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## Katelyn's Wheels Appeal Reaches Target and More

**Katelyn's New Wheels Appeal a great success!**  
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they kindly allowed us to stay with our collection buckets. Katelyn had a great

afternoon, she especially liked the fact we were dared to do the 'Drop Zone' and 'Zip wire' for an extra £100 thanks to John Finley. Notorious Frankland prison inmate Charles Salvatore (Bronson) even heard of our appeal and donated his own wrist watch which was auctioned and raised a whopping £350. Katelyn also enjoyed afternoon tea with the local beautiful pageant ladies, she painted their nails raising a fabulous £55 and was crowned with a sparkling tiara and sash.

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# Katelyn's Wheels Appeal Reaches Target and More

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A great big thanks to the Rotary Club, The Big Club, The Phoenix Club, Darlington Charity Cup, Honest John, Aycliffe Radio and ACE.

The highlight of the week was a phone call from Scarlet Moffatt asking to donate money from the Angels Trust, which I kindly accepted after I stopped hyperventilating! Also a massive thank you to everyone else who rang and pledged money, every penny counted. TomCat visited Katelyn at her school to measure her for her trike and Katelyn was able to try a sample trike. Her mam Kayla was amazed at the fact Katelyn, who is unable to stand, was actually able to move the pedals herself. This will be a massive asset to Katelyn's life giving her more independence and a chance to enjoy her childhood.

This is not the end of the story though, the pledges were overwhelming and we kept going until we knew the final cost of Katelyn's trike after fitting. Thanks to the generosity of the local

community, the remaining funds has also allowed for a 2nd trike to be bought for 13 year old Aycliffe girl, Katie Henderson. Katie went to school with Katelyn, she also suffers with cerebral palsy and is unable to walk. Both girls met at ROF 59 where Katelyn handed over the cheque and had a good catch up with Katie. Both girl's trikes are now on order and are hoping Santa will be able to deliver them on time. From all of Katelyn's and Katie's friends and family, we would just like to say a great big Thank You for making two girl's dreams come true. Joanne & Neville Jones

## Memorial Service

On Sunday 4th November at 10.30am a Memorial Service led by Rev. Andy Bryer will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

All bereaved are invited to attend the Service where they can light a candle to remember their loved ones. A warm welcome awaits you.



## John D. Clare on the Radio

Aycliffe Radio have confirmed that the well-known politician, historian and author John D. Clare will present a new political news and debate show named "POLITICAL".

"The weekly show will be launched on Sunday, 28th October, at 7.00pm," said producer Paul Mooney who is a director of Aycliffe Radio and also produces the popular history and soul music shows.

"John has always been very supportive of Aycliffe Radio," said Paul, "and it's a pleasure to have him on our team."

John, a retired deputy head teacher, is an elected Councillor for Great Aycliffe Town Council and Durham County Council.

His sixty-minute show will discuss regional and national political news and will also feature guests from across the political spectrum, such as Independent Town Councillor Arun M. Chandran, who will appear on the launch show along with Mel Wilson.

## 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.

## Veterans Art Exhibition

The exhibition is being put together by myself and Nick Cooke from Newton Aycliffe Breakfast Club. Photography, wood carvings, sculpture and contemporary art are examples of the works on display. Demonstrating an abundance of talent amongst the veteran community in Newton Aycliffe.

Entrance is free and donations to SSAFA veterans charity in Newton Aycliffe will be welcome.

Newton Aycliffe Veterans Breakfast Club, meets from 10am on the first Wednesday of every month at the PCP, Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe, although the exhibition gallery at 10/14 Beveridge Way, will host the next breakfast club at 10am on Wednesday 7th November where Nick and all



the members will give you a warm welcome.

Special thank you to Bryan Haldane, Aycliffe Town Centre Management who provided the space for the exhibition.



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Anyone requiring help will still be able to, through Helping Hand Facebook page or by joining JUNCTION 7

Facebook page, everything will remain confidential but be run from a specific place. I will however, still be involved as I don't want to let go altogether, so once again I would like to say thank you for all the support we received and hope you will continue to support the new charity the same way. Anyone wishing to receive help or any advice please contact Junction 7 on 07543 951553 or Email: cdtvrescuemission@gmail.com or pop in to 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4QD, Monday and Thursday 10am to 2pm. Thank you Sally Symons

## HUSQVARNA SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER CARE



Newton Aycliffe based manufacturer, Husqvarna, is raising money for Breast Cancer Care again this year, marking a third year of support for the charity. The world leader in outdoor power products has launched an online auction this month for a Pink Automower® with the proceeds going to charity. The auction for Husqvarna's robotic lawnmower ran until October 18th, giving potential bidders the chance to get involved and own their own robotic gardener whilst also raising money for a great cause.

Husqvarna is known for pioneering the robotic lawnmowing industry in 1995 and produces industry-leading robotic lawnmowers from its Newton Aycliffe which are sold across the world. Staff in Newton Aycliffe also took part in an internal fundraising day on Friday 12th October at the company's offices to celebrate Breast Cancer Care's 'The Big Pink'; dressing up in pink and raising money. Over the past two years the company has raised over £7,000 through fundraising activities.

Ken Brewster, Commercial Director for Husqvarna said: "We're happy to be raising money for such a great charity for the third year running. We've had some great success from our previous pink auctions and giveaways, and we hope this year will be exactly the same. It was brilliant to see our staff getting on board and wearing pink in the office again this year, something which is becoming a bit of a tradition now for us."

Alec Raven, Head of Community Fundraising at Breast Cancer Care, added: "We're so grateful to Husqvarna for holding their online auction, for supporting us for a third consecutive year and for also doing a Big Pink in their office too. The money raised will help Breast Cancer Care to continue to provide free services including; support over the phone with a nurse or someone who's been there, welcoming online forums, reliable information and local group support. "691,000 people are living with a breast cancer diagnosis in the UK today,

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The consultation recognises the changing ways people expect to contact the council, with digital technology now an essential part of daily life.

More than 100 council services are already available online and over 40 per cent of customers currently access these services in this way.

The consultation aims to better understand the needs of residents, businesses and partners, and to meet these needs by improving service delivery online.

Cllr Joy Allen said: "The consultation is an important part of our development as a modern digital council. The public we serve has an important role to play in helping us to determine what is important to them and their feedback will enable us to shape how we develop and deliver digital services."

Alan Patrickson, head of digital and customer services at the council, said: "We are committed to offering a choice in how people deal with us. We encourage people to use this consultation as a way of making their needs known and to help us improve how we use technology in providing effective and efficient services."

People can find out more by visiting [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation) and clicking on 'Digital Durham Consultation'. Paper copies will also be available from Customer Access Points.

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# Scanner Appeal Fund Raising

The appeal that has brought new MRI scanners to Darlington Memorial & Bishop Auckland Hospitals has received a boost from the Federation of Mowden Schools, in Darlington.

Activities including sports days, non-uniform days and family fun days have collected £1,085 for the appeal. Head teacher, Peter King, also got involved, adopting the appeal as his charity when taking part in last month's Great North Run.

The class ambassadors for both schools presented a cheque to Pat Chambers, Charity Development Manager at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

Peter King, said, "We all deserve to benefit from the very best in health technology. When Pat came to talk to our students about the Appeal and the difference the new MRI scanner makes by helping consultants with earlier diagnosis of many life threatening and life limiting



conditions, I knew we had to help. I am delighted with the enthusiasm the students, their families, friends and our staff have shown in raising this money."

Pat Chambers, said, "We are very grateful for this support. We're still seeking donations for our appeal and would love to hear from anyone who can help us, as Peter and the students have done, as we head towards the final weeks of fundraising before the appeal closes on 20th December 2018. We're fortunate that, thanks to the

generosity of manufacturer, Philips, both scanners were installed earlier in the year, so patients could benefit from them, while our fundraising continued.

"If you can help in any way, through a donation, by fundraising or volunteering, please get in touch by calling our charity team on 01325 743781 or email me pat.chambers1@nhs.net"

## Film Show

This week's "Feel Good Film Show" has been cancelled. Back to normal for Tuesday 6th November. Watch next week's newton News for more details.

## TABLE TOP SALE

Simpasture Court Care Home will hold their Annual Sale on Saturday 3rd November from 9.00am to 2.00pm. There will be lots of items on sale at bargain prices. Free admission and free tea and coffee will be available.

## EMERSON WAY DRIVERS

I hope whoever was driving is reading this, but on Sunday 21st October at 12.30pm my gorgeous ball of fluff was knocked over by a speeding car along Emerson Way. I pulled up outside my house and was about to get out of my car, when I saw a white car coming fast from St. Cuthberts Way up Emerson Way and I waited for it to pass.

In my wing mirror I saw my cat running across the road, then the impact. The driver must have known they had hit her, but sped off. I quickly got out and panicked.

She had dragged herself to the side, but was gasping and then I saw the blood in her mouth. I scooped her up and was about to take her to the vets, but by the time I got to my car she had died in my arms.

