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Day, quite a project for a small group, but we agreed and Syd advertised in the Newton News for knitters willing to help and donations of wool. The pattern was printed in the paper and it snowballed, Crafters Companion 'Knit & Natter' group came on board along with members of the Methodist Church, St. Elizabeth's, St. Clare's and many individuals who

came along to St. Mary's each Wednesday to drop off completed poppies. It all culminated in approximately thirty people turning up on Sunday 4th November to attach over 2500 poppies to the railings, including two members of our local police force who were a great help. To Geoff we give a huge Thank You for providing and cutting all the metal rods for the poppies around Tommie. We can never thank you all enough. For Syd it was his final community project, and what a tribute to him. We hope all readers of the Newton News and those who see it as you go past will agree it is a fitting tribute to all who died for their country, that we might live in peace, and to Syd the inspiration behind the project.



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Community minded residents and businesses have been awarded for their efforts to improve the local community with their 'green fingers'. Over the Summer period many local residents had gone the extra mile in maintaining well presented gardens and were duly nominated, by appreciative residents, into the Town Council Annual Community Enhancement Competition. This year we introduced

a new category for the 'Best Community Garden Award' - Won by Rose Lodge Care Home whose display has been appreciated by the residents and visitors of the care home. 'Best Hanging Basket Display' - Won by Mr. & Mrs. Walton whose colourful display had been appreciated by many people passing their property. 'Best Garden' - Overall winner was Mr. Bain for his outstanding display of flowers. Listed below are the categories and winners:-

**THANK YOU**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Gaz Horner for his quick thinking and the neighbours in Honister Place who helped put out Madison's bin fire on Tuesday night. Someone deliberately set fire to her recycle bin which, without Gaz spotting the fire & his quick thinking and actions to put it out, could have been much worse ... the car that is parked in the drive and the fence could have gone up in flames too. The car does have slight burn damage to it as the fire started to go underneath it. The police & fire brigade have been in attendance and it is down as arson, so I hope whoever it is gets caught and dealt with as my daughter & grandson could've been hurt. Thank you all once again, including the fire brigade and police who were lovely and very helpful. We are very grateful to you all.

**W.R.A. MEETING**

Williamfield Residents Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th November at 10.00am. Please note the change of time which was agreed. This is to enable livin or other person to carry out an inspection of any points raised at the meeting. The meeting will be held at The Western Area Community Centre Silverdale Place. 07967 901477 / 308094.

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Sheraton Bar, Vocalist "Dave Knight
- Sunday 11th followed by Howeys Karaoke - Free entry  
Sheraton Bar, Vocalist "JohnCharles" Freeentry
- Saturday 17th It's Aycliffe Soul Night - £4.00 otd  
Music Lounge, Vocalist "JohnCharles" Freeentry
- 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  
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We invite any young people who may be interested to come along and see what we do, with no commitment to join. Who knows you may be our next 'Link Larkin' or 'Tracy Turnblad' in the show.

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# THANK YOU



Iain Lee, our Son, Brother, Nephew, Cousin and Friend. Over the past two months, our family has been through unimaginable stress, pain and heartache. From the moment police officers gave that dreaded knock on the door we have experienced an emotional rollercoaster which has ended in the most devastating of ways.

Our son, our brother, our uncle and our friend Iain Lee was laid in the intensive care unit of James Cook University Hospital fighting for his life. He simply left home to enjoy a night out with friends.

He lost the fight for his life and now he will never return home to us.

To sit and type that last sentence does not seem real. The grief we are all experiencing cannot be described in words.

Another thing that cannot be described in words is the sheer gratitude, we, as a family, have for each and everyone of you, from those who made a donation on the go fund me page which was kindly set up for Iain, those who left such heartfelt comments offering us love and reassurance and to those who came to the church to support us and each other in saying their goodbyes and giving Iain the send off he deserved, and a packed church it was!!!

Iain would have been blown away knowing so many people thought of him in

this way. In times like this, families will always remember the best of their loved ones. They will remember how kind they were, how they smiled, how they were a friend to many and just how much they were loved.

Your comments and your kindness have reinforced what we already knew, that Iain really was loved by so many. I could sit in front of this screen all day but I simply cannot relay the message of how much your support, kindness and generosity means to us.

We did not ask for this but good people do good things when others are in pain and at their time of need. Each and every one of you should be proud, as we are of you and as Iain would be of you. It is reassuring to know there are many good people in this world, Iain was one of them and so are each and every one of you.

Thank you from the bottom of our broken hearts. Diane & Ian Lee, family & friends

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##### Brie & Cranberry Parcel (V)

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#### TO FINISH

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## County Durham Care Leavers Celebrated

Achievements of County Durham care leavers have been highlighted during a national awareness week. Durham County Council organised a series of events during National Care Leavers Week to celebrate those who are making a success of their lives within its boundaries.

Care leavers are defined as adults who have spent time in foster or residential care, or in other arrangements outside their immediate or extended family before the age of 18. In County Durham, there are approximately 229 care leavers age 17-21 and 183 age 22-24.

The council offers a range of support for them in terms of helping them find somewhere to live, assisting them in their education and financial aid such as reduced council tax.

National Care Leavers



Week - which ran from 24 to 31 October - aims to not only raise awareness of the needs of care leavers and the challenges they face entering adult life, but also to shine a light on those who are succeeding.

The council arranged seven days of activities as part of the week which has been organised by The Care Leavers' Foundation annually since 2002.

The third Exceptional People in Care (EPIC) Awards recognised and celebrated the achievements of children and young people.

Nominations were received from social workers, foster carers, teachers and other professionals working with young people.

Awards were given in six categories, including to:

- Education: Rachel Calder, for performing well in her A-Levels despite a troubled home life. She has since gone on to study at Newcastle University.

- Volunteer: Connie Jones, for volunteering for a number of years in different organisations despite her personal difficulties.

- Investing in Children: Andrew Rochester. This award was chosen by fellow young people from the local authority's Children in Care Council (CICC) in recognition of Andrew's increased confidence and support for others.

The awards had a 'beach party' theme with the guest

speaker, a care leaver, who talked about his journey through the care system.

Aside from the awards, County Durham care leavers also enjoyed a game of football against counterparts from Gateshead. The County Durham outfit triumphed 4-3 in the clash organised by Gateshead based national charity Changing Lives and a rematch has already been arranged.

An art day was also held at Durham's Sjøvoll Centre. Young people worked with an artist and completed some geometric art work which has been since displayed in the council's County Hall headquarters. The venue was also scene of a family fun day for looked after children which sought to raise awareness of the

CICC and encourage people to join.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet Member for children and young people's services - who attended the EPIC Awards, said: "We are fully committed to supporting care leavers whether that be through accommodation, education or financially.

"It is always great to hear stories of these young people building on the support we give them to make successes of their lives and it was humbling to meet some of them at the awards.

"With the football and the arts day, the week of events truly was a great success and we look forward to doing it all again next year." Project lead Shaun Graham, who manages Changing Lives' specialist accommodation for young people in Gateshead and Durham, said of the football match: "It was a fantastic day and a wonderful way to get everyone involved. I'd like to thank all the staff and young people who participated. We are looking forward to the next one!"

To find out more about the help available for care leavers in County Durham, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/careleavers](http://www.durham.gov.uk/careleavers)

## [editorial]

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### A LIFE NOT WASTED

The Newton News has been overwhelmed by the expressions of admiration for Syd Howarth. Syd has been praised as one of the architects of the town, as a man of great charity, and as a kind and humble family man.

Above all, Syd believed that he had an obligation to work for the good of the community, and he spent his life being true to that belief. This explains the high esteem in which so many people held him, and the lasting effect he had upon the town.

But it also made his life a challenge to us because, now he is gone, it is for us to pick up that mantle, and to continue building a community based on generosity of spirit ... the kind of community we all wish to live in.

