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## Make a Poppy for 100th Armistice Day - Nov 11th



Readers are requested to make a poppy for the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day on November 11th. Each year the townspeople fill our town centre for the annual Parade, followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church.

We are asking knitters to make poppies and attach them to the railings in the town centre as a special tribute for this historical occasion.

They can be placed a week before and taken off a week after Remembrance Sunday.

Two knitting groups in the town have agreed to help create this display, but others have the opportunity to place individual poppies in respect, or in memory of loved ones, who have died in conflict.

Wool is being donated by Boyes Store and can be obtained by contacting



Imagine these rails adorned with poppies

either of the knitting groups: You can collect wool from St. Mary's Hall on Wednesdays between 1pm and 3pm, when that group meets.

There is also a group at Crafters Companion on a Wednesday 2pm to 4pm (Knit and Natter Group). Everyone is welcome to attend and join in with poppy making. Completed poppies will also be on sale at Crafters Companion,

proceeds to Poppy Appeal. Anyone wishing to join them is welcome. Patterns can also be downloaded from the internet.

### KNITTED POPPY PATTERN

(Large Poppy) - 3.5/3.75mm (UK 9), DK Yarn, Black Button

Cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.  
Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row - 40 stitches. Row 6 to 9 Knit.  
Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row - 20 stitches. Row 11 to 14 Knit.  
Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row - 10 stitches.

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Join edges with mattress stitch. Use a black button to sew to centre of the poppy.

## MRI Raffle Tickets

If you would like to sell raffle tickets on behalf of the MRI Scanner Appeal, we would welcome your help. Please contact Angela Stevenson on 01325 315067 to arrange.

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## FREE BUS TRIP TO PRESTON PARK

Williamfield Residents Association and Newton Aycliffe Junior Neighbourhood Watch are offering a free trip to Preston Park on Wednesday 15th August. Leaving Silverdale Place at 10am and Wilkinsons town centre at 10.20am.

Tickets obtainable from Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place every morning next week from 10.00am until 1pm. The cost of the tickets will be £3, refundable on boarding the coach and presenting the ticket.

For further details ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

Bus Trip to South Shields on Wednesday 22nd August. Leaving Silverdale Place at 9.30am and Wilkinson town centre 9.45am. Tickets £3 non refundable.

To book ring 308094 or 07967901477.

We are hoping to put on more activities including a Teddy Bears Picnic at Eskdale Play Park.

## GOLF DAY FOR HOSPICE

On the 6th July Ian Larnach Cancer Care Charities held their annual celebrity golf day at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. The event was yet gain a complete sell out with 22 teams entered, each matched up with regional sporting celebrities. The celebs were mainly ex professional footballers, including Sunderland FA Cup legends Mickey Horswill and Richie Pitt. Others included John Anderson, Newcastle United and John Craggs, Newcastle United and Middlesbrough. Other ex- players supporting the event were from Carlisle, Newcastle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Darlington and York City. A great turn out and our thanks go out to everyone. Our winning team was



ELS Lighting supplies from Tyneside – congratulations to all in their team (photo attached).

Our 5th annual golf day was held on one of the best day possible with the weather great and the golf course in magnificent condition –

thanks to Bishop Auckland Golf Club and their greens staff for preparing the course so well. We raised £3000, split between ILCC nominated charity – St Cuthbert's Hospice, Durham and the Golf Club Captain's Charity – The Alzheimers Society.

Funds raised assisted ILCC to donate £2600 to St Cuthbert's Hospice (photo of George Courtney MBE and Ian Larnach presenting the cheque to Jade at St Cuthbert's). This amount covers the full cost of treatment and care for one patient for a full day. St Cuthbert's do a fantastic job and we are grateful to be able to assist in some small way. Next year we intend to make the golf day even better and raise a lot more money – all for cancer care charities. Why not try to get involved?

## RESIDENTS MEETING

Williamfield Residents on Wednesday 8th August at 4pm. Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place. We wish to form a strong group to carry on the good work that Ken and Arun have done. Our Local Town Councillors and the Police will be in attendance. Livin will also be in attendance. The past has gone Option Three has gone Let us now move forward together to achieve great things for our Community. Ring 308094 or 07967 901477 for further details.

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Tuesday 7th	Kids Disco, £1.50
Saturday 11th	Upstairs Lounge "Sam Naylor" Free
Sunday 19th	Concert Hall, Aycliffe Soul Club £4
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 Merrilees Free
Sunday 26th	Concert Hall "Charity Night £10
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## School Aycliffe Community Hall

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Marilyn was a great supporter of our hall, and one of her favourite things that she enjoyed was an afternoon tea - so we thought let's do that!

Darlington Wind Band will be playing for us again, and we will be serving a full afternoon tea. Money raised will be for the MARA Unit at Bishop Auckland Hospital, who treated Marilyn. Cost £10 per person.

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# Aycliffe Young Citizen Awards



A last week's meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council, the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Cllr John Clark, and the Chairman of Aycliffe Youth Council, Charlotte Kirton, had the great pleasure to present the first ever Aycliffe Young Citizen Awards, organized by the Youth Council, with support and funding from the Town Council.

Charlotte Kirton introduced the award ceremony with a brief outline of the work of the Youth Council before saying "I am proud to say that the nominations we had included very different, very remarkable young people. I can honestly say that the Youth Council were in awe of you, for your commitment, positive attitude and achievements to date. I personally would like to say that your nominations and your stories have absolutely inspired me."

The winner of the award was Casey Topping, a remarkable young lady and an inspiration to all young people of the parish. Casey was nominated by her tutor at school, for not only achieving through adversity but for being a delightful, trustworthy individual. As well as her academic achievements of being a dedicated student working to a high standard and playing for the school's netball team, Casey also helps to look after her two younger brothers,

both of whom are disabled, and has supported her mum during difficult times.

Jake Mendelsohn also received a Commendation for his outstanding sporting achievements, fundraising efforts, commitment and values. Jake recently won silver medals in water polo for the Sedgfield 2000 team in the National Age Group Championships and at Northern League. In 2017 he received a British Citizen Youth Award for his contribution to charity. When a family friend and Newton Aycliffe resident Anna Swabey was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour, Jake wanted to help so he took part in The Great North Swim, a half mile

swim in Lake Windermere to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research Charity.

The final award of the evening went to Charlotte Kirton herself, who received an Outstanding Achievement Award for her dedication and commitment to Aycliffe Youth Council. Charlotte always went above and beyond to volunteer in the community, driving forward a number of tasks to help deliver projects. She always worked to draw the best out of the youth councillors and encouraged the younger councillors, making sure everyone's voice was heard at meetings. Charlotte was a truly amazing Youth Councillor and will be missed in the future.

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I am so grateful and have been very lucky for Humankind (formerly DISC) to have provided the community charity with premises free of charge over the last 3+ years. This has been a great help and has allowed me to raise over £60,000 during this time.

This money has meant so much to our community, Humankind have been fantastic (they are an amazing charity themselves), as has the help from Syd Howarth and the team at Newton Press.

Unfortunately, through no fault of their own, just unforeseen circumstances, they have reluctantly had to close down More Time Cafe and More Time Furniture Scheme, which means I have to move on to pastures new. I have been very happy in this location and the management and staff have been amazing and so helpful and I will miss them greatly.

Now 'the times they are a changing' (Bob Dylan, 1960s), and I am quite desperate for another venue to sell goods from. If I am not successful in doing this, I am afraid I will have to close down John's Aycliffe Community Kitty, as there would be no way of making income for the charity without premises.

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# Durham County Consultation Plan



Dear Editor  
As reported in the Newton News for the last couple of weeks ago The Durham County Plan is in the consultation phase and it is important that the views of those in the Great Aycliffe Area are heard. One way it will affect us in where and how many houses are built in this area. The Town Council are happy to see continued development of the Industrial Estate and of more housing to serve the needs of those who live and move to work in this area. Whilst we are pleased to see the development of housing on sites such as that at Copelaw, we are concerned about the County Council's proposal to designate the

area at Cobblers Hall which runs alongside Burnhill way (DCC Plan Reference Number H33 – [7/NA/186]) as a site for housing development. Although this area may look an ideal site, there are two main factors that the Town Council are concerned about. The first is that the site was previously marked by Durham County Council and earlier by Sedgefield District Council as an area that was unstable and therefore completely unsuitable for building land. Secondly, the site is also of historical and biological interest. It has been suggested that this area has been untouched since Roman times, perhaps those in the past have known

more than those proposing its current designation as a development site. It's also a habitat for an extensive amount of wild flora and fauna. The Town Council Planning Committee are of the opinion that this area is of extreme biodiversity interest and should be preserved as an undeveloped piece of land. If you agree with the Council on this issue, please go on to the Durham County Plan web site and add your weight to the argument for preserving this site.

