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Jilly Johnston brought the art of story-making to life leading a fun session where young people got the chance to create puppets, make a play and explore the wonder of words. The results were

amazing, a big well done to everyone! Our Autumn learning programme for adults and young people is now available. Why not come along and try something

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Saturday 18th	Upstairs Lounge - "Sam Naylor" Free 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 Concert Hall - "The Pretend Beatles" Tickets £3 - £5 otd
Sunday 26th	Pub in the Club - "Ian McDonald" + Howie's Disco/Karaoke Free Concert Hall - "Charity Night" £10 in aid of 'Kick it for Seonaid'
Bank Holiday Monday 27th	Concert Hall - 'Tony's Summer Soul Session' 2.00pm to 9.00pm £3

SPIRITS WANTED FOR ALCOHOLICS

Aycliffe Alcohol Recovery & Mutual Support group (AARMS) will be opening the doors of the Phoenix Club, Macmillan Road to extraordinary medium "John Pattison". John will also be joined by another guest medium.

The event takes place on Tuesday 21st August from 7pm. Tickets are priced at £5.00 each and are available from Love Thy Cupcake, The Phoenix Club, Aycliffe Framers and Val Fawcett on 07598 994054. Entry will also be available on the evening, simply turn up and pay admission on the door.

The event is to raise funds for the AARMS group who are dedicated in helping local alcoholics come to terms with their addiction, help them kick it or just be a friend to talk to.

Val Fawcett who runs the group also organises trips for the members which have included the National

Glass Centre, Whitby, indoor bowls and a trip to Bowes and Barnard Castle Christmas Market soon.

The group meet in a private room in Tesco for two hours a week. AARMS is a social group with members who can help with advice, referrals and can even perform an outreach programme.

If you would like to join the group in any capacity please contact Val Fawcett on 07598 994054

REME MEETING

REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 28th August 2018 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome. "Arte et Marte".

Volunteer Fundraisers Wanted for Marie Curie



BIG BRASS BASH

The re-scheduled Big Brass Bash event will take place on Sunday 2nd September in the Town Park, Newton Aycliffe, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, including fabulous bands from around the UK. Refreshments will be available on site, including Steam Machine, coffee, ice cream and street food. The Big Brass Bus will also be on site. Further details of the entertainment line-up will follow shortly.

I am writing to call on Newton Press readers to join the Newton Aycliffe Marie Curie Volunteer Fundraising Group, which is looking for new members. Group members can make an enormous difference by helping to raise awareness and the vital funds needed to provide the best possible care, advice and

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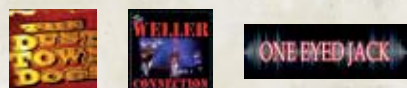
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Team 9 (Teamo NEMO) chose Butterwick Hospice as their chosen cause and spent the week looking for

donations for their raffle, collected money out side of Marks and Spencer's, distributed leaflets and helped doing dome gardening in Butterwick. They raised £567 which they used to buy things off Butterwicks wish list then donated the funds left over. I am extremely proud of how far they've come the past month.

NCS Team nine
Leader Genevieve Storey
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Callum Gibbon

Chloe Caygill
Kate Loverance
Rhys Mackinlay
Nathan Taylor
Alex Patterson
Darren Henderson
Butterwick would like to say a huge thank you for their help last week, it was very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to donate their time to helping the Butterwick please contact Milly Toner on 01388 603003 or email milly.toner@butterwick.org.uk

An appeal has been launched for any resident who has surplus wool in their knitting basket.

The appeal is for local volunteers to knit poppies to adorn the fencing outside St. Clare's Church for the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day on 11th November 2018. Obviously the "knitters" need the wool to be red and green in colour.

We would like to thank Boyes for their £10 donation towards the wool required. This will purchase approximately 5 balls of wool, however it is estimated that 60 balls of wool will be needed.

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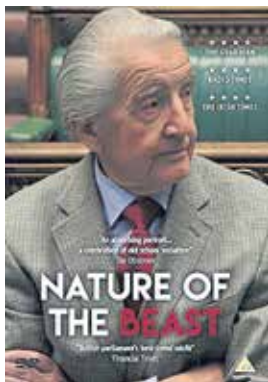
The Geography department at Woodham Academy took all Year 10 Geography students to Middlesbrough during the last week of term. The new 1-9 GCSE courses require every student to undertake two field studies away from the school site. The aim of the students' human Geography investigation was to explore the 'impact of industrial decline on Middlesbrough's town centre'.

For many in the North East

de-industrialisation is still a real issue e.g. Redcar Steel works closure. This makes up an element of the students' study at GCSE. The head of Geography at Woodham Academy, Mr Zielinski, stated "Field study is a vital component of Geography. It allows students to experience life outside their normal experiences and learn new skills. We study real issues, which impact real people on a daily basis".

The students will be asked a number of questions based on their field study experience in their GCSE exam, so the trip provides the opportunity for them to develop the required skills to be successful. The day included data collection activities, for example questionnaires, environmental surveys, traffic and pedestrian counts, along with visits to inner city residential areas which are seeing heavy investment due to the growth of Teesside University and Middlesbrough College. The day concluded with a group photograph in front of one of the most iconic reminders of the North East's industrial past, the Transporter Bridge. Woodham Headteacher, Christine Forsyth says "Educational visits are an important part of children's education, because they make learning real. It is these experiences that students remember for years to come".

FILM DIRECTOR TO VISIT AYCLIFFE



What a great coup for our town, the film director and writer Daniel Draper is coming to Newton Aycliffe this month. Daniel Draper is the brains behind the film documentary 'Nature of the Beast' which is about the rise of one of the best known, controversial, funny, interesting ex-miner and politician Dennis Skinner. The film documentary will be shown at Newton Aycliffe workingmen's club 'The Big Club' on Friday the 31st August and Daniel Draper will be present to do a question and answer session following the screening. He will also be previewing his new venture which is another exciting film documentary about the 'Durham Miners Gala'. The event has been put together in a hurry as Daniel Draper had a small window of time in the area, our local Labour CLP jumped at the exciting opportunity to put a cheap night out for everyone with such a great chance to meet Daniel Draper. This film documentary should appeal to all working-class people, being shown at our own workingmen's club, A few tickets may still be available <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sedgefieldclp/187884>

GREENFIELD A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Students at Greenfield Community College showed commitment to respecting the rights and well-being of themselves and others as they participated in Rights Respecting Day. This year groups came together to focus on a range of key issues surrounding health, fitness and financial wellbeing led by an excellent team of professionals.