### COLOUR AND DIVERSITY

During 'Santagate', the Newton News spoke up for the Town Council, reminding readers of the difficulties of being a councillor, and of the need for councillors and residents to work together for the good of the town. In the last week, pleasingly, Newton Aycliffe has had cause to praise the Town Council - for the superb fireworks display, for the wonderful remembrance seats outside St Clare's Church, and for the 'There-but-Not-There' Tommies at St Clare's and Aycliffe Village. Last Wednesday, however,

the Town Council again found itself in the newspapers, when it declined to fly the Rainbow Flag to mark the day of Durham Pride. The councillors who voted for that decision had their reasons, and a flag has no feelings ... but what became clear very quickly is that some of the LGBT community in the town felt snubbed by that decision.

The people of Newton Aycliffe are equal but not the same, and each group and individual contributes something unique to our society. The Newton News welcomes the diversity and colour which the LGBT community brings to our town, and - if you go to Durham Pride - you go with our blessing.

### REMEMBERING, FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

This weekend, we remember the sacrifice of those who died in the wars which have brought us safe to this place. Each year, the sense of gratitude and respect seems to grow deeper.

However, this year, we are also celebrating the 70th anniversary of the first house in Newton Aycliffe - a town which owes its very existence to the Royal Ordnance Factory and World War Two.

It gives extra meaning to the words of the Remembrance ceremony which we will hear as we stand in the town centre on Remembrance Sunday: "When you go home, tell them of us and say; For your tomorrows, they gave their todays".

## Funding Available for National Tree Week

Grants of up to £150 are available for community groups, parish councils, schools and individuals to make their area greener. Applicants have until Friday 16 November to apply for the funding as part of celebrations for National Tree Week, which takes place between Saturday 24 November and Sunday 2 December.

To mark the UK's largest annual tree festival, Durham County Council is offering grants for tree planting projects across the county in all forms, from planting fruit trees and commemorative areas, to hedgerow trees and small coppices.

Durham County Council has taken part in National Tree Week since 1979 and over the past three years has planted almost four thousand trees as part of the campaign.

Recipients of last year's funding include:

- Frosterley Angling Club, which planted 150 trees along the River Wear to protect the riverbanks from erosion and provide shade for native brown trout and migratory fish.

- St Godric's RCVA School, which planted a grove of Alder trees to create a shaded area for pupils to use during the summer.

- Rookhope Village Hall, which planted a copse of 50 trees in gullies on polluted and eroded land, formerly used as lead mining processing works, to help stop erosion and benefit local wildlife.

Steve Bhowmick, Durham County Council's environment and design manager, said, "National Tree Week marks the start of the winter tree planting season and is the perfect time for communities to get their hands dirty and do something positive for their local environment. Trees have many benefits, not just improving areas aesthetically but creating habitats for wildlife, helping to prevent flooding, cleaning our polluted air and much more. I'm really looking forward to seeing what this year's successful applicants have planned for their areas."

Grants will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so people are encouraged to apply early. Applications cannot be accepted for planting on land immediately surrounding a residential building and whilst projects on private land such as farmland will be considered, they must be visible from a public right of way or road.

Application forms must arrive no later than Friday 16 November 2018 and can be requested by email from [landscape@durham.gov.uk](mailto:landscape@durham.gov.uk) or by telephoning on 03000 267 133.

## SSAFA Big Brew - A Huge Success in Great Aycliffe



What an amazing fundraising event organised by Denise Telford of SSAFA Sedgefield on Friday 2nd November. Denise ran a SSAFA sponsored 'Big Brew' at The Royal Telegraph, Aycliffe Village from 11am through to 10pm. The day started off with Denise and her helpers serving tea and cakes to supporters throughout the afternoon.

We were lucky to receive a visit from the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe Town Council, Mary Dalton and Val Raw together with the officers and soldiers from 102 Battalion REME, our local Reserve Army unit.

In the evening the fundraising continued with Video Horse Racing that certainly drew in the punters! The event concluded with a raffle draw and an auction of signed boxing gloves, (Antony Joshua and Sugar Ray Leonard), kindly donated by Simon Godding. The glove auction alone raised a staggering £500 and we are grateful to "Pav" for his generous winning bid. All in all a total of £935 was raised throughout the day, making this event 'Sedgefield Divisions Fundraiser of the Year'.

Of course an event like this could never have been so successful without the support and generosity of local businesses and the people of Aycliffe who not only delved deep into their pockets but in many cases played a role in the running

of the event. On behalf of SSAFA we would wish to thank the following local businesses and individuals for their generous donations towards the Raffle:

John Wade Group  
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Peter Jacobsen  
Hayden Godding  
Christine Dean  
Simon Godding  
Vicki Craggs

A special mention and our thanks go to Vicki Craggs of The Royal Telegraph Public House for hosting the SSAFA event, to Simon Godding (MC) and Chris Reed who performed as Bookmaker for the horse racing. Thank you also to Christine Dean who helped set up the displays and played waitress to our visitors.

Finally, thank you to all those unnamed raffle donors and the lovely people of Aycliffe Village and surrounds who made the day such a success. The support shown to our servicemen, veterans and their families is truly appreciated.

Photo: Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Mary Dalton dropped in for tea and cake.

Left to right: Vicki Craggs, Val Raw, Mary Dalton, Denise Telford.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will continue the theme of remembering those gone before us, their efforts and hopes for the future at it's Messy Remembering Day on Saturday 17th November at 4pm. Crafts, games and stories will keep everyone busy with lots to take home and share with others. A warm welcome for everyone and tea of jacket potatoes, beans and sausages with yummy cake to follow. All are welcome at this informal, friendly, interactive church.

We will also be thinking about Children in Need with a Pudsey activity or two! So come on in, plenty for everyone. Voluntary donations welcome and gratefully received. Doors open from 3.30pm at St. Clare's Church.



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# Greenfield Class of 2018 Celebrate Achievements



Year 11 leavers returned for a very special evening to celebrate their recent achievements at Greenfield Community College. The evenings were a great success with students coming along with their families to receive their GCSE certificates and take part in the annual awards ceremony. The events, held at both the Aycliffe and Shildon site have become a special date in the school calendar, allowing the year group to re-unite to celebrate their time at Greenfield.

Staff were delighted to welcome back former students Danielle Mercer and Lauren Foster to present the awards. Danielle left Greenfield Community College in 2010 and has since pursued a successful career in forensic psychology. Lauren Foster, an integral member of the 'Greenfield Family' was on hand at Shildon, Lauren is not only a key member of the maths department but was also a former student at Shildon. "It was great to have members of the Greenfield family to present the awards and talk about their experience," said Head of School, Mr Stuart Dixon. In addition to receiving GCSE and other academic certificates a number of students were also presented with special individual awards for outstanding academic and personal performance. Students were nominated in subject areas and the standard of achievement was excellent. Congratulations must go to all concerned, the following excelled in their category and were well deserved winners:

**Aycliffe Site:** Ben Maxfield (Marie Longstaff Trophy for English) Deklan Crowe, Ben Maxfield, Aiden Ord and Megan Wilkinson (Progress in English), Ben Maxfield (GCSE Business), Emma Smith (GCSE Computing), Neave Heaton (Geography), Rosie Elvidge (History), Ben Maxfield (Mathematics),

Deklan Crowe, Olivia Mallender and Joey Proctor (Progress in Mathematics), Brianna Atkins (MFL), Neave Heaton (Music), Adara Natrass (PE), Caitlin Hodgson (RE), Thomas Cook (Science), Deklan Crowe, Emily Hall, Richard Hockworth, Sarah Rennison and Luis Twidale (Progress in Science), Paige Spensley (Art & Design), Adara Natrass (Dance), Sian Smith (Toothill Trophy for Design & Technology), Rosie Elvidge (Drama), Sinead Hinton and Ben Maxfield (Attendance Award), Adara Natrass (Social Contribution), Molly Clark (Outdoor & Adventurous Activities Award), Aaron Dixon (QE Sixth Form Award), Tamer Elhasan (Respect Award), Holly Stephenson (Progress Award) and Ben Maxwell received the Mayor's Trophy for the Highest Academic Achievement.