**Peter John Bergg**  
Chairman of the Planning Sub Committee  
Great Aycliffe Town Council

# Should've Gone To SpecSSSS-avers



When staff at a Newton Aycliffe pet shop tried to track down a missing baby corn snake, they definitely should've gone to Specsavers. That is because Sammy snake – who mysteriously escaped out of her tank at Julie's Pets and Reptiles – had sneaked into the nearby opticians. The whereabouts of the harmless reptile had been unknown, and with no sightings from the public the pet shop feared she had taken up home in a plant pot outside. But an eagle-eyed cleaner from Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe discovered Sammy was alive and well and had slithered more than 1,000ft along Newton Aycliffe high street to visit the opticians. Judith says: "I could not believe my eyes – I initially thought I was looking at a shoelace curled up on the windowsill. But when I got closer I realised

it was actually a little snake. I couldn't believe it! I called Julie's Pets and Reptiles, who quickly came to the store to investigate and when they arrived they realised it was Sammy the missing snake. She is only 20cm long and no thicker than a pencil so it's no wonder she managed to hide, but the pet shop have assured me she is now safely back in her tank with added security." Jeremy Moss, store manager at Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe says: "We've always said our door is always open to everyone in the town but we never imagined for a second that a little snake would take us up on the offer! She made quite a journey to get here, travelling from more than five shops away. We're delighted to have helped find her and return her home. She definitely charmed us all in the end."

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**NESTS** - check old compost bags/heaps before use of garden fork or removing bag.  
**DOGS** - be careful each evening if you have a dog when you know hogs pass through your garden. If your dog picks up a hog, try to get it checked out by a vet.  
**ROADS** - be vigilant whilst driving.

**DRAINS/HOLES** - make sure they are covered. Hedgehogs may become trapped and unable to climb out. They may injure themselves in the process and if not rescued die a slow and painful death  
**WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A SICK/INJURED HOG**

Injuries - take to a vet asap  
Hogs out during the day may need help (sitting in one place for a lengthy period, wobbling but not when collecting nesting materials).

**WHAT TO FEED A HEDGEHOG**

Shallow bowl of fresh water  
Dry cat biscuits and meat  
DO NOT give milk as hogs are lactose intolerant  
ONLY GIVE a few dried mealworms mixed in with food (a whole diet of mealworms causes calcium deficiency)  
At the moment we have lots of orphaned hoglets in our care so life is very busy. Watch out for our next blog in Newton News!  
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**Oak Leaf Sports Complex**

# ATHENA DANCE DIVISION

Newton Aycliffe club, Athena Sports Academy has recently launched a full-time, dedicated, DANCE division to the club.

Based in their facility at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, classes include: Commercial, Contemporary, Technique & Turns, Stretch and 'Twinkle Toes Toddlers'. The Dance programme provides quality, consistent and professional dance instruction, with world-wide experience, recognised qualifications and a well-known reputation for success. This exciting new venture offers further opportunity to young people, from ages 18 months onwards, in addition to the clubs popular Gymnastics and Cheerleading programmes. With over 300 members, Athena already has an outstanding reputation for its commitment to growth and progression, establishing itself as a professional and trustworthy club.

Using the club principles of inclusion, acceptance and fairness, the new Dance classes will be aimed specifically at those wanting to learn, progress, succeed and enjoy themselves in a positive environment! Dance teacher Emily



Halford of Athena and Nemesis Allstars has also recently achieved success, winning the senior lyrical/contemporary solo and division championship at the ICC Summer Jam National

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# SWIMMERS RAISE £1800



Following their sponsored swim in June which raised a total of £1,800 the swimmers at SD75SC were proud to present two cheques to 2 charities (in addition to their own club) who they supported with their swim.

John Moore Chief Coach completed 2000m in the hour raising £220 but has agreed to up his training as he was overtaken in the number of lengths he did by some of the youngest swimmers in the club. Swimmers completed miles of lengths in their hour in the pool and worked tremendously hard to raise the sponsorship money to support this. Some relatives unaware of just how talented the children were made the mistake of sponsoring them per length, a costly £94 x 3 relatives in one case - well done Tom Robinson and family! The most lengths

swum was by Katelyn Craig who managed a massive 186 lengths, 12 lengths short of 3 miles.

£1,200 was split equally and donated to Cancer Research UK and to St. Teresa's Hospice.

Representatives from both charities who came to the leisure centre on Monday evening expressed just how grateful the charities were

for the money raised and how it would be used to benefit the local area in both cases. Both Charities spoke to the swimmers about the work that their organisations did and explained why it was so important for money to be raised to support them. Everyone at the club is incredibly proud of the hard work of the swimmers and organisers of this event.

## Low-cost Laptops & PCs Offered to Charities

Registered charities in County Durham are being offered low-cost laptops and PCs as part of a council-run recycling scheme.

The Digital Durham Reboot initiative sees IT equipment owned by Durham County Council refurbished and made available to registered charities

in the area.

As well as helping charities operate more efficiently, the scheme aims to support them in their work to help people get online and improve their skills. The is run by the council in association with Protech City, which securely removes all council data and licences before

# BROTHERS RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

Newton Aycliffe brothers, Jake and Isaac Mendelsohn, are doing some sponsored events in September to raise money for both Alzheimer's and Brain Tumour Research. On 8 September Jake, age 15, will take part in the Great North Run 5K and Isaac, age 10, will take part in the Great North Run Junior 4K in Newcastle.

Later in September they are planning to do a sponsored swim at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, hoping to

complete a mile (66 lengths) in an hour. Both charities are close to their hearts as their grandfather has Alzheimer's and family friend Anna Swabey had a terminal brain tumour.

The boys are trying to raise as much money as they can for these two charities and are looking for companies and individuals to sponsor them. If you would like to help them please contact them at amendelsohn@gmx.co.uk or 07971 577572.



# Sign up Quick for Muddy Mayhem



Places are filling up fast for the North East's most exhilarating obstacle course, but don't worry there's still time secure your spot.

Muddy Mayhem, organised by Durham County Council, is back for its seventh year on Sunday 30 September. Playing host to the thrilling obstacle course is once again Hardwick Park, Sedgefield.

The 5km circuit features elements of horse trials, motocross, rock climbing, military obstacle courses and adventure playgrounds and incorporates over 40 man-made and natural obstacles. There is also an option to go around the course twice and complete a 10km run.

Dawn Watson and her friends have taken part in the event for the past three years and can't wait to complete it again in September. She said: "We booked up pretty much straight after last year's event in October."

"We simply love doing it as a team. Dressing up and being able to run through fire! I mean how often can you dress as a Minion and run over hot fire!"

Muddy Mayhem started in 2012 as a 2.5km course, but has since grown into a unique, challenging and fun event that leaves competitors breathing

hard and smiling harder. In 2017 hundreds of people turned up at the park to battle the icy waters and imposing tunnels and this year it's expected there will be even more.

CLr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure, and rural affairs, said: "Muddy Mayhem is always a popular event and it's great to hear about people taking part year after year."

"The course has grown substantially over the past seven years and promises to be both testing and fun, making it a great day out."

"Places are filling up fast, with some waves already sold out so I'd recommend anyone thinking about taking part to sign up quickly."

The event, which is for those aged 16 and over, is scheduled to begin at 10am with the runners setting off in waves every twenty minutes until 2pm.

Registration for the 5k course costs £43 and the 10k course costs £48.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem](http://www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem) or e-mail [muddymayhemquiries@durham.gov.uk](mailto:muddymayhemquiries@durham.gov.uk)

*Photo of Dawn Watson and friends completing Muddy Mayhem. Photo Geoff Hill*



fully testing the equipment and installing Windows 10 and Microsoft Office software. Durham Community Association is one of a number of charities that have already purchased equipment through the scheme.

David Lindley, the association's centre manager, said: "We host and run a range of events, clubs and groups that support the local community. By providing access to low cost, reliable equipment, this scheme is helping the association to run more effectively than we could with our old outdated computer."

"It is now so much easier to manage our administration and accounts, and to complete anything over the internet. I'd definitely encourage other County Durham charities to see how they could benefit."

In order to be eligible to purchase items, charities must use the equipment to help residents get online by providing free internet access or prove how it will be used to improve residents' skillsets. It may also be used to enable the charity to work more efficiently.

CLr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, said: "Access to a computer can help charities to operate more efficiently, while for members of the communities they serve it offers the opportunity to learn valuable new digital skills, search and apply for jobs, access a variety of public services and simply stay in touch with others."

