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Newton News Editor Steps Down

Due to ill health and recent diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease, Syd Howarth, age 81, Honorary Editor of the Newton News, has had to give up his duties and transfer them to his son Paul and the team at Newton Press.

Syd set up Newton Press in 1963 as the new town was starting to grow. Newton Press has grown with the town and provided and continues to provide a local print service to residents and businesses in the town. The paper, Newton News, started off over 50 years ago as a black and white monthly broadsheet and is now a 16 page full colour weekly tabloid. The initial circulation was approximately 5000 which has grown over the last 50 years to roughly 15500, with a weekly readership of over 60,000 (including online readership via website and social media outlets). The area covered includes the main town of Newton Aycliffe as well as the surrounding villages and the business park. The Newton News claims to be the first ever free newspaper circulated to every household with advertising covering the print and delivery costs. It is a true community newspaper involving all organisations, schools, industry, churches, charities and individuals who wish to express an opinion without fear or favour. We have no political bias and therefore give everyone a voice (providing it does not come under liable laws). Newton News is a 'good' news newspaper, we do



not report on court cases or chase ambulances or report scandalous behaviour unless in the interest of the community. Syd would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the Newton News over its existence and is confident the service will continue under the editorship

of his son, Paul. Many people have responded to personal appeals by Syd over the last 55 years and he wishes to thank them, in particular, for their solid support and friendship over this time. For editorial contributions please email Paul direct at paul@newtonnews.co.uk

Editor: Stuart, Christopher and I would like to record our thanks and gratitude to a wonderful father and mentor; for the years of service to the local community; his dedication to the family and the love he has shown and given over the years. Dad's presence will be sorely missed in the Newton Press offices and by the many visitors who walk through our doors. As a family run business, we hope that we can fill these incredibly large boots and continue the same passion he had for the town of Newton Aycliffe.

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Santa Confirms His Tour of Great Aycliffe Will Continue

First of all, the Council wishes to make it clear that it has never had any intention of cancelling the Santa Tours and the spirit of Christmas will prevail, as it always has, in Great Aycliffe. The Council also wishes to make a formal response to a misleading post on the Facebook page of a local media outlet over the weekend which misinterpreted the Council's intentions in regard to our Santa Tours event. This has led to some very negative press in the local

and national media and also on social media. With the combined efforts of the staff, volunteers and the generous donation of vehicles, the Council has over many years overcome many operational issues such as a lack of volunteers, shortage of vehicles, a growing town, anti-social behavior towards volunteers, and severe weather. Despite this it has always continued to provide this much loved event.

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Saturday 20th October - "GrooveTrain"

Bio: GrooveTrain is a 7-piece live band with multiple layers of vocals, inspired by the grooves of Stax and Soul Train. At a GrooveTrain show there's no cheese but our own tracks plus a hand-picked selection of smart grooves and hooks from a wide range of cult artists including Stevie Wonder, Prince, Hall & Oates, Earth Wind & Fire, Chaka Khan, Tower of Power, Bill Withers and more. We've secured some top gigs including support slots for Brother Strut, Heatwave, Temperance Movement, ASWAD and Wilko Johnson, at venues including Wembley Arena and the Royal Albert Hall. Recent gigs have included sell-out shows at the Georgian Theatre, Stockton, 'Shildonbury' Festival, 'Saltburn Live Festival', 'The Sage', Gateshead and the 'O2 Arena London'. One of the band members is a former Finalist, Drummer of the Year, at the British Blues Awards, Newton Aycliffe's very own Ian Halford. This is a must see gig.

Sunday 21st October - "GateCrashers" (4pm)

Bio: The Gatecrashers are a fun-loving, versatile and entertaining rock, pop, soul and R 'n' B band, who will rock you gently - or rock your socks off, depending on what you want out of your party. They'll deliver classics from the sixties right the way up to the very latest tunes with the sort of energy and charisma that will have you dancing in no time at all. Recent gigs include the main stage at 'Tall Ships Race' as well as 'The Great North Run' several appearances on the main stage at 'Stormin The Castle' and headline spots at 'Rede River Rocks Festival' and 'Rothbury Music Festival'.

A TASTE OF SYRIA



On 6th October the Syrian families of Newton Aycliffe and Durham held a "Taste of Syria" in Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre which included Arabic food, music and dancing.

Since coming to our town they have mixed with Horndale Residents Association for trips and days outs.

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a thoroughly great time, as everyone mixed well.



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October Events Guide

Saturday 20th	Music Lounge: Vocalist "Tracey Dee" Free entry
Sunday 21st	Sheraton Bar: Talented Vocalist "Tracey" followed by Vocalist "Michael" - Free entry
Friday 26th	Music Lounge: Adult Halloween Disco Free entry
Saturday 27th	Music Lounge: Vocalist "JJ Jackson" Free entry
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Santa Confirms His Tour of Great Aycliffe Will Continue

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Following last year's event, it was brought to the Council's attention that it may not have been complying with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act when transporting Santa, on public highways, on the back of his sleigh.

Clearly the Council needed to take these concerns very seriously as it, and indeed Santa himself, cannot break the law, or put our volunteers or staff at any risk. Should there be an accident, the Council would not only be putting the volunteers at risk of death or injury, it would be breaking the law and raising the risk of prosecution and the invalidation of the Council's insurance cover.

Therefore Council Officers and the Council's Events Sub Committee having been investigating these concerns and recently considered a report identifying possible options for ensuring that this much loved and long running community tradition can continue to be provided in a safe and legal manner.

It is also important to point out that this is absolutely not about budget cuts. The Council has not cut a penny from its Events Budget either in the current year or next year's budgets.

As the local community is aware, the Events Sub-Committee recommended to the Council's Recreation Committee that the tours

continue to be provided, but that they are instead potentially changed to have the tours stop for a set period of time at a number of preset and advertised locations on each route.

Following a meeting of the Events Sub-Committee on 3 October officers and members addressed the situation to try and find a suitable format for the tours. Councillor Bob Fleming, as Leader of the Council, and Councillor Malcolm Iveson, as Chairman of the Events Sub-Committee, together with appropriate officers, took the decision to contact the Chief Constable at Durham Police for some clarification on how the Road Traffic Act requirements would be interpreted and applied by his officers.

Whilst it is confirmed that the Council would be in breach of the main requirements of the Road Traffic Act in allowing Santa to travel on the back of a vehicle on a public highway, the Council is pleased to report that the Chief Constable has stated in writing that the safe use of floats and similar vehicles has some protection under Section 40A of the Road Traffic Act and he has used his discretion to confirm that, as long as the vehicles are travelling at very low speeds in residential areas i.e. at walking pace or below, then his officers would have no problem with Santa travelling on the back of the sleigh. However, he has also made clear that Santa must travel in the cab with a seatbelt when travelling at higher speeds than walking pace.

