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Leading North East Health and Wellbeing charity, PCP continued its 20th birthday celebrations on Thursday 20 November by acknowledging its longest serving volunteers, employees and tenant. Each received a gift in recognition for their 'time served' and were invited to join PCP Trustee and Chair, Barry Knevt and Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive, to a delicious afternoon tea. PCP's longest serving volunteers are Carol Briggs and Brian Wilson who have been with PCP since the beginning (1998) and were involved in starting the charity and continue to support the organisation as members of our Board



Left to Right: Louise, Alistair and Carol Briggs



Left to Right: Brian, Toni and Carol Gaskarth



Left to Right: Denise and Becky

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of Trustees. PCP longest tenant is the Village Pharmacy run by Alistair and Louise McConnell. And finally our longest serving staff members are Becky Gustard, Quality Co-ordinator who joined PCP in 2001, Denise Harty, HR & Payroll Officer (2004) and Liz Godfrey, Learning for Health Co-ordinator (2005). Barry surprised Carol Gaskarth (who organised the event and didn't put

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PCP Celebrates Longest Standing! FIT FOR A KING



Left to Right: Toni McHale, Liz and Nigel Brough

her service forward for recognition) with a bunch of flowers from the Board, as Carol is also a longest serving member for staff, having joined PCP in 2003. Barry said "Thank you all of you for your continued support and dedication to the organisation. You have helped to shape and make PCP what it is today". 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



A fantastic celebration meal for the 'Feast of Christ the King' was held by our amazing Aycliffe Parish

Youth Group; Sam, Adam, Morgan, Jack, Lily, Izzy, Olivia, Millie, Kyra, Evie and Charlotte.

It was a really great lunch with superb entertainment including jokes, singing, poems, games, quiz and instruments - something we will remember for a long time and indeed fit for a king - the King of Hearts truly welcomed in.

Thanks also to the very festive Christmas Kitchen Crew who worked tremendously hard.

A Night in Bethlehem

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on Shafto Way, invites you to a wonderful Christmas event called 'A Night in Bethlehem'.

This will be held on Saturday 15th December at 5.30pm and is for all ages. Come and experience what Bethlehem may have been like the night Jesus was born.

Families will enjoy great food, crafts, games and be drawn closer to the reason we celebrate Christmas. The event is free and all are welcome. Non-perishable food donations are being collected on the night to be passed to the local food bank. Thank you Josh

WOODHAM Country Club

Saturday 15th December
Christmas Party Night

Live entertainment from singer "Tom Whaley"
Cold Buffet - Starts 7.00pm - Tickets £19.95 per person

Saturday 22nd December
Christmas Party Night

Live entertainment from singer "Tom Whaley"
Two Course Christmas Meal - Starts 7.00pm - Tickets £25.00 per person

Sunday 23rd December
Children's Christmas Party

Festive Buffet - Disco - Party Games - Santa (present for each child)
£7.95 per child - 4.00pm to 7.30pm - £10.95 (per adult)



Monday 31st December, 7pm-1am
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- Fantastic "Little Fix" - Tickets only £4.00 (two shows, 2.00pm and 7.00pm).
- It's Panto Time with "Sleeping Beauty" (two shows, 2.00pm and 7.00pm) - Tickets £4.50 All kids received a Free election Box.
- Show of the Month: "Dr Drew & The Crew" + comedy from the one and only "Gary Skyner" + Howey's Starlight Disco - Tickets £5.00

For tickets please contact The Club 01325 312949 or call in and ask at the main bar

THE BIG CLUB

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December & Christmas Entertainment Guide

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| Saturday 1st | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Jimmy Moon" Bingo - Free entry |
| Saturday 1st | Concert Hall: 80s Disco John Melvin - £2.50 |
| Sunday 2nd | Sheraton Bar: Vocalist Andi Fox + Howey's Karaoke - Free entry |
| Sunday 2nd | Benidorm's Own Comedian "Albi Senior" with Robbie Raines & Disco, 6.30pm - £5.00 |
| Saturday 8th | Fantastic Band "Ska Mania" supported by "The Thieves" - £5.00 |
| Saturday 8th | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Ali Jay" + Bingo - Free |
| Sunday 9th | Sheraton Bar: Brilliant "Kevin Finnigan" + Howey's Karaoke - Free entry |
| Friday 14th | Concert Hall: "Boxing Night" |
| Saturday 15th | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Alan Watson" + Bingo - Free entry |
| Sunday 16th | Sheraton Bar: Vocalist "Danny Stephens" + Howey's Karaoke - Free entry |
| Saturday 22nd | The Sensational "Little Fix" (two shows, 2pm and 7pm) - Tickets £4.00 |
| Saturday 22nd | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Mark Thomas" + Bingo |
| Sunday 23rd | Family Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" (two shows, 2pm and 7pm) - £4.50 + A free Selection Box for children |
| Monday 24th | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Peter Hoban" - £2.00 |
| Saturday 29th | Show of the Month - "Dr Drew & The Crew" + Comedy from "Gary Skyner" and music from Howey's Starlight Disco - £5.00 |
| Monday 31st | Music Lounge: Vocalist "Angie" and music from Howey's Starlight Disco - £2.00 |
| Tuesday 1st | Concert Hall: John Melvins Disco/Karaoke + fantastic band "The Pre-Amps" - £1.00 |

All Welcome and Happy New Year To You All
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SHOW OF THE MONTH

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY - GRILL NIGHT

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Saturday 1st December - "FizzyFish"

Band Quote: FizzyFish are a band . . . but what sort of band? We aren't rock . . . We aren't pop . . . We are not indie or even punk . . . We are the edges in between. We feed on the flux flowing through them all and fuse them all together. The subject matter of some of our songs can be a bit dark, but you won't care as you sing away oblivious to the hidden messages in these anthemic tunes, all plucked from our own Juke Box of Doom stretching from 1976 to nearly now and back and forth. We try and pick songs that you will know, but not ones that every other band plays. We're not really a club, wedding or Barmitzvah band, you may find some parts of our set a bit anthemic a bit serious, you may find the humour a bit off the wall, the imagery a bit surreal, you may find you have a damn good night, a daaaaamn good night. The first set is designed to listen too, while you get comfy in your surroundings, the subliminal messages gradually turning you to drink, loosening your resolve, you may want to get up and dance and that would be great, but stick around for the second set as we know you will definitely feel the need to dance as the energy ramps up. We will then send you out into the world having journeyed through time and space, faced some demons and come out the other side full of fabulousness a humming and a smiling. The list of acts we cover evolves through time, most stuff is post punk, we could do classic rock, but there are other bands that cover that area really well and we suspect that we are a bit different.

Saturday 8th December - "Hope City Rockers"

For more information on bands go to

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Pudsey shows up at Primary School Breakfast Club



The children could not believe who visited their Breakfast Club – Pudsey Bear! Pudsey is the mascot

In Memory of Ronnie Kipling

On 28th August 2018 Ronnie Kipling sadly passed away after a battle with cancer. Ronnie lived in Newton Aycliffe most of his life, with his wife Mary and had three children; Sharon, Julie and Paula and four grandchildren Amy, Liam, Sean and Thomas.

Ronnie loved nothing more than supporting Liam and Thomas who played for Newton Aycliffe Junior Sports Club now Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club under managers Mick Burnham and Jennifer Howe. Even after the boys finished playing for the teams Ronnie would regularly go to watch other Newton Aycliffe junior matches.

The family thought it would be a fitting tribute to donate all money raised at the funeral to NAJFC. A very generous £530.30 was raised and on 22nd November NAJFC Chairman Nige Slatcher received the cheque from Ronnies wife Mary and daughters Sharon, Julie and Paula.

The club have decided, with the families permission, that this money will go towards funding a portable defibrillator which could potentially save the lives of others.

Woodham Academy have



kindly allowed the club the use of their own defibrillator, which is located inside the school, however a portable one would allow managers to have one pitch side. As some of the pitches are outside the main school grounds having a defibrillator pitch side could significantly increase the chances of

recovery. Studies show that every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent. On behalf of the club we would like to thank the Kipling family for their very kind donation which will be a lasting and very fitting tribute to such a lovely man.

Thank You

Dear Sir,
Can I thank all who sponsored me during my recent workout in N/A Leisure Centre held on Friday 16th November for the BBC Children in Need. A donation of £100.00 was sent to the BBC Children in Need.