Year 7 students were able to learn all about the role of food and exercise as part of healthy living. The sessions were led by 'Foundation of Light' from Sunderland Football Club and included workshops on diet and wellbeing, exercise and positive mental health. The groups learned how a balanced diet can have a positive effect on general health and the benefits of being active.

Students worked well with the professional team and were keen to learn more about the links between healthy living and the effects on mental health. Michael Colclough from 'Foundation of Light' was thrilled with the students, "it's brilliant to be back delivering at a great school, the team are always inspired by the students and enjoy teaching on this initiative"

Year 8 students were given the opportunity to address the importance



of mental and sexual health issues. Professional health practitioners delivered helpful in-depth sessions based on key topics such as mental health, contraception, sex, relationships and consent. Students were keen to take advantage of expert advice and were able to show a strong sense of the rights of the individual as they discussed difficult topics. Students from Year 9 were involved in sessions raising awareness about drugs and alcohol. The year group also participated in an enlightening workshop with "If U Care Share" an initiative that focuses

upon raising awareness of preventing suicide and how to never underestimate the power of talking.

There was also an interesting session on financial health and how to avoid pitfalls that could restrict the rights and freedom of the individual and how to be sensible with finance.

Students continued to reflect on the day within their tutor groups, voicing their findings and reflections through organised sessions. The day was a great success with students participating in the sessions with interest and respect, well done to all involved.

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Forum Asks Landowners to Help Cyclists

A statutory body responsible for advising on rights of way and access matters is calling on landowners to make sure cyclists are protected during this year's hedge cutting season.

With the hedge cutting season starting in September and only lasting for six months – due to the protected bird nesting season – the County Durham Local Access Forum (LAF) are aware of the time pressures on landowners. But with cycling in the county continuing to grow, they're asking landowners to take extra care to avoid causing potentially fatal injuries. Changes to alternate-year hedge cutting practices for stewardship farmers means that hedges are now often more overgrown with stronger thorns which are more likely to cause punctures.

As a result, the County Durham LAF is asking landowners to ensure that they – or their contractors – deploy warning signs and clear roads and paths as they go along. David Maughan of the

County Durham Local Access Forum, said: "We need to encourage the use of warning boards by landowners when hedge cutting is being done or has recently been completed, and the cuttings may be on road surfaces. While this is a further expense, it would prove an invaluable aid to cyclists in trying to avoid puncture risks, and would also provide evidence that farmers were taking their obligations to road and path users seriously."

Geoff Rigden of the County Durham Local Access Forum, adds: "Overgrown hedges from gardens can also prevent enjoyment of the great outdoors and make every day journeys difficult. We are urging everyone with a hedge which can grow over a highway or path to think about users and make sure it's kept tidy and sweep up any cuttings immediately." As well as cyclists, the dangers of unobstructed paths and thorns can also be hazardous to pedestrians, equestrians, those with visual impairments, elderly people and pushchair users.

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Dating back to the first century, the seven-hectare site at Binchester Roman Fort, near Bishop Auckland, is believed to have once housed several cohorts of Roman soldiers along with units of auxiliary cavalry. During the course of a six-week dig, more than 60 volunteers from as far afield as California joined forces with UK archaeologists to focus their attentions on the northern end of the site, which has been left largely undisturbed over the centuries.

Run in partnership by The Auckland Project, Durham County Council and Northern Archaeological Associates Ltd., the excavation was a significant step towards the long-term development of archaeological research at Binchester. More excavations are planned for the Durham County Council-managed site in the future.

First investigated by Victorian archaeologists in 1878, the fort at Binchester was located on, Dere Street, the main Roman road running South to North between York, Hadrian's Wall and Scotland.

A campaign of excavations led by Durham University and Durham County Council between 2009 and 2015 uncovered buildings inside and outside the fort, including the well-preserved remains of part of the regimental bath-building. The 2018 excavations built upon earlier work to shine a spotlight on the early defences of Binchester and the development of the civilian settlement which sprang up along the road that exits the fort northwards. This dig has revealed a well-preserved Roman road leading out of the north east gate of the later smaller fort with evidence of small-scale industrial buildings from the late Roman period on either side.

The team believes that a



slump in areas of cobblestone surfacing, dating from the late 4th century, suggests the presence of one or more underlying ditches. Further investigation will determine whether the ditches formed part of an original timber fort and accompanying ramparts, constructed at Binchester in AD 80.

Hundreds of fragments of Roman pottery were also excavated, alongside smaller items such as pieces of jet potentially sourced from Whitby, a copper alloy statuette thought to be of Mars the Roman god of war, and a carved stone image of what could be a Romano-British deity.

Dr. David Mason, Principal Archaeologist at Durham County Council, is leading the work at Binchester. He said: "The discoveries made this summer have already made a significant contribution to our understanding of this part of the extensive Roman complex at Binchester."

"The road exiting the north east gate of the later fort has been shown to be very substantial, raising questions about what facilities it was servicing in the area beyond. "Equally, confirmation of the line of the defences of the early fort is a very exciting discovery allowing a clearer

idea of its size and layout to be determined". The finds will now be sent for further analysis, which is hoped will reveal more information about the Roman people who owned and used them.

John Castling, Community Archivist at The Auckland Project said: "There is huge potential for extensive buried archaeological remains at Binchester. "We know the wider landscape around the site holds new insights, particularly regarding its early history and occupation at the end of the Roman period, and we are really looking forward to working to develop our campaign of investigations to bring these to light."

Future excavations are now being planned, bringing together volunteers and experts from a number of organisations to continue research at the site.

Steve Collison, Project Officer at Northern Archaeological Associates said: "Working with the volunteers on this project has been a rare privilege. Their enthusiasm for the archaeology makes time spent on site a real pleasure. "Many of the volunteers have been involved in previous seasons of excavation,

and their experience and dedication has really shone through, particularly in the challenging conditions of the recent heatwave." Anyone interested in volunteering with The Auckland Project on future archaeological research can visit aucklandproject.org/volunteer-with-us/ or email volunteers@aucklandproject.org

More details of the archaeological excavation at Binchester can be found on the dedicated blog: aucklandproject.org/diaries-at-the-dig

Follow Northern Archaeological Associates Ltd. on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information and updates on their excavations.

