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It is with great sadness the family record the death of Syd Howarth, who passed away on Monday 29th October at 5.32pm in Darlington Memorial Hospital. Syd was comfortable and in no pain and surrounded by his loving family.

The Funeral will be held at St. Clare's Church, Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 10th November at 12 noon. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium for family and close friends. A funeral cortege will run from the Blue Bridge along St Cuthbert's Way prior to the Funeral Service at St. Clare's Church. Extra seating will be made available in the two church halls as well as speakers posted outside if necessary. Friends, associates and well-wishers are all invited to join the family in a "Celebration of Syd's Life" at a reception which will be held afterwards at the Xcel Centre, Long Tens Way, Newton Aycliffe where a bar and refreshments will be available. Books of Remembrance will be available at the church, afterwards at the Xcel Centre and Newton Press reception.

The family would like to thank all those who have sent condolence cards, messages of sympathy, words of encouragement, social media compliments, email tributes and hugs. We are completely overwhelmed by the show of support given to the whole family at this sad time. Syd has requested no flowers, donations if desired, to be given to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, accepted at the Service, Funeral Reception, Newton Press or Whitehouse Funeral Directors.

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ACORN Residents

Our November meeting will be held on Thursday 8th at 6 pm in the Phoenix Club upstairs. Little Acorns starts at 5.30pm.

Our Halloween Party was again a huge success - music, games, free raffle and food - all for £2. Who could ask for more? We have other events and trips being organised, all of which will be announced on the 8th. Tickets for Leeds Christmas Market will also be on sale. Everyone welcome to come along. Our local Councillors will attend if possible. Free tea, coffee and biscuits along with friendly chat.



Spectrum Roller Skating Demo



Twelve skaters from Spectrum Roller Skating Club took part in a monster demonstration on Saturday 27th October at Bishop Auckland Newgate Centre. The show was part of Monster Saturday organised by Bishop Auckland Town Team. The skaters ranging from 5-19, who train at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre, showed artistic skating to Halloween themed music

with group displays of Thriller and The Time Warp. The club raised £140.50 with a tombola, sweetie cones and a bucket collection.

The photographs show the full team, 8 year old Anna Marambe skating to Black Magic and 6 year old Ella Newson skating to Beautiful Monster.



NEW EXHIBITION AT GREENFIELD ARTS

Greenfield Arts are pleased to announce their latest exhibition by artist John Palliser and would like to invite you to the preview evening on Wednesday 7th November 2018 18.00-20.00. The exhibition, 'Great Britain 1914 - 1918 Patriot Art' is a collection of symbolic and contemporary paintings. The exhibition focuses in part on the centenary of the end of WW1 and features the painting '1914 - 1918' which has been exhibited throughout the North East over the past four years. This vibrant collection of work is



on display in The Greenfield Gallery and runs from Thursday 8th November to Wednesday 28th November 2018. For more information please see our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. Gallery opening times are Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm and Friday 10am - 4pm.

MIDDRIDGE VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall. The talk is entitled "Safe Sanctuaries" and will be conducted by Dr. Richard Pears. From the Vikings to the Border Reivers, the Civil War to the Nazis, Churches have provided refuge and warning. In this illustrated talk, Richard will highlight the features and functions built into churches to protect the people of Northern England from invasion by foreign foes. Everyone is most welcome. Light refreshments are provided.

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Saturday 3rd	Concert Hall - Private Party Music Lounge: Vocalist Stephen Lee Garden Free entry
Sunday 4th	Sheraton Bar: Vocalist Les Wilson with Howeys Karaoke - Free entry
Friday 9th	ACE Charity Night, Tickets £5.00 70s Tribute Band "Groovy Street" Guitarist David Brittle
Saturday 10th	Concert Hall - Private Party Music Lounge, Vocalist "Claire Marie" Free entry
Sunday 11th	Sheraton Bar, Vocalist "Dave Knight" followed by Howeys Karaoke - Free entry
Saturday 17th	It's Aycliffe Soul Night - £4.00 otd Music Lounge, Vocalist "John Charles" Free entry
Sunday 18th	Sheraton Bar, Vocalist "Paul Fielding" followed by Howeys Karaoke - Free entry
Friday 23rd	Purple Ladies Charity Night, Tribute Bands AC/DC and Pearl Jam - Tickets £5
Saturday 24th	The Fantastic JD & The Woodsmen - £5 Music Lounge, Vocalist "Chelsea Brooks" - Free
Sunday 25th	Sheraton Bar, Vocalist "Chris Davies" followed by Howeys Karaoke - Free entry
Friday 30th	The fantastic Tess Tickle and the Dragettes Sold Out

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Tom Backhouse (24) fronts the band on the impressive lead guitar and is also principle chanter with his raunchy vocals. David Lloyd (25) provides the guts with thumping bass lines throughout and Daniel K (33) gives the drums a relentless battering which altogether constitutes an energetic performance full of twists and turns. The band will take you on a nightlong tour where you can, rock to 70s punk, dance to 80s rock before singing your heart out to all the modern classics. Just to give a flavour in no particular order, Romeo's Pistol delve into some of the most loved tunes from the Stereophonics, Black Keys, Beatles, Buzzcocks, The Jam, Red Hot Chili Peppers, U2, Oasis and many more. So, put your beer back in the fridge and get down to the local boozer for a night you may regret tomorrow but - 'at least not today'.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2018
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The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 11th November 2018 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

Achievement Award for PCP Apprentice!



Following the recent success of one of our longest serving board members, Carol Briggs at the North East Charity awards; Outstanding Contribution to Charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) were proud to learn that one of our newest members of the team, has also been recognised.

At the beginning of 2018, PCP a leading health and wellbeing charity engaged a new Digital Marketing apprentice, to support publicity and communications. Eleanor Murphy, is currently studying to achieve Level 3, Digital Marketing Eleanor supported by ITEC North East Training Providers and PCP.

In October Eleanor won an ITEC's Apprentice Achievement Award, in recognition of the effort and commitment shown towards the Advanced Apprenticeship in Digital Marketing. Eleanor's line manager Sandra said: "Eleanor is extremely dedicated to both her studies and work, and is over halfway through the qualification, she is a real asset to the team!"

Eleanor said: "I've been so lucky to find a job role and workplace I love. I've learnt so many new things this year thanks to PCP and ITEC and I've enjoyed every minute of it... working hard isn't difficult when it's so fun!" For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP

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HOW WOULD YOU SPEND FUNDING IN YOUR AREA?

Members of the public are being asked to influence how funding is spent in their community in a new consultation.

County Durham's 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) regularly ask local residents to help them set their priorities for the coming years, so that they can focus their actions and spending on the issues that really matter to local people.

The AAPs, which were set up to give people in County Durham a greater choice and say in local affairs, want to hear from people who live, work, volunteer or have an interest in a particular area. Their views will then help to direct the AAPs' work for up to two years.

Andrew Megginson, Durham County Council's principal area action partnership co-ordinator, said: "Our AAPs work in partnership to ensure that the services of a range of agencies - including ourselves, police, fire, health, and voluntary organisations - are directed to meet the needs of local communities but we need residents to help us

identify where the money and resources should be spent first. The responses will also provide us with the opportunity to apply to outside funding bodies to bring more money into the county."

The last survey, in 2016, received almost 8,000 responses from across the county, including the views of over 3,000 secondary school pupils. Following this, AAPs allocated over £2.7 million and helped bring over £2.4 million of matched investment into the county, allowing 825 local projects to be delivered.

Residents have until Friday 30 November to choose their top three themes from a list of ten, including young people, older people, health and wellbeing, community

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2018**

Please Note:

In order that the Annual Remembrance Day Parade can take place the following roads will be closed for short periods when the parade marches to St. Clare's Church and also for the return route and Salute Past.

Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Phoenix Club on Macmillan Road and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6 a.m. until approximately 12.30 p.m. for security purposes for the Parade to take place.

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Young people raising money for young people. There will be a raffle too on the evening. Tickets priced £4 each, can be purchased on the door at the event.

For more information ring 07747 826324.

Cracking Down on Illegal Money Lenders



Leading organisations have signed the loan sharks charter in an aim to help crack down on illegal money lending.

Loan sharks are illegal money lenders who charge very high interest rates. They operate without a licence, often targeting vulnerable people.