"I am delighted we're able to play our part in such a worthwhile scheme, which not only benefits charities but also the residents they support." For more information about the scheme visit [www.digitaldurham.org](http://www.digitaldurham.org)

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6-7.30pm Sports Round UP Darren & Lee

7th Aug - Sharon Darter & Lewis Wood - Lifestyle Fitness

14th Aug - No show tonight due to holidays

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

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

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9-12noon Amy in the Morning Amy Harrison  
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6-8pm Tech-House Mix PVR Studios  
8-10pm **Guest Presenter Session**  
3rd Aug **Nathan Abbott** - 90s Classix  
10th Aug **Andy Little** (from Central FM Spain) - 80s  
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

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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

12-2pm Sports Round Up (R) Darren & Lee  
4-6pm Folk/Celtic/Rock Show Steve & Col  
6-7pm Church Service Xcel Centre  
7-8pm Owen's Politics Show Owen Dickinson

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## Charity Begins at Home

Dear Sir,  
Having read the two editions of Newton News which were in my mailbox when I returned from holiday, hoping to see that my recent letter to the press had been printed, I was initially disappointed to see it had not, but then realised I had them in reverse order, and found that it had been printed after all 'many thanks'.

However, reading them in that order, afforded me of Alastair P G Welsh's opinion of J D Clare's article in the previous issue, and one word in particular, stood out (more on that soon); what I got from both articles was that a major point is being overlooked; It does not matter much what you or I or Putin thinks of Donald Trump, he only has to do a couple of good things before his term ends, and he will be remembered forever as the great 'Mr. America'. Let's face it, he does not need the wages or the pension, and the political people around him are teaching him how to lie (though it will take a while before he is as good as 'any', of our lot); Donald Trump, puts America first! And that is my reason for this letter, what Mr. Clare does with his own time is very much up to him, and as long as no wages or expenses have been claimed, there is no harm done.

I suggest that all people, including Councillors, take a leaf from Mr. Trump and put their own job in their own town first, instead of thinking you can run America or Britain better than those who are doing it, do your own job to the full, and try to do it better than anybody else can! Councillors especially! You can stop looking for stock reasons why things don't get done 'The manky pavements, the litter and fly-tipping for starters'. The main cry is lack of funds, but there are a great many brand new vans running around with DCC, Livin or GATC livery, and often carrying two people where one would do!

And the stand out word?

Trolling!

It's a word much used by Mr. Clare, if you write anything he does not like, he will use it against you, it means you are an "ugly cave dwelling dwarf", who tries to incite trouble.

Neil McKee.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## "DIVISION & HATRED"

Dears Sir,  
**Cllr. J.D. Clare's  
Welcome to Refugees**

In last week's Newton News I challenged Cllr. Clare's stated reasons for attending the anti-Trump rally, and in particular, his carrying a banner saying "Refugees welcome here". In the intervening week, two items have hit the National News:

1. The Terrorist (Refugee) who bombed the Manchester Arena had been saved by the Royal Navy, transported to Malta and was subsequently granted entry to Britain on Refugee status! If Britain had taken Donald Trump's lead and temporarily banned entry of Muslim Refugees until we could gauge if they posed a threat, then the Manchester Arena bombing could possibly have been avoided!  
2. A member of the Labour Party's executive believes that Jews in the Labour Party are Trump supporters. I assume this means that Labour Party Jews should expect abuse and death threats since their views on Trump differ from good socialists like Cllr. Clare who went and demonstrated against Trump's visit.

Cllr. Clare, your attendance at the Anti-Trump demonstration was therefore wrong on two counts. Further, it has left your behaviour open to two interpretations: either, you are naïve and don't

appreciate the REAL threat to British Society posed by suicidal 'Refugee' terrorists and the anti-Semitic and anti-American 'Momentum' faction of the Labour Party, or you are in fact a supporter of 'Momentum' and were publicly demonstrating your support for their anti-Trump (and anti-Semitic) stance. Perhaps you believe that our 'tolerant and welcoming community' should put up with murder and mayhem as being a small price to pay for the self-gratification you clearly got from getting your picture published with your banner welcoming Refugees! As I said in my previously published letter, our community is not tolerant! The local Labour Party has members / supporters who are in denial about the abuse and threats being meted out to Labour Party MPs who just happen to be Jewish. I was called 'Scum' by one such and have been called 'Racist' by others, for attempting to question why the Labour Party has turned on its Jewish community. My experience of, 'so called' Socialists in Great Aycliffe is one of division and hatred. I just wish Cllr. Clare would publicly declare where he stands on this, instead of demonstrating for ambiguous reasons.  
Yours sincerely,  
Alastair P G Welsh

## Protecting British Values

Dear Sir,  
When I marched against Trump, I emphasised that I was protesting his "Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, nationalism, trade wars, militarism and environmental carelessness".

Two people challenged me in last week's Newton News.

**ALASTAIR PG WELSH**  
Mr Welsh, astonishingly, gave it "his best shot" to DEFEND the evils I identified!

• He praised Trump's nationalism, trade wars, militarism and environmental carelessness.

• He admitted to personal misgivings about gay pride.

• He claimed that the foul way Mr Trump treats and speaks about women is a matter for Mrs Trump only.

• He tried to justify Trump's Islamophobia on the grounds of terrorism. Given that one manifestation of Islamophobia is lumping all Muslims together as potential terrorists, Mr Welsh's justification of Trump was itself arguably Islamophobic.

• His worst comments were reserved for refugees who, I remind readers, are the few people admitted into Britain – absolutely legally – because they are fleeing circumstances of unimaginable horror. Mr Welsh gave half his letter to challenging my assertion that they should be made welcome, blurring their difference to asylum seekers and economic migrants ... and twice throwing in the word "illegal" for maximum hostility.

To be honest, these were horrific responses.

**PETER HARDY**

By contrast, Mr Hardy asked whether I was consistent in opposing these evils. I thank him for giving me the opportunity to say that yes I am – though I would be the first to admit that parading the streets with a placard is much easier than opposing them in one's place of work, or to family and friends.

I would however suggest to Mr Hardy that – if we want to keep our tolerant, welcoming and supportive community – opposing these evil views is not just about denouncing them in foreign countries. Nowadays, not only are we seeing such prejudices openly proclaimed in our own country, but I am headlined as a 'rabble rouser' in the local newspaper for saying that they are wrong!

**NOT RABBLE ROUSING**

Blaming civil rights advocates for 'reaping up trouble' is an old and discredited tactic. It is not extreme or unreasonable for me to make a stand for our traditional British values of compassion and tolerance, and the experience of history is that we need to oppose bigotry and hate. Indeed, on 26 July, no less a body than Amnesty International launched #Trumpwatch, noting (as I have done) his "worst human rights abuses to date".

I am just one of very many people resisting the advance of prejudice.  
John D Clare

## School Aycliffe News

Our first Ladies Evening (Pamper, Pizza and Prosecco) which included a licensed bar was held on Friday, 13th July at our community hall.

The evening was attended by 35 ladies, who consumed lots of pizzas, prosecco and various other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. 2 speakers attended, Simon Holloway - Recreation Manager, Redworth Hall who very kindly supplied us with personalised discount vouchers towards membership and treatments.

Sam Lavery - Yoga Teacher shared breathing techniques with us, which included audience participation. Laura from Flamingo Cards and Maxine from Junk Drawer Crafts had stalls displaying an array of goods and we also had a chocolate tombola stall. Raffle prizes were donated

by Hallgarth Hall Hotel, chocolate from Kacao Chocolaterie, Bodyshop - Kirsty Cain, Marks and Spencer Jewellery, signed First Edition - Nigella Lawson cookery book, and various other items donated. Games and prizes awarded throughout the evening. A pamper bag was handed out at the end of the evening which contained coupons for various discounts, smellies and of course a chocolate truffle! This event raised £300 towards the essential upkeep of our hall.

A massive thank you to all those that attended, purchased raffle tickets, donated prizes and helped with setting up the hall.

To keep up to date with our future and weekly events held please visit our Facebook page School Aycliffe Community News or contact Tony Robinson on 07807 134942

## CHECK YOUR DETAILS

Households in County Durham are being asked to check if the voter information for their home is correct.

As part of Durham County Council's annual canvass, households will soon receive a letter asking them to confirm the information currently held on the electoral register.

David Collingwood, Durham County Council's electoral services manager, said: "It is important to respond to the request for information, even if there has been no change to the details, as otherwise people may be lost from the register and be unable to vote in future local and national elections."