Binchester Roman Fort is open daily from 10am to 4.30pm until 30 September 2018. From 1 October 2018, it is open from 11am to 4.30pm. For more information visit: durham.gov.uk/binchester.

To keep up-to-date with The Auckland Project please sign up to receive a monthly newsletter via aucklandproject.org, or follow The Auckland Project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

LOCAL W.I. NEWS

Your local WI has been very busy over the last couple of months. At our June meeting we had a really interesting talk about 'Parliament and women', covering the suffragette movement and modern day inequalities that still exist in parliament. At July's meeting it was another fascinating talk entitled Crowns and Tiaras and our August meeting will be a fun games night with lots of different games to try.

As always we have also been out and about. Some of our ladies had a lovely day trip to Wallington Hall and gardens in Northumberland with lots of tea and cake being consumed. There has also been the Durham Federation garden party and many classes and courses at WI house. Including artisan bread making, attended by 3 of our members.

One of our members recently held a coffee morning at her home, and was well supported by the rest. £230 was raised and passed on to the MRI scanner appeal.

We recently held a craft fair in St. Clare's church hall as part of Aycliffe Festival. There were competitions and demonstrations as well as exhibits. Although the number of competition entries was disappointing and it would have been nice to have seen more people, we had a lovely time. The church volunteers put on teas and coffees and bacon butties and there was a

cake stall for those with a sweet tooth.

Our main forthcoming event is a HISTORY WARDROBE EVENING. It is entitled 'Votes for Women'. History wardrobe brings their talks to life with costumes and props. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening. This is an open event, tickets are £10 to non members which

includes a glass of wine or soft drink and must be purchased before hand as numbers are limited.

Your WI meets at St. Clare's church hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Come along ladies and make new friends.

Any enquiries please contact Helen Webster on 01325 315017.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre are pleased to announce the launch of Honey Bees After School Club.

Centre Manager, Beki Metcalfe was approached by Louise, Gillian & Marla with the intention of starting an after-school club. After showing the group around the Centre and its facilities, the ladies were very happy with what there was to offer. Beki is pleased to announce that Honey Bees After School Club will be open w/c Monday 3rd September. Please contact Honey Bees directly for all information. Honey Bees After School Club will be having an open day on the Monday 20th August between 10am and 3pm, and will be available to show you around the Centre, complete the requisite forms and have a chat about the services they will offer. Honey Bees After school club will be run by three, Gillian Kenny, Louise Elgey



and Marla Favero and will be based at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, (opposite Tesco). They will be providing childcare for up to 3 hours, Monday to Friday including school pick-ups and a snack tea (during term time only).

For further information Please feel free to contact us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/search/top/honeybeesafterschoolclub or email us at honeybeesnaye@hotmail.com or call us on 07858 406 292. Hope to see you then.

August Activities at the Hippodrome

Darlington Hippodrome is throwing open its doors during August, hosting a range of exciting activities including live music in the Hippo Lounge, theatre tours, craft, dance and drama workshops, opportunities to view archive materials and an exciting 'Family Trail'. More live lunchtime music with Somethin' Blue will take place in the Hippo Lounge on Saturday 18 August from 12noon to 2pm.

Sarah Oatley will be back on Thursday 23 August from 10.30am to 12.30pm with a fabulous weaving workshop. Create your own masterpiece using fabric, wool and other recyclable materials.

Children £3.50.

There's more live music in the Hippo Lounge from 12noon to 2pm on Saturday 25 August introducing Jack Hedges and Cameron Wallace.

The August activities round off on Thursday 30 August from 11.30am to 12.30pm with an exhibition tour with the theatre's director. Join Lynda Winstanley for a tour of the current exhibitions in the theatre and discover more about the history of the Hippodrome. Tickets £3 includes a tea/coffee or soft drink.

For more information or to book call 01325 405405 or visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

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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 to 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.



A project to reduce food waste in County Durham is celebrating great success.

Sainsbury's Waste Less, Save More (WLSM) project targeted individual households and communities to reduce waste and increase food redistribution.

Community groups worked with volunteers, visiting local businesses and supermarkets collecting unwanted food. Collected food was then put into community fridges. Over 4,552.5kg food was redistributed to 1,187 visitors between November 2017 and May 2018. One community fridge user said: "Fantastic idea – I made three to four meals with food which would have been wasted".

In another initiative, Durham University students were encouraged to take Student Welcome Packs including kitchen tools, recipe booklets and storage tips. In the post

campaign survey, 60 per cent of students claimed they had reduced their food waste. Seven County Durham households were also provided with kitchen kits, advice and cookery sessions as part of a Zero Waste Kitchen Challenge. On average, participants saved £11 per week on food bills and reduced their food waste by 2.4kg.

The Olio food sharing app used technology to encourage food distribution. A six month trial of the app, involving 30 volunteers, engaged seven businesses, 1,017 users and 480 items of were food shared. 'Feeding 1,000' events, organised by REFUSE, fed 1,250 people and engaged 54 volunteers.

Overall, WLSM showed great potential for bringing communities together in reducing food waste.

Rachel Gatland (pictured) said: "This campaign has helped raise awareness of reducing food waste in homes and businesses and has brought a variety of people across communities together".

WLSM programme was delivered following a successful £35,000 funding bid from The County Durham Food Partnership and Durham County Council, in partnership with REFUSE, Shildon Alive, The ALT Group, Durham University and Durham Community Action.

LATEST FROM HONEST JOHN

Honest John's Aycliffe Community Kitty has this month raised £500 for the Acorn Players.

John will finish trading on Saturday 25th August from his current location at Humankind (DISC), but will continue to receive donations until Friday 31st August.

John is moving into a new unit which is three times bigger than the current location with very good parking.

As the new unit is bigger, John would like to put an appeal out for bric-a-brac and small items of furniture.

The new premises is based on Aycliffe Business Park and is much easier to find. See next week's Newton News for more details.

John would like to express his gratitude to Humankind (DISC) for their amazing generosity over the last three years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Get Your Facts Right"

Dear Sir,

I would like to respond to the letter in last week's edition entitled "Landlords Beware".

The property in question was recently vacated by my son who voluntarily surrendered his tenancy on 31st July. The rumours which are circulating are a complete fabrication of the truth and just malicious gossip.

