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Christmas Festivities Start Next Weekend

Saturday 1st December
will be the start of the
festive activities for
Aycliffe Radio.

We start off in Newton
Aycliffe town centre from
1.00pm with a live stage
show featuring Aycliffe's
popular "tongue in cheek"
band Groovy Street,
followed by Cassandra's
tribute to Dua Lipa.
The Harris Tweed Mystery
Machine will give a live
performance of pop tracks
from years gone by and
the M.A.D. Choir will also
entertain with Christmas
Carols.
The ever popular Professor
Nincompoop will be our
comper for the afternoon
pulling everything together
as well as performing
balloon and magic tricks.
Santa and Mrs. Claus
will also be making an
appearance to hand out gifts
for the all the children and
our special guest for the
day is Liam Mellor who
is appearing as "Wishee
Washee" in Pantomime at
the Darlington Hippodrome
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Xmas Live Change in Artiste Line Up

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the evening as Aycliffe
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support of Aycliffe Radio during our first year. Doors open at the Xcel Centre at 5.00pm with the first act live on Stage at 6.00pm. Three hours of fabulous music from Cassandra as Dua Lipa and Charlotte Hopley as Katy Perry. We also have a change to the line up as due to unforeseen circumstances Ultimate Bieber cannot attend - but Brandon Mazz will be performing as Bruno Mars, creating the perfect party atmosphere.

CASSANDRA as DUA LIPA

Cassandra started singing professionally straight from leaving school at 16. Working in a trio with her best friends whilst studying performing arts at New College, Durham. She then joined a duo with 'TJ King' for a year before teaming up with a trio called 'Dream On'. After 'Dream On' Cassandra started another duo with Samantha Greensit which lasted a good few years. She is now a solo artist working clubs, pubs and private events around the North East. Cassandra has always wanted to do bigger shows with dancers and came across an up and coming artist, Dua Lipa, and was instantly inspired to do a tribute to her. If you missed Cassandra at the Aycliffe Radio Music Festival, now is the time to see her superb stage tribute show to Dua Lipa.

BRANDON MAZZ

as BRUNO MARS

Bran "Mazz" Mazumder has been performing since the age of 9. He started his singing career with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra singing at the Symphony Hall. He is an accomplished musician playing keyboards, alto saxophone, guitar & drums and has gained invaluable experience performing with other tributes/bands such as: The James Brown Experience, The Blue Brothers (Black Rhino Band) and currently the Marks Brothers, touring across the UK in numerous theatres and prestigious venues. Bran has been influenced by all time greats like Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, James Brown, to current icons, Justin Timberlake & of course Bruno Mars. Brandon and Bruno have a lot in common apart from those boyish good looks; they are great singers, songwriters and superb showmen, making this the most natural transition for Brandon.

CHARLOTTE HOPLEY as KATY PERRY

Charlotte Hopley was the first Katy Perry Tribute to step onto the scene, and without a shadow of a doubt, she is the most accurate tribute around the world. With the most eye catching, handmade replica costumes, coloured wigs and makeup, Charlotte is always mistaken for the real Katy Perry. She has travelled around the world with this colourful show. This Katy Perry tribute show has to be seen to be believed.

Aycliffe Radio would like to take this opportunity to thank partner Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management and sponsors for this event; ROF59 and Honest John.

COMMUNITY STREET CHAMPIONS



On Sunday a group of young people went litter picking in the Williamfield area of Newton Aycliffe.

The litter that they picked up filled two wheelie bins. The children were disgusted with the amount of litter dropped on the streets etc. They hope to use their catch phrase "DON'T BE A LITTER BUG DROP IT IN THE BIN"

The group is litter picking every SUNDAY morning from 11.00am until 1.00pm. We hope many more children/parents will join them. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

Thank you
Dorothy and group.



Aycliffe North & Middridge Ward

Thursday 6th December 2018 from 6.00 to 7.00pm at Woodham Community Centre.

Police on hand to report crime statistics for the area and to listen to residents concerns and decide on policing priorities. All residents welcome.

Crafter's Raise £222

Dear Sir,
Thought I would drop you a quick line to let you know that Crafter's Companion raised £222.50 for the British Legion.

This was raised through the sale of crocheted/knitted poppies that were made in store in the lead up to Armistice Day.

This was a project which Syd Howarth initially started earlier in the year to commemorate the 100th year.

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Friday 30th The fantastic Tess Tickle and the Dragettes Sold Out

December Events

Sunday 2nd Benidorm's Own Comedian "Albi Senior"
Saturday 8th Fantastic Band "Ska Mania" supported by "The Thieves"
Saturday 22nd The Sensational "Little Fx" (afternoon and evening shows)
Sunday 23rd Family Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" (afternoon and evening shows)

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£11,000 Awarded to Girlguiding



Girlguiding Newton Aycliffe say a big thank you to Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) following the award of £11,000 to the division. The award was presented to Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders by GAMP Chair, Cllr Eddy Adam, following the Remembrance Service at St. Clare's Church where several of the units meet during the week. As the leading charity for girls and young women, Girlguiding has launched an exciting new programme centred around six themes: Know Myself; Express Myself; Be Well; Have Adventures; Take Action; and Skills For My Future. The award by GAMP has been made to support girls, young women and leaders attending activities both locally and at regional training and activity centres under the umbrella "Adventure Made Easy". This will give girls and young

women a space to explore physical activities such as climbing and water safety, leadership skills and first aid. Members have the chance to overcome fears, try new activities and learn survival skills. Getting outside and having adventures has always been an important part of guiding. There are almost 120 girls registered to Rainbows (5-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) and Rangers (14-18). We also have 14 regular leaders across Newton Aycliffe plus occasional helpers. More volunteers are needed to join Girlguiding to inspire and empower the next generation of girls and young women across Newton Aycliffe. There are currently over 20 girls who are missing out on opportunities for adventure and trying new activities with their friends because there aren't enough volunteers to run Girlguiding groups. Girlguiding recently

launched #InspireGirls, a multi-channel campaign featuring films on social media and starring members from the charity. Anyone can get involved in guiding, whether or not they've previously been a member, and with a variety of voluntary roles to choose from, people can give the time that suits them. For more information about how to get involved with Girlguiding, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and head to "Get Involved" or contact Becci (local commissioner) on 01325 311204, beccib21@gmail.com