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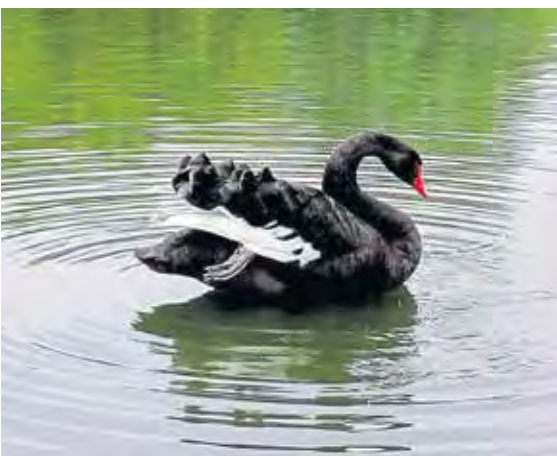
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Dave Catleugh sent this photo of a new visitor to the Boating Lake. Send your photos to syd@newtonnews.co.uk

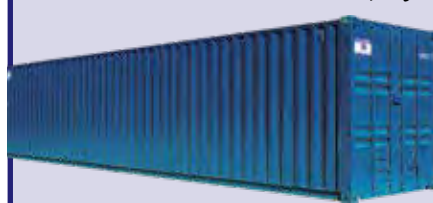
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# Diving to Free Sessions ROF59: Celebration of Aycliffe's History

By Fraser Ward



Funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) has been used to help Sedgfield Waterpolo Club offer free sessions to potential new members. The club opened its doors to members of the public aged between 7 and 14 years offering 8 weeks of free sessions, giving the opportunity to try the sport they are so passionate about. Funding secured through Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County Councillors Eddy Adam, Kate Hopper and John Clare, was used to secure facility hire and the purchase of equipment. The sessions have been a great success with over 30 individuals attending the sessions. The club were pleased to see a great mix of

males and females of all ages taking part. Paul Taylor, Parent Liaison Officer at Sedgfield Waterpolo Club said, "All the children have really enjoyed the sessions and when I speak to the parents the feedback I get is very positive, how good the children are doing in such a short time, helping them with swimming, team building and polo techniques. It has been fantastic to see such a strong female presence as the club often struggles to form a girls' team to enter competitions." The club hope to offer the sessions again in the future, but in the meantime are excited to welcome the new members in to their 'home'. If you would like more information on the club and its activities please contact: sedgfieldwp@hotmail.com

Tucked away on Aycliffe Business Park, the ROF59 Activity Centre hosts a wide selection of attractions for the whole family to enjoy. Whilst the company moves on swiftly with the times, they are continuously adding fresh ideas and content to enjoy, and the history surrounding the business's origins is still upheld and honoured. The history of ROF59 premises at Aycliffe dates back to the second world war, where over 17,000 people were employed to produce bullets, shells and mines for our soldiers on the battlefield in the early 1940's. The employees mainly consisted of local women, who eventually earned the title of the "Aycliffe Angels", when a traitor who worked for the Nazis, William Joyce, (Lord Haw Haw) claimed in radio broadcast: "The little angels of Aycliffe won't get away with it", signifying the importance of their efforts. The name of one of the factories was the Royal Ordnance Factory 59. The 867-acre group buildings was where all of the behind the scenes action took place, and was the birthplace of the Aycliffe Angels. Almost 80 years later and the same building many people enjoy today is under ownership of John Finley, whose grandmother Olive, Mother Dorothy, and Aunts Winnie and Terese worked in the factory during the war. The centre now hosts many interactions for both kids and grown-ups to seize, forming a lively enjoyable atmosphere. This surpasses Finley's intentions, who has succeeded in creating an environment of fun and excitement. Constantly bringing new ideas, ROF59 now hosts an extensive selection of content for customers since its opening in 12th August 2015. ROF59 It started with an enjoyable a trampoline bounce park and adventure walls, now with the introduction of additional activities you can now kids can enjoy trampolining, adventure walls, basketball court and dodgeball activities, with numerous sessions appealing to toddlers to adolescence and a perfect location for birthday parties and special outings. Recent facilities include a 360degree Virtual Reality Tent Suite, and outdoor Laser Quest Combat, outdoor play area, 19m drop zone and the newest activity being a 200m zip wire reaching speeds of 26 miles per hour. ROF59 also has a café, ice-cream parlour, bar, beer garden and function rooms, where parents can do as they please whilst the kids enjoy their fun. A newly furnished restaurant "The Blitz" restaurant also offers customers the chance to dine in a relaxed, spacious setting with a very popular menu and fresh food from light bites to main courses. In December 2017 John invested over £300,000 on a state of the art climbing and bouldering centre, where Teenagers are attracted to wall rock climbing with no prior experience required. Professional instructors offer detailed safety briefings and assistance throughout the sessions. All ages and abilities can be tested with this activity, with smaller walls designed for younger audiences to hone their skill. More difficult walls exist to test even the most daring of professional climbers. The ROF59 Centre is a local gem with so much more to offer, perfect for birthday parties and special outings. The selection of activities available on our doorstep



can appeal to all ages and interests. Whilst catering to a newer and expanding audience, the history that lies within the walls of the building is still celebrated and remembered gracefully, honouring the Aycliffe Angels who contributed so much to the war effort. For more information please visit the website - <http://rof59.co.uk>

## Film Show

### "REX"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 7th August features the drama "REX" Based on the true life story of young marine corporal Megan Leavey. While cleaning dog kennels as a punishment she meets Rex, an aggressive alsation. They bond and become a team, saving many lives.

It isn't just a war film though; mainly it's about two misfits, a dog and a woman, who learn love and loyalty from each other.

The film has a "12" cert, contains some bad language, moderate violence and sex reference.

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. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

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**THREE-LEGGED DOG IN NEED OF A LOVING NEW HOME**  
*Dogs Trust Darlington rehoming appeal*

Dogs Trust Darlington's Bobby is a very handsome three-year-old Collie who needed to have his rear right leg amputated in 2016 due to having a long standing fracture. Having three legs doesn't hold him back at all however and he has a real lust for life. Bobby would love a new home that already has a confident dog living there.

Three-legged dogs can do all the things that their four-legged friends can and enjoy life just the same. Bobby would love a new home that already has a confident dog living there and potential owners would need to take into consideration a few things to ensure Bobby stays healthy, for example:

- Maintaining a healthy diet and weight as Bobby only has three legs to distribute his bodyweight on
  - Short and frequent exercise to keep him physically fit
  - Raise water and feeding bowls so that it is easier for him to reach
  - Cover any slippery surfaces in the home with a rug
- Sue Embleton, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Darlington, said: "Bobby may be shy and take a little longer to get to know people, but once he does he'll make a great friend. He's a beautiful dog and full of life and is happiest when he's around other dogs, hence needing to live with an existing confident dog in his new home.

"Bobby can live with children aged 16 and over and is looking for a patient family that will allow him the time he needs to settle into their home."

Bobby is just one of many dogs currently looking for a home at the centre; with an amazing selection of shapes, sizes, ages and breeds looking for a wide variety of loving new homes. For more information on Bobby or any of the other lovely dogs at Dogs Trust Darlington please contact the centre on 01325 333114, visit the website [www.dogstrust.org.uk/our-centres/darlington](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/our-centres/darlington)





# Hitachi Test Train Arrives in UK Playing by the Book

The first test train for TransPennine Express's futuristic Nova 1 fleet arrived in the UK earlier last month. 19 new five carriage trains harnessing Japanese bullet train technology are due to enter service in 2019. TransPennine Express is introducing three fleets of new trains. Together, these will provide 13 million more seats per year.

The first of TransPennine Express's new Nova 1 trains completed its two month journey from Japan today, arriving at the Port of Southampton. The train's journey included crossing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, as well as passing through the Panama Canal.

People will be able to catch their first glimpse of the train this summer when it begins testing in the North. The modern Japanese bullet train inspired fleet is being built by Hitachi and financed by Angel Trains.

From 2019 this fleet will connect major cities in the North of England and Scotland, running from Manchester and Liverpool, across the Pennines to cities such as Leeds, York, Newcastle and Edinburgh. The trains will provide 161 additional seats compared to the existing ones on the busy intercity route. Customers will benefit from spacious carriages, providing extra legroom and additional luggage space and the



experience on-board will be completely transformed.

Each new train will offer fast, free Wi-Fi in both Standard and First Class as well as complimentary on-board entertainment system, Exstream, allowing customers to stream the latest movies and TV shows during their journey.

British businesses will be chosen to supply train parts. The investment in these new trains is supporting thousands of jobs across the UK through Hitachi's decision to choose over 30 UK firms to supply key components. Businesses chosen include Lucchini Unipart Rail (LUR), whose Manchester factory will build wheel sets for the trains. The fleet will also support

long-term jobs at depots along the route, including Hitachi's newly built £80million depot in Doncaster.

Hitachi is using its famous Japanese-bullet train technology to make the new Nova 1 fleet light and aerodynamic. The 19 trains will all be hybrid, meaning they can switch seamlessly mid-journey between electric and diesel power. The trains, will be able to run in either five or ten carriage formation, capable of speeds of up to 140 mph in electric mode and 125 mph using diesel engines.

By using modern MTU engines from Rolls-Royce, the trains will cut harmful emissions under diesel power by up to 90%. Berry Sas, Projects Director

for Hitachi Rail Europe said: "This is another important milestone as we deliver pioneering new trains for millions of passengers in the North and Scotland.

We will begin our rigorous test programme in the coming weeks, which I'm sure will excite passengers and enthusiasts along the route." Director at Port of Southampton Alastair Welch said:

"We are delighted to welcome these five carriages into the Port of Southampton. While more familiar with the imports and exports of automotive and bulk we were pleased to assist these high speed locomotives with the next stage in their journey."