He was not evicted and we have the "surrender of tenancy" agreement, see below.

To those local residents spreading these rumours please stop.

Name & Address Supplied

Surrender of Tenancy

Date: 31/07/2015

Property Address: 55 Sainsbury's Place, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7EA

I, [redacted] wish to terminate my tenancy of the above property with effect from today's date.

Any belongings remaining in the property after this date I give permission for the landlord to dispose of.

Tenants Signature: [redacted]

Landlords Signature: [redacted] for Sainsbury's Properties Ltd

Witness Signature: [redacted]

Date: 31/07/2015

FREE SPEECH

It can be said that freedom of speech, is the freedom to formulate ideas, badly and awkwardly in public, while you are trying to think them through. It's inevitable you are going to offend people if you are going to talk about anything difficult.

People are going to become emotionally involved. Political correctness can restrict freedom of thought, political correctness is used to stop people speaking freely. However, Cllr Kathy Beetham's attack on the Newton News on 10th August was totally unwarranted and unjustified, as was her attack on Mr. Alastair P. G. Welsh.

Cllr Kathy Beetham wrote on Facebook under her other name "Lillith Mooney" in June 2016, immediately after the EU referendum berating all those who had voted for Brexit, which, naturally she subsequently deleted, but not before it was seen and copied by many people. (We have not

reproduced this post as it is would cause offence).

She said on Facebook on 22nd March as Cllr Kathryn Beetham "but intimidation and threatening behaviour is not something that should ever be tolerated and it is something I will always call people out on, and confront in the proper way whenever I see it and whoever it involves..."

Do Labour Councillors stand by her views or condemn them?

Cllr Arun M Chandran

An Ethical Obligation

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article from Miss Kathy Beetham, berating your publication for not applying "an ethical obligation" to prevent the promotion of hate speech within your pages.

She mentions no names of course, but most readers will have concluded that she refers to the ongoing debate between Msrs Welsh and Clare, whose views, are of course, at opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Having studied the various posts in recent weeks I cannot see the "hate speech" to which she refers. She refers to "abhorrent opinions" and "hate speech" but makes no mention of course of who is supposed to be hating who.

Yes, immigration/migration/refugees is a complex subject that attracts a wide range of views but the whole point of a free democratic society is the right to DEBATE surely. Several mentions are made of how important freedom of speech is, but the writer seems to then decree that the Newton News should censor any opinions that do not align with her (obviously liberal) narrative. As for "personally targeting" one of our local councillors is she suggesting that no one should have the audacity to challenge a viewpoint made (regularly) in these very pages by a prominent local politician. Who decides what is "obsessional behaviour". Or is a look in the mirror needed here? I note that the Editorial at the end of Miss Beetham's article seems to favour freedom of opinion.

Kind Regards

Ian Sykes

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Guest Train at Locomotion



Locomotion is delighted to announce that No. 70013 Oliver Cromwell will be the star guest locomotive at the Autumn Steam Gala on Saturday September 22 & Sunday September 23, 2018. No. 70013 is one of the locomotives which worked the 'Fifteen Guinea Special', the last main-line passenger train to be hauled by steam locomotive power on British Railways on 11 August 1968, before the introduction of a steam ban that started the following day.

Now, 50 years on since the end of steam on British Railways, the locomotive's will make a special guest appearance at Locomotion's Autumn Steam Gala. The event will be the finale of the museum's 'Steam Season', an inspiring programme

from May to September 2018 which explores the power of steam and its influence on the railways.

No. 70013 Oliver Cromwell, one of 55 Britannia Class locomotives, was built at Crewe Works in 1951. Immediately after the end of the 'Fifteen Guinea Special', No. 70013 Oliver Cromwell became part of the National Railway Museum's collection.

Visitors to Locomotion's Autumn Steam Gala will have the chance to enjoy passenger steam train rides and access the footplate of a locomotive in light steam. Other attractions will include music; a miniature railway; family learning activities; and displays from railway heritage societies and community groups.

Please note that a small charge applies for steam train and miniature railway rides.

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

The museum reserves the right to change the programme.

Strong Women of North East History

Inspirational tales of women whose spirit and determination shone through in north east mining communities are being sought for a County Durham art exhibition.

Residents across the region are being asked to delve into their family archives for stories and pictures of women of the 1800s, whose strength and fortitude enabled them not only to survive but to make their mark on society.

These personal histories will be used as part of an upcoming exhibition at the Mining Art Gallery, Bishop Auckland, shining a light on the often overlooked role of women in coal mining communities.

As miners worked in dangerous conditions, their families lived in constant fear of pit disasters and the risk of losing not only a loved one, but also their breadwinner. The family home was provided for



colliery workers, and if the man of the house was injured or killed, that house would often be taken away.

Many women prepared against this by taking in washing, mending and dressmaking to protect the family's finances. In one particular case a woman supported her family single handed by setting up a hardware shop in the front room of her home.

Some women took this tenacious spirit to rebel against injustice. In 1872 miners' wives of Durham and Northumberland organised a protest against the high prices charged by local butchers. This 'anti-meat agitation', as it was known, was successful and communities across the country were inspired to organise their own protests as a result.

Angela Thomas, Curator at Mining Art Gallery, said: "The women in north east mining communities were strong, they were fiercely determined. Everything they did was to protect and provide for their men and their children. We are looking to tell their story.

"There will be countless more examples of tough and irrepressible women in coal mining communities, we'd like to highlight as many as possible".

Stories, anecdotes and photographs of strong women in the north east's Victorian mining communities can be submitted to The Auckland Project by emailing angela.thomas@aucklandproject.org, by Friday, 31 August. Where possible, these contributions will feature in a temporary exhibition at Mining Art Gallery later this year, with full details to be announced soon.

Mining Art Gallery, part of The Auckland Project, is open daily from 10am-4pm. Entry is priced at £5 for adults, £4 concessions and £1 for under-16s. For more information visit: aucklandproject.org/ Mining-Art-Gallery or call 01388 600 577

Bishop Auckland Food Festival to Return in 2019



A food festival which attracted 27,000 visitors to a County Durham market town in April looks set to be even better when it returns in 2019.

Excitement is already building for Bishop Auckland Food Festival after it was confirmed the popular event would be back on Saturday, 13 April and Sunday, 14 April.