AYCLIFFE INDOOR MARKET

Newton News has been in discussion with Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management to find the possibility of holding a regular "Indoor Market" in the town centre. The idea has been mooted many times over the years, to make use of any available empty shops on a short term basis. This scheme could now be a possibility; however the management team would need to gauge the interest from those interested in having a regular stall before approaching the Landlord. The stall holders could be a small business currently working from home, charities who do not currently have a presence in the town centre, town organisations, craft workers, charities, fund raisers - even car booters etc. It is important to note that it is in it's very early stages and there is no guarantee we will be able to move it forward. To show your "expression of interest", please email your name, contact number, business type to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

Local Student Receives Award



Year 9 student, Harley Terrington from Greenfield Community College, has been recognised for his valuable contribution to the local community at the recent SKYPAN Awards. Harley has been an outstanding student at Greenfield, Executive Headteacher David Priestley, who attended the event, was full of praise as he spoke about some of his achievements "This is a smart young person with

an outstanding attendance record who is never late, he has shown a can-do attitude from day one, he is respectful not only to teachers, but to fellow students as well as showing concern for others", said Mr Priestley. Harley was also recognised for his contribution outside school, this is displayed in his role as a Durham Police Cadet. He attends training once a week and is a regular at community events such as BikeWise and Armed Forces Day. This year Harley was also named 'Police Cadet of the Year', an excellent achievement. Harley was amongst a number of young people who received awards for their outstanding contribution to the community. Very well done to Harley and all the award winners who have made such a difference in the community. Executive

Christmas Magic

St. Andrew's Church invite you to a night of Christmas Magic with Aycliffe and Brancepeth Band in Aycliffe Village Hall on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.00pm. All proceeds go towards church funds. Programme £2.50 (can be paid on the door).

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Traditional Turkey

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Pan Fried Sea Bass

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Brie & Cranberry Parcel (V)

served in a Filo Pastry on a bed of Crushed New Potatoes

TO FINISH

Christmas Pudding

served with Brandy Sauce

Raspberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake

topped with Fresh Raspberries & Pouring Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding

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The Christmas Café will be open for you to enjoy homemade cakes. Please come along and join in the festive fun.

QUIZ TIME

It's that quizzical time of year again when Bishop Auckland Civic Society, in partnership with Bishop Auckland Town Hall, tax the brains and the pockets of those keen to enjoy a social evening in the company of quiz master Glynn Wales as he invites you to partake in the eagerly-awaited Annual Town Quiz.

Wednesday, 5th December at 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt start

Entry forms for teams of up to 6 persons are available from the Town Hall at a cost of £10 per team.

The bar is open and food is available to purchase on the evening. All monies raised by the Grand Raffle, with prizes provided by local businesses, will be donated to this year's charity the Butterwick Hospice.

Christmas Concert

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Brunch and Crafts with Santa and his Elves

Santa will be visiting the centre for a bite to eat before he delivers presents around the world for Christmas, come and join him! Your little angels can enjoy a delicious breakfast and make some fantastic Christmas cards with Santa and his hard working elves.

We have two dates available, either:

Saturday 8th December, 10.00am – 11.30am
or Saturday 15th December, 10.00am – 11.30am

Tickets are £6 per child and includes a buffet brunch, meeting Santa, card making, colouring, a gift and certificate. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment, please call 01325 321234 to check availability.

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Christmas Lunches

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Carol Service

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CAROL SINGING

Come and fill the church with song at St. Cuthbert's Church in High Etherley near Bishop Auckland on Saturday, 8th December at 7.00pm while supporting Marie Curie Care and Church funds.

Tickets, priced at £5, include interval refreshments and are available from Brian Varley (01388) 606075, Brotherton's Music Shop or pay on the door.

The programme consists of well-known carols for everyone to sing, interspersed with choir pieces sung by the Andreas Ensemble.

All welcome to come along and become imbued with the festive spirit whilst supporting both the Church and Marie Curie Care.

Santa Suit for Hire



Godfrey Bennett 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

St. Andrew's Gift Day

St. Andrew's Church Gift Day will take place on Saturday 1st December.

Come along to Aycliffe Village Hall between 10am and 1pm and support your local church, have a cuppa and a mince pie, relax and enjoy the music of the bagpipes.

All donations will be used for the upkeep of St. Andrew's Church and church yard.

Many are not aware that to maintain our church we need £450 per week just to pay general running costs, which include such things as heating, lighting and insurance.

We need your support if we are to maintain this old church for the future generation. So please give us your support on Saturday 1st December.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 28th November 2018 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome. "Arte et Marte"

POLICE CHOIR IN CONCERT

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bishop Auckland plays host to a concert featuring the harmonious voices of the Durham Police Male Voice Choir on Friday, 7th December at 7.30pm

Tickets, priced at £7.50, which includes seasonal refreshments - tickets are available on the door.

All proceeds on the evening will go towards providing end of life care in the Bishop Auckland area by Marie Curie Nurses.



Celebration of Christmas

Saturday, 1st December, 2018

1.00pm to 5.00pm



Groovy Street



Harris Tweed



Professor Nincompoop



Kiddies Rides

Live Party Music from "GROOVY STREET" and "HARRIS TWEED MYSTERY MACHINE"

Professor Nincompoop, Carol Singing with the MAD Choir Presents for the children from Santa and Mrs Claus

Special guest "LIAM MELLOR"

"Wishee Washee" in Aladdin at the Darlington Hippodrome



Thank You Honest John



Honest John & Yvonne Beynon

Lifeline Community Action's Blessings team would like to thank Honest John for his kind donation of £300 to help us to help needy families in Newton Aycliffe. Thank you so much.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A busy council and Community week, with a number of important meetings, two newsletters,

TODDLER GROUP

St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham Village Toddler Group (birth to pre-school) meet every Tuesday from 12.45 to 2.30pm. Entrance is free. We currently have five places as some of our children and babies have left for school, nursery etc. We really look forward to meeting you. For more details contact Norman Wise on 01325 312930

three consultations, and lots of things to do next weekend. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB81

And why not join me on Aycliffe Radio, 7-8pm, Sunday 25 November, with my guests Hannah Walter and Fraser Tinsley, to discuss Brexit and other topical issues: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Environment Scrutiny meeting, Friday 16 November – fuel poverty and woodlands management.
- Lumière launch event, Tuesday 13 November.
- What are your hopes and highlights for the S&DR?
- GAMP Board meeting, Pioneering Care Centre, 6pm, Tuesday 27 November – register on 01325 327441.
- The GAMP e-bulletin is out – funding and volunteering opportunities, GAMP priorities, Stay Well This Winter, Christmas Fairs and more.
- The Durham Community Action newsletter is out.
- Our PCVC's meeting about reducing re-offending.
- Town Council Budget Consultation.
- DCC Speed Management consultation.
- NHS consultation on access to Primary Care services.
- Ethical Christmas gift-buying guide.
- Good news for Aycliffe Business Park's Commercial Expert, and Avec.

