl's at the Parsons Centre, Scott Place, Newton Aycliffe relaunched the refurbished store on Saturday 21st July.

Regional Manager Philip Charlton-Ward and Branch Manager Nicki Davis were on hand to welcome the local residents as well as present a £500 cheque to the MRI Scanner Appeal NHS Trust Chairman, Professor Paul Keane OBE.

"We are delighted to support local causes and in particular the scanner appeal which will help so many local residents, who in turn will support McColl's" said Mr Charlton-Ward.

Also in attendance on the day was "Spiderman" to entertain the children and welcome local residents into their new McColl's local store.

Public consultation launched into new specialist school proposal

A consultation has been launched under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010 to consult with stakeholders and the local community on the following question: "Whether the Gateway North Academy Trust should enter into a funding agreement with the Secretary of State to open an alternative provision free school ('Durham Gateway Academy') in Newton Aycliffe for students aged 13-16 from spring 2020."

The consultation, which closes on Friday August 17th, will also raise awareness of the role and aims of the Academy and provide an opportunity for feedback and suggestions.

Durham Gateway Academy would offer a unique curriculum, integrating academic and vocational learning with the development of social, life and employability skills. The Academy would admit young people who are not presently flourishing in mainstream secondary education, but who will thrive in a setting that offers practical, skills-based learning. This includes young people who may be vulnerable or at risk of exclusion from their current school.

The aims of Durham Gateway Academy are to re-engage young people into education and promote positive progression to apprenticeships, training, further education and employment.

All places, which would be open to students from across County Durham, Darlington and other areas, at Durham Gateway Academy would have to be commissioned by other schools/academies or local authorities. The Academy would not therefore operate in competition with existing providers.

A final drop in session will be held at the proposed site, which is adjacent to the South West Durham Training centre, for parents of potential students, schools, local authorities, businesses and community groups on the following date:

Tuesday August 14th from 10am - 11.30am

To complete an online consultation questionnaire visit durhamgatewayacademy.com or to register to attend one of the consultation events call (01388) 443003.



Woodham Academy in France



Mental Health Support in Demand



The first Mental Health First Aid course to be delivered at The Work Place, Newton Aycliffe, has proved to be a massive success. The Mental Health First Aider (Youth) course to equip people to support young people was oversubscribed by interested school staff and individuals who work with or support young people. The next course running in September is also already fully booked. More dates are now being planned. Mental Health First Aid is an internationally recognised training course, designed to teach people to spot signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis. The course provides in depth understanding of specific mental health issues including, depression, anxiety, suicide and psychosis, self-harm and eating disorders. It focuses on the issues faced by young people such as cyber bullying and substance misuse.

Helen Dent, the course trainer on behalf of Mental Health First Aid England

said 'We must acknowledge that more than 3 young people in every classroom will have a diagnosed mental health disorder. We must become pro-active and begin to address issues at early stages to prevent this figure from rising'. She added 'Feedback from this course has been fabulous and it's great to know we are raising awareness on how to support young people.' The Work Place hopes to deliver the course to people who teach, work or live with young people aged 8-18, such as teachers and school staff, youth workers and sports & activity coaches. The Work Place opened in 2008 as a not-for-profit conference & training venue and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, having seen over 100,000 people come through the doors over the last year years. www.twpa.org.uk

Photo: Trainer Helen Dent delivers the first Mental Health First Aid course at The Work Place.

In July a group of students and staff left Woodham Academy, in the very small hour hours of the morning, to spend the penultimate week of the summer term improving their French in the small town of Stella Plage on the Opal Coast of Northern France. On arriving in France the sun was shining and students enjoyed an afternoon on the sweeping sandy beaches of Le Touquet, a sophisticated seaside town.