Food lovers will certainly not want to miss out, with Durham County Council's festival and events team pulling together all of the essential ingredients for an unforgettable day out, plus many more tasty treats too.

Once again, street traders and producers from across the North-East and beyond will be selling their delicious delicacies. There will also be inspiring demonstrations in the cookery theatre, live music and a host of children's activities.

Last year, the free festival attracted 27,000 people to Bishop Auckland, resulting in record sales for traders and boosting the profits of local businesses.

Feedback was extremely positive, with 95 per cent of visitors surveyed rating the festival as good or very good. Ninety-six per cent of visitors and 97 per cent of local businesses agreed the event was good for Bishop Auckland's image, while

84 per cent of stall holders felt Bishop Auckland Food Festival was better than other festivals.

Visitors praised the great atmosphere and variety of food on offer, with one woman stating: "This was my fourth time at the food festival and it outdoes itself every year. Always something new as well as old favourites."

"Really showcases Bishop Auckland's best features and it's clear to see improvements made in the town year-on-year."

The festival's success means it is now a key event on the foodie calendar and shines a well-deserved spotlight on the region's gastronomic heroes.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Bishop Auckland Food Festival is a fantastic day out and a chance to sample some of the best food and drink the region has to offer. However, it is so much more than that. "The festival brings vital income into Bishop Auckland and has helped develop County Durham's reputation as a culinary destination."

To stay up to date with the latest festival news, visit www.bishopaucklandfoodfestival.co.uk or follow @bishfoodfest on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

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"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
11-12am	Teens Show	Owen Dickinson

TUESDAY

2-6pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
Sports Show sponsored by Honest John		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
21st Aug	Ian Wilkinson - Tennis Coach	
28th Aug	Chris Evans (Rugby)	
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"Roote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	Rock Session	Craig "CAD"

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	

17th Aug	Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix	
24th Aug	Pauly Mac (from Australia)	
31st Aug	Owen & Amy - Pop and Chart Show	
7th Sept	Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (Repeat)	Gary & Alby

SATURDAY

8-11am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
11am-1pm	Kent Collective	Daz Kent
1-2pm	Ska Session	
2-4pm	School Disco	
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	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

12-2pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Colin's Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
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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Great Britain

2nd June 2018 – Eleven Arches, the production company behind the UK's must see live-action show 'Kynren - An Epic Tale of England', is delighted to announce that its cast and crew of 1,000 volunteers – known as Archers – have won The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This prestigious award was created in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee anniversary of The Queen's coronation and is the equivalent of the MBE for volunteer groups.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

This award recognises the tireless work that the 1,000-strong cast and crew of volunteers put into bringing to life the history of the North East in a spectacular show, and is testament to their year-round dedication to producing it to world class standards.

Roles in the production range from the performers and the technical and pyrotechnics team, the cavalry and the costume and props crew, the divers and first aiders, to the 'meeters and greeters' and the operations team; the professionalism, energy and spirit of the various teams coming together is what makes Kynren truly unique and special.

The announcement comes during National Volunteers' Week and only a few weeks ahead of Kynren's upcoming third summer season, which returns for 17 spectacular live-action performances from Saturday 30th June 2018, and is an overwhelming boost to the entire 1,000 cast and crew. This award illustrates that Kynren is not just a remarkable professional live-action show, but it is also a hugely successful community project.

Indeed, Kynren's five-star reviews on TripAdvisor are a further endorsement to highlight the passion of the 1,000-strong cast and crew

of volunteers have taken the show to extraordinary world-class levels.

Co-Founder of Eleven Arches, Anne-Isabelle Daulon said: "We are so immensely proud of the recognition of the passion of all Archers who have collectively contributed more than 500,000 hours of their precious time since our professional training began, bringing Kynren to life as a world-class visitor attraction. As we head into our third season, The Queen's Award is an overwhelming thank you to all Archers, and underlines the priceless gift of time everyone has given to Kynren - ordinary people creating something extraordinary."

Brand new scenes for 2018, include a World War II commemoration of the Royal Air Force and rousing moments of modern history, such as Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation and England winning the 1966 World Cup. Other enhancements include a poignant tribute to the centenary of the WWI Armistice and the Suffragette Movement winning the vote for women.

Breathtaking special effects fill the performance, and new giant waterjet ballet sequences, amazing pyrotechnics and lighting projections will leave audiences transfixed, while bold new stunts will see horses jumping over fire and dragging a Roman along the ground at speed.

New features also include a brand new Animal Croft and Blacksmiths for visitors to enjoy before the show even begins. With such an action-packed season ahead, the accolade of The Queen's Award is the spectacular icing on the cake.

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HIPPODROME SHORT-LISTED FOR BEST THEATRE AWARD

Voting has begun to find the UK's Most Welcoming Theatre in 2018, sponsored by Theatre Tokens, and Darlington Hippodrome is in the running.

The winners of this year's award will be decided by a public vote which closes on Tuesday 18 September. Votes can be cast at uktheatre.org/vote.

This year there are more than 175 venues across the country competing to take home the coveted title. The 12 Regional and National winners of the vote will be announced on 28 September 2018. The overall winner of the award will be announced at the UK Theatre Awards on Sunday 14 October.

In 2017 the award winner was The Mill at Sonning. This is an opportunity for audiences to celebrate their local theatre and all they do for their local communities.

The UK Theatre Awards are the only nationwide Awards to honour outstanding achievement in theatre throughout the United Kingdom. This year's ceremony will again take place at London's historic Guildhall. The UK Theatre Awards are supported by White Light, Q-Park, Theatre Tokens, John Good, Harbottle & Lewis and Integro in association with Chubb. Julian Bird, Chief Executive, UK Theatre, said: "Most Welcoming Theatre is a chance for audiences to celebrate their local theatre and for venues to shout about the incredible work they are doing day in day out. Theatres are the backbone of communities across the country and this campaign highlights the vital work they do"



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THE BLUE BUILDING IS NO MORE



Yarm Computers Ltd have been providing technology solutions to Customers and Businesses for 30 years. Based on Yarm High Street, the 'blue building' has frequently been their trade mark to local businesses and residents.