Durham County Council's Durham Savers Project is working in partnership

with Durham Constabulary, Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, NE First Credit Union, the Illegal Money Lending Team, the Area Action Partnerships, and Karbon Homes to highlight to members the risks of fraudulent lending and highlighting the support available to those who have been a victim or are being targeted.

The North East has the highest number of people in debt in the UK, with many becoming reliant on high cost, long and short-term credit or turning to loan sharks.

The Durham Savers Project has been developed to help people from County Durham create their own financial safety net.

Last week council staff from the Durham Savers Project were in Chester-le-Street visiting a number of community groups educating people about alternatives to loan sharks and different ways to save money.

Cllr Jane Brown, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for social inclusion said: "It is vital that we support our residents to help them stay away from loan sharks."

"By engaging with our Durham Savers Project everyone can save regularly and borrow sensibly using their local credit union and avoid using high cost credit providers."

"The Durham Savers Project will be engaging with local schools and their staff, to host money saving events and introduce children's savings clubs. This will support the community by helping young people learn about money and raising awareness of the alternatives to high interest debt."

"The project is also working with local businesses to introduce saving schemes at work, helping them to fulfil their corporate social responsibilities, whilst supporting staff."

"We would encourage any resident with information on loan shark activity to report it via the confidential telephone line or website."

Ron Hogg, Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, said: "I give my full support to initiatives such as this as they are an excellent example of partners working together. Illegal loan sharks create fear and prey on vulnerable residents."

"A zero tolerance approach will help us to create safer neighbourhoods and stop residents living in fear."

If you would like to report loan shark activity visit www.stoploansharks.co.uk/ or call 0300 555 2222.

OCD Awareness Week

Dear Sir,

As its OCD awareness week I thought there is no better time than now to raise awareness and to bust some myths and common misconceptions about OCD. I'm no professional but I deal with the condition myself and I'm extremely passionate about ending the huge stigma attached to mental health.

OCD is an anxiety disorder with two main parts, obsessions and compulsions, the obsessions are the unwanted and unwelcome thoughts, images, urges, worries and doubts that repeatedly appear in your mind. The compulsions are repetitive activities that you carry out to reduce the anxiety caused by the obsession, giving it the name of 'Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.'

One of the most common misconceptions about OCD is that it is purely based around being clean, keeping things tidy and being organised. I'm sure almost everyone with OCD has heard "Oh so you like to keep things tidy?" or, "I should get you to come and clean my house." When telling people that you have OCD. The phrase 'that's a bit OCD' also gets used a lot and it's extremely annoying to somebody living with

it, it's a harmful phrase to throw around and it creates barriers for people suffering with OCD, one being that it is giving off misinformation and may stop genuine sufferers from realising that they have OCD. It also adds to the stigma and the misuse of the term OCD mean that when you build up the courage to tell the people around you that you have the illness you also usually have to explain what it is, many people think that it isn't a serious illness.

Of course it is different for every individual, many people get perfectionists and people with OCD mixed up. For some people their OCD may be minor and they might find that it does not usually interfere with their lives, for others it can create a lot of interferences. Living with OCD can interrupt your day-to-day life, impact your relationships with others, leave you feeling lonely or ashamed, whilst also having an impact on your physical health.

If you know somebody with OCD or if somebody has just told you that they're suffering with it, don't be afraid to ask questions, it will show you're trying to understand and it'll usually be more appreciated than just bringing up all of the misconceptions, remember there are so many different types. If like me you're living with OCD remember you're never alone, don't be afraid to speak out about it and to educate and correct others, help them to try and understand.

Together we all have the power to eliminate the stigma attached to mental health.

Charlotte Dawson.

NEW ACTIVITIES AT GREENFIELD ARTS



Greenfield Arts are busy bringing together an exciting programme for 2019 and are introducing a range of new sessions where you can learn new skills, improve fitness and well-being or simply join a friendly class to warm up those winter months.

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Organiser and qualified instructor Noreen Gormally delivered a fun and relaxing experience. The session was full of playful activities and waves of laughter

to boost your mood, reduce stress and release happy hormones! If you would like to sign up for future session please contact Noreen on 07785 272388 or email laughteryogawaves@yahoo.com.

If you would like to know more about future activities such as our 2019 Digital Photography session or our new Jewellery Making for example, why not join our mailing list to keep up-to-date and find out what's happening at Greenfield Arts. You can contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 email at info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or complete a short form on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk just follow the 'about us' link on our home page.

Concert Cancelled

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are disappointed to report that the concert due to take place in St Mary's Church on Saturday 3rd November has been cancelled.

If you have purchased a ticket, refunds can be obtained from the shop it was purchased from or ring 07860 532119

Santa Suit for Hire



Godfrey Bennet of Allsorts Charity Shop at the side of St. Clare's Church Hall is offering a full Santa Costume for hire at a fee in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Fund, or if you just wish to donate, call in at the shop any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm

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Friday 9th PINK tribute show **SOLD OUT**.

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Friday 16th Burnbaby Karaoke / Disco FREE entry.

Saturday 17th JAMIE TINKLER with his **Ollly Murs / Bublé** tribute & solo artist ALESHA LEE. £5

Sunday 18th Bingo then Karaoke / Disco FREE in the afternoon and TRACY in the evening £1 ENTRY.

Friday 23rd Burnbaby Karaoke / Disco FREE.

Sat 24th solo artist TONY MARTIN and solo artist LYNNI LARKIN £3 ENTRY.

Sunday 25th Stan's Karaoke / Disco free entry and in the evening solo artist CHRIS JOHNS £1 ENTRY.

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On Saturday 27th October the Hub of Wishes held a Halloween Party Charity Evening at Oakleaf Centre, Newton Aycliffe. We wish to thank the following local organisations for their donations: Boots, Creations Hair Salon, Deb N Hair, Domino's Pizza, Elachi Restaurant, Hungry Horse, Krums Sandwich Bar, Masala Tandoori, McDonald's, Mike's Fish Bar, Occasions, Planet Leisure, Reds Fish Bar, Sainsbury's Local, Shafto Way Service Centre, Simpature Fisheries, Sunny House Takeaway, Thames Diner, The Olive Garden, Wacky Warehouse, Walkers Butchers & Bakers.

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Hot Stuff for Cold Days

Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club says hello to old friends when one of its great favourites comes back on Saturday 3 November.

The New Century Ragtime Orchestra - all twelve of them - return to Darlington to perform one of their musical roller coaster rides through the music of the 'Jazz Age'. They'll play music from the dawn of Ragtime in the 1890's through to the early Swing Era of the 1930's.

Using original sheet music scored for full ensemble, they're not limited to ragtime though - they'll go seamlessly from Scott Joplin through to classic jazz, hot dance music of the 1920's, and the early swing of Duke Ellington. They never fail to delight every time they play at the club.

Bonfire night may be over but the fireworks keep on dazzling when Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club's year wraps up on Saturday 1 December with some sizzling gypsy jazz from Emma Fisk's Hot Club du Nord. Emma is a very fine jazz violinist who has played alongside many inspiring musicians including Darlington favourite Spats Langham, Keith Nichols and Enrico Tomasso, whilst in London she has performed with the Jazz Repertory Company. If you love Django and Stephane Grappelli you'll find Emma and her band is right up there amongst the best in the UK for gypsy jazz.

Both gigs start at 12.30pm. Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington. Entry is just £10 on the door, and children 15 and under go free. St Augustine's Parish Centre is a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station.

For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Local Veteran Holds Art Exhibition to Mark the WW1 Centenary

A local veteran is hosting an art exhibition as part of his degree course to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War One.

John Cutting, from Bishop Middleham, is a Fine Art student at Teesside University following a long military career. The exhibition features John's work, his classmates and other veterans in the area and is open between 6-11 November, 11am-5pm at 10-14 Beveridge Way in Newton Aycliffe.

John served in the Royal Engineers for four years where he did two tours of Northern Ireland in 1972. He had a very hard return to civilian life after experiencing very traumatic events during his military service and struggled with depression, isolation and at his lowest contemplated suicide.

It was then that military charities stepped in including SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity and Combat Stress. They helped John get to the point where

he managed to understand and challenge some of his fears of socialising and encouraged him to establish a stable home environment. As John had little in terms of household items, SSAFA was called in to support him making his house a home and gained funding from the SAS Regimental Association for what was needed.

