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The charity effort involved local people and volunteers donating their time and giving generously.

Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute, ladies from the Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe Indoor Bowling Club and Co-op Funeralcare all made a significant commitment to volunteering their time to collect money throughout November.

Thanks should also go to the staff at Tesco, Aldi, Wilko and the businesses throughout Newton Aycliffe that supported the Poppy Appeal.

The funds raised will go towards providing welfare services to the armed forces community living throughout the UK.

Ian Robinson, Poppy Appeal organiser, said: "It's been a great effort again by everyone involved and we went past last year's total. The fundraising really wouldn't be possible without local people volunteering their time to staff the collection points."

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## ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Tickets are priced at £4.00 per child (for under 10s only). There will also be a bouncy castle, soft play, face painting, games and disco - with a very special visit from Santa. Please call into the Leisure Centre for your ticket.

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## About the Author

Barry Waters lived in Newton Aycliffe for over 50 years. After thirty years in Sales and Marketing Barry retired and now spends around 11 months of the year living in Spain with his wife Louise and their rescue dog Lucy.

Over a period of years Barry has had many short stories and various poems published. His latest book *Destined for the Top* is Barry's first full length novel. The idea came from when he was working in



South London and visiting some of the less savoury public houses. Although the book is pure fiction there are elements of what he saw and heard whilst in these establishments that had an influence on what is written. The sequel is well underway. The book is available on Amazon Paperback and Kindle. Also in Waterstones, WH Smiths and most good book shops.

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# The Sugar Hill Angel and Heritage

Children at Sugar Hill Primary School have been learning all about the local heritage of Newton Aycliffe and they have recently hosted a traditional tea-dance where a special guest was unveiled. Parents, grandparents and members

of the community were invited into the school hall to see the children dance to songs from the war, as well as a choir singing a wonderful version of 'It's a long way to Tipperary.' A variety of work was displayed from the Nursery



involved. Sugar Hill was the first school established in Newton Aycliffe and I currently run my engineering business from an existing ROF building. Both my grandparents were Aycliffe Angels and I know first-hand how cold and grim the buildings are! I am proud to have helped such a lovely school and also commemorate the ladies of Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas contribution to the war effort. The Aycliffe Angel will stand in their memory for many years to come." The staff and children at Sugar Hill want to thank Richard and his wife Dawn, for their generosity and kindness in donating the angel to the school and for all his work and support during this project.

children all the way through to the Year 6 children, which included diary entries from evacuees, war poems and newspaper reports on the lost animals in the war. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the bravery of our local heroes, 'The Aycliffe Angels' who worked in very dangerous conditions during WWII to make the munitions at ROF factories within Newton Aycliffe. A reflection of the children's inspiration could be seen through their artwork where they have designed and made clay models of an angel. However, the main excitement of the afternoon was when their very own Angel of Newton Aycliffe was revealed. To commemorate the work of The Aycliffe Angels, pupils and staff at Sugar Hill wanted an angel for their school garden to remember the history of the town and how the town first began. Richard Hindmarch, owner of AF Engineering & Design Services from Newton Aycliffe Business Park kindly offered to make a steel angel that would sit in the school garden for years to come. Richard gave up lots of his time to work alongside the staff and children to help with the design. Josh Veitch, a pupil at the school, was delighted when his design was chosen to be made. Richard was able to develop Josh's design to incorporate bombs for the head and

body, and artillery shells for the wings. The angel will be concreted into the school garden, surrounded by stone poppies that every child within the school has painted. Richard was delighted to be involved, he quoted "When Mrs Forster approached me as a friend to help with this project, I found it a great privilege to be

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



Sunday saw the unveiling of the new Santa Sleigh built by the Engineering Staff at J&C Coaches on the Business Park, for the use of the Rotary Club on their 2018 street collections. It will also see use on Christmas Eve helping out Great Aycliffe Town Council on the annual Town Santa tour.

The build has been a real Community effort with special thanks going to Dave West of Katell who's company supplied the Timber all cut to size, including the fabulous Reindeers. Formica who supplied the Laminate, Bus & Truck Parts (Washington) and NPA Newton Aycliffe who supplied the Flashing Lights and John Woodward of Imperial Joinery, who assisted with the assembly. We're looking forward

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**TO CONTINUE**  
Traditional Turkey  
served with Pigs in Blanket, Roast Potatoes and Pork & Cranberry Stuffing  
Pan Fried Sea Bass  
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Brie & Cranberry Parcel (V)  
served in a Filo Pastry on a bed of Crushed New Potatoes

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## M.A.D. Choir Entertain



It's been a busy week for MAD Choir! On 1st December they had a lovely time singing

Carols with Aycliffe Radio in a Celebration of Christmas in Newton Aycliffe Town

Centre.

On Saturday 8th December they hosted a Christmas Lunch and Party at Neville Parade Community Centre for the residents of Neville Parade and some invited guests. They all had a superb time singing and would like to thank all the residents who attended.

On Sunday 9th December they also sang at St Clare's Church for the Mayor's Civic and Community Service. MAD Choir would like to wish Newton News and all its readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

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## SSAFA To Open Vets Drop In Centre

The Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Families Association (SSAFA) in Newton Aycliffe are launching a "Drop In" service in the town at the beginning of 2019. From Monday 7th January, veterans and their families will be able to visit SSAFA at The Youth and Community Centre on Burn Lane (near Tesco) where they can ask for help or simply chat with their local SSAFA representative.

The SSAFA Divisional Secretary, David Hamilton said, "This is something we have wanted to do for some time, and our recent recruitment of willing and enthusiastic volunteers who have offered their time to support the scheme has now given us that opportunity."

The 'Drop In' will initially run for one morning a week for a 6 week trial period, during which time the value of the scheme will be assessed. David added, "It is about raising awareness and reaching out to veterans in need. This year alone SSAFA has helped 39 former service families in Newton Aycliffe and surrounds, raising more than £40,000 to support very specific needs."

"We know that there are others that need our help, but who may not be aware of the help we can provide or would rather talk to a caseworker face to face, rather than speak to a faceless person over the telephone."

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ALL TO HEAR



A sprinkle of Christmas cheer filled the corridors at HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, as Residents welcomed in the festive season with a fair.

Defoe Court opened its doors to members of the community, selling gifts from Yankee candles to fantastic frames and wooden snowmen, whilst enjoying seasonal hot drinks and nibbles.

The Residents at Defoe Court had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed the sweet and cake stall the most.

Altogether, a fantastic £130 was raised for the Resident's comfort fund.

Sarah Todd, Home Manager at HC-One's Defoe Court Care Home commented:

"The Christmas fair is a great way to get the local community involved and to celebrate the festive

season. Everyone was in good spirits and enjoying what was on offer and we are delighted at the turnout. "Thank you to everyone who attended, it really got us counting down the days to Christmas at Defoe Court."

Christmas Fairs took place in a large number of HC-One homes this year, providing members of the community and Relatives of Residents with the opportunity to get involved in the day-to-day activities of their local care home.

HC-One offers short and long term care to members of the community and is proud to be achieving a 9.5/10 group average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website, [carehome.co.uk](http://carehome.co.uk), with Defoe Court scoring 9.8/10.