A local school has come up with a novel way to promote reading over the summer. Students at Woodham Academy have been invited to join a Reading Club, which will grant them the opportunity to win a Kindle electronic reading book, books and book vouchers, if they agree to keep a reading log over the six-week break. The school – whose reading efforts were singled-out for praise by Ofsted recently – is keen to endorse reading as a life-time activity, rather than just something which is done during school time. To do this they have installed a reading area, a library and employed specialist staff; diligent readers can also find themselves in receipt of one of the school's annual reading awards, or can take part in their annual Book Exchange.

According to statistics from the Department for Education, one in five children in England cannot read effectively by the age of 11; and 16 - 24 year-olds have lower levels of literacy than almost anywhere else in the developed world. This is not surprising, perhaps, given that only 26% of 10 year olds in Britain profess to 'like' reading, and only 37% of children in England read for pleasure on a daily basis. Woodham Academy



is seeking re-address this imbalance by rewarding those who continue to read for pleasure after their transition to secondary school, and by highlighting the importance of reading in achieving good exam grades and in being able to go on to the college, or the job, of their choice. The school's first priority will be to ensure its pupils sustain their reading levels over the long summer break, rather than regress by the three months the government estimates, if

they do not continue to read regularly.

Upon returning to school in the Autumn, Reading Club members will continue to have their reading progress monitored and will be granted privileged access to the Reading Rooms during breaks and some evenings, to ensure they keep up their good habits. In addition, a number of older students have agreed to act as Reading Ambassadors – to ensure the readers have everything they need to succeed.

## 3M Volunteers Seek Community Tasks

This year's 3M Global Volunteer Day takes place on Monday 17 September 2018. We're looking for charities or organisations who require a team of volunteers to come and assist for the day. This could be a STEM related project in a local school; 'hands-on' activity such as gardening, painting or maintenance at a charitable organisation or even a local environmental group. Depending on group sizes required we could maybe require two or three tasks for the day.

Over the past couple of months 3M volunteers have supplied 50 volunteers, totalling over 290 hours, to the local community. Charities that have benefited from their generous time giving are: Newton Aycliffe Foodbank, Shildon Alive and Aycliffe Village Primary School. Each and every volunteer has got involved, been energetic and thoroughly engaged with all tasks that have been given to them. This is your opportunity to utilise this service.

Please contact Stacy Porter, Durham University Staff Volunteering, community.engagement@durham.ac.uk, if you have any questions or would like to suggest a couple of tasks. Although we would be looking for tasks for the 17th September any suggestions for future dates would be greatly appreciated.



## VANE ROAD CRICKET CHAMPIONS



On Monday, Vane Road took three teams of pupils to Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club to participate in a cricket competition. All three teams performed incredibly well, however credit must go

to Team B, who remained undefeated to claim first place and the gold medals. Well done to all of those involved, as they displayed great skill, team work, sportsmanship and humility at all times.

## BATTING FOR SUCCESS

Darlington Table Tennis Academy, which was set up in 2013, has received a grant of £2,500 from Darlington Building Society as part of its 5% pledge, which will fund a coach to train the association's volunteers and participants.

The Academy, which has 88 members between the ages of eight and 85, holds ten sessions a week, as well as offering coaching in schools. The Society has also donated a number of practice targets featuring its mascot, Darly the train, to help younger players learn the basics of the sport. Membership manager Jason Crowther said: "The support we've received from Darlington Building Society is invaluable.

"The funding has allowed us to bring in an experienced instructor to work with our volunteer coaches and help them become more confident in developing our players.

"As a result, the standard of coaching will improve, delivering a consistent approach across all sessions at the Academy. And as our players start to win awards, the boost to our profile will help to attract even more members.

"The Darly training targets are a fun way to support the beginners' group, as they help with hand-eye co-ordination and mastering the stroke technique. They are also really eye-catching when we take them to our fundraising events, such as the recent Festival of Ingenuity, which will help us attract new members."

The funding was facilitated through County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF), which manages some

of the Society's charitable donations.

Joshua Palin, brand and customer insight officer at Darlington Building Society, said: "We work closely with CDCF to support projects in Darlington and County Durham as its values align so closely with our ethos, and they put us in touch with the table tennis association. "One of our core values is to share with the local community, which we achieve

through our pledge to donate 5% of our profits back to the local area.

"We are delighted to be able to support the association - the group does a great job in the town, bringing players of all ages together and creating a real sense of community."

For more information about Darlington Table Tennis Academy, or to get involved, find them on Facebook at 'Darlington Table Tennis Academy'.



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# Successful First Aycliffe Radio Music Festival

The first Aycliffe Radio live Music Festival took place on Saturday 28th July in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

Over 3,500 local residents attended during the course of the day to watch, dance and enjoy the acts, who all gave their time free to entertain.

The event was put together as part of the Aycliffe Festival Fortnight partly funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council and the Town Centre Management.

Aycliffe Radio organised and ran the event with superb efficiency. "Considering this was the first time presenting an event of this nature, we expected a few hiccups, but the day was absolutely fantastic" said Paul Howarth, Aycliffe Radio station manager. "We knew that our biggest issue on the day would be the weather, luckily it stayed fine most of the day, but even when it did start to rain in the evening,



there was a hearty group of locals who still enjoyed the entertainment".

Children's entertainer Professor Nincompoop gave three performances on the afternoon, each to a packed audience.

Those in attendance had the chances of winning prizes donated by some of the shops in the town centre including vouchers, food, spectacles, Amazon Echo Dot and 4 x £30 vouchers for the children's competition.

"The Aycliffe Radio team worked hard to bring this event to the people of Newton Aycliffe and I would like to thank all the team, the Town Council, Aycliffe Town Centre Management, the shopkeepers and most of all the artists who entertained us. Thank you to all the residents who turned out to support the event and we hope to see you again next year" said Paul.

Visit: [www.ayclifferradio.co.uk](http://www.ayclifferradio.co.uk) to view more photos from the day.





## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

This weeks racing began in the city of Durham for the Annual races around this historic centre. This event covered two distances, 5k and 10k and we had representatives in both races. The was a slight change to the route this year which retained its hilly profile. The 5k was completed by Richard Holland in 20.48 and Steph Johnson in 38.57. The 10k was completed by Mark Bainbridge in 46.22, Andrew Lumley 49.25, Trish Kay 51.41, Richard Tonge 59.27 and Kathleen Tonge 1.00.36. On the same evening but over on the coast at Marske, three of our members competed in the Summer Coast 5k. This is a popular race with local clubs and these often sell out quickly. John Surtees was first home for the club oin 17.26 followed by Tracey Surtees in 20.18 and Michelle Jane in 20.57. We then had two members compete the following evening in the Sedgfield Gerry Kearsley Handicap 10k.

Michelle Jane was first home for the club in 46.12 followed by Michelle Zamir in 48.31. On Friday night, one of our Second Claim members competed in the LGBT 5k on the Town Moor. This is a race arranged by the Newcastle FrontRunners and is becoming very popular. Michael completed this race in 22.39. On Saturday numerous members again participated in the local parkruns with several members attending new parkruns. There was one PB obtained this weekend by Ian Baronowski who ran the Sedgfield Parkrun in a time of 26.21. Finally to conclude the week of racing, Alan Wilks participated in the Cock Crow 5k race in Hebburn. Alan Wilks was the first 0/70 finished completing the race in a time of 22.21. Well done to all on another great week of racing with members representing the club in a good variety of races.

## Inspirational Learners Celebrated



Adult learners across the county have been honoured for their hard work and dedication at a celebration evening.

The Adult Learning and Skills Service Festival of Learning awards took place at Ramside Hall, with winners and highly commended learners, tutors and groups of learners receiving trophies and certificates.

### The winners were:

- Outstanding Apprentice: Ellie-Louise Bonser and Ellie Mitchell
- Volunteer of the Year: Yimale Skipp
- Learning in the Digital Age: Digital Community Champions
- Unsung Hero: Supporting Sisters/Aspire
- Cultural Learning: GeTInvolved TINArts
- Outstanding Family Learning: Carolann Brooks
- Inspirational Learner of the Year: Matthew Ferrier
- Inspirational Tutor of the Year: Amanda Rose
- Learning Project of the Year: Future Focus

The Festival of Learning is the biggest celebration of lifelong learning in England, which this year had the theme of #lovetolearn.

The special Festival of Learning award was won by Supporting Sisters, a diverse group of women from all walks of life who have come together to support those who attend Aspire, a women-

only centre delivering high-quality learning, support and wellbeing.

"These women have battled to conquer many of life's challenges and have had the courage to confront and overcome them," said Aspire's Janice Rokni, who nominated the group for the award.

"They have supported many women in times of need, providing a confidential listening service where they can offload any problems or concerns in a safe, non-judgemental environment." Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people, said: "This event was a great opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all of our learners, many of whom have overcome difficult circumstances to go back to learning."