THINGS TO DO

- Celebration of Christmas, Aycliffe Town Centre, 1-5pm, Saturday 1 December, FREE.
- Xmas Live, Xcel Centre, 6-9pm, Saturday 1 December, tickets £7.50 from Newton Press.
- Snowman Trail, Hardwick Park, 1 December-6 January, £1 per trail sheet.
- Once Upon A Christmas (under 5s), Gala Theatre Durham, 29 November-30 December, £7-8.
- Wildlife Watch – Festivities and Feeders, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon, Saturday 1 December, 50p.
- Chinese horses, Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 1 December, FREE.
- Origami lanterns, Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm, 1-2 December, FREE.
- Open Treasure Exhibition, Durham Cathedral, FREE 30 November-7 December to people who present a National Lottery ticket or scratchcard (normally £7.50).

History Lessons at Stephenson Way



As part of the Remembrance Centenary, year 4 and 5 pupils at Stephenson Way Academy were fortunate enough to spend a full day working with historians from Durham University.

In the morning, the whole of Key Stage 2 came together in an assembly to learn more about the numerous young men who gave their lives for their countries as well as the important role that women played during WW1 and how this altered the course of history. Time was taken for quiet reflection to allow us to remember those brave people.

Throughout the remainder of the day, the visitors guided children through the key events that led to WW1 by allowing them to examine and try on artefacts such as items of clothing. Martin was very excited to try on the overcoat and said, "I can't believe how heavy the clothes were, the soldiers must have got so tired wearing them but at least they could keep warm."

Studying historical evidence enabled a lively debate about WW1 leader General Haig and pupils were surprised to find that opinion amongst them about his leadership was divided, just as it had been at that time in history. Finding out more about Dadaism was also fascinating and the children were astounded at how powerful the poems they created from selecting random words linked to war were. Teagan told us, "Although they were made up of nonsense our poems really helped us to imagine some of what the soldiers and their families felt during the war." Staff and pupils would like to thank Durham University for their fun and informative session, which will ensure we never forget the fallen.

Aycliffe Village Remembers

I would like to thank Aycliffe Village Local History Society, in particular Mr Harry Moses and Mr David Blair, for organising the remembrance service held on the Village Green – Friday 9th November. Members of the society, residents, pupils and staff from the primary school, saw approaching a hundred people attend the eleven o'clock event. Gathering around the 'There but not there' installation (Tommy), thirteen children laid crosses in memory of the thirteen brave souls who didn't return from the Great War.

Although a solemn occasion, it was heart warming to see so many, of all ages, come together to remember. A glorious rendition of The Last Post ensured there were more than a few damp eyes as the ceremony came to a close.

Lest we forget
Cllr Billy Blenkinsopp

CRAFT FAIR

Middridge Village Craft Fair will be held on Sunday 2nd December from 2-4pm in Middridge Village Hall.

There will be a wide range of crafts suitable for all ages including sand art for children, wood crafts, jewellery, cards, pictures and more. Refreshments will be available, featuring home made scones and cakes.

Entry 50p - Free Parking.

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SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

On Saturday 1st December at 10.00am, St. Clare's Church will be holding their "Simply Xmas Coffee Morning". Come along and be entertained by the children from SHINE Choir, enjoy a bacon buttie, try your luck on the raffle and bottle tombola and let's start the festive season with others. Santa will hopefully be paying us a visit too with an opportunity to have a photo with him. It all begins at 10.00am until 12noon and we hope you can join us. A warm hall and a warm welcome awaits.

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018

Mayor's Christmas Message



Councillor John Clark
Mayor of Great Aycliffe
2018 - 2019

As the festive season approaches I look back at the last 8 months with a sense of pride and achievement in serving you all as the Town's Mayor.

It has been a busy time full of great things to do, the Aycliffe Festival, Fun in The Parks and the Big Brass Bash to name some. Although the weather did play a part, three highly enjoyable and successful events.

It has been an honour to help residents celebrating special days and anniversaries as well as seeing the achievements of our young people in our schools and colleges. A special mention goes to the UTC who, on the occasion of a Royal visit, showed the great work they are doing on developing the engineers of the future.

The recent debate over the Santa Tours has also proved to me that you, the residents of Newton Aycliffe, do care about our town and are willing to do all you can to keep our traditions alive. Thank you all for your input to resolve the issues.

There have been low points and I think it right to pay respect to the late Syd Howarth. A true Newtonian. May his legacy live on.

It was humbling to pay due respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Remembrance Sunday in this the 'One Hundredth Anniversary Year' of the end of the Great War.

The fund for my charity, the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group, is growing steadily and I thank all those who have contributed.

Thanks must go to all the staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council who keep our town looking tidy and put in super work to ensure the smooth running of the events that you all enjoy, such as the fantastic firework display.

Finally may I pass on my warmest Christmas wishes and health and prosperity for 2019.

Christmas Eve Santa Tours

Santa would like everyone to be aware that his routes and times are changing, please check the Newton News Christmas issue on Friday 21st December for updated times of his visits, Great Aycliffe Town Council/Oak Leaf websites (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) or Oak Leaf facebook page (www.facebook.com/OakLeafSportsComplex) from mid-December.

Please remember, because Santa and his helpers don't know how many people will be out to see him, the times are only a guideline.



FORTHCOMING MAYORAL EVENTS



MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2018

Councillor John Clark will be holding his Civic Carol Service in St. Clare's Church on the 9th December commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The Mayor would like to invite you to join him on this Festive occasion. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Service in the Church Hall.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2019

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner to be held at the Hallgarth Golf and Country Club at 7.00 p.m.