The generosity of the people will make a real difference to disadvantaged young lives across the UK.

It means that the BBC Children in Need can find and fund voluntary groups, community projects and local charities with inspirational ideas that change young lives. And it means they can continue to help children and young people have a childhood that is:

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Christmas Menu

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served on a bed of Salad and a with a warm Sweet Chilli Sauce

TO CONTINUE

Traditional Turkey

served with Pigs in Blanket, Roast Potatoes and Pork & Cranberry Stuffing

Pan Fried Sea Bass

served on a bed of Crushed New Potatoes & a Creamy Leek Sauce

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

served with a Jack Daniels Toffee Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream

One course £ 7.95 Two course £12.50 Three course £16.95

Children's Traditional Turkey Meal & Trio Ice Cream £6.50



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Film Show

"MUSIC AND LYRICS"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 4th December features the musical comedy "MUSIC AND LYRICS" starring Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore.

Washed up pop star Alex has the chance of a comeback, but he can't write lyrics; then he finds that his plant lady can, cue music, lyrics and romance, and lots of laughs.

Everyone welcome, please come and enjoy.

Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2; the film starts at 1.15pm.

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- 3 - Hake Fillet with Parmentier Potatoes, Vegetables and Rosemary Jus
- 4 - Mushroom & Chestnut Risotto with Cranberry Mascarpone

- 1 - Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce
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- 3 - Apple Crumble with Creme Anglaise
- 4 - Traditional Cheeseboard, Crackers, Onion Chutney and Grapes

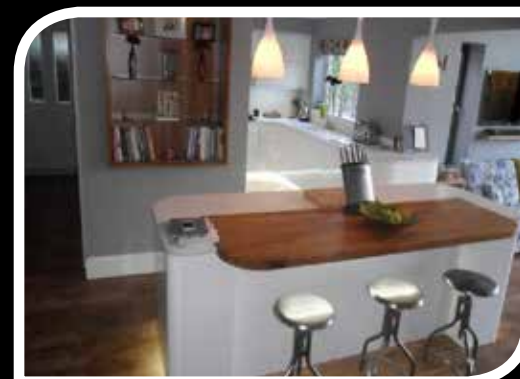
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HUMANKIND & BLENHEIM CDP INTEND TO MERGE

Pioneering health and social care charity Humankind and innovative London-based alcohol and drug charity Blenheim CDP have announced they are intending to merge in April 2019 to form a national organisation which takes a different approach to addressing health and social inequalities.

The organisation, which will be named Humankind and employ over 1,100 staff, will build upon their commitment to pursue their vision for people of all ages to be safe, building ambitions for the future and reaching towards their full potential.

Paul Townsley, Chief Executive of Humankind said today: "As two separate organisations, we have worked successfully across both the North and South of England for the last 50 years; we believe it is now time to come together to create one organisation that takes a new approach to addressing health and social inequalities. Together, we would continue to deliver the best of services for our service users, funders and partners, including housing, supported living, employment training and education, young people and family, clinical and substance misuse services."

John Jolly, Chief Executive of Blenheim CDP, said: "Blenheim



CDP and Humankind have long valued innovation in service design and delivery, and we are both committed to taking this work forward, including extending our digital offers. We also have ambitious plans to capitalise on the opportunity our merger will bring to develop campaigns and influence national policy, recognising the changing nature of the social and

political climate.

"When the merger goes ahead, the current stakeholders of both organisations can continue to expect the same high standard of delivery, and Blenheim CDP services will keep their name and branding. Our decision to merge has resulted from our shared desire to pursue our objectives, increase our impact and to grow the services we offer."

Annual Christmas Quiz

School Aycliffe Community Hall present an Annual Christmas Quiz on 14th December 2018.

Tickets now on sale priced at £8 per person to include corned beef pie (vegetarian option available) and mushy peas, please bring your own alcohol. 7.30pm start.

Maximum of 6 per team. Quiz Master is Stephen Quigley!

There will also be a raffle - tickets available on the night. Please contact Christine on 07981 992686 or Georgette on 07951 758118 for tickets and further details.

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NDance
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First Wednesday of each month

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Craft and Natter Group
7.00pm till 9.00pm
Ladies Evening

For hire information please contact Tony on 07807 134942 and for any general enquiries contact Christine or Georgette details above.

Woodham London Trip 2018



At 4.45 am Friday 19th October 2018, students arrived at Woodham Academy awaiting the departure of the 'London' trip. After a trouble free journey the 39 students and 3 staff arrived in the capital at 11:10 am. The first activity of the trip was to take a guided tour of the Whitechapel area of London, focusing on the infamous undertakings of 'Jack the Ripper'. The group arrived at their accommodation (the YHA Thameside) for a quick refresh and change of attire. The group were then dropped by the coach at Covent Garden where the students were able to sample life in the capital. They witnessed street musicians, magicians and comedians, along with the stalls at the Covent Garden market.

From here the group made their way to the Wildwood Bar and Grill for their evening meal, a popular choice being pizza. Mr Zielinski even showcased his waiter skills when handing out the desserts. After a hearty meal, the students made their way to the Lyceum Theatre. The group were whisked through a side door (next to the 'Stage Door') and taken to the Royal Circle ready for the 19th anniversary performance of the 'Lion King'.


Day two started with a fantastic breakfast and full room inspections before departure for the Tower of London. Once there the group boarded a Thames cruise tour and took in the sights of the capital from the River Thames. The

Palace of Westminster, the London Eye, Tower Bridge were just a few of the iconic sights. After the tour the group made their way over to East London and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. After a tour of the site and many photo opportunities the group were given free time to explore the vast array of shops and eateries that make up Westfield Stratford City. The group departed London at 18:30 and arrived back at Woodham just a little before 00:00 Sunday morning.

Mr Zielinski Head of Geography at Woodham Academy was quoted as saying "the London trip offers the students the opportunity to experience the various ways of life that make up the vibrant metropolis. London is a vital exam case study at GCSE and the trip provides students with unforgettable experiences which they can use to great effect in the exam hall". Following the fieldtrip Megan Faith Ellwood a GCSE History student was quoted as saying "My favourite part about London was the Lion King because it was a phenomenal experience." Education is predominantly about students achieving grades, but Woodham Academy aims to give all its students experiences and opportunities that stretch further than the classroom, developing them as people who can go into the wider world and live successful lives.

Christmas Fete

St. Clare's Court Home are holding a Christmas Fete on Saturday 8th December 2018 from 2pm-4pm. St. Clare's Court are opening their doors and are hosting their annual Christmas Fete with a range of craft stalls, raffle and tombola. The Christmas Café will be open for you to enjoy homemade cakes. Please come along and join in the festive fun.




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Sergeant's Blog NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By Sergeant Andy Boyd



Do you have a burning question for your local police officers?

Need advice on an issue and don't know who to turn to? Want some help or assistance with a community initiative? Police officers in Newton Aycliffe are joining forces with a number of partner agencies to provide drop-in advice and support sessions for local residents in the run up to Christmas.

From this Friday (November 30) until Friday, December 21, officers will be taking over an empty shop on Beveridge Way where residents can come and discuss any issues they may have.

They will be joined by different agencies on selected days, with Santa and his elves also making a special appearance.

Sergeant Andy Boyd, from Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Police Team, said "This is a fantastic opportunity to seek advice, help and assistance from a variety of agencies covering a wide range of issues. We are working closely with them to promote the amazing work that they are doing in the community, as well as providing a presence in the town centre in an effort to reduce shoplifting and Anti-Social Behaviour. So please, come down and see us, the kettle is on!"

The drop-in sessions will take place at 37 Beveridge Way (opposite Savers). The agencies that are taking part are:

Street Triage Team - The Street Triage Team (STT) work in partnership with Durham Constabulary providing timely support, advice and guidance to the Police when they are dealing with people experiencing mental health issues and distress.

AARMS - Set up to help those who struggle to control their alcohol consumption to attain a safe pathway to recovery.

Changing Lives - Changing Lives helps more than 17,500 people change their lives for the better each year. We are a national charity dedicated to supporting people with the most complex needs to make meaningful and lasting improvements to their lives.

YourCountryYourMoney - Money saving and money management tips aimed at benefiting you and the county.

Hub of Wishes - At the Hub of Wishes, you can become part of a vital and rewarding community, where you are supported and given access to a range of facilities tailored to your 'wishes'. Offering support/advice to people suffering from a number of issues.