"We know the Adult Learning and Skills Service has helped change thousands of lives for the better and these individuals should inspire others thinking about enrolling on one of our courses to take the next step and find out more."

Over 6,000 learners across County Durham have engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities delivered by the Adult Learning Service and its delivery partners. For more information visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/adultlearning>

## CLASSIC BUS RALLY

In association with Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society  
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Locomotion, Shildon, is delighted to be hosting a rally of classic buses on Sunday August 12, 2018 – organised in association with Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society.

Visitors to the museum will have the chance to view a range of classic buses, from Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Society's collection and from local owners. What's more, they'll have the chance to enjoy a 'mystery tour' around the local area on a classic bus.

Plus – for a small charge – visitors can enjoy a steam train ride behind No. 7063 Eustace Forth, Locomotion's operating locomotive for the summer season.

Locomotion is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Parking and admission are free of charge.

For more information, please call the museum team on 01904 685780.

## COATES EXTENDS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD



Max Coates has extended his championship lead in the Renault UK Clio Cup with a dominant second race win aboard his Harron Homes sponsored Pyro Motorsport car.

In testing Coates was solidly in the top three in the time sheets and was sitting top of the table midway through qualifying on Saturday. In his second run he produced two identical times, 2 minutes 6 seconds .276 which secured 4th for race one and pole position for race two.

Despite getting off the start line well the Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling sponsored driver couldn't make up any positions into turn one and slid off the road at turn 2 when he locked his front brakes. He re-joined in 17th place before storming back through to 11th at the finish. Fortunately for Coates his main title rivals also suffered similar issues and finished in 7th and 8th places. Thanks to the championships dropped score rule he actually was better off in terms of the championship fight.

In the second race Coates didn't make the best start and fell to second from pole position. After a brief safety car outing the Clements Limited driver reigned in early leader Dorlin before a brave move around the outside earned him the lead. The Bennett Renault car then extended the lead gap to 1.237 seconds at the flag and perhaps more importantly the championship lead to 22 points with the championships dropped score rule applied. Afterwards Coates said, "It's been an interesting day, race one wasn't ideal but with others also having lower finishing positions it didn't make the result too bad. Race two was awesome, the car felt great and the move to get the lead was fun. I've enjoyed the battles today, door handle to door handle action is what the Clio Cup is all about."

Rockingham (Northamptonshire) hosts the next round of the series on the 11th and 12th August. Coates scored a double pole and a lights to flag win there last year so will be hoping to replicate and extend his championship lead even further.

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# 5th PLACE IN FIRST RACE

School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn made a great start to competitive karting by finishing 5th at Rowrah kart circuit in Cumbria on Sunday. Scarlet was supported by her Mam Amanda (Multiple British single seater car racing Champion - formerly known as Amanda Whitaker), Grandad Ron Whitaker and mechanic Rob Storey. It was her first time to the circuit - and the first time the team had been there since Amanda raced there 30 years ago! The weather conditions throughout gradually worsened but it didn't faze Scarlet and she did an amazing job getting to grips with the circuit and the conditions. Competing in the Bambino class, which is decided on best lap times rather than wheel to wheel racing, she moved from 8th place in the heats to finish 5th place in the final.

"She really enjoyed herself and was keen to get back on the track" said Mam. "She was very smooth and once she got used to the wet track she made no mistakes and kept on



going faster! In every session Scarlet's fastest lap was on the last lap". They hope to compete again at

the next round in September. For more information on Scarlet's racing visit ScarletDunn.com

# Success at Glacier Games for CrossFit



Athletes from Newton Aycliffe gym CrossFit All Out were back on the competition field at the "Glacier Games" at Gateshead stadium last weekend, a bi-annual strength and fitness competition organised by CrossFit Glacier. The competition was for teams of 4, 2 male, 2 female and CrossFit All Out had a total of 4 teams and plenty of supporters attending on the day:

**TEAM 'ALL OUT OF IDEAS'** - Chris Knight, Rachel Burnip, Gemma Whittle and Colin Wooster. "We qualified 19th and finished 11th, managing a 2nd place in WOD 2. We all had a great day!"

**TEAM 'ALL THE WHEY'** - Carol Mohan, Bex Shaw, Matthew Taylor & Paul Hilder.

"We hoped to finish higher than our qualifying position but placed exactly the same, after having the best day amongst some tremendous competitors - even better to do it with so many teams from CrossFit All Out, all pushing and supporting each other throughout. Looking forward to the next lot of sweat, blood and tears!"

**TEAM 'RX7'** - Sophie Moffatt, Janet Roote, Allen McGee and Jonny Griffith. "We qualified at the bottom



of the scaled 1 division and ended up 22nd on the day, so moved a few places up, but we were all just pleased to have made the final after completing the 3 qualifying workouts! We had so much fun on the day and that was the aim, just to enjoy ourselves which we definitely did. We all came away with new goals, areas to work on and were really proud of ourselves and each other! Great support from the All Out crew and great support from our team mates." CrossFit All Out owner and Head Coach Terry Anderson said "it's great when

competitions like this are held locally and our athletes love getting involved and pushing themselves outside of their comfort zone. The support for each other is fantastic and as their Coach it is great to see them give it their all and do

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# ACORN FAMILY FUN DAY

Dear Editor, with our brilliant Fun Day on the green event fast approaching on 11th August I would like to thank various people and organisations who have helped us to be able to put on this fabulous free event. ACORN residents are supported by the Big Lottery Fund and are able to promote this event as a result of the generosity of lottery players across the nation.

Our fun day is located at Lightfoot Road Newton Aycliffe and runs from 10am till 2pm ish featuring inflatable slide, bouncy castle, roundabouts and entertainment free yes free of charge. Face painting is also available, and the inimitable Professor Nincompoop will be master of ceremonies with music and laughter the order of the day.

With Pet Mania and KL Ponies attending to make this one of our most exciting yet this is

going to be a fantastic day for all concerned.

ACORN is well known for the events and excursions which we have engaged in over the years and this year we are raising funds for a portable defibrillator to make our events and trips a safer more reassuring experience.

For the first time we shall be

running a raffle with prizes from local businesses as an attraction and must thank Gregg Little MOT and Servicing for their generous donation of a small service worth up to £100, Tesco for Donating a £10 voucher and Boyes for Donating a £5 voucher. We are also having a tombola stall with some magnificent prizes so come

along and have some fun while raising cash for a worthwhile cause. Any other organisation wishing to promote their work to the general public are welcome to attend but should contact us for details. Thanks to all for your generous donations and we hope you enjoy the day. Ken Robson, Chair of ACORN Tel 01325 321471

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# DARLINGTON BUSINESS EXPO 2018

Following the huge success of last year's event, which delivered the biggest and busiest show yet, DL Business Expo returns on 19th September 2018.

DL Business Expo provides a unique opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products and services and is a great networking opportunity for the local business community. Last year's DL Business Expo attracted over 60 exhibitors and over 400 attendees.

This year's event will once again be hosted and sponsored by The Northern Echo Arena in Darlington, a great local venue, based close to good commuter routes.

The event kicks off with The Big Breakfast, a networking event, 8.30am until 10.00am which is sponsored by Endeavour Partnership and The Shred Centre. You can start your day with an informal networking event and a buffet of bacon sandwiches, fruit and pastries. This provides a great way to get connected with fellow local businesses before the Expo begins. The exhibition then opens at 10am and will run through to 2.00pm featuring seminars throughout the day for visitors to attend.

To celebrate this year's event, we are entering everyone who signs up to exhibit or attend on the day into a free prize draw with the chance of one lucky winner winning a 14" Chromebook, subject to them attending on the day. If you are looking to get a new business idea up and running, or you are looking to expand your existing business, DL Business Expo is a must. This year's event is going to have more exhibition space available to businesses and is a networking opportunity you do not want to miss.

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Sharon Hutchinson, Managing Director and Chair of Darlington Business Club said: "This year we are stripping the event right

back to its core purpose of creating opportunities for local businesses to network and showcase their products and services. The Darlington Business Club team are committed to delivering real value to the local business community and the DL Business Expo is a key part of that plan. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors The Northern Echo Arena, Endeavour Partnership, The Shred Centre, Business Central and FSB as without their support we would be unable to host this fantastic event".

DL Business Expo 2018 is your opportunity to expand your business, identify opportunities, generate leads, gain inspiration, and get deals done! With up to 65 exhibitors and a sizeable number of key business connections to be made throughout the day, this is the event for your business. If you are a member of Darlington Business Club or a local business based

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW  
WALKING & CYCLING STRATEGY

Cyclists and walkers are being  
invited to have their say and  
help families' get in shape,  
stay healthy and travel cheaply.  
Durham County Council is  
developing a new ten year plan  
which, from November, will  
guide its efforts to reduce the  
region's reliance on cars and  
create confident cycling and  
walking communities.