The sun shone throughout the week and the students enjoyed a packed itinerary of activities, trying out their French skills in a French hypermarket and buying presents in Boulogne and Le Touquet. They were introduced to French cuisine, and enjoyed the opportunity to have a behind the scenes visit to a traditional boulangerie, where they learned the secrets of producing the perfect croissant. Afterwards they were able to sample delicious pain au chocolat, piping hot and crumbly from the oven. The visit included lots of fun activities; extreme rides at the Bagatelle theme park, an afternoon at the Boulogne "Nautica" sea life centre as well as a visit to "Aqualud" water park, where students were able to enjoy the wave pool and water slides. The visit also included a visit to the "Le Breussant" Chocolate factory where Monsieur Le Breussant explained how to make the perfect chocolate while students and teachers watched drooling, wondering when he was going to let them taste some samples. Woodham's fantastic students enjoyed every minute of a wonderful week.

SPRING PHOTO WINNER



The winner of the Newton Press/Whitehouse Funeral Services photo competition for spring is Johnlee Griffiths who took this stunning photograph at Whitley Bay of St. Mary's Lighthouse on 17th May in the early evening. The shot was taken using a Sony A6000 with Carl Zeiss

24mm F1.8 prime lens in panorama mode, iso 100, shutter speed 1/500, aperture setting f/5.0.

The competition continues. To win a canvas print of your shot, visit competition page www.photocomp.co.uk and upload.

Refreshment Friday



Val and Lou Bedocs holding the McLean Silver Rose Bowl with Peter Smyth

Dear Editor, Last Friday, 20th July, Heighington Village Hall Association held the first of this summer's "Refreshment Fridays" in the village hall. Some 40 people enjoyed a lunch chosen from a wide choice of menu. At midday, Peter Smyth, Chairman of Heighington Parish Litter Group, took the opportunity to present this year's Environment Awards to those who had made exceptional efforts to keep our parish looking beautiful and free from litter. These awards were initiated by the late Kit Bartram who was the first secretary of the Litter Group. This year's recipients of the Environment Awards were Mrs Ann Graham, Mrs. Judith King and Mrs Margot Harryman, all of Heighington.

Peter said that Ann had gone to exceptional lengths to make sure she picked every piece of litter; Judith never failed to turn up for litter picks and she waged war on the fly-tippers; Margot undertook the task of keeping the bypass free from litter. Peter pointed out that in years past it had taken four council workers to do the same task.

This year the Maclean Silver Rose Bowl, the premier award, was given jointly to Lou and Valerie Bedocs of Heighington. Peter Smyth said that "they are a busy couple who between them give a lot of time to village organisations; the Jigsaw Library; the WI; the Parish Council; Refreshment Fridays; the Village Hall Association and of course Heighington Parish Litter Group.

Peter went on to explain that the HPLG has been active for over 13 years and has collected more than 8000 sacks of rubbish from the roadsides of Heighington Parish and reported over 50 incidents of fly-tipping. Peter said that the litter picks have made a big difference over the years and he would encourage other groups to form to reduce the litter in other areas and help keep our environment beautiful.

Anybody, wishing to join the Heighington Litter Group would be very welcome. They meet on the second Saturday of the month (except August) between 10.00am and 12noon at Heighington Village Hall or 2 Main Road Redworth. All the necessary equipment is available. Our next litter pick will be Saturday 8th September. Peter ended by saying there are all kinds of bugs in the world, but the litter-bug is one of the worst – together we can eliminate it! Libby Smyth
Members of HPLG

Book a Place at Gala Theatre Summer School

Young people looking to do something different during the holidays can now book a place at Gala Theatre's summer school.

The workshops are suitable for young people aged between eight and 15 and offer them the chance to take over the theatre from Monday 6 to Friday 10 August 2018.

Those attending will get to choose a text, come up with their own ideas and develop the characters with the help of the theatre's professional drama teachers, directors and technicians before performing the show in front of an audience.

The fast-paced and fun sessions are great not just for building acting skills but will also increase children's confidence and help them

make new friends.

No previous experience is required for the summer school, which costs £120 per child, or £100 per child for a sibling discount.

Kate Sorahan, Gala's theatre education officer, said: "These sessions are perfect for those looking for something fun to do this summer and we would encourage anyone with enthusiasm and a positive spirit to think about joining up."

"Previous groups have relished the opportunity to work closely with our theatre staff and the chance to perform to an audience on the big stage and we are confident this year will be another big success."

For further details and to book a place, contact the box office on 03000 266 600.