**Shildon Site:** - Leigh Stabler (Art & Design), Lewis Keenlyside (Drama), Emma Lee (English), Adam Aldwinckle, Elliott Brown and Lewis Keenlyside (Progress in English), Danielle Sear (GCSE Business), Elliott Brown (GCSE Computing), Chloe Bell (Geography), Sam Cunningham (History), Chloe Bell (Mathematics), Matthew Dickson, Emma Lee, Callum Reece and Megan Reed (Progress in Mathematics), Robert Beaston (MFL), Abigail Charlton (Music), Elliott Brown (Photography), Jack Comerford (PE), Mason Milburn (RE), Abigail Charlton (Science), Chloe Bell, Elliott Brown, Mason Milburn and Callum Reece (Progress in Science), Abbie Charlton (Attendance Award), Eve Bainbridge (QE Sixth Form Award), Robert Beaston (Mayor's Award Community Spirit), Stacie Williamson (Adelaide Accolade), Danielle Sear (Brusselton's Best), Lewis Taylor (The Deanery Legend) and Robert Beaston received the award for Highest

Academic Achievement. Executive Headteacher, Mr David Priestley was full of praise "the students have demonstrated commitment and resilience. There are some outstanding achievements in this year group but we are proud of each and every student. I believe that the class of 2018 are an inspiration, they have taken advantage of the opportunities we have provided to develop as ambitious, confident, self-led learners" said Mr Priestley.

The evenings offered a lovely opportunity for all the students and families to catch-up and share some great memories, bringing each other up-to-date with plans for the future. Staff at Greenfield Community College would like to thank everyone involved for two wonderful evenings and look forward to keeping in touch with future progress. "It was fantastic to welcome back our class of 2018 on Wednesday evening at Shildon and Thursday evening at Newton Aycliffe this week. The Greenfield Community College family enjoyed time together celebrating the fabulous progress and attainment achieved by our cohort of 2018 Year 11 students. I am so proud of each and every student on the brilliant results that they achieved and the rounded, successful young adults that they have become. We wish them every success in the future" said Mr Dixon



On **Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm** in **Aycliffe Village Hall** Dr **Howard Coutts** will speak about 'The Bowes Museum'. All welcome, members £1, non members £3 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Details 01325 301093.

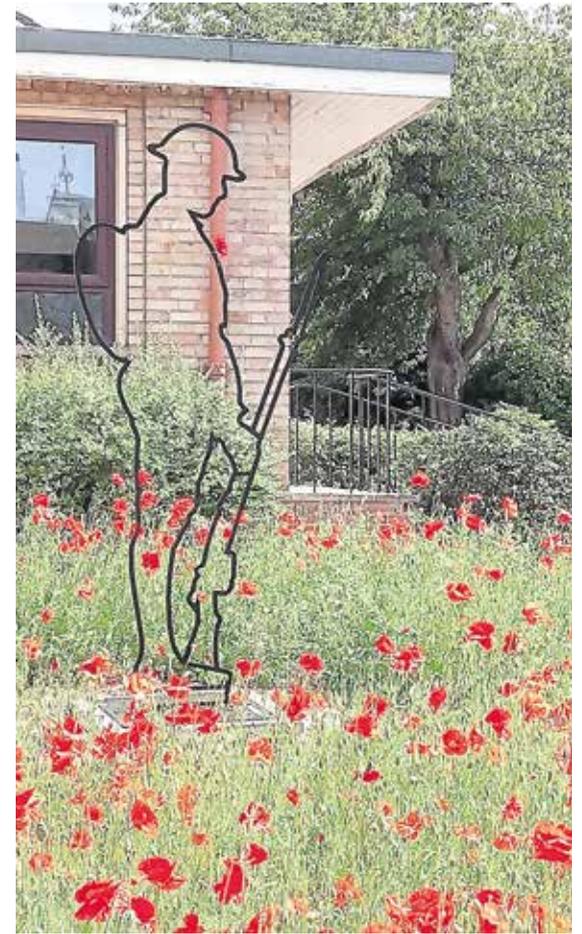
# MEMORIALS FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Great Aycliffe Town Council is proud to announce the new memorial benches to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1 are now installed at St Clare's in time for Armistice Day.

Two benches will be the final part of Great Aycliffe Town Council's commitment to commemorate the sacrifice which men and women made during the Great War. One bench depicts images of the servicemen and women who served their country, whilst the second is a traditional 'Let We Forget' poppy scene.

During 2018 the Council has also planted poppy meadows throughout the town in prominent locations including the Council Offices, St Clare's Church and Aycliffe Village green, along with providing two 6 ft Tommy silhouette sculptures which stand in silent tribute to the fallen and have been located at St Clare's and Aycliffe Village for much of the year.

The Town Council has also supported Aycliffe Village Local History Society in its organisation of a commemorative service, to be held on the village green on Friday 9 November.



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# Woodham Photography



Building on the huge success of their Art department, Woodham Academy have introduced a new subject to their list of qualifications in the form of a GCSE Photography course. Initially GCSE Photography will be a two year course starting in year 10 with a view to making it an options subject in future years. The students will learn numerous skills on the course including photographic skills such as aperture, depth of field and composition, digital computer skills and more art based skills like collage and tape transfer. Students will also study the work of acclaimed photographers to inspire their own work. The first photographer that the students are looking at is a German photographer called Albert Renger-Patzsch who photographed

trees and streams in black and white and sepia. The students recently headed down into the burn, with their cameras, and tried to capture the surrounding nature in the style of this photographer. The next trip out will be to Newton Aycliffe town centre to take photographs and produce work in the style of David Hockney and Sven Pfrommer. After this, the plan is, for photography trips further afield to allow students to build a portfolio of work initially based around landscapes. Woodham Headteacher, Christine Forsyth says, "In view of the outstanding quality of work in Art and the popularity of the subject with students, we are delighted to be able to offer more opportunities for students to be creative. We look forward to this year's exhibition in the summer term".

# PCP Prepared to Celebrate Armistice

Pioneering Care Partnership, Armed Service Personnel, Veterans, Friends, and the wider community to attend their Armistice celebration to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. The event will be delivered in partnership with the Covenant Fund Trust together with the charity, 'Remembered, who run There But Not There'. The commemoration is part of nationwide programme of events taking place on Monday 12th November at Pioneering Care Partnership's Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Pill Wilson MP will open the event at 10.00am and speak about his experiences of working with the RAF for a year, as Member of the House of Commons Defence Committee. The committee looks at all aspects of defence from welfare of armed services personnel to equipment and strategy. Options; the day service for adults with learning disabilities have created a themed memory walk in the garden, guests will be able to access the garden and leave a message of remembrance amongst handmade poppies and silhouettes, creating a poignant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice so many gave, poppies will be

available to purchase on the day. There will be displays from; the RAF Be-friending service, Beamish Museum and Darlington College of Technology. A Minutes Silence will take place at 11.00am lead by Yvonne Wood, a member of Aycliffe and Brancepeth band who will play The Last Post. Entertainment will take the form of a traditional Tea Dance at 1.00pm including live singing from local ladies singing group, Harmony. Carol Gaskarth CEO at PCP said, "we are very much looking forward to hosting our Armistice event, in organising this event approximately 40 'Options' members have engaged in a full programme of learning and awareness of the First

World War, they have also been fully involved in the planning of the event". Carol continued. "We look forward to welcoming Service personnel, veterans and the wider community to the event, everybody is very welcome". Garden Kitchen will be open during the event with a selection of food themed from the era. Please note admission to the event is free (charges apply for refreshments and retail items). For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

# MP GRADUATION



Sedgefield MP, Phil Wilson, has spent the last year as a member of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme (AFPS) with the Royal Air Force to learn first hand about the work undertaken by services personnel at bases around the UK and the world as well as how the RAF operates strategically.

of the end of the First World War and the centenary of our RAF, I am especially proud to have been alongside our service men and women. Their sacrifice should always be remembered. We owe them so much".