This intervention and clarification by Durham Police has also helped to reassure and satisfy the Council's insurance company, who have since confirmed that they would be happy to insure the event on the basis set out above i.e. that Santa only travels on the back of the sleigh at walking pace in the residential areas of the town. Subject to agreement at the Council's Recreation Committee tonight, and the sourcing of enough volunteers and vehicles, the Council will be able to continue to provide the Santa Tours event in almost exactly the same way as it always has done.

The unprecedented public response to this issue in recent days has really brought home to the Council just how valued the Santa Tours event is by the local community. If there are any members of the public or local companies out there who would be interested in loaning vehicles for the event or volunteering as a Santa, navigator or driver, please get in touch with the Council, and help us to spread the Christmas cheer in Great Aycliffe.

Great Aycliffe Town Council

COMPETITION WINNERS



Thank you to all who voted for our Harvest Scarecrow's in the town's Care and Nursing homes.

I am pleased to announce that this year's winner is Defoe Court, who came out top in the voting. Rose Lodge were second followed by all of the

other's who entered.

Pam Lovelass, Authorised Pastoral Assistant from The Parish of Great Aycliffe, presented Val and Lisa (staff) and Marian (resident) with a donation to the Residents Fund in the home and also a tin of biscuits to be shared

around.

Thanks also to Paul Howarth for taking the time to come and take this photograph and for also agreeing to show the Scarecrow photo's in Newton News.

Get your idea's ready for our next project.

Calling All Knitters

Calling all our wonderful poppy knitters, many of you have already dropped off your contributions for our town display commemorating the end of WW1. We need to have all poppies in by Wednesday 31st October, these may be left at St. Mary's on 24th or 31st or at Crafters Companion.

It will be all systems go on Sunday 4th November when, from 2.00pm, we will be tying them on to the railings at St. Clare's we would welcome as many knitters as possible to come and assist, make it a family event it would be lovely to see some of the younger members of your families and give them an opportunity to mark this very important event and the ultimate sacrifice made by so many.

CAR PARK CLOSURE BEWICK CRESCENT

Due to our annual October Half Term Fair being held in the Bewick Crescent Car Park, it will be closed to public access from 7.00am Sunday 21st October 2018 to 7.00am Tuesday 30th October 2018.

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Inspired by our season of play and the Big Draw these creative sessions are led by Dawn Belshaw. Artist Dawn will be on hand to help you work your magic in our 'Crazy Crafts' sessions, making good use of unwanted everyday materials to create brilliant inventions to take home. The session at Greenfield Arts will be held on Tuesday 23rd October from 10:30 to 12:30 and at Foundations Building, Shildon, Thursday 25th October from 1.30 - 3.30.

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ACE EVENT

ACE is a recently launched charity group formed for the benefit of those in our community who need support. Ace (formerly GACAP) was formerly set up by Syd Howarth, MBE. Geoff Batchelor, Vice Chairman of ACE and a partner of the group since it was formed in 2014 has organised a fund raising event at the Big Club on Friday 9th November. Geoff said "ACE was formed to serve the community of Newton Aycliffe in a more hands on manner than it's forerunner, GACAP. We are aware there are many people within our community who find themselves in need and ACE, like our former partnership GACAP have been set up with the community in mind. We do not want to see people struggle if there is anything we can do to help them. But helping comes with a cost so we are asking people to support our charity event to help us help others".

Tickets are now on sale at £5 each, the night has outstanding entertainment with the ever popular "Groovy Street" who need no introduction. They will be accompanied by Darlington's popular Acoustic Guitarist David Brittle. David appeared in the live entertainment event in Aycliffe Town Centre organised by Aycliffe Radio.

Tickets for the event, which were kindly printed by Newton Press, can be obtained from Gary at the

Big Club, Walkers Butchers in Simpstone and Aycliffe Framers in the town centre. Tickets will be available on the door, subject to availability, so make sure you get yours as we expect tickets to go fast.

The evening will commence at 7pm with entertainment starting at 7.30pm. So get on your dancing shoes and come along to the Big Club and dance the night away and support ACE, your charity, who with your help, can support the people of Newton Aycliffe and locality.

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Two important Council meetings this week, along with other Council news and messages, a local charity hero ... and loads to do next weekend. Find my vlog and more info on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB72

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 17 October – school funding, selective licensing, an update on the History Centre, the draft Children & Young People Strategy and the Public Health Annual Report.
- DCC 'Do It Online' reaches 100,000 customers.
- DCC launched Green GB Week, 16-19 October.
- Last week was also National Empty Homes Week, and National Adoption Week.
- Wednesday 10 October was World Mental Health Day.
- The Forrest Park Infrastructure is now completed.
- GATC Environmental and Recreation Committees meeting, Wednesday 17 October – including Santa Tours and Aycliffe Festival.
- You can now get your Town Council Fireworks Display wristbands.
- Congratulations Carol Briggs for gaining the Outstanding Individual Contribution and the North East Charity Awards.

HALF TERM THINGS TO DO

- Hardwick Park Half-term events (phone 03000 262 899):
 - Wizard School (6+), 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, 22-23 October, £6 per child
 - Frightful Family Crafts, drop-in 11am-3pm, Wednesday 24 October, £3 per child
 - Pumpkin party, 11:00am, 12:30pm or 2.00pm, Thursday 25 October, £6 per child
 - Woodland trick or treat (4+), 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, Friday 26 October, £4 per child
 - Welly walk, 10am-4pm, Sunday 28 October, 50p per trail sheet
 - Gallery of Monsters Trail, 10am-4pm, 20-31 October, £1 per sheet.

40's Party & Dance

It's back to the 40's in the Fellowship Hall at St. Clare's Church on Saturday 27th October at 3pm. The hall will be decorated in two styles, the sombre colours and memories of war time, and the bright party style of peace celebrations.

The party will start with entertainment, songs and 40's tales from Jean Gill; and then dancing with a 40's flavour, led by dancers who know how to give us a start with sequence dances.

The party includes a 40's style tea party with tea and coffee, but if you feel like celebrating there will be a glass of wine, sherry, sangria or ginger wine included to start with, and more on offer.

