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Hydrotherapy Pool Campaign off to a Winning Start



Picture shows: Tamara (left) looking over the redevelopment plans for the new pool with Carol Gaskarth, Chief Exec (right) & Lynsey Todd, Head of Customer Experience (centre).

Tamara Taylor, former Captain of the Six Nations Rugby Squad, has given her backing to the Hydrotherapy Pool campaign, she will be helping to spread the word about the positive impact Hydrotherapy treatment has on people and why the pool is such an important resource for the whole community. Tamara visited the centre recently and met with some of the users of the pool to hear how the pool helps with pain management and strengthening as they manage their own conditions. Tamara has herself experienced injury and has

had two major operations, knee reconstruction and ankle surgery. Tamara says "Using a pool like the one at PCP helped me strengthen my ankle and has been so vital in achieving a good rehabilitation, due to the buoyancy of the water I was able to walk and run well before I was able to on land". "I am so pleased to be able to support this campaign which is such an important community resource. I am

looking forward to getting involved in the fundraising activity". Chief Executive Carol Gaskarth "We are absolutely delighted that Tamara has come on-board as an Ambassador of PCP to help the Pool campaign, she has achieved the highest level in her career, she is hugely respected and a wonderful role model".

The fundraising campaign is gathering pace, after receiving a significant donation of £50,000 taking the current total to £204,000. The total refurbishment is expected to be in the region of £410,000.

To find out more about the events and how you can get involved in the fundraising visit www.diveinpcp.co.uk. For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Get Your Cervical Smear At Your GP Practice

In response to the news that cervical screening rates across the UK are at a 20 year low, nurses in the Newton Aycliffe and Shildon practices are trying to encourage local ladies to access this very important screening appointment. The cervical smear is a painless procedure that takes around five minutes to perform by one of the skilled and experienced practice nurses. Target levels in ladies living in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon are increasing but there are still 100s of ladies between 25 and 64 who are overdue their test. These ladies range from first

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JO's cervical cancer trust

timers who are unsure of what to expect all the way through to older ladies who are worried that the test will be painful, or who have had a negative experience in the past. Also ladies who don't know that they need one. We would love these ladies to come and even just have a chat with one of our nurses about their fears or anxieties, there are many things we can do to make this as easy as possible for them.

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FRIENDSHIP FORCE Famous Multi Award Winning Film Actor Coming To Aycliffe

The County Durham Friendship Force held their meeting on Monday 14th January. It is exciting times for the Friendship Force. President Cynthia Scott said "members were looking forward to a visit from 13 ambassadors from Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia. As usual we have been busy crossing the t's and dotting the i's in making sure everything would come together. We always try to give our visitors a true experience of living in the North East of England. We welcome our guests with a party to celebrate the start of the trip and follow with a visit to Durham and an audience with the Mayor, a visit to the cathedral and a boat trip. Also, we will take in a trip to the Lake District, Raby Castle, Binchester Roman Fort and of course Fish and Chips at Whitby. Our hosts will have two free days to take our visitors to other places of interest. All ambassadors stay in the homes of members of the County Durham Friendship Force, and learn what it is like to live in our lovely part of the country". Anne Main who is Journey Co-ordinator for the clubs

outgoing 3 plus week trip to New Zealand added, "We have had a series of episodes that have significantly reduced the number of people travelling on this trip, we are hopeful we can get members of other UK Clubs to join with us to make the three weeks more enjoyable. We are always open to receive new members of our club and would be happy for people to contact our president on 01325 313055, if they would like more information". Other things discussed were the programme of events internally for our members to enjoy, to get to know one another better. These include our annual St Georges Day Lunch on 23rd April at The Bay Horse at Midridge, a visit to Sunderland Glass Factory, a meal and a walk at Little Haven at South Shields and a visit to Bristol Friendship Force. The club plan to re-visit Japan in 2020 and host Japan and Atlanta too. Again for anyone wanting more information about the club, contact The County Durham Friendship Force President Cynthia Scott 01325 313055

Recently premiered on BBC is the TV multi award winning (including '2017 BAFTA for Outstanding British Film') 'I Daniel Blake'.

