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## Communities Working Together For a Safer Town



The end of one year and the start of a new year is always a good time to take stock of what has been achieved, and what more needs to be done. A project started 18 months ago at Woodham Community Centre saw the very first 24 hour public access Defibrillator installed in Newton Aycliffe. Local County Councillors via Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership funds have, with other partners, and very generous public support, enabled us to successfully extend this project. Public response to awareness of what, why and how vital

these units can be, has been tremendous. Local Companies have helped with the donation of portable units to groups, and installations. The chain of 24 hour public access units has recently been increased to 8 with units fitted in the Navy Club, and Neville Community Centre in the last few days. We are organising an official opening on Friday 11th Jan to thank all those involved, County Councillor's, GAMP, Navy Club staff and members, including Dorothy Bowman's ladies' group. Neville Community Residents and Committee, but especially the Taylor family of Rachel, Trevor, son Calum and his partner Andrea. They are raising and have donated substantial funds in memory of their daughter Seonaid Taylor-Hill. Future fundraising via "Kick it for Seonaid" events are being planned.

A program of free CPR and defibrillator awareness training, originally planned to train 250 people, has now reached 300 with Eddy Young from the Navy Club being the latest. Last year, together with Newton News, we produced a map of the location of all units both 24 hour and limited access. We have updated this and would ask

any groups or organisations who are not shown and who would like to be included in future updates to contact us. **Special thanks to Newton News who have reproduced the map in this weeks edition, centre pages, for residents to keep as a record.**

Looking forward the Taylors and myself want to encourage other areas and groups to continue expanding the potential life saving coverage of more units especially 24 hour public access. We have already committed to working with St Mary's Church and school with substantial support already agreed from "The Friends of St Mary's".

The aim would be 24 hour public access defibrillators within a 500 metre radius of all residents of the Town, Aycliffe Village, and School Aycliffe. Some preliminary talks have taken place and we would like to progress these further. Please contact if interested in learning more (see below). Further free CPR and defibrillator awareness training is being arranged by GAMP support from all 7 of our County Councillor's which we hope to have confirmed shortly. Again, if interested contact.  
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This site is still under construction and we would like your comments, especially if it helps us make it more user friendly. My thanks go to all those who have helped with no financial reward, to achieve this, starting with Peter Driver a trustee; Jon Elwell from Harvest Church a partner; Joan Mitchie our Treasurer and Press Officer; Luke Lobo a friend of Stacy Porter from Durham University another Partner. To Steven Mitton and his IT staff from CDFHS for their initial work, which was incorporated into our new site.

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## POLICE VOLUNTEERS CRACKDOWN ON ROAD SAFETY



50 vehicles were stopped and checked by volunteer police officers during a day of action.

The operation – the second outing of ‘Operation Basingstoke’ – resulted in multiple vehicles being taken off the roads, and drivers reported for various offences. Throughout the day, two roadside checkpoints were operated on the A689, manned by officers from Durham and Cleveland Special Constabularies.

Assisted by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras, officers targeted untaxed, uninsured and unregistered vehicles, as well as suspected drink and drug drivers and non-roadworthy vehicles.

3 vehicles were seized, as well as 11 VDRS issued for vehicle defects, 5 fixed penalty notices issued and 1 driver reported for multiple offences. 3 drivers were also issued FPN for not wearing a seatbelt.

Special Chief Inspector Ruddock of Cleveland Police, who led the operation, said: “This kind of work is key to improving safety for everyone that uses our busy road network.

“It provides an opportunity for volunteers to work together to enforce laws, educate motorists and support our regular colleagues.”

AS/Sgt Tweddell, of Cleveland & Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: “The A689 is often used by travelling criminals, so these checkpoints allow us to intercept suspects moving between force areas.

“In particular, we’ve focussed on the ‘fatal four’ offences, which are the leading causes of death and injury on UK roads.”

The ‘fatal four’ are speeding, drink/driving, not wearing seatbelts, and distracted driving (e.g. mobile phones, loud music).

One notable offence was a dangerously worn set of tyres, fitted to an uninsured and untaxed vehicle carrying two unsecured children.

If you would like to be find out more about the work carried out by volunteer police officers, you can follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

## Magnificent Seven Hours

Dear Sir,  
My Christmas Eve collection raised £513 in only seven “magnificent” hours, which almost pays for the shop rent/electric for the whole of January - ‘fantastic’, many, many thanks to all of those community minded kind folks who contributed to this amount and to my good friend and trustee, Valerie, who toils away behind the scenes doing her secretarial work etc.

Not forgetting the charities other Trustee, Roger, with his wise words and sounding board qualities.

Finally a huge thank you to all donors and customers who frequent the shop all year round, making this charity one big community effort.

Happy New Year and thank you all.

Honest John



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To all of the residents of the West Ward, I am hoping that you all had a merry Christmas, and I am wishing you all a Healthy and Peaceful New Year in 2019. Alderman George C Gray West Ward Councillor

## Reminder for Parents to Apply for Primary School Places

Parents in County Durham are being reminded they are running out of time to apply for primary school places for their children.

The deadline for applications for the next academic year, which starts in September 2019, is Tuesday 15 January 2019.

In order for a child to be eligible to start school in September 2019, the child's birthday must fall between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: “In our county we benefit from many schools with superb facilities and dedicated staff, and we hope that, through our admissions arrangements, parents can express their preferences and see their children enjoy a happy and successful education.

“We know that the decision of where to send your child

is a major one, and can be difficult, but we would urge parents to make sure they apply by the deadline.

“A late application greatly reduces your chances of getting into your preferred school.”

Applications can be made online at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by post. If posting, the forms should be sent back using signed for or special delivery services.

Application forms can also be requested by phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the school places and admissions team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ.

Offers of places will be made to parents on 16 April 2019. For applications completed online, offers will be received by email. For applications sent by post, offers will be received by letter. These should arrive by no later than Thursday 18th April 2019.

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Thanks to Sainsbury's at Cobblers Hall for providing refreshments and to Darlington Camera Club for giving their time to record the show. Also thanks to Churches Together, St. Clare's Ladies Fellowship and the Inner Wheel for their kind donations which support Children to Shine greatly.

As a registered charity which runs free of charge weekly to all 53 children who attend, we really appreciate any help given.

Team SHINE are now on a well earned break with CHOIR returning on Monday 21st January at 5.00pm in St. Clare's Church Hall.

Thank you - and on behalf of the team I wish you all a super and safe New Year with best wishes for 2019.  
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Wow, we are all as proud as punch at 'Team Shine' - what amazing boys and girls we have.

'The Inn-Spectors' was a truly brilliant production performed twice to a packed hall full of family and friends.

We saw grumpy guests, dazzling stars, angelic angels, smart soldiers, excited sheep, frazzled shepherds, weary travellers, very wise men, humble Mary, jolly Joseph, bossy Inn-keepers, inspecting Inn-Spectors, proclaiming Gabriel and a jazzy donkey all tell the story helped by our wonderful young narrators.