Once his confidence grew, John, a keen artist, looked to pursue a Fine Arts degree and enrolled at Teesside University. As a mature student, John didn't qualify for a full student loan and so he approached SSAFA who was able to find funding from the Royal Engineers Association to help with general expenses, as well as a bursary from the Army Benevolent Fund.

Speaking of the support offered by SSAFA, the

Armed Forces charity and his upcoming exhibition, John said:

"I am very much looking forward to the opening of the exhibition and look forward to welcoming people."

"I am about to start my second semester at the University of Teesside, which without the financial help I have received from SSAFA, I don't know whether this would have been possible."

"Although people may just see an offering of financial help, it all makes for a holistic package of support. Combat Stress got me on my feet and SSAFA made it possible to stay standing up."

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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 (Pervasive Developmental Disorders Associated with Symptomatic Infections) is a subset of a condition called POTS (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome).

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

XMAS FAIR

Neville Residents Association and Neville Community Centre are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 17th November 2018 at Neville Community Centre from 10.30am.

Santa will be there. There will be a raffle, tombola stall, bran tub, guess the weight of the cake, name the turtle, face painting, craft tables and much much more.

Any funds raised will go towards the purchase of an outside defibrillator for Neville Community Centre.

Charity Night

Friday 9th November, 7pm

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No Counter Argument

Dear Sir,
In last week's Newton News Eileen Brewis considered that my arguments were not presented coherently, such that, she could not give a counter argument. I take this to mean that she had no valid counter argument to make!

She then goes on to 'dispel the myths' about the E.U. and states her belief that the E.U. acts in a democratic manner and that each country is fully involved in decisions made. This is nonsense as evidenced below:

Poland: The Polish Government was hauled before the E.U. Commission because its democratically elected Parliament changed its Constitution.

Italy: The Italian Government has democratically voted through a Budget which is not acceptable to the E.U. At the time of writing this squabble is ongoing.

Greece: The E.U. Central Bank (in Germany!) demanded budgetary changes as a condition of the Euro 'bail-out'. The bail-out conditions were not decided by the E.U. but by Germany and France.

Hungary: The Hungarian Government was admonished by the E.U. for its decision to close its borders during the height of the migrant crisis.

Germany: Angela Merkel unilaterally invited a million migrants into Germany without even a democratic vote in the

German Parliament and without any consultation with the E.U. Commission or other E.U. members. How undemocratic is that!

Great Britain: In April 2016 the British Government increased its contribution to the IMF to £22 Billion to assist in the bail-out of the Euro. Britain never joined the Euro and it was a condition of our continued E.U. membership that we would not be involved in this failed venture. Our bail-out payments are therefore undemocratic, both within the E.U. and Britain!

With regards to Germany, I find it a bit of an understatement to refer to two World Wars and the Holocaust as being Germany's, "wrongdoings in the 20th Century". I also don't remember any atonement. Indeed, during the Greek financial crisis a Greek politician said that the money lent to Greece by Germany should not be regarded as a loan, but rather, as war reparations! The German wartime economy was sustained by slave labour and post-war, by 3 million plus cheap Turkish immigrants. Ask any Eastern European why they prefer to migrate to Britain for work instead of to Germany and you will come to understand that, in the eyes of most Europeans, Germany has not atoned for its "wrongdoings".

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P G Welsh.

HITACHI GROUND BREAKING ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

- Almost 3,000 children aged 5-11 from Ashford, Doncaster, Bristol, Newton Aycliffe and West London to learn about engineering

- Unique partnership announced between Hitachi Rail, Primary Engineer and 50 schools.

- Programme aims to inspire the next generation to meet the UK's growing engineering skills gap. Hitachi Rail is launching a brand new educational programme with Primary Engineer that will see 2,700 5 to 11 year olds learn about engineering with the help of experts in the field.

The announcement came during Rail Week (8-14 October) and the initiative is part of the Year of Engineering campaign. It aims to help tackle a serious shortage of engineers in the UK. On current projections, there will be a gap of 55,000 engineers and skilled workers by 2020, according to the Strategic Transport Apprenticeship Taskforce, with not enough qualified people to deliver key national projects like HS2, Heathrow expansion and Crossrail 2. The scheme will eventually see 50 schools from Ashford, Doncaster, Bristol, Newton Aycliffe and West London partner with engineers from Hitachi's nearby train depots.

The teachers in the first four locations are receiving



their training and this will be followed by a further session at Hitachi's train manufacturing facility in Newton Aycliffe, where new fleets of trains are being delivered for passengers across the country.

This is the first time that Primary Engineer has partnered with a train manufacturer to develop one of its school programmes.

The global rail giant recognises the importance of working with schools to raise awareness of the range of exciting careers that are available in the industry. It chose to partner with Primary Engineer due to its excellent work over the last 13 years creating engineering programmes spanning Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Further Education institutions.

During the joint sessions the teachers and the Hitachi team will learn how to deliver a curriculum-linked rail engineering project that a whole class can take part in. The KS1 project will use a shoe-box train while KS2's train will be electrically-powered.

POPPY AUCTION

On Wednesday 7th November there will be an auction of poppy inspired crafts and works of art at Neville Parade Methodist Church starting at 5.30pm.

Proceeds from the auction will go to Help the Heroes. For further details tel. 07821 621583 or 07492 745330.

Everyone is welcome.

FLOWER DEMO

OPEN EVENING

Darlington Flower Club are to hold an Open Evening on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at Hummersknott School, Edinburgh Drive, Darlington.

Demonstration by John Dalton entitled "Christmas Greetings". Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.30pm.

Various stalls open before the show starts. Tickets £8 or £10 on the door. Ticket available from 01325 374732

Halloween Fun at Bradley's Cafe



On the evening of Thursday 25th October, fifteen children enjoyed a Halloween Party at Bradley's Cafe. The children decorated and ate their own pizzas and enjoyed spooky graveyard jellies and cakes before joining in with a range of Halloween Crafts and Fun Party Games.

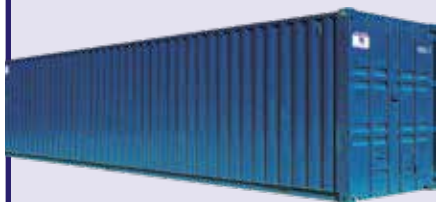
Everyone had a great time and Carol received excellent feedback - so much so that she is now planning Christmas activities!



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The "River Tees at High Coniscliffe" is the latest photo competition winner. Well done to photographer Jake Lawson who wins a canvas print of the above image taken on Monday 6th August at 9pm. Jake lives in Aspen Grove, Newton Aycliffe. The photo was taken on an Olympus VG-170.

CREE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT SHIRT



Following a busy season being very hands-on the Cree group from Greenfield Arts had the opportunity to visit the Baltic Centre in Gateshead as part of the Great Exhibition of the North.

The experience was also part of a new venture for the Cree Men entitled 'Quest for a Perfect Shirt'. The group met up with artist Richard Bliss who will be leading the project. The venue formed the perfect backdrop for the launch. Richard is a visual artist who will be asking big questions, exploring who we are, what it means to live in this place, in this time - all through the vehicle of shirts!

Cree Men will work together to explore ideas about identity design, construct and engineer work as part of a forthcoming exhibition using ideas, images, stories and symbols from our past, where we live and what is happening around us. This will be realised into visual art pieces as part of the 'Quest for the Perfect Shirt' project. "It was good to visit the work at the Baltic as part of our project working with artist Richard Bliss," said Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts "Michael Dean's exhibition in particular opened up lots of interesting debate. The Cree Men enjoyed the visit and have come back with lots of ideas to explore." Michael Dean, a respected artist from the region, is known for his immersive sculptural installations, exploring language, intimacy and the politics of being in the world. "It was really interesting to see the exhibitions and to get us thinking and having a conversation. I really enjoyed it" said Cree member David. The Cree men meet every Monday from 10:30 - 12:30 at Greenfield Arts, If you would like to know more or feel you would benefit from the social well-being this group offers please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

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2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
"Through the Decades"		
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
Sports Show sponsored by Honest John		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
6th Nov	TBC	
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	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
7-8pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
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	Guest Presenter Session	
26th Oct	Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare Vinyl	
2nd Nov	Nathan Abbott (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
"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

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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ffle and the surrounding area will, I will feel at Syd's passing - not only he made to community life but also in which he produced and edited ntury. The service Syd gave to the many local organisations made him a s a true philanthropist, Rotarian and aps is not so well-recognised is that ore many other people in the media, the newspaper industry lay in local vents in a no-nonsense manner. He against those who would have him on many friends. Syd will be missed eads as well as by people throughout inting support in many ways. RIP r be forgotten.