Entertainment and dancing will follow the dinner and the event will conclude at Midnight.

Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £30.00 each.

Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Mayor's nominated Charity:- Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.



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 about 800 letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, so he is very busy and 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:

⑤ Post Office/Youngs
Newsagent,
Beveridge Way

⑤ John's Your Very Own
Mini Market,
Neville Parade

⑤ Horndale Post Office

⑤ Village Store Woodham

⑤ Joy Marie Hairdressing
Aycliffe Village

⑤ McColls Newsagents
Simpasture

The boxes will disappear on Monday 17th December, but e-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website will be answered 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>

THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Tuesday, 25th & Wednesday, 26th December 2018

Tuesday, 1st January 2019

Councillors & Staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL 2018 - 2019



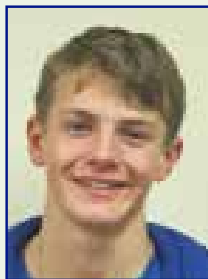
Aycliffe Youth Council has 18 young representatives this year who are once again a mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This certainly helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet. We have a great range of ages from 11 to 18.



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ORD**



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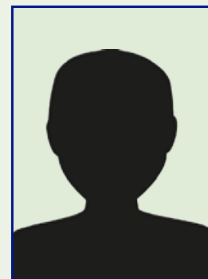
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STONE**



**RORY
HUBERY**

Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small budget available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area.

If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. We do ask that you come and tell us about your grant request at one of the meetings. The Youth Council will also need to see your most recent balance sheets. The Grant Guidelines are available on the Town Council website - <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/community-engagement/aycliffe-youth-council/>

Please put your requests in writing to:

Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

If you would like to know more about the Youth Council, contact 01325 300700

2019/20 Town Council Budget Consultation

The Town Council is in the process of developing its Revenue and Capital Budgets for the 2019/20 financial year.

Clearly the budget that we set is important to our local community, both in terms of how our spending plans may impact on the provision of services and investment in assets for the benefit of the town, and in terms of the level of Council Tax that we need to raise from local taxpayers in order to fund these plans.

For these reasons, it is important that the Council provides the opportunity for local taxpayers to comment and ask questions on the Council's services and spending plans, advise the Council of your priorities, and raise any concerns that you might have.

The Council is therefore undertaking consultation on the budget and has published a survey to formally record your views.

The survey can be accessed on the Council website or via the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G8DHC2D>.

Your views are very important to us and the results of the survey, including any specific comments made or concerns raised, will be reported to the Council when it meets to set the final 2019/20 Budget in January.

An overview of the Council's draft 2019/20 budget proposals is set out below for your information, and there is much more information, should you wish to read this, on the finance section of the Council's website.

Summary of the Proposed 2019/20 Revenue and Capital Budget

In overall terms, the Council is proposing a 2019/20 Revenue Budget that protects and maintains all current services, facilities and events next year, whilst at the same time incorporating some surplus resources that will provide a 'contingency fund' and enable the replenishment of the Council's balances and reserves.

This will be important as the Council faces some significant financial challenges over the coming years, including the ongoing cuts to the Council Tax Support Grant funding on which it is reliant, inflationary pressures on staffing and running costs, and substantial capital investment commitments linked to the many assets that the Council owns and provides for the benefit of the community e.g. cemeteries allotments, parks, play equipment, footpaths and bus shelters.

In order to offset the impact of the financial pressures faced at the present time and plan proactively for the longer term challenges faced, the Council is proposing that it raises the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill by 5% next year.

Whilst this may seem like a significant increase, the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill amounts to only 11p in every £1 of council tax paid, and the actual impact of this proposed increase therefore equates to less than £8 per year for the vast majority of local taxpayers i.e. those living in Band A properties.

The Council appreciates that any increase in the monthly outgoings of our local taxpayers will not be popular, and the decision to increase the Town Council Tax has not been taken lightly. However we hope you will agree that a monthly increase of 65p is a modest price to pay in order to ensure that all of the important services provided by the Town Council to the community of Great Aycliffe can be protected for another year.

Town Park Skate Park - Replacement

The replacement Skate Park located in the Town Park is nearing completion and will be complete soon. The new bespoke skate park, which is being built by Fearless Ramps will accommodate BMX, skate board and scooter riders on a circular route.



Aycliffe Village Play Area

The junior play area at Aycliffe Village is currently being replaced as part of Great Aycliffe Town Council's continuing commitment to provide accessible, affordable leisure facilities within the parish.



The new play area, which was the preferred option identified during a well-attended public consultation event, will be completed in late November and represents an additional £46,000 investment in quality play equipment following the £150,000 investment over the summer in the new Cobblers Hall play area.

Memorial Benches

Two memorial benches were installed as the final part of Great Aycliffe Town Council's commitment to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the sacrifice 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 'Lest 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.



Support for Community Events

Although the Summer Aycliffe Festival has now ceased, Great Aycliffe Town Council is keen to emphasise that it is not the end of Council support and input into our community's events. In fact, the Council is keen to have events on throughout the year, not just in the previous short period in the summer.

If you are interested in organising an event, big or small please e-mail events@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or telephone 01325 300700.

Allotment Award Winners

Great Aycliffe Town Council's annual allotment awards were won by the following:-

- Aycliffe Village Allotments - Plot 8 - Mr. J. Hannan
- Byerley Park Allotments - Plot 4 - Mr. Wetheridge
- Clarence Chare Allotments - Plot 17 - Mr. J. Dobson & Mr. A. Gaskarth
- Finchale Road Allotments - Plot 19 - Mr. R. Browning
- St Oswald's Allotments - Plot 12 & 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Addison



'Angela Fleming' Memorial Trophy is awarded for best plot at St. Oswald's - Mr & Mrs Addison

'Ken Woodhall' Memorial Trophy is awarded for Best Overall Allotment 2018 - Plot 17 - Clarence Chare - Mr. J. Dobson & Mr. A. Gaskarth

'Edward Hubery' Memorial Trophy is awarded for Best New or Most Improved Allotment 2018 - Plot 11 - Aycliffe Village Allotments - Mr. C. Fox

St Oswald's Pre-School & Tots in the Park



There are a number of places still available at both facilities.