You were all truly awesome. Of course the story of Jesus' birth is wonderful - but how special to have baby Harry Weaver play the part of Jesus. He did so perfectly and it was a truly special moment.

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## New Year's Recycling Resolution



Schools and community groups can book free talks about rubbish and recycling to help them start 2019 with greener habits.

John Shannon, Durham County Council's strategic waste manager said: "We're offering free talks and assemblies to encourage groups to make it their New Year's resolution to do their bit for the environment and find out more about recycling."

"The talks cover everything you could want to know about your rubbish and recycling, as well as including tips on waste prevention, reuse, composting, and our Love Food Hate Waste campaign."

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to residents and

businesses for recycling in County Durham; this year we recycled and composted over 40 per cent of our waste, which is fantastic."

In 2018, nearly one hundred talks were given to a range of audiences from nurseries to community groups. The talks last approximately half an hour and can be tailored to meet the needs of individual groups. Evening presentations can also be booked.

To book a recycling and waste management talk, or for more information, people can email [wasteaware@durham.gov](mailto:wasteaware@durham.gov) or telephone 03000 266 102 Monday to Friday between 12 noon and 5pm.

Keen recyclers can also follow Recycle for County Durham on Facebook for advice and news.

## PCP EMBARKS ON A YEAR OF WELLBEING EVENTS FOR ALL

This year the charity has major plans to raise the remainder of the £410,000 target which will enable the complete redevelopment of the Hydrotherapy Pool at the charities headquarters in Newton Aycliffe.

The campaign has the backing of the public from across the north who use the pool to help with recovery, pain relief and rehabilitation more than 7000 people a year currently access the facility without the need for a Doctors referral.

The 20 year old pool now unfortunately breaks down on a regular basis, the new

plans include significantly enlarging the pool adding state of the art sensory features, lighting, improved changing rooms and upgraded lifting and hoist equipment.

The 110 strong staff team at Pioneering Care Partnership and dedicated volunteers are on a mission in 2019 to reach out to the community it serves via its 4 locations in Newton Aycliffe, Durham, Sunderland and Stockton with an exciting calendar of events which feature exciting challenges, events and activities all with health and wellbeing at their core.

Speaking about the year ahead, Carol Gaskarth, Chief Exec said. "We plan to raise the funds by creating lots of events that encourage people to take part and by doing so improve their own wellbeing, health and fitness. We have so much planned that we have created a calendar of events for all ages and abilities, and, all have health and wellbeing at their core, some events will have the opportunity to raise sponsorship, others will

simply request a donation, everyone is welcome to get involved".

Newton News are supporting the campaign as a corporate sponsor, helping to spread the word and keeping the community up to date with events news.

The first event is a 'Wellbeing Walk for all' on Saturday the 26th January, starting and finishing at PCP, Carers Way in Newton Aycliffe, a 4 mile walk is planned with shorter options available, the marshalled walk is mainly off road and wheelchair and pushchair accessible, dogs are welcome too!

The walk is free to enter, donations for the Hydrotherapy Pool will be gratefully accepted and can be made on the day.

The coffee shop at the Centre will be open serving refreshments after the walk.

To register interest in this event, keep up to date with what's on and find out how you can get involved or to make a donation please email [hilary.dunne@pcp.uk.net](mailto:hilary.dunne@pcp.uk.net)

## Little Shop of Horrors at Greenfield



News travelled fast as students from Greenfield Community College heard about the great choice of show for the annual school performance. Little Shop of Horrors is a Broadway and West End favourite and competition for places was fierce.

Students once again made it very difficult for judges as they produced quality auditions for the major parts with an enthusiastic pool of performers competing to be part of the production.

Little Shop of Horrors is an American rock musical comedy and is sure to have the audience in raptures

when it premieres at Greenfield in May this year. It will be very difficult to live up to the brilliant record of recent shows School of Rock and We Will Rock You which proved to be a great success. Families and friends were amazed at the productions and how the staff and students worked together to showcase exceptional talent both on stage and behind the scenes. Greenfield are busy bringing together what is sure to be another quality performance, watch this space for further information and ticket sales later in the new year.

## Thank You

We would like to thank Cllr. Eddy Adam for helping sort out an issue for my daughter after an arson attack on her recycle wheelie bin a few months ago and getting it sorted just in time for Christmas.

We honestly can't thank you enough for your quick response and solving the problem.

Wishing you a very happy new year.

Many thanks from the Jackman family.

## County Outperforms in Primary School Performance Tables

Primary schools in County Durham are performing above the national average in almost all areas.

The Government's annual primary school performance tables, published recently, show 68 per cent of primary pupils in County Durham are meeting the expected standard, compared to 64 per cent across England as a whole.

County Durham children are also outperforming when it comes to their progress in reading, writing and maths, with their average reading and maths scores either meeting or surpassing the national figure.

The percentage of primary school pupils achieving at a higher standard is 11 per cent, which is also higher than the national average of ten per cent.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "In County Durham, we are committed to providing our children with the very best education and start in life."

"It is really encouraging to see our primary schools are outperforming schools nationally, and this is testament to the dedication of staff, governors, pupils and parents."

"We will continue to work hard to raise standards further and create exciting opportunities for children in County Durham."

## New Pilates Class 2019

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Everyone is welcome. Please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2, children £1.

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I shop in Tesco every Tuesday morning around 11 o' clock and on Tuesday 18th December I went to the cooked counter for chicken thighs but the trays were empty, so I asked the assistant if there were any, she said they were in the oven and would be 5 minutes before they are ready.

So I asked her to keep me four in one bag and six in another as I was shopping for a friend as well, and that I would come back for them. I carried on shopping and turned a corner to find the assistant coming towards me with the two bags of chicken. I was over the moon and thanked her. Now that is what I call excellent customer service.  
Patricia Spellman  
Sheraton Close

## Latest Exhibition at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce their latest exhibition 'We Just Take Pictures' by Darlington Camera Club. The exhibition is a collection of images taken by members of Darlington Camera Club which showcases the skill and creativity of this established group. Members have a range of experience and interest in the many topics of photography and there is a wonderful selection of

work to appreciate. The exhibition will run from Thursday 10th January 2019 to Wednesday 30th January 2019. There is a special preview evening on Wednesday 9th January 2019 from 18:00 - 20:00 where you can come along and meet the exhibitors in a lovely environment and see the work for yourself. This exciting collection showcases the many aspects of photography and is sure to appeal to a wide audience. The exhibition is open to the public at The Greenfield Gallery from 10:00 - 21:00 Monday to Thursday (except bank holidays) and 10:00 - 16:00 each Friday.

Perhaps you have thought about exhibiting your own work? The deadline for our popular Open Art Exhibition is fast approaching (11th January 2019) but it's not too late to submit your entry. This opportunity gives artists the chance to exhibit up to three pieces of work, just visit our website for further details and take that next step.

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

## HORNDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### First Meeting of 2019 - 9th January

Our first meeting under our new name Horndale Community Association is this Wednesday 9th January at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6.00pm with refreshments at 5.45pm. We may have changed our name but our work improving the lives of those living in our communities remains the same. 2019 looks likely to be another great year with funding already secured to provide trips and events for the coming few months.