Junction 7 - Junction 7 is supported by County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission. They offer an emergency food service, a school uniform project and one to one advice and sign posting.

Living - Their mission is 'providing great homes, sustaining strong communities and building a successful business.' They recognise that to make communities vibrant places to live, they must do more than just letting and repairing homes.

Durham County Council's private landlords department - DCC's private sector housing team can offer a wide range of advice and guidance; in particular around helping residents access private rented accommodation, advice on: tenancy sustainment; disrepair and landlord/tenant disputes; as well as any issues around empty properties.

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service - They will be providing home fire safety advice.

Bloodwise Raises a glass to McGeary Fundraising

A charity fundraiser topped up his totaliser this week thanks to a Christmas wine draw which brought in £800.

Newtonian Paul McGeary has spearheaded a campaign which has so far seen over £35,000 raised since he was initially diagnosed with Leukaemia in 2014.

Paul's mother, Mary Warke, along with her friends Marie and Dave Nicholson have gathered charitable donations and turned them into Christmas hampers, with a grand draw taking place on Thursday evening. In total, 18 prizes were drawn, with the £800 taking the #NotOneInch total to a staggering £36,500.

Next week marks the four-year anniversary of Paul's diagnosis, and although his condition has been in remission for 18 months since a relapse in 2016, the relentless fundraising push has shown no signs of slowing down.

Mary said, "I'd like to thank everyone for their donations, interest, purchasing tickets and support throughout the past few weeks. Hopefully the prizes will add to a nice Christmas for everyone." Paul added, "Thanks to my mother and her friends for their hard work and dedication to this leg of fundraising. £800 is a phenomenal effort at this time of year, and is testament to the support we have had throughout."

Further fundraising is planned for 2019 as the group looks to surpass the £40k milestone. Anyone with any ideas is urged to contact Paul at mcgearypaul@hotmail.co.uk

MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, will host a Civic Carol Service on Sunday 9th December 2018, 4.30pm at St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

The Service will be attended by Civic Dignitaries from the surrounding areas and Councillor Clark would also like to cordially invite members of the public to join him for this Christmas celebration.

Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall following the service.



A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 8th December in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre from 11.00am to 2.00pm in the shop unit next to Ladbroke's.

All proceeds from this venture are to go towards 24 hour defibrillators around Newton Aycliffe.



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Saturday, 1st December, 2018

1.00pm to 5.00pm



Live Party Music from "GROOVY STREET" and
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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



Sugar Hill Road Safety Awareness



Sugar Hill Mini-Police were very busy last Friday as part of Road Safety Awareness Week. Dressed in non-school uniform to raise funds for the 'Blue for Jackson' charity, this dedicated group of pupils then put on their Mini-

Police uniforms to spread the road safety message to parents and carers outside school.

Completing traffic surveillance outside school really changes the behaviour of some motorists. The children have noticed how much slower cars travel along Sheraton Road when they are on duty. Looking out for cars that are illegally parked is always a focus of the traffic surveillance events.

Mini-Police will be on duty again really soon and would like to thank all those drivers who drive carefully at all times.

Mini-Police are keen that motorists are extra careful as they travel along Sheraton Road and the

surrounding roads.

Mrs Legge (Deputy Head) has led a Road Safety Assembly reminding children to add a bright hat or scarf if they wear dark clothing when they are out and about throughout the winter months.

To find out more about the charity Sugar Hill Pupils have been raising money for, you can find information on the internet . . . simply type 'Blue for Jackson'.

We, as a school, are proud to have supported Jackson's Mam provide Road Safety resources to other schools, in his memory raising £280.86.

Many thanks to all parents and carers for their support.

Academy Raises Money for Children in Need



Friday 16th November saw the return of the annual Children in Need fund raising event at Woodham Academy. The academy has been raising money for the charity for over 10 years; this year the event was organised by Miss Ellesha Gray, teacher of English. The whole school actively participated in the event, in terms of sponsored silences, fancy dress, sponsored football matches, and the sale of raffle tickets in order to win a Pudsey cake made by the academy's resident chef, Linda Vipond. In addition to a raffled cake, other sweet treats were made and sold by students during break and lunch time. The day was a resounding success, allowing a day of fun to be constructive in terms of raising both money and awareness for the cause of Children in Need. The day started with a guest appearance from Pudsey himself who welcomed the students into school. Members of the public even stopped to say hello to Pudsey and donate at the gate. At break time, Pudsey participated in group photos with students to depict their fund raising efforts.

Throughout the day, students were witnessed braving the cold dressed in their pyjamas and onies. All year 7 and 8 students were encouraged to take part- some organising the usual sponsored silences and fancy dress day- with the addition of some innovative ideas such as: sponsored car washes, handcuffing to a friend for 24 hours and a cinema night at school where pupils watched and sang along to The Greatest Showman.

The students made a superb effort in both raising money and their positive attitude towards the event.

As a result of the massive success of the Children

in Need event hosted by Woodham Academy, the students, teachers, staff and other contributors managed to raise a very impressive amount of money, totalling £1046.00 thus far. Thank you to parents for supporting the charity and providing fantastic costumes.

[editorial]

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in the community, with the community, for the community

CRANKING UP TO CHRISTMAS

Looking at the columns of this week's Newton News, it is delightful to see the Christmas season starting to get into swing. The first thing we noticed were the Santa hats in the photos! And then we read about the Christmas events which will be taking place.

Aycliffe Radio, in partnership with the Town Centre Management, is proud to be kicking off the Christmas season in Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 1 December ... with a free Celebration event in the town centre 1-5pm, and a ticketed Xmas Live event at the Xcel Centre, 6-9pm – playing our part in the community's festivities.

It doesn't matter how old you are – it's very difficult not to get excited.

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING Many families open their presents together, where the joy is as much – if not more – about watching others receive their gifts, as it is about opening one's own presents.

If you read this week's articles, you will find many examples of people who have collected for Children in Need, or are collecting for Christmas charities, or

giving up their Christmas to run events and meals for others etc. Without these selfless, generous people, our town's Christmas would be infinitely the poorer, and they are much appreciated. Thank you.

SELF-IDENTIFYING SANTA

The Santa Tours are in the national news again, we see, as our community discusses vigorously whether Santa might be a woman. It is sad that the debate has been misrepresented as it has by the national press, because both sides are genuinely fighting for an important principle – gender equality is one of the foundations of our society, and yet the traditions of our town's Santa Tours are equally precious to us all.

The Newton News will not offer an opinion on what has become a heated debate. But we will remind everyone that Christmas is about Peace and Goodwill to all People. And if the birth of the Christ-child could make the guns of World War One fall silent, surely – once the Town Council has made its decision – it can settle the dust on this controversy too. The Newton News wishes all its readers every success as they prepare for Christmas.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

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NOVEMBER		
Friday 30th	6pm-10pm	Street Triage
DECEMBER		
Saturday 1st	6pm-10pm	Street Triage
Sunday 2nd	11am-4pm	Santa
Wednesday 5th	1pm-5pm	AARMS (Aycliffe Alcohol Recovery and Mutual Support Group)
Thursday 6th	1pm-5pm	Changing Lives
Friday 7th	9am-1pm	Fire Service Livin (ASB Officer)
Monday 10th	1pm-5pm	YourCountryYourMoney (FamilyFinance/Meet the experts day) Livin (Western Ward)
Tuesday 11th	1pm-5pm	Livin (Shafto Ward) 1-2pm Livin (Central/Agnew/Burnhill Ward) 3-5pm DCC - Private Landlords Department Hub of Wishes
Wednesday 12th	9am-1pm	Changing Lives Livin (ASB Officer)
Friday 14th	6pm-10pm	Street Triage
Saturday 15th	6pm-10pm	Junction 7 Street Triage
Sunday 16th	11am-4pm	Santa
Wednesday 19th	9am-1pm	YourCountryYourMoney (Family Finance/Meet the experts day) Livin (ASB Officer) DCC - Neighbourhood Interventions Officer
Thursday 20th	1pm-5pm	Fire Service Livin (Simpasture Ward) 1-3pm
Friday 21st	12pm-4pm	DCC - Private Landlords Department Livin (Aycliffe Central/Agnew/Burnhill ward) 1-3pm

Together Better Policing

BULB PLANTING AT HORNDALE



Newton Aycliffe School pupils from Byerly Park have planted 10,000 crocus bulbs to improve their local area. The project was organised by Horndale Residents Association following on from last year's planting project to improve the outlook at one of the underpasses. The pupils were really happy and enthusiastic to help make a difference to lots of people who use the underpass to access local schools, church and shop and are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour in spring. Philip Clark from the Association said it is great to involve the younger people in

our work to improve our local neighbourhoods and this gives them pride of where they live and go to school. This year's bulbs cost £600, £500 of which was secured through Durham County Councils It's Your Neighbourhood fund. Staff from DCC Civic Pride team and Cllr Scott Durham helped the pupils plant the bulbs and explained how the bulbs may grow. Horndale Residents Association next meeting will be their AGM on Wednesday 5th December starting at 6.00pm with refreshments at 5.45pm at Greenfield Arts Centre, everyone is welcome.