The scheme, which has been running for 30 years, gives MPs and Peers an opportunity for in-depth and hands-on experience of life in one of the three Armed Services. Phil Wilson spent over 30 days on the scheme visiting RAF bases across the country from RAF Leeming to RAF Marham, the home of the new F-35 stealth jets. The scheme, which is run on a cross-party basis, took Phil to the Falklands Islands where British forces still protect the island from any aggression. He also visited Romania where the RAF worked alongside NATO allies to deter Russian jets from penetrating NATO airspace. During a visit to Cyprus, Phil met the crews of Typhoon and Tornado jets who flew missions over Syria and Iraq as part of the coalition's fight against ISIS. Phil Wilson MP said: "The Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme is a brilliant opportunity for Members of Parliament to see first hand how our military operates. We owe our armed services a debt of gratitude. They act with bravery and professionalism at all times and I am grateful for the opportunity to see how they operate at all levels in all circumstances. As we approach Armistice Day, the 100th anniversary

# CAN YOU HELP?

We urgently need a collection and transport from 2 collection points, one in Newton Aycliffe and one from Bishop Auckland to Big Yellow Storage in Sutton, Surrey, of approximately 120-150 shoe boxes of Christmas gifts for Romanian children, plus some donations of dog food and supplies for the Romanian dogs. We would need these collected before approximately 22nd November to be in Sutton for preferably a Friday evening, or a Saturday or Sunday during the day, so it is in situ ready for onward transport to Romania in early December. This is for a charity called Paws2Rescue so the cost must be as low as possible or preferably free - if you are going that way and can do this for us, with a load you already have perhaps? It would need to be a large van or a truck to get everything on board. If you can help or can suggest anyone that can, then please text SJ on 07834 614659 as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.



## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

A busy week in local politics and community last week, and some interesting things to do next weekend. Find the vlog and more info on my blog at: [bit.ly/CNB77](http://bit.ly/CNB77)

- Christmas at Beamish launch parade, 1pm, Saturday 17 November, entrance fee.
- Meet a Sikh (family activity), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 17 November, FREE.
- Colourful Crowns of the Prince Bishops (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm, 17-18 November, FREE.
- Aycliffe Radio Christmas Live, 6-9pm, Saturday 1 December, £7:50.

Also, why not join me on Aycliffe Radio, 7-8pm, Sunday 11 November, with my guests Cllr Joy Allen (DCC portfolio-holder for Transformation and Partnerships), Cllr Sally Symons and Rev Mike Dixon: [bit.ly/ARLIVE](http://bit.ly/ARLIVE)

**COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

- DCC Full Council meeting, Wednesday 31 October - DCC achievements, AAP questions, Modern Slavery Charter, Save BAGH Ward 6 and more.
- DCC Economy Scrutiny meeting, Tuesday 6 November - EU funding and Local Growth Fund.
- DCC's 'Future Business Magnates' competition launched last week.
- DCC has launched its 'Borrowbox' e-library.
- Suicide Prevention in County Durham.
- Middridge Parish Council meeting, Monday 5 November - Village matters including arson fires, and Walker's Lane street-lighting.
- GATC Full Council meeting, Wednesday 31 October - LGBT flags!
- GATC has installed a 'There-but-not-there' Tommy and two memorial seats in the Aycliffe Angel's garden outside St Clare's Church.
- Report on the Friends of the S&DR meeting, Thursday 1 November.
- Are you Cyber-Safe for Christmas?
- Please vote for Durham Community Clothing Bank in the Aviva Community Fund.
- HealthWatch County Durham have published their November newsletter, including helping GPs to help us, BAGH Ward 6, Rethink Mental Illness et al.

# AYCLIFFE ANGELS

ITV Tyne Tees are looking for any former "Aycliffe Angels" who are willing to take part in a short pre-recorded TV interview about their life and memories while working in the munitions factory. If you would like to take part, please contact Rachel on 07771 956269.

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Amanda Gray

# AYCLIFFE ASB GROUP



Every four weeks, the Aycliffe Multi-Agency Anti-Social Behaviour Group meets to discuss any anti-social behaviour on the town. The Group includes representatives from the Neighbourhood Police, PCSOs, Fire Service, Durham County Council, DCC Anti-Social Behaviour, DCC Private Sector Housing, DCC and GATC Wardens, Livin and the Town Centre. Originally set up to coordinate a response to a spate of fire-setting in summer 2017, the different groups found that sharing information and working together was so profitable

that they have kept the meeting going voluntarily, even when it was officially stood down. Meetings start with a survey of the ASB statistics for the month, and of the work done by the various agencies, but then move to sharing of intel, planning of strategies, and preparing for forthcoming events such as school holidays, the fair etc. And it seems to be working. In the first year, ASB figures more than halved, and they have continued to fall steadily in this second year of the Group's operation. Information provided by members of the public is pivotal to the group's success. If you spot any anti-social behaviour taking place, please report it on 101. Residents sometimes feel that 'nothing happens' when they report crimes and ASB, but every call is logged, and in that way the police are able to build up a picture so they can take action when they have sufficient evidence. Also, residents with any comments, questions or information about crime or ASB are encouraged to attend their local PACT meeting, and to work - 'Police And Communities Together' - to deter crime in our town.

# Down Flanders Way



Down Flanders way we wander, the poppy fields to see,  
Hand in hand with grandad, there's only him and me.  
Each year I'm always there for him, and that will always stay,  
Each time his thoughts go back again, when the world had Jost it's way.  
He turns to me, and tells me, of when he went to war,  
He tells of countless men who died, and the horrors that he saw,  
He tells of all their sacrifice, and all the blood they shed,  
So many friends he lost as well, in these poppy fields of red.  
My grandad now is crying, so i hold him close to me,  
And tell him, "You're my hero, and the best that there could be"  
But, now my grandad, has long gone, he sadly passed away,  
But, stiJJ in thought, with him I'll walk, along the Flanders way.

**'The Great War. 1914 - 1918'**

Poem by Roger McNeal. Photograph by Mel Harland

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# Sons & Daughters Month

The invaluable support that foster carers' own children provide to their fostering families has been recognised during a national campaign. Throughout October, as part of the Fostering Network's Sons and Daughters month, Durham County Council has been shining a light on the difference carers' children can make in fostering. Florence Coulter, Durham County Council's fostering team manager, said: "Carers' own children can gain a lot from fostering. Not only do they play a key role in welcoming foster children in to a loving home, somewhere safe where they can start to move on from the difficult times they may have encountered, they also develop their own skills and experiences. They can learn patience, understanding and qualities that are invaluable for adult life."

The council's fostering service has a support group for foster carers' own children known as the M8's group. It provides an opportunity for children and young people to meet others whose parents also foster to share experiences and make new friends. To say thank you for their vital contribution the M8's group were invited to a celebration evening where they enjoyed a fun night of bowling and trampolining, ending with a group meal. Megan Humble, 15, is part of the group. She said: "I have met two great friends through fostering and attending the

M8's group. Now we spend a lot of time together, we go to each other's houses, we are there if one of us needs to talk about something. It's nice when someone else knows what it's like at home. Friends from non-fostering families don't always understand." The fostering service has also sent each child a thank you letter and card to show their appreciation. Florence, added: "We really want to say a huge thank you to the children and young people who support their parents with fostering. This isn't an easy thing to do, not only are you sharing your home with someone you don't know, you're also sharing your mum and dad." Victoria Gibson, 17, is one of four sisters in a fostering family. She said: "One of my favourite things about fostering is teaching the children who come to live with us how to do new things. It might be helping them read, or playing a new game, or how we set the table or go to new places on a day out. They might not have done these things before, but you don't realise that at first. "I'm really pleased our parents chose to become foster carers. They must get very little sleep, caring for us four as well as the foster children. They do an amazing job. Now I've had first-hand experience of fostering, it is something I would like to do in the future." To find out more about fostering visit [www.durham.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.durham.gov.uk/fostering)

# Bus Shelter Damage



On the evening of Sunday 4th November a large glass panel was smashed out of one of the town centre bus shelters. Great Aycliffe Town Council manage the four large bus shelters that serve the town centre on Central Avenue and Stephenson Way. This is the third time in the last 12 months panels have been broken in these shelters. The panels are substantial, very robust and take a great deal of effort to break. They are expensive to replace and the bill for replacing the

glass will again be in excess of £350. For this reason the Council are appealing for any witnesses to come forward to the Police with information which may lead to a prosecution, so that this unnecessary vandalism and needless public inconvenience can be prevented in the future. **Steve Cooper** Works and Environment Manager Great Aycliffe Town Council 01325 300700