She was an outdoors cat and maybe shouldn't have ran across the road, but unfortunately cats aren't taught the green cross code.

I know the car that hit her was going faster than they should, after all it's a long road, why would you go slowly? Well, you go slowly because it's a street of houses, where people, especially young children, live.

This was my baby so goodness knows what it would have been like if it had been a small child.

This is not the first time I have witnessed cars speeding along this road. I know from now on I will be taking descriptions of any speeding vehicles and sending them to the police. I know to some it was only a cat, but it was my cat, a member of my family, the youngest member of my family and I am destroyed because of it. I watched her struggle and die, thankfully quickly and not in pain for long, but something needs done about that road and it's uncaring drivers.

Glyn Stevens  
Emerson Way

## DETERMINATION RECOGNISED



A North East military veteran who started his own businesses after leaving the armed forces has been recognised for his determination in the run up to the Invictus Games.

The Sage Power 50 - launched by tech giant Sage - showcases 50 leading veteran-run businesses from across the UK, Australia, the US and Canada. The collection includes business owners that have been nominated for their leadership and determination to succeed against the odds in the commercial world.

Taking his place among the Power 50 is Richard Tucker, founder of AAA Caring Caretaker Ltd.

Mr Tucker served as a Royal Air Force mechanical transport driver between 1976 and 1996, and is a veteran of the first Gulf War. In 2015 he launched AAA

Caring Caretaker Ltd. to support the work of AAA Property North East after discovering there was a lack of quality maintenance and repair companies in the market.

"We saw, as landlords ourselves in the student market, that it was increasingly hard to find reliable and multipurpose tradesmen who had the capability to take on the multitude of tasks that come with managing portfolios," said Mr Tucker. "We soon realised that this issue was not unique to us but widely experienced."

The Newton Aycliffe firm has since won numerous awards - including being named as the Employer of the Year. Mr Tucker has also been awarded an MBE.

AAA Caring Caretaker is based in the Blue Bridge Centre on Aycliffe Business Park.

## £363 Raised at Macmillan Coffee Morning



28th September

The end of September saw local business women pulling together to raise awareness and much needed funds for Macmillan.

Temple Spa Consultant, Penny Johnson, had the idea to offer a luxury hand treatment and a home shopping experience from the comfort of her home, whilst guests enjoyed coffee and cake. She was accompanied by Glassy Lassy ladies Lucy Stephen and her mum Mary Hosking who showcased their amazing stained glassware. Both businesses offered a percentage of any sales

on the day to the charity, which helped towards the £363.00 total.

Cakes were kindly donated by Rosie at Cozy Coffee and Saffron from Love Thy Cupcake. All who took part in the event enjoyed fun and games and raffle prizes, kindly donated by Lucy and Penny.

Thanks go to all involved who attended or donated their time or cakes to make this such a success.

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## Scott's Stag Do in Tenerife



Scott Adams 'Stag Do' took place in Playa Las Americas, Tenerife on August Bank Holiday weekend. Scott is getting married to Laura Relton at Otterburn Hall on 10th November. Scott was dressed up by his best man, Spink, in something different every day and Scott was a good sport and didn't refuse, even when in his shiny silver trousers all day in 26 degree heat! Above is the photo of the group together. The brides Dad and Uncle (Paul and Ron); and Scott's Dad (Dave) came along to keep an eye on things, we all had an amazing time and are all friends for over 15 years.

Left to right it's Tom and another Tom, Gareth, Joel, Tommy, Scott, Spink, Bob, Buzzy, Karl, Fitz, Paul, Cog all Newtonians. We forgot to take our Newton News, sorry!



# Let Silence Help People Affected by MND



Linda West, employed at the PCP, this week held a sponsored silence at work in aid of Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

"I did the Silence because my Mother was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease a month ago, after losing her ability to swallow and speak. She has had a feeding tube inserted straight into her stomach at James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough and we are very grateful for their outstanding care.

Her ability to process information has also been affected but she would adamantly disagree with this. MND has no cure and is a progressive debilitating disease. My sister and I feel like there is nothing we can do, other than support her through this" said Linda.

The idea of a sponsored silence came from researching MND where she came across the Silence Speaks campaign on the MND website, and thought that was something she could do to raise awareness and get some money together to support MND buy communication aids for those who need it.

Linda said "My employer has given me permission to do this and the CEO, Carol Gaskarth, is also going to be silent for ten minutes during the day to understand how

difficult it is to have your ability to communicate and then to lose it."

Tuesday is normally a quiet day at the PCP so there was less chance of forgetting and speaking!!

The members of Options Day Service for Adults with Learning and Physical Disabilities made some signs for Linda to use during the day and also supported her by passing a baton to each other and being silent themselves for ten minutes at a time.

There will be lots of miming, sign language and signs being used. Some of Linda's work colleagues joined her for ten minutes silence or had ten minutes silence at their own desks.

There is a JustGiving page as well as a sponsor form, the original target was £100, but that was surpassed early on and is currently at £400 - we would also like to raise awareness of this awful disease. The disease strikes people of all ages and there has been a couple of professional football and rugby players diagnosed recently.

*We tend to take our voice for granted, but some don't have this luxury. One of the most worrying and devastating aspects people with MND face is losing their voice.*

*Help us raise awareness by standing in solidarity with the thousands of people living with MND who have difficulty speaking.*

*It's simple. Choose a date, place and duration. How long will you stay silent? Where will you stay silent? A pub, school? Your workplace? A party?*

*The longer and more public your silence, the more donations you'll receive. Don't fancy doing it alone? Get others involved - it's more fun in a team!*

*Become a fundraiser and get sponsored for supporting people living with MND who experience speech loss. Set up your own JustGiving page, and share it across your social media pages. You might have to stay silent but your friends and family can spread the word for you! Your donations could help develop more advanced communication aids for people with MND.*

## SCHOOL AYCLIFFE EVENTS

**Monday 5th November,** Bonfire Night, 6.30 pm onwards. Come and watch the Aycliffe Fireworks Display from the warmth of our hall.

Entrance fee includes a hot dog and soup. Adults £2.50 and children £1.50.

Please contact Christine Robinson on 07981 992686 for further details and tickets.

**Friday 30th November,** 'Elvis' Evening. Fully Booked.

Please make a note in your diary for our Christmas Quiz which will be held on **Friday 14th December** timings and ticket cost to be confirmed. Our quiz master will be Stephen Quigley.

**New class details:** Yoga with Claire, 7.30 till 8.30, Tuesday evenings, £6 per class or a block booking of 4 for £20. For further details please contact: claire.thompsonpt@gmail.com

Hall Bookings: Tony Robinson 07807 134942  
General Information: Georgette Rouse 07951 758118  
School Aycliffe Committee Association

# Shortlisted for The Bristol Short Story Prize

Stacey has lived in Newton Aycliffe her whole life and attended Woodham Comprehensive School. She has been writing as a hobby for years, but it has only been in the last few years that she has started to write for an audience. She went back to university as a mature student and studied a BA (hons) in English Literature and then went on to study an MA in Creative Writing which she has received a predicted grade of distinction. Last year she submitted work to her first competition, a mentorship with Penguin Random House. She was both longlisted and shortlisted for that competition and spent a day meeting with editors and agents from Penguin. She also had her work read over by editors who gave her great feedback. She has since completed the novel that she entered into that competition and is currently

seeking representation for it. This year she decided to submit to more competitions and was shortlisted for The Bristol Short Story Prize which is an international competition. Short listees travelled from as far as New York and Canada to be at the awards ceremony and book launch.

Stacey usually writes what she would describe as social realism, her writing centres around working class people and working-class lives because she feels they can often be under-represented within the literary industry. Her short story for the Bristol Prize was a work of experimental fiction in which she played around with anti-narrative to create "The Making of Nancy". The story is about a seventeen-year-old girl and the events in her life that make her who she is and the society around her that she feels disassociated from.



# HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN TO READ



Local charity issues a new appeal for volunteers in Newton Aycliffe to help local school children with reading.

With the new academic year well underway for schools across Newton Aycliffe, it's a critical time for the local team at Beanstalk - a local charity which trains and places reading helpers in primary schools and early years settings.

"We need to ensure we have enough trained volunteers ready to deliver one-to-one reading support to those pupils who need extra support and encouragement with their reading to prevent them from falling further behind," explains Julie Duncan, Beanstalk's local Team Leader. "We have several vacancies for reading helpers around the Newton Aycliffe area that we urgently need to fill as soon as possible, so we would like to hear from anyone who thinks they may be able to spare a few hours a week to provide support and encouragement to struggling readers."

New statistics released by the Department of Education reveal that over 1,200 primary school leavers in County Durham did not achieve the expected level in reading in the last academic year. This means that a large proportion of children in the local area are still being

left behind without the key literacy skills they need to give them the best possible start in life.