It will be a fun event for all ages and all are most welcome. Adults £5, children £3; tickets available from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

- Involve Tour at Junction 7, Silverdale Place, noon-3pm, 22-23 October.
- Hallowe'en Evenings, Beamish Museum, 22-23 October, C: £10, A: £14.
- Half-term crafty session at Greenfield Arts, 10:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday 23 October, FREE.
- Low Barns Nature Reserve:
 - Hedgehog Hideaways (5-11s), 1-3pm, Tuesday 23 October, £5
 - Ghostly Ghouls and Creepy Critters, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon, Sunday 28 October, £2.
 - Celebrate Science, Palace Green, 10am-4pm, 23-25 October, FREE.
 - Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang, Darlington Hippodrome, 24 October-3 November, C: £16, A: £23.
 - Durham Oriental Museum:
 - Hippos, (5-11s), drop in 1-3pm, (autism-friendly event, 10:30am-12:30pm) Friday 26 October, FREE
 - Ancient Syrian Glass Art (5-11s), drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 27 October, FREE.
 - PCVC 'Superheroes' family fun day, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-3pm, Saturday 27 October, FREE.
 - Armistice Family Activities Day, Durham Cathedral, 10:30am, Saturday 27 October, FREE.
 - Military Music (5-11s), Palace Green Library, 1-3pm, 27-28 October, FREE.
 - History of Health, Beamish Museum, 20-28 October (entrance charges apply).

Town Council Meeting Report - 17th October

(1) CLEARING THE CONFUSION ABOUT SANTA

This has been a very confusing week for Santa, and the Town Council Recreation meeting last Wednesday did not entirely manage to clear things up.

One thing has been established – Chief Inspector Barton has

written to the Town Council saying that Santa can ride on the back of his sleigh (provided he only goes slowly).

Cllr Bob Fleming started the meeting by insisting that the Council would never cancel Santa, that the claims in the press had been misleading, and that the Council was merely "looking at the finer detail". As the meeting went on, however, it became clear that by this he meant replacing the existing system of a tour rounds the streets with a limited number of stopping places where people would go to meet Santa.

A packed meeting made it clear that they wanted the traditional Santa Tours. Forcefully, but never abusively, residents held the Councillors to account, asking many telling questions.

In the end, it was decided to hold an emergency meeting of the Events Sub-Committee, which will report back to Full Council on 31 October.

(2) OTHER ISSUES

Other important matters were agreed:

- the draft Environment and Recreation Budgets were agreed
- the Senior Citizens trips for next year were finalised
- the Aycliffe Festival was cancelled, and the funds made available for events throughout the year
- a proposal for a Scranimals Fun Dog Show was approved.

ORGANISATION IS KEY TO SUCCESS

Dear Sir,
I attended the meeting of Aycliffe Council Recreation Committee on Wednesday night. A statement was read out that had been circulated earlier in the day and highlighted the main issue was around traffic regulations that had been brought to their attention following last years Christmas Eve tour by an ex police officer.

I asked the question if it had been brought to their attention after last years tour why had it taken the council until 2 months before Christmas to say anything about it. The answer we were given is that the Recreation Committee don't discuss the Christmas Eve tours until after the Summer break. Some of the councillors in the room were only made aware of the traffic regulations problem 2 weeks ago. Then Bill Blenkinsopp made it perfectly clear that the tours would go ahead but in a different format (who voted this man in when he has no loyalty to his constituents). As you can imagine we weren't happy with his response.



The way I see it is . . . If in January this had been discussed, The Police contacted and the public asked to help we wouldn't be in this position. The solution is quite simple, we need 2/3 more routes to make sure all areas are covered. I'm sure there are businesses on our Industrial Estate that have suitable trucks that they would be happy to loan the council for a couple of days. Why not have each route sponsored by a business (not stupid money even £100 per truck) this will keep the cost down but allow the tours to continue. Publicly ask for volunteers to help. Involve the residents, keep us informed, let us help. As with everything organisation is key to the success of any project.

Liz Lambert
Wakenshaw Drive

Photographic Club Meet

Wear Valley Photography Club has it's next meeting on Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm when two visiting speakers will show images including Dave Murrell from Durham Photographic Club who specialises in night time and astrophotographs.

Visitors are welcome, entry is £2.00 for non members including light refreshments.

The club meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at Etherley Methodist Hall, South Road, High Etherley, DL14 0HZ.

Please contact the Secretary, John Morris on 07753 178682 for further details.

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SCOUT CENTRE EVENTS

Newton Aycliffe Scout supporters invite you to enjoy the coming entertainment at the Scout Centre.

On Saturday 27th October 'Crazy Howie' will be playing music for you all to sing along to, from 7pm in the bar. We have a new selection of draught beers for you to try, Coors Light, Worthingtons and Camerons Black Fruit Cider, these will all be available as well as our regular beers John Smiths Smooth and Carling Lager and from 7pm till 9pm they will be on sale at £2.50 per pint, there is no cover charge, so come and enjoy yourselves.

On 3rd November we welcome Phil, Paul and Guest DJ'S back for the very popular 'Back to the 80's Disco'. This is a family event with a £3 admission charge for adults and £1.50 for children, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Phil and his friends will be playing music from the 80's with a sprinkling of 70's, Motown and 90's thrown in.

Once again we will be selling our draught beers at £2.50 a pint between 7pm and 9pm. The Disco starts at 7pm and you can dance the night away until 12.00. All of the events are in order to raise the necessary funds to run and maintain the centre which is used five nights a week by the young people of Newton Aycliffe.

Without this facility the cost of hiring halls could make the groups unviable and inaccessible to many young people. So please support us and come along. Our social club is open every week on Friday

evening from 7.00pm. Saturday from 12.30pm and Sunday from 12.00pm. We are also open on a Monday when the darts and domino team are playing at home. New members are always welcome.

Honorary Life Membership For Syd

Past North East Governor of Rotary International, Syd Howarth MBE, has been awarded honorary life membership of the Newton Aycliffe Club.

It was Syd who first suggested Bishop Auckland Rotary Club formed a branch of Rotary in Newton Aycliffe, with a list of potential members provided. The club was formed in 1977 and Syd joined five years later and has given 36 years of service to the club and community. Among his initiatives was the MRI Scanner Appeal, Nature Park, the Blue Bridge area Enhancement, Community Annual Christmas Concert, the War Memorial at St Clare's Church and many others. Syd was recently involved in the MRI Scanner Appeal, helping to arrange money for the Darlington and Bishop Auckland hospitals. He discovered that the hospital were paying a million pound per year to



hire private equipment and he suggested that it made sense to buy their own as they only cost a million pound each. The appeal is still on going and two state of the art scanners are now installed at Bishop Auckland and Darlington. Newton News readers have been particularly generous in responding to this appeal. Syd wishes to thank his Rotarian members for this honour and wishes the club every good fortune in their community work.

REFURBISHED FORESTERS ARMS



The new owners and managers, Carl and Callum, at the fully refurbished Foresters Arms are open for business and welcome old and new visitors.

The Foresters Arms new owners have refurbished the premises to a high standard and offer a restaurant, bar and games room with planned regular events including a monthly band or singer, Thursday quiz night and Saturday disco/karaoke.

The restaurant and bar can accommodate diners who wish to eat from the extensive menu and offer daily meal deals and specials

as well as traditional pub grub. The kitchens are open for orders Tuesday to Friday from 4-8.30pm; Saturday 12-6.30pm and Sunday 12-5pm. The bar offers a range of beers, lagers and wines and as a freehouse will regularly serve guest ales. Happy hour is a daily event between 7 and 8pm.