For more information, or to arrange a tour of the home, visit [www.hc-one.co.uk](http://www.hc-one.co.uk) or call 01325 316316.

## Neville Residents Association Outing



We had a fantastic trip to York Christmas Markets on 1st December . . . despite the rain! A massive thank you to National Lottery players who make these trips possible. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm at Neville Community Centre. Refreshments, including mince pies, will be available for our last meeting of 2018. Neville Residents Association covers the area bordered by St. Cuthbert's Way from St. Clare's Church to Blue Bridge, the railway line to A167 and up to Central Avenue and back to St. Clare's Church.

Come along for a friendly meeting and bring a friend. We wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

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The Council proposes to make an Order under Section 1, 2 & 4 & Pt IV of Sch. 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect being to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on: (1) **Greenfield Way / Malvern Way:** (a) Greenfield Way (both sides) (opposite Greenfield School keep clear markings) - from junction of Alston Crescent northerly for 28m and southerly for 28m; (b) Greenfield Way (both sides) commencing from a point 15m north of its junction with Malvern Way southerly for 45m (west side) and 90m (east side); including 10m (both sides) into junction with Malvern Way; (c) Greenfield Way (west side) commencing from a point 53m south of junction with Malvern Way southerly for 25m. (2) **Millennium Way / Long Tens Way:** (a) Millennium Way (both sides) from junction with Long Tens Way (north side) 280m and (south side) 290m; (b) Long Tens Way (east side) from centre line of the junction northwards for 33m; (c) Long Tens Way (east side) from a point 20m south of the Grindon Way junction southerly for 71m; (d) Long Tens Way (both sides) from a point 28m north of the entrance into University Technical College South Durham northerly for 35m; (e) Long Tens Way (both sides) from the junction with the HWRC southerly for 43m. (3) **Wellbury Grove:** (both sides) from the junction with Central Avenue southerly for 24m. (4) **Hurworth Road North:** (a) (east side running from point adj to Unit 9 northerly for 55m including turn easterly past unit 12 (east side) for 20m and (west side) for 5m; (b) (west side) top of turning head opposite Unit 16 southerly for 28m includes right turn adj unit 14. (5) **C35 Middridge / Walker's Lane:** (a) C35 from junction with Walker's Lane southerly for 42m proceeding (east side); (b) C35 from junction with Walker's Lane easterly for 110m; (both sides) south easterly in front of Village Hall for 80m then (east side) for further 25m around the junction with the car park. All other existing restrictions will remain unchanged. A copy of the draft Order and plans may be inspected at Newton Aycliffe Library & County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri during normal opening hours and via the Council website. Anyone wishing to raise an objection to the proposals should submit this in writing to Loraine Holding, Legal Assistant at County Hall, Durham or by email to [highways.orders@durham.gov.uk](mailto:highways.orders@durham.gov.uk) (ref: 020320) by 7th January 2019.

Dated: 14th December 2018



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## Lonely This Christmas?

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## A KIND HEART

10 year old Ashton attend's Brownies on a Monday evening at St. Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe, during her time there she has noticed posters and collection bins for the food bank. She had asked her father what a food bank was, which he explained to her. Ashton thought this was really sad that families don't have enough food to eat and she has more than enough. Ashton said "as it was approaching Christmas could she use £10 of her pocket money to buy advent calendars to give to the food bank, as if these families can't afford food then maybe the children won't have even tasted chocolate". Her father told her that this was a lovely idea and very thoughtful and it was suggested that maybe she could do some fundraising and buy more advent calendars. She loved this idea, so we set up a GoFundMe



page and asked Ashton to right a short piece as to why she was fundraising.

She told her story again and asked for donations and this week she proudly donated a huge total of £157 worth of advent calendars, long life fruit juice and chocolate bars, biscuits and treats for the families in need (after checking with the food bank these are the treats that mean the most at this time of year but they just don't have).

When asked why she chose advent calendars instead of sweets her reply was "with an advent calendar the children can be happy every day until Christmas".

Ashton was so incredibly happy when giving her donation and said it gave her a warm fuzzy feeling inside. The family are so very proud of such a thoughtful act and her understanding that there are so many other people who are struggling for the basics in life and that she really wanted to help in such a small way with her pocket money initially, but encouraged others to think.

The family thought this story worthy of print and forwarded the story to Newton News. Ashton is hopeful that this will encourage others to think about the smallest donation.

## ST. CLARE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FETE

St. Clare's Court Care Home opened their doors on Saturday 8th December for their Annual Christmas Fete, and what a good day we had. We would like to thank all of the stall holders for their support, all businesses for their donations, Santa, family members, the Newton News for attending and the community for making it such a successful

day. We would also like to thank Honest John for his generous donation of £250. All money raised will go towards our Residents Fund, which will allow St. Clare's Court to provide trips out, entertainment and other special little treats, which the residents all enjoy and deserve. Many thanks to everyone involved.



## THANK YOU TSB



Horndale Residents Association would like to thank the Newton Aycliffe branch of the TSB for a donation of £175 towards our Christmas events. Staff at the branch recognises the work we do in building a stronger community for all and applied for the funding through their community fund. It is support like this from local businesses and companies that help us deliver community events.



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*A donation has been given to Aycliffe Village Hall in lieu of cards*

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## Come & Join the Celebration

The Parish Church of St. Clare's will hold its Family Christingle Service with pop-up Nativity on Monday 24th December at 4.30pm.

You are all very welcome to this informal interactive Service which this year celebrates 50 years of supporting the Children's Society. We encourage any child who would like to come along in Nativity Costumes, to do so. There will also be costumes available for children who would like to take part too.

Christingles will be distributed, lit and as the lights are dimmed we will think about the work of the Children's Society. Please come along - we may even get a special V.I.P. visitor!!

The Service begins at 4.30pm and lasts about an hour - so come and let your Christmas begin! Everyone is most welcome.

## THAMES DRY CLEANERS

Ken and his Staff,  
regret to announce,  
that due to health reasons

## Thames Dry Cleaners will be CLOSING

The final day that dry cleaning will be accepted and processed will be

**Saturday 5th January 2019**

All outstanding garments must be collected by

**Thursday 31st January 2019**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their loyalty over the last 30 years and wish you a Merry Xmas



# ROTARY'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



*Aycliffe Village School*



*Vane Road School*



*Woodham Academy Gymnasts*



*Woodham Academy Singers*



*Woodham Academy Dancers*



*St. Joseph's RCVA School*

In line with a long tradition, inaugurated by the Rotary Club and organised for many years by Syd Howarth, the Annual Community Christmas Concert took place on Tuesday 11th December at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

The audience packed into the main hall for a fantastic afternoon of entertainment and community sing-along of traditional Christmas Carols.

The programme included performances from Aycliffe Village School who sang a traditional and a modern song "Child in Manger" and "Glory Rap". Vane Road School sang two songs "It was on a Starry Night" and "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree".

Woodham Academy turned up with superb singers, dancers, gymnasts and an excellent solo performance from Aimee, singing "I'm Almost There".