However, the 'blue building is no more', due to the company rebranding and becoming Lucid Technology Solutions. New signage has been erected, the store has undergone a transformation and the building has officially changed colour. Yarm Computers Ltd have decided to further expand the Business to Business side of the company and are focusing the rebrand based on an expansion and collaboration of their partner companies, YC Business Solutions and their CCTV & Door Entry Department, Synergy Telecoms and DotUK Software Development. These companies have worked alongside each other for many years, however bringing them together as one,

allows for a wider range of services to be offered, in a more efficient, business focussed manner.

They are keen to emphasise that they are the same friendly team, with the exception of some new members and that they are the same company, they have just rebranded with a name change to better suit the growth of the business and to better reflect the services they can now provide. These services include IT support, Software Development, Telecoms, CCTV, Access Control, Software Development and Security solutions. Paul Alsop, Technology Director says "Our mission is to enable our clients' businesses to thrive and grow with best use of technology."

In order to expand efficiently they have begun to make changes to the running of the local store. After Monday 3rd September, customers will no longer be able to 'walk in' for technology repairs. An

electronic system will be in place to book appointment slots that must be attended within half an hour. Telephone appointments will also be available.

Dean Clarke, Managing Director says "We know the remodelling of the business may be seen as an inconvenience to some of our retail clients, but we are a technology company and we are embracing the systems that are available to us to enable

a more efficient service. They will be individually contacted by our team to make sure they understand the process, and if they have any questions we can help."

Whilst continuing to support local businesses, Lucid have expanded their services to reach businesses all over the UK and Ireland. They will continue to support their local community and hope the support is returned in their future endeavours.

SPECIAL AWARD FOR SPECIAL ROTARIAN



Rtn Geoff Batchelor receiving the Robin Watson award from immediate past President Tony Robinson. Geoff was a worthy recipient because of the huge amount of charitable work he does behind the scenes.

Podium Result for Coates at Rockingham

Max Coates headed to Rockingham Motor Speedway near Corby in Northamptonshire with the aim of extending his championship lead, but the Harron Homes sponsored Pyro Motorsport driver didn't have it all his own way.

Friday's test sessions showed fantastic race pace with Coates posting the 5th fastest time of the day during a planned race run. Qualifying also went well with 3rd place grid slots for the weekend's two races. With his two young Pyro Motorsport team mates, Jack McCarthy and Bradley Burns lined up on the front row Coates was hopeful of a strong team result and to remain in front of his title rivals.

A strong get away meant Coates kept his position at the start of race one held in dry conditions. The Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling sponsored driver was then hit in the left rear wheel on lap two whilst in 4th place. The resulting damage was a puncture three laps later forcing the BRDC Rising Stars first non-finish in his three year Clio Cup career. The damage meant that Coates couldn't hold the pace of the front running



cars and had slipped back to 5th at the time he pitted with damage.

The second race got underway in front of a packed grandstand and an even larger live ITV4 audience, another good start ensured that Coates held position. The Clements Limited driver then passed team mate Burns for 2nd and began a charge on leader McCarthy. At mid-race distance Coates became under pressure from Mike Epps. Despite having good early pace Coates elected to settle for third in the latter laps ensuring that the Bennett Renault car re-extended the championship lead to 7 points as the series heads to Silverstone for the

penultimate rounds.

Afterwards Coates said, "It's a shame that race one put a dampener on the weekend, I really felt we had the pace to win in the dry but we weren't able to show it. We hold the championship lead and I feel strong in the car so I can't wait to get going at Silverstone."

The home of British Motorsport, Silverstone (Northamptonshire), hosts the next rounds of the British Touring Car Championship and its supporting series as the ITV4 televised series will no doubt provide more action in what has been a thrilling season.

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A Thrill Seekers' Zip Line Paradise

And you land on top of an old London double-decker bus!

North-East thrill-seekers looking for their next adrenaline fix can now try a unique zip line – with an old London double-decker bus as the landing pad!

The 200-metre line is the latest attraction launched by the ROF 59 activity centre in Newton Aycliffe.

Those brave enough to give it a go will leap from a 19-metre platform before racing across the skyline at speeds of between 30 and 35mph, providing scenic views of Aycliffe Business Park, before coming to a stop on the old bus.

It's thought to be the only zip line of its kind in the North-East, and it has now opened to the general public.

ROF 59 founder John Finley said: "We wanted to come up with something completely different."

"We've had the land for a lot of years, and I had the idea when we first launched ROF 59 nearly three years ago."

"We were granted planning permission for it two years ago so it has been a work in progress – but we've tinkered with it because we wanted to get it absolutely spot on."

"Then came the bus idea. We needed a landing area to be at least five metres up from ground level, and we acquired an old London-style open-top bus, so we secured it into place and renovated it to create a bespoke landing pad. It really is quite unique."

ROF 59 utilised the expert services of Lancashire-based Entre-Prises to install the new zip line, which is



one of many new attractions added to ROF 59 in the last 12 months.

Earlier this year, a hair-raising 19-metre drop-zone was installed, where daredevil participants must rustle the courage to throw themselves off a platform but land safely to the ground thanks to a harness and a freefall auto belay.

And at the end of 2017, ROF 59 revealed it had invested £350,000 in re-launching its climbing area with five new elements – adventure walls, speed climbing walls, a tower climbing area, mosaic climbing walls and 'bouldering'.

ROF 59 originally underwent a £1.1m redevelopment three years ago, rejuvenating the old Presswork Metals building and former World War II munitions factory into a 21st Century entertainment and leisure venue.

The 70,000 sq ft centre,

which created 30 new jobs when it opened in September 2015, now includes the Blitz restaurant, the Bunker bar/lounge, ice cream parlour, events room, trampoline park, adventure walls including the 'leap of faith', Virtual Reality suite, Battlefield outdoor laser combat, outdoor play area, beer garden, 19m drop-zone, climbing centre and the 200m zip line.

Finley added: "We'd love to see the people of the North-East support what we're doing here."

"We've created more and more attractions for parents to get involved in, so it isn't just a drop-off point for children, there's enough here to choose from you can either take part in a single activity or stay the whole day and enjoy everything we have to offer for the whole family."

"We're always trying to come up with new and

exciting ideas different from anything in the area and we think this is a genuine first for the North-East."

"But it won't stop here – I'm already thinking of my next new and exciting activity, so watch this space!"