Our last trip of 2018 was to Billingham Forum to see Peter Pan everyone enjoyed the show, not sure who enjoyed it the most the little ones or the adults. 2018 also saw us hit the £100,000 mark of funding we have secured since we started in October 2012. Our meetings are open to everyone and are very relaxed with the chance to meet your Councillors, Police and Livin, as well as people interested in making our good neighbourhoods even better places to live.

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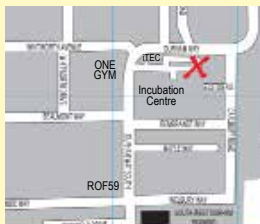
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Rose Lodge Care Home, Carer's Way, are set to celebrate all things Scottish as they host a coffee morning in honour of Burns Night.

The event, which is open for all to attend, will feature live entertainment from a Bagpipe player, attendees will also have the chance to sample some traditional Scottish cuisine alongside hot and cold refreshments. The coffee morning will take place on Monday 28th January from 10.30am. All are welcome to attend. Booking ahead is recommended as seating is limited. For further information please contact Rose Lodge on Tel: 01325 271301 or email [roselodge@cwch.com](mailto:roselodge@cwch.com)

## An Amazing Story of Inspiration & Success

Former Greenfield student Alex Kennedy is continuing his amazing story of inspiration and success now wishing to share with all to inspire everyone using music to make dreams become a reality no matter how hard things can be.

Alex is a 21 year old singer song writer, drummer and pianist who was diagnosed with a muscle wasting condition from the age of 4, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy being a genetic disorder characterised by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. He started training as a professional singer under Pippa Anderson vocal coach, who he met whilst studying his Btec Diploma in music at New College Durham gaining DDD \*\*\* which gained him an elite place at Newcastle University BA Honours Degree in Popular and



Contemporary which is now complete with outstanding grades.

Alex loves all genres of music from 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, musical theatre, pop jazz etc.

Alex has now returned to Newcastle University as a post graduate student, again studying his masters of music with honours and working with medical researchers on the effects singing can have on those with genetic conditions such as Muscle Dystrophy, specifically whether or not singing can help respiratory

function in those with these types of conditions.

Alex has performed over the years at Durham Cathedral Durham Gala with the resident Big Band, Sage Gateshead, Durham Miners Institute, to mention a few, but recently was requested to sing at Hexham Abbey in the Spirit of

Christmas concert amongst distinguished guests, singing with passion and soul giving full meaning of how music can enhance life. Alex's powerful, passionate performance brought the audience to tears of joy and elation. Candles were lit to remember those who have already passed away from this cruel condition but also for all the boys living today.

His songs are often chosen to perform to motivate others but hold strong meaning to Alex living with the life limiting condition he has and the obstacles that arise each day.

Alex takes this opportunity to celebrate his life and encourage those around him.

Alex's family and friends are extremely proud of how he has shone through this difficult and trying condition to find all the positives for his life to inspire others. He is a true kind, loving, funny man with a great future ahead of him and anyone who meets Alex will truly be inspired and can gain comfort from his successes. If anyone would like to contact Alex about his upcoming research project you can email [ajkmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ajkmusic@gmail.com)



### THE LITTLE BUDDHA

"Guilt is Pretty"

Guilt is pretty useless for most things, but it has been known to come in handy when looking for a tool to destroy people's lives. Guilt is good at beating people up. It's good at messing with your head and shredding your emotions. It's also pretty damn good at destroying relationships. Other than that, guilt is a toxic waste of time and space.

People are more likely to change when you can make them feel good about themselves. Helping a person up is more often about getting them to let go of misplaced guilt. Guilt carried for so long it has become a part of who they are. Like a deformed growth attached to their personality, made worse when they mistakenly claim ownership of it. This is mine and I deserve to carry it because of my faults, failings and past mistakes. Unfortunately only good people feel guilt and remorse; the ones who should, don't, because they have more sense and see guilt for what it is, a destructive waste of time.

We are not required to feel guilty; we are required to learn and then choose wisely. Once is a mistake, twice is a life choice requiring serious re-evaluation, but three times is a habit requiring our attention. Education never uses guilt as a motivator for personal change; neither does it use guilt as a big

stick to beat the crap out of those we wish to inspire to greatness. If you wish to change you educate, to empower you help people to let go of misplaced guilt and realise their potential for personal greatness.

We all carry baggage of one description or another. Some is necessary for the journey we have to make, but quite often we carry a load surplus to requirements. Out grown and no longer representative of whom we are, yet we hang on to it for no other reason our name is on the label and we are not sure how to let go. Guilt instinctively tightens our grip and fear renders us powerless to let the lightest burden go.

## Christingle at St. Clare's



The family Christingle at St. Clare's Church was once again well attended and marked the beginning of a magical night. Many children dressed up and took part in a pop-up nativity and joined in with modern carols and songs. The lights of the Christingle shone brightly in the darkness as we ready ourselves to receive Jesus, the light of the world, into our lives.

Even Santa made an appearance much to the delight of all.



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# Praise for 'Proactive' Finley Structures

Newton Aycliffe steel firm Finley Structures has won praise from a main contractor as it continues to work on a high-profile North-East sports development.

Construction firm Galliford Try awarded family-run Finley Structures a contract

to fabricate and erect 640 tonnes of steel for Durham University's expansion of its sports facilities.

Work started earlier this year on the £31m development at Maiden Castle, on the outskirts of Durham city.

The facility, once completed, will include an indoor cricket hall, a 12 court multi-use sports hall, suitable for international and national competitions, a martial arts dojo, fitness suite, purpose-built recovery facilities and high-performance weights rooms.

Once the new facility is ready in August 2019, the existing centre will be refurbished, increasing the facilities for fitness classes and building a specialist sports laboratory.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held in August as Finley Structures started work on fabricating the steel, which has now been erected on site.

Galliford Try senior projects manager Paul Mares said: "Finley Structures have been involved with the Maiden Castle project from our initial bid, assisting the erection sequence and value engineering,



Finley Structures Andrew Workman at Maiden Castle

ensuring both Galliford Try and our client have a robust price and programme. Throughout the design stage both Finley Structures and their design team have been proactive in managing the process to ensure they arrived on site as planned.

Once on site the team have been a pleasure to work with, the frame and metal decking packages have been erected safely, to programme by a team who have identified any potential issues in advance and

worked with the wider team to resolve ensuring no delays have been incurred. This has not only been noticed by Galliford Try, but also our client who has commented on the speed of erection. I look forward to working with the team again."

The Maiden Castle development is the second major project to be awarded from Galliford Try this year, with Finley Structures also currently working on a 930-tonne contract at the CTAR Building in Leeds.

## FLOWER CLUB

Reminisce with Shildon and District Flower Club members on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Hall when speaker Ken Bousfield will entertain with his take on 'Growing Up in the 60s', which was one of the most iconic decades of the last century - from bell-bottoms to The Beatles, from lava lamps to mini skirts.