Being a reading helper can be a life changing experience for the volunteers themselves as well as for the children that receive the support. If you can spare a few hours a week to make a meaningful difference to children who struggle with reading around Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas, please visit [www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk](http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk) or call 0845 450 0307 to find out more about the Charity's work and how you can sign up as a Beanstalk reading helper.

Beanstalk provides full training and ongoing support to all volunteers.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 31st October 2018 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome.

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## Race Night

This will be a race night with audience participation. Be a horse and people will place their bets!

Tickets include: Hot Food (beef/pulled pork sandwiches with chips or roasties) vegetarian option also Various Cake Desserts, two games of Bingo with prizes and Entertainment with Disco till 12.

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One Race will be dedicated to a local family: Jemma Bailey, who's little girl, Esmae-Rose is fighting to raise awareness of PANDAS & PANS due to a negative personal experience. The family will be present on the night to discuss their heart ache of this condition and the trauma their little girl has faced.

PANDAS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal infections) is a subset of a condition called PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome).

Please come along and support two amazing causes, tickets are selling out fast!



## HOG BLOG CAFE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



### J&C COACHES SAVE THE DAY!

Gavin, the mechanic from J&C Coaches found a hedgehog in their inspection pit during August.

At first it was thought to be a rat but on closer inspection, lo and behold, a hedgehog! Covered in oil and very cold, it was passed immediately to a hedgehog carer who bathed it until clean (which took quite a while). So, it was named Slick as it left an oil trail!

We are pleased to announce however, Slick made a full recovery and has been released - success!

Now, we all know Bonfire Night is upon us. If you have a bonfire, before lighting, use a broom to lift the base and shine a torch underneath, listen and check for sleeping hedgehogs. If you can, slightly move the bonfire just to make sure.

Stay safe and look after our spiky friends, remembering to put out a bowl of water over the months ahead. Hedgehogs can go into hibernation from October onwards and even during the winter may pop out for something to eat or drink.



Carol Bradley has taken over what used to be The Pitstop Cafe. The newly named Bradley's Cafe is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am till 2.30pm serving breakfasts, lunch and snacks. The cafe boasts a selection of comfortable couches as well as tables and chairs. Carol started as a catering supervisor for Compass Group and then a school teacher; in this new endeavour Carol is hoping for support from local businesses and groups,

the premises are available on an evening for meetings, small parties, demonstrations or get together and can accommodate 30 people. Bradley's offers daily specials via Facebook and Twitter and orders can be placed on 01325 787732.

All the food is cooked on the premises daily using fresh ingredients. Carol's website will be up and running shortly as will a delivery service for food orders.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Xcel Centre will be getting into the Christmas spirit this November with their annual Christmas Fair, an evening of seasonal festivities and shopping galore!

Admission to the event is FREE with entertainment to enjoy and a variety of gift-stalls to explore. Santa Claus will also be joining the Fair, all the way from the North Pole. A visit to the magical Santa's Grotto is only £1.50 per child, including a present from Santa's sleigh. Jacksons Coffee House will be open on-site throughout the evening, serving festive treats and Christmas drinks from renowned Italian Coffee Company Illy Caffè.

The Xcel Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 28th November from 5.30 - 8.30pm. You can find the Xcel Centre on Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6AP. For any further information about the Fair or to book one of the last places as a stall-holder, you can ring the Xcel Centre on 01325 329502 or contact admin@xcelcentre.com.

Following the success of previous years, this year's Fair promises to be even bigger than ever and a great way to kick off the Festive Season!

## Mayor's Christmas Challenge to Local Children

Budding young artists have been challenged by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, to design a new picture for the official 2018 Civic Christmas card.

The competition is open to all Aycliffe children and the theme is 'Christmas in Aycliffe'.

The winning entry will be used as the official Civic Christmas Card for 2018 plus the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will have their pictures framed and will also receive a gift voucher.

Please send your entries to the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF before the closing date on Friday 9th November 2018.

Make sure that your name, age and a contact number are clearly written on the back of your picture. (This information will be used only for the purposes of the competition and will be deleted once the competition is ended. Please see our website for further information: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk.)

The winners of the competition will be notified as soon as possible after the judging has taken place and they will be invited to attend an official presentation of prizes by the Mayor.

Further information can be obtained from Sharna Stretch on 01325 300700 or email: sharna.stretch@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

## "The Season of Goodwill"

Dear Sir,

Over recent weeks, officers of this Council have been subject to abusive comments, mainly on electronic communications and by telephone. Officers carry out the instructions of councillors and cannot respond in kind to such abuse. If you need to attack anyone, attack me. I am the Leader of the Council/Councillors and, after many years, I am able to respond to genuine concerns, political opportunism and those who have an axe to grind or who have a historic dispute with the Council/Councillors.

As to the shameful and beyond the pale attacks on Councillor Blenkinsopp, I did not support his views on the Santa Tours, but I totally support him in his right to express his views. It is enshrined in our laws as 'Freedom of Speech'.

Why do I refer to the attacks as shameful and beyond the pale? On Facebook articles there were cartoons and characterisations of Bill. To those who don't know Bill's history, here are some bullet points:

- Aged 17 and a promising jockey.
- Involved in a fatal car accident on the way to Ayr races.
- Driver and front passenger killed.
- Bill trapped in burning car.
- Suffered 68% burns to his body – lucky to survive as 40% was usually fatal.
- Five years hospitalised – only suitable pain relief for 1.5 years was morphine.
- Became addicted – gradually weaned off over the next 18 months in hospital.
- Two more years of skin grafts.
- Accident also left him with many other physical health problems.
- Only God and Bill know what mental tortures he has suffered.

He has struggled adversity to live his life. He has been a Town Councillor for 17 years, a County Councillor for 4 years and 12 years as District Councillor. He set up the Aycliffe Branch of MIND and also ran the

Cubby for many years.

The Santa Tours are part of the Christmas Festival but only part, it is 'season of goodwill to all men'. Well, it should be, but as I have already said, there is not much good will to be seen on Facebook.

Finally, I have looked up the law regarding Hate Crime on the Crown Prosecution Service and Citizens' Advice sites. Here are a few extracts:

*'When someone is hostile to another person because of their disability'.*

*'The everyday understanding of the word hostile, which includes ill will, contempt, prejudice, unfriendliness,*

*antagonism, resentment and dislike'.*

*'When hate incidents become criminal offences, they are known as hate crimes. A criminal offence is something which breaks the law of the land.'*

I believe that the humiliating caricatures displayed on Facebook come into that category, so to those who have indulged in Hate Crime against Bill, if there is a knock on your door in the near future, it may not be Santa dressed in red and white, but an officer in blue.

I have Bill's permission to publish this letter.

Councillor Bob Fleming  
Leader of the Council

## Sparta Security Open New Offices



Friday 19th October saw Sparta Security hold its first event at their new offices in The Incubation Centre, Newton Aycliffe.

They hosted a business breakfast with freebies which included logo cup cakes, logo travel mugs and a large spread of refreshments.

The coffee van from Poppy Coffee Pot, which is veteran owned and ran was also in attendance. The coffee is made by ex-veterans which fits in with our association ethos of employing and using the armed forces covenant - "Helping ex-Servicemen and Women into Employment".

An entertaining speech was provided by Francis, which was well received and had everyone in stitches!

Balloons were supplied by 1st Stop Party Shop and the event proved very successful with a lot of business exchanging hands between the invited guests.

The new office marks an expansion in Sparta Security, seeing new staff in management, sales and administration roles and a new fleet of Sparta trucks to promote and add to the professionalism of the business.

Sparta are always looking to make new connections both in business and in the community and are keen to help wherever we can. We are always on the lookout for ex-forces personnel to add to the security team as well as enthusiastic pro-active individuals in general.

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# BREXIT OR EXIT

Dear Sir,  
My recent letter 'Slow Boat From China', was written to encompass the views of Messrs Clare, Scholl and Welsh.  
Mr Welsh however, seems to think I was just needing advice on where to shop! I had mentioned that my weekly bill had gone up by some £20, and was blaming Brexit (the leave vote), he thinks all my problems will be solved if I shop at Aldi instead; He has however seemed to have missed out on some news bulletins where Brexit is being held responsible for all manner of maladies, not least of which is the one where the pound had it's worst day since 1985 and plummeted by more than 10% against the dollar. Who would want to be a politician at this moment is beyond me. The title carries with it disreputable tags such as lying, corruption, cheating and abuse of taxpayers money, and though it will never attract

the title of 'Work', it does seem like an unenviable task right now.  
What should be of more concern to Alistair P. G. Welsh, is will there be any 'BR', left, if Scotland and Wales get their way, will it then become 'Exit', and at the same time UKIP will simply become 'IP'; While he procrastinates these possibilities I can relieve him of the duty of advising me where to shop, by pointing out that I have, at one time or another, used every supermarket chain in Britain, and on my frequent visits to Europe have availed myself of some twenty different chains, from the mighty Carrefour to the 'small but good', Cactus, in Luxembourg.  
Tesco are without doubt right up there with the best, on service (from their very friendly staff) and price, their after sales service is second to none; and, if we leave, so might Aldi.  
Neil McKee

# CHURCHES TOGETHER SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

The committee of CTGA would like to thank all those who supported the recent Quiz Night at Woodham Golf Club which raised £367.00 for local charities. The committee nominated the following charities to receive a donation: RocSolid, Women's Refuge, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and Shine Community Choir.  
On Tuesday 23rd October representatives from each charity were invited to St. Mary's Church where Fr. Tony Cornforth (Vice Chair of CTGA) and the committee presented cheques for £150.00 to each of the following: Brian McEnaney of RocSolid, Julie of Women's Refuge, Alison White of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and £50.00 to Helen McCormack of Shine Community Choir.