People from 4.5st up to a maximum weight limit of 18st can try the new zip line at ROF 59, which is priced £7.50 per person for one go or £10pp for two, but up until the end of September it's just £5 a go per person. To book, call ROF 59 on 01325 728222 or email hello@rof59.co.uk

Free Packed Lunches

Dear Sir,
County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission in cooperation with Livin have successfully so far made up and handed out over 457 free packed lunches on the grassed area entering Silverdale Place, in the Western area.

Volunteers have worked hard and will continue to for the remainder of the school holidays.

CDTVM would like to thank our two junior volunteers Darcey and Lexi, who have shown so much enthusiasm and community spirit throughout the weeks. Anyone wishing to help out please come and speak to us. Our aim is to make the community spirit thrive.

Michael Wilson
Community Champion
Press & Publicity Officer

Muddy Mayhem is Back



A veteran of the North East's ultimate obstacle course is hoping to continue his race success when the event returns next month.

Chris Henderson is a Muddy Mayhem regular having won the 5k race every year for the last 4 years. A keen runner and fitness obsessive, Chris says it's the ever-more challenging course and the competition from other runners that draws him back each year.

Competitors are invited to run, climb and jump their way around a course of over 40 challenges, including cargo nets, climbing walls and tunnels on Sunday 30 September in Hardwick Park, Sedgefield.

Chris said: "The first year I decided to enter was with a group of 14 friends and, as lads do, it became competitive, each of us putting on a wager to beat each other. I went a step further and committed to winning the whole event, which I did. I go all out with it, but you don't have to, people of all different ages and abilities can take part and that all adds to the great atmosphere on the day."

Everyone from professionals to amateurs are welcome to take part and shouldn't be put off by Chris' intensive training routine of three runs a week, including long runs, interval training and hill runs for two months before the race. Chris' preparation paid off when he recorded a winning time of 32:19 last year but those who want to take it easy can enjoy a less competitive run.

Entrants need to be aged 16 or over and have a reasonable level of fitness to take part but no runner will be left behind as race marshals will give a helping hand to anyone struggling with an obstacle.

Chris said "I love to take part because it's a local event. It's fun, muddy and it's got some great obstacles. Every year the course is improving for the better! But overall the thing that keeps me entering is

the fear of knowing there's potentially going to be someone quicker this year."

For anyone wanting to knock Chris off the top spot, looking for a laugh with their friends or wanting to raise money for charity, Muddy Mayhem promises a day of fun.

Places, costing £43 for the 5k course and £48 for the 10k, are available to book online at www.durham.gov.uk/muddymayhem or by emailing muddymayhemquiries@durham.gov.uk

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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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Cannon & Ball at Darlington

Tommy Cannon and Bobby Ball will be performing in the hilarious new play The Dressing Room, written by Bobby Ball, at Darlington Hippodrome on Tuesday 11 September. The Dressing Room is described as part play, part variety show - or as Bobby likes to call it a 'play-riety'. With fellow comedians Stu Francis and Johnnie Casson the play is set in a theatre and promises to give an insight into backstage gossip and what the acts really think of the audience and other

things that an audience would not usually get to see that go on backstage before each performer takes to the stage. On 18 May 1974 Cannon and Ball appeared on an episode of the variety show, The Wheelers and Shunters Club. Set in a working men's club environment, their act stood out showing a glimmer of what was hiding beneath the surface waiting to jump out and take the world by storm. By 1985 the duo were the hottest comedy act around. Now, in 2018, Cannon and Ball are the

longest running comedy double act in Britain and truly deserve the title the Kings of Comedy. The Dressing Room is at Darlington Hippodrome on Tuesday 11 September. For more information or to book call 01325 405405 or visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

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Fascinating 1850s letters written by a County Durham man are to be explored in a hands-on history session. Following a successful series of family history courses entitled *Branching Out*, the Durham County Record Office is offering a deeper look into its archive collections. 'The Graham Letters: from Weardale to New York' session will

uncover the letters of Joseph Graham who emigrated to America from Weardale in 1852. Liz Bregazzi, county archivist, said: "These letters shed fascinating light on life both in Weardale and in America, with his family quilt also held in Killhope Museum." For budding historians, there will be an hour after the talk to browse and use the Record Office's research facilities with support from an archivist.

The session will be held at Durham County Record Office on Thursday 20 September and will run from 10am to 12 noon and 6pm to 8pm. Tickets must be booked in advance and are priced at £10 per person. For more information or to book visit <http://www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/> or call 03000 267 626

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of Roman military skills with archery, slingshots and catapult artillery. Barbaratus the Roman cavalryman will be demonstrating fighting skills on horseback, as well as exciting battles between groups of Roman soldiers and barbarians being brought to life. David Mason, Durham County Council's principal archaeologist, said: "It is a thrilling day for all ages and an experience steeped in history you won't forget. It is not every day you get to see a Roman battle in person." When the battle is over, visitors can inspect fort remains including the richly decorated building which has replaced the former timber structure and protects the bath-building inside the fort. Tours of this year's fascinating excavation will also be available. Re-enactment events start on Bank Holiday Monday 27 August at 11am, repeated at 2pm (timings approximate). Ticket prices are: Adults £7.00, Concessions £6.00, Children £5.00 (aged four and under free). This will be cash payment only. For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/binchester or call the Fort visitor centre on 01388 663089. The fort is located about 1 mile north of Bishop Auckland. Work on the road from Bishop Auckland market place is ongoing and a diversion is in place. Access is only from the A688 and A690, we are signposted from the main road

History Speaker at Meeting



Rtn. Marjorie Elliott brought along our speaker, Kath Fall, to this week's meeting and both are pictured here with President Jon Bean.

Kath spoke about St. Laurence's Church, Pitlington and told us some of its fascinating history alongside showing photos of the beautiful interior. A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to visit the church with afternoon tea served every Saturday in August from 2pm until 4pm.



In Memoriam

Mark Fletcher



21st August 2012
Can't believe it is six years. Miss your daft jokes and your crazy smile. Always in my thoughts. Paul, and all at Oswald House

ACORN FUN DAY



Popular residents group ACORN held their annual Fun Day on Saturday with the intention of raising funds for a defibrillator to be used at future events and bus trips. With the support of members of the public who donated items for a Tombola and local Businesses including G. Little MOT and Servicing, Tesco, Wilkinson's and Boyes who donated prizes for a raffle £248 pounds was raised. It was a fantastic day which was well attended by enthusiastic children keen to take advantage of free rides and slides. Petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting and the brilliant Professor Nincompoop whose antics kept all entertained. Of course none of this would be possible without support from the Big Lottery fund to whom we are eternally grateful and lottery players across the country.