Future plans involve building a separate function room in the large beer garden for private parties. The Foresters Arms also offer the facilities for private parties and bookings for Christmas are now being taken (open Christmas Day).

Positive Year End Results for Ebac



Ebac, the Newton Aycliffe-based electrical goods manufacturer, the only British company to produce washing machines, dehumidifiers and water coolers in the UK, has announced positive results for the year ended December 2017.

The firm, which was founded more than 40 years ago by Brexit-backing North East engineer John Elliott MBE, who now serves as its executive chairman, recorded a profit of £362,216 in the year ending 31st December 2017, up from £327,663 the previous year.

2017 saw the company's turnover grow to £17,507,319 from £15,338,277. Building from 2015 the company again increased retail distribution for its domestic dehumidifier range, which ultimately led to greater sales. Sales of watercoolers also exceeded those of 2016.

John Elliott, chairman of Ebac Limited, said: "This is another positive set of results, building on the progress made last year.

Despite the tough current trading conditions, we are reaping the rewards of our long-term investment plans. The company has introduced new products, including washing machines, to the market and will continue to be innovative and fly the flag for British manufacturing."

Jorja's Attic Opens

A local lady, Linda Lyons, who had lived in the town many years before moving to Bishop Auckland, has opened a new shop in Newton Aycliffe town centre called "Jorja's Attic".

The shop, which is located near to Greggs, is named after Linda's granddaughter and sells shabby chic furniture, handmade gifts, seasonal decorations and much more. Linda has always been a crafter and sold her products at craft fairs, but always had a desire to have her own shop, she had a pop up shop last Christmas in Bishop Auckland, which was so successful it gave her the confidence to open a shop on a long term basis. After many months of searching and with help from the town centre manager, she feels she has

found the perfect location. Since the shop opened three weeks ago, Linda has received very positive feedback from everyone who has visited, stating "It's about time the town centre had a shop where you can buy unique individual items and more independent traders are needed in the town centre".

Linda is renewing stock every week and as Christmas is fast approaching, she is offering a gift wrapping service as well as gifts and decorations with prices that will suit everyone's budget.

Linda would like to thank family and friends that have helped her achieve her ambition and looks forward to welcoming new and old customers.



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PCP WELCOMES TONY BLAIR TO THE CENTRE AFTER 20 YEARS



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is a charity set up in 1998 with the initial main aim to manage a multi-use health and wellbeing building, the Pioneering Care Centre. In 1998 the then Prime Minister proudly laid the foundation stone, and with the 20 year milestone approaching, PCP jumped back in time to welcome The Right Honourable Tony Blair through the doors once more, along with Phil Wilson MP. An avid supporter of the charity Tony chatted to the Chief Executive about the vast range of projects and services that the organisation now provides both in the Centre and across the region. Tony was pleased to meet Carol Briggs again, former PCP Chair and current Trustee, who was also present at the opening of the Centre nearly 20 years ago. Taking the time to understand the range of different projects and services, Tony noted the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to run such an effective charitable organisation. Tony heard about the plans to raise over £200,000 for refurbishment of the well-used Hydrotherapy pool and was particularly interested to hear about the scale of funding challenges for the Sector. Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive explained, "We discussed at length the difficulties in raising funds, particularly capital funding, for renovations such as the Hydrotherapy Pool. These costly facilities have a natural shelf-life and do need replacing after a while to continue to be effective; we talked about the role that the business sector could play and the avenues PCP hopes to explore in the coming months". Tony Blair agreed and

commented "The vision and aspiration to develop the Hydrotherapy Pool is extremely admirable. Whilst the fundraising target is ambitious, I am sure with the support of local business, donors and corporate support PCP with make the dream reality." PCP is continually changing and developing and we were thrilled that the visit also coincided with the rebrand of the Pioneering Care Centre coffee shop. PCP doesn't like to miss an opportunity so Tony Blair was also asked to open the new Garden Kitchen and he gladly obliged. Aiming to bring the outside in the Garden Coffee shop provides a relaxing area to socialise, reenergise whilst enjoying a range of freshly baked sweet and savoury snacks. After cutting the ribbon everyone enjoyed a slice of delicious

cake made by the Garden Kitchen staff. Before leaving Tony said, "It was a pleasure to visit the Pioneering Care Centre again and to see how it's developed over the past 20 years. The positive action trustees, leaders, staff and volunteers have taken to provide such a range of projects and services for local people is remarkable." After a day of engagements Tony Blair also hosted a dinner where again PCP staff and trustees attended to enjoy socialising in a more informal setting. For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre



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MONDAY

9-12noon	Amy & Phil in the Morning	Amy & Phil
12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with "Through the Decades"	Paul Baker
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	

TUESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Sports Show sponsored by Honest John	Paul Baker
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
7.30-9.30pm	23rd Oct - Andy & Lucas Pilling (Football & Cricket)	
9.30-12am	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
	Motown Classics	

WEDNESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Community Connect	Paul Baker
5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
6.30-8pm	Rewind	Amy & Phil
	New: History of Aycliffe Show with guests	
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
10-12am	Garage/Indie Show (R)	MC Supa

THURSDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Mystery Year	Paul Baker
6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-8pm	"Throwback Thursday"	The Doctor
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	UK Number 1s	

FRIDAY

9-12pm	Amy in the Morning	Amy Harrison
12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Tech-House Mix	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
19th Oct	Nathan Abbott 90s Classix	Nathan Abbott
26th Oct	Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare Vinyl	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gary & Alby

SATURDAY

9-12pm	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
12-2pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
2-4pm	School Disco	
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
	"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"	
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
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

9-11am	Aycliffe Goes Country	
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary	Mary O'Sullivan
12-2pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-6.30pm	Church Service	Xcel Centre
6.30-8pm	Rewind (R)	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"

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Hospice Halloween Fun Run

Participants in a frightful 5k fun run will be getting more treats than tricks this year thanks to a donation by Darlington's Cornmill Centre. Each person signing up to the Hospice Halloween Fun Run in aid of St Teresa's Hospice will receive a ghoulish goody bag containing a handy LED torch for trick or treating later in the day.

St Teresa's Hospice Chief Executive Jane Bradshaw said: "The team at the Cornmill Centre have been fantastic supporters over the years. Not only have they donated drawstring bags for all of our lovely supporters, but they are also giving torches to each person that takes part. This will all help us to make our first Halloween Fun Run a spook-tacular success and a fantastic event for all those taking part." The Halloween Fun Run, taking place on Sunday 28 October at Darlington's South Park, is the second of "The Hospice 4" 5k events. It follows the successful Summer Fun Run which had runners of all ages and abilities braving the scorching heat in June to raise funds for the Darlington hospice.