POPPY APPEAL



Those eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed a new addition outside St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. We are proud to give 'Tommy' a home - the metal sculpture set in a sea of poppies is part of our towns mark of respect during the year which sees 100 years since the war ended in 1918.

The poppies have grown well on one side of the path, but the other plot where poppy seeds were laid remains bare. SO come along to St. Clare's on Tuesday 31st July and help us make, paint, create poppies to place in this area. We are open from 10 am - 12noon so just pop in. Tea, coffee, juice and a biscuit will be available. This event is open to all and it would be especially lovely to see members from SHINE CHOIR, Messy Church, Brownies, Guides and Infinity Dance Company come along.

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World Champion Guest **COMPETING IN CARDIFF** **SUMMER FETE**



The Daz and Lee Sports Show on Aycliffe Radio on Tuesday 24th July had the honour and privilege of former IBF Bantamweight Boxing World Champion Stuart Darling from Darlington as their studio guest to talk about his life in boxing. Stuart had an illustrious career that took him all over world, but injury forced his retirement from the sport after his last fight in June of this year. He can now look back on a proud record of 30 professional fights, winning 21, including 7 knock outs, during which he had four world title fights and won the prestigious Lonsdale Belt outright.

Daz and Lee's Sports chat show is live every Tuesday at 6pm and repeated on Sundays at midday on Aycliffe Radio.



A team of 13 skaters from Spectrum Roller Skating Club based at Shildon Sunnysdale Leisure Centre are about to compete at Cardiff. The team of roller skaters ranging from 6 years to adults have been training for the past months in preparation.

This year the club will take part in solo, duo and trio events. The competition at Cardiff City House of Sport will be held over 3 days with 211 skaters from 20 clubs taking part.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the club. You can keep updated by following their social media sites (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

If you would like to learn to roller skate, lessons resume Saturday 11th August, 2.30-3.30pm and cost only £4. For more information ring Tracy Stevens - 07891 461958.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Photo by Karen Harland



This week's races again began during the week with the Sunderland 5k on Thursday 12th July. This race is part of the National Road Race Championship and the course is considered to be one of the fastest in the country. The race takes place in the Silksworth Sports Complex in Sunderland. It was again a hot night for racing but the members of ARC did extremely well recording the following times:-

First home for the club was Richard Campbell in 18.44, followed by Richard Holland in 19.32, Andy Talbot 19.43, Alan Wilks (21.37) who was also 1st Male o/70, Trevor Needham 21.53, Alex Lineton 22.42 and Ray Todd 33.35.

Also on the Thursday two members took part in the Tees Trail Series in a race at Preston Park. Davie Blewitt was first home in 22.23 followed by Sam Baronowski in 34.33.

On Saturday 14th July it was again Parkrun day and a number of our members recorded PB's all of which took place at the Parkrun in Shildon. Kathleen Tonge achieved a PB of 27.49, Gemma Holland in 28.05 and Richard Tonge in 28.20.

Sunday 15th July 2018 was also a busy day for racing with members taking part in 4 different races in the region. All races took place again in what was considered to be considerable heat for racing in.

First up was the inaugural trail10k race in

Darlington. This race consisted of Laps around Darlington South Park and was actually measured short, although I don't think any of the runners complained about this given the hot conditions. Andy Talbot was first home for the club in 39.16, followed by Dave Blewitt in 43.14. Also on that day was the Billingham (Ray Harrison Memorial) 10k. This is a popular race with the members of ARC. First home for ARC was John Surtees in 39.31 followed by Richard Holland 44.48, Mark Bainbridge 46.38, Trish Kay 50.29, Gemma Holland 59.55, Lindsey Brown 1.03.31, Susan Clark 1.06.55, Jane Quigley 1.12.01, Eve Doe 1.13.14 and Ray Todd 1.15.51.

Ian Baronowski was the only member travelling further North to participate in the Hexham Hal Marathon. Ian completed this hilly course in 2.15.11.

Paul Dalton was the only member who competed in the Burton Leonard 10k just outside of Harrogate. He completed this course in 41.56.