Stars Launch Darlington Panto

Three stars of the festive, family pantomime made a brief visit to Darlington Hippodrome for the official press launch of Aladdin which runs from Saturday 8 December to Sunday 6 January.

The irrepressible Louie Spence who will be playing the Spirit of the Ring, lost no time in getting to know the layout of the new theatre on his first visit to Darlington while Zoe Birkett and Liam Mellor felt right at home having appeared last year in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Television personality, presenter and choreographer Louie Spence pirouetted into the nation's consciousness thanks to the overwhelming success of Sky One's Pineapple Dance Studios and Louie Spence's Showbusiness, solidifying Louie's reputation as an expert on all things dance. In addition to his television experience Louie has enjoyed an extensive stage career appearing in Miss Saigon and Cats and danced alongside Take That and the Spice Girls. Louie will play the Spirit of the Ring in Aladdin, his ninth foray into pantomime, bringing with him the high kicks and high jinks he's best



known for. West End leading lady, Darlington-born Zoe Birkett, will star as the beautiful Princess Jasmine having played the Wicked Queen in last year's pantomime, a role for which she was nominated for Best Female Villain at this year's Great British Pantomime Awards. Having been propelled to fame by entering Pop Idol in 2002, Zoe quickly solidified her reputation as a stunning vocalist, actress, presenter and pantomime star. Her stage roles include Diva in Priscilla Queen of the Desert at the Palace Theatre, lead vocalist in What a Feeling, Respect La Diva and Thriller Live in London's West End, Maureen in Rent at the Greenwich Theatre and Dion in the infamous musical Hair in Zurich. She went on to star as Rachel Marron in the critically-acclaimed UK tour of The Bodyguard in the role made famous by the

late Whitney Houston. Zoe is currently starring in the UK tour of Rock of Ages. Also back for more is Liam Mellor who stars as Wishee Washee, the hapless but hilarious brother to the high-flying hero Aladdin. Alongside his feature film appearances in Yellow Ribbon, Kick It Out and Jack Falls Liam is highly sought after on the comedy circuit and in the world of pantomime where he delights audiences with his infectious, 'cracking' humour every year.

The star cast line up is completed by Robin Askwith as the evil Abanazar while Eric Potts returns in the role of Widow Twankey. Aladdin flies into Darlington Hippodrome from Saturday 8 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019. For full details and to book visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk or call 01325 405405. Aladdin is supported locally by LNER

CAREERS FAIR 2018



Woodham Academy students attended the school's annual Careers Fair recently. A wide range of local education providers including Bishop Auckland College, Carmel College, Darlington College, Durham Sixth Form Centre, East Durham College, King James I Academy, New College Durham, Northumbria University, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and UTC South Durham attended the event. Also present were a number of organisations speaking to the students about apprenticeship opportunities. These were 3M, Carnell, the Fire and Rescue Service, Husqvarna, ITec, Livin, the Royal Air Force, Stiller and SW Durham Training Ltd. The National Apprenticeship Service and The National Citizen Service were also in attendance.

Each participant had a stall and every student from year 8-11 was given the opportunity to speak to them and improve their knowledge and understanding of the variety of different opportunities available to them when they have left school. Careers co-ordinator, Dave Walker, says, "We are extremely grateful to all of the organisations who took part in this year's Careers Fair. It gave our students a fantastic opportunity to speak to a whole range of different providers so they can make informed decisions about their futures."



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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	Paul Baker
"Through the Decades"		
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Steven Harrison

TUESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
Sports Show sponsored by Honest John		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
4th Dec	Peter Robinson (NA Youth F.C.)	
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
9.30-12am	Motown Classics	

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
30th 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

"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"

6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

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

Check our website for full schedule

www.ayclifferadio.co.uk

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Tuesday 11th December

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Breakfast With Santa



PCP Cycle Marshal Angela Stevenson has this week donated toys to a PCP charity. PCP Newton Aycliffe have received a sack full of festive gifts, donated by the local community, to be handed out during a "Breakfast with Santa Christmas Fair" next month. The public are invited to bring along the family to enjoy story time with Santa and a free gift for the children. Meanwhile, Santa will be visiting the PCP for a bite to eat before he delivers presents around the world for Christmas.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A quiet week for newsbits, but with an essential DCC 're-visioning' consultation; great news for the Youth & Community Centre; an impressive Neighbourhood Police effort ... and a not-to-be-missed weekend at the Locomotion Museum. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB85

And join me on Aycliffe Radio, 7-8pm, Sunday 2 December, with my guest Trish Pemberton, to discuss the Heritage Action Zone and the regeneration of south-west Durham: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC re-visioning consultation – it is essential that Newton Aycliffe people contribute to this.
- GAMP meeting, Tuesday 27 November – including a fire service update, DCC's re-visioning consultation, and some exciting grants.
- Until Human Rights Day on 10 December many people are wearing a

White Ribbon, as part of a campaign to protest and end male violence against women.

- Last week was Safeguarding Awareness Week.
- A Youth Club is set to run again at the 'Youthie'.
- Neighbourhood Police Town Centre sessions.
- Congratulations to Aycliffe Business Park's Tekmar, and Roman.

THINGS TO DO

- Countryside walk – Shildon-Redworth circular, 7.5 miles, meet Locomotion Museum Car Park, 10am, Wednesday 5 December, £4.
- Festive Fun weekend, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-4pm, 8-9 December, FREE.
- Wooden reindeer making (5+), Hardwick Park, 8-9 December, £24 per reindeer – booking essential on 03000 262 899.
- 'Scaling the Heights' exhibition and craft activities (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 8 December, FREE.

Mr or Mrs Claus?

Dear Sir,
I would like to campaign for men's rights to be Mrs. Claus!!

Over the years I have received many "ho-ho-ho's" from females responding to my pathetic attempts at being romantic and as much as I admire, respect and prefer the company of the opposite sex, I do believe they have the right to be men, even if that is only for one night and I have the right to become a woman, just for one night.

If a woman can be a brilliant Prime Minister, Santa would be a doddle for them. When I was younger and if a bird (now a 21st century none PC description) slithered down my chimney on Christmas Eve, I would have been the happiest little 28 year old in Aycliffe experiencing my best Christmas Eve ever.

Yours sincerely
Satan Lucas
AKA Honest John xx

Quality At The Heart of Health & Wellbeing

Northeast health and wellbeing charity PioneeringCarePartnership (PCP) continues to lead the way after successfully retaining a prestigious European quality standard, ISO9001:2015!

This internationally recognised standard, demonstrates PCP's commitment to their clients and must be recertified every 3 years during a 2 day external audit, by the Centre of Assessment.

During the external audit PCP had to demonstrate the centre has the procedures and systems in place to ensure their projects and services consistently meet their clients. PCP also had to evidence commitment to improve the quality of PCP projects and services.

Every year this process is supported by a small but dedicated number of PCP staff and volunteers who, led by Quality Co-ordinator, Becky Gustard undertake internal audits and reviews. Becky said: "This process is vital to ensuring PCP provide a consistent approach to our services and the way we support our clients."

Carol Gaskarth, CEO of the Pioneering Care Partnership said: "We are thrilled, to once again maintain this award, first achieved in 2008. PCP is not an organisation that stands still for very long

and many of our projects and services have changed over the last 10 years. Our commitment however, to providing a quality service to our clients, still continues to underpin our core mission, 'Health, wellbeing and learning for all'.

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



Holiday Snaps



Greetings from Ayers Rock (Uluru) in Australia. Paul and Lynne Arnold have just returned from a tour of Singapore, New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong which was to celebrate their up and coming Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd December. This copy of Newton News was well travelled. The couple chose this location to have the picture taken due to its remoteness. Send your Newton News holiday snaps to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

Alone for Christmas?