Mrs Bradshaw added: "Running is so popular at the moment. We had a tremendous response to the Summer Fun Run and we want to build on this to do something bigger and better this October. Each of the Hospice 4 events are open to runners of all ages, abilities, shapes and sizes; dogs are welcome too! For the Halloween Fun Run we want to see everyone in their most

ghoulishly delightful fancy dress."

In addition to the goody bag, participants in the hair-raising fund-raiser will be awarded another part of a unique jigsaw medal after completing the seasonal run, and are encouraged to sign up to all four challenges to collect the set.

Susan Young, Centre Manager at the Cornmill Centre, said: "The Halloween Fun Run sounds like devilishly good fun, and all for a great cause. We have supported St Teresa's Hospice for a number of years now and we were so glad to help out by donating the bags and torches for the Halloween Fun Run. We hope everyone has a brilliant time!"

Runners can sign up at www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk. There is an entry fee of £15 for adults aged 16+ and £5 for children aged 5-15. Children under the age of 5 can enter free of charge. The run will begin at 10am on 28 October. Completing the "Hospice 4" are the Darlington Santa Run at West Park in Darlington on Sunday 2 December, and at the same venue the St Patrick's Day Fun Run on Sunday 17 March.

Those who missed the Summer Fun Run are encouraged to contact the Income Generation Team on 01325 254321 or by emailing events@darlingtonhospice.org.uk to find out how to get one of the special medals.

The Hospice 4 Fun Runs are kindly sponsored by the Bannatyne Group and Anthony Jones Properties.

Woodham Academy's New Governor



Woodham Academy appointed an associate student governor, Letisha Howard, to join its Governing Body. As student governor, Letisha will represent the views of students at all governors' meetings. Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says "The most important people in the school are our students. It is right and proper that their views are represented at the highest level in the school." Letisha was appointed following a demanding selection process which included writing a letter of application and a formal interview. In her letter, Letisha said that she was keen to show Woodham Academy's strengths and core values as well as contribute to its future development. Letisha will attend her first governors' meeting next week when governors will formally receive Woodham's excellent Ofsted report from earlier this year and this summer's impressive examination results.

Film Show

"SING"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 23rd October features the 2017 animated comedy musical "SING" starring pigs and piglets, porcupines, koalas, gorillas and elephants and many more. All about trying to save a crumbling theatre, overcoming adversity, and having a great sing and a laugh as well.

A comedy for all ages! Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and juice are served at 1pm, included in the £2, children £1. The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

FLOWER DEMO

Darlington Flower Club are to hold an Open Evening on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at Hummersknott School, Edinburgh Drive, Darlington. Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.30pm. The demonstration will be performed by John Dalton and entitled "Christmas Greetings". Various stalls will be open before the show starts. Tickets are £8 or £10 on the door, available from 01325 374732

WOODHAM'S APPRENTICESHIP AWARENESS CHALLENGE



Woodham Academy students began the school's annual

Success at Sugar Hill

Sugar Hill primary school held its annual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last week. The afternoon was a great success with a total of £481 raised for this excellent charity. Sugar Hill staff would like to thank all children and especially their families for making the afternoon so special and for exceeding the amount of money raised last year. The school would also like to thank all local businesses who contributed prizes for the raffle – we really couldn't have done so well without your generosity!

Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge this week. A range of local employers, including Lucite, 3M, PCP, Hydram, Carnell, SW Durham Training Ltd and the Fire and Rescue Service, all presented apprenticeship opportunities to each Y9 class. Each class then went out to one of the companies, visiting the site and asking questions of staff. Students are now busy preparing a presentation about apprenticeship opportunities in that company. They will give their presentation to parents, company representatives and governors at the Apprenticeship Awareness Final next month. The Apprenticeship

Awareness Challenge is part of Woodham Academy's extensive careers education programme. The aim is to allow all students to see the opportunities available to them so that they can make informed choices when they leave school.

Careers co-ordinator, Dave Walker, says, "we are very grateful to all of the companies who are taking part in this year's Apprenticeship Awareness Challenge and to those who provide work experience placements for our engineering students. It is no surprise that many of our students are successful in obtaining apprenticeships when they leave us."



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Charity Race Night

Following on from the success of the last Charity Race Night, the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, will be holding another event on Saturday 17th November from 7pm. Great Aycliffe Town Council - Mayor's Charity Piggy Race Night on Saturday 17th November 2018 - 7pm to 11pm at the R.A.F.A. Club, Barrington Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tickets are only £3.50 with hot pork sandwiches and roast potatoes for supper (vegetarian option available). It will be another fun night all in aid of the Mayor's Chosen Charity - The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. If you would like tickets, please contact the Council Offices on 01325 300700 or email sharna.stretch@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

UTC Student Awarded Prestigious Arkwright Scholarship



UTC South Durham student, Lee Reynoldson, has been

accepted into the Arkwright Scholarship Programme. The scholarship will support and sponsor Lee through his A-Level studies for the next two years and follow his career journey wherever it may take him. Lee said, "I was very pleased with my GCSE results and I am now enjoying my A-level studies at UTC South Durham, I have chosen to study Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science. "I wasn't aware of the scholarship until I was approached by Catherine, one of the Vice Principals at

the UTC. When she told me what it was and how it could support me and my future so I jumped at the chance to apply. The interview process was tough, so I was over the moon when I found out that I had been successful and cannot wait to get involved and learn with the programme and other scholars from across the country."

Principal, Tom Dower, said, "Lee has done particularly well here at UTC South Durham and to have also secured a place on the Arkwright Programme will undoubtedly open many doors for him into potential careers. We are very proud of what he has achieved and are looking forward to working with him and the team at Arkwright Scholars in his current two years of study here."

Tom continued, "What we do here at UTC is focused on a unique combination of academic courses and technical qualifications alongside developing key workplace skills that our employer partners tell us they are searching for." Applications for year 12 studies at UTC are currently open, and booking for the next open evening is available on the UTC South Durham website: www.utcsouthdurham.org - For additional information call 01325 430 250.

Heighington U9s Winning Ways



Heighington AFC Under 9s, sponsored by MAF Plumbing, Heating & Gas Services, played a friendly against Byers Green Eagles. Everyone played brilliantly and the new look Red & Blacks deserved their first win together, finishing the match 5-2. There could have been plenty of other goals scored as many opportunities arose. Byers Green Eagles are currently second in

their division and their manager and parents were complimenting our players throughout the match. The referee also commented on how good they all were on the day. Four goals scored by Cole (7 in 2 matches now) and the other goal was scored by Joshua. Coleby was in goal producing some excellent saves and staying alert throughout. Ollie, Lily and Hayden

taking turns in defence keeping it tight at the back with some really determined defending. Midfield saw Oliver Y, Cole, Joshua and Finley (holding his own despite only being 6) working brilliantly together with plenty of skill and some excellent passing play. Our striker was Oliver N who worked his socks off desperate to get his first goal with us. Well done everyone.