St. Joseph's pupils were smartly dressed in their school uniforms and sang "Midnight" and "Little Star".

Horndale Primary School pupils were colourfully dressed in Christmas jumpers and hats and gave their rendition of "Jingle Bells" and "Fly to Bethlehem".

Greenfield Community Arts College students were accompanied by guitar playing teacher Mr Gomez-Gill and sang two great tracks including "Do They Know It's Christmas".

Sugar Hill Primary School won the prize for the largest turnout - all smartly dressed in uniform and Christmas hats and performed "All Around the World" and "Felt Like Christmas".

Woodham Burn Primary School finished the afternoon's proceedings with "Rat a Tat Tat" and "Sing Hallelujah".

Deputy Mayor, Mary Dalton, thanked all the children, teachers and family for attending and drew the raffle winners (blue 35, buff 46 and peach 128). Rev. Ann Anderson concluded the afternoon with a Christmas Blessing. The Rotary Club would like to record thanks to John Melvin for supplying the audio equipment, P.A. and for his time. Thanks also to Mike Dixon for compering.

If you missed the show and would like to listen in full, Aycliffe Radio were also present to record the event and will broadcast the concert on Boxing Day at 12 noon.

The Rotary Club look forward to seeing you again next year to celebrate Christmas with the youth of the town.



*Horndale Primary School*



*Greenfield Community Arts College*



*Sugar Hill Primary School*



*Woodham Burn Primary School*



*Santa's visit was welcomed by the children*

Come and join us for

## A Night in Bethlehem

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm

at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe



would like to wish all Our Readers and Advertisers  
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



## College Supports Xmas Hamper Campaign

Staff and students at Bishop Auckland College are supporting a North East charity which is providing Christmas hampers to needy families.

The college has agreed to be a collection point for donations from staff and students and is also allowing Feeding Families to use its sports hall to put together hampers for distribution across the region.

The Bishop Auckland based charity was launched in 2016 by NHS worker Juliet Sanders, when the first six hampers were delivered to families struggling to cover the extra expense of Christmas.

An appeal on social media the following year generated more than 200 responses, and the grandmother-of-six co-ordinated the delivery of over 700 hampers.

Feeding Families is now a regionwide operation, with 19 collection points from Ashington to Darlington. The charity's new website enables



people to both arrange to donate food parcels and apply for a hamper.

The college is collecting donations from staff and students of non-perishable food items including tinned fruit, vegetables, meat and soup, tea and coffee, Christmas pudding, custard and mince pies, as well as toiletries.

Staff and students will also be helping to pack hampers from Friday until next Monday at

the college.

Natalie Davison-Terranova, Principal and Chief Executive of Bishop Auckland College, said: "This is a fantastic local charity which is working extremely hard, with the support of an army of volunteers and the extremely generous North East public, to help struggling families enjoy Christmas."

"We are very keen to support Feeding Families, helping them to distribute as many hampers as possible between now and Christmas."

For more information about Feeding Families, including collection points, visit [feedingfamilies.org.uk](http://feedingfamilies.org.uk) or email [info@feedingfamilies.org.uk](mailto:info@feedingfamilies.org.uk) or find the charity on Facebook.

*Photo: Debbie Richardson, Volunteer Coordinator with Feeding Families, is pictured with L3 Performing Arts student Megan Pollitt, 16, (Little Red Riding Hood) and HND Performing Arts student Will Waites, 20, (Dick Whittington).*



## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

Check out the DCC Economy Scrutiny and S&DR meetings (really informative); what is palaeography(?); and read about some good local business developments. Activities seem to be easing off for Christmas, but have you booked a panto? Find more information on my blog at: [bit.ly/CNB89](http://bit.ly/CNB89)

And please join me on Aycliffe Radio, 7-8pm, Sunday 16 December, as we discuss the recent re-engagement of Aycliffe people with local politics: [bit.ly/ARLIVE](http://bit.ly/ARLIVE)

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Full Council, Wednesday 5 December.
- DCC Economy Scrutiny Committee meeting, Friday 7 December – Transport Policy and Retail Review.
- Palaeography courses at DCC Archives.
- Free Gym membership offer.
- Friends of the S&DR meeting, Thursday 6 December.
- New network to support food and drink producers.

County Durham & Engineering Manufacturing Network (CDEM) rebrands to Engineering & Manufacturing Network (EMN) as it grows regionally.

• The Aycliffe Business Park #MakeYourMark awards are back, 1 May next year – why not nominate yourself or another business.

• If you dial 999 but dare not speak, dial 55 for a silent emergency call.

• If you feel in danger on a night out, remember that you can 'Ask for Angela' at the bar.

### THINGS TO DO

- Snowman Trail, Hardwick Park, until 6 January, £1 per trail sheet.
- Father Christmas in the Park, Hardwick Park, various timeslots, 21 and 22 December, £10.50 per child, phone 03000 262 899.
- Snow White & the Seven Dwarves pantomime, Gala Theatre Durham, until 5 January, £6-17.
- Aladdin pantomime, Darlington Hippodrome, until 6 January, £12-32.

## FESTIVE FUN AT ROSE LODGE FAIR



Christmas came early to Rose Lodge when they opened their doors to family, friends and the local community at their annual Christmas Fair.

Dozens of guests joined the staff and residents for the Christmas event which included a wide variety of Christmas-themed gift stalls, a Christmas café, prize games and a special Santa's Grotto for visiting children.

The home would like to extend their thanks to Julie's Pets, Sainsbury's Local, The Worx, Mosaic Hair

and Beauty, Boots Chemist, Occasions Cards & Gifts, Tesco and Cobblers Hall Chemist for their generous donations.

Rose Lodge Home Manager Nicola Wheatley said: "We had a fantastic time at our Christmas Fair, which seems to grow in popularity each year. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and it was lovely to see such support for our event from families and the local community. It was the perfect way to begin the start of our many Christmas celebrations throughout December."



## AYCLIFFE RADIO

### Programme Schedule

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

### TUESDAY

12-2pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
2-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
<b>Sports Show sponsored by Honest John</b>		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
18th Dec	<b>Paul Eddy - Seconds Out Boxing Academy</b>	
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
<b>Community Connect &amp; Rewind sponsored by ROF59</b>		
5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
6.30-8pm	Rewind	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

### 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	<b>Guest Presenter Session</b>	
14th Dec	<b>Andy Little</b> (CentralFM, Spain) - 80s	
21st Dec	<b>Nathan Abbott</b> - 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gary & Alby

### SATURDAY

9-12pm	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
12-2pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
2-4pm	School Disco	
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"</b>		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

### SUNDAY

8-9.30am	Aycliffe Goes Country	
9.30-11am	Rewind (R)	
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
16th Dec	Guests: <b>Kevin Shaw &amp; Donna Marie Mawson</b>	
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"
10-12midnight	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

Check our website for full schedule

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30th December ..... CLOSED

31st December ..... 7am-3pm

CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY

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4th JANUARY 2019

20th December ..... 8.30am-6pm

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# WOODHAM ACADEMY'S YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE

The remembrance of a day as momentous as the end of World War One cannot be confined to a single day. Woodham Academy students have embarked on a 'year of remembrance' where special projects and activities have been organised to mark the centenary year. We began with a Battlefield trip to Belgium and all Key Stage 3 students have written a 'Dear Tommy' letter inspired by the iconic statue in Seaham, expressing their thanks to the 'unknown soldiers' who died in their millions. These letters were delivered during the church service at Newton Aycliffe on the 11th November and a wreath was placed at our local monument to express our gratitude and remembrance as a school. As part of our PSHE curriculum, and an ongoing commitment to teaching all students the British Values of respect and tolerance, all Year 9 students have also created poppies which are on display along the Humanities corridor. Mrs Keenan, Head of History at Woodham Academy said "Results are important and Woodham Academy does achieve fantastic GCSE results living up to our motto of 'Achievement for All'. However, creating well rounded students is equally important to us



here. We very much want the students to grow up having a respect for what has come before them as well as for themselves and their futures." Lucie Henderson from year 9 summed this up perfectly saying "It was good to do something creative that showed our respect". Continuing our 'year of remembrance' a group of year 8 more able and talented students recently attended a workshop at Palace Green Museum in Durham. This session was designed to academically stretch the more able students and they were given a chance to use original source material from World War One. A tour around Durham followed with all aspects of the Home Front pointed out and then an intense and emotional debate

about Field Marshall Haig who was in charge during the Battle of the Somme. This is often quoted as the most infamous battle of World War One where over 19,000 British soldiers died on just the first day. Students treated this debate with a maturity beyond their years. Laura Flanders said "creating a debate from original sources was really interesting and at the end when we voted people had changed their mind because we were so persuasive". When Nathan Hauxwell was asked what he had enjoyed most he simply said "all of it, it's all so important, it's all so relevant". Many other remembrance activities are planned with the goal of achieving not only every Woodham Academy student but also students in our partner schools.

# Advance Boosted With New Recruits



Leading UK conveyor manufacturer, Advance Automated Systems, has recently increased its engineer headcount at its Newton Aycliffe manufacturing facility. The move comes due to an increase in sales and a greater level of bespoke, turnkey projects. The firm, which celebrated its 15th anniversary during the year, added 4 new starters to its line-up. Gabriele Akstinaite joins as a project design engineer following a project manager role and graduation from Northumbria University; Craig Leadbitter joins as a design engineer following a similar position at Roman Showers; Emma O'Leary joins as project engineer having gained industry experience at Hitachi Rail and Jaan Anwar starts as a design engineer following a

previous role as an industrial engineer. Commenting on the new engineer recruits, Advance Automated Systems' Shaun Graham, said: "All new starters will provide excellent additions to our already highly experienced technical staff. They join us at a very busy period of growth for the company and we look forward to them becoming important members of our team." Advance Automated Systems design, manufacture and install a full range of conveyors and automated conveyor systems to suit a wide variety of industries and applications all across the UK. Advance has built a reputation for supplying excellent equipment at extremely competitive prices and can count some of the UK's top companies among its customer base.

*[editorial]*  
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*in the community, with the community, for the community*

## ANGELS OF THE NORTH

When I drive north on the A1M, it is always thrilling to see the famous 'Angel of the North', with its wings stretched out symbolically protecting Gateshead and Newcastle from harm. Almost 80 years ago, our town had its own 'Aycliffe Angels' – really protecting us from the Nazis with the bombs and shells they made on what was then the Royal Ordnance Factory site. How wonderful, then, to read in the article on The Sugar Hill Angel, that Newton Aycliffe is now to have its own 'Angel', with bombs for its head and body, and shells for its wings, situated in the school garden of the school. The Aycliffe Angel will be a valued landmark of our town for generations to come, so thank you to the Sugar Hill School community for their vision, and especially thanks to Richard Hindmarch who brought that vision to realisation.

## FUTURE OF SCHOOL FUNDING

One of the key principles of the Newton News is that Aycliffe is not an island – we are part of, and depend upon,

a wider County Durham community. So we were very alarmed to read – in the article on the Future of School Funding – of a "significant shortfall in government funding" to the County for pupils with special needs. Every week, the Newton News celebrates the wonderful achievements of the town's schools, but all that depends upon our schools having sufficient money to run effectively. So we applaud the County Council Cabinet for meeting the shortfall, we note its appeal to government to address the issues, and we shall 'watch this space' with interest.

## A KIND HEART

Civic awareness strikes at all ages! The pages of the Newton News, especially at this time of year, are full of good people doing wonderful acts of charity. Yet is it not lovely to read of the Kind Heart of St Clare's Brownie Ashton who, when she understood what a foodbank was, saw it as her task to provide Advent calendars for families less fortunate than her own. Well done – you are the true spirit of Christmas in action!

## Churches Together in Great Aycliffe

### St Andrew's Church

December 24th at 3pm  
Carols by Candlelight  
December 24th at 11:30pm  
Midnight Mass

### Xcel Church

December 23rd at 10:30am  
Christmas Family Service  
December 24th at 6pm  
Christmas Eve  
Family Carol Service

### Methodist Church

December 23rd at 6pm  
Carol Service  
December 25th at 10:30am  
Christmas Day Celebration

### St Clare's Church

December 15/16th  
SHINE Christmas Show  
December 22nd at 4pm  
Messy Christmas Party  
December 24th at 4.30pm  
Christingle Service  
December 24th 11.30pm  
Midnight Mass

### St Elizabeth's Church

December 19th at 7pm  
Quiet Christmas Service  
December 23rd at 4pm  
Christingle Service  
December 25th at 10am  
Celebration Service

### Harvest Christian Centre

December 16th at 10.30am  
Carol Service  
December 16th at 6.30pm  
Christmas Special  
(In Partnership with  
New Generation Church)

### St Thomas'

December 24th at 4pm  
Christmas Eve Mass  
December 25th at 9am  
Christmas Day Mass  
**St Mary's**  
December 24th at 5.30pm  
Family Mass  
December 24th at 8pm  
Christmas Eve Mass  
December 25th at 10am  
Christmas Morning  
Mass

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# District Schools Competition



Bishop Auckland FC kindly provided their facilities at Heritage Park for the Year 8 Bishop Auckland District Schools team to play their Darlington counterparts on Friday night. It was a great experience for the players to show off their skills in the stadium under the lights. Bishop settled immediately and scored in the first minute through Joseph Hepworth of Sedgfield school. Darlington though got back in to the game and created their own chances. It was the hosts who doubled the lead before the break when Zack Blythe from Woodham Academy finished well.

In the second half Darlington started well and their striker Geronimo Beltrame of Hurworth school calmly lobbed the keeper to make the score 2-1. The game was then well contested and could have gone either way but a deflected shot found its way in for Bishop to win the game 3-1. The game will be great preparation for both teams as they look ahead to AF Hardy Trophy quarter final games next weekend. All involved were grateful for the use of the great facilities at Heritage Park so a huge thank you to Bishop Auckland FC for their support.

## DON'T FORGET TO WRITE

Children have a special postal service in Aycliffe. Children can send their letters directly to Santa and get a reply in time for Christmas.

Santa's elves have already put Santa's special post boxes out, but will take them back to Greenland on Monday 17th December.