Junction 7 supported by County Durham Tees Valley Rescue Mission are holding Christmas Day Dinner.

Loneliness can be difficult to cope with at any time of the year, but add a little forced festive cheer and, for many, it becomes unbearable. With the festive season upon us, family togetherness and merriment are painfully accentuated. You might be alone on Christmas day for different reasons, such as the death of a loved one, living far from relatives, or because of social isolation, or even struggling financially. If you're set to spend Christmas day alone, come and join us where you will be warmly welcomed.

This year we are doing Christmas Dinner on Christmas day. Do you know anyone who would like to join us, or help. This is free, funded by people who care. No one should be alone on Christmas day, It will be held at Neville Community Centre at 2pm. We will be having a traditional Christmas dinner, a special visitor will be popping in too. Transport available. Please contact Jane 07804 454471 or junc7tion@gmail.com to book for more details. Jane

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Baby Event Helps Children's Blessings



Lifeline Community Action's Children's Blessings team would like to thank Melissa and her team at Aldi, Newton Aycliffe, for letting us know that there was a baby event coming up.

We were able to purchase baby toiletries and safety gates at reduced prices.

Photo: Bob Munn, Liz Joy, Yvonne Beynon and Adam from Aldi who helped us to fill up the cars with the goods.

Donation to MRI Appeal

Margaret contacted me and invited me to speak to the ladies, who themselves have recently celebrated 60 years as a club - originally called the 'Young Wives Club' but as time has moved on, just the Wives Club as they didn't think they could pass for being anything other than young at heart now.

I shared with the ladies details about our charity and the many initiatives that we help fund as a charity, including the MRI Appeal. I shared with them news about a young artist who has helped to paint a mural on the wall of the Children's Emergency Department, helping to create a warm and welcoming environment, the purchase of special 'ear muffs' that actually help our consultants to detect hearing impairment in very young children, the purchase of sepsis trolley's and of course another big appeal for our hospital in Durham to build an extension for the chemotherapy unit. We discussed at length the difficulties we encountered in changing the 18 year old scanner for the new state of the art technology, removing part of the roof of Darlington Memorial, going through five floors to crane out the old machine before we could crane in the new one, all the remedial work, the installation of the hardware and software and of course the education of our staff to be able to use the new equipment.

We scan over 1000 people every single day in our Trust and the new equipment helps our consultants with earlier diagnosis of many life threatening or life limiting conditions. We all know that earlier diagnosis can help to save lives.

Pat Chambers Charity

Development Manager for CDDFT Charity said, 'I was delighted to come and speak with Margaret and the ladies at the Wives Club and blown away with their generosity as they presented us with a cheque for £120. I'm overjoyed to receive this support, we've still some weeks to go before we pay the final invoice for the scanner

and this continued support is so greatly appreciated.

If you can help by donating, fundraising or volunteering for the MRI Scanner Appeal, please call Pat Chambers on 07770455651

Photo: Margaret Willis (r) and Evelyn Bellwood (l) from the Wives Club at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church in Neville Way.



PARISH OPEN DOOR PROJECT



As part of the Open the Door Project in Aycliffe Parish, St. Clare's Church invites you to come inside every Tuesday morning in December from 10-12 noon. An opportunity to spend some quiet time within this festive period of busyness.

The run up to Christmas can be stressful and hectic and ten minutes to gather your thoughts is sometimes just what is needed. Our Memorial Tree is waiting for your messages and wishes to loved ones passed or those who need our prayers now, come and place a star on the tree, light a candle or just sit quietly.

We will be serving FREE tea, coffee and mince pies, so please come in - the door is open to YOUR Church which has stood in the middle of this community for nearly 60 years. A warm welcome awaits and all are welcome. First Tuesday in Advent is Tuesday 4th December 10am.

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As well as 'Free after 3,' free parking will be available across the county after 10am on Saturday 1 December - again in all the council's off-street car parks and on-street spaces. This coincides with Small Business Saturday, a national campaign which encourages people to 'shop local' and support small businesses in their communities.

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HRA AGM Fabulous Programme for Greenfield Arts

5th December
Horndale Residents Association will be holding their 2018 AGM on the 5th December starting at 6pm. Mince Pies and Christmas Cake will be served from 5.45pm at Greenfield Arts Centre.

We will be looking back over the last 12 months. The year initially started slowly, especially regarding funding but we managed to achieve a great deal, working hard, securing funding for next year and into early 2020. This year we hit the fantastic total figure of £100,000 of funding since our inception in October 2012.

We are looking forward to another great year with lots of trips, events and community building projects.

Since our last meeting we have successfully registered as a charity. This process happened a lot quicker than we expected as it can take 2-3 months for the registration to be processed. However, our registration came back from the Charity Commission in less than a week which was great timing. This now means we can start the New Year as registered charity, Horndale Community Association, with a new logo.

Residents Association would like to thank the following: Honest John, Tesco, Bay Horse (Middridge), Newton News, Aycliffe Radio, Durham Constabulary, Greenfield Community & Arts College, GAMP, Local Councillors, Grannies Choice, Madathlon, Wilko's, Durham County Council Civic Pride Team and everyone who has helped us to make our communities stronger.

We wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Philip Clark
Chair

Greenfield Arts are thrilled to announce their new community learning programme for spring 2019. The autumn 'season of play' has been very busy with popular courses attracting record numbers, encouraging imagination and creativity through a range of activities for all ages.

The new programme will include regular adult courses

including Spanish, Yoga, Floral Art and Exploring Collage and a range of new exciting 'studio sessions' which include creative photography, jewellery making and a lino print workshop.

The Greenfield Gallery will also be extending their playful season through the annual 'Open Art Exhibition', a chance for artists to submit artwork

that showcases creativity and imagination. The exhibition will be held in March 2019, you can find full details of how to get involved on our website.

There are further opportunities for young people with free holiday activities on offer and weekly sessions such as young yoga and art club. There will be a special festive wreath making

session on Christmas Eve and our regular crazy crafts sessions at half term. Artist Dawn Belshaw will be on hand at these sessions to help young people get creative and make something amazing to take home.

Greenfield Arts have something for all ages and abilities, whether you are looking to improve wellbeing or develop your artistic talent, whatever age or level you will be welcome at Greenfield Arts!

For full details of the exciting new programme and more about our activities and events just check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. For all courses and holiday sessions please book your place via the online enrolment form on the 'Courses and Activities' page on our website. If you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE



Woodham Academy students have recently taken part in a sponsored bike ride to raise funds for Woodham's Thailand Experience. The aim was to cycle the last section of the Coast2Coast where they would finish at Roker Beach in Sunderland. On Saturday 10th November, 9 students travelled to Parkhead Station in Stanhope, where they prepared for a 36-mile journey. Students cycled across some challenging terrain and had a rather chilly start. The students had check points where they could refuel with water from the minibus and had 4 short stops throughout the day.

The students passed through Rowerly, Stanley, Beamish, Washington and Sunderland where they were able to take in some breathtaking views of the local countryside. All students showed great resilience, especially when reaching mile 25, when the muscles had become fatigued. Whilst travelling along the River Wear and approaching the final stretch, moral was high, and students really pushed through. The team arrived at Roker Beach where they ditched the bikes for a team photo on the sea front.

The total ride took 3 hours 39 minutes and the students averaged around 10mph

throughout the journey. They showed a great positive attitude throughout the whole day and really pulled together when it became tough. The students raised money through individual sponsor sheets and through the team's 'Just Giving' page.

Woodham Academy's Thailand Experience is a life changing opportunity where 14 key stage 4 students are travelling to Thailand for 2 weeks where they will visit different areas in North Thailand. They will also be taking part in 7 days of volunteering at Chang Mai's Elephant Nature Park. This is specifically for elephants that have been orphaned or injured as a result of the tourist trade. It is a rehabilitation centre where the students will be hands on with the elephants, caring for, feeding and bathing them. The students will also be involved in the day to day maintenance of the sanctuary. They will be embarking on this journey in July 2019 and are all working hard to raise funds for this outstanding opportunity.

If you would like to follow our journey, please follow their facebook page: @woodhamthailandexperience

If you would like to donate, our just giving page is: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/woodhamthailandexperience

Digital Declaration Promises Better Council Services

The region's largest council has signed a Local Digital Declaration, committing to deliver better value for money in the internet age.