Come along and wallow in nostalgia! Free to members, visitors £5 - pay on the door.

## 70 + FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Over 70 Christmas dinners, including some deliveries, were completed on Christmas Day.

The day was a great success, but in a sad way, that people are so lonely, which was highlighted several times during the day, one lady actually cried when she was taken home. She had enjoyed herself but the thought of being back home alone upset her.

As a group we have decided we will be putting on more events and hopefully a weekly event to help combat the loneliness that so many people endure. We also noticed various age groups attended the dinner; loneliness is not just for older people. The intergeneration was also captured and noted during the day.

The afternoon started with Carol singers encouraging people to join in. Santa greeted people. A three course meal that consisted of a choice of homemade soup or prawn cocktail, followed by a traditional turkey dinner, then a selection of desserts were offered.

A Christmas quiz followed dinner, as well as a visit from Santa, everyone received two gifts each. All that attended enjoyed the day and we would like to give a big thank you to everyone that contributed in some way. Also a big thank you to the volunteers that gave up their Christmas Day to help; a big thank you to Junction 7 group members who, as always, put people first for their community.



## The Red Box

With millions now using foodbanks and one in four children living in poverty, period poverty has become a priority issue across the UK. Young girls are missing school as they cannot afford sanitary protection.

Sedgefield Labour woman's forum is pleased to be supporting 'The Red Box' project in our constituency.

The Red Box project discretely provides free sanitary products for those that need them, and Sedgefield Labour Woman's forum is providing red boxes across our constituency supplied by donations by Sedgefield constituency Labour Party members, one of which is now available in Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre.

I was pleased to find some of our local schools are already part of this project.

If you are interested in donating items or having a box in your school or community facility then please check out 'Red Box Project Sedgefield' Facebook group, or email Eileen at 'Eileen.brewis@btinternet.com.'

CLr Kathy Beetham.

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9-10am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
10-12pm	Saturday Brunch	Sean Lawless
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

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)	
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
6th Jan - Guests:	<b>Paul Howell, Mel Wilson &amp; Ken Robson</b>	
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

### 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
8th Jan -	<b>Adam Gittins</b>	
7.30-9.30pm	Youth Development Mgr (NA Cricket Club)	
9.30-12am	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
	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
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D. Clare
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>	
4th Jan	<b>Nathan Abbott</b> - 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gary & Alby

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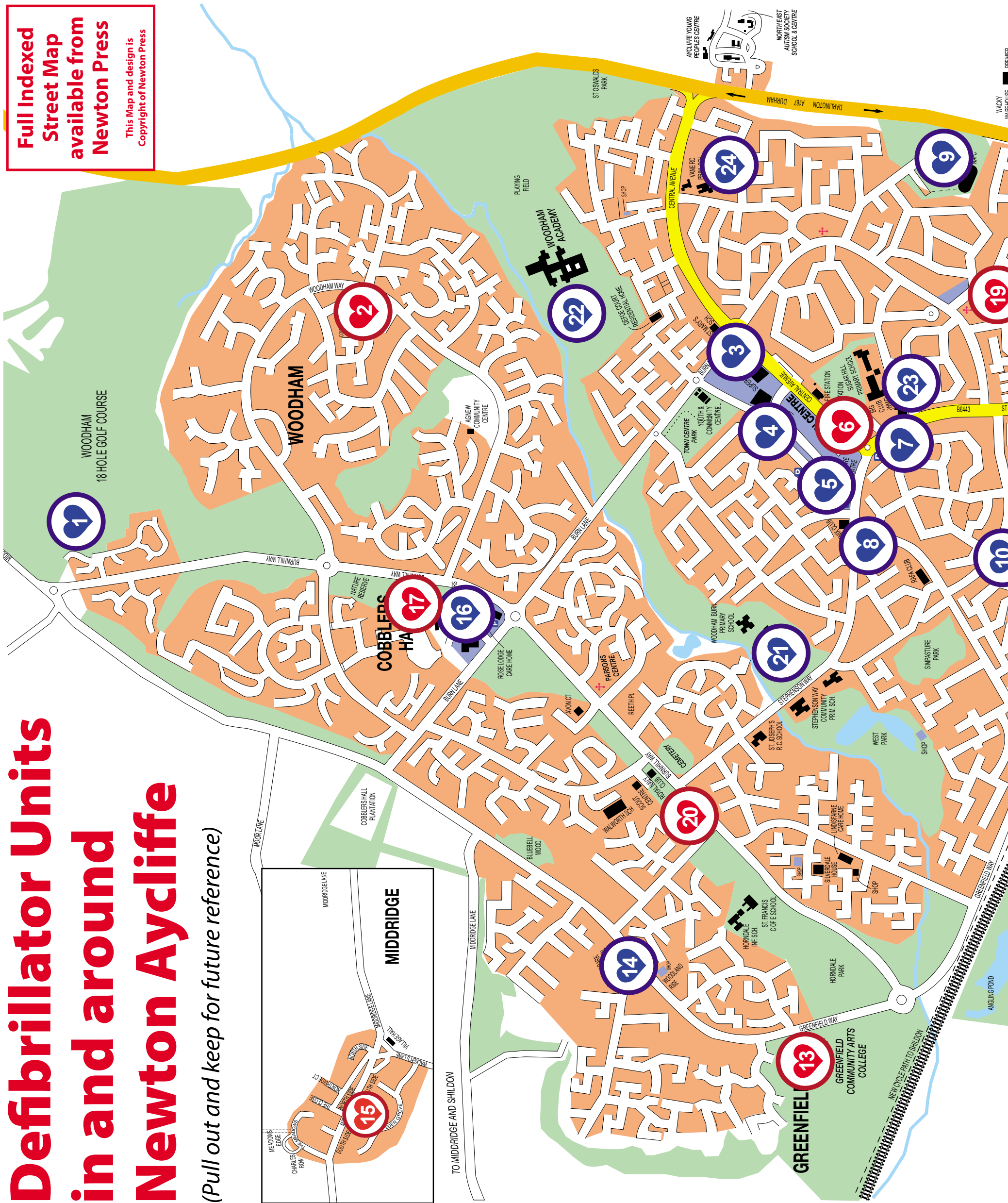


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# BISHOP OF JARROW DESIGNATE - ANNOUNCED

## Durham Town Hall to Open to the Public

The new Bishop of Jarrow Designate was announced recently. The announcement made by Downing Street this morning confirms that the next Bishop of Jarrow Designate is The Venerable Canon Sarah Clark.