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| 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 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                       |                                |                 |
| 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    |
| 13th Nov - Michael Bloomer (Football)                |                                |                 |
| 7.30-9.30pm  | Northern & Classic Soul        | Kevin Sowerby   |
| 9.30-12am  | Motown Classics                |                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                     |                                |                 |
| 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         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                      |                                |                 |
| 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                   |                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>  |                                |                 |
| 9-12pm   | Amy in the Morning             | Amy & Guest(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> |                 |
| 16th Nov <b>Nathan Abbott</b> (90s Classix)          |                                |                 |
| 23rd Nov <b>Pauly Mac</b> (Australia) Rare Vinyl Mix |                                |                 |
| 10-12am  | Alternative Aycliffe (R)       | Gary & Alby     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                      |                                |                 |
| 9-12pm   | Kitchen Floor Fillers          |                 |
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| 10-12am  | Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass       | MC Supa         |
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| 4-6pm  | Folk/Celtic/Rock Show          | Steve & Col     |
| 6-7pm  | Church Service                 | Xcel Centre     |
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# NEWTON AYCLIFFE 70th ANNIVERSARY

During the Second World War – at the same time as it was fighting, literally, a war to the death with Nazi Germany – Britain invented the Welfare State. For many years it was seen as the country's crowning achievement – a system of state intervention to tackle the 'five giants' of want, disease, ignorance, squalor and unemployment which had hitherto oppressed the population.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE THE FLAGSHIP

Newton Aycliffe was chosen as the exemplar of this new welfare state. At an estimated cost of £10 million, it was envisioned as a 'classless' new town, where manager and mechanic would live next to each other in council houses. The town was to be 'a paradise for housewives' with houses grouped around greens, so children could play safely away from the roads, and with nurseries, schools, a sports stadium, a park, a communal 'district heating system', nationalised pubs, and a nationalised railway to give townspeople a link to the seaside.

## CAUSES OF THE WELFARE STATE

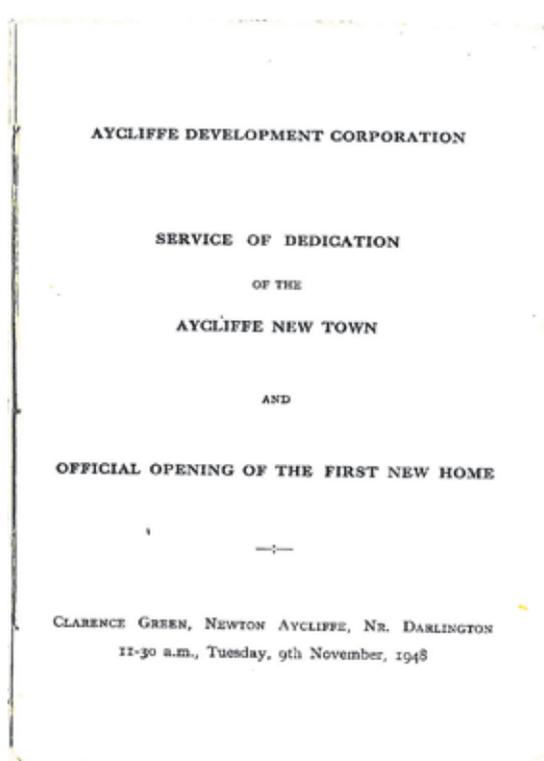
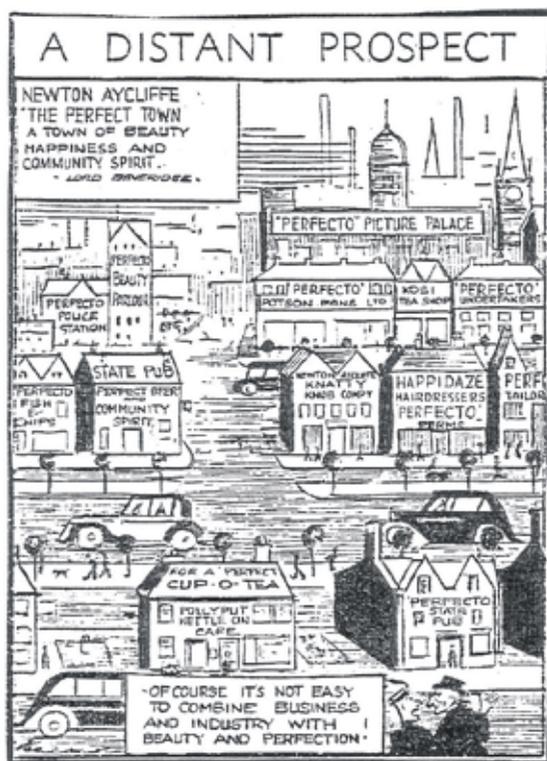
The concept of a 'Welfare State' was developed in Lord Beveridge's 1942 Report into Social and Allied Services, but its roots ran deeper. For the government, it was a carrot to keep people fighting. Also, the deprivation of

many evacuees had shocked their middle-class hosts and had led to a feeling that 'something must be done'. But, perhaps most of all, there was the insistence that the men who were fighting and suffering in the war ought to come home to a better world – a world worth fighting for. Most people accepted that, despite promises, this had

not happened after the First World War. Now – after a war in which all were deemed to have suffered equally under the Nazi bombs – a Labour government swept to power with the manifesto slogan 'Let Us Face The Future Together', and the Welfare State was created by 1948 ... along with a number of 'new towns', one of which was

Newton Aycliffe. THE FIRST NEWTONIAN And so it was that, on Tuesday, 9 November 1948, two days before the nation officially remembered its war dead on Armistice Day, Lord Beveridge opened the town's first house – a pre-fab on the site of what is now 20 Clarence Green. Its tenant was Don Perry, an ex-army

captain. Thus it is poignantly appropriate that, at the same time as we remember those who gave their todays for our tomorrows, we should also remember the birth of Newton Aycliffe, a town created to be the outworking of their aspiration ... and count ourselves fortunate to be the heirs of that promise.



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# N.A.F.C. REPORT

# Football Flourishing at Woodham Academy



Saturday 3rd November 2018  
Ebac Northern League Division One  
Ryhope Colliery Welfare 1 v Newton Aycliffe 1

Newton Aycliffe came away from Ryhope Colliery Welfare with a 1-1 draw, but they should really have taken all three points. They squandered several good chances, and conceded a late goal. Both sides played some good football in the extremely windy conditions. Aycliffe had the benefit of the wind in the first half, and took advantage after only 3 minutes. Ryhope keeper Atkinson beat Shaun Hudson to a through ball, but his clearance ballooned to Ben Wood. He controlled it well and volleyed the ball back over the stranded keeper and the defenders into the top corner from 22 yards. Wood nearly had a second on 17 minutes when his well-hit free kick was tipped over by Atkinson. Ryhope started to get a foothold in the game, and Ellis hit the post after James Winter had pushed a shot out. Matty Pennal had a couple of chances before the break, but couldn't increase the lead. Aycliffe played against the wind in the second half, but were the better team again. There were good chances for Vinny Gash, Stu Thompson and Ethan Wood but they also couldn't trouble Atkinson. The inevitable happened with four minutes of normal time left. A Ryhope corner was headed onto Jones at the far post to fire in the equaliser. Deep into injury time Aycliffe man-of-the-match Marc Costello got on the end of a cross, but somehow Atkinson kept the header out. Earlier in the week Newton Aycliffe progressed to the quarter finals of the League Cup, with a narrow 2-1 win over Bedlington Terriers. The first half hour went without incident, as the midfields dominated the play. Bedlington broke the deadlock on 35 minutes when a corner wasn't cleared by Aycliffe and Williamson was first to the loose ball and he made no mistake from six yards. James Winter made an important save for Aycliffe right on half time. Aycliffe upped the tempo in the second half and started to break through the line and create chances. Aycliffe man-of-

the-match Wilf Dinsdale got around the back of the defence on the hour and put in a god low cross which was hacked away by the defence. Matty Pennal and Marc Costello then had chances. Aycliffe were doing all the pressing, and they were rewarded when Matty Pennal got on the end of a cross to guide the ball past Bedlington keeper McCafferty. Two minutes later Aycliffe got another. A cross was not fully cleared by Bedlington and Liam Browne hit the loose ball into the corner of the net on 86 minutes. Aycliffe saw out time for the win. Newton Aycliffe have been drawn at home to Shildon in the next round of the Durham Challenge Cup. The game will take place on Tuesday 18 December (ko 7.30pm). The two neighbours meet again on Boxing Day when Shildon visit Moore Lane for a League game with a kick off at 1.00pm.