SSAFA Big Brew Up



On Friday 2nd November 2018 The Royal Telegraph, Aycliffe Village will be holding a SSAFA Big Brew Up Event in support of the SSAFA Armed Forces Charity. The event will commence at 11.00am until 10.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake or alternatively a pie and a pint whilst raising money for those in the Armed Forces

community who are in need. Over the course of the day there will be a Charity Raffle with lots of great prizes and a Race Night in the evening. We hope you will be able to attend and support a very worthy cause. SSAFA works to provide the ever important specialist services and practical, emotional and financial support to our Forces and their families.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The mental health charity, Hub of Wishes based in Silverdale House, marked World Mental Health Day with a day of calming activities i.e. "colour me calm" adult colouring, holistic therapies in our treatment room and a film show in the afternoon. Sandwiches and tea/coffee was available, also snacks from our Tuck Shop. It was a relaxing, reflective day as we remembered highlights of 2018. These included our day trips to Windermere, Blackpool, Redcar; our walking days - especially the Treasure Hunt Walk in Richmond; special Easter party, the members' wedding party we held in the centre and of course the accredited courses attended by our members. The focus was very much on wellbeing - how to achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles. Many anxieties seem less so after a cup of tea and a chat to someone friendly who is willing to listen. Self esteem is boosted by being included, learning new skills, sharing knowledge and experiences. Other activities at Hub of Wishes are singing group, art/crafts, lunch club and bingo, health walks (warmer months) and exercise sessions. We have accredited courses working with Bishop Auckland College and various workshops within the centre.

If you have a skill or knowledge you could pass on to our members, why not consider becoming a volunteer at Hub of Wishes? Volunteering can be very enriching and rewarding. Some of our past volunteers have gained social work or counselling degrees/qualifications and now work in the mental health sector or

other social capacity. Whilst volunteering you will gain a sense of achievement for yourself and also have a positive impact on the lives of others. Hub of Wishes is open 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday and a new evening service operates Wednesday evenings from 6-9pm. We are now on YouTube! Telephone - 01325 300121 Email - thehubofwishes@gmail.com PLEASE NOTE: www.hubofwishes.co.uk (there is no "the" before hub).

JUNIOR NETBALL

Junior netball sessions are open to both beginners and those who already enjoy playing netball. These sessions will offer children an idea of how netball is coached within a club environment, building their familiarity with drills, developing the fundamental skills as well as offering a chance to play a game of netball in a comfortable environment.

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100 Years Remembrance

Sunday 11th November 2018
St. Clare's Church War Memorial



Newton News has started an appeal for poppies to adorn the railings outside St. Clare's Church War Memorial for the 100th Year Remembrance of Armistice Day. We are appealing for local residents to make or purchase woollen poppies and fix to the railings ready for Sunday 11th November Remembrance Day Parade.

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.

To see the railings covered in red poppies would be a great accolade to the fallen who will be remembered on this special 100th anniversary. Poppies can be purchased from Crafters Companion, or you can knit your own from the instructions opposite.

There is a group at St. Mary's who meet on a Wednesday 1-3pm (Knit and Natter Group). This group are actively knitting woollen poppies. Anyone is welcome to attend and join in or drop off balls of wool. Contact Margaret Lee on 01325 316963. Crafters Companion also hold a Wednesday knitting group 2-4pm.

An appeal is now published for donations of red wool to help with the construction of the poppies at the Knit and Natter Groups. Red wool and black buttons are requested and can be left at St. Mary's on a Wednesday between 1-3pm, Newton Press offices or Crafters Companion.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS



A harvest festival held at HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, helped Residents to meet new people, make new friends and have meaningful moments in the company of others. The event was also in support of Silver Sunday, which helps combat loneliness within the community and helps to increase happiness and wellbeing. Defoe Court welcomed members of the local community to mark the start of the autumn season on Friday 5th October and hosted a range of harvest themed activities including a harvest themed bingo and afternoon tea with homemade crème cake. Residents and staff donated food items and distributed the

harvest collection to the local food bank. The highlight of the day for the Residents was getting to know new neighbours and enjoying afternoon tea together. Sarah Todd, Home Manager at HC-One's Defoe Court commented: "Combining Silver Sunday and Harvest Festival gave residents the opportunity to get to know people in the community and to build relationships with each other. "The event was a great success and we were so pleased to be able to donate valuable food to our local food bank." For more information or to arrange a tour of the home, visit www.hc-one.co.uk or call 01325 316316.

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 3 - For teachers to start and encourage a savings bank in every school, so that pupils will cultivate the habit of saving (the mount is not important). Pupils would be issued with a savings book as opposed to viewing something online and, through the cultivation of this new habit, may well avoid, as they move into adulthood, the penalty of incurring thousands of pounds of debt.
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Durham County Council is offering tasty treats such as fresh fruit, raisins and popcorn to youngsters at all of its leisure centres with swimming pools from Monday, 22 October to Sunday, 28 October.

The initiative is an extension of a successful scheme run during the summer holidays, which saw more than 76,800 free snacks distributed to children over a six-week period. It attracted many positive comments from parents, children and the wider community, with people praising the scheme for sparking conversations about healthy eating.

Cllr Jane Brown, Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "The response we received to the summer snacks initiative was very encouraging. We are keen to reach out to more children over the half-term holidays, as we know this is a time when families can find themselves under increased financial pressure." Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We are delighted to offer free healthy snacks at our leisure centres again this half-term."



"It can be a struggle to get youngsters to eat their five-a-day and this is our way of helping families ensure children get the vitamins and energy they need when they are out and about."

The leisure centres taking part in the scheme are: Woodhouse Close in Bishop Auckland, Freemans Quay in Durham, Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe, Chester-le-Street, Teesdale, Consett, the Louisa Centre in Stanley and Peterlee. All of these centres have swimming pools and have been chosen as they attract the most children and families. Snacks will be on offer every day during the venue's opening hours. For leisure centre opening hours, visit www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentres

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Greenfield Community College Celebrates 100% Attendance



Congratulations to **Sinead Hinton** and **Ben Maxfield** who celebrated their achievement of five years without absence from Greenfield Community College. Executive Headteacher, Mr Priestley and Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Stubbs joined them at Durham County Cricket Club to see them receive their well-deserved award and to add their congratulations to recognise their excellent achievement.

The evening has become a regular date in the diary for Greenfield students who have shown commitment and resilience throughout their five years at school – qualities that will prepare them as they continue their journey through education and employment.