Currently Archdeacon of Nottingham, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Sarah (53) was licensed to her current post in October 2014, having previously held several appointments in the Diocese since her ordination at Southwell Minister in 1998. Prior to training for ordination, Sarah was a career Civil Servant in the Department for Employment having been through their graduate training program in the West Midlands where she went on to hold a range of management roles. She gained an MBA in 1994 and her MA in Theology in 1997. Sarah is from an ex-mining community in the South Wales Valleys, something that she hopes gives her a great affinity for the people and places in the Diocese of Durham. She commented: "I grew up in South Wales in the '70s and early '80s, and I was the first generation to go to university, which is why I left. My grandfathers were miners and so was my father in his 20's until he went to work for ICI. My parents still live in the same house I grew up in, in the same community that my father went on to represent as a local Councillor. "I was taught the importance



of giving to your community and looking out for those who were struggling long before I came to faith in Jesus Christ. When I was growing up, open cast mining had been finished for some years, but as usual the slag heaps, or the waste as we called it, remained. It's all grown over now with its own beauty and I was strongly reminded of home (except for the sea!) when I recently visited Easington pit top." Talking of the further parallels between her current role and the challenges she will face here in the Diocese of Durham, Sarah said: "In my current role, I have had responsibility for the development of 25 of our larger local churches across the whole Diocese to be resourcing churches who grow with the aim of giving themselves away through planting new worshipping communities and helping to resource the renewal of existing churches. All this we do as we seek to serve our

communities and welcome new disciples of Jesus into our Christian family. "I am very much looking forward to using those experiences in my new role and in helping the Diocese of Durham in its vision to 'Bless our communities in Jesus' name for the transformation of us all. That resonates so strongly with me and I will work and be witness to that vision in all I am and all I do as Bishop of Jarrow. Commenting on the announcement, The Rt Revd Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham said: "I am delighted that the Queen has confirmed the appointment of Sarah as the next Bishop of Jarrow Designate. "I had the pleasure of working with Sarah whilst I was Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and I know that she will be a great advocate for the communities of our diocese, bringing with her a tremendous set of skills and experiences that will help us

in our ambitions. "I know Sarah will bring rich gifts in helping people discover and discern their God-given calling, including to ordination. She will also bring a deep commitment to our 3 priorities of children and young people, tackling poverty together and growing the church in depth, engagement with communities and number." The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu said: "I am most grateful to Her Majesty The Queen for her approval of the Venerable Sarah Clark as the new Bishop of Jarrow. We warmly welcome Sarah to the North East. Sarah is deeply committed to serving local communities, serving local people and will be sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all whom she encounters". Sarah added: "I am most looking forward to getting to know the different communities and churches across such a diverse Diocese full of character and with such a rich spiritual heritage. I walked Cuthberts Way as a pilgrim for my sabbatical in 2014 and deeply appreciate that heritage as a vital part of the renewal of faith in the North East." Sarah says she is delighted to be part of the continuing renewal of the ministry of the Diocese of Durham and joining those that are strong advocates of the North East. Adding: "As part of my preparation for being interviewed I spoke with a

colleague in Durham who advised me that if I wasn't coming to join in fanning the flames of hope and life in the Diocese not to bother coming at all! "Jesus Christ's resurrection means that new life and new hope are always possible for every person and every community. I have experienced this in my own life and in communities I have served in. Being a Christian has changed my life and knowing that what I do can make a lasting difference in our communities is central to my ministry." As Bishop of Jarrow, Sarah will take on responsibility for those considering and in training for ordination within the Diocese, she commented: "I deeply believe that God has a purpose for the life of every person and discerning what that is, enables lives to be as fruitful as God intended them to be. I am especially passionate about the increase of ordained vocations from our more deprived communities and groups." Sarah will be formally consecrated as Bishop by the Archbishop of York at 10 am on the 27th February 2019 in York Minster. She will then be formally welcomed into the Diocese in at a service of welcome in Durham Cathedral during a setting of Evensong on April 7th at 3.30pm. More details of the Consecration and Service of Welcome will be released in due course.

An historic building which has been at the heart of life in Durham City for more than six centuries is opening its doors to the public.

Durham Town Hall is now offering people the chance to discover its rich and fascinating history every Saturday with no admission charge.

Audio guides, interactive information points and short films have been introduced to help visitors find out more about the stunning building situated in the city's Market Place.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues, said: "The town hall is one of County Durham's oldest and most historic buildings. It's a very beautiful building both inside and out and it also has some thoroughly fascinating stories to tell.

"Visitors will not only get the chance to take a look around but, thanks to new facilities such as interpretation panels and audio guides, they can find out more about the history not just of the town hall but also the city of Durham.

"I'm sure many people pass the building on a daily basis but have never taken a look inside but now they have the opportunity to do just that." Visitors will learn about the powerful Prince Bishops who ruled the county from the

11th century, the evolution of local government and how the town hall developed from the first timber structure of 1356 to the building it is today.

They will also find out about the role of the Mayor and the Mayor's Bodyguard, who have been based at the site since 1602, and the ancient trade guilds and freemen of the city, who for centuries held political and economic power in the city and who continue to meet in the building's Guildhall.

New displays also tell the story of colourful local characters such as Joseph Boruwalski, a 3ft 3in tall 18th Century celebrity known as the Little Count. Born in Poland in 1739, Boruwalski spent his life performing at the Grandest Royal Courts of Europe, before retiring to Durham where he eventually passed away at the age of 98. There are also two specially made short films. One details the town hall's history as a courtroom and the often grizzly nature of crime and punishment in the 1800s. The other is a short documentary by local amateur filmmakers Hill Valley Creative and featuring the music of the local band the Whisky Priests.

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## Greenfield Head Speaks at SSAT Conference



Greenfield Community College are always keen to praise their students and celebrate their many outstanding achievements. The spotlight is less often focused upon the excellent teaching practice and strong leadership that prevails at Greenfield. To make an exception, Executive Headteacher, David Priestley was one of only two headteachers invited to speak at the prestigious SSAT Conference (Schools, Students and Teachers Network) recently where he addressed over 1000 educationalists.

The conference entitled 'Pure Imagination' was held at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham and focused on the qualities needed for imaginative but practical leadership and how a culture of imagination can be embedded within schools. Mr Priestley was asked to take the main stage and share his experience of leadership and how he has successfully used creativity and imagination to develop the Greenfield organisation. The experience gave Mr Priestley the chance to expand upon the many extraordinary opportunities that are on offer for students at Greenfield Community College and how the journey of the school has made the most of a creative approach to education. This has included a range of projects and strategies that encourage students to think creatively including theatre residencies, whole student

campaigns through 'Time for Success' lessons, the role of student leaders and the use of a personal development book and journal.

"It is important for us to create an environment for learning that is meaningful, engaging, relevant and accessible, which is why we invest significant time in the arts including creative programmes designed by Greenfield Arts that support school improvement. We continually aspire to 'imagine and re-imagine' what it would be like if we are to fully develop the potential of our students as confident self-led learners" said Mr Priestley.

## ACORN RA

We hope you all had a wonderful festive season and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2019.

We are making plans for this year's events and would like as many suggestions as possible so please come along to our January meeting on the 10th. We will be meeting at the Phoenix Club (upstairs) at 6pm - Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our friendly group and have a cuppa and biscuits or fresh fruit. Our speaker for the evening will be Andrea Mackrell from the PCP. We look forward to seeing you.