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Above Self'



and friends he founded the West Africa Trust in 2005, and was able to provide £100,000 of aid to Rotarians in West Africa. This was used on over 30 projects for the benefit of the local communities. In recognition of his contributions Syd was made an Honorary Life Member of The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe when he became ill. He has also over the years been honoured with THREE Paul Harris Fellowships, which is the highest award of Rotary International, given to acknowledge outstanding service to others.

Geoff Knapton
Secretary
Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe

Email Tributes and Social Media Comments

Angela Williams: Syd was an inspiration, he did so much for me and my daughter, we will miss him, thinking of you all

Carol Briggs: Sad at Syds passing, but proud to have known him - a truly amazing wonderful man.

Nora Brewster: So so much respect for this wonderful man. He has touched the lives of so many. Proud to have known him. So so sorry for your heart breaking loss.

Cam Billany: Sincere Condolences. A good friend to many. We had many happy and memorable times with him. The Golfing four a huge loss. Bless you Syd, RIP. Sending our sincere condolences to you and your family. Think how wonderful it was for him to see you grow into the men you are today. We had many wonderful times with Syd. He was a great golfing buddy with Richard Gent, Don Walker and John Billany. They had incredible times together. Syd will always be in your heart. The sad passing of a much loved Gentleman.

Martin Ashcroft: R.I.P. Syd Howarth, our hearts go out to family and friends at this very sad time xx
Linda Hind: The whole town will mourn for a very kind man. R.I.P. Mr Howarth.

Sarah Travis: So sorry to hear this news. He was an incredible man with a huge heart and he helped so many people. He always had a warm smile and was so lovely to chat to. He will be hugely missed by everyone that met him. Thoughts are with you all

Bob Barham-Hall: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult and sad time. May God bless you with good memories and draw you together as a family as you celebrate his life and say your farewells.

Dave Johnson: I no longer live in Aycliffe. Always found Syd to be a true gentleman. I know Mr Aycliffe will be sadly missed. R.I.P. to a true gent.

Alwyn White: Your Father lived a full and fulfilling life and helped so many people in Newton Aycliffe ... a valued asset to his Sons and the townspeople.

Beryl Wild: What a shock! Only read on Friday he'd given up work! R.I.P. Syd. To all of the family we are so sorry to hear this, he'll be a huge loss to the whole town not just his family xx

Val Fawcett: Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time, on behalf of myself and the AARMS group xx

Ken Sadler: My dear friend Syd, you shall be missed so very much. You spoke into my life more than I knew at the time. You thought the best of me and helped me fly when I was afraid. Our loss, Heavens gain. Until we meet again, Susan.

Sue Snowdon: Sincere condolences to you and your family. Syd was a very special person totally selfless in his contribution to the town and beyond. He will be greatly missed, never forgotten.

Suzanne Fowler Edwards: I am so sad for all of you, he was such a remarkable man, always helping whenever he could, and being an inspiration to us all. I can't believe how brave and strong he's been this past year in particular. We will all miss his beautiful smile and songs too xxxx

Melvyn Douglas Broadbelt: The passing of an unsung hero to many. He was a gentleman and a scholar and a colleague I held in high esteem. As a fellow PDG in Rotary, he will be missed by many and a difficult act to follow for Syd's motto was always "Can Do!"

Angela Williams: True legend he helped me and my family, was there when needed, always could talk to Syd. I was heartbroken to hear when he told me what he was diagnosed with, yet he never let it show, he was strong. A Dad, Grandad you should all be proud of. Gone but never forgotten R.I.P. Syd, miss you always.

Paul Keane: Dear Joe, We will all miss this wonderful man who was a

wonderful ambassador for kindness and goodness. His legacy will live on for the foreseeable future and everywhere you go in this part of the world, you and all the Howarth families can continue to take pride in what your Grandad and Dad had a major part in improving it for the better.

Carol Gaskarth: Syd Howarth, thank you for all you did for the town, community and local people. You leave an amazing legacy and will be very sadly missed.

Pioneering Care Partnership: PCP Remembering with much fondness and love our Trustee and member Syd Howarth. A true gent and remarkable man we were honoured to work with. Rest in peace our friend and supporter.

Stuart Hall: Devastating news. Such an inspiration to the area, but his legacy will live long into the future. Thoughts and prayers with all the family at this sad time.

Jenny Morris: So sorry for your loss we're all thinking of you and all the family at this sad time from myself and all at Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group

Florence Robinson: So sad, the passing of a local legend - he will be missed. Even if you never met him, his name was synonymous with Newton Aycliffe

Phil Chance: Really sad news. I have great memories of Syd, he always wanted the best for the area and it's people.

John Woodward: R.I.P. Syd, an icon of the community and a gentleman - my thoughts to all your family at this sad time.

Sue Hindle: So sorry to hear this. Syd was a truly lovely man and an absolute gent. He will be greatly missed by all the community. My condolences to all the family.

Allison White: Such sad news, Syd was amazing with his work, even though he got poorly, he still didn't let it stop him. Thinking of you all at this sad time. From Allison and everyone at Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group

Barbara Clare: A very sad day for the people of Newton Aycliffe and for John and myself. Syd based his life on these words - "If I can help somebody, as I pass along. If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song. If I can show somebody, that he's travelling wrong. Then my living shall not be in vain.

Chorus: My living shall not be in vain. Then my living shall not be in vain. If I can help somebody, as I pass along. Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty, as a good man ought. If I can bring back beauty, to a world up wrought. If I can spread love's message, as the Master taught. Then my living shall not be in vain. R.I.P. Syd Howarth. With love and condolences to the family.

Iain Summers: Sad news for all Newtonians. I knew him years ago and always found him to be a true gentleman. He made a positive difference to other people's lives and that is the very best anyone can ever do. Look after each other.

Darran Weston: Oh no! Absolutely devastated, I was fortunate to know Syd, so very well. I just can't believe he's passed away so soon after standing down. He was Aycliffe through and through, like a stick of rock. His name and legacy will live on in Legend. My deepest condolences on your loss.

Rachel Swain: That's so sad. Syd was one of the first people to make us feel so welcome to the area. He was a really top bloke. Sending love to his family at this sad time.

Sue Searby: So so sorry to hear this. A wonderful man who did so much for Newton Aycliffe over the years. Thank you Syd.

Katie Walsh: Sending you all of our condolences. Syd was a true gentleman - I remember him fondly from my days growing up in Redworth where he was always so kind and took a genuine interest in all those around him. He'll be such a

miss but his spirit will live on in the community that he so passionately served and cared for. Rest well Syd, sending love to all his family.

Margaret Bain: So sad that he has passed away he will be a loss, a great pleasure to have known Syd, he did a lot for me and I am sure many other R.I.P.

David Sutton-Lloyd: Condolences to all the family. Just a great bloke who put Community and family high on his list. I have said many times how lucky we were in Aycliffe to have Newton News, which was down to Syd's vision. He will be missed.

Anne French: So sorry for your loss, Syd was a true gentleman whom I had the pleasure of knowing. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Howarth family.

Gaz Avery: Really sorry to hear this, I got along with Syd really well over the last 17 years or so, meeting him at many local events, where we would have a chat and take my photo. Newton News and Syd have played a massive part in helping me be successful with Professor Nincompoop; condolences go out to all his family, R.I.P. Syd, you will be missed.

Penny Johnson: R.I.P. Syd. Great man. Always supported the Aycliffe Running Club reports. Will be a big loss to the town. My thoughts are with his family.

Liz Joy: So sorry to hear this sad news. R.I.P. Syd, you were a great friend to many and will be a big loss in the area. Thoughts are with all your family at this difficult time.

Marion Townson: Very sad to hear this news. Condolences to all Syd's family and friends. He was an asset to our town. R.I.P. Syd. Love to all your family.

Jed Hillary: The loss of a good friend, a man of the community and an excellent journalist. My thoughts are with his family at this sad time. R.I.P. Syd.

Kathleen Pinner: So very sad to hear this news. I don't know anyone who loved and did so much for the town as Syd Howarth. A huge loss.