All children are eligible to receive 15 hours free funding from the term after their third birthday, we also offer the 30 hours to parents who are eligible.

Children can start at St Oswald's from two years old at our lovely Tots in the Park facility, an hourly rate of £4:50 will apply with one session costing £13.50.

**Please phone Julie Gale
(Pre-School Manager)
on 07968 379 009
to arrange a visit**





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Craft Fair
9th December
12noon - 5pm

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FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER

6pm until 9pm

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Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve QUIZ NIGHTS

Tickets £2.00

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Food will be served at 8.00pm

Quiz starts at 8.30pm

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Traditional Christmas Lunch

Sunday 25th November and

Sunday 2nd December

We will be serving Christmas Lunch
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between 12noon and 2pm

Two Course Menu for only
£11.50 per adult & £7.50 per child
(main meal and dessert)

Choose from:

Turkey with all the trimmings,
Roast Beef or Nut Roast
& Christmas Pudding,
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Bookings only

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Normal Sunday Lunch will still be
served in the Bar on these days.

A warm friendly welcome guaranteed.

We have Christmas all wrapped up for you



2pm - 3.45pm

Saturday 22nd December

Children's Christmas Party

4 - 7 years

Meet Santa - Party Games - Christmas Crafts

Tickets only £4 each

Places limited, tickets available from reception

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local
residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of
Enhancement Awards for residential Christmas Lighting
displays which portray the spirit of Christmas.

Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town
Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF
or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing date for applications: - Monday, 10th December 2018.

I would like to nominate the house below for a Christmas
Lights Enhancement Award for its display of Christmas
Lights 2018.

Address

Householder Name.....
(if known)

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Christmas Garlands at Moore Lane

Great Aycliffe Town Council is offering this event from Moore Lane Eco Centre.
Events are aimed at family groups with children of 8 years and over. Booking is
essential as places are limited. While the event is free, a donation to the Mayors
charity would be welcomed for attending the sessions.

Saturday 8th December 10am- 12 noon

Spend a few hours creating a natural Christmas Garland
with your family during this free activity. Bring along your own
decorations to personalise your own creation.

To book your place please contact the Town Council on
01325 300700 or visit www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk



SPORTING SUCCESS

Byerley Park Primary School are delighted to announce that they picked up Active Durham's Primary School Contribution to Sport and Physical Activity Award at an event on Friday evening in Peterlee. This award was for the area finals – East and South East Durham. By winning this, the School has now been entered into the County Finals Awards Evening to be held in the Gala Theatre on 25th January.

The information below shows part of the application that the school completed.

"In September 2017, we put physical activity at the heart of our whole school community and what a difference it made! We started an innovative new initiative called 'Team Up' which engaged and inspired our whole staff to become more active, improve their wellbeing and encouraged them to be role models for the children, resulting in 100% of all staff and pupils taking part in a minimum of 60 minutes of structured physical activity daily".

Examples of activities included: daily mile, fit for life, playground leaders, pedometer challenges, disco lunchtimes and active curriculum.

Children and staff influenced

the continually adapting a vibrant programme. Our aim was to foster the habit of leading an active lifestyle that will remain with ALL our children and staff for life. Many parents commented on the changes they have seen eg choosing to be active over computer games or joining a local sports clubs.

Our whole schools dedication and positive attitude to improving physical activity levels has impacted massively on the social interaction and relationships formed across the school and has created motivation and enthusiasm to lead active lifestyles together.

Other achievements:

- 100% of children take part in 2 hours of high quality PE per week.

- 100% of all pupils have taken part in at least 5 intra-school competitions.

- 100% of all pupils have attended least one inter-school competition.

- We have competed at the County School Games.

- We have achieved the 'GOLD School Games Mark'.

- We were one of the first schools locally to achieve Active 30.

The school would like to thank Mrs Plumb for all her hard work in making all of this happen.

Juniors Football Report



The football action continued for the Aycliffe Juniors teams over the weekend. There was some strong performances and great effort from the players across the age groups.

The **Under 7's White** faced Shotton Colts and it was a tight match with the teams level at 1-1 with five minutes left. It was Shotton though who finished the stronger team to win 3-1. Jack R scored the Aycliffe goal and Joel T was the man of the match.

The **Under 7's Juniors** were up against a strong Seaton Carew team at home. They played some

good football and created chances but things didn't go their way with Jonah's goal not enough to win the match. In the development game Jonah, Kai and Mason scored and the morning's man of the match was Dom. The **Under 8's** hosted Trimdon and their great performance did not deserve a 2-1 defeat. The players were all superb and the goal was scored by Evan. The development game was won 3-2 with Alex (2) and David scoring. The **Under 9's** played a strong Darlington FC Quakers, they lost 3-0 and Jack was the man of match. The development game also ended in defeat with Ethan the star player.

The **Under 10's White** faced Billingham United and they went ahead with a goal from Jayden. Both teams battled hard but it was Billingham who won through by two goals to one. Ido was the man of the match for a fine performance in goal.

The **Under 11's White** played Leven at Woodham in another really close game. It was 3-2 at the break with Niall Armstrong scoring both Aycliffe goals. The second half effort did not get its reward and the visitors scored with the last kick of the match to win 4-2. Harvey Lee was the man of the match.

The **Under 11's Black** were away at Prissick Rovers and after going a goal down

they raced to a 8-2 victory. The goals came from Jake (5), Noah, Rhys and man of the match Jacob.

The **Under 12's** played Saltburn at Woodham and put in a great effort. Thomas and Zak both scored in a 2-2 draw and Daniel was the man of the match.

The **Under 13's** Russell Foster League team played Sunderland Pumas at Woodham. The match was evenly poised at half time with the score at 1-1. The Sunderland team went on to win 2-1 despite Aycliffe creating several chances. Herbie scored the home team's goal and Louis was the man of the match.

The **Under 13's** TJFA League team were up against an on form Leven team. They needed to battle to get anything from the game and that is what they did. Twice coming from behind with headed goals from Evan and then Taylor to secure a 2-2 draw.

POPPY REMOVAL

The removal of the poppy display outside St. Clare's Church will take place on Monday morning 26th November.

Anyone wishing to collect their own poppy please do so either on Sunday or Monday morning.