## MESSY CHRISTMAS



Thank you to all who came to MESSY Christmas and enjoyed fun and friendship while crafting.

On our journey to Bethlehem we made nativity scenes and talked about the visitors to the busy stable. We also made angel cards and shared good news with each other just as the angels did. Reindeer biscuits and glitter trees were popular as were the baby in a manger tree decorations. Glitter fir cones and a nativity photo booth completed the afternoon.

Rev. Ann led our worship and then we shared in an amazing party tea with lots of laughter and chat.

Our next MESSY Church will be Saturday 19th January at 4.00pm - please join us.

The MESSY Team would like to wish you all a peaceful and blessed 2019.



## BABY SAVE A LIFE

If your baby or child stopped breathing would you know what to do? By learning some simple techniques, you could help keep your child breathing until help arrived. Cuts to services have meant that these techniques are no longer regularly taught to new mums.

Sedgefield Labour Woman's Forum is currently organising free Royal Life Saving Society 'BABY SAVE A LIFE' classes across the Sedgefield constituency. We have two organised locally for the 26th January, one in School Aycliffe Community Hall 10.00am till 11.00am and one in Heighington Village Hall 12 noon till 1.00pm.

These are open to mums, dads, grandparents and anyone who looks after small children. They are FREE, but spaces are limited so get there early to ensure one. If you run a community facility and would like us to run a free class, then please drop me an email at teddywmoon89@gmail.com and we can see if we can help.

Cllr Kathy Beetham.

## Future of School Funding in County Durham

Councillors are considering the funding available for County Durham's schools as they decide how the government's new national funding formula will be implemented.

Following consultation, Durham County Council's Cabinet is being asked next week to consider the options for implementing the national funding formula for schools in the county, as part of the government's planned roll out of a national approach to determining school funding.

Cabinet is being recommended to continue to transition to the new formula - with full implementation from 2021/22 when it meets on Wednesday, 12 December.

Councillors will hear of a significant shortfall in government funding for pupils' with special educational needs at a time when demand for special needs provision has increased massively, resulting in a projected deficit in 2019/20 of over £5 million in high needs funding.

After listening to schools and the significant pressure they are under, proposals are being considered to meet the shortfall, on a one-off basis, from the council's own reserves for 2019/20, together with an application to the Secretary of State for Education for a 0.5 per cent top-slice from general

schools funding.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "Our schools and the local authority really are between a rock and a hard place. We have a government that is taking away our ability to meet local needs by forcing us to move to a national funding formula whilst at the same time starving our schools of the funding they need."

"If our schools had received increases in funding in line with inflation, they would have received over £40 million more funding than they have at present. Just imagine what could have been done with those much needed resources."

"The position with the high needs budget is simply not sustainable and has to be addressed by government. I have written to the minister to raise the issue and can only hope they do the right thing and provide much needed funding to support pupils with special educational needs."

"We absolutely understand the pressure our schools are under which is why we have agreed to use some of the council's reserves in 2019/20 on a one-off basis to lessen the impact on them whilst we consider our options going forward."

Cllr Alan Napier, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for finance, said: "Funding for our schools

continues to be cut in real terms by this government. The pressures in high needs are huge and are being experienced by local authorities up and down the country."

"Government must recognise that if they do not provide more high needs funding we are simply storing up problems for the future which will cost more to resolve in the long run. Using council reserves to fund education spending is not a sustainable position and whilst we are looking to agree this one off support for 2019/20, we need a longer term solution from government."

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# Movies, Music and Family Fun in Theatre's New Programme

TV comedy stars, stage performances of children's favourite stories and a women-only wartime photography exhibition are coming to Bishop Auckland this spring, alongside a range of impressive comedy and music performances.

The Bishop Auckland Town Hall spring season boasts a host of musical events, from original acoustic tracks from The Seahorses front man Chris Helme on Friday 1 February, to amazing tributes to pop favourites, Rod Stewart: Tribute by Bob Wyper on Friday 8 February, Little Mix Magic on Sunday 17 February and Swede Dreamz ABBA on Friday 22 March.

The venue's monthly lunchtime Jazz concerts also return, with guitar and vocal duo Hand to Mouth; a mixture of bebop, American

songbook and original piano compositions from the Dean Stockdale Trio; the classic sound of 50's hard bop with the Mick Shoulder Quartet; and some fantastic lyrical trumpet work from the Noel Dennis Trio.

Side-splitting Hilarity Bites sessions are also back, starting on Friday 18 January with the north east's own Jason Cook, writer and star of TV's Hebburn and Murder on the Blackpool Express. The monthly comedy shows include some of the best headline acts in the UK, including those featured on Live at the Apollo, The Last Leg and Mock the Week.

Little ones will love singing along to their favourite nursery rhymes when The People's Theatre Company presents There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly on Saturday 23 March.

Written especially for grown-ups to enjoy with their children, the show is a feast of songs and colourful animal characters.

The family fun continues on Wednesday 10 April when The Little Mermaid swims into the Town Hall, with an under-the-sea spectacular featuring pop songs and puppets galore. Lego Block Parties and drama and music workshops will also keep kids entertained during the February half-term holidays.

A special event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday 26 January will feature a fascinating

talk by Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke who was born in Mauthausen concentration camp, Austria in 1945. Eva will share her experiences, as one of the only survivors of her family, 15 members of which were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Tickets for the event are free and also include performances from local schools and an exhibition about the Durham Light Infantry's involvement in the liberation of Bergen-Belsen death camp.

Another season highlight, the Town Hall's No Man's Land exhibition, on display from Saturday 26 January to

Saturday 6 April, will offer audiences rarely seen female perspectives of the First World War, featuring images taken by women who worked as nurses, ambulance drivers, and official photographers, as well as contemporary artists directly inspired by the conflict. A series of talks, events and workshops also complement the exhibition. Visitors will have a second chance to see some of 2018's

best films this spring too, including Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again, Murder on the Orient Express, A Star is Born and many more at the bargain price of £5.

More information about the season's full programme and tickets for all events are available online from [www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk](http://www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk), in person from the Town Hall's box office, or by telephoning 03000 269 524.

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# FOOD-RECYCLING PIONEERS WORKING TOWARDS A CLEANER, GREENER TOMORROW

North East food waste recycling company and sustainability pioneers, Warrens Group, have announced another first for the industry and the North East Region. As a third generation family business of over 70 years standing, Warrens

have grown from humble beginnings to become one of the region's foremost providers of agricultural and food waste recycling services.

In recent years, Warrens have forged a place for themselves at the forefront of the industry, culminating in the launch of Warrens Emerald Biogas - the region's first food waste anaerobic digestion facility, built in 2012 - and currently collecting and recycling over 115,000 tonnes of food waste to generate over 100 million kWh of clean, green energy every year - enough to power 19,000 homes!

Now Warrens have announced another first - they are about to take delivery of the first of a new fleet of trucks powered by biomethane gas - making them the first food waste recycling company in the UK to power their HGV waste collection vehicles with biogas converted directly from their own food waste customers!