Jo-Anne Scott Simpson: So sad to hear this news, Syd was such a wonderful man and made a huge difference to Newton Aycliffe and beyond.

Debby Roberts: So sorry to hear this. Syd has always been an integral part of the town. Thoughts with his family and friends.

Tony Jackson: Such sad news, a brilliant Rotarian for Newton Aycliffe and previously District Governor of North East England Rotary. Brilliant Bloke, Syd Howarth MBE.

Sue Beadle: A true gentleman, a true son of Newton Aycliffe, R.I.P. Sydney, best wishes to his family.

Gary Hepple: Lovely gentleman. R.I.P. Syd, condolences to all the family from all at The Big Club

Pam Taylor: My condolences to Syd's family. I can't remember a time when he wasn't around. It won't be the same without Syd. R.I.P. I remember Syd, when Remploy Aycliffe was on the go, a lovely gentleman, sorry for your loss.

Judith Donald: Thinking of you all. Syd was a truly inspirational man.

Charlotte Woolley: So sorry to hear this, lovely gentleman, always had a big smile and a cuddle to give.

Tracy Pagiat: So sorry to hear of your loss, and all of Aycliffe's too. He was a very lovely gentleman and so genuinely regarded by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with you.

Geoff Abbott: Deepest condolences. Syd was a great Newtonian. He'll be mourned by many.

Martin Currington: Sad news, my thoughts are with Syds family. Lovely man who will be missed by Newton Aycliffe.

Jack Braley: So sorry to hear about Syd, I always enjoyed talking to him. My thoughts are with all the family.

David James Rowland: So sorry to hear this. All our condolences from the team at Bargain Buys.

Keith Bailey: So sorry to hear this.

Syd was a wonderful guy. Sending my deepest condolences to all the family.

Margaret Taylor: Sorry to hear this, your Dad was a true gent. Thoughts to you all. R.I.P. Syd.

Marie Douglas: Sending heartfelt sympathy to all Syd's family. He was an asset to our town and was respected by many, many people. R.I.P. Syd

Lizzy Anderson: A huge part of Newton Aycliffe and his legacy lives on.

Martin Jude: I worked at NAYC when Syd was Vice Chairman, Peter Gallagher Chairman and Richard Butler was Youth Leader. Those three men taught me so much and it was the beginning of my career in social care. Syd, above all, gave me encouragement and belief in myself. Always grateful.

Stu Dixon: Great words John D Clare, on behalf of all at Greenfield Community College, our deepest sympathy and condolences go to the Howarth family, Syd indeed was a great man who achieved so much for this town that is so close to all of our hearts. Rest In Peace Syd.

Ali Dixon: What an amazing man. I was just thinking about Syd this morning as we were talking about the Rotary Christmas Concert and what the plan might be for this year. I am so sad he has passed away. He has been such an integral part of putting Newton Aycliffe on the map; enabling the town to celebrate success and challenge indifference. He will be greatly missed. R.I.P. Syd. Best wishes and strength to the Howarth family.

Paul Howell: He achieved in spades something we should all strive for, in that he made a positive impact on people and community. R.I.P. Syd you will be missed, but your impact was enormous.

Sarah-Jane Jackman: Syd was one of the most amazing men I have ever met and I feel privileged to have worked with him for 17 years. Your words made me cry (again) as they are so true. I will miss him very much.

Sally Montagne: Rotary Past District Governor's Ernie and Sally Montagne from Arizona, USA are so sorry to hear this sad news. Syd was a dear friend and helper in our early days of International Rotary Grant Work in West Africa. Our trip to your home and District will always be in our memories and hearts. And nothing will ever erase the incredible memories of our trip together to Africa. Plus the Rotary newsletter was the best and largest we have ever seen. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with your wonderful family.

Samantha Greensit: True gent with a heart of gold! He will be a great miss.

Ron Mitchie: We at ACE (GACAP) will do our best to bring Syd's dream to fruition as our Founder and President. We intend to have our event at the Big Club on November 9th at 7pm and would appreciate all of his many friends come along and show their support for one of Syd's project's. All that knew Syd then, we have been blessed.

Margaret Fenwick: The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe - Syd Howarth MBE. Not just a great loss to our club but to the wider Rotary family and of course to Newton Aycliffe. A wonderful, kind generous man and a great champion for the town he loved. I have known Syd and then his family for 50 years. You will be missed more than words can say, so on behalf of the club and myself, God bless you Syd.

Kenneth Robson: A real gentleman, a superb mentor and a lion in defence of our town. A giant in this town and beyond. Will miss you mate.

Alan Foster: Syd was a true legend and pioneer and will be sadly missed. My thoughts are with you and all your family.

Russell Belton: I always refer that Syd Howarth was a founding father of Newton Aycliffe and how much

Below is a selection of the many comments received.

we will all miss a true gentleman. My thoughts are with you and your family, lots of love.

Ruth Bradley: Sending you lots of love and a virtual hug Carrie Howarth, your Granddad was certainly a pillar of Aycliffe's community for as long as I have lived here. Such an inspiration to many ... as are you beautiful.

Gemma Louise Howarth: When I moved to Newton Aycliffe 13 years ago, it was Uncle Syd who showed me how lovely the community of Aycliffe is and it was the beginning of me getting to know and love my extended family. I was proud of contributing in my own little way to the press by delivering papers when I was younger and seeing first hand how much a local newspaper has helped shape Aycliffe. He will surely be missed not just by my family but by all the people he got to know throughout Aycliffe. Rest tight Uncle Syd, you will surely be missed xx

Stephen Patterson: R.I.P. Syd Howarth. Syd will always be firmly cemented in the towns history and not forgotten for a very long time. On a personal note he was always good to me and to the residents of our care homes and that's something I will always remember. Condolences to Syd's family and friends.

Avon Andrew: Aw that's sad. Didn't expect it that quickly. Was always a lovely guy. Worked for him when his Wife ran The Pantry and he was always so nice. Sending condolences to all the family especially those I knew from working around them in my younger years. Eek just realised that was 30 years ago!!

Paul Thomas Cooke: My memories of Syd when I used to get stressed about jobs at Newton Press, Syd used to say to me "Cookie, one job at time". Going to miss you Syd.

Linda West: Your father touched the lives of many and gave support where needed throughout his life I hope this gives you comfort at this time and in the future. With deepest sympathy.

David Stewart: I wanted to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family on behalf of my Mum Brenda and sisters Katie and Annabel on the very sad news of your father. My Dad, Ken, was a long-term friend of Syd and your father kindly gave a touching eulogy at my Dad's funeral last year and helped us with the order of service. As I found out, nothing can really prepare you for this - it's such a devastating time but hope that your family and friends will help you in the coming days and you can take comfort from Syd's considerable achievements and what he did for your town.

Chris Palmer: I have known your Dad since I came to this town in 1965 and he has been a great help to me and the people I have tried to help via various charities. My deepest sympathy to you, your immediate family and all at Newton Press on the death of Syd.

Margaret: Have just heard the news this morning and was deeply saddened, he gave so much to the town and will be missed. May God bless and keep you all in the difficult days ahead. *St. Mary's Knitting Group.*

Denise Telford: Firstly would just like to say how sorry I was to hear of your Dad's passing. I know your Dad was a very active person in the Aycliffe community and will be sadly missed.

Valerie Palmer: I am so sad and sorry to read of the sad passing of Syd, he was a true gentleman and friend to many people. You are all in my thoughts at this sad time.

Darran Weston: Could I please say, through the Newton News, how devastated I, as well as everyone, am regarding the loss of the wonderful Syd Howarth. He was Aycliffe through and through like a stick of rock. His memory will live on, and the Newton News will be his legacy. My deepest condolences to you all, a sad day for the town.

Plus many more ...

LOCAL HAULIER SUPPORTS DARLINGTON 21ST ALLSTARS



The Darlington 21st Allstars Under 9's have just started the 2018/2019 season wearing their new and exclusive bespoke Macron kits supplied to them from Mysportswear, Morton Park in Darlington.

Local family run haulier Fracks Transport Ltd of Newton Aycliffe have once again kindly sponsored the home team strip with the away kit sponsorship coming from Mr Fatih Omer of La Piazza Restaurants in Richmond & Durham.