Durham County Council joins a number of local authorities and public sector organisations to have pledged to work together to improve digital services for citizens, as part of an initiative promoted by the UK Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Government Digital Service.

Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, signed the declaration on behalf of Durham County Council, promising to work towards a number of shared objectives, including designing services that best meet the needs of citizens, challenging the technology market to offer flexible tools and services, protecting citizens' privacy and security and delivering better value for money.

Cllr Allen said: "There are new digital tools and advances in technology being made all the time. By signing this declaration we are promising to use these resources, along with the knowledge we can gain from sharing information with other local authorities, to transform our services for the benefit of the public. As signatories of the Local Digital Declaration we will also be able to apply for additional funding to improve our current digital services further." Further information about the Local Digital Declaration is available at www.localdigital.gov.uk/declaration

Road Safety Week



UTC South Durham hosted County Durham and Darlington Fire Service to recreate a patient extraction from a RTA in the engineering hall to highlight the dangers of the road for Road Safety Week.

Two 6th form students, Ben Thrower and Stephen Henry bravely volunteered to be the 'patients' and to be cut out of the car whilst their fellow students watched the whole demo from the balcony.

UTC South Durham Deputy Principal, Jenny Trapp organised the event at UTC and said, "Many

of our 6th form students have begun taking driving lessons and some have passed their driving test. As an educational setting, we feel it's really important to not only educate them on academic matters but also about their wellbeing and the wider world too. Many of our students live in the rural communities that surround us and driving on those roads can be tricky at times, especially for new and young drivers with little experience."

The scenario the team faced was that the car had been crashed into a tree, and they had two severely injured passengers in the car that were trapped.

Jenny continued, "Many of our students undertake academic courses in Science, Technology Engineering and Maths here, but we also provided an additional enrichment programme for all students that attend here to add additional value to their education and to support their studies where possible. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the team at the Newton Aycliffe station of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service for highlighting the

importance of road safety to our students." For additional information about UTC South Durham please call 01325 430 250 or visit the website on: www.utcsouthdurham.org to see the range of courses available to GCSE students and A-Level students.

Tea Dance

Tuesday 4th December at 2.15pm in the Junior Hall

The children and staff of Sugar Hill Primary school would like to invite you to a TEA DANCE to celebrate the heritage of our town and the Aycliffe angels. There will be a very special surprise on show!

Tea and home-made cakes will be available throughout the afternoon.

A display of children's work from across the school will include: Aycliffe Angels, Life of an Evacuee, the story of the poppy, Animal war heroes, Winston Churchill and ROF 59.

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Christmas Music

St. Andrew's Church invite you to a night of Christmas Music 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).

Thank You

Margaret and Ken Close would like to thank everyone who donated and left a kind comment on Facebook.

A huge thank you also to the police, fire service and bin men.

Through Facebook we raised £220 from lots of lovely kind people, that donated through a giving page. My aim was to cover the cost of their insurance excess and the Durham County Council cost to replace two bins.

Margaret (87 years) and Ken (who is in his 90's) were victims of a horrible arson attack. They had their bins, shed and fence set on fire by some awful person, however the power of social media has shown them how many caring people wanted to help cover that cost and they're both so extremely grateful.

The power of kind hearted people has really touched Margaret and Ken.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was another successful week of racing this week with cross-country being the main focus of the weekend. There were however, a couple of PB's achieved at local parkruns on Saturday. At Shildon Julie Nisbet secured a PB for that course in 24.37 whilst over at Sedgefield's Hardwick Parkrun Melanie Rowland achieved a PB in 28.27.

Later that day was the first of two Cross Country races, this one being in the North East Harrier League. This took place on the fields and wooded areas of Aykley Heads in Durham. This is a very undulating course and is probably one of the hardest in the series. Fortunately the weather has been quite good for the time of the year and therefore the course was pleasant underfoot. Two of our women runners tackled this course of approximately 4 miles (two laps of the course), first home was Michelle Zamir in 34.10 followed by Sandrine Boinet-Hewitt in 47.00.

The men had to take on approximately 6 miles (3 laps). First home was Paul Dalton in 41.48 followed by Dez Fielden 42.13, Andy Talbot 45.43, Richard Holland 46.20, Richard Campbell 48.13, Brett Lambert 54.30 and Rob Nicholson 57.33.

On Sunday was the second Cross Country and again the weather was perfect for the race. This was part



of the NYSD league and took place in the grounds of Preston Park. This race saw one of the best turnouts by members that the club has seen and included two of our junior section who both raced in the Under 11's. They completed a course of 1.6k and Fern Brischuk completed this in 6.56 followed by Felicity Lineton in 8.07.

The senior women raced next over approximately 5k with Michelle Jane first home in 25.26, she was followed by Susan Milburn in 29.02 who was also first 0/60, Sarah Dixon 29.40, Heather Fenwick 31.34, Anne Kellett 32.20, Kathleen Tonge 32.34, Gemma Holland 33.43, Melanie Rowland 34.09, Lindsey Brown 35.03, Sandrine Boinet-Hewitt 35.39, Jane Burnside 36.15,

Christine Needham 36.38, Susan Clark 36.41, Penny Johnson 39.30, Eve Doe 39.35, Jan McLuckie 41.44 and Sam Baronowski 41.50. Finally it was the turn of the men to complete their course of approximately 5 miles. First home was Peter Milburn in 34.14, followed by Richard Campbell 35.08, Andy Talbot 35.30, Martyn Knox 36.35, Richard Holland 36.39, Dave Blewitt 39.21, Trevor Needham 40.06, Simon Matthew Turner 41.25, Rob Nicholson 43.38, Ian Baronowski 48.10, John Richardson 48.51 and Richard Tonge 50.37.

There was also a road race taking place on Sunday. This was the Town Moor Half Marathon that took place on the Town Moor in Newcastle. Paul Dalton claimed first place overall in this race in a time of 1.24.14 and Judith Porter also completed the race 2.11.30. Well done again to all our members on a fantastic presence in the local races. If anyone is interested in coming along, we cater for beginners and more seasoned runners. Our sessions are explained on both our website and facebook page and of course you can just drop us a message if you want more information and someone will get back to you.

Spectrum Roller Skating Club



Spectrum Roller Skaters have been busy raising money for Children in Need. Sixteen skaters took part in a charity show at Shildon Civic Hall skating two demonstrations to music from Trolls and Cotton Eye Joe. The skaters also held a fundraising roller disco to celebrate Pudsey day on Friday 16th November covering a skating bear in coins to raise £36.69 for Children in Need.

This month 13 skaters are taking part in The Kindness Counts Award doing acts of kindness throughout the month to gain a medal. In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

The award is part of The Great British Challenges for Children. For every child taking part £1 is donated to Rainbows Children's Hospice in memory of Sophie Byrne providing vital care and support to families impacted by life-limiting conditions. Skaters have so far donated coats to Shildon Alive, made cups of tea for their mums and hidden kindness rocks for others to find. Follow their story on Spectrum's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/spectrumartisticrollerskating>

Five Spectrum Skaters travelled to Kettering for a National Competition. The 'Winter Solos' Competition on 24th/25th November saw the skaters compete against others from around the country in Dance, Freedance, Couple, Duos and Quartet categories.

The Spectrum Squad - Nicola Stevens, Joseph Kearney, Aysha Toms, Niamh Dawson and Jazzmyn Loring trained hard and were excited to compete at such a prestigious event.

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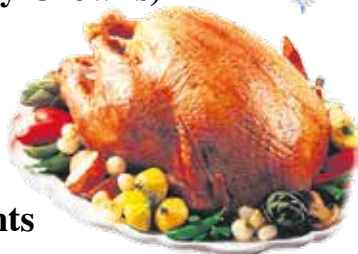
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'PAGES BY THE SEA' AT GREENFIELD COLLEGE

Students at Greenfield Community College were given the opportunity to participate in creative workshops as part of the lead up to Armistice. 'Pages by the Sea' was headed by renowned filmmaker Danny

Boyle to commemorate the many people who left the shores in World War 1, some never to return. As part of the initiative 14-18 NOW, through the work of Sunderland Culture, Greenfield Community

College were offered the opportunity to explore the story of the face being drawn in the sand on local beaches and work with artists and writers to explore the themes of the First World War through poetry and art.