50th Sports Show



The Daz & Lee Sports Radio Show reached the 50th show milestone when it was broadcast live by Aycliffe Radio on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

To celebrate this notable milestone they were pleased to have the Chairman of Newton Aycliffe F.C., Allan Oliver, as their special studio guest. The show is broadcast live by Aycliffe Radio weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm till 7.30pm and is repeated on Sunday's from midday till 1.30pm.

Photo: Darren Lowe, Allan Oliver and Lee Weldon

AYCLIFFE RADIO NEW Programme Schedule

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"Aycliffe Town Centre... Shopping for You"



Every Night from 12 Midnight to 3am
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MONDAY

9-12noon	Amy in the Morning	Amy & Guest(s)
12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with "Through the Decades"	Paul Baker
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Steven Harrison

TUESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Sports Show sponsored by Honest John	Paul Baker
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
7.30-9.30pm	27th Nov - Andy McFarlane (NAFC) 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 Community Connect	Paul Baker
5-6.30pm	Rewind	Amy & Phil
6.30-8pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	Garage/Indie Show (R)	Gary & Alby
10-12am		MC Supa

THURSDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with POLITICAL (R)	Paul Baker
6-7pm	Mystery Year	John D Clare
7-8pm	"Beat"Roote	Paul Baker
8-10pm	UK Number 1's	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

9-12pm	Amy in the Morning	Amy & Guest(s)
12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with Tech-House Mix	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Guest Presenter Session	PVR Studios
8-10pm	23rd Nov Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare Vinyl Mix	
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
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
25th Nov	Guests: Fraser Tinsley & Hannah Walter	
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"

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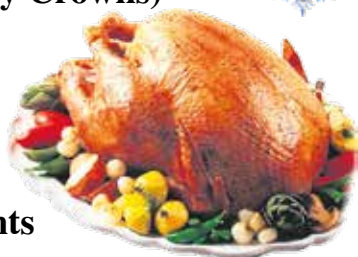
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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 17th November 2018
Ebac Northern League Division One
Newton Aycliffe 1 v Newcastle Benfield 2

Newton Aycliffe suffered a 2-1 defeat at home to Newcastle Benfield in an end-to-end attacking game which had lots of chances for both sides, providing plenty of entertainment for the crowd. Benfield had an early chance, with Slaughter getting on the end of a corner and just putting the ball past the post. Aycliffe came straight back and Stu Thompson hit a shot past the post. James Winter made a good save on 8 minutes. Brayson put a header over the bar a minute

later. Then Ben Wood had a shot scrambled away by the Benfield defence. Vinny Gash had a shot pushed out by Benfield keeper Nimmins, but the defence cleared the loose ball. Aycliffe man-of-the match Josh Rodgers was dominant in defence. There was a long stoppage on the quarter hour when Tom Gavin was stretchered off following a bad tackle. From the restart both sides continued their attacking intentions and exchanged chances. Winter pulled off a remarkable save from Knight, followed by Ben Wood and Knight both firing shots over the bar. Benfield broke the deadlock 3 minutes before the break when veteran Benfield striker Brayson curled a shot past Winter into the top corner. Benfield had the better of the first half, but Aycliffe were to have the better of the second, fashioning some good moves. Ben Wood and

Gash both got shots away but didn't trouble Nimmins. The pressure told on 67 minutes. James Rowe's perfectly flighted free kick was headed down by Marc Costello, and Gash made no mistake from six yards out. Nimmins then made a fine save from Gash, pushing his shot into the post, and Benfield somehow scrambled the loose ball away. Costello made a fine run on 75 minutes, beating four men, but Nimmins was equal to the shot. Benfield got a second goal 3 minutes later, against the run of play. A cross found its way through to Brayson who slotted past Winter. Aycliffe pushed for an equaliser and Ben Wood put a volley just wide at the death, but Benfield hung on for the win. Aycliffe travel to Guisborough on Saturday 24 November looking to avenge the FA Cup defeat earlier in the season. Next home game is Saturday 1 December when Whitley Bay will be the visitors to Moore Lane.

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service of prayer’s and carols. There will be the opportunity to light a small candle in memory of any of your loved ones no matter how long ago they passed on. Also you can hang a glitter star on our Advent tree with your own personal message on it, and both of these are free of charge, but

you can make a donation if you wish too.

The church memorial book will be open for you to view, and if you wish to place your loved ones name in this, there is a charge of £25 which lasts for ever.

Please do come along and join in this very special service to remember your

loved ones at Christmas, and do stay for light refreshments after the service. Looking forward so much to seeing you there, come early to place your loved ones name on our list as this is read out during the service.

Many blessings,
Pam Lovell, APA.

Youthy Football Round Up

NAYFC U7 Wildcats 7 - 1 Felling Magpies

After 2 weeks without a game I was not sure how the girls would perform on Saturday morning but the score line shows the girls were ready for the challenge. The pass and move, as well as changing direction with the ball, that Steve and I have been working on in training, was clear to see as the girls played as a team moving into space and looking for the pass. I asked the girls before the game to try and win the ball back within 4 seconds of losing it. No complicated tactics, only that - and how they worked and pressed Felling was superb. Within two minutes Lucy and Ava worked the ball through their defence for Ava to split the ball past their keeper and within a minute scored a solo effort from distance to make it 2-0. Mia and Kaitlyn were solid at the back with Skye not letting anything past her. Good work from the back saw the ball come to Ava who slotted a lovely pass to Lucy, who then took a touch then hit a solid shot into the bottom corner. Ava scored her hat-trick soon after when her first shot was parried by the keeper, she followed her run and took the ball round the keeper to score into the empty net. Mia was next on the score sheet. Felling had a corner and within seconds the girls passed the ball out from defence and every girl had a touch, moving the ball out to Mia who took two defenders on, then coolly stroked her shot into the bottom corner for a superb team goal. Lucy and Ava were replaced with Nyah and Neve and the team continued to push, causing their defender to panic and shoot into her own goal. HT 6-0.

The second half was a little tighter with everyone performing at a great level. Felling were pressing too and scored a consolation goal. Wildcats were not finished yet as the team pressed again, a one on one run with the keeper led to a calm finish taking the FT score to 7-1. After that both teams had further opportunities with Skye saving well on several occasions. Brilliant display from the girls.