Finally, this racing week completed on Monday 16th July with Alan Wilks taking part in the NEMAA Track League at Monkton. On this occasion Alan competed in the 3000m race completing the same in 12.31.4.

Well done to all members on the accomplishments this week.

Aycliffe Get Ready for New Season

Newton Aycliffe FC kick off the 2018-2019 season on Saturday 4 August when Ryhope CW visit Moore Lane. Deano Browne's team will feature several new faces for this campaign. This season will be Aycliffe's tenth in the Ebac Northern League & committee and volunteers led by chairman Allan Oliver have worked hard to get the ground ready. The pitch has seen new drainage installed following several postponements over the last couple of seasons. Unfortunately the recent dry spell has hampered preparations & as a result there have been no pre-season friendlies on Moore Lane this year. The friendly against Liversedge on Saturday 28 July is now being played at the West Riding County FA ground at Woodlesford near Leeds.

Aycliffe's most recent friendlies have seen a 3-3 draw against Northern League champions Marske Utd and a 2-1 win at Garforth Town. As well as Liversedge Aycliffe will also play at Northallerton Town & Darlington RA in the last week before the season proper gets under way. The Northallerton game will once again be for the Frank Swinburne Memorial Cup, named after the popular Aycliffe committee member. Full details of Newton Aycliffe's fixtures can be found on our website at www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk or follow us on Twitter or Facebook.

The new season's nearly here so hope to see you at Moore Lane!

St Clare's Court in Newton Aycliffe will be holding their annual Summer Fete on the 18th August from 1pm to 4pm and would like to invite members of the local community to come along and join us in the fun we have craft stalls, cake stall, tombola, raffle, and refreshments. Their will be entertainment, vintage cars and the local police will be bringing one of their cars for the children to have a look at.

Please come along and meet the residents, staff our manager Jason Parkinson and family members.

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Newton Aycliffe Youth FC have been awarded the County Durham FA Charter Standard Club of the Year 2018. The award recognised the work the club has done in 3 key areas since they were last given this award in 2014

Coaching :- As part of the FA Mentor programme the club were allocated a professional coach to help and support the coaches within the club. At the end of the 3 year programme the club identified it's own lead mentor, Jonathan Gallagher, who is supported by another 3 mentors within the club. Jonathan holds regular CPD events for the coaches and over views training sessions given advise and help to our existing volunteers

Progressive :- We are a leading club in Durham, supporting the FA National Initiative for developing and growing female football. The hugely successful Wildcats Girls development Programme has been running for 2 years in Newton Aycliffe resulting in an increase to 6 girl's teams and a Women's team, more than doubling the number of females participating in regular football.

Impact on the Local Community:- Our coaches regularly hold after school clubs in the primary schools in the local areas. Boys and girls attend a 4 week introduction to football and many then join the club, taking up the game for the first time. Our support for the Aycliffe festival was also recognised, bringing football to the heart of the community. The recently purchased De fib machine will be positioned at the Oakleaf for our match and training days, but will also be available for the wider community using the recreation area. This award is for everyone associated with the club who put in many hours of voluntary work for the children of Newton Aycliffe. The club now go forward to the National awards, with the result in early August.

AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL PARTY IN THE PARK

Great Aycliffe Town Council appreciates that many of you were greatly disappointed by the cancellation of the Party in the Park. The Town Council is delighted to announce that another event is to be organised in its place.

The Party in the Park was part of the Brash Bass organised by Durham County Council, funded jointly by the Town Council and Durham County Council.

Paul Gudgin, Artistic Director of the Brass Festival said, "With the amazing weather and incredible crowds we had for almost all of the Festival, it was such a pity that Aycliffe missed out so we are going to bring BRASS back to the Town for a special one-off event later in the summer. BRASS has enjoyed some great nights in Aycliffe and we want to make sure this year is no exception".

The event is in the first stages of planning so there are not many details finalised yet. The venue will be the Town Park, and although we do not have a final date, we anticipate that it will be early in September.