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

Parents are asked to make sure that the child's name and address is clearly marked on the letter as the parents might be able to read their child's writing but Santa's eyesight is not so good these days!

We have been told that the post boxes are at the following locations:

- Post Office/Youngs Newsagents Beveridge Way
  - Johns Your Very Own Mini Market, Neville Parade
  - Horndale Post Office, Silverdale Place
  - Village Store, Woodham
  - McColls at Simpasture
  - Joy Marie Hairdressing at Aycliffe Village
- E-mails and forms submitted from the Council's website <http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/events/santa-letters.html> will be answered from today, right up to noon on 21st December. Santa has a special e-mail address [santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:santa@great-aycliffe.gov.uk) and he will reply by e-mail if sent to this address.

# Exhibition & Craft Fair at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts would like to thank everyone who came along to the recent preview evening to celebrate the opening of their new exhibition.

The event, organised by Sharron Bates and Creative Forum, was a great success with wonderful crafts and artwork on sale and a lovely festive atmosphere.

The exhibition, 'Sharing Inspiration: An Appointment with Creativity' will run until Wednesday 2nd January 2019 and showcases the arts and craft of the group who are based at Greenfield Arts. Led by mixed media artist Sharron Bates, the group meets each Friday, it was lovely to see them come together and showcase the fruits of their hard work.

The forum was created in response to Sharron's own desire to surround herself with fellow creatives and

acknowledge the importance of social interaction for artists and creatives in the area and has gone from strength to strength since it began in 2017. A big thank you must also go to the Cree Men who have been busy making wonderful wooden stars, reindeers and snowmen which proved a very popular purchase on the evening.

If you would like to know more about the groups, activities and projects at Greenfield Arts please check out the website at [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) call our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)



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# Rotary Club's Annual Street Tour with Santa

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe will be out with Santa's Sleigh in the areas and on the dates shown below from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

They will be collecting to provide Christmas Hampers for needy families, an annual event which also involves a collection in Tesco from Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd December.

**Monday 17th - Simpasture**

**Tuesday 18th - School Aycliffe**

**Wednesday 19th - Bluebell Way**

**Thursday 20th - Silkin Way**



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## The Phoenix Club



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> private party.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - ROD STEWART tribute and solo artist MISS SOPHIE LEE  
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SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER



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This event has been running 11 years and has handed over thousands of toys, giving kids a Christmas they could only have dreamt about, so please support this worthwhile cause. If you can, buy an extra present this year and leave it, unwrapped at the Turbinia, or better still, hand it over in person and greet the cavalcade of motorcycles (many in fancy dress) and the 'Party Fire Engine' at (3pm).

All bikers are very welcome to join in the fun, suitable for all sizes of bikes / trikes / scooters etc, just donate a toy. We meet at the Turbinia, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PA at 11.45am. For any information please call Gary 01325 313034.

# N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 8th December  
Ebac Northern League Division One  
Whickham 1 Newton Aycliffe 2

Newton Aycliffe travelled to Whickham and came away with a 2-1 win; this time it was their turn to score a vital goal in second half injury time. Whickham dominated the first half, but a tactical change in the second half for Aycliffe led to them pushing further forward and taking command of the match.

Whickham pressed forward from the start, and Aaron Brown did well to head an early cross away for a corner, when under pressure. Whickham forward Bulford broke through on 16 minutes and put his shot past the post. Aycliffe had a further scare three minutes later when a shot was deflected just past the post. Aycliffe man-of-the match James Winter made a fantastic save on 27



minutes when he pushed a close range shot onto the post. The pressure told nine minutes later when a poor shot managed to land at the feet of Coburn, and he made no mistake at the far post, to give Whickham the lead.

Whickham started the second half well and they hit the bar from a free kick soon after the restart, and then Winter made another good save. The tide started to turn though, as Aycliffe pushed more men forward and the Whickham defence began to look brittle. Ben Wood got past the offside trap and put a great cross in, but no one could get the final touch. Aycliffe got the ball into the net from a free kick, but it was disallowed for handball. Then on 66 minutes, Whickham had a player sent off for two cautions. Aycliffe continued to apply pressure and hit the post through Ben Wood, then Kurt Matthews had a shot cleared of the line.

They got the breakthrough they deserved when Matthews headed in a corner kick with twelve minutes remaining. It looked like the match would end in a draw until Ethan Wood curled a great free kick past the despairing dive of home keeper Lister in injury time, to give Aycliffe all 3 points.

Newton Aycliffe now have a run of 4 home games:- Tuesday 11th December vs Guisborough 7.30pm, Saturday 15th vs Stockton 3pm, Tuesday 18th vs Shildon 7.30pm, and then on Boxing Day Wednesday 26th, the big local derby vs Shildon 1pm. Photo: Aycliffe man of the match, goalkeeper James Winter

# Juniors Football Report



The Aycliffe Juniors footballing exploits continued with the penultimate round of games before the Christmas break. There were some great performances but not all got the result they deserved.

The Under 6's played a friendly against Swalwell Juniors on Saturday. It was a great game that Aycliffe won 5-3. William (2), Finley (2) and Reagan were the scorers and all the players contributed well.

The Under 7 Whites bagged nine goals to beat Hartlepool in their Russell Foster League game. Man of the match Jack C scored 4, Jack R got a hatrick and Ryan Lee a brace.

The Under 7's Juniors played an away friendly against Boro Rangers Madrid. A goal from Daniel and man of the match performance from Jack C could not stop the excellent hosts winning the game comfortably.

The Under 8's played Hartlepool Youth and an exciting game ended in a two all draw. Man of the match Alex and Harry Dunn scored the goals.

The Under 9's suffered a 1-0 home defeat against Darlington Spraire Lads. The boys played really well and deserved something from the game but it wasn't to be. Preston was named as man of the match. The development game ended in the same score and Zeke was the man of the match.

The Under 10's White played away at Darlington All Stars. An own goal put the Aycliffe team in the lead but by half time they were behind after conceding three goals. Two goals from Jayden got the game level

but in the final minute a scrambled goal gave the Darlington team a 4-3 win.

The Under 10's Claret played at home against Primrose Hill they started well but conceded the first goal. The Aycliffe lads kept their cool and continued to play good football. This was rewarded with goals from Ashton, Kai and Danny (2) with an own goal completing the scoring in a 5-1 win. The man of the match was awarded to both Josh T and Harry with each player being a contender for this today.

The Under 11's Black played at home against Leven AFC Whites. A tight first half ended with the visitors scoring to take a 1-0 lead. In the second half Jack Gibson made some great saves and Rhys scored to draw level. The whole team were named as men of the match as they performed well to finish the game with a draw.

The Under 11's White hosted Boro Rangers in the quarter final of the League Cup. Niall scored and Harvey was the man of the match but they lost out in the game by five goals to one.

The Under 12's are really grateful to Modern Rugs UK for sponsoring their new away kit. They travelled to play Redcar this weekend

and it was a tight first half. Daniel's goal gave Aycliffe the lead but Redcar then levelled the score. Man of the match Noah made some great saves to keep the score at 1-1. The second half saw Aycliffe introduce Lewis for his debut and they looked much more comfortable with Ellis, Zak and Daniel scoring to win the match 4-1.