Cllr Carl Marshall, the  
authority's Cabinet member  
for economic regeneration,  
said: "Getting more people to  
cycle and walk has benefits for  
everyone."

"By reducing car traffic,  
improving air quality, saving  
people money and encouraging  
healthier lifestyles County  
Durham can become healthier,  
happier, wealthier, and more  
vibrant."

Following work with a range  
of organisations the draft  
Strategic Cycling and Walking  
Delivery Plan 2018 - 2028  
sets out how the council  
wants to make pedal and  
foot powered travel part of  
Durham's culture, with them  
becoming safe, affordable and  
enjoyable modes of transport  
for everyone, whether they're  
travelling to school, work,  
shops or just out for fun.  
Some of the key ambitions for  
the strategy include that:



- Durham becomes widely  
recognised as a cycling and  
walking friendly county.
  - The county has high quality  
cycling and walking networks  
that are safe, accessible, well  
maintained, integrated, and  
well signposted.
  - More people, especially  
women, children and  
older people, are cycling  
and walking for everyday  
journeys.
  - The quality of people's lives,  
including their fitness, health  
and wellbeing, are improved.
- A consultation is now  
underway on the proposed  
plan - which can be viewed  
at [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation) - with comments

welcomed by Friday 7  
September.

To email your thoughts send  
a message to [pedalpower@durham.gov.uk](mailto:pedalpower@durham.gov.uk) with "Draft  
Strategic Cycling and Walking  
Delivery Plan" as the subject.  
Once all feedback has been  
received the views expressed  
will be taken into consideration  
and a final version of the plan  
will be presented to Cabinet in  
November 2018.

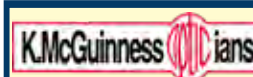
Licence  
Applications

## The Licensing Act 2003

Notice is hereby given that  
Heshanth Theivendrarajah  
has applied to the Durham  
County Council in respect  
of the premises known as  
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Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham,  
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following proposed licensable  
activities: The sale by retail of  
alcohol (off sales) 0600-23.00  
hours, Monday to Sunday  
inclusive. A record of this  
application may be inspected  
at the Council's Offices at  
Annand House, John Street  
North, Meadowfield, Durham  
DH7 8RS on weekdays  
between 9.30am and 4.00pm.  
Any representations about this  
application must be made in  
writing by the 22nd August  
2018 and sent to: Durham  
County Council, Licensing,  
PO Box 617, Durham, DH1  
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with more information, from one of our waiting areas or wards.

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## Police Forces Reveal Drink Drive Results



Cleveland and Durham police have revealed the results of their latest drink drive campaign.

One hundred and ninety three drivers were charged with drink and drug driving offences or failing to provide across Cleveland and Durham.

Mass screenings and stop checks were carried out at roadside checkpoints, both in the morning and evening, where drivers were asked to provide a voluntary breath test. 3,400 tests were administered in their most recent crackdown which ran from June 14 for a month.

Inspector Jonathan Malcolm of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "We made it absolutely clear to drivers that we would be stepping up our efforts and we warned people against the dangers of drink and drug

driving. Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of people who seem to think that they can take risks with their own lives as well as other peoples.

"A number of those caught were tested in the morning, when alcohol was still in their body. Even just one drink can affect your reactions as a driver, which is why the only safe amount is none at all.

"Those people identified through our campaign as drink or drug drivers will now face the consequences of their actions.

"Our mass screenings were well received by the public and most were happy to engage with us. We will continue to carry out these operations throughout the year to ensure that our roads are as safe as they possibly can be."

## Log on to Interactive Library for Kids

Children in County Durham are being encouraged to get lost in a good book over the summer holidays by logging on to an interactive online library service.

Fiction Express enables children to access a wide range of books on a home computer, tablet or mobile phone.

The site, which aims to motivate children to read for pleasure, also allows teachers to set summer reading challenges for pupils.

It is currently being rolled out to schools across County Durham by Durham Learning Resource, the school library service provided by Durham County Council.

CLlr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "I incredibly important that



comprehension quiz, with teachers able to view pupils' results.

Families are encouraged to contact their child's school to find out if it is signed up to the service.

Schools can find out more by calling Durham Learning Resources on 03000 263 781 or by emailing [dlr@durham.gov.uk](mailto:dlr@durham.gov.uk)

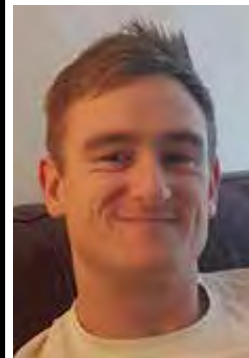
### Thank You

I WOULD like to thank Councillor Arun Chandran and all those involved who worked tirelessly to defeat the planned demolition of the West Ward. On behalf of myself and all those against Livin's Option 3 plans, we all thank you. Mr T Burdass

WE WOULD like to thank everybody in the area of Wilkinson/Bury Road on Saturday 28th July that came and helped when my dog "Barney" was attacked by another dog. Thank you to the couple that let us take refuge in their garden and to the lovely man who left flowers at my Mam's. Without all your help Barney wouldn't be here with us today. Love, Roberta, Reggie and Barney

### Congratulations

#### Andrew Bowtell



**Happy 30th Birthday**  
4th August 2018

Hope you have a fantastic birthday. Lots of love and best wishes, Mam, Dad and all the family xxxx

### Acknowledgement

#### STEWART THOMSON

Stewart's family would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral on 25th June. Stewart would have thoroughly enjoyed his day. Your kind donations to Myotonic Dystrophy amounted to £706.

### In Memoriam

#### Yvonne Robinson

Passed away  
8th August 2016.

Constantly thinking, Never to be the same. The tears fall quickly, Just hearing your name.

From Sister Marie, Raymond and family xxx

**BILL TALBOT** 4th August 2012. Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on. And cherished memories never fade, because a loved one is gone. We think about you every day and love and miss you lots. Val and all the family.

**BILL TALBOT** 4th August 2012. Dad and Grandad. I used to be your angel, but now you are mine. Six years since you left us, think of you every day. Love and miss you always. Deb, Sophie, Katie and Toby

## Residents Visit Vintage Tea Rooms



Residents enjoyed a visit to Gladys's Vintage Tea Rooms for afternoon tea and a stroll along the promenade at Seaton Carew. The afternoon tea was delicious . . . well worth a visit.

## POLICE TACKLE THEFT FROM VEHICLES



POLICE are reminding motorists an unlocked car is an unsafe car, as they launch a new vehicle security campaign across County Durham. The campaign will run from the 18th to the 21st July, and aims to reduce the number of incidents involving theft from motor vehicles by encouraging owners to keep their vehicles secure.

Figures show that in 17.6% of the county's most recent theft from motor vehicle incidents, the vehicles involved have been unlocked or otherwise insecure.

Sergeant Michael Sammut, of Spennymoor Neighbourhood Police Team, said: "Despite advancing technology making our cars more secure now than ever before, responsibility still lies with the owner to lock the doors and keep it secure.

"For example, if there are valuables left on display inside, or if the windows are left open, the vehicle becomes a prime target for opportunistic thieves."

During the campaign, officers will be targeting the areas most affected by the crime to engage with vehicle owners and provide advice and assistance.

**Key advice being offered includes:**  
**Never leave keys in the ignition.**

**Park in a busy, well-lit area. If you have a garage, use it. Close windows, sunroofs and doors.**

**Don't leave valuables on display. Store driving documents at home.**

Sgt Sammut said: "Although some of this advice might seem like common sense, our experience shows that in too many cases it simply isn't followed. This campaign is our reminder that if your vehicle isn't locked, it isn't safe."

To join in the conversation, or to offer your own vehicle security advice, you can use hashtag #NotLockedNotSafe.

# CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE

# 101

## IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

101 is now the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than 999

#### WHEN SHOULD I CALL 101?

To report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries, for example:

- if your car has been stolen;
- if your property has been damaged;
- when you suspect drug use or dealing;
- to report a minor traffic collision;
- to give information about crime in your area;
- or
- if you would like to speak to your local police officer

## Birthday Remembrance

#### CAROL REED

4th August

God called your name so gently that only you could hear. No one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near. Softly from the shadows, there came a gentle call. You closed your eyes and went to sleep. You quietly left us all. Always loved and missed. Roy, Steven, Lara, Stuite and families

## Obituary

#### Liam Richard Ryan

(MC Ryno)

Tragically on 25th July



Aged 26 years.

Much loved Son of Peter and Amanda and Step Son of Steve Vaughan; loving Brother of Lauren; much loved partner of Gemma and loving Dad of Riley and Harriet; also a loving Grandson, Uncle, Nephew and Cousin.

Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 8th August at 2.45pm or alternatively meet at Lightfoot Road at 2.30pm to walk Liam to the church.