**RocSolid** is based in Hope House in Burnhope, Newton Aycliffe. It consists of seven self-contained, fully furnished flats used primarily for young people who need more intensive support. They include pregnant teenagers, young families and young people with other vulnerabilities such as learning difficulties. Many have been in care at some point in their lives. It is staffed 24/7.

**Family Help Darlington CIO** (Women's Refuge) was founded in 1976. They are a small independent charity that has been providing refuge accommodation and support for survivors of domestic abuse for 41 years. They provide a holistic package of support for women and women with children as well as a confidential helpline for any person affected by domestic abuse.

**Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group** - Are a friendly social group, who welcome anyone who has been affected by cancer. Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month 6pm to 7.30pm at the Youth Centre. They offer information on issues affecting cancer patients, confidential and emotional



support in a safe and friendly environment and regular social activities.

**Shine Community Choir** - Shine Choir started 9 years ago by Helen McCormack, a parishioner of St. Clare's and Shine Team Leader. The choir started with 11 children and they now have 51 children (girls/boys) aged

from 5-14 years of age. They are currently rehearsing for their Nativity Musical called 'The Inspectors' to be staged in December. Shine are a 'free to attend' group and a registered charity. Anyone interested in joining SHINE can visit their Facebook page where videos of the choir singing can be viewed.

## ACE News & Events



ACE are happy and at work in their new home at The Big Club. They will be holding a charity event on Friday 9th November, tickets on sale and can be obtained at Walkers Butchers, Simpature, Framers in Aycliffe Town Centre and The Big Club. They are priced at £5. There will be a raffle on the night so if you would like to donate a prize please let us know or drop them off at The Big Club. Part of the proceeds of the evening will go towards 10-year-old girl, Katelyn Stacy, who has Cerebral Palsy and recently received a new tricycle from events run by Nev Jones and other people on the town.

## MRI SCANNER APPEAL

If you would like to make a donation to our MRI appeal or get involved:

- Visit the 'justgiving' website at [www.justgiving.com/cddft](http://www.justgiving.com/cddft)
- Send a cheque to: Cashiers, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6HX. Please make cheques payable to: Co Durham & Darlington NHS FT Charity.
- Pick up a donation envelope with more information, from one of our waiting areas or wards.
- Text **SCAN02 £10** to 70070 to donate £10 to CDDFT.
- To discuss fundraising or for more information, ring 01325 743786 or email: [cddft.charity@nhs.net](mailto:cddft.charity@nhs.net)
- Follow us on twitter: @CDDFTCharity
- Find the charity on Facebook

Following ACE's name change, the trustees have settled down working towards the original idea of its founder and President Syd Howarth MBE, Syd saw that there were people in the town who for one reason or another had hit upon hard times and he wanted to do something to help them. The idea of a hands on one stop shop, Community Hub was born and Aycliffe Community Engagement (ACE) are committed to seeing the vision grow. If you have a heart for

the people in need on our town, and let's face it when it comes to being generous Aycliffe people are at the top of the list, then get yourselves along to The Big Club for a great night's entertainment with proceeds going to a worthy cause.

The evening will ease into action at 7pm with music from the ever-popular Groovy Street and Darlington's well-known acoustic guitarist and songwriter David Brittle. Groovy Street need no introduction and those of you at the music event in Aycliffe Town Centre will have heard David. An evening not to be missed.

## AYCLIFFE RADIO NEW Programme Schedule

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12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
	<b>"Through the Decades"</b>	
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	Steven Harrison

### TUESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
	<b>Sports Show sponsored by Honest John</b>	
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
	30th Oct - Colin Bell (Cyclist)	
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
9.30-12am	Motown Classics	

### WEDNESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
6.30-8pm	Rewind	Amy & Phil
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	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 & Guests(s)
12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	<b>Guest Presenter Session</b>	
	26th Oct	<b>Pauly Mac</b> (Australia) Rare Vinyl
	2nd Nov	<b>Nathan Abbott</b> (90s Classix)
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
	<b>"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"</b>	
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

8-9.30am	Aycliffe Goes Country	
9.30-11am	Rewind (R)	
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary	Mary O'Sullivan
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7pm	Church Service	Xcel Centre
7-8pm	Political	John D. Clare
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"

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## W.I. STALWART VISITS ROTARY



Lyn Swift, pictured with Senior Vice-President, Jean Thompson, came along to our meeting on Tuesday evening to tell Rotarians about her journey with the W.I. and how persuasion from friend, Sheila MacMillan, and an advert in the Newton News led to Lyn attending a gathering convened to form a W.I. in Newton Aycliffe. She left the meeting as their first president! That was in the year 2000 and on 1st May 2014, Lyn was

elected as Federation Chair, a post which lasted three years during which she and other members enjoyed visits to the Albert Hall, a Royal Garden Party and celebrations on Empire Day. A proud day for her, was receiving the Durham County Council Chairman's Medal from then chairman, John Robinson. Lyn is a worthy recipient and the joy she gets from attending W.I. events and meetings was obvious to all our members.

## COHERENT RESPONSE

Dear Sir  
Readers can rest assured I do not intend to answer each of Mr Welsh's points in his "A Vote on the Brexit Outcome?" letter. His letter is so long-winded and his arguments are not always presented coherently, so such a response would be of no use.

What might be useful would be to dispel some of the myths put out about the EU and its institutions. If anyone is interested in a more complete and objective description of how the EU works than the simplistic and one-sided views normally put out, I would recommend "The European Union: Citizen's Guide" by Chris Bickerton, lecturer in Politics at Cambridge University. This short book makes it clear that, far from the EU imposing rules on any member state, each country is fully involved in decisions made. As a democratic process, I am sure it can be improved upon and made less bureaucratic, but that goes for any democratic process, including our own. Democracy may not be perfect, but I can't think of a better form of government. In response to Mr Haylett of Heighington, I did vote in the

1975 referendum. Perhaps I am one of the few over-60s to have voted remain again this time around, mostly because of the benefits available to young people. Over recent decades, Germany has worked extremely hard to atone for its wrongdoings in the 20th Century. The fact that it has a very successful economy is down to them having a long term industrial strategy and should be lauded, not despised. Belonging to the EU did not hinder Germany, because each member state is able to make its own decisions, so another myth - that the EU hinders national governments - can be dispelled.

Since the referendum, I have been on the look out for explanations from those who promote Brexit as to how, in practice, the UK will benefit. Apart from the unenlightening "taking back control" etc, I've found very little. What is apparent is that the likes of Davis, Fox, Johnson and Rees-Mogg are rich enough not to ever have to suffer from job losses which might result from Brexit. I wonder what their motives really are?  
Yours faithfully  
Eileen Brewis

## HAYS TRAVEL BRANCH OUT INTO CHEQUE DELIVERY



Children's Down Syndrome Project receives coach trip bonanza.

Together 21 played host to the staff of Hays Travel, Newton Aycliffe today as they presented a double decker of a cheque for £427.99, proceeds from a fundraising coach trip to York, an initiative promoted by Hays Travel's local branches to give back to the local communities they serve. Together 21, a parent led project based at the Pioneering Care Partnership, Newton Aycliffe, offers Education, Fun and Friendship to children with Down syndrome and their families. It provides access to a comprehensive programme of tailored learning, covering:

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Jo Walker, Development Worker - Together 21. "Here at Hays Travel we are committed to making a difference to the lives of people in our local community and are very proud to have the opportunity to raise money for Together 21"

Andrea Peat – Hays Travel Newton Aycliffe For more information about Together 21, please visit them via:

www.facebook.com/Together21PCP/ Or the PCP website: www.pcp.uk.net For further information about the PCP's work 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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## Friendship Force AGM

County Durham Friendship Force held their annual general meeting on Saturday 21st October at Middridge Village Hall with around 20 members present.

For those who don't know about Friendship Force, the County Durham branch was set up over 30 years ago. Following a visit to Newcastle President Carter was so impressed with the area, he arranged for his local group to visit Newcastle and set up the first international friendship force club outside of the USA. Members present at the AGM heard about the plans that are coming together for the trip to New Zealand in November 2019 and the incoming exchange due to arrive in May for a week from Kempsey, Australia. Members travel in the safety of a group with all arrangements for the journey made for you by the journey co-ordinator. No worry with train tickets, flights and accommodation. Hosting, welcome party, site seeing etc. is all planned by the host club.