The boys are managed by Mr Alan Middleton and play in the Teesside Junior

Football Alliance league. & Theresa (Mysportswear in Darlington) and Alan Sarah Bell (Fracks), Mark Middleton (Manager).

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are holding a Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fair on Saturday 10th November at Neville Parade Methodist Church from 10am - 2pm.

There are over 20 stalls attending, selling a variety of products, including cakes, cards, knitting, jewellery, wooden toys, toiletries, decorations, gift sets and much more.

Have a bacon or sausage sandwich for breakfast followed by pie & peas or homemade broth at lunchtime and delicious desserts, all at bargain prices. Free parking, 50p admission includes a free drink. Everyone welcome. Come along and grab a bargain.

Calling all Aycliffe's Santa's

Are you now, or have you ever been an Aycliffe Santa? If so we want to hear from you. Newton Aycliffe is seventy years old and the Aycliffe Santa tradition has been around for sixty of those years. Rewind, in association with Aycliffe Radio and Newton News would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of all Aycliffe Santa's past, present and future so this festive tradition may continue for many years to come.

Are you our current Santa, are you related to one of our Santa's or can you remember someone who wore Santa's robes in the past. Either way we want to hear from you.

We want to compile a list, a roll of honour containing as many names, and dates if possible, so we can publish them in the Xmas edition of the Newton News as a way of saying thank you for making Xmas that extra bit special for people in the community.

Please send your information to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

COATES TO RACE ON WORLD STAGE IN CLIO CUP FINALE

Yorkshire's Max Coates is set to compete on the international stage for the second time in 2018. Following his success in the hugely competitive Renault UK Clio Cup the BRDC Rising star has claimed a spot in the International Renault Clio Cup Final at Paul Ricard in the South of France. Coates finished as the runner-up in the UK based series at Brands Hatch at the end of September and in doing so takes one of seven UK spaces for the Paul Ricard races. The top 5 in the championship, the graduate champion, which Coates won in his first Clio Cup season in 2016, and one additional driver will have the opportunity to compete at the event on the 3rd and 4th November.

With remote support from his Pyro Motorsport team, Coates has retained backing from his sponsors to compete in the event, namely Harron Homes, Primex Plastics, RPC bpi PLASgran, Bennett Renault, Jackson Graham Accountants and JIC Transport.

Competitors from the UK will join drivers from the Chinese and Spanish Clio Cup for the final round of the Spanish season. This will allow them all to gain sufficient track testing time ahead of the International Final on Sunday afternoon (16:25 CEST). Qualifying for the race will take place at 14:00 CEST with the top drivers from the UK, China, Spain, Italy, Central Europe and France.

The International Final race will be livestreamed on the



Renault Sport YouTube page in which the winner will take home a 280hp Mégane Renault Sport. Live timing for the duration of the event will be available from ITS Results.

An ecstatic Coates said, "To get another opportunity to race on an international level this season is fantastic, I'm hugely grateful to my partners for their continued support to make this happen. The announcement to race came quite late and they all supported me straight away! Paul Ricard is a circuit I have never driven but I'm really looking forward to it. I've been practicing on my simulator doing all the research possible. It's going to be difficult to beat drivers from the other countries on their own turf, one thing is for sure though, I'll be giving it everything possible to win!"

Renault Sport's UK Motorsport Championship Manager Will Fewkes commented: "This is

a fantastic opportunity for our drivers to take on the best of the best in Clio Cup competition from across the world. This event rekindles the spirit of the famous Renault Finals of old and we are confident we will be very well represented.

Tarik Ait Said, Sporting Manager, Renault Sport Racing said: "Gathering all the Clio Cup championships that Renault holds worldwide, the Clio Cup International Final will not only be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the enduring success of Clio but also a stage where the cream of the crop of each national Cup will be pitched against each other to crown the best among the best. Given the level of competitiveness that the UK Clio Cup has shown over the years, we expect the British contingent to be on the pace straight away."

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SEDGEFIELD 75 AT CHESTER-LE-STREET MEET



10 swimmers took to the pool this weekend at the Chester le Street Junior Gala. Emma Price, Chloe Harding, Thomas Curran, Ewan John, Robert Price, Jake Andrews, Mateusz Wilczynski, Matthew Wimbury, Oliver Turnbull and Lewis Turnbull competed for the club, taking part in 44 swims between them and bringing home 12 medals. Emma Price took gold in the 400m free, 200m free and 200m back, silver in the 200m IM and 50m free and bronze in the 50m fly. Thomas Curran took silver in the 50m fly. Ewan John took bronze in the 50m fly. Jake Andrews took bronze in the 50m back. Mateusz Wilczynski took bronze in the 200m breast and gold in the 50m fly. Matthew Wimbury took bronze in the 50m breast. 25 personal best times were swam at this meet and all 10 swimmers achieved fantastic new personal best times and represented the club superbly. As well as great results from the junior swimmers, one of our senior swimmers also had a magnificent weekend. Matthew Bradley has just returned from competing in the British National Masters at Sheffield. All of Matthew's swims were personal best times and he took gold in the 200m free and silver in the 100m back. This is a truly amazing result as he fits training around his full time job.

Juniors Football Report



With a blast of wintery weather stopping games that were planned for Saturday, it was just the Aycliffe Juniors TJFA League teams in action on Sunday this weekend. The Under 7's had a tough trip to Seaton Carew and despite another hatrick from man of the match Jack C and a brace from Kai they couldn't get the win. The Under 8's travelled to play Billingham Synthonia. In the league game Evan and Alex scored in a 4-2 loss. The development game was won 2-0 with Sam and David getting the goals. The Under 9's squad was limited by holidays and injuries so they had just the required seven players for their game against Wynyard. Thomas scored once in the league game and twice in the development game. The team lost the league fixture but drew the second game and Theo was the days man of the match. The Under 10's White enjoyed a great matchday experience with Newton Aycliffe on Saturday. On Sunday they played at Eaglescliffe Elementis. It was a tight game but two second half goals from the hosts gave them the win. Joel and man of the match Jayden both scored in the development game.

The Under 10's Claret made the journey to play Hartlepool St Francis. They were 1-0 up at half time after Kai scored. In the second half the team tired and lost out. Lewis was the man of the match. The Under 11's Black were away at Leven White. They started well but ended the first half 3-0 down. Noah and Jake scored to get back into the game but this ended in a 5-2 defeat. Jacob was named as man of the match. The Under 12's lost 4-1 away at Trimdon. Zack scored the

goal and Cody was the man of the match. The Under 13's continued their tough start to the season and travelled to high flying Whinney Banks. They were well beaten on this occasion as the game ended 9-0. The Under 14's put in a great performance at Woodham against Brompton Juniors. Man of the match Brandon scored a hatrick and Sammy Clark added another in a 4-2 win. This was even more impressive as six regular players were unavailable.

Remembrance Week at St. Clare's Church

To mark the centenary of the end of WW1, many townspeople have been busy knitting poppies. On Sunday 4th Nov they will be placed on the railings round the town centre roundabout. St Clare's Church is also being decorated in remembrance with poppy displays, and there will be beautiful poems on display for you to read, about war and it's effect, from the pupils of Sugar Hill School. Perspex Tommies will be seated in church, reminding us in a deeply poignant display, of the many who did not return. During the week beginning Monday 5th November, the doors of St Clare's church will be open daily from 10am til noon. You are most welcome to visit us briefly to see what's going on, or to take a bit more time to sit and think, maybe pray. We will be serving tea and coffee and biscuits, no charge, and would love to have a chat with you, about remembrance time, or anything you like. Please feel free to drop in, look, talk, drink, or just for some quiet time, you will be most welcome. Further info from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

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100 Years Remembrance

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



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

KNITTED POPPY PATTERN

(Large Poppy) - 3.5/3.75mm (UK 9), DK Yarn, Black Button
Cast on 120 stitches.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row - 40 stitches.
Row 6 to 9 Knit.
Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row - 20 stitches.
Row 11 to 14 Knit.
Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row - 10 stitches.
Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.
Join edges with mattress stitch.
Use a black button to sew to centre of the poppy.

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

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

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

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"Bring It On" Woodham Students



Students from Woodham Academy recently took part in the 'Bring it on!' engineering event held at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland and what an inspiring event it proved to be!