The lead role was played by 'David Johns' who we are proud to have headline our next comedy night at 'The Turbinia' on 6th February. Dave Johns is an actor, stand up comedian and talented improviser who played the lead role in Ken Loach's feature film 'I, Daniel Blake' for which he won the 2016 BIFA for Best Actor. 'I, Daniel Blake' won the 2016 Palme d'Or at Cannes Film Festival. He is a regular guest with the Comedy Store Players on their improv show in London's West End. He had toured with Johnny Vegas and Sean Lock and has performed at the Montreal, Kilkenny, Melbourne, Edinburgh and Adelaide comedy festivals. He has appeared on The West End stage in 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest', starring Christian Slater, has co-written the stage adaption of Stephen King's 'The Shawshank Redemption' and has appeared on TV comedy panel shows 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' and '8 Out Of 10 Cats'.

Dave is one of the most respected and best loved comedians working on the British comedy circuit, having performed extensively in UK comedy clubs, and comedy clubs and festivals worldwide for nearly 3 decades. "Highlight of the week, Geordie comic Dave Johns stealing the show on last night's Never Mind the Buzzcocks". (The Sun)

"Shifting from hilarity to uproar to genius in the blink of an eye". (The Guardian)

On the same bill we also have Britain's Got Talent finalist - Danny Posthill. Since reaching the finals of Britain's Got Talent in 2015 Danny has never stopped.



Dave Johns

Touring round the UK on the comedy circuit as well as doing big corporate events. "Impressionist Danny Posthill brings a bevy of other characters with him including Billy Connolly, David Beckham, Gary Barlow, Michael McIntyre, John Bishop, Alan Carr – and is funny in his own right too." "What a talented comedian" - Tim Vine

"It was brilliantly funny! It's always nice to see impressionists do people

that other people don't do" – David Walliams

"It was effortless!" – Amanda Holden

"I think you got a great reaction because the act was great, you're funny. You're good... I like you" – Simon Cowell

The show is hosted by the fantastic Ray Bradshaw, who has just finished his highly acclaimed UK tour.

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Has to be the biggest night of comedy ever held in Aycliffe, it will sell out so you need your tickets ASAP, only £6. Tickets for this show can be bought online at www.hilaritybites.co.uk, or in person from The Turbinia, or telephone 01325 313034.

Councillor Applauds The Work of Park Patrol Wardens

What a wonderful collection of parks we have in Newton Aycliffe each with its own character from St Oswalds traditional layout, Town Centre Park hosting its play areas and skating facilities or West Park a piece of countryside in our town.

We have eight parks in the Parish, and a number of play areas all owned and maintained to a high standard by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The Town Park and St Oswald's Park have staff in attendance daily to maintain the grounds, all of this we as Newtonians take for granted but a huge amount of work goes on in the background.

Some of the unsung heroes working behind the scenes are our wonderful park wardens who monitor not only our parks but Cemeteries and other Great Aycliffe sites and properties during the day,

evening and at weekends to ensure that our facilities provide an enjoyable and safe visit.

Dog walkers look forward to meeting these guys in the parks where they have been seen to hand out doggy poo bags to dog owners. Anyone in trouble in the parks can rely on the wardens to help in any way they can.

Sadly these chaps also have to occasionally control misbehaviour not only by children but also adults in our parks and they do so in a professional and courteous manner. Serious problems are swiftly reported to Police and the two services work closely together.

The new ACE awards are a great tool for rewarding good behaviour and have been well received by all.

Thanks guys for your work in our community Councillor Ken Robson

Thanks From The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe

The generosity and support of the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding area never ceases to amaze us and never fails us.


The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe has completed a successful Christmas season of collections for the benefit of needy people in our area. We have collected a record amount this year. This has been used to provide Christmas hampers and support where needed.

We thank everyone who has donated to our Santa sleigh and Tesco collections, or has helped us in any way. Thanks to Santa and his helpers who found time to help us when they were very busy, and thanks to Tesco for help with making up the hampers.

Jon Bean, President
The Rotary Club of Newton

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Dear Sir,
I agree with your correspondent on the subject of parking on grass verges. Not only does it destroy the verge, which as I understand it is criminal damage, but any repairs will have to be paid for by all residents of the town. Can I suggest that representatives from the council, police and local councillors visit the following areas, Vane Road, Shafto Way, Greville Way and Clarence Chare (no doubt there are others) to see the extent of damage to grass verges then re-visit the same areas at around 9pm to see who is responsible. Name and address supplied.

MP Signs Holocaust Educational Trust Book of Commitment



This week Phil Wilson signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment, in doing so pledging his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day and honouring those who were murdered during the Holocaust as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today. Sunday 27th January will mark the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of the largest mass murder in history.

In the lead up to and on Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands of commemorative events will be arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the country, remembering all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. The theme for this year's commemorations is 'Torn from Home'.