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He was also introduced to officers, navigators and service users on the Checkpoint scheme, which aims to reduce the number of victims of crime by reducing reoffending. It offers those charged with offences usually dealt with by magistrates the chance to avoid a criminal conviction by making amends to the community and their victims. Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell said: "I am delighted that we have been able to share some of our innovative work with the Home Secretary and highlight where gaps in legislation are exploited by organised criminals." Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg said: "I was pleased to



Home Secretary Sajid Javid is greeted by Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell and Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg

welcome the Home Secretary to Durham today, and to talk about the innovative work that is happening to reduce reoffending and support vulnerable people. "I also raised concerns about the reduction in resources in the past few years, and the pressure that this is putting on officers, and I asked for Government departments to work together more closely to make it easier to reduce reoffending."

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supported us over the years. Of course, this means we cannot any longer accept any donations." The closures mean that the Honest John Aycliffe Community Kitty shop, which has had space rent free in the furniture store for over three years, now needs a new home. John Hilton said: "I will always be grateful to Humankind for what they have done for this community shop and what they do for the community." Anyone who can offer Honest John's community shop a new home should contact him at 01325 316630.

Honest John would like his customers and donors to be aware that his shop will still be open and accepting donations in the current location till 1st September, when hopefully, a new unit will be found - watch this space.

Woodham Rocket Launch



Primary school students built and launched their own rockets at Woodham Academy's after-school science club. Woodham Academy runs 'Sparkies' to provide fun and interactive science sessions for Key Stage 2 students. At the last Sparkies session of the year, students competed against each other to build the water rocket which reached highest into the sky. The session was attended by 25 students and their parents. Each student who took part received a Sparkies certificate. Sparkies will resume after the summer holidays.

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Raby Revs Up for Summer Family Fun



Vrooom, they're doing it again! After the success of Raby Castle's Father's Day Classic Car Show in June, the team are revving up for another day of high-summer chamois action, with more vintage vehicles in store than ever.

Proving it's not just for Dad this time, there's lots on to keep all the family occupied at this haven of history, during the height of the summer holidays. On Sunday, August 12th, the expanded show-ground near Staindrop, Darlington, will host over 500 classic vehicles, polished to perfection and gleaming in the Deer Park next to the Castle.

The packed programme will include displays of classic cars and lovingly-restored commercial vehicles, including motorbikes, classic Land Rovers, vans and vintage tractors. A highlight for the car-enthusiast in the family will be the very special display of over 150 stunning, high-end classics on the Jaguar Drivers Club Stand, plus many other club stands including Aston Martin, Rolls Royce and Sporting Bears plus trade stands and the popular auto-jumble.

However, there's plenty for the more 'backseat driver'. With full arena displays and commentary in the deer-park throughout the day, you'll be ready for a pit-stop at Raby's new refurbished restaurant and outdoor food-court, serving fresh local produce and afternoon teas.

And for those more 'war horse' than 'horsepower', there's plenty of attractions included with show entry,

such as the horse-carriage museum, making it perfect for a bit of historical adventuring. Home to Lord Barnard, Raby is one of England's finest medieval castles, with picture-book towers, battlements and a vivid history spanning over 1,000 years. There's also glorious walled gardens to discover, plus a lake and enough acres of parkland to tire even the most energetic of youngsters.

Located on the A688, 1 mile north of Staindrop, Darlington, the show runs from 10am-4pm. For just £7.50 per adult and £2.50 for children, admission includes free parking, full access to the park, gardens, restaurant, gift shop and the horse-carriage museum. Castle admission can be included with your show ticket at £12 for adults and £6 for children.

Well-behaved dogs are also welcome in the showground, so the waggiest member of the family needn't miss out!

Organiser Mark Woodward says: "The June show at Raby was incredible, and wonderful to see so many families enjoying the photo opportunities to capture some great memories. I can't wait to return to Raby and see more people in awe of these beautiful cars up close, in such a spectacular setting." Head to rabycastle.com for more information on what you can look forward to on the day; private classic cars are warmly invited, so give the kids a holiday job with the chamois, and take the chance to show off your pride and joy in the summer sun!

"FRIENDS OF ST. CLARE'S" SEEK SPONSORS

In return for your sponsorship you will be able to advertise and run a public relations campaign by appearing on our press releases, Website, films, magazine, advertising, brochures, letter heads, other stationery and events to name but a few.