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Luke Allen

19th August 2018

Congratulations Luke on your 21st birthday on 19th August. Love always, Grandma, Grandad, Uncle Craig, Auntie Annabel, Vinnie, Oscar and Daisy

Vicky & Andrew

10th August 2018

Congratulations on your Wedding Day 10th September 2018.

Lots of love, Lynn and Jeff

Maureen Howe



Happy 80th Birthday Mam
Lots of love from Stuart, Jennifer and family

Thank You

I WOULD like to thank the young lady who came to my aid when I was stuck in the lift in the town centre last week. You know who you are, thank you very much.

LUKE ALLEN Happy 21st birthday Luke. Lots of love, Auntie Margaret, Uncle Joe and family
SHANNON POOLEY Happy 21st birthday to our beautiful granddaughter. Have a great day. Love you loads, Gran and Grandad Raine

AYCLIFFE HELD BY KEEPER'S GOAL

Newton Aycliffe were denied an FA Cup win away to Guisborough, when the home side's goalkeeper scored an equaliser with virtually the last kick of the game. Guisborough took the lead in the 12th minute when a cross from the left was headed in by their centre forward Hume. Aycliffe had to make an early substitution when Matty Pennal came on for Thomas McAloon in the 27th minute. Guisborough went further ahead on 41 minutes, when a ball through the middle of the defence put Hume in and he finished past James Winter. Aycliffe were forced to make another substitution three minutes before half-time, when Ellis Husband replaced Liam Browne. Right on half-time, Guisborough had a chance to go 3-0 up, but Winter made a great save from Roberts. Aycliffe changed formation at half-time, and they went on to

dominate the second half. On 50 minutes, centre forward Ian Ward caused chaos in the home defence, following a cross from Ross Hutchinson. The ball ran to Matty Pennal who slotted it in for 1-2. Seven minutes later, Thibault Charmey hit a low free-kick from the edge of the box. Home keeper Nixon could only parry the shot and Pennal knocked it for his second and 2-2. Aycliffe could have gone ahead on the hour, but Nixon made a great save from Stuart Thompson. From the resulting corner, man-of-the-match Pennal headed the ball into the 6-yard box, for James Rowe to knock in for 2-3 to Aycliffe. They went on to miss a couple of half-chances before they conceded in the 94th minute. A free-kick was crossed in and the ball fell to Guisborough keeper Nixon to slam in an equaliser for 3-3! The replay is on Tuesday 14 August at 7:45pm. On Saturday 18th



Saturday 11th August
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Guisborough Town 3 v Newton Aycliffe 3

August, Aycliffe play at home to Seaham Red Star at 3pm.
MOTM: Pennal. Attendance: 144. Cautions: Charmey. Subs Pennal for McAloon (27m),

Husband for Browne (42m), Gavin for Charmey (73m).

Photo: Aycliffe Man of the Match Matty Pennal

CRICKET CLUB SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store had their third win in a row after a comfortable six wicket victory away at Maltby 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The home side were asked to bat first and were skittled for 110 after 35.1 overs with Michael Howe the chief destroyer taking 4 for 40, his younger brother Patrick also bowled well finishing with 3 for 6 and Jack Slatcher chipped in with 2 for 46. Special mention must go to Adam Gittins (sponsored by Pheonix Energy) who held onto three catches in the Maltby innings taking his seasonal total to 21 catches,

which is a new first team record for the most outfield catches in a season. In reply opener Darryn Bancroft had a welcome return to form when he top scored for Aycliffe with 39 off 34 balls. When he was dismissed, Jack Slatcher with 29 not out and an unbeaten 26 from Adam Gittins safely saw the visitors to victory after 25.1 overs and with six wickets in hand. The second team stretched their unbeaten run to three games after a high scoring draw at home to Maltby 2nd team in the NYSD 4th division. Electing to bat first Aycliffe piled up the runs and finished with an impressive 226 for 6 declared after 35



overs. Lewis Gimple (61 off 63 balls), Neil Bancroft (47 off 30 balls) and Ryan Patrick (35 off 44) all batted well for the home side. In reply, Lewis Gimple took 3 for 21 and Neil

Bancroft, George Slatcher and Dan Weldon all chipped in with a wicket each, but Maltby held on for a draw as their innings closed on 160 for 6 after 45 overs.

The u13's had one of the biggest wins in their history when they hammered Barnard Castle by 100 runs at home in the NYACC Cup. Batting first Aycliffe scored an impressive 126 for 1 in their allotted 20 overs thanks to excellent innings from Matty Greaves (33 not out), Leo Mercy (32 not out) and Charlie Cayless (24 runs). In reply the visitors were skittled for just 25 after 10.1 overs with Matty Greaves (3 for 0), Jai Sander (2 for 2) and Charlie Cayless (2 for 6) starring with the ball for Aycliffe.

Photo: Adam Gittins successfully holding on to yet another catch on his way to breaking Newton Aycliffe's first team club record for the most catches in a season by an outfield player.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was a relatively quiet week this week for the runners of ARC at least so far as racing went.

On Saturday many members again took part in the local parkruns with the following achieving PB's in the respective ones. Angela Barrett at Hartlepool in 22.51, at Durham, Carrieann Ingledew and Lisa Dowell came in together in 38.24 and over at Sedgefield Rob Young achieved 20.50 and Melanie Rowland 29.51.

On Sunday Ste Sutheran and Angela Sutheran both ran in the York 10k. Ste completed this race in 41.09. Angela was taking part in this race to help her sister-in-law and they completed this in 1.01.00. Two members also took part in the South Shields 10 miles. Mark Bainbridge completed this in 78.39, followed by Judith Porter in 98.38.

Many other members were still very active that weekend, despite not racing as Saturday was a day for one of the club's Social Events. This was the 'Half Pint Half Marathon' starting in Neasham outside of Darlington. The group then visited 13 pubs on the way back to the Oakleaf in Newton Aycliffe. This was organised in the main by two of the members and was very well attended and it appeared that all enjoyed the variation on the 'half marathon'. It will however, be back to racing ways next week for the Darlington 10k which is a popular race for the group.



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