Warrens Director Antony Warren explains, "As a company, we pride ourselves on our forward-thinking, we've always been early adopters of the latest technology and methods. Our fundamental purpose is to collect waste and convert it into energy, so we've been looking for a biogas-powered vehicle for a while - it was just a question of finding the right one."

To achieve this objective, Warrens Group collaborated with IVECO, a leader in the design and manufacture of natural power vehicles. IVECO's unrivalled experience in gas vehicle technology has spanned more than 20 years, and was key to securing the deal to supply the Eurocarga Natural Power truck.

Antony Warren continues, "We knew IVECO was at the forefront of the technology, and the team there were brilliant in helping us to understand the advantages of natural gas - working with us to specify the perfect vehicle and supplying it faster than any other manufacturer we spoke to."

The new biomethane powered truck will be in operation six days a week, with refuelling carried out at Warrens Group's on-site facility at Newton Aycliffe. This means it will be seen collecting food waste from a wide range of existing Warrens customers including pubs, restaurants, schools and supermarkets across the North East of England.

Warrens Director Adam Warren explains; "We firmly believe that a sustainable business is a better business. Sustainability is something we advocate to all organisations and communities, as we support their efforts to address the environmental issues caused by traditional methods

of waste disposal. By powering our own fleet on the biogas it collects, we're demonstrating that when it comes to sustainability, we really do practice what we preach." Expert and industry consensus agrees with the Warrens view that if we fuel HGV's on gas made from renewable sources, carbon emissions would be almost eliminated. This

development is timely because the adverse effects of poor air quality on human health and climate change are two of the most pressing environmental issues we face today.

Gas industry expert and Managing Director of CNG Services, John Baldwin is excited at the new development and commented; "The HGV's on the UK roads have a disproportionate environmental impact; whilst they represent only 5% of road vehicles, they consume around 25% of road diesel and are responsible for around 27% of roadside NOx and 18% of transport-related CO2 emissions. The acquisition of trucks that are powered by the biomethane gas they help to generate means CO2 emissions are reduced by almost 100% - which could very possibly give Warrens Group the lowest carbon footprint for collection of food waste on the planet."

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We make a point of welcoming Beginners to this wonderful Hobby and give our time freely for tuition and advice. ARTF (Almost Ready to Fly) Trainers are undoubtedly the best way for the newcomer to go when it comes to learning to fly.

Our club has brought so much pleasure and satisfaction to its members and guests. The club has been a source of learning and self-achievement during its lifetime.

We hold regular competitions and members of all age groups are encouraged to participate with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

Sadly, owing to the current economic climate, our landowner finds himself in the difficult position of having to turn our plot back into farming use.

This means we will have to relocate to a new flying field. We have enjoyed many happy years of flying at our current field but sadly, as we all know, from time to time things do change.

We are looking for a new site hopefully within 10 miles of Newton Aycliffe from which we could re-establish ourselves. Our current field is somewhere in the region of a half an acre and at some distance

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Our fundraiser, Milly Toner is pictured with the Tekmar Team and we would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated, we are so grateful and were overwhelmed with your generosity.

## SLOW TO 20 SUCCESS



Councillors received an update on a successful scheme to reduce speed limits outside of schools recently.

Durham County Council received funding from Public Health to introduce 66 20mph limit zones near schools across the county. The Slow to 20 for Safer Streets project is now in its final year and when the council's Cabinet met on Wednesday, 14 November, members heard that 52 of the schemes have been completed.

By the time this part of the project comes to an end, 74 schools will have benefited, as some schools share sites or are in close proximity to each other.

This is in addition to 30 schemes that have been completed thanks to funding from local members' neighbourhood budgets and individual schools. A further eight schemes are now in development and more could follow if funding is secured from councillors' neighbourhood budgets, Area Action Partnerships, town and parish councils or schools.

The information on 20mph zones is part of an updated Speed Management Strategy, which the council has developed in partnership with Durham Constabulary. The strategy provides a framework for setting appropriate speed limits and addressing speeding problems across County Durham. It is based on current Government

legislation, guidance and best practice, and considers a range of issues and approaches to ensuring County Durham's road are safe for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

This includes a comprehensive education and awareness programme delivered through the County Durham and Darlington Road Safety Partnership and Durham Constabulary's Community Speed Watch initiative.

Councillors will be asked to note the updated strategy and approve plans for a six week-public consultation on the document.

Councillor Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "It is fantastic to see 20mph limits being introduced outside of the schools where they are needed most."

"This not only improves road safety but it encourages people to walk and cycle, which has wider health and environmental benefits."

"The Speed Management Strategy demonstrates our commitment to working with the police to improve road safety across the whole of the county."

"Education is a key part of this. If we can make drivers understand the potentially lethal consequences of speeding they are far more likely to slow down."

For more information about what is being done to improve road safety in County Durham, visit www.durham.gov.uk/roadsafety



# BEST EMPLOYER IN CARE FOR THE SECOND TIME

Home Instead Senior Care, a company specialising in at-home care for older people in Durham has been honoured with a 5 star Best Employer in Care Award for the second time last year.

The accolade of 5 Star Employer was awarded by WorkBuzz (formerly smith+henderson), an independent company which conducted surveys with Home Instead's customers and employees.

In response to the independent survey, one caregiver employed by Home Instead Durham said, "The best thing about working for Home Instead is the nature of the job, going out and doing what I do; showing kindness, compassion, commitment and most importantly love, because sometimes that's

all a person needs. Having fantastic support is also great, just in case anything didn't go according to plan during my visits."

Home Instead's caregivers are matched with clients that share their interests, with visits lasting for a minimum of one hour, and often longer. As a result of this unique, person centred approach, clients receive an excellent standard of care and employees develop high levels of job satisfaction.

Steven Frost, CEO of WorkBuzz (formerly smith+henderson), the awards organisers said, "We would like to congratulate Home Instead Senior Care Durham on being awarded a 5 Star Employer for the second time. What makes this award extra special is

that it's based on feedback from their caregivers and is only awarded to the top 10% of companies that enter the Best Employers in Care Awards.

"The care sector too often receives negative publicity – in contrast Home Instead Senior Care has a strong culture whereby caregivers have the right support and training; are well led and have a strong commitment to deliver outstanding care." Commenting on the recognition her company has received, Trudi Jameson, owner and director of Home Instead Senior Care Durham, said, "We are incredibly proud to have achieved a 5 star Best Employer in Care Award again."

"It means so much because it was awarded as a result of feedback from our employees. Person centred home care is our business and this acknowledgement proves that it works, not only for our clients, but for our caregivers too."

To find out more about the work that Home Instead Senior Care do in your area, or for details of current caregiver vacancies, call 0191 374 4041 or visit: <https://www.homeinstead.co.uk/durham>.

*Photo: The caring team at Home Instead Senior Care Durham.*

## History TALK

Middridge History Society present "Windlestone and Its People", an illustrated talk given by Graham Morris on Thursday 10th January at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall. Graham will focus on the Foundation of the Hall in 1834 and the achievements of the later Edens, notably Sir Robert Johnson Eden & Sir William Eden; the fulfilment of a grand artistic plan, the running of the estate and its decline in the 20th Century. Refreshments included and everyone is most welcome.