Friends of St. Clare's (Church in Newton Aycliffe), within the next few months, is to begin a campaign. We are an independent organisation which will seek charitable status and raise funds solely to support all the many community activities and events in St. Clare's Church, as well as the building, now and in the future. No one doing work within Friends of St. Clare's will be paid for the work they do.

So that money raised for the support of the church is not used for administrative and campaign purposes we are looking for an organisation or individual to act as sponsor. Sponsorship will ensure we have the correct funding to run a campaign to gauge interest and recruit members and pay for administration.

There are examples of churches across the country often becoming unusable. The buildings are falling apart with many problems such as mould, rot, falling masonry etc. So in desperation people get together to form a Friends Group to try to save their treasures. Let's not wait for that day.

Not only is the work of the Church of such great importance but there is also the protection of the treasures

housed within the building. For example the pews and other pieces of furniture were made by the famous Mouse man company. There are also several very beautiful stained glass windows.

As St. Clare herself showed, our most valued possessions are the people. By making 'Friends of St. Clare's' successful we will be protecting all the 'people work' that goes on into the future.

To discuss sponsoring Friends of St. Clare's please contact me at noelbennett@uwclub.net. If in the unlikely event that you are not online please write to

Noel F Bennett, Friends of St. Clare's, c/o St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 5NT

ANNOUNCEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity say how pleased we are to announce the appointment of the Rev. Mike Dixon as a patron of Friends of St. Clare's. His background has allowed him to build much experience in many varied positions. He recently celebrated, at St. Clare's, his 50th Anniversary of Ministry. I am sure he will be of great value to Friends of St. Clare's and thank him for his advice, efforts and enthusiasm so far.



Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

No meetings in August, so this will be the last County Newsbits until September. Keep up with Council issues through August on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB49

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- Did you tell the DCC County Durham Plan consultation your views on the economy and environment?
- DCC Full Council meeting, Wednesday 18 July.
- GAMP meeting, Tuesday 17 July.

- GATC meetings, Wednesday 18 July.
- First World War 'Tommies' in Great Aycliffe.
- PACT meeting, Wednesday

- 18 July.
- Good Business Park news for Pixel Media and Hitachi.

THINGS TO DO

- National Play Day, Hardwick Park, 11am-3pm, Wednesday 1 August.
- The Addams Family, Gala Theatre Durham, 7:30pm, 1-4 August, tickets £15.
- Romeo and Juliet, Gala Theatre Durham, 7:30pm, Friday 3 August, tickets £15.
- 17th Century Living History weekend, Palace Green, 11am-5pm, 4-5 August, FREE.
- 'Track the Future' summer holiday events, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, from 2 August.

Refill Initiative

Local volunteers on the NCS programme are taking environmental action in Bishop Auckland amongst other local areas such as Darlington.

A community-run and sponsored litter pick has been organised in Bishop Auckland, with local businesses also to be visited and encouraged to sign up to the "Refill" initiative, a project which has gained popularity in Southern England (and is now branching into the North).

Refill is a free tap water initiative, designed to reduce plastic pollution and promote healthy hydration by making refilling a water bottle easy, social and rewarding. To find out more, go to www.refill.org.uk, and if you want to get more directly involved by sponsoring the litter pick or being part of it, please feel free to enquire with ncsteamb2018@gmail.com

Thank You

THROUGH our local newspaper can I thank the person who found my purse in the Post Office paper shop in the town centre on Thursday 5th July and handed to the shop assistant. I am very grateful and thank you for your honesty

Birthday Remembrance

DEBORAH DAVIES 1st August 1970. Happy 48th birthday Debs. We love you so much and wish you were here with us. All our love, Mam, Jayne, James, Beth, Sarah and Amelia

Obituary

Bryan Duffin



Passed away on 18th July, aged 80. Dearly loved Husband of Milly; much loved Dad of John, Jacqueline and Paul; devoted Grandad of Emma.

Would family and friends meet at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Monday 30th July at 12.30pm. Followed by private cremation at Wear Valley. Family flowers only please.