Members of Friendship Force get the benefit of staying with hosts in over 50 countries across the world learning about the culture of far reached countries. Members also host guests from across all continents sharing their homes with them and showing them places of interest within the County Durham area. It was a sad event too as the Treasurer Bill Jones stood down as treasurer after many years in the post. Bill is the ripe old age of 90+. He and his



wife Pamela, who will be 90 in December have stood down from the committee. Pamela said she had to give in to Bills advancing years. Anne Main is moving from Secretary to Treasurer and Joan Mitchie taking over as Secretary. Ron Mitchie also stood down from the committee with Dorothy Bowman joining, filling one of the vacant committee members spaces. The photograph shows The President of The Friendship Force of Co Durham

Cynthia Scott presenting Bill with a gift of money to spend on themselves and a bottle of bubbly too. Also, in the photograph are the new committee Flo Bunce, Joan Mitchie (Secretary) Anne Main (Treasurer) and Cynthia Scott (President) with new committee member Dorothy Bowman and retiring treasurer Bill Jones. For more information about The Friendship Force of Co Durham, contact Cynthia on 01325 313055.

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## Jump Start for School Reception!



Woodham Burn Primary School is fully committed to meeting the Government's ambitious plans for children to be more active. This begins right from the start. In addition to PE lessons, on a daily basis the children in reception class participate in ten minutes of exercise called Jump Start Jonny. Jump Start Jonny is a fantastic role model for children with his insanely energetic fitness, and is a superstar on a global mission to get children fit. There's lots of evidence which shows exercise is an important key to reducing our risk of many major illnesses. Research shows that regular physical activity can boost self-esteem, mood and sleep quality, making us less prone to stress or depression and dementia. Getting the children involved in a regular physical exercise

regime from an early age as possible will help reduce the chance of major illness in their adult lives. Miss Waller and Miss Wood, Reception teachers said "We have found that ten minutes of exercise every morning helps the children improve not only their level of fitness but their co-ordination, concentration and gross motor skills. This, in turn has a positive impact upon their performance in the classroom and they look forward to it every day. All adults in Reception team also join in so that the children have good role models when it comes to being fit and healthy" Mrs Edwards, Head Teacher said "Getting plenty of exercise is really important for children, especially when they are still developing their bodies and minds."

## 17 Years A Councillor

Dear Sir,  
In reply to Ms Liz Lambert's letter to the editor dated Friday 19th October

First and foremost may I take this opportunity to apologise, again, for any confusion regarding Santa's Tour. It was never the GATC's intention to cancel the tour. My actual comment was that in light of the legal matters brought to our attention, the council may have to consider the format.

Some of the blame for this confusion must surely belong to the media, in particular, the 'Aycliffe Today' social media platform and it's misleading headline 'Aycliffe Council to SCRAP Santa's Traditional Christmas Eve Tours.' Might I add some of the personal comments about me weren't very pleasant. I shouldn't have to repeat that my appearance is due to being the soul survivor of an horrific, fatal, RTA. Good job my skin, however badly scarred, is thick. However I will not have my loyalty to my constituents brought in to doubt. I have worked tirelessly for the residents of Aycliffe Village for many a year. Possibly the reason I have been returned on five occasions. By-the-way Ms Lambert, your ward, is I believe, Woodham. Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp

## WOODHAM BURN HALLOWEEN



It's that time of year again and Woodham Burn Out of Hours Club are preparing for a fun filled week during the October half term. There are many activities planned including things to make and take home, spooky door hangers, Halloween colouring and mask making as well as Halloween party day on Thursday 25th October when children will play games, enjoy dancing and make crafty Halloween activities.

Woodham Burn Out of School is managed and ran

by qualified child care staff and puts children at the heart of the club. Club leaders, Maureen and Sandra said "We love this time of year. Halloween is fun, scary and the children have an amazing time" Children are welcome to come to the half term club whether or not they are pupils of Woodham Burn School. If anyone wishes to book a half day, day or full week please email woodhamburn@durhamlearning.net or ring 01325 300230 for more information.



Interesting Council news and messages, two surveys to complete, global successes on the Business Park ... and things to do next weekend. Find the vlog and more info on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB73

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC has signed the 'Dying to Work' charter.
- You can now get your Town Council Fireworks Display wristbands from the Oakleaf Complex, 9am-9:30pm.
- Horndale Residents Association has been shortlisted for an award in the prestigious DCC Environment Awards, in the competitive 'Community Partnership' category.
- The House of Commons Library has published worrying social mobility findings about Sedgefield constituency.
- PCVC Ron Hogg has launched his Hate Crime Action Plan.
- Please take part in the DCC Digital Strategy consultation and, if appropriate, in the DDES CCG Stroke Rehabilitation survey.
- And on Aycliffe Business Park: - Congratulations to Emcon on a very successful exhibition.

- Brazil is coming to Aycliffe Business Park.

- Well done to AAA Caring Caretaker Ltd, recognised as one of the 50 leading global veteran-run businesses.

- Full steam ahead on Station Place.

- New £2 million facility completed at Stiller.

### THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- Hallowe'en at Durham Castle - Sarah Riseborough reads The Giant and His Wife (unsuitable for young children), 6:45-7:45pm, Wednesday, October 31.
- Russian National Ballet: Swan Lake, Empire Theatre Consett, 7:30pm, Saturday 3 November, A: £21, u16: £16.50 - book on 03000 262 400.
- Family den-building, Hardwick Park, 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, Saturday 3 November, £10 per den - book on 03000 262 899.
- Preparing for Diwali (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 3 November, FREE.



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## GENEROUS CUSTOMERS



All The Olive Garden staff at Cobblers Hall would like to thank their generous customers and friends Shami and Clive for helping to raise a further £120 for WECare Sri Lankan dog charity set up by Barnard Castle vet Janet Lowes, bringing our total to £220.

We would also like to take this opportunity in making our customers aware that leading up to Christmas there will be a temporary 5p carrier bag charge, which we will match and donate the total to The Children's Christmas Present Appeal by The Salvation Army.

## Jeans for Genes Day



On the 21st September 2018 staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery took part in Jeans for Genes day. Staff spent the day in their jeans to raise money to support children that have been born with genetic disorders; it is estimated that 30,000 babies and children are diagnosed with a genetic disorder each year and money raised will go towards providing them with essential lifelong support and care to improve their lives.

£120 has been raised so far but badges are still being sold at reception – please show your support and help the surgery raise even more money for this worthwhile cause.

## Fundraiser in Memory of Keith Sams



Dear Sir,  
We had yet another absolutely amazing day and would like to thank everyone for your donations.

We made £1350.00 on the day which is just fabulous.

Peter Williams 'BRAVE THE SHAVE' raised an outstanding £480.00. Thank you Peter it means a lot to us as a family. Not forgetting our CHELSEY PEARSON who for 2 years running has braved the shave for us. Thank you Chelsey. We'd also like to thank the Scout Centre for their generous donation and the use of the hall. The Phoenix Club

for their generous donation also.

Not forgetting our team of Green Ladies, far too many to mention this year, but you all know who you are. Without you the day wouldn't go as smooth as it does.

Last but not least, all you lovely people who attended, donated and sponsored. To you we owe a mahoooooosive thank you for helping us raise this amazing amount.

We all know first hand what a wonderful job Macmillan do. Thank you all once again and hope to see you all same time next year.

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN AINSLIE

On Saturday 20th October, a charity night was held in memory of John Ainslie, who sadly took his own life in December 2017. Soon after the tragedy of John's death, the family quickly realised there was very limited support for families bereaved by suicide. They also found there was a stigma associated with suicide and mental health and they wanted to help to break that barrier.

The family were lucky enough to be put into contact with a charity named 'If U Care Share Foundation' which is a local charity based in Chester Le Street, County Durham. The three key aims of the charity are suicide prevention, intervention and bereavement support. The charity also travel up and down the country talking and holding workshops in

schools and football clubs about mental health. In addition to this the charity offer emotional and practical support, counselling and aromatherapy to those bereaved by suicide.

Due to the amount of support received from the charity over the last ten months, Bev, Laura and Ellie Ainslie decided to hold a charity event in John's memory to raise funds and awareness for 'If U Care Share'. The night was a huge success and a grand total of £2,744.19 was raised. The Ainslie family are extremely grateful and would like to thank their family, friends and the kind generosity of businesses who donated prizes. A special thank you to Woodham Golf and Country Club for hosting the event and to Barclays Bank for their extremely generous donation.