# Partnership Secures Radiology Service



Patients requiring x-rays and other scans are set to benefit from a new agreement between County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and technology company, Philips.

The contract which came into effect in October, means Philips will be responsible for ensuring radiology equipment across all of the Trust's hospital sites is well-maintained and replaced regularly so that patients benefit from some of the latest technology in the region.

Commenting, Rob Goddard, associate director of governance, clinical specialist services care group, said, "Radiology equipment is increasingly used to diagnose and help determine treatment plans for a wide range of conditions. Our contract with Philips covers x-ray, CT, ultrasound, mammography and nuclear medicine which uses small amounts of radioactive material to diagnose and determine the severity of conditions including cancer and heart disease. The contract will also cover the specialist radiology equipment used in cardiology."

"Modern diagnostics can replace the need for invasive procedures, for example, there are occasions when a CT scan can replace a colonoscopy. We're providing an additional CT scanner at University Hospital of North Durham to ensure a prompt diagnosis for patients attending as emergencies, with a suspected stroke or in other potentially life-threatening situations. "Radiology plays an increasingly essential role

in ensuring our patients are diagnosed and treated quickly, with minimal intervention. As a result, much of our equipment is used up to 12 hours a day, six days a week, which increases the risk of wear and tear. This contract includes a dedicated engineer based in the Trust who will address any issues immediately, minimising the chances of disruption for our patients. An on-site operations manager will oversee the renewal programme covering over 120 items of equipment, all of which will be replaced at least once during the 14 year contract, with some items planned to be updated twice or even three times.

"This coordinated approach to both purchase and maintenance will be very cost-effective avoiding, for example, the need to go through procurement processes each time a piece of equipment is replaced. "We're finding that the opportunity to work with this very modern equipment is also attracting highly qualified and talented radiology staff and we anticipate this will continue as we replace other equipment."

Newly appointed operations manager, John Carmichael, said, "This is an exciting opportunity for Philips to work as part of the Trust's team to ensure they have the most appropriate equipment, regardless of whether Philips is the manufacturer. We're also working with the Trust, re-designing some changing facilities and other patient areas, within our radiology departments, to provide the best possible patient experience and maintain their privacy and dignity."

## Obituary

### GLADYS GARNETT (nee Hope)

of Newton Aycliffe, suddenly on 15th December, aged 87 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Jack; loving Mam to Stephen and Anthony; much loved Grandma of Laura and her fiancé Luke; a dear Mother-in-Law to Denise and Deborah. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Mary's R.C. Church on Monday 7th January for 9.30am. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

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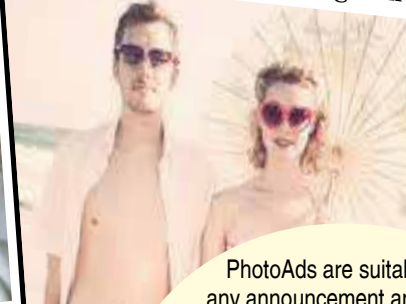
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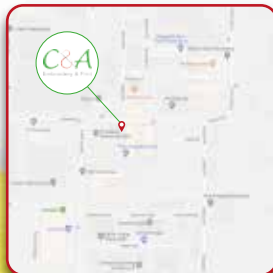
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## N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 29th December  
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Newton Aycliffe travelled to Whitley Bay and came back with a point after a 2-2 draw. The home side started the brighter of the two sides and went close in the first minute when Alan Harrison blocked a shot on the line. Aycliffe had another let off on the quarter hour when a shot was

deflected and just missed the goal. Aycliffe suffered a blow three minutes later when Ben Wood picked up an injury and had to go off, to be replaced by Jermaine Metz.

Ali Alshabeeb made a good run for Aycliffe and crossed to Vincent Gash, who got his shot away, only for Whitley Bay keeper Flynn to pull off a sharp save. Three minutes before the break 16 year old Aycliffe keeper Brad Young, deputising for the injured James Winter, made a good stop, pushing a shot onto the post and out for a corner. Right on half time, Aycliffe suffered another injury when Shaun Hudson was the victim of a bad tackle and had to go off, being replaced by Stu Thompson.

Whitley Bay got the breakthrough six minutes into the second half. McFarlane made a good run down the right, and found Ardelean in the penalty box and he slotted home. Aycliffe came into the game more, and started to create more chances, with Gash and Alshabeeb going close.

They got their reward on 73 minutes when man-of-the-match Kurt Matthews headed in a free-kick for the equaliser. Three minutes later he scored his and Aycliffe's second goal. Flynn denied Metz, but Daniel Wright was quick to pick up the rebound and cross for Matthews to volley home. The lead only lasted six minutes; Aycliffe conceded a penalty and Martin stepped up and converted the penalty for 2-2. Both sides went for a winner, but it stayed all-square.

Aycliffe host Stockton Town on Saturday 5 January & then in a changed fixture travel to Bishop Auckland on Wednesday 9 January. Photo: Aycliffe goalscorer Kurt Matthews

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It has been a great festive period for ARC with runners taking part in many races over Christmas and New Year.

On Saturday 22nd December 2018 several members attended the Saltwell Park 10k. This is an undulating course in the grounds of Saltwell Park, Gateshead. First home for the club was: Richard Holland 43.16, Alan Wilks 48.27, Simon Matthew Turner 50.53, Trish Kay 50.58, Angela Sutheran 52.54, Lindsey Brown 1.00.52, Gemma Holland 1.02.27.

The following day members attended the 'What A Wheeze' Christmas Cracker Race which took place in Ropner Park in Stockton.

Most of the members really got into the Christmas Spirit and attended in Fancy Dress. On this occasion, first home was: Mark Bainbridge 19.59, Trish Kay 28.28, Penny Johnson 34.49, Jane Quigley 35.53, Eve Doe 35.53, Ray Todd 36.24, Jan McLuckie 38.01.

On 29th December 2018, Peter Milburn secured a PB at Darlington Park Run in a time of 19.15.

The final race of 2018 for ARC was the 'Jolly Holly Jog' around the grounds of Fountains Abbey in Ripon and was a tough, mainly off road, 10k race.

First home for the club was: Richard Holland 44.24, Mark Bainbridge 47.04, Sandra Collins 54.15, John Joseph Richardson 57.54,

Ian Baronowski 59.45, Kathryn Waterworth 1.02.06, John Young 1.03.14, Richard Tonge 1.06.14, Stephanie Johnson 1.30.24.

Finally on New Years day a number of our runners took part in the double parkruns with many running Sedgefield and Darlington respectively. One runner, Andy Talbot, managed to secure a PB at Sedgefield in a time of 20.15.

For anyone interested in joining Aycliffe Running Club, you can either turn up at a session or contact us via the website or Facebook. All sessions are posted to our website and are advertised on our facebook page.

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