Ian Shanks of Children and Young People's Services congratulated the students in a letter to the school, "On behalf of the Corporate Director

of Children and Young People's Services and other colleagues, may I thank you for the contribution you and your staff have made to the Local Authority's priority on raising attendance. These students can be held up as an example both to their peers and successors and we hope to see more students from your school receiving awards in subsequent years". Staff at Greenfield Community College are committed to raising aspirations and recognising achievements of each and every young person and would like to add their congratulations to Sinead and Ben for their hard work and commitment throughout their time at Greenfield. Well done!

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The Importance of Understanding Emotional Wellbeing

All of the children of Walworth School reflected on the importance of understanding emotional wellbeing and mental health on World Mental Health day. The children engaged in a range of artistic tasks to reflect their awareness of what Mental Health means to them. The whole School made a visual video presentation using children's art work and pupil voice to convey their own personal feelings about the mental health issues they face. One class presented a dramatic sketch using movement, gestures and dance to a piece of thought provoking music. This performance again highlighted the importance of how mental health issues can become a barrier to our lives. The thoughts and feelings expressed by the children tugged at the heart strings of all present reducing many to tears through the powerful images portrayed. Head Teacher Mr Peter Wallbanks said, "The emotion conveyed through the performances was amazing. The children deserved great credit. We strive to support children's emotional wellbeing in all we do at Walworth and have done for some time. The children are now much more able to describe how they are feeling and share



this with staff. Having reached this point, it then becomes possible to support their needs".

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Our school is doing some research on the Aycliffe Angels and we opened up a competition among the children to design a poster as part of their topic work. The poster would be a request to anybody who has any knowledge of the Aycliffe Angels to join us at the school to give us insights into their own memories of the Angels, and if they had any memorabilia that would be even better. Effectively we're looking to celebrate the Angels and the amazing contribution they made to the war effort.

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THANK YOU TESCO PCP Pledge to Help End Mental Health Discrimination



PLAY CAFÉ volunteers want to thank TESCO store staff in Newton Aycliffe for their continuing support. During the summer holidays over 80 people attended the pop up events, for Family Friendly meals and play. This support is offered to families who find the long holidays tricky in the absence of Breakfast Clubs and Free School Meals.

TESCO provide fresh fruit to ensure healthy options are available as snacks or part of the dessert. Community Champion, Shirley and the Customer Service Team are always so helpful when we come to shop for the Play Café events. So, 'Thank You TESCO' from families and the PLAY CAFÉ Team.

PCP is incredibly proud to be joining the Time to Change campaign aiming to end the stigma around mental health problems. Around 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem yet there is still a shame and silence about talking about how people feel. On Wednesday 10th October 2018, World Mental Health Day, PCP officially signed the Employer Pledge and to publicly show their commitment to helping end mental health discrimination in the workplace.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP's Chief Executive said, "Mental health problems can affect anyone yet people can find it hard to open up to others. Sometimes we say we're fine when we're not and we are encouraging everyone to get behind the Time to Change campaign of asking twice. By asking people if they're okay



and double checking you can give people the opportunity to share how they're truly feeling, and then friends, family, work colleagues or employers can offer help and support.

"The nature of what PCP does means we are well placed to champion change and tackle stigma around mental health in the communities we serve. Our pledge extends to empowering staff to talk freely about past or present experiences and providing practical help to build resilience whilst offering support when it is needed.

PCP aims to make a lasting change for the benefit of current and future employees. It is in all of our interests to be more open about mental health problems and be able to share experiences in the same way we do with physical health problems."

PCP signed the Employer Pledge at the County Durham Partnership Event at Ramside Hall Hotel in front of a range of partners, stakeholders, community groups and

champions to demonstrate widely their pledge to tackle discrimination and stigma

associated with mental health. To find out more about the Time to Change campaign go to www.time-to-change.org.uk

Congratulations

Rachael Henderson



15th October 2018
Happy 30th Birthday
Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Carlos, Louie, Josh and all of the family xxx

Thank You

WE WOULD like to thank all the staff at Lindisfarne Care Home for looking after Auntie May so well. Especially Carol, who is a lovely lady, a good manager and Mandy, you were there till the end. Thank you so much. Colin, Lynda and family

Acknowledgement

ROUND. I would like to thank the following people and organisations who have given me so much help and support since Alan died: the doctors and staff of James Cook hospital; The co-operative funeral service, particularly Ms. Julie Guest; Ms. Claire Cantwell for the beautiful service; the staff at Wear Valley crematorium; the RAF regiment veterans, particularly Flight Sergeant Siggsworth; and special thanks to all our friends in the town and our friends and neighbours in the village for all the beautiful cards, flowers, emotional support and practical help. Your many kindnesses brought light into a sad time. Thank you, Kathy

In Memoriam

Evelyn Edwards

9th October 2017

I watched you suffer, I saw you die. But all I could do was sit close by. You went away, we had to part. God eased your pain, but broke my heart.

We miss you so, so much Mam. Love you to the moon and back. Leigh, Andrew, Gareth, Ryan, Jack, Pauline, Candi and Ella Grace xxxx

A million times I think of you, a million times I've cried. If my love could have saved you Mum, you never would have died.

Miss you every single day Mam. Tracey, Michael, Lisa, Liam, Ash, Lily May and Jett James xxx

One year has passed Mam, since God took you away. I think of you each day, I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part. God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart. Love always, Laurie, Tony, Sean, Alison, Sarah, Josh, Alfie and Emily xxxxx

NORMAN ROBERTSON 25th October 2016. Where have those two years gone Pops? We think of you daily and talk about you often, remembering you always with a smile, but often with a tear too. Miss you always. Grace, Graham, Dean and Michelle xxxxx

JOHN LEDGER passed away 17th October 2017. Special memories treasured forever of the love and happiness we shared together. In our hearts always. Missed and loved by Melanie, Alyson and Andrew
HARRIET BRUMWELL died 18th October 1993. We still miss you every day, but the memories always stay. God bless. Love, Jeannette, Owen, Carl and family

Obituary

MARGARET PARR

(nee Willis)

Peacefully on 9th October, aged 83 years. Much loved wife of Nick, loving mam of Nigel and Karen, Mother-in-Law to Sarah; loving Nana of Max, Lucy, Scarlett and Tobias; a much loved Sister of June, David and the late Andrew, also a much loved Auntie and Great Auntie Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon, DL14 8NR on Tuesday 23rd October at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired, may be made to NRAS (National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society). Plate provided at the crematorium.

MARGARET LONGSTAFF

(nee Brown)

On 9th October, following a long illness, aged 81 years. Much loved Wife of Colin; loving Mam of Nicki and Mother-in-Law of David also a much loved Gran of Romey and Finn. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 25th October at 11.30am.

JOHN SNOWBALL 30/12/1931 - 15/10/2018. Passed away peacefully at home. Beloved Husband of Audrey and cherished Father, Grandad and Great-Grandad. Private family funeral, followed by cremation.