Year 9 students were able to appreciate the historical and social implications of war through this creative learning and by taking the opportunity to be involved in such a significant wider initiative. Students created prose and giant poppies to contribute to the project and throughout the school,

students worked on a range of activities to mark the centenary. Greenfield Community College would like to thank 14-18 NOW and Sunderland Culture for making the workshops possible and contributing to the student learning experience through such a memorable project.

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Residents and the team at HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham have received a very generous and kind Christmas donation from local legend, Honest John. 'Honest' John Hilton first set up his fundraising stall in 2007, with the aim to raise money for those in need in the local community. Families in Newton Aycliffe donate items to Honest John for him to sell the items on and all money raised is donated back into the local community. Each year John gives a Christmas donation to care homes in Newton Aycliffe, and this year the Residents at Defoe Court were thrilled to receive a donation of £250 for their comfort fund. Sarah Todd, Home Manager at Defoe Court, commented:

"On behalf of all of the Residents, thank you so much!"

Defoe Court are holding a Christmas Fair on 1st December from 2.00 to 4.00pm, join them for a range of festive activities - everyone is welcome.

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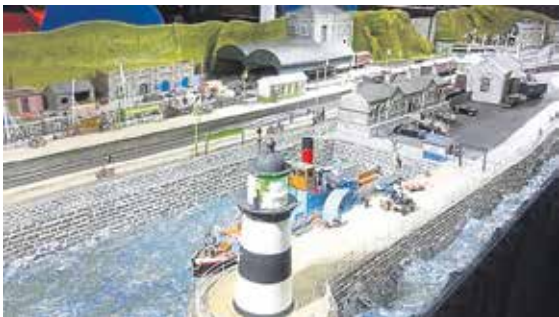
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This year's event will be better than ever with at least 20 layouts booked for the event ranging from "n" to "0" scales representing locations from the UK and Europe. Of special interest will be a new European "TT" scale layout and for the very young, a self-drive Thomas and Friends layout from Shildon Model Railway Club.

Traders will be well represented with 10 stands selling new and pre-owned model railway items along with die-cast models, scenery, photographs and books. Four full size preservation societies will be lending their support while other enthusiasts will be manning a tombola stall and serving refreshments.

Free parking is available at St Mary's RC Church just yards from the event, there is full disabled access, all day refreshments are available and a family tombola. Proceeds from the exhibition will be shared between Heel and Toe and The Railway Children. Further information is available from Rtn John Burrows on 07870 210269 or email jandeburrows@gmail.com

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- Origami
- Calligraphy (painting of Japanese Kanji symbols)
- How to use chopsticks
- Trying on Yukata (traditional Japanese clothing, similar to Kimono)

These fun, hands-on experiences were a great opportunity to learn a lot about the Japanese people's culture.

The children also learned some beginner Japanese, the official language of Japan, including: ohayou gozaimasu - Good morning arigatou gozaimasu - Thank you

The children found it all very interesting and were



captivated with the new things they learned.

Miss Marshall, year 3 teacher said "Having visitors from Japan brought to life the work that the children have been doing in the classroom. The children enjoyed all of the activities". Mrs Edwards, Head Teacher said "It has been excellent working with

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Visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for "improving 7 day access" choosing the Newton Aycliffe event or by calling 0191 371 3222. Please let us know at the time of registering is you have any special requirements.

Complete the online questionnaire

You can give us your views by completing the online survey at www.durhamdaleseasingtonedsedgefieldccg.nhs.uk/involve-me/current-conversations. Please read the accompanying consultation information before completing the questions.

Closes 5.00pm Wednesday 19th December 2018.

If you require a copy of the consultation document this is available by calling 0191 371 3222 or by emailing ddeccg.enquiries@nhs.net

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New Exhibition & Festive Craft Fair



Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce their latest exhibition 'Sharing Inspiration: An Appointment with Creativity'. This is a collective exhibition by artists who form part of the Creative Forum group held weekly at Greenfield Arts, led by local artist Sharron Bates.

The exhibition will preview on Wednesday 5th December from 18:00 and 20:00 and will include a Festive Craft Fair. The evening will offer many items for sale including fabulous artwork, bespoke crafts and festive cards, why not come along and see for yourself and share in the festive spirit.

Our Cree group will also be on hand with their now famous wooden snowmen and reindeers which will be on sale on the evening at a very realistic cost and are sure to be a big hit!

The exhibition will run from Thursday 6th December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January 2019 and will showcase the variety of skills and crafts of the group members. The Creative Forum runs each Friday morning and was created in response to Sharron's own desire to surround herself with fellow creatives and acknowledge the importance of social interactions for artists and creatives in the area.

If you would like to know a bit more about the preview, craft fair or the full programme available at Greenfield Arts please check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



The next Pact Meeting is as follows:

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the station or contact Councillor Lee on 07876 216182 or email gglee1910@gmail.com to arrange collection/drop off in Heighington.

Chris and Clare Williams are so proud of their U9 girls football team "NAYFC Angels" who have all made their boxes for the appeal. They chose to make boxes for girls their own age, as they felt they'd know what other 8yr olds would like for Christmas. They all took great pride in putting together their boxes and giving at this time of year. Definitely Christmas Angels!

Spread Christmas Cheer

The Parish of Great Aycliffe's Pastoral team will be visiting all of our Care and Nursing homes in the next three weeks. Why don't you join us as we go around spreading the Christmas cheer this year with a short service of readings and carols and communion for those who wish it. It means so much to all residents in all of these homes, especially those with no relatives to visit. All of you are very welcome to come along to any of the Homes on these dates and times.

Monday 2nd December, Bethany Home and Day Care at 11.00am.

Wednesday 4th December, St. Clare's Court at 2.00pm.

Friday 6th December, Woodham Grange Care Home (along Burn Lane, down the bank and first on right).

Monday 9th December, Rose Lodge Home at 11.00am.

Wednesday 11th December, Aycliffe Care Home at 11.00am.

Friday 13th December, Defoe Court at 11.00am.

Monday 16th December, Lindisfarne Care Home at 11.00am.

Contact Pam Lovelass, APA, for more details.

Litter Picking Again



Litter Picking

This is a regular event every Sunday 11.00am until 1.00pm we would like more children to join us.

The young person is Colin Pearman Junior, an excellent example to his friends, always willing and capable of doing anything he is asked. Well done C.J. I think you deserve a Police Award.

Western Area Community Centre. We have been closed for a month waiting for a new boiler to be fitted which was completed this week.

We will be holding a lot of activities there including a Mother & Toddler Group; restarting on a Tuesday morning will be the Older Peoples Group from

10.00am until 12.30pm. We will also be welcoming resident's to enjoy a coffee and bacon sandwich, two days a week.

Children's Disco every Friday from 5.00pm till 7.00pm, Children's Craft Club and many more activities.

The Residents Meeting will be held on 12th December at 2.00pm.

SANTA WILL ALSO HAVE A GROTTTO ON THE 22nd & 23rd DECEMBER FROM 11.00am UNTIL 3pm.

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Thank You

Elizabeth Smithson



Happy 100th Birthday 5th December 2018

Thanks to Carol and the staff at Lindisfarne Care Home for the devoted care you have given Elizabeth over the last five years.

Birthday Remembrance

STEPHEN P. IBINSON

30th November



Thinking of you.

Silently opening memories door, partings come and hearts are broken. Loved ones go with words unspoken. Forgive us Lord if we still weep, for a Son we loved and wanted to keep. Mam, Dad and family Wife Marion and children in Northern Ireland

JEAN PARKER 25th November. Thoughts of a special Mam and Nana. Love you always, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xx
JEAN PARKER 25th November. Memories of a lovely Mam. Miss and love you Mandy xxx

Obituary

AUSTIN HAROLD STOKOE

Passed away peacefully on 18th November, Austin aged 89 years.

Loving Husband of Sheila; much loved Father of Malcolm, and devoted Grandfather to Emma and Julia.

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JULIA BAYNE (nee Baker)

Suddenly at home on 24th November, aged 76 years. Beloved Wife of the late David; loving Mum of David, John, Kenneth and Lyn; treasured Nana of Louise, Claire, Hayley, Andrew, Matthew, Aimee, Joshua, Ollie, Ashton, Erin and Ciara; also Mother-in-Law of Moira, Rachel, Jo and Andrew and much loved Great Nana of Noah and Eden.

Funeral Service to be held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 6th December at 9.30am.

Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 10.30am. Family and friends to meet at Church. Enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Directors 01325 301405.

CHARLES PEEBLES MacMURRAY

24th November, peacefully at home. Charles Peebles of Newton Aycliffe, aged 84 years.

Devoted Husband of the late Margaret, a loving and much loved Dad to Susan, Vivien, John, Christopher and the late Charles, also a very dear Brother, Grandad and Great Grandpa. Will family and friends please meet for Service at the Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 6th December at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Charles, may if desired, be left at the Crematorium for the Macmillan Nurses appeal.

Congratulations

Elizabeth Smithson



Happy 100th Birthday 5th December 2018

Congratulations from Dorothy, Lynne, Norman and all Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

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Happy 1st Birthday Love from Mam, Dad, Winston and Family

AUDREY WILKINSON 1st December. Hope you have a lovely day on your 80th birthday, with many more to come. All my love, Bob xxx
AUDREY WILKINSON 1st December. Happy 80th Steppie - have a great day and enjoy your party - cos we will! Lots of love, Irene xxx

AUDREY WILKINSON 1st December. Happy 80th birthday Audrey. Have a good day. Love from Steven, Graham, John, Claire, Rachael, Georgina, Millie and Bradley xxx

PAUL & LYNNE ARNOLD Congratulations Mum and Dad on your 40th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd December 2018. We hope you enjoy your day and enjoyed your celebratory trip to Singapore, New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong. Simon and Ruby
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Juniors Football Report



The wet weather didn't stop the Aycliffe Juniors footballing action over the weekend when there were many games to enjoy. The Under 6's took part in a joint training session with Crook. These players have just started playing over the last year and really enjoyed

the opportunity to face local opponents. The Under 7's White played Durham County and came away with a 3-0 win. Tyler scored twice with Jack R also on target and Sammy was named as man of the match. The Under 7's Juniors enjoyed a friendly away at Cleveland Juniors. An exciting game ended 8-7 to Aycliffe with goals from Dan (3), Jonah, Dom, Jack, Kai and Marley. There was some great football played and Daniel was chosen as the man of the match.

The Under 8's braved some tough conditions to play Darlington Spraire lads and a tight game ended 0-0. The Under 9's played a very strong Leven team and couldn't get anything from the game. Men of the match were Callum and Oscar. The Under 10's Claret faced high flying Darlington Youth. A determined effort matched the hosts initially but they couldn't get anything from the game. The man of the match was Joshua J. The Under 11's White played a friendly game against

Leven. A good 4-1 win was secured with goals from Niall, Jack and Aidan who added two.

The Under 12's travelled to play Greatham. They put in a good effort but lost out by one goal to nil. Cody was selected as the man of the match.

The Under 13's Russell Foster League team played Shotton Colts Reds and won the game 7-1.

The Under 13's TJFA League team hosted Leven Athletic at Woodham and won 2-1. They went ahead with a goal from Zack and after Leven drew level Charlie Bunton scored the winner.

The Under 14's won an exciting derby against local rivals Sedgfield. A wonder strike from Dylan opened the scoring but Sedgfield then levelled the game with only ten minutes left. The winner then came in the last minute from Jake Watson. Jack Lambert was the man of the match.

The Under 17's played unbeaten Redcar, their task was made more difficult after a sending off reduced them to ten men. The score stayed at 0-0 with only fifteen minutes left. Redcar scored twice before Noah Ellis' free kick halved their lead. Aycliffe pushed for an equaliser but it was Redcar who completed the scoring and won 3-1.

N.A.F.C. REPORT



Saturday 24th November Ebac Northern League Division One Guisborough Town 3 v Newton Aycliffe 3

Newton Aycliffe came away from Guisborough with a 3-3 draw, but should have taken all three points. They started well, with Vinny Gash getting through the defensive line after only three minutes, but home keeper Nixon saved with his legs. The pace of new signing Jermaine Metz caused a lot of problems for the Guisborough defence. Stu Thompson had a shot cleared off the line. The pressure told on 19 minutes when Ben Wood latched onto a poor back pass and slotted the ball low past Nixon. Aycliffe were well on top, but allowed Guisborough back into it only two minutes later. Hume made some space in the penalty area and shot past James Winter for the equaliser.

Aycliffe continued to play well in the second half and deservedly went ahead when Thompson picked up a loose ball in midfield

and hit a screamer into the top corner from 25 yards. Aycliffe increased their lead on 67 minutes when man-of-the match Marc Costello headed in a free kick. Guisborough resorted to high balls into the penalty box in an effort to claw their way back into the game. The tactic paid off seven minutes from the end when Close headed in. Aycliffe then went down to ten men when Alan Harrison was sent off. In injury time Guisborough snatched a point when Aycliffe failed to clear their lines and Roberts drilled a low shot into the corner. With half of their league games completed, Aycliffe lie eleventh in the table (of eighteen teams). Next match for Aycliffe is Saturday 1 December when Whitley Bay will be the visitors to Moore Lane. Kick off is 3pm. Admission adults £6, concessions £4, accompanied under 12s free.

The Phoenix Club



Friday 30th - Karaoke / Disco with **BURNBABY** – FREE ENTRY

Saturday 1st - **MOTOR CITY SOUL** and solo artist **STEPHEN LEE GARDEN** £3 at the door

Sunday 2nd - afternoon solo artist and **STAN** karaoke / disco. Evening solo artist **MICHELLE MAC** £1 entry for both

Thursday 6th - Line Dancing with **DAVE INGLIS**

Friday 7th - Charity night for heel and toe children's charity for those with cerebral palsy. With solo artist **KAYLEIGH LOUISE** and **BURNBABY** disco. Raffle with fun and games £4 a ticket.

Sat 8th - **THE DUETS** and solo artist **SHEIL CAMPBELL** £3 on the door.

Sunday 9th - afternoon karaoke and disco free entry.

Sunday evening solo artist **CHRIS DAVIES** £1 entry.

Thursday 13th - Line Dancing with **HONKIN TONKIN**

Friday 14th private party.

Saturday 15th - **ROD STEWART** tribute and solo artist **MISS SOPHIE LEE ASH** £5 a ticket

Sunday 16th - Afternoon Karaoke / Disco with **STAN** free entry.

Sunday evening solo artist **DALE CARTER**

Thursday 20th - Line Dancing with **TANYA TURNER & CHRIS RADDINGS** (Xmas Party Night - Bring A Plate)

Friday 21st - Karaoke/disco with **BURNBABY** free entry.

Sat 22nd **THESE DAYS** Fantastic **TAKE THAT** TRIBUTE £6 a ticket

Sunday 23rd Karoke/disco afternoon with **STAN** free entry.

In the evening solo artist **ALI JAY** £1 entry.

XMAS EVE - JEFFRI RAMILI and duo **MACABER** tickets selling fast £5 members / £6 guests .

Friday 28th Karaoke / Disco free entry .

Saturday 29th - solo artist **PAUL VINCENT** and solo artist **NICOLA BROWN** £3 entry.

Sunday 30th - afternoon Karaoke/disco free entry Evening solo artist **JON CHARLES** £1 entry.

NEW YEARS EVE - We have **HUDSON SISTERS** and solo artist **IAN JOSEPH** Tickets £6 members / £7 guests

NEW YEARS DAY – Karaoke / Disco with **GARY** - free entry



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Heighington Football

Heighington AFC **Under 9s**, sponsored by MAF Plumbing, Heating and Gas Services, played a truly fantastic match on Saturday morning.

They played against Peterlee Helford Orange. It finished as a 10-4 win for the mighty Red and Blacks.

Double figures for the first time. Scorers were EC x1, Ollie A x1, Dylan x 2, Cole x3 (despite getting studs in his face), Oliver M x 2 and Oliver C x1.

MOM went to Dylan, after his best match to date for us. Bossed the whole game and showed plenty of skill throughout.

U9s Blacks (Sunday) Billingham Syn Whites 4 Heighington Blacks 2 Billingham dented Heighington's League hopes as they triumphed 4-2 in a pulsating encounter that was lit up by some superb strikes. Suffering their 1st defeat in the last 5 games the lads battled till the end.

Goals by Dylan and McKenna. Man of the Match - 1st game - Cole R.

The 2nd Game saw the Blacks, with fresh legs on the pitch, run riot winning the game 4-1. Plenty of positives to take from both games. Man of the Match - 2nd game - Zak D.

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