Woodham Academy has a rich tradition of producing footballers of the highest quality. Previous successes include Jason Steele, Ross Turnbull, Lewis Wing, Christopher Mason and Darren Craddock, all playing professionally over the last 12 years. Charlie Dawson is the next player aspiring to emulate this group, having recently signed a 2 year contract with Middlesbrough Football Club. Charlie, like Lewis Wing, is a creative central midfielder with an eye for goal. Charlie is a key member of the Football Academy at Woodham, delivered by Premier Player. Football is thriving at Woodham, reflected in the start made by the school football teams. Year 7 and 9 teams are currently unbeaten, recording wins against Durham Johnston, Ferryhill and Parkside to date. Since the development of the football academy 6 years ago, Woodham Academy has seen an increase in the number of students, both male and female, taking part in competitive football. The partnership created with Premier Player continues to go from strength to strength. Managing Director Andrew Collett has seen the improvement over recent years. "We have been running the football academy at Woodham for over 6 years now and thoroughly enjoy working with the students. We find them to be very receptive to the information given. Their desire to improve is excellent and they are a real

pleasure to work with. The Thursday night session has allowed us to work closely with the boys, but I must admit that I get a great sense of enjoyment when I see how many girls attend our Friday night session. This is an aspect of our provision that I see continuing to develop in the coming years."



## Heighington AFC News



The mighty Red and Blacks, Heighington AFC under 9s played their first league game today. Playing against Whiteleas Warriors at Castleview. We ran out 5-3 winners in an excellent match. Despite using 2 outfield players as stand in keepers, both Dylan and Oliver C, they pulled off some brilliant saves. Our defence of Oliver Y, Ollie A, Hayden and Lily all took

turns to keep things really tight at the back and made some really important interceptions and clearances. In midfield we had Oliver M, Cole, Joshua and Dylan (2nd half) who all worked extremely hard with some excellent passing moves. Up front we had Benjamin and Oliver C (1st half) taking turns driving the opposition defence crazy with some

great footwork and plenty of pressure. Goals went to 2 x Oliver C, 1 x Cole, 1 x Benjamin and 1 x Dylan. Man of the Match, chosen by the opposition manager went to Cole for covering nearly every blade of grass on the pitch. Massive well done to the mighty Red and Blacks, sponsored by MAF plumbing, heating and gas services.

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# Youthy Football Round Up

A weekend of rocketing results, banging goals and a sparkle of fun had by the youth players this bonfire weekend.

**NAYFC U9 Girls Aycliffe Angels 4 - 2 Felling Magpies.** After 6 wins in a row, the girls came up against a significant test today. Felling Magpies were an excellent team who took us by surprise early on. With only 9 players available everyone was going to have to work hard with little time to take breath.

We started with Izzy in goal and Belle in defence with Maddison, Erin, Charli and Sophie in midfield, with this weeks Captain, Brooke, up front. Felling took an early lead after just 3 minutes, their strong centre midfielder took a surprise shot from distance which found the net. 0-1.

Felling continued to have the better of the play, but the girls dug really deep and kept them from scoring a second. The Angels started to find their feet and gain some confidence. Evie came on in midfield as Erin moved into defence. Holly came on up front to lead our attack and passing started to flow with the girls putting into practice what had been learnt in training this week; pass and move and 1:2s.

Some great passing in midfield resulted in Sophie making a great run with the ball and sliding a fantastic pass to Charli, who took us to 1-1. 2 minutes later Felling took the lead again as they over-ran our defence, 1-2.

The girls' heads did not go down. Evie dropped into defence and Maddison and Evie then created a superb defensive partnership which lasted the rest of the game.

With 2 minutes to go until half time, Holly showed the battling qualities that were present all game. She picked up the ball midway into the Felling half and found herself tackled and the ball going out. The Felling defence stopped, but Holly chased the seemingly lost ball, retrieved it, turned and played an excellent pass in to Charli who from a ridiculously acute angle on the edge of the pitch, scooped the ball over the keeper at the near post. A fantastic goal. 2-2 at half time.

Belle went into goal for the second half as Izzy prepared for a run outfield. We kept the game tight in the second half with Maddison and Evie in defence, good protection from Brooke, Erin, Charli & Sophie, all keeping Felling at bay.

9 minutes into the second half came a moment to remember. Good play from Charlie down the right wing exposed the Felling defence and Charli played a superb ball into Izzy's feet. The pace of the pass was perfect and Izzy took it perfectly, spinning and smashing the ball high into the net. Izzy turned in delight with the biggest smile following her first Angels goal.

After a quick check on whether the net needed repairing we were off again. 3-2. As mentioned, the defence was strong, but when there was a breakthrough, Belle was there to make a superb double save. The first, with three attackers bearing down, was an instinctive save with her feet, before cat-like reflexes to palm out the rebound shot. 14 minutes into the second half and at 3-2, this was vital. 18 minutes into the second half, Erin finally gave us a little breathing room. Good work down the right from Sophie enabled her to have a strike on goal, the keeper saved well but Erin pounced on the rebound to slot the goal home to 4-2. Angels held out well and the game ended 4-2.

Proud coaches and frazzled parents! STAR PLAYER was Holly for her determination and team spirit, well done.

**NAYFC U12 Eagles 3 - 1 Teesside Rangers.** The lads started the game well, Ethan scoring an early header off Noah's corner, 1-0. They kept playing good football in midfield, moving the ball quickly out wide to Joey and Harry who held it up well to keep possession. The passing drills from training could be seen on the pitch today. A couple of times the midfield didn't get back in quick enough and Teesside did have a few chances, but Dylan, Joe and Jack looked relaxed and in control. In the second half a nice bit of team play, lots of good passing, ended with Kye hitting a good shot bottom corner, 2-0.

The third goal came when Noah was fouled outside the

area and stepped up to hit a rocket free kick into the top corner, 3-0! Teesside kept going and did deserve their goal, but The Eagles thoroughly deserved the win.

Loads of good work all over the pitch today, defence looked solid, Harry and Joey worked hard down the wings, and through the middle Ethan, Noah and Kye were always looking to get the ball forward. Lucas came on and fit in with the play easily. Isaac put in a calm performance in goal and if he hadn't been on his toes making good saves the scoreline could have told a different story.

Massive credit to Anth and Daz, the lads are more organised and have really shown how far they have come along these past weeks.

**Man of the Match - Isaac We Only Do Positive!**

A lot of emphasis has been placed on respect since the beginning of the season. This approach focuses on the role of coaches and parents in tackling behavioural problems pitch side.

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC won Charter Standard Club of the Year and promote healthy relationships through positive role modelling and respect education. We are proud to be creating positive and encouraging environments for our players, coaches and parents.

If you or a member of your family are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website where you can find lots of information and links to teams in football age groups [www.nayfc.com](http://www.nayfc.com) Clare Williams



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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



The racing for members of ARC began last week on Wednesday night with the last of the Darlington Trail Series. This run took place at West Park, Darlington in which runners had to wear head or body torches. 6 of our members took place in this race. First home for the club was Richard Holland in 20.02 (6th place overall) followed by Dave Blewitt in 22.34, John Heywood 23.55, Rob Nicholson 25.55, Lindsey Brown 27.27 and Sam Elwell 31.19.

On Saturday Susan Cranswick attended the Parkrun in Shildon on a very cold and snowy morning where she obtained a PB of 22.44.