The Service will be followed by a private cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

#### Stephen Gosnay



**Happy Birthday Dad**  
3rd August 2018

I hope you have a good day. Love from Holly-Pops xxxx

**STEPHEN GOSNAY** Happy Birthday Stephen from all the Press Gang.

**GASCOIGNE-ALLEN**, Vincent. (6th August 2018). Congratulations Vinnie on your 18th birthday. All our love, Grandma, Grandad, Uncle John, Auntie Tracy, Charlotte, Luke, Bradley and Tyler xxxx

#### Christian Lee Byrne

(peacefully in St. Teresa's Hospice) on 23rd July of Newton Aycliffe.

Christian Lee, aged 46 years. Much loved Dad of Charlie; beloved Son of Brenda and Eddie; loved Brother of Paul and Sean; loving Brother-in-Law of Tracy and a Dear Uncle. Would family and friends please meet in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 7th August for a Service at 11:30am, then afterwards for refreshments at the Cricket Club.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, may be given to the family or sent to: St. Teresa's Hospice, The Woodlands, 91 Woodland Road, Darlington. DL3 7UA



## CROSSFIT 50+ SESSIONS BRING MORE THAN JUST FITNESS

Maureen Richardson, age 69, was looking for some new activities to keep her fit and active after sadly losing her husband in October last year. "I have always been very active and when I had to care for my husband Tony, I was always on the go, up and down the stairs looking after him, hospital appointments, etc. When he passed I found myself gradually putting weight on and I pushed myself to get out there and do something about it. I found that CrossFit All Out were offering new sessions for ages 50+ in Newton Aycliffe and decided to give it a go. That was back in January and I now love my weekly session. It's definitely hard work, but you must push yourself and I love it. The Coaches have shown me exercises to do at home during the week between classes and I go out for regular walks with my daughter Julie too. I can feel myself getting fitter."

Coaches Dan Boulton who launched the classes with fellow CrossFit Coach Allen McGee, said "Maureen has gradually lost a healthy 8lb in bodyweight and after recent tests with her GP, is pleased to have had her blood pressure improved greatly, cholesterol levels reduced, as well as blood tests and water tests all clear. At this age there is so much more value than simply being fit – the health benefits as a whole are significant to leading a more able, fulfilling life and Maureen wholeheartedly values that. The group are all very positive and supportive of each other, it's great to see them working hard every

week." Maureen added "I do sometimes find it difficult to remember all of the movements, but the Coaches are lovely and other members are really helpful too. I'm at a stage in my life where I can make some time for myself and I really enjoy my weekly sessions at the gym. I'd recommend anyone looking for something different, to come along and have a go." To find out more about the weekly 50+ sessions or other services offered at CrossFit All Out, contact Vikki on 07788123321 or view the website at [www.crossfitallout.co.uk](http://www.crossfitallout.co.uk)



## Eventful Competition for Spectrum



Spectrum (North East) Roller Skating Club travelled to Cardiff to compete in a three day skating event at Cardiff House of Sport. The team of 13 skaters ranging from six years to adults competed with 20 clubs from around the country and came back with an amazing haul of medals. Our medal winners: in her first competition Iris Comerford gained bronze; Jazzmyn Loring, aged 8, brought back two golds for performances to "Lord of the Dance" and "Bop to the Top" and a silver in solo dance. Jazzmyn went on to reach Best of Standard Finals; Niamh Dawson achieved a bronze for her 2 minute free programme and duo Nicola Stevens and Joseph Kearney were placed 3rd gaining bronze. Coach Tracy Stevens commented, "I am so proud of the progress made by the whole club. We have such a fantastic team of people who help each other. Thank you to everyone who supports us and makes our dreams happen."

### Team Spectrum Results - Cardiff 2018

Jazzmyn Loring - Tots free 1st, Novice Dance 2nd, Tots Free Dance 1st, Duo Free 13th, Trio 10th.  
Kam Comerford - Tots Free 5th, Newcomer Dance 6th, Tots Free Dance 5th, Duo Free 13th, Trio 10th.

Ella Newson - Tots Free 7th, Newcomer Dance 4th, Tots Free Dance 9th.  
Iris Comerford - Tots Free 10th, Newcomer Dance 3rd, Tots Free Dance 8th.  
Mya McKimm - Tots Free 9th, Newcomer Dance 5th, Tots Free Dance 10th.  
Sophie Nelson - Newcomer Free 9th, Newcomer Dance 11th, Newcomer Free Dance 15th, Duo Free 9th, Trio 5th.  
Niamh Dawson - Novice Free 3rd, Novice Dance 5th, Duo Free 4th, Trio 5th.  
Lucy Richardson - Novice Free 7th, Novice Dance 10th, Duo Free 4th, Trio 10th.  
Aysha Toms - Novice Free 9th, Novice Dance 8th, Duo Free 9th, Trio 8th.  
Jo Loring - Novice Free 11th, Novice Dance 8th.  
Andrea Vasey - Masters Dance 12th, Trio 8th.  
Nicola Stevens - Novice Free 5th, Elementary Dance 7th, Duo Free 3rd, Trio 5th, Couples Dance 4th.  
Joseph Kearney - Novice Free 7th, Elementary Dance 6th, Duo Free 3rd, Trio 8th, Couples Dance 4th.

Spectrum had lots to celebrate as Saturday was skater Aysha Toms 13th Birthday. The club decorated the party bus with banners and balloons and later celebrated at Prezzo with a 'skating' cake.

The spotlight was then on one of our adult skaters Andrea Vasey who had a memorable Cardiff experience when Daniel Johnson skated on to the rink, got down on one knee and proposed during the competition. The room was in silence as our skaters entered the floor carrying a message for Andrea - WILL YOU MARRY ME? - who then said, "Yes!"

Our youngest skater, Liam Stevens-Bell carried on the ring and there was tears of happiness. We are now waiting for the happy couple to set a date for our first Spectrum Skating Club Wedding! All updates can be seen on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. For more information about Spectrum Roller Skating Club please contact Tracy Stevens - 07891 461958

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store got back to winning ways with an impressive six wicket victory away at Bedale 1st XI in the NYSD second division. The home side elected to bat first and were blown away by some superb bowling by both Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne & Bob Wood), who took a season's best 5 for 26 and Jack Slatcher, who also took a season's best 5 for 30, as the hosts were skittled for just 57 after 21.4 overs. In reply, opener Sam Telford blasted a typically robust 34 from 24 balls and Chris Palmer chipped in with 12 runs as Aycliffe romped to victory after only 9.3 overs. On Wednesday evening, the first team were well beaten by eight wickets in a disappointing display away at Barnard Castle 2nd XI in the quarter final of the NYSD 15/15 cup. Electing to bat first Aycliffe made a below par 113 for 8 in their allotted 15 overs thanks to good innings from Michael Howe

(29), Adam Gittins (25 not out) and 18 runs each from both Lewis Gimple and Luke Telford. In reply the home side's batsmen smashed the Aycliffe bowling around the park and easily reached their winning target after only 12.1 overs and with eight wickets in hand. The second team completed a seasonal double over Bedale seconds with an excellent five wicket home win in their NYSD fourth division clash. The visitors chose to bat first and scored a challenging 156 all out after 39.1 overs. James Brown was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking a career best 4 for 30 and he was supported well by Lewis Gimple (3 for 32) and Neil Bancroft (2 for 31). In reply Aycliffe batted really well and after Dan Weldon was dismissed for an aggressive 17, Lewis Gimple (54 not out) and Neil Bancroft (44 not out) safely guided Aycliffe home to victory after 32.3 overs.

Photo: first team bowler Michael Howe in action

## Karate Kids Summer Grading Success

Last Thursday, just before the schools broke up for summer, Zanshin-Kai Karates Red Dragons (5 – 9 years) had their second grading of the year & the Instructors were pleased with the spirit, enthusiasm and effort shown by all the young students, who went on to successfully gain their new belts. Congratulations to the following: 3rd Mon Brown belt – Erin Sutherland, 4th Mon Purple belt – Travis Alton, Maisie Cochrane 7th Mon Green belt – Izzy Lambert, Thomas Towler, Ella Myers & Max Holehouse Our Red Dragons class is suited for children aged 5 – 9 years, although a waiting list is currently in place the next beginner's induction class is scheduled to take place after the summer holidays. There is a separate class for juniors and adults on

Sundays 4.00pm – 6.00pm & beginners and returning students are always welcome. If you have always wanted to try karate, then we would like to invite you to come and give it a try, all newcomers get a four week Free Trial. Come down, keep fit and have fun alongside the rest of your family, everyone welcome from 5 years upwards. Thursdays: 6.00pm – 7.00pm Red Dragons (Cadets 5 - 9 years) Sunday: 4.00pm – 6.00pm Adults & juniors (10 years upwards) For more information on Zanshin-Kai Karate or Zanshin-Kai Red Dragons call into Woodham Community Centre or telephone an Instructor on 07917 203421 / 07746 204064 or email [zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:zanshin-kai-karate@hotmail.co.uk). Face book (zanshin kai karate newton aycliffe).



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