Easington Colliery 0 - 5 NAYFC U14 Girls

A trip to table topping and undefeated Easington Colliery for the under 14 girls today. The girls started on the front foot and had several good chances to take the lead, but their keeper was having a good game until a slight handling error was snapped up by Olivia for her first goal. A couple of half chances for Easington, before Alex wriggles free in the box and finds the corner. Another piece of individual skill and Olivia slots home for our third taking us to HT at 0-3.



The girls were told that the second half would be more physical as Easington would want to get back in the game and within a minute they had a great chance but Faith stood firm. Kate had been switched to full back and we were using her to build from the back with great effect. Aycliffe were now creating all the chances with Hattie getting close several times and Macy hitting the bar, but Hattie got her reward with a finish from a tight angle. It was left to Olivia to finish off the game making a hat trick when she picked up a rebound to slide the ball into the net taking the score at FT to 0-5. This was a huge team performance against a very

good Easington team with every girl playing her part. **NAYFC U11 Girls 3 - 3 Hebburn Honeyes**
After an entertaining 3-3 draw yesterday morning against Hebburn where Ebony & Imogen were the goal scorers the under 11 Girls enjoyed a successful afternoon bag packing in Tesco raising an amazing £660!! Thank-you shoppers of Tesco for your kind support and generosity yesterday!!

If you or a member of your family are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website nayfc.com where you can find lots of information and links to teams.

Care Home's Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Society



The staff, residents and families of Rose Lodge care home have been uniting against dementia as the home held its own Memory Walk to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Society.

Participants completed ‘The Great Aycliffe Way Walk’, a well known five and a half mile circular walk in the surrounding countryside to the north of the Town.

Twenty people from the home took part, as well as some furry four-legged supporters too!

They raised a grand total of £473.83 which will go towards the charity group’s research, campaigns and local support services.

Nicola Wheatley, Home Manager of Rose Lodge, said: “We were delighted by

the support shown for our memory walk by staff and families. Thankfully the weather was on our side and we all had a great time.”

“Dementia has affected all of our lives here in some way. It’s a cause that is close to all of our hearts at Rose Lodge and we’ve benefited from some excellent local support services and clubs targeted towards helping people living with dementia and their families. We felt it was important to give back and support the work of the Alzheimer’s Society in providing information, support and funding research on Dementia.” Rose Lodge care home, located in Carers Way in Newton Aycliffe, provides residential care and specialist dementia care.

WOODHAM BURN CHILDREN GET GOLD



Woodham Burn School have achieved GOLD standard for their commitment to developing sporting competition across school and community. To achieve the GOLD award the school had to have a system in place to track children's participation in the School Games, have opportunities that attract less active young people to participate in physical activity, have completed the Inclusive Health Check tool, have a member of staff who has actively engaged with the School Sport Partnership (SSP) as part of their Physical Activity CPD, have held a School Games Day that has a clear cultural component as a culmination of a year round competition programme, registered a School Games Day date, have a calendar that demonstrates opportunities

for all young people with SEND and other targeted groups particular to our school, take part in competitions and festivals, have a notice board and/or in house school digital system that promotes School Games activity and uses social media for the same purpose, have maximised the School Games Values or your School Values to support the competition. Miss Roberts, Sports Co-ordinator at Woodham Burn Primary, said "To achieve GOLD status we provided all pupils with two hours of timetabled Physical Education per week, and have active links with at least five local community and pathways for children's sport/physical activity and leisure providers eg sport clubs, leisure centres. We smashed it and I'm so proud of all of the children".

Defibrillator Stations Increase in Aycliffe

Community Groups & a local family forging more links to Aycliffe's AED Chain of Survival.

A campaign to provide 24-hour public access lifesaving equipment, develop community awareness, and teach basic lifesaving techniques continues to advance. Originally supported by funding via Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership, County Councillors Joan Gray, Mike Dixon and John Clare, Great Aycliffe Town Council, The Village Pharmacy, PCP, Greenfield College, Middridge Parish Council and very generous public support. Raising local awareness has been very effective with many organisations and groups now obtaining defibrillator units for use within buildings or at events, such as bus trips. Many of these units have also been gifted to these groups. For example, Horndale Residents Association, by Grannies Choice, and recently Neville Community Residents Association by Falcon Medical Solutions. Within 18 months we have gone from Newton Aycliffe having no 24 hour defibrillators, to now having units installed and available to the public 24-hours a day at: Woodham Village Community Centre, PCP, Bay Horse Middridge, Greenfield College, St Clare's Church and The Oak Leaf Football Pitches (Provided by The Football Club and Great Aycliffe Town Council). Within the next few weeks two more 24-hour defibrillator

units will be installed. One at the Navy Club, and one at Neville Community Association. Staff, Members, and the Ladies Group headed by Dorothy Bowman based at the Navy Club have been supported by GAMP Neighbourhood Budget Funding from Eddy Adam, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Scott Durham, and Paul Howell. Neville Community Centre, and Neville Community Residents Group new defibrillator is being supported by GAMP Small Funding from County Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jim Atkinson. They are also being generously supported by local family Rachel, Trevor, their son Calum Taylor, and his partner Andrea. The Taylor family earlier this year lost their daughter Seonaid Taylor-Hill, from a heart condition. They are determined that in her memory some good will come from bad. They have started and are continuing their "Kick it for Seonaid" campaign of events to raise funds to provide defibrillators in the

community. By doing this the family hope to spare some other family from the terrible loss that they have experienced. Alongside providing funding for the 24-hour unit they are also helping Neville Residents Association with equipment for the donated defibrillator unit to be used on bus trips. The free training programme to teach basic CPR and defibrillator awareness will have trained, by this Friday, 300 people. All seven of our County Councillors have agreed in principal, for an application to be presented at the next GAMP Board Meeting on Tuesday 27th November, for funding for another years free training at several local venues. If this

proposal is accepted, we would intend to launch the training programme starting January 2019. If anyone is interested in knowing more, please contact David on 01325 316144. Whilst we have made major inroads to providing potential lifesaving equipment in the community, the chain of coverage of these units is not complete. Areas such as Aycliffe Village, School Aycliffe, West Ward and some central parts of the town are areas which should also be addressed. I look forward to working with others towards this goal. May I add that this has been a tremendous community effort and a great example of what can be achieved if we all work together.