Later on Saturday a good number of runners attended the third fixture in the Harrier League Cross Country. This took place on the grounds around Gosforth Race Course and was a course enjoyed by all the runners. Despite the early wintery start, the weather conditions did improve although it remained cold and the rain, sleet and snow had made quite a deep puddle for the runners to go through. In the ladies 4 mile race, Tracey Surtees was first home for the club and was 6th overall in 28.45 followed by Michelle Jane in 29.57, Susan Milburn in 33.59, Melanie Rowland in 41.24 and Donna Campbell

in 43.43.

It was then the turn of the men to complete their 6 mile race. First home for the club (5th overall) was John Surtees in 36.12, followed by Mark Wade 36.55, Richard Campbell 41.35, Andy Talbot 41.48, Richard Holland 42.59, Stuart Joyce 44.14, Trevor Needham 46.21, Alan Wilks 49.18, Rob Nicholson 53.17, Dave Blewitt 53.38 and In Baronowski 56.19.

On Sunday Julie Nisbet travelled northbound to take part in the Hexham 10k. Julie completed this in a time of 51.20, obtaining a PB. Finally, also on Sunday several members took part in the Run Fit Trail 10 in Hart near Hartlepool. Unfortunately, the winter weather had made the route difficult in parts and the course was also long.

Despite that Richard Holland was first home for the club in 54.29, followed by Mark Bainbridge in 59.13, Simon Tuner in 1.02.33, Rob Nicholson 1.08.51, Heather Fenwick in 1.10.54, Lindsey Brown in 1.12.51 and Gemma Holland in 1.19.21.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30p.m., Tuesday is endurance/speed session from 7.00 p.m., and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.

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There in this bright vermilion storm,  
This clustered crimson mass.  
That remiss neither name nor form,  
But silently slips pass.  
And still the gentle petals come,  
To mark the bitter loss for each father, brother or son.  
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Author Unknown.

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# 60's Night at Village Hall

Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association is hosting its popular autumn event with a social night later this month. Dance the night away with singer and entertainer Micky Rich as he performs a range of songs from the 1960s on Saturday, 24th November from 7.30pm to 11pm at Aycliffe Village Hall. There will also be a supper of pie and peas, a raffle and a quiz. Tickets cost £10 from Keith Johnson on 01325 314735.

# Police "Wise Drive"



Over 1000 County Durham secondary school students visited The Work Place during October to take part in Durham Constabulary and Cleveland Police's annual Wise Drive event. Wise Drive is an annual road safety educational event aimed at Year 11 pupils within County Durham & Darlington who will soon reach the age where they can attain a driving licence. Topics include the dangers of drink driving, not wearing a seatbelt, speeding and distractions in vehicles. The event, which has now been running for almost 10 years, is organised by The Casualty Reduction Team, part of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU). It co-ordinates and supports road safety activities throughout County Durham and Darlington, working with partner agencies, neighbourhoods, educational establishments and businesses with the aim of making the region's roads safer.

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Once again it was a successful, incident free, event with a really good turnout with everyone enjoying the fireworks. Take out food was provided by the pub - thanks to all the staff on duty on a very busy evening. Finally thanks to Darryl Gregory, Steve Jackson, John Wood, Tony Kay and Gary Vickers for preparation and supervision on the evening. Many thanks and here's to next year. Tony and Diane.

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# A Note From Shanaya

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my 2017 X Factor journey. "Life is a song worth singing" when we care, share and give and Syd had so much to give. I was always willing to "help" Mr Newton Aycliffe with Rotary events, Christmas concerts and the MRI appeal. I will never forget the huge hug Syd gave me when I sang at The Big Club "Oh" that was such a "happy day". An inspiration and example to us all with his "tales as old as time".

On Friday 2nd November, I sang at the Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club "Thank you (Newton Aycliffe) for the music, for giving it to me", as it gave me the opportunity to follow in Syd's footsteps although "I did it my way", raising £780 for charities I have chosen to support.

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The exhibition provides the opportunity for emerging artists to display up to three pieces of work in a wonderful gallery space, an experience which often encourages artists to work towards their own exclusive exhibition in the future.

The event is open to applications from many art forms and has previously showcased a superb range of work in different media and a range of subjects. This year we are encouraging a creative and playful theme that encourages an exhibition of inventiveness and imagination.

The deadline for entries is Friday 11th January 2019 and costs only £10 per artist. This year entrants can also sign up online using the simple online form, just visit our gallery page on the Greenfield Arts website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. There will be a public preview on Wednesday 13th March

2019 from 18:00 - 20:00, the 'Let's Play' preview evening will include taster activities and a chance to get hands-on and try something new!

Greenfield Arts are also running a craft programme where artists can exhibit and sell their items in the cabinet area. If you are interested in craft and have a collection of items you would like to exhibit for sale you can find out more by visiting the gallery section of the website or contacting Greenfield Arts directly.

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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that all of the boys and girls from Newton Aycliffe can post their letters to Santa. When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa replies to so many letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, and as he is very busy he has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.

We have been told that the post boxes will appear on Monday 3rd December at the following locations:

- Post Office/Youths Newsagents Beveridge Way
  - Johns Your Very Own Mini Market, Neville Parade
  - Horndale Post Office, Silverdale Place
  - Village Store, Woodham
  - McColls at Simpasture
  - Joy Marie Hairdressing at Aycliffe Village
- The boxes will disappear on **Monday 17th**

December, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered from today, right up to noon on 21st December. Santa has a special e-mail address **Santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk** and the website address is **http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html**

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# HALLOWEEN BUS 'NO LONGER THE ENEMY'



**The Heartbeat bus supported Beamish Halloween nights last week by helping to move part of the visitors around the site. Appropriately decorated with spooky attire and yards of spiders web the bus was driven by a team of devilish drivers at speeds of up to 20 mph! The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse were seen on a couple of occasions to overtake the bus. Beamish is always a good opportunity to show off the Society's star performer. The Society has again produced 150 of a limited edition calendar for 2019 using 13 water colour pictures painted by John Gibson, President of the Society and a lifelong bus enthusiast. If you would like one of these calendars please call Kevin Openshaw on 01325 315961 who will be happy to arrange delivery.**



**Archive talk explores post-war kindness**  
A history talk at Durham County Record Office will reveal the previously untold tales of German children who visited the UK after the end of the Second World War. In the years immediately after the end of the conflict, undernourished, poorly clothed and badly accommodated German children were invited to the UK to receive respite from their severe living conditions at home. A talk by David Inch, chair of the Friends of Durham County Record Office, will describe the group's research on the topic as part of a fascinating Heritage Lottery

Fund project. 'No longer the enemy' will take place on Thursday 15th November, 6.30pm-8.00pm and will reveal stories of local people's kindness and compassion during visits to County Durham. Tickets for the event cost £5, but are free for Friends of Durham County Record Office. Places must be booked in advance and are available online from <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgEventResult>, in person at the record office, or by calling 03000 267 619.

## Congratulations

**Rachel Grieves**



**Happy Birthday Darling**  
Lots of love, hope you have a good day!  
From Paul xxx

## Thank You

I WOULD like to say a massive thank you to all those who, helped and came and supported my family fundraiser in aid of St. Teresa's Hospice on Sunday 28th October at Planet Leisure. We raised an amazing total of £1673.21, and that's thanks to you all! My Uncle would have been so proud, as this is why I held the event. Thank you from my family and myself. Vicky Williamson.