Acknowledgement

AGNEW MORRELL Would like to say a huge thank you to everybody that came to help her celebrate her 85th birthday. Thank you for all the gifts/flowers and cars. And a special thank you to Robert and Reggie, Thomas and Julie, Jenny and David, Adele and AnnMarie and Carole for the lovely buffet.

Congratulations

James Garland



Happy 18th Birthday 28th July 2018

Congratulations on your 18th birthday. Hope you have a great night. Lots of love from Nana and family xxxx

Amanda Moran



Congratulations Amanda On your Health & Safety Degree and thanks to Northumbria University. Mam and Dad Colin, Louise, Tom, Michael, Helen and Luke

Zoro

(aka Colin Bromley)



Happy 65th Birthday Love from all the family xxx

JESSICA KJENSTAD Congratulations on obtaining your Open University Degree in History of Art. You achieved your Dad's wishes. Love, Mam xxxxx

Help with Universal Credit

Staff offer support for Universal Credit claimants People preparing to claim Universal Credit for the first time are being offered a helping hand – and free internet access.

Durham County Council has appointed a team of digital support assistants to help people set up and access their online applications.

The support staff are based at the council's Customer Access Points, where members of the public can also take advantage of free internet access. Free online access is also available at the authority's libraries.

Universal Credit, which is already in place for many residents around the county, is currently being rolled out in Chester-le-Street, Durham, Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor for new claimants and those on existing benefits who have had a change in their circumstances.

This is the final phase of the roll-out in County Durham.

Cllr Jane Brown, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "We understand that completing official forms can sometimes be a daunting process especially for anyone who is not confident online.

"Our team of digital support assistants can offer advice and guidance on the process, supplementing the support available from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) via their JobCentre Plus offices."

Administered by the DWP, Universal credit merges six benefits, including housing



benefit and tax credits, into a single payment.

It is paid every four weeks but, due to the initial waiting period and depending on when a first claim is made, the first payment may not be made for six weeks. Claimants can make a request for an advance payment, up to 100 per cent of their entitlement, which would be paid more quickly and recovered over a 12-month period.

Cllr Joy Allen, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for transformation, said: "By visiting our libraries and customer access points, members of the public can not only seek the support of our staff, they can also take advantage of free internet access using our computer facilities.

"Our website also includes details of other buildings where residents can access the internet in their local area." If residents need help with paying their council tax, the

council continues to support and encourage claims through its Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

In addition, anyone visiting a council building can take advantage of free wi-fi in order to access their application via a smartphone or tablet.

Residents can also apply for short-term awards to help with daily living expenses through the authority's Welfare Assistance Scheme. For more information, visit www.durham.gov.uk/welfareassistance.

Information about Universal Credit is available at www.gov.uk/universal-credit or www.durham.gov.uk/universalcredit.

Access to computers at libraries can be booked in advance in person at any of the venues.

Support is also available by calling the council's customer services team on 03000 260 000.

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- Do you live, work, volunteer or study in the Great Aycliffe & Midsridge Partnership area?
- Do you have a keen interest and passion about your local community?
- Would you like to have a say on local issues and priorities?

We will have a vacancy on the Great Aycliffe & Midsridge Partnership Board this year for a public representative.

This is an exciting opportunity for a Forum member 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 Great Aycliffe & Midsridge area since our formation in 2009.

The role 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.

If you're interested in applying or would like to discuss the role further, please contact us: Email us: gampaap@durham.gov.uk or telephone: 01325 327441

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Friday 3 August 2018
Informal interviews will be arranged w/c 13 August
Note: applicants must be 16 years or over

This is your opportunity to become directly involved in what's going on in your local area – we look forward to hearing from you! Find us on Facebook: Great Aycliffe & Midsridge Partnership

Your area, your action, your partnership.
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Triathlon Club Support Charity Bike Ride

Aycliffe Tri club member Austin Donoghue has arranged a charity coast to coast bike ride for Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and The Solan Conor Fawcett Cancer Trust. The ride which will include Austin and many of his friends from Aycliffe Tri Club and