## [editorial]

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Here at Newton News we like to look on the "bright side". We tend to report on good news stories and prefer to promote the town of Newton Aycliffe as a great place to live and work with an excellent community spirit, with stories of great achievement and charitable work. We particularly like to showcase the good work of young people, encouraging them to continue to inspire others, as well as featuring accolades and the milestones continually achieved on the business park.

We will never condone hatred or bigotry towards any person, business or organisation, as there is always a way to work things out amicably without resorting to a slagging match via social media or even in the regional and national media. You will notice we do not print sensational and scandalous news, and only report criminal activity as a warning to the general public about petty crime. Generally speaking, crime is perpetrated by a minority and we do not wish to glorify this activity or frighten people unnecessarily.

The residents of Newton Aycliffe have always rallied round when an appeal has been launched, such as the recent Katelyn's Wheels appeal, which reached its £2,000 target within two weeks. Similarly, the wool poppy appeal has received many donations so that the railings around St Clare's will be adorned with red poppies ready for Armistice Day on 11th November.

Our town councillors do sterling work for the town. They cannot please all the people all the time, but the success rate is very high compared to other councils around the country. The time and effort that councillors put in for very little reward is there for all to see, organising the Senior Citizen's Trips, Fun in the Park events, Festival Fortnight, Santa Tours, Firework Display plus other holiday activities.

Not only do they look after your local environment, allotments and cemeteries, but they provide play parks, skate park and recreation areas as well as running a Pre-school.

The town centre management, managed by Bryan Haldane, is another company which tries its best to please tenants and visitors. Bryan organises many activities in the town centre to encourage local residents to use the shopping facilities on their doorstep and support the local economy. The Blue Light Day, Music Festival, Fun Fair, Christmas Lights Switch On are annual events which are organised free for all who attend.

A perfect example of "Working Together" is the partnership between Aycliffe Town Centre Management and Aycliffe Radio, both working for the good of the local community, promoting each other for the benefit

of the shopkeepers and the residents. We cannot leave out the local police, a great bunch of dedicated officers who love the town and work hard to keep it safe, working with youngsters, businesses and locals, often resolving issues before they get out of hand.

There are other organisations in Newton Aycliffe who work tirelessly for their community – such as Rotary, ACE (GACAP), GAMP, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group ... as well as individuals such as Honest John and Neville & Joanne Jones (J&C Coaches).

All the above organisations are genuinely working to improve Newton Aycliffe. At the same time however, they are, as in this last week, accountable to the hundreds of residents who have expressed their desire to support and help the Santa Tours, and who have taken to social media to share their fears and anger that the Tours might be replaced.

Those people genuinely care about our town and its traditions too.

What is needed now is mutual respect and collaboration. Working together can only improve Newton Aycliffe ... pulling in different directions and being mutually abusive will get us nowhere. Newton News is quite unique in this respect and we take pride in the fact that our publication is so popular partly as a result of the policies we have developed over the years.

## Cannabis for Medicinal Purposes

– but there is further to go

People with serious medical conditions will be able to have access to cannabis-based medicines, following the success of campaigns to legalise the drug for medicinal purposes.

Welcoming the news, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, Ron Hogg, said "I am delighted that the Government has finally seen sense and agreed to allow cannabis to be used to treat conditions such as epilepsy. The stories of children suffering, when cannabis-based medicines would have helped them, will have touched the hearts of many."

For the first time in the UK, expert doctors have been given the option to issue prescriptions legally for cannabis-based medicines, when they agree that their patients could benefit from this treatment. The change was confirmed recently and comes into effect on 1st November.

Ron Hogg added "I think the public mood towards drug policy reform is changing. The medical benefits of cannabis have been accepted. Now is the time for health to become the focus of wider Government policies towards drugs. If people are able to go to their GP for help with an addiction without fear of being criminalised, they would be much more likely to receive the medical support they need."

## CHARITY HAIR CUT

Ruth Mack – Activities Coordinator for Aycliffe Care Home, had 13cm of her hair cut off on 16th October 2018 to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer research and also she donated her hair to the Princess Trust who make wigs from the donated hair to help those suffering from hair loss whether it be from cancer or other illnesses that cause hair loss.

The reason she did this was because (these are Ruth's words) "At the beginning of the year my family was hit with the worse news ever. My father was diagnosed with terminal cancer to his liver, bowel and small intestines. My dad lived a healthy and happy life until this diagnosis. The Macmillan nurses, doctors, surgeons and many other professionals have helped not only my dad but our family deal with this terrible news"

She has raised a total of £410 so far but donations are still coming in. The residents were all witness to the big chop and seemed to get great enjoyment from watching her part with her beloved long hair and a local hairdresser offered to do this for free in aid of the charity.



### Sportsman's Evening @ Newton Aycliffe WMC

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Former Newcastle and Sunderland midfielder Lee Clark will be heading to The Big Club on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. The evening will be compared by former Hartlepool Utd, Chelsea and Newcastle Centre Forward Joe Allen.

Tickets are limited with only a few tables available left to purchase at discount price. Individual tickets can now be purchased.

All proceeds will go towards supporting local Sunday teams Gretna Green FC and Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC

See Paul Fales (07535 591614) or Anthony Cross (07789 073403) for details/tickets – or ask behind the bar at Big Club



# Juniors Football Report



The Aycliffe Juniors football season marched on with another series of exciting games over the weekend. There were good performances that didn't necessarily get the results they deserved.

The **Under 8's** unbeaten start to the season came to an end at Trimdon. They lost the match 8-0 and in the development game goals from Layton (2) and George were not enough as they lost out 5-3.

The **Under 9's** travelled to Bishop Auckland, excellent goals were scored by man of the match Oscar and Stephen but the Aycliffe team lost 5-2. In the development game Theo scored his first goal of the season in a 1-1 draw.

The **Under 10's Claret's** played away at Hartlepool Youth they showed continued improvement and put in a good team performance. Goals from Kai and Danny were not enough to get the win. The development game was won comfortably by Aycliffe and Harry was the man of the match.

The **Under 10's White** played a friendly against Billingham United. After going 3-0 down there were two good goals from man of the match James but the comeback wasn't enough and the match ended in a 3-2 defeat. The development game gave debuts to Danny and Jack and the Aycliffe team dominated this match and won 4-2. The goals came from James (2), Jayden and Jack.

The **Under 11's White** played

Boro Rangers at Woodham. The game was evenly poised at 0-0 with only ten minutes left. An Aidan Armstrong goal was matched by the visitors making it 1-1 with the match coming to an end. Rangers though got two late goals to win the match 3-1. Harvey was the man of the match.

The **Under 11's Black** played TIBS and it was a very close game. Aycliffe hit the wood work on numerous occasions but couldn't get a goal and lost 1-0. Jamie Robb received the man of the match award for a fine performance.

The **Under 12's** played at home against Redcar Town. They put in a great performance and won 8-0 with the whole team named as men of the match. The scorers were Jake (3), Alfie (2), Thomas, Charlie B and Daniel.

The **Under 13's** Russell Foster League team played against Tyne and Wear Dragons at Woodham. It was a hard fought game and Aycliffe were left to wonder about their missed chances, as despite goals from Herbie and Taylor they lost out 3-2. The visiting coach named Sam and Bo as joint men of the match.

The **Under 13's** TJFA League team had a tough trip away to last seasons champions Marton Whites. They couldn't get anything from the game and ended up with a 6-0 defeat.

The **Under 14's** travelled to Cargo Fleet with five regular

players missing. They never really got into the game and lost 5-1. The highlight of a below par performance was the goal scored by Callum Fraser. The **Under 17's** took their only available eleven players to Middleton Rangers. They were 2-0 down early in the game but two great goals from man of the match Jack Birbeck levelled the scores. With no subs available the team tired and conceded two late goals and lost the game 4-2.

Newton Aycliffe travelled to third placed Hebburn Town and came away with a well deserved 3-1 win. They were the better side throughout the match.

They went ahead on eleven minutes when Vincent Gash latched onto a James Winter kick downfield and finished smartly past Hebburn keeper Jennison. Aycliffe were playing well and doubled the lead six minutes later. Man-of-the-match Gash had a shot charged down, but it ran wide to Shaun Hudson, who executed a great finish from the tightest of angles. Hebburn had their first chance on 43 minutes when a long range shot from Fairley was comfortably dealt with by James Winter. Winter made a fine double save right on half time, as the home side tried to get back into the game.

Aycliffe's domination continued in the second half though, with Tom Gavin and Dan Mitton coming close to increasing the lead. Hebburn had a spell of pressure; Winter made a great save from a Carson free kick

and then Storey hit the bar for Hebburn on 78 minutes. However, two minutes later, Aycliffe sealed the win when substitute Matty Pennal outpaced his marker and hit a fine strike past Jennison into the far corner of the net for 3-0. Hebburn got a consolation goal in the fifth minute of injury time, when Armstrong headed home a cross.

Next match was away to Durham (at Willington) on Tuesday 23rd in the Durham Challenge Cup, followed by Consett at home in the League on Saturday 27th.