The Under 13's TJFA League team played at Woodham against Whinney Banks who had beaten them 9-0 only a month ago. The lads showed great spirit and matched their opponents in the first half and the score remained 0-0. After the break it was Aycliffe who raised their performance and a great free kick from Zack and neat finish by Robert secured a fine 2-0 win.

The Under 14's faced the previously unbeaten Seaton United at Woodham. A great effort and a goal from McKenna along with some great defending secured a 1-0 win. Jake Watson was the man of the match.

The Under 17's travelled to face Redcar Town Royals. The game was tight at 0-0 after seventy minutes. After this things didn't go to plan and they lost out 3-0.

# Spectrum Roller Skaters Success



Spectrum Roller Skaters travelled to Bolton to take part in a Christmas Festival of Skating this weekend. The event hosted by Bolton Artistic Roller Skating Club attracted six clubs to take part and Spectrum had 22 skaters involved. The trophy winners from Spectrum were Joseph Kearney, Lucy Richardson, Matthew Bowden, Amber Wearmouth, Anna Marambe, Kam Comerford, Iris Comerford, Penny Holliday, Leo Holliday Ella Newson and Liam Stevens. Medals were awarded to Liam Stevens & Iris Comerford, Ella

Newson & Anna Marambe, Joseph Kearney & Hannah Godwin and Kam Comerford & Lucy Richardson for their duo routines. Two spectrum skaters went through knock out heats to skate at finals with Joseph Kearney placing 2nd and Niamh Dawson placing 3rd. The skaters had a fantastic weekend together enjoying performing in front of a crowd. Thank you to everyone who has supported the club throughout the year.

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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Saturday morning's weather may have been slightly damp but this didn't stop the runners of ARC from starting the racing weekend. First up was the Croft 5k race which took place on the race circuit at Croft. This race was first introduced in the Summer as part of the Summer Festival of Running and was brought back for a winter 5k. Being on a racing circuit it is of course flat but this does leave it open to the elements. Despite the conditions, four members took part in the race with Mark Bainbridge being first home for the club in 20.39 followed by Alan Wilks 22.58, Trish Kay in 24.39 (2nd Female over 55) and Simon Turner in 29.12. The next race took place on Sunday 2nd December at Dalton Park Shopping Centre. There was a choice of 5k or 10k race being run with both starting in the Dalton Park Shopping Centre.

CarrieAnne Ingeldew took part in the 5k race completing this in a time of 41.23 and Lisa Dowell completed the 10k race in 1.01.02.

Also on Sunday was the next race in the NYSD Cross Country League. This took place in Redcar (Fox Rush) and because of the weather meant that the course was muddy and greasy in places. It also had a few ditches to contend with.

First up were two of our youths who both ran in the Under 11 race of 1.7 km. Fern Brischuk was first home in 08.33 followed by Felicity Lineton in 09.56.

It was then the turn of the ladies who had to run a distance of 6k. First home for ARC was Michelle Jane 28.47, Sue Milburn 32.26, Linda McNamee 36.26, Kathleen Tonge 36.45, Gemma Holland 37.43, Melanie Rowland 38.17, Jane Burnside 39.52 and Susan Clark 40.23.

Finally it was the turn of the men. First home was Peter Milburn in 38.33 he was followed by Dez Fielden 38.59, Andy Talbot 39.17, Richard Campbell 39.59, Richard Holland 40.12, Alex Lineton 42.12, Dave Blewitt 44.11, John Richardson 52.57 and Richard Tonge 56.55.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can



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



## Heighington Youth F.C.

**Heighington AFC under 9s vs Washington United Blues.**

The mighty Red and blacks extended their unbeaten run with an extremely hard fought 2-1 victory. Every single player had an excellent game and deserved to be on the winning side. Despite some excellent saves from their keeper, he wasn't able to prevent Oliver C from getting both our goals. Man of the Match went to Cole because he was everywhere and tried everything possible to unlock a very stubborn defence. Well done to everyone.

**Heighington 7 - 0 Newton Aycliffe Youth FC**  
The Fortress: Heighington Parish Fields Att: 108

### \*Heighington News\*

The Heighington U9 Reds continued their brilliant run of form and the 1st derby match of the season with a fine performance to the tune of a 7-0 scoreline at The Fortress Stadium.

The Reds got the scoring started early when Malsbury found himself swerving in and out of oncoming defenders and slotted home from 15 yards in the 8th minute. The Reds would add another two in quick succession at the end of the first half.

The Reds picked up where they left off in the first half, with Robson again striking a fine ball into the net before Homegrown midfielder Raine bagged his 5th of the game with a top finish, just before the 35th minute mark. The rout would end with goals from Malsbury for his hat-trick. Throughout the game there was some exceptional performances from the back

## Leisure Centres Offer Early Christmas Present

Gym users can get more for their money this December with three months free membership at Durham County Council leisure centres.

Customers signing up before 31 December will receive 15 months for the price of 12 on an annual gym membership, which includes a one-to-one appointment, access to the gym, free swimming, a personal programme and a range of fitness classes.

The offer applies to annual memberships, which must be paid for upfront and can be bought online at [www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentres](http://www.durham.gov.uk/leisurecentres) or in person from any of the participating Durham County Council leisure centres:

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- Louisa Centre, Stanley
- Woodhouse Close

## Sports Hall Athletics Superstars



Last Friday, our superstar athletes from Vane Road, were successful in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at Sunnydale Leisure Centre. The hugely talented team achieved the gold medals thanks to their incredible talents on the track and in the field events. Vane Road will now go on to represent the local area at the County Finals in March.

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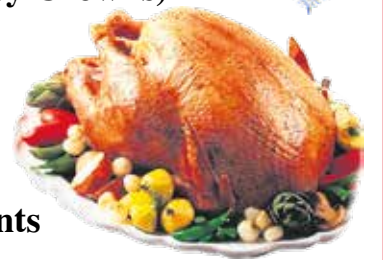
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## "Season's Eatings" Food Safety Campaign

A Christmas food safety campaign is encouraging people to make sure their festive feast is one to remember for all the right reasons. Durham County Council is working with the Food Standards Agency to share key messages from its national Season's Eatings campaign, advising people how to prepare and cook their Christmas meal in a hygienic and safe way. A bout of festive food poisoning is never fun, but it can also have serious consequences, especially for children, people who are already in ill-health and older

people. From chilling to cooking and cleaning to avoiding cross-contamination, the campaign offers advice and tips for staying healthy and well this Christmas:  
• When Christmas food shopping, take sufficient bags with you so that you can separate out raw and ready-to-eat foods to avoid cross-contamination.  
• Check the guidance on your turkey, or other bird, to ensure you have enough time to fully defrost it - it could take as much as 4 days.  
• Don't wash raw meat; it

just splashes germs onto your hands, clothes, utensils and worktops.  
• To work out the cooking time for your bird, check the instructions on the packaging. Check that the meat is steaming hot throughout, there is no pink meat visible when you cut into the thickest part and meat juices run clear.  
• You can use previously cooked and frozen turkey to make a new meal, such as a turkey curry. This new meal can be frozen, but make sure you only reheat it once.  
Joanne Waller, Durham County Council's head of environmental health and

consumer protection, said: "The key to a happy and healthy festive season is to be vigilant when preparing Christmas food, particularly with turkey and other raw meats. Following the Season's Eatings top tips, including everything from shopping and storage to defrosting and cooking, will ensure that everyone can stay well enough to fully enjoy not only their meals, but the rest of the holidays too." Further information about the Season's Eatings campaign can be found at: www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/seasons-eatings

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# Woodham Students Visit Nissan



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finished working car for its customers. Woodham Academy engineering teacher, Peter Groves, says "Visits to engineering companies across the region are an integral part of our engineering course. It is important that students see first-hand how companies operate. Not only does this allow them to put their studies into context, it also gives them an understanding of the fantastic career opportunities open to them when they leave Woodham Academy." It is no surprise that engineering results at Woodham Academy this year were well above the national average.