Aycliffe Running Club will set off from Workington in Cumbria on 28th July 2018 and will cycle a route across the country to Sunderland arriving 29th July 2018. The group will be stopping over in Alston for overnight rest and recuperation (and



rehydration!). Austin's wife Dee was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in January 2017. She spent the whole of that year battling physically and mentally to eradicate the disease, but unfortunately in January this year the Leukaemia returned. Dee underwent the treatment once again, but this time she had a Stem Cell Transplant from an

unrelated donor. The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and The Solan Conor Fawcett Cancer Trust has helped them every step of the way, be it financially, emotionally and logistically with transport to hospital. As a gesture of appreciation Austin, pictured receiving the £100 donation from Aycliffe Tri Club members, and his friends would like to raise £1000 to donate to the local charities so that their amazing work can continue. If you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated; you can using the justgiving link below.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/austin-donoghue>

Williamfield Residents Meeting

Williamfield Residents Association meet on Wednesday 8th August 4pm.

We would like as many residents to attend as a way forward is going to be discussed. Let us all forget the past and move forward with positive ideas all working together. Livin are putting a bid into the BIG I have been told for money for activities etc in the community not for repairs etc. which will have to come from other sources.

We need to form a strong committee and show the rest of the Town that the Williamfield area which has had so much bad publicity over the last few months is as good as or if not better than the rest.

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**CRICKET
SCOREBOARD**

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store lost a crucial league game at home to fellow promotion hopefuls Sedgefield 1st XI by just ten runs in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first, Sedgefield scored a challenging 200 all out after 48 overs thanks mainly to a superb innings by former Aycliffe player Richie Hawthorne who scored 110. James Layfield-Carroll was the pick of the homeside bowlers taking a career best 5 for 31 and he was supported well by leg spinner Patrick Howe who took 2 for 49. In reply, opener Joe Haines batted well before he was dismissed for 27, but Aycliffe were soon stuttering on 75 for 4. A superb fifth wicket partnership of 90 between Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne & Bob Wood), who scored 51 and Jack Slatcher, who hit 50 put Aycliffe right back in the game. However a dreadful batting collapse saw the last five wickets fall for just nine runs as Aycliffe were bowled out for a disappointing 190 after 48.2 overs.

The first team were also beaten at home to Sedgefield earlier in the week in the NYSD round robin 15/15 cup, but the game will be remembered as the Club's all time runs aggregate record was overtaken by stalwart Chris Palmer (sponsored by Vanilla Design & Print). His 47 runs made during Aycliffe's innings of 112 for 9 in their 15 overs, took his runs tally for the club to 9,168. Chris, who made his debut in 2000, has played 584 senior games and the record he now holds is a testament to his hard work and commitment during his 19 seasons with the club. In reply, the visitors edged over the winning line in a tense finish with just two balls remaining and seven wickets in hand.

The 2nd team were well beaten by seven wickets away at runaway league leaders Saltburn 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe were bowled out for 102 after 30.4 overs with only Neil Bancroft (38 runs) and Lucas Pilling (21 runs) reaching double figures. Saltburn hurried to victory after only 16.2 overs despite 13 year old Matty Greaves taking 2 for 30 for Aycliffe.

The u17's lost at home by eight wickets to unbeaten league leaders Richmond in the NYSD Junior League. After choosing to bat first Aycliffe were restricted to 63 for 7 in their 20 overs with Jack Lowery (13 runs),



Dan Bowmer (12 runs) and Kyle Cuthbertson (10 runs) the main contributors. In reply the visitors hurried to their winning total after only 5.2 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Our u15's lost by eight wickets away at Norton in the NYACC round robin cup competition. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe scored a respectable 91 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs thanks to a superb innings by captain Lucas Pilling who

finished unbeaten on 50 from 55 balls faced, hitting seven boundaries and he received good support from 12 year old Leo Mercy who hit a fluent 17 runs from 19 balls. In reply the homeside coasted to victory after 16.4 overs with eight wickets in hand.

Photo: Chris Palmer receiving a commemorative award from his dad, Club Chairman Ian Palmer, after becoming Newton Aycliffe CC's all time leading run scorer this week.

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