Middlesbrough Under 15s will be playing their first of two games on Newton Aycliffe's pitch when they host Newcastle on Wednesday 7th November. Kick off is 6.30pm. We hope Newtonians turn out in force to watch the stars of tomorrow in action at Moore Lane.

*Photo top: Vinny Gash celebrates his first goal for Aycliffe*  
*Below: Shaun Hudson (11) scores Aycliffe's second from a very tight angle.*



## Marathon Man Dan Completes Trilogy of Challenges



Newtonian Dan Lewis, 40, completed an extraordinary trilogy for charity last week, as his sub-four hour time in the York marathon brought down the curtain on an epic series of challenges.

Raising money in the name of his good friend Paul McGeary – a two-time cancer survivor – Dan added over £1200 to a bulging pot for Bloodwise which now stands at almost £36,000 since fundraising began.

The fabulous feat which culminated in York on Sunday also included finishing the Great North Run last month, as well as a gruelling challenge in completing the Coast-2-Coast cycle race in the blazing July heat wave.

Upon completion of his treble, Dan said, "I've never been so proud. I've always wanted to run a marathon and now I can say I've achieved it, and in a time I could only have dreamt of."

"The Coast-2-Coast and the Great North were testing, but nothing compared to Sunday. They gave me the motivation and training to go on for this, and I'm so pleased with the amount and awareness raised. Since his friend Paul, 36, was first struck with APML in 2014, Dan and other friends have completed various challenges and

fundraisers under the banner #NotOneInch, a motivational hashtag and mantra which Paul has used during his four-year fight.

Paul said, "Every person who steps forward simply wows me. The bar is being raised each time and Dan has truly inspired me with his challenges, his training and dedication and his application. "I thank him, and everyone along the way for their support, encouragement and belief in what we are trying to do, and we will not stop here either. We simply have to combat blood cancer."

"The money raised and the awareness we are spreading along the way is invaluable. Having now officially broken through the £35k mark, we set our sights on the next milestone. £40k."

Paul's good friend Darren Smith also completed the Great North Run last month, with his Preston Pumas team raising £555, while a collection at the wedding of close friends Mark and Fiona Willoughby saw a further £525 added.

Paul's mother Mary Warke is currently holding a Christmas wine hamper prize draw, while Paul himself is open to any ideas people may have to help reach the next fundraising checkpoint.

## 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.

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.

### 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.

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was about allowing the parents and students the time and opportunity to get to know Woodham better. She felt that it allowed parents a better chance to ask questions to help make a choice about which secondary school would best suit their child. 'We focused on giving parents information not only about how we operate on a day to day basis but also how we prepare our students for their next steps, ensuring they are able to take these at post 16 with real confidence and purpose. This is of course about their academic achievements but also about those extra-curricular activities; music, drama, art and sports as well as the many cultural opportunities that our students are given.' She reported that feedback from parents had been excellent.

All felt that it had been really helpful in supporting parents to make a decision about which secondary school they might choose for their child, as well as how much they enjoyed the home-made biscuits. Ms Hall also added that it was a pleasure for all the staff involved to describe to parents what a great place Woodham Academy is. This was the final formal event to be held for prospective parents. The deadline for Year 6 parents to submit their choices to the Local Authority is 31 October. The school would still welcome anyone who has not had the opportunity to look around or would just like another chance to see it operating on a normal school day. If anyone is interested in visiting please telephone 01325 300328.

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After achieving a first-year turnover of £140,000, the firm now employs 22 people - made up of a sales team, administration staff, graphic designers and web developers - and boasts a client base of

5,000 customers across the UK.

Webahead - which is ranked third in the UK from 3,500 design agencies registered with the UK Web Design Association (UKWDA) - now expects sales in its current year, ending March 2019, to surpass the £1m mark.

And former Woodham Academy student Jeffries is eyeing further expansion with more staff and office space at its Faverdale premises in Darlington. "We started the company with five of us and

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'Your Voice, Your Say' has been developed by Greenfield Arts in partnership with The Forge working with drama practitioner Alex Elliott. Through creative learning, the students are encouraged to develop their communication and debating skills and be inspired to 'make a difference'.

The project is being led by performer Alex Elliott who is delivering the sessions alongside Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts. "Alex is facilitating some clever creative techniques to develop listening skills, build confidence and support the young people to express themselves. The young people are responding really well". One student said "I'm feeling things differently and have realised that there are some great things in the



area I live". Greenfield Community College are a Specialist Arts and Science school and are committed to offering quality opportunities such as 'Your Voice, Your Say' to young people to facilitate their learning, raise aspirations and develop ambitious self-led learners. We are looking forward to showcasing the results of Your Voice, Your Say at the end of the year and sharing the learning.

## Diana Award for Jake



Friday 28th September marked the presentation of The Diana Award for the North of England. Woodham Academy student Jake Mendelsohn was nominated for the award following his work to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research and Alzheimer's. By completing a 1 mile swim in Lake Windemere and 100 lengths of the main pool in Newton Aycliffe Leisure

Centre in addition to the 5k Great North Run, Jake has single-handedly raised over £1000 for his chosen charities. Jake was amongst a select group of young people when he received The Diana Award at The Leeds College of Music at the end of September. The Diana Award was established by the British Government in 1999 to formally recognise the work of young people in their community. Princess Diana spoke about young people having the power to change their community and The Diana Award celebrates her legacy, and acknowledges the contributions of young people who have selflessly gone above and beyond in their work to raise funds or awareness for their chosen campaign.

Woodham Academy Deputy Headteacher Danny Morgans was in attendance when Jake received the award; he said: "It is a great pleasure to be able to share in Jake's success and see the positive impact that young people can have in their communities. Jake is a tremendous ambassador for our students and the way that he is able to balance the demands of his academic work and fundraising activities is an example to us all."

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# Creative Couple



This is Tony and Elaine, they are patients of Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland. A couple of months back they both started to draw on small plastic pebbles, claiming that it was a relaxing and therapeutic activity. As the creative juices continued to flow, they then moved up to larger stones, creating all sorts of designs, including sea creatures, animals and unique patterns. It then wasn't long before they were then getting design requests from staff, patients, families and friends, so they

decided to sell them in order to make donations to the Hospice. So far they have raised an amazing £50 from work they have carried out within their time here, and they are now encouraging other patients to join in the fun. They are now looking for new ideas for crafts, so if anyone can donate anything to the Hospice which can then be used to create new arts, this would be greatly appreciated. Thanks a lot you two, we really appreciate the effort you have put in!



# Hate Crime Awareness Week

A group of talented adults with learning difficulties have put their creative skills to the test to design two plaques to highlight Hate Crime Awareness Week. The "H8" and "#Thisisme" signs are the work of adults who attend Endeavour Woodcrafts in Ferryhill. They will be used by Durham Constabulary to highlight awareness events surrounding hate crime during the week of action which runs until Saturday.

Alan Curry, woodwork support worker at Endeavour Woodcrafts, said the group had spent about two weeks working on the project and they were really proud of what they had created. "We first did something for Hate Crime Week two years ago," said Mr Curry. "Durham Constabulary asked us to use the logo and the hashtag but the rest was down to us. We are lucky that we don't seem to have an issue with hate crime but it is important the people who come here are aware of it and know what to do." Inspector Rachel Stockdale of Durham Constabulary said: "It's important that we all come together in our communities to identify such ignorance and prejudice and to encourage everyone to embrace each other for who they are and what they believe. Having groups like this one involved in National Hate Crime Awareness Week is brilliant in helping us to raise the issue around hate crime, start conversation and

to recognise the importance of challenging such behaviour." Endeavour Woodcrafts is a centre for adults with learning difficulties and mental health issues to provide them with woodwork and craft skills.

# HRA Applying for Charity Status

Over the last couple of months we have been investigating registering as a charity and it has become clear that if the group is to continue our community work we must register with the Charity Commission (CC). This is because our income is more than the specified amount of £5,000 a year before registering. In reality we should have been a charity from when we set the group up in 2012, on average our income has been between £7,000 and £10,000, we have acted in good faith and taken advice from others, unfortunately this advice was incorrect with no malice intended. We have been supported through this process with the help from Durham Community Action who have set out the steps we need to take and helped with completing the necessary paperwork. The first decision was to change our name, the CC

# PCP TRUSTEE CAROL BRIGGS VICTORIOUS

Carol Briggs has been involved with numerous local disability groups since 1979 and supported the Pioneering Care Partnership since it first opened in 1998. She is a very special individual who has given her time freely to help others, even during times of significant adversity. Carol was delighted to be recognised as overall winner in the category of 'Outstanding Contribution to Charity' at the prestigious North East Charity Awards. The competition was strong with some amazing volunteers and trustees who have shown the greatest commitment and achievement for their chosen charity and Carol was overwhelmed to be crowned the best in the North East. Carol received the award with a great deal of joy and excitement, her well-deserved award was presented in front of a full house of other fantastic nominees and Carol was supported by her PCP friends along with close family. Carol was nominated by PCP Chief Executive Carol Gaskarth who commented, "Carol is a very practical hands on person and is extremely compassionate and caring. Carol was instrumental in establishing PCP and the Pioneering Care Centre over 20 years ago and she is still as enthusiastic and dedicated to the organisation as she was in those formative days. Carol has guided and helped lead PCP to grow from a group of willing volunteers to a highly respected charity with a focus on improving health and wellbeing, which now operates across the North East. Well done Carol from all of us at PCP – we are thrilled for you."