On Thursday 4th October, 50 Year 9 students from Woodham Academy enjoyed this interactive experience, which showcased some of the leading regional and global engineering companies. The 13-14-year-olds had the chance to try many traditional jobs, including driving diggers, welding

and changing wheels, as well as new technologies such as virtual reality. The event proved to be a hit with the students with one of the pupils, Ben Graham, saying he had, "A really enjoyable day learning about new and exciting technologies". Leading companies present at the event discussed future careers and opportunities within science and engineering. Over 50 of the top businesses provided talks, demonstrations and activities in which the students could take part. Split into 5 themed zones, the students could explore innovative technologies in a range of fields, including chemical, civil and automotive engineering. A spokesman from the global pharmaceutical company Pfizer stated, "This is a fantastic event in which we hope to inspire the next generation of young people. We hope to enlighten and enthuse these young people into the opportunities available to them."

Mr. Harrison from Woodham Academy added that the event had been an amazing success. He went on to say, "It is fantastic for the school to be able to offer these exciting opportunities to our students. The buzz and enthusiasm that the students now have towards the opportunities available to them is very rewarding for the school."

This was the second time the "Bring it on!" event has been held and following this year's success, Woodham Academy looks forward to continuing to provide their students with similar inspiring opportunities.

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Sports Club Record Biggest Victory to Take Derby Spoils

After last week's 5-1 home win against Wearhead United in the league, the Sports Club piled the pressure on their struggling neighbours, The Gretna, on Sunday with another home league win at Moore Lane.

It took until the 21st minute for Sports Club to get on the scoresheet with what will no doubt be goal of the season, left back Anthony Campbell lobbing the keeper from almost 40 yards out to make it 1-0. It was what was

needed to open the game and the hosts took a firm grip on the game. Kyle Allen, returning from injury for his 1st game in 4 weeks, got the second after good work from Kieran Jordan who crossed unselfishly into the box for Allen to slot home.

On 35 minutes Darren Bosomworth continued his good run of scoring by adding the third, chasing down the defenders and managing to lob the keeper. On 40 minutes Kieran Jordan got his first of many striking the ball coolly past the keeper from outside the box to make it 4-0. The Gretna closed the half almost scoring from a corner, but a goal line clearance from David Teder ensured the clean sheet was kept going into the break.

The 2nd half brought an abundance of goals,

but unfortunately for the visitors, there was none for them. Kieran Jordan pulled in from the wide position to smash home his second and that was quickly followed by right back Jonathan Clegg slotting home the 6th from a cross from Kyle Allen. Kyle Allen unselfishly set up Darren Bosomworth for his second after running through the defence and slipping it into the midfielders path to make it seven.

David Teder got on the score sheet from a corner with a scissor kick to make it 8-0. Kieran Jordan then grabbed his hatrick to make it nine and followed quickly with another 2 goals to take the Sports Club past double figures. Substitute Ollie Gell made it 12 nil on the 80 minute mark with Kieran Jordan wrapping up his double Hatrick to make it 13



nil at the final whistle. Another derby game next week sees the Sports Club travel across to Greenfield to play another league against Newton Aycliffe WMC.

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Excitement is growing for trustees of Aycliffe Community Engagement (ACE) as they head towards their first community event to raise funds for those within our town who have hit difficult times and find themselves in need.

Everything is coming together for the event. Staff at The Big Club are polishing the glasses, especially those in the new gin and cocktail bar, raffle prizes are being donated, but, the first prize three prizes will be kept under wraps until the night. I am informed by the trustees you won't be disappointed. The event has had a lot of social media cover, I think members of ACE, staff at The Big Club and our one and only Nev Jones have been trying to outdo one another as to how many hits they can get. This all promises to be a good evening. Tickets will be available on the door if you haven't managed to get one before the night. So the event is taking place as we have said at the big club on 9th November 7 for 7.30. (Get their early to get a good seat). Plus it will give you time to pop into the aforementioned bar and sample one of the gins stocked. I have already ordered mine.

Entertainment will include the ever popular 70's tribute band Groovy Street. I am told by one Nev Jones that they are, in his words nothing short of excellent!!!!!! I believe he has this on good authority. Alongside Groovy Street will be Darlington's acoustic guitarist, singer songwriter David Brittle. David took part in the event held in The summer in Aycliffe Town centre and hosted by Aycliffe Radio. David comes to us after an interesting event in Liverpool The Management of Speedy heard that country wide they had several talented musicians in the company.

They have had a couple of sessions practicing together but mainly it has been at home or in twos or threes. They will be pulling their talents ready for the Speedy Expo on Albert Dock Liverpool.

So get yourself along, polish off your dancing shoes and dance the night away. ACE hope to hold future fundraising events for the benefit of the people of Newton Aycliffe who are in need. Vice Chairman Geoff Batchelor who has been



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Painting and Decorating students and Head of School Michelle Anelin with Trades4Care co-founders Andrew Coxon and Charlie Wright.

responsible for organising this event would like to see further events throughout 2019.

For more information about ACE contact the chairman on chair.ace.aycliffe@gmail.com or pop into the next meeting of ACE on Monday

5th November at 3.45pm at The BIG CLUB to find out what ACE are all about. One of November's speakers is Brian Riley from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) with another presentation from Humankind, formerly DISC.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

For all Newtonians, the week's news was overshadowed by the sad passing of Newton News proprietor Syd Howarth. As for everything else, it was a quiet half-term week in local politics and community last week, and next weekend will be a quiet weekend mainly given over to Remembrance Sunday. You can find the vlog and more info on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB74

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- You can read my tribute to Syd Howarth - 'Mr Newton News' - on my blog.
- A DCC team has met with the EU LOCARBO business efficiency partnership in Portugal.
- DCC has kicked off its EU Solid Wall Insulation Innovation energy efficiency project.
- Have you completed the GAMP funding consultation yet?
- GATC Policy & Resources meeting,

Wednesday 24 October.

- The Durham Police LGBT banner made its first appearance at last Saturday's superhero event at the Locomotion Museum Shildon.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- Armistice Day is being commemorated in art and music at the Gala Theatre Durham, 9-15 November.
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Customers had the chance to take part in a raffle that had a top prize of designer glasses from the £99 range with ultra-clear superclean treatment. There was also a huge hamper full of chocolates and sweets.

There's a record number of older people in employment in the north east who are being urged to make their eye health a priority as pension entitlement ages increase.

Official figures show that there are 26,000 Brits over the age of 65 working in the north east, with a further 8,000 expected to be in employment by 2030, as people continue to live longer and healthier lives.

However 6500 of them are not getting their eyes tested regularly, making them more susceptible to glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and cataracts, which could have an impact on their life and work. That is why Specsavers is teaming up with sight loss charity, the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), to urge Britain's ageing workforce to take their eye health seriously.

Jeremy Moss, store manager at Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe, says: 'It is so important for residents to look after their eyes and have regular eye tests, especially for the early detection of conditions which could lead to loss of

sight. He adds: 'We have been running a raffle in store to raise as much money as possible for RNIB and we are so pleased to have helped support its work. The work RNIB does is incredible, and we wanted to raise funds so they can continue to help people living with sight loss conditions throughout the UK.'

Research shows there are already more than 200,000 people with preventable sight loss conditions of AMD, cataract, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy

in the north east and as the figures show this is a number which is expected to climb.

That is why Specsavers in the north east has invested more than £80k through providing Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) – hospital grade eye testing scanners – and personnel training to commit themselves in improving the vision for residents in the north east and to tackle the growing

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There is a voice, we will always remember A voice we will always recall,

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Elaine Haywood

7/2/1967 to 3/11/2016

Remembering Elaine, our wonderful Daughter, Sister, Mother and Nana. Mam, Paul, Sisters Karen, Alex and Son Paul, Daughter Kirsten and Granddaughter Lexie. Also thinking of her Brother Paul Huntley 16th October 1988. Love and miss you both.

LINDA GRIFFITHS 2nd November 2016. They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal. But neither time nor reason, will change the way I feel. So sadly missed, Husband Ray xxx

LINDA GRIFFITHS 2nd November 2016. Mam. Remembering Mam is easy, we do it every day. But the pain of losing you, will never go away. Love always, Leanne, Alistair and Mark xxx

ALBERT ANDREW 6th November 2009. It is nine years since we saw your handsome face Dad. We send you a prayer and blow you kisses for you to catch. Love forever from your Daughters Julie, Susan and family xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Tracey Savage (Reay)

8th November



We have a gift you cannot see, of heartfelt love and memories.