Birthday Remembrance

GORDON DOUGLAS 25th November. Happy birthday Gordon. You are loved and missed every day and you will always live on in our hearts. Our love always. Rose Mary, Lorraine, Amanda, Nathan, Kyle, Catriona and Conor xxxxxx

Congratulations

Mam & Dad



Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary
20th November 1993
We love you both so much. Here's to many years to come! Love Zara Paul Dean Jade Demi & Ross

In Memoriam

PETER HOPPS

28th November 1988

It's been thirty years since the lord took you away. No time for last goodbyes or precious words to say. We know time's a healer but we still feel very sad. That we never got to spend more years with you our dear Dad. Always in our thoughts and prayers. Your loving Daughter Jacky, Son-in-Law Scott, Granddaughter Laura and all of your loving family xxx

PETER HOPPS Passed away on 28th November 1988. Beloved memories of a dear Husband, Father and Grandad. You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true. When we needed someone, we could always depend on you. Your love will stay with us forever. Heather, Daughters, Son-in-Laws and Grandchildren xxxxx

PETER HOPPS 28th November 1988. In loving memory of a very special Dad and Grandad. The man I looked up to and proud to call my Dad. Who was taken out of our lives far too early. 30 years on, there is not a day goes by with all the special memories you have left us with. All our love, Angie, John, Liam, Carl and Ashleigh xxxxx

PETER HOPPS 7th February 1941 - 28th November 1988. Treasured memories of a dearly loved Dad and Grandad. Loved and missed each and every day, forever locked in our hearts. Love from Tara, Dan and Katie xxx

Thank You

MARGARET OAKLEY

I would like to thank all my wonderful neighbours in Ryder Court, Woodham and the lovely ladies at the Pop-In, who have shown sympathy and support during the past few days after my dear Wife Margaret passed away. My heartfelt thanks to all you wonderful people. George Oakley.

Obituary

JEAN BELL (nee Houston)

Peacefully on 10th November, aged 75 years. Beloved Wife of Maurice; dearly loved Mam of Paul, Stephen, Ian and Julie; loved Mother-in-Law; treasured Grandma of Kirsty, Jade, Steven, Jack, Katie, Jayden, Georgia and Corrigan. Funeral Service took place on Thursday 22nd November in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 11.00am prior to Interment in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

CATHERINE RAINE (nee Hoar)



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our Daughter, Catherine, on 18th November 2018. Wife of Rob; Mother to James and Paul; Daughter of Brian and Anne; Sister to Lee and Andrew and a Great Aunt. Church ceremony at St Cuthbert's Church, Peterlee on Thursday 29th November at 11.00am. Followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 12.30pm. The Wake will take place at Southside Social Club, Easington Village SR8 3AX

Heighington Football

Heighington AFC Under 9s vs Blackhall Monks FC U9s.

The mighty red and blacks played another amazing match today winning 5-2. After a nervous start and when everyone began to settle down, we had enough chances to finish the match in double figures. There were some really good passing moves and some even better goals. Goals were scored by Ethan x2, Oliver C x2 and Dylan x1. Man of the Match went to Oliver C. We remain undefeated.

Heighington U9s Blacks The all new look Heighington AFC Blacks ran riot against a tricky and loud Trimdon United Team as they beat United 7-0 - their biggest win in 2018 - to progress to their 4th win in a row. The new look team did not take long to settle in and performed better than ever. Scorers: Robson x2, Raine x2, EC x1, Wilko x1 and Nathan x1. MoM: Raine

Second game In the 2nd game we altered positions around to allow the lads to experience a different feeling and they took it in their stride. It was a really good battle and the lads deserved the 3-2 victory. Scorers: Whiting x1, OG x1 and *not sure* x1. MoM: Whiting Thanks to all the committed parents who stick by us week by week.

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Ben Sanderson



Happy 18th Birthday
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Olivia Job



Happy 18th Birthday
21st November 2018
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CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Elizabeth's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 1st of December from 10.00am.

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SCARLET 8th IN ROWRAH BAMBINO CHAMPIONSHIP

School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn finished 9th in her Bambino kart in the Championship final at Rowrah, Cumbria this weekend.

She competed despite feeling poorly all over the weekend with a virus, but soldiered on even through sometimes cold and challenging conditions.

"She is really pushing



herself to the limit and trying very hard" said her Dad, Anthony. "She did amazing considering she was feeling unwell and also has engine problems. Mam, Grandad [who form AMARON Racing] and all of her family are very proud of her".

The final result leaves her 8th out of 23 drivers in the 2018 Cumbria Kart Championship Comer Bambino Class, even though she missed one round.

This will be Scarlet's last competition of the year. Her team, Amaron Racing, plan for some winter testing for Scarlet and her brother Harrison, together with some equipment updates

/ improvements to keep progressing ready for the 2019 season.

For more information on Scarlet & her racing visit www.ScarletDunnRacing.com

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was a slightly quieter weekend for the runners of ARC last weekend, although there were still several races in which runners took part.

Firstly at the local parkruns, there were some members achieving PB's. At Shildon Susan Cranswick achieved a PB of 21.57. At Sedgfield Melanie Rowland finished in 28.56 and over at Catterick, John Surtees finished in a PB of 17.22 with his wife Tracey Surtees also achieving a PB on the same course in 20.25.

Two members, mother and son, travelled to Edinburgh to take part in the Mo Runs which took place around the base of Arthur's Seat in the city. Hilary Knox completed the 5k in 36.26 and her son Martyn completed the 10k in 48.24.

On Sunday one member travelled across the Country to take part in the Windmill 10k which took place on the coast at Lytham near Blackpool. Mark Bainbridge completed this in 43.09.

Julie Nisbet travelled to Bolton Abbey where she took part in the Trail Half Marathon. Julie took part in this tough event last year and whilst this year the course had changed, it



was still as tough with plenty of mud to overcome. Julie completed this race in 2.51.38. Finally, and also on Sunday, 6 of our members took part in the Town Moor Memorial 10k organised by Heaton Harriers. This is a relatively flat and fast route although the course is very open and was therefore quite windy. First home for the club here was Trish Kay in 49.51, followed by Judith Porter 1.02.44, Susan Clark, 1.02.44, Eve Doe 1.06.43, Jan McLuckie 1.10.12 and Ray Todd in 1.12.37.

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 6.30pm, Tuesday is endurance/speed session from 7.00pm, 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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