After posing for official photographs Carol Briggs said, "I am truly honoured to have won, it was fantastic to be nominated and I was a bit shocked when my name was called out. I always say I get as much out of

sometimes do not recognize residents associations or groups. So at our last 2 meetings it was agreed, with resident's approval, we change to Horndale Community Association which actually describes better the work we do. The second decision is to adopt a new constitution, our current one has some items which can be removed and some new points inserted. The committee have read the proposed constitution and see no problems with it. However we would like local residents to give their thoughts so we will discuss and vote to adopt the proposed constitution at our next meeting. Wednesday 7th November at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6pm, however if anyone would like to read the proposed paper before meeting please email horndaleresidentsass@outlook.com and I will send you a copy. Thank you Philip Clark Chair



## Obituary

### ANN ADDISON

*Newton Aycliffe*  
15th October, peacefully in Aycliffe Care Home. Ann, aged 83 years (late of Bury Road). Dearly loved Wife of the late William; a well loved Mother to Sue and Paul and a devoted Grandma and Great-Grandma. Funeral Tuesday 6th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Darlington Crematorium at 11.45am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if so desired, may be given in aid of Alzheimer's UK or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel:01325 318600.

### HAZEL WALTERS

*14th October*  
Peacefully, Hazel of Spennymoor, formerly Newton Aycliffe, aged 82 years. A much loved Mum to Debbie and Dawn; a very dear Mum-in-Law to David and Michael; a beloved Gran to Richard, Khelsea, Jade and Jack; a dear Great Gran to Luca; also a dear Sister, Aunt and friend to many. Will family and friends please meet for Service at Darlington Crematorium on Tuesday 30th October at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Hazel, may, if desired, be left at the Crematorium for the charity "Quilts for Injured Servicemen"

### IAIN LEE

Tragically on 19th September, Iain aged 31 years. Much loved Son of Ian and Diane; loving Brother of Alexa and Brother-in-Law of Lee and a devoted Uncle of Louis, Poppy and Isabella. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 2nd November at 10.30am. To be followed by a private family interment. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

volunteering as what I put in, but it is very special to be recognised especially as my son and daughter and their partners are here with me too. We're making a real night of it and I am overjoyed with the recognition. I am passionate about supporting people and communities and love working with the Pioneering Care Partnership. I am very proud of all PCP achieves and am excited for the future. We're raising funds for a new hydrotherapy pool so I did my bit, talking to people at the event about this campaign too - well you never know we might drum up a bit of extra help!" If you would like to know more about the PCP or support our Hydrotherapy pool campaign please call 01325 321234 or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net. *Photo: Carol celebrating with family and PCP staff*

# Students 'Take Control' at Jabberwocky Market

Students at Greenfield Community College have been looking to the future as they were given the opportunity to enjoy an amazing live performance as part of the 'Jabberwocky Market' Festival, a pop-up theatre festival produced by Luxi Creative. 'Ground Control' is a space-age production where the audience is in charge and they are asked to decide the future of a new planet. The ground-breaking show was offered to Year 7 at Greenfield's Shildon site, as well as to the public who came to the school. The students were keen to take part and help change the planet. The story starts in 1974 and a manned mission has been sent into space to look for inhabitable planets. Fast forward to present day and three astronauts are about to be woken from hypersleep – they need help. The show is strictly for children only and the reaction of the students was ... Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity was 'over the moon' with the way the students engaged, coming up with fabulous ideas of how to interact with space and place. The performance by 'One Zero One' was a high-tech interactive production, fast-moving with amazing visual effects. The show is part of a bigger event led by Luxi Creative who specialise in pop-up theatre events in the area and promote and present arts and theatre around the world. Greenfield Community College are a specialist Arts and Science

school and are committed to offering high quality opportunities to students to raise aspirations and developing confident self-led learners. If you would like to know more about the school and the opportunities available please contact the school office contact@greenfieldschool.net

## In Memoriam

### Evelyn Edwards

19th 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

**APOLOGY** *Newton News would like to apologise to the family of Evelyn Edwards for printing the wrong date in last week's edition.*

### Tony Neal

We think about you every day, we talk about you too. We have many precious memories, but we wish we still had you. Love, Yvonne and family.

### Janet Jackson

29th October 2009

Each time at your picture we look, you seem to smile and say "don't be sad, but courage take and love each other for my sake. Forever. Brian, Sarah, Stephen, Robert, Naomi, Joshua, Amanda, Ian and Isla

**OLIVE McCABE** 30th October. Mam. Still miss and think about you always. Pam, Pete, Natasha, Emma and family

## Congratulations

### Tom and Betty Bolton



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**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th Birthday. Love you loads, from Denise, Steve and Kids xxx

**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th Birthday Jay! Have a fab day, love you! Auntie Shannon, Jack and Lily xxx

**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th Birthday to the best big brother in the world, we love you so much, love Parker and Erin xxx

**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th Birthday to a beautiful Grandson. Hope you have a fab day, love you loads, Nanna and Nev xxx

**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th Birthday Jay. Hope you have the best day ever, love you lots, Auntie Nicola, Shelly and kids xxx

**JAY McWILLIAM.** Happy 16th birthday to the most kind and caring Son a Dad could have ever wished for. You really are a legend mate. Love you more than you could ever imagine. Dad xxx

**DOUG DANSON.** 27th October. Happy 60th Birthday Doug Danson. From Diane and Family xx

**DOUG DANSON.** Happy 60th Birthday Papa Bear, from Claire, Shaun and Joshua x

**DOUG DANSON.** Happy 60th Birthday Dad. From Christopher, Karen, Emily and Tyler x



## COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning will be held at St Elizabeth's Church on Saturday 3rd November at 10am. Home produce includes cakes, bakes and treats.

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# AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS RUNNING CLUB ROUND UP

It has been another great week of racing for ARC with members competing in races far and wide.

The racing began on Saturday 13th October 2018 with Mark Wade who travelled to Glenridding in the Lake District to compete in the Helvellyn 10k. The race went ahead despite the weather which caused flooding in the local area and trails turned river like. Regardless of this Mark completed the tough race

in a time of 38.59 securing third place overall.

On Sunday six members travelled to Yorkshire to participate in the Richmond Castle 10k. This is another tough and hilly route in the grounds of Richmond Castle taking in the Richmond Falls and Catterick Garrison before returning to finish in the Castle Grounds. It wasn't helped by the continuing bad weather which made parts very slippery. First home for AR was Stuart Joyce in 43.45, followed by Trish Kay in 54.01, David Stothard in 58.43, Susan Clark in 1.04.26, Jane Quigley in 1.06.14 and Eve Doe in 1.14.40.

A bit further south we had members competing in the Yorkshire 10 mile

and Marathon. In the 10 mile race Sandrine Hewitt completed this in 1.41.51 followed by Lisa Dowell in 1.46.16. In addition Martyn Knox took on the challenge of the Marathon which he completed in 4.22.02.

Back in Middlesbrough it was the start of the NYSD Cross Country League and the club had a good turnout of runners for the first event in Acklam Grange in which the women run approximately 5k and the men 10k. It was a typical cross country race with plenty of climbs and turns and indeed plenty of mud produced by the nicely timed heavy rain. Indeed the rain came down for the whole of the racing.

First up was one of our Juniors Felicity Lineton who ran her first cross country race for the club. She ran in the under 11's and completed her race in 8.26.

Next up were the females and first home for the club was Tracey Surtees in 23.03, followed by Michelle Jane in 23.43, Michelle Zamir 25.15, Susan Milburn 27.51, Heather Fenwick 30.18, Gemma Holland 31.49, Jane Burnside 33.46, Donna Campbell 36.06. Ray Todd also ran the 5k distance in the over 80's category and he completed this in 40.52.

In relation to the men's race, John Surtees was first back for the club in 37.47 followed by Mark Wade, 38.33, Dez Fielden 40.31, Peter Milburn 41.44, Richard Campbell 43.28, Richard Holland 44.05, Alex Lineton 50.42, Rob Nicholson 55.12 and John Richardson 1.02.46.

Last but not least, Richard Tonge (whilst visiting family) took the opportunity to race in the Peterborough Half Marathon. He completed this in 2.13.31.



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All the sessions are given by FA Qualified coaches, who all have experience in coaching these age groups. The children will be part of a large youth football club giving them a sense of belonging and have them attending presentation days and organised outings away from football.

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