This special gift the angels bring, is priceless though weighs not a thing. Carried through the sunlit skies, on wings of doves and butterflies.

A loving wish wrapped tight with love, to one we've lost living above.

Loved and missed every day. Mam, Dad, Julie, Mark, Mackie, Kayleigh, Nova-Reign, Richie, Leanne, Mark, Kate, Mason and Bailey

James Cason

Died 11th July 2018
Birthday 1st November



James would have been 80 years old on 1st November 2018. Happy Birthday Dad. Miss you loads.

Love, Lue and Anth
Ave and Geoff
Val and Duane
Jimmy and Daska
all the Grandkids xxxxx

BRIAN MAGEE 2nd November 1938. Sending you all my love on your 82nd birthday Brian. I wish I could have a dance with you, I miss you so much. Your loving Wife Joan xxx

BRIAN MAGEE 2nd November 1938. We blow you a kiss, send you a prayer. To the best Dad, Grandad in the world. Hope you are having a pint of Tetley's and a game of snooker with your friends in Ferryhill Club on your 82nd birthday. Happy birthday Dad. All our love forever, Julie, Billy, Ross and Bella xxx

RALPH NELSON 6th November 1950. Just to wish you a very happy 68th Birthday Dad. You aren't here to celebrate but you are always in our hearts. Thinking of you on this special day. We love and miss you always. All our love and kisses, Dad. Happy birthday. Lots of love, sending you kisses, Tracy and Scott xxxxx

RALPH NELSON 6th November 1950. Just to wish my Grandad a very special happy birthday. Wish you were here, but we know you aren't far away, looking over us. Love you with all my heart, always. Beckie, Jordan, Brodie and Imogen xxxxx

RALPH NELSON 6th November 1950. Thinking of you on your 68th birthday. Each time I see your photograph, you seem to smile and say, "Don't cry I'm only sleeping, we'll meet someday". All my love, your loving Wife Kathleen xx

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Obituary

RONALD ELLIOTT
Ronnie

of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 25th October, aged 68 years.

Treasured Partner of Margaret Swinburne; much loved Dad of Darren, Amanda and Will; also a loving Father-in-Law of Kat, Rob and Tracy.

Would family and friends please meet for a Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 9th November at 10.45am.

BARRY FAWCETT

of Newton Aycliffe formerly Barnard Castle. Passed away in hospital on 27th October, aged 77 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Anne; Dad to David and Garry. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Friday 9th November for 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Macmillan Nurses. Plate provided at Crematorium.

LILIAN ROSE 16th October (peacefully in hospital).

Formerly of Newton Aycliffe, aged 93 years. Beloved Wife of the late John; much loved Mam to Pat and Steve; loving Mother-in-Law to Julie; a dearly loved Nan to Lindsay, Claire and Sarah and a Great Nana to Imogen. Service to be held on Tuesday 6th November at 12.30pm at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Family flowers only, donations to the British Heart Foundation.

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Happy 8th Birthday

to the best little Brother in the world. Love from Loren, Aimee and Kameron xxx



Happy 8th Birthday

Have a great day. Love, Nan, Nana, Grandma, all your Grandads, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxx

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CYCLING CLUB CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY



Local cycling group VC167 have celebrated their 25th Anniversary since the formation of the club. To mark the momentous occasion many members travelled far and wide to attend a dinner dance at Blackwell Grange, Darlington on 20th October 2018.

The VC167 was formed in 1993, and was known as Velo Club 167.

It's six founder members had a vision that like-minded cyclists in the Darlington and Aycliffe area could meet to ride together. Regularly meeting along the A167, it seemed appropriate to name the club VC167!

This well established club has over 180 members spanning a wide geographical area; from Tyneside, through most of Yorkshire, Lancashire &

Scotland. There are many members who have achieved National recognition for their cycling achievements over the years. One lady member, Anne Young, has gained a national award for doing the most 125 miler rides this season, a grand total of over 15000 miles in one year.

VC167 caters for a variety of ages and abilities. This year the club organised Coast to Coast in a day with nearly 30 riders aged between 12 and 75yrs old. They regularly have 15 to 20 riders in calendar Audax events across the UK. VC167 regularly have 20 + riders in PBP (Paris - Brest - Paris) 1200km (750 mile) in 90 hrs max time which is taking place 2019. Not just a long distance cycling club, VC167 members enjoy 10 mile time trials during the

summer months.

Many VC167 members give their own time for the future development of cycling. They organise cycling events throughout the year, many of which require marshals throughout the night at feed and sleep stations!

If you live in the area and would like to learn more about cycling then find VC167 on our Welcome to VC167 Facebook page.

There are regular weekend rides through the year and Tuesday & Thursday night rides, during the lighter nights, starting from Newton Aycliffe, to suit different abilities.

There are 30 + members from the Newton Aycliffe area. So why not follow us and Facebook and find out how to join your local cycle club?

N.A.F.C. UPDATE

Saturday 27th October
Ebac Northern League
Division One
Newton Aycliffe 0
v Consett 1

Newton Aycliffe lost out by a single goal to the league leaders on Saturday. The Steelmen's winner came just before half time thanks to a fine volley from left back Darren Holden. Consett had the better of the first half forcing two good saves from Aycliffe keeper James Winter.

The second half saw a strong performance from Aycliffe but they were unable to convert their chances. Matty Pennal came on as a substitute for the home side & came closest to scoring with one effort ruled out for offside & another tipped over the bar by the Consett keeper.

Aycliffe finished the game disappointed not to take a point but can be heartened by the recent improvement in form.

Following a midweek home League Cup match against Bedlington Terriers, Aycliffe travel to Ryhope Colliery Welfare on Saturday 3 November, followed by a trip to Ashington on 10 November. Meanwhile, Aycliffe's Moore Lane ground plays host to two games with Newton Aycliffe Women's Development team taking on Gateshead Rutherford on Sunday 4 November at 2:00pm, then Middlesbrough Under 15s host Newcastle Under 15s on Wednesday 7 November KO 6:30pm.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



This week was again one of varied races for our runners.

Starting with parkruns on Saturday morning, three of our members achieved PB's. At Shildon, Mark Bainbridge ran in 20.53 and Daniel Connell in 27.18 whilst in Darlington CarrieAnn ran this in 38.08. Also on Saturday Julie Nisbet took on the challenge of the Langdale Half Marathon. Julie completed this in 2.25.26.

On Sunday the racing began with the first of the Winter Tees Trail Series. This race took place along the trails of the Tees Barrage in Stockton. First home for the club was Richard Holland in 20.54 followed by Peter Smith 21.51, Michelle Zamir in 22.42, Michelle Scott 23.34, John Burnside 23.36, Trish Kay 24.59, D Stothard 25.15, Gemma Holland 29.18, Jane Burnside 30.38, Susan Clark 31.06, Eve Doe 35.19, Jan McLuckie 36.07 and Ray Todd 36.18.



Three members travelled North to take part in the Castles Half Marathon. This is an undulating course which starts at Bamburgh Castle taking in the country lanes surrounding the village before finishing on the green outside of the Castle. Lindsey Brown completed this in 2.13.22 along with Simon Turner in 2.13.23 and Judith Porter in 2.15.43. Judith was first in her age category of V65+.

Further South, two members took part in

the Yorkshire Coast 10k. This is a relatively new race that takes place in Scarborough. John Surtees was 6th overall in this race completing it in 36.22 followed by Paul Dalton in 36.53.

Finally one of our newer members took place in the charity organised Zombie Run at Hamsterley Forest. This is a fun and muddy obstacle course which John completed in 37 minutes.

Leisure Centres go Green by Banning Blue Shoes



Leisure centres across County Durham are to stop the use of blue overshoes in a bid to reduce plastic waste. From the beginning of November, Durham County Council swimming pools will be removing blue overshoes used in changing areas.

This will eliminate 2.4 tonnes of plastic from leisure centres each year.

Nigel Dodds, strategic manager for sport and leisure, said: "This is part of our commitment to reduce plastic waste across the county. Pool users are being urged to keep changing facilities clean by going barefoot or bringing along clean indoor footwear."

All 12 leisure centres are taking part in the campaign which will see the plastic overshoes eliminated by the end of November.

Find out more about reducing plastic waste at <http://www.durham.gov.uk/recycling>.

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