## Historic Handwriting

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The course comprises four sessions, which may be booked individually or as a full course. There are morning, 10am till 12 noon, and evening, 6pm till 8pm, options for each session on the following days:

- Thursday, 10 January 2019 - 19th Century handwriting
- Monday, 17 January 2019 - 18th Century handwriting
- Monday, 24 January 2019 - Secretary Hand (16/17th Centuries)
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The sessions cost £12 each or £40 for all four. Places must be booked in advance as there are a limited number. Demand is expected to be high so it is advisable to book now to avoid disappointment.

For further information or to book, visit the record office shop at [recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/](http://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/). Christmas gift vouchers that can be used for the Introduction to Palaeography course, or the Family History for Beginners course, can be purchased by calling 03000 267626.

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# Together 21 "This is Us"



Together 21 spread Christmas joy on Sunday 9 December, welcoming customers at Tesco, Newton Aycliffe by singing and signing a selection of Christmas Carols and their rendition of "This is Me" from the popular film 'The Greatest Showman'. The children, their families and PCP staff and volunteers were keen to show their gratitude to the local community for their continued support that enables this vital service to flourish. Thanks to the community vote, the service was recently awarded £4000 under the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

Jo Walker, Together 21 Development Worker said "We thought, as a community based project, it was important to show our community our appreciation for their support. We are keen to work closely with Community groups and businesses to both raise awareness of the need for such a project and to raise the vital funds to ensure that we can continue to support our current families and allow us to expand our services." Together 21, a parent led project based at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, serves families from throughout the North East and offers Learning, Fun and Friendship to children with Down syndrome and their families. It provides access to a comprehensive programme of tailored learning and life skills for children from birth

to 18 years old, helping them acquire the essential skills that will equip them to meet the future with confidence. The service provides access to;

- Communication / Makaton Signing
- Speech & Language,
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- Behaviour & Social skills
- Family support

Maggie Hart, Together 21 Educational Consultant said "It is important that this support gets to our families as early as possible, to give our beautiful children the best start in life and allows the families to both learn alongside their child and gain confidence themselves. All at Together 21 are very proud of the work we do and feel it is important to spread awareness of what early intervention can achieve." Thanks to the generosity of shoppers and the friends and family of Together 21 the event raised a further £397.40 to support the service activities.

For more information about Together 21, 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 them facebook www.facebook.com/Together21PCP/ Photo: Together 21 Children and their Families, and PCP Staff, Volunteers.

## Arriva Bus Strike Update

Dear Sir,

As you maybe aware, Arriva bus drivers are planning to go on strike from Sunday 16th December until midnight Saturday 22nd December, hence for 8 days. Unfortunately all but one of Newton Aycliffe bus services are run by Arriva. One being the Town Bus which is not Arriva! As a result those within walking distance of the train station have that option. Or a lift or Taxi to/from station). Another, depending on supply and demand, plus those who qualify, (more will qualify during the strike) the County Durham pre bookable "Link 2" bus can be booked by some for up to a 5 mile journey - Telephone 03000 269 999.

The information can also be obtained online via the County Durham bus website. As of Thursday 7th December in the regional media the strike was said to be going ahead. If any help, A Helping Hand.

## Stories of Sanctuary

Dear Sir,

My name is Sam Slatcher and I'm the curator of Stories of Sanctuary, a refugee-led community project, bringing Syrian refugees living in Co. Durham together with local residents through creating original songs.

This year we launched our album of collectively written songs at Durham Cathedral and visited Houses of Parliament in November to raise awareness about the rights of asylum seekers.

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Sam Slatcher

## Woodham Mountain Biking

The half-term holiday provided the ideal opportunity for avid mountain bikers from Woodham Academy to venture further afield and seek new challenges. Mountain Biking is the newest addition to Woodham's Sports Academy provision and students regularly hone their skills at Hamsterley Forest on a Friday evening after school. Led by deputy headteacher and MIAS instructor Danny Morgans, a day trip to Whinlatter Forest in the Lake District would provide a different challenge and a new environment for the students to enjoy. Following a two hour drive, students were straight onto the 5 mile red Altura trail from which stunning views of Keswick, Derwent Water and surrounding fells could be enjoyed. Exhilarating descents would soon follow as the trail wound its way through the forest back to the car park. Such holiday visits have been made possible as a result of funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership for a trailer to transport 14 bikes - it's certainly getting some miles in! Such holiday trips reinforce Woodham's commitment to provide extensive opportunities for students beyond the formal curriculum where they can overcome different challenges and develop personal attributes that it's not possible to do in the classroom.

## In Memoriam

### Dennis Archer

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**STEPHEN PARKER** 12th December 2004. If tears could make a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. From your loving Daughter Susan and Grandson Shaun xxxx

**ENID PARKER** 17th December 1996. Loving memories we have locked in our hearts, you shall not be forgotten because we are apart. From your loving Daughter Susan and Grandson Shaun xxxx

**TREVOR PLASKITT** 23rd May 1941 to 12th December 2010. You left too soon and broke our hearts, we find it hard to carry on without you. We miss you and are so proud of you. We love you and always will Trevor. Thinking of you every day and in our hearts forever. Love, Valerie; Daughters Shirley, Julia, Adam and loving Grandchildren Jonathan, Maxine, Louis, Mia and family xxxxxx  
**BILL BAKER** 17th December. 8 years on, still sadly missed. Barbara

## Obituary

### John McRoberts

Died 7th December 2018

John, aged 31 years. Beloved Son to Karen and Andrew; adored Brother to Chelsie, Brandon and Ellie, Father to Tyler. Funeral to take place on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at St. Clare's Church at 10.30am. Followed by the burial at West Cemetery and a get together at The Big Club.

### Anthea Foster

Died 6th December 2018  
Peacefully at Home

Anthea of Newton Aycliffe, aged 75 years. Beloved Wife of Alan; a loving and much loved Mum of Joanne, Jock, Stephen and Emma; a devoted Nana to Rebecca and Rory; Great Nana to Rhyley and Raegan and Sister to Roger and Jean. Funeral Service to be held at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 10.45am. Followed by a Private Cremation. Family flowers only please; donations, if desired, may be put in the plate to MENCAP. Please join us for a celebration of Anthea's Life after the Service at the Phoenix Club.