Over 65's 'Falling on Your Feet' Dance Classes

A free, 20 session 'Falling on Your Feet' dance course for over 65's by Helix Arts began on Tuesday 25th September at the Pioneering Care Centre. We had an influx of interest from the local community and due to an amazing turnout out of 20 attendees, Helix Arts have asked us to host an additional class. We are currently contacting those who have placed their names on a waiting list but also have some extra spaces available. This additional FREE, 20 session course, began on Tuesday 2nd October and will run every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks at the Pioneering Care Centre from 11.45am until 1.15pm. The course will help improve strength, balance and flexibility, whilst having fun and making new friends! The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) estimates that 1 in 3 people over 65 will suffer a fall every year and for over 80's 1 in 2 people will fall. If you've had a fall it can knock your confidence, 'Falling on Your Feet' can help improve general stability, enable people to regain confidence and prevent further falls. If you would like to book a place, or for more information, please contact the Pioneering Care Centre tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net

Juniors Football Report



It was a wet and windy welcome to the pitch for the Aycliffe Juniors football teams this weekend.

The **Under 7's Whites** faced fellow unbeaten team Durham City Juniors. A hat trick from Jack C was not enough to win the game with the final score showing an 8-3 loss.

The **Under 7's Juniors** travelled to play Wynyard Village Youth and after a slow start they went on to win 5-3. Jack C again got a hat trick with Kai and an own goal completing the scoring. The development game also ended in victory with Kai (2), Daniel, Mason, Marley and man of the match Dom scoring.

The **Under 8's** faced a physical Billingham Juniors team at Woodham. A tight first half ended 0-0 then in the second half Aycliffe went on to create several chances. The deserved winner came when Alex scored the games only goal with a few minutes left. The development game saw Billingham race in to a 4-1 lead and Aycliffe come back fantastically to win 6-5 with Alex (2), Harry (2), Jack and Evan getting the goals.

The **Under 9's** travelled to play Hartlepool FC Youth, there was some lovely football played early in the game and this led to a well

worked goal, scored by Oliver. The match though ran away from the Aycliffe team as they lost out 8-1. The development game was much closer with Preston and Oliver scoring in a 3-2 loss. The mornings man of the match was Kenyon.

The **Under 10's Clarets** played Hartlepool Stranton at home in another tough game. A battling first half performance kept the game goal less as the teams changed ends.

After going 2-0 down in the second half man of the match Ashton scored to make it 2-1 and Aycliffe looked the better team. They pressed for the equaliser but conceded in the dying seconds so the game ended 3-1.

The **Under 11's Whites** lost out 2-0 away at Redcar Town with Connor Maitchell putting in a man of the match performance.

The **Under 11's Black** played Prissick Rovers at home and raced in to a 3-0 lead as Jake scored a quick hat trick. This lead was doubled before half time as Rhys, Jayden and Noah added further goals. Their fine performance continued after the break as man of the match Jake added two more goals along with Jayden and Noah scoring again in a 10-1 win.

The **Under 13's** Russell Foster League team played away at Durham County Youth. In the first half they couldn't get a foot hold in the game so they found themselves 1-0 down at the break. A determined second half effort saw Herbie score a hat trick and Ted add one goal as they came away 4-1 winners. Reuben and Herbie shared the man of the match award.

The **Under 13's** TJFA league team traveled to play Boro Rangers, the only team in Division one with a 100% record from their opening games. Despite Aycliffe going 2-0 down they battled well and goals from Lucas, Zack and Charlie brought the game level at 3-3 with ten minutes left. Aycliffe looked the better team and created chances but couldn't get the winner and this one ended 3-3.

The **Under 14's** won a great game away at Bedale with all fourteen lads showing great effort. Sammy Clark got the goal in this 1-0 win and Ben Hitch was the man of the match.

The **Under 17's** faced Thirsk at Woodham, a tight first half ended 0-0 but the game opened up in the second half. Unfortunately it didn't go the home teams way and Aycliffe lost 5-2.

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 13th October Ebac Northern League Division One Newton Aycliffe 2 v North Shields 4

Newton Aycliffe suffered a 4-2 defeat at home to North Shields. They started well in the gusty conditions, and Tom Gavin put them ahead on 8 minutes with a screamer into the top of the net, after a good lay-off by Kurt Matthews. North Shields started to come into the game though, and their neat inter-passing style was rewarded when they equalised on 26 minutes, Robinson rifling low shot past James Winter.

They went on to have the better of the remainder of the half, with Winter making a great save for Aycliffe just before the break.

North Shields had the benefit of the wind in the second half, and they took full advantage with three further goals from Day, Robinson and Spooner. Aycliffe kept plugging away with man-of-the-match Marc Costello working hard in midfield. They pulled a goal back right on the final whistle when a great shot from Wilf Dinsdale hit the crossbar, and bounced down onto the line, where Matty Pennal tapped it in.

Next game is away to Hebburn Town on Saturday 20th October, followed by a cup game away to Durham (at Willington) on Tuesday



23rd.

Next home game is against Consett on Saturday 27th. Photo: Man-of-the-match Marc Costello.

VANE ROAD CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



Last Wednesday 56 children from Vane Road Primary School took part in a local SSP Cross Country Competition at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise Centre. Overall, the team were extremely successful finishing in first place. There also were some excellent individual results with Georgia and Jackson finishing in 9th, Courtney in 5th, Caleb in 4th, Sam in 3rd and sisters Hannah and Fearnie finishing in 2nd and 1st respectively. Huge congratulations to all of the runners for their excellent achievements.

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The runners of ARC were again out racing although it was a slightly quieter weekend.

As always many members joined in the local parkruns on Saturday. This week two members achieved PB's both at Sedgefield. Simon Turner in a time of 23.03 and Melanie Rowland in 29.00.

Also on Saturday Richard Tonge took part in the Kielder 10k. He completed this in 1.00.22.

On Sunday three of our men travelled to Druridge Bay for the second fixture in the Harrier League Cross Country. Andy Talbot was first home for the club in 42.03, followed by Richard Holland in 42.47 and David Stothard in 53.40.

Back over at Kielder, Trish Kay took part in the Kielder Half Marathon which is described as Britains most beautiful half marathon. The undulating route beings near Kielder Dam taking runners over the Dam and headed to the forest on the North Shore for approx. 3 miles before crossing back over the Dam



to join the Lakeside Way. The race finishes at Kielder Waterside Park. Although describing this race as a challenging course with lovely scenery Trish also says that it is one of her favourite races and she completed this in 1.54.08. Also on Sunday Paul Dalton travelled to Cardiff where he took place in the Cardiff Half Marathon (albeit running for his first claim club). Paul completed this in 1.25.51.

Last but not least, Judith Porter travelled all the way to America to take part in the Chicago Marathon. Judith completed the marathon in 4.46.30



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