**HAZEL WARD** Happy 60th Birthday! Have a brilliant day, lots of love from all the family xxx

## Obituary

**MARY VALLIER** (nee Chambers)  
Newton Aycliffe  
2nd November, peacefully at home. Mary (nee Chambers), aged 100 years. Dearly loved Wife of the late Bert (Jock); beloved Mam to Beryl; dear Mother-in-Law to the late Roy; cherished Nana to Lorraine, Raymond and Angela; much loved Great-Nana to David and Amy, Gaynor and Mark; adored Great-Great Nana to Joshua, Noah, Jacob and Eden. Sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Tuesday 13th November. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, may be given, in aid of The Royal British Legion or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

## Birthday Remembrance

**ANN SMITH** 11th November 1928. Just to wish my Nana a very special 90th birthday. You are not here on this special day, but we miss you loads and you are always in our hearts. When we think of you we just look up to the sky and see the stars twinkling back. We know you are there watching over us. We love and miss you loads. Happy 90th Birthday today. Lots of love and kisses we send to you. Tracy, Scott, Beckie, Jordan, Brodie and Imogen xxxxx  
**MARY ALICE SMITH** 11th November 1928. Remembering you on your 90th birthday. Gentle Jesus up above, give our Nana all our love. Tracy, Daniel, Lee, Christopher, Beckie, Emily-Rose, Tristan, Great Granddaughters Brodie and Imogen xxx  
**MARY ALICE SMITH** 11th November 1928. Thinking of you on your 90th birthday. If roses grow in Heaven Lord, pick a bunch for us. Place them in our Mother's arms and tell her they are from us. Tell her that we love and miss her, when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Forever in our hearts. Kathleen, Jacqueline, Alison, Pauline and Trevor xxxxx

## In Memoriam

**FRED & EDNA MOUNSEY**  
Passed away 12th November 2004 and 13th November 2015. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Remembered with love by all the family.

**SANDRA ANN FARRELL** born 3rd April 1963, died 8th November 2001. Your life was a blessing, your memory is treasured. You are loved beyond word, and missed beyond measure. Photographs are all we have, of a Daughter we love and miss so much. Love and miss you always, Mum, Dad, Helen, Sister, Laura, Millie, Nieces xxx  
**GEORGE SMITH** Died 11th November 2011. Loved forever darling George. Always in my thoughts. Always in my heart. Miss you so much. Your loving Sister Margaret and family xxxxx

**Alan Dixon**  
10th November 2014  
Alan, you are talked about every day by us all. We miss your very positive attitude and your great sense of humour. Four long years without you. You were taken from us far too soon. Your loving Wife Jean and all of your family

**NATHAN SOWERBY** 12th November 2006. Treasured memories of a much loved Son and Brother. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. Never more than a thought away. Yours, Dad and Joanne

**SHEILA BLAIR**  
Former 'Aycliffe Angel' of Aycliffe Village. On 5th November in the care of Riverside View, Haughton-le-Skerne, aged 96 years. Sheila, the loving Wife of the late Arthur Blair; a deeply loved Mother of David and a loving Mother-in-Law of Rose; who will be forever Nana to Karen and Alan and their children, Matthew, Alice and Owen. A loving and respected Cousin and Aunt, as well as a good friend to many in the long years of her life. She will be sadly missed. Church Service at St. Andrew's, Aycliffe Village on Wednesday 14th November at 2.00pm, followed by private Cremation. Family flowers only, with a plate at the church for donations in Sheila's memory to be shared between her Church and Cancer Research.

**ROBERT DOUGLASS** 12th November 2011. Deep in our heart your memories are kept, to love and to cherish and never forget. Loved and remembered always, Grace and family

**BERYL RICHARDSON** (nee Kelly)  
25th February 1949 to 13th November 2015

**THELMA COWAN** 11th November. Thinking of our lovely Mam and Mother-in-Law. Love you to the moonbeams and back and miss you always. Peter, John, Dawn, Debbie and Graeme xxx  
**THELMA COWAN** "Moonlight drowns out all but the brightest stars". Love and miss you Grandma! Jill, Tyler, Emily and Aidan xxx

Three years has passed, the bitter pain will never fade, your memory will never escape me, your face will always be dear in my heart, still very much in my thoughts. Much loved and I miss you very much, each precious moment you gave me shall never, ever part, love you. Grumpy Old Joe.

Seven long years since you left us Dad and you are still missed as much as ever. Thinking of you today. Steven, Graham and John xxx  
**GEORGE SMITH** Miss you Granddaddy. Lots of love from Millie and Bradley xx  
**GEORGE SMITH** Thinking of you with fond memories George. Irene xxx

# INNOVATIONS HELP OUT LOCAL FOOD BANK



Innovations, who are a provider of leisure and learning opportunities for vulnerable adults with learning difficulties, have recently held a Harvest Festival themed disco at the Civic Centre in Shildon. Not only did everyone enjoy the disco, donations of food and personal items were brought along. A service user from our Brantwood unit who went along with others to deliver the items to the local Salvation Army told a member of staff "I loved being able to take food for those people who needed it. I really love it and would like to do it again". Innovations would like to thank all those who donated items which will help local families.

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and reporting problems such as potholes. Earlier this year anyone who opted to go digital with their council tax bill between June and August was entered into a prize draw to win an iPad which had been donated to the council. Over 3,000 new customers signed up over the summer which means these people are now helping the environment by eliminating the need for a postal statement. Register for an online account at [www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline](http://www.durham.gov.uk/doitonline)

# Juniors Football Report

It was another exciting weekend of football for the Aycliffe Juniors teams with both League and Cup games being played. Before these matches, all present observed a minute silence in memory of Syd Howarth, who sadly passed away last week. The Under 7's White were beaten by Pass Soccer Blues after a below par performance. Jack R scored all three Aycliffe goals in this 5-3 loss. The Under 7 Juniors progressed to the quarter final of the League Cup with a great 6-5 win against Hartlepool FC Youth. The goals came from Jack (2), Jonah, Kai, an own goal and man of the match Alfie scored on his debut. In the development game Marley scored a hatrick with Daniel and Dom adding a goal each in a 5-1 win. The Under 8's played against Middleton Rangers. They found themselves 2-0 down but came back brilliantly playing some great football and scoring goals through George, Jack and Sam to win the game 3-2. In the development game Alex and Logan scored in a 4-2 loss. The Under 9's will be in the next round of the Challenge Cup after a 5-0 home win against Hartlepool St Francis. The goals were scored by Thomas (2), Oscar, Jack and man of the match Preston. The development game was won 4-0 with Zeke (2), Oliver and Fergie getting the goals.

Zeke's first goal showed great skill to control the ball then a lovely vollied finish. The Under 11's White faced Coulby Newham away in the League Cup. They moved in to the quarter final draw with a 5-1 win as man of the match Dom Ward starred and Jayden (2), Ollie, Harvey and Archie scored the goals. The Under 11's Black shared an amazing fourteen goals with Bedale in a 7-7 draw. Reece and Caleb scored in the first half but as the teams changed ends Bedale were ahead 6-2. The score moved on to 7-5 as Aycliffe added three more goals. They kept pushing and further scores brought the game level at 7-7 before the Aycliffe team hit the woodwork twice in the dying seconds and were denied the win. Man of the match Noah epitomised the great spirit in the team and there were two goals each for Reece, Noah and Jake with Caleb also getting one. The Under 12's hosted Leven AFC Juniors in the Challenge Cup and came away 8-0 winners. Man of the match Jake Blythe scored a hatrick including one superb free kick and there was also one goal each for Dan, Thomas, Alfie, Charlie and Zak. The Under 13 Russell Foster League team had a tough game against NSG Athletic Cobras and they narrowly lost out 3-2. Charlie and man of the match Lewis scored the Aycliffe goals. A special mention to the games referee, Tom Cayless, who handled a somewhat feisty encounter really well. The Under 14's sported new kits kindly sponsored by ROF 59 as they faced table topping New Marske. Sammy Clark scored to give them a 1-0 half time lead but the league leaders got ahead in the second half and finished well with three goals in the last five minutes



to win 5-1. All involved with the team are sorry to see goal scorer Sammy relocating to Qatar so this was his last game for the club, we all wish him well in his new adventure. The Under 17's had a home Challenge Cup quarter final

# COUNCILLORS WALKABOUT

## AYCLIFFE WEST COUNTY COUNCILLORS NEIGHBOURHOOD WALKABOUT

Local Councillors Kate Hopper & Eddy Adam are holding a ward walkabout at 9.30am on Wednesday, 21st November, meeting at the junction of Lightfoot Road with Stephenson Way. Where available, representatives from partner organisations will be in attendance. We look forward to meeting local residents who are welcome to join us or, if they have any concerns they wish us to look but can't make it on the day, get in touch using the contact details below. **DCC Councillors Eddy Adam & Kate Hopper**

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**Cllr Kate Hopper**  
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## CHRISTMAS 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.

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