### Douglas Raymond

(Ray)

Passed away peacefully in hospital on Saturday 8th December. Ray, aged 81 years. Beloved Husband of Marie; a loving and much loved Dad, Grandfather, Uncle and friend, who was loved by all who knew him. Funeral Service to be held at the Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 21st December at 10.30am. Family and friends flowers or donations welcome to Dementia Friends and the British Heart Foundation.

### Joan Shutt

Passed away on 10th December 2018 at Tenlands Care Home in Darlington.

Loving Mother of Andrew, Steven and Debbie; Nana, Great Nana, Auntie, Sister and friend to many. Funeral to take place on Friday 21st December at 1.30pm in Wear Valley Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations if desired, may be made to the Alzheimers Society or Stroke Association. Friends and family are welcome to the Phoenix Club following the Service.

## Congratulations

### Aimee Ballantyne



Happy 14th Birthday  
Sweetheart

14th December 2018

Have a fab weekend. Lots of love from Mam and John-Paul xxxx

Happy 14th Birthday to our gorgeous Sister Aimee. Love from Loren, Dylan and Kameron xxx  
Happy 14th Birthday Lots of love from all your Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxxx



## Birthday Remembrance

**WENDY GRAHAM** 12th December. Thinking of my beautiful Wife Wendy. Love and miss you. Your Husband, Charlie xxx

**WENDY GRAHAM** 12th December. Memories of a special Sister and Aunt. Love always, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx

**WENDY GRAHAM** 12th December. Thinking of an amazing Sister. Love and miss you, Mandy xxx

## Christmas Wishes

**LOVELASS**, Mike and Pam wish all family, friends and neighbours around the town a Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and send Good Wishes for 2019 xxxxx

**MACKEY**, Geoff and Enid, send Season's Greetings to friends and neighbours. Donations have been made to charities in lieu of cards.

### Enid Hardy

Happy 80th Birthday

Hope you have a great time, with lots of surprises.

Love you loads, from all the gang xxxx

### Chloe Miller



Happy 21st Birthday  
15th December 1997

To a very special Daughter, Chloe. Happy 21st birthday. You have made us so proud, how far you have come, you have touched so many hearts with your fun and loving nature.

Looking back when you were born, we never thought we would see this day. We are so proud to be your Mam and Dad.

Hope you enjoy your birthday party with all your family and friends and singing with the Band. Lots of love, Mam and Dad



### Chloe Miller

Happy 21st Birthday

To a very special Niece and Cousin. We are all very proud of you and love you lots.

Can't wait for your party. All our love, Auntie Mandy, Uncle Gary, Darren, Danny and big sloppy kisses off Jasper xxx

## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to Lindisfame Care Home, especially Carol and all the staff for making a wonderful 100th birthday party for Mam, Elizabeth Smithson. Love from Dorothy, Lynne, Norman, all Grandkids and Great Grandkids

## Have You Got News For Us?

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## Christmas Show Raises £900

On Sunday 9th December Durham District Roller Skating Club performed their Annual Christmas Show to a full house. There were at least 80 people in attendance at the Sunnydale Leisure Centre. All the children performed outstandingly well, especially some of the younger members, as

this was the first time performing in front of an audience.

The club would like to thank all those who supported this event and helped us raise £900.

The money raised will be used to help the running of the club over the next year. Durham District Roller Skating Club would like

to wish all its members and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you are interested in trying out roller skating and finding out more about us, please feel free to come along to Sunnydale Leisure Centre on a Saturday morning from 9.30am.

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## Youthy Football Round Up

### Newton Aycliffe Women 3 Washington Ladies 1

With Aycliffe 3rd and Washington second bottom, on paper this should have been an easy match, but that's not how it played out. Newton Aycliffe found themselves one nil down in the first 5 minutes after Washington forced a corner, whipped the ball in close to the keeper who parried onto the cross bar - Washington were quickest to react to the second ball and a goal. Newton Aycliffe were struggling to keep the ball and Washington were looking dangerous on the break. Substitution made, Vicky came on to settle down the midfield and this payed off immediately when she received the ball and played a perfect pass through the Washington defence for Katie to run onto. Katie still had it all to do and finished calmly taking the score to 1-1. Newton Aycliffe were now growing into the game but Washington always looked threatening on the break. Second half Newton Aycliffe looked a different team, and the hard work soon payed off when a good passing move was finished by Christie : 2-1. Lots of chances came Newton Aycliffe's way but the third goal looked like it wasn't going to come... then in the 73rd minute, Naomi popped up in the right place to finish off another good attacking move leaving the score 3-1. Another 3 points and the team is heading in the right direction - a tougher test next week against Coxhoe for the final game of 2018.

Newton Aycliffe Women would like to thank Honest John, as for many seasons he has supported our Girls' team and has now moved on to support the town's new Women's team. His generous donation of £500 helped the team to buy their fantastic away strip. Huge thanks from Manager, Helen Clark and the team. Merry Christmas Honest John from everyone you've ever supported - our very own Santa!

### NAYFC U10 Eagles 0 Hetton Juniors Roma 1

Team today Trystan, Ollie, Kai, Adam, Will, Kaiden and Jayden.

Cannot fault these boys today - they were all outstanding in very difficult conditions and deserved a draw with shots being saved or just wide. Trystan did fantastically in goal yet again and with only 7 players everyone had to work their socks off for the full match. The match performance shows how much the boys have improved lately and the coaches are loving the effort and attitude from them. They all did really well today, with MOTM going to Will - an often over looked position but who is consistently a key player with bags of talent and enthusiasm, linking up with his team mates and applying loads of pressure. Unlucky not to get a goal today Will, but well done on MOTM.



Keep your heads held high Eagles, the performances are more important than the results and the goals will come if you continue to play as well as you have been.

### Chester-le-St Amazons 1 NAYFC U12 Girls 9

The girls were really excited to play in a real stadium with "posh seats and everything" only to find out that was Durham County cricket ground and they had to walk past it to our pitch! It was lovely to have Elena back today after injury and the girls worked well as a team to integrate her back into matches. We spent most of the match camped out in the opposition half, with our defenders Ella, Piper and Alisha stood like spectators

on the half way line (it's not often our keeper Keira gets bored), but this time it resulted in goals!!! Balls were played from defence, to midfield, to strikers with some moments of lovely passing play. We were soon ahead as Enya turned into a goal scoring machine. Not to be out done, Daniella was popping them in too. Lily and Eden worked hard in midfield with Abbie. We changed the team round at half time putting our striker in defence, allowing players to try different positions (our defender Piper scored a goal) and mindful how our opposition must be feeling (we too have been beaten by big margins). Well done to all the girls and we see

Chester again at home next week.

## Honest John

### Shop Christmas Closing Times

Closed Christmas Eve

Closed Christmas Day

Closed Boxing Day

**Open 27th December  
10.00am to 4.00pm**

Honest John will be at Argos on Christmas Eve from 9.00am to 4.00pm with the annual collection.

John wishes all donor's and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a big THANK YOU.

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