After signing the Book of Commitment, Phil Wilson MP commented:

"Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from Sedgefield and across the country to reflect on the tragic events of the Holocaust. As the Holocaust moves from living history, to just history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the victims and also pay tribute to the survivors. I would encourage my constituents to show their support for such an important day." Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said: "The Holocaust did not start in the gas chambers but with hate filled words. Our mission is to educate

young people from every background about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance. We are very grateful to Phil Wilson for signing the Book of Commitment, signalling a continued commitment to remembering the victims of the Holocaust as well as challenging antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry in all its forms."

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Defibrillator Project Continues to Deliver



A mission to provide 24-hour Public Access lifesaving equipment, and free CPR and Defibrillator training is exceeding expectations in the local area.

The project funded by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership was to provide several community venues with equipment and training that can assist our emergency services with "The Chain of Survival". Every year in the UK there are 350,000 heart attacks, 100,000 fatal. Young, old, fit, or unfit, all can be at risk. Over 20% of these attacks happen in a public place. Only 18 months ago there were no 24-hour defibrillator units in Newton Aycliffe, now there are several units located throughout the community. A welcome addition to these are the two new units which have been installed at The Navy Club and Neville Community Association.

Supported by GAMP Neighbourhood Budget Funding from County Councillors Eddy Adam, John Clare, Kate Hopper, Scott Durham and Paul Howell, staff, members, and the Ladies Group headed by Dorothy Bowman based at the Navy Club were successful in obtaining £1700 for the installation of the new unit.

Neville Community Centre and Neville Community Residents Group new defibrillator was supported by GAMP Small Grants Funding from County Councillors Sarah Iveson

and Jim Atkinson. The centre was also generously supported by a local family, the Taylors.

The Taylor family lost their daughter Seonaid Taylor-Hill, from a heart condition. They are determined that in her memory some good will come from bad. They have started and are continuing their "Kick it for Seonaid" campaign, to raise funds to provide defibrillators in the community.

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Transition to Teach Campaign Launched in Newton Aycliffe

- 'Transition to Teach' launches to inspire those facing redundancy or seeking increased job satisfaction and work-life balance
- Local schools to benefit from influx of teachers in STEM and other key subject areas
- Age and job title are not a barrier for those considering teaching

A new campaign has launched in Newton Aycliffe to both encourage career changers to make the leap into teaching and provide a welcome boost to local schools searching for teachers in key subject areas.

The Transition to Teach (transitiontoteach.co.uk) support programme funded by the Department for Education and led by global education company, Cognition Education, is primarily designed to help professionals recognise that their skills and experience can really benefit the classroom at any stage of their career.

For those people in Newton Aycliffe unfortunately facing redundancy or looking for a change of direction, Transition to Teach also provides light at the end of the tunnel and can open doors to new opportunities. For many people, teaching is seen as central to greater job satisfaction and tailored to changing lifestyle circumstances. ONS* data reveals that 37 per cent of over-35s are seeking greater work-life balance when considering a career change. In addition, those with young families feel that teaching is better suited to the demands of parenting and family priorities.

Although there is still major demand for teachers across Science, Technology, Engineering



and Mathematics (STEM), the campaign highlights the need for professionals to teach across all subject areas. For example, those with a passion for music, languages, art or history now have the opportunity to incorporate their hobby or pastime into their job - by making the career-swap into teaching.

The Transition to Teach programme offers support and guidance throughout. It follows a simple four-stage process, with help given to individuals during their application and to assess their eligibility, through to initial teacher training and further support when qualified in the first year of teaching.

Mel Sproston, regional director for Cognition Education, commented: "Whether a person in Newton Aycliffe is nearing the end of their career or has a few years' experience behind them, teaching offers so many positive career and lifestyle benefits. We fundamentally believe that individuals with real-world experience across a wealth of industries, sectors and job roles have so much to bring to the classroom. As we start the new year, what better time to ignite that passion for teaching?" Anyone thinking of making

the switch into teaching can start their journey, by simply enquiring online at www.transitiontoteach.co.uk.

GREENFIELD'S GGT IS A BIG HIT

Students from Greenfield Community College raised the roof as they competed in the popular annual 'Greenfield's Got Talent' competition.

The audience of staff and students were amazed at the talent on show and there was no shortage of

Newton Aycliffe Junior Race Night

Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club Under 8's are having a Race Night on Friday 15th of February at Newton Aycliffe WMC with tickets at just £5 and children free, this is going to be a wonderful night to raise funds for the children's upcoming tournament in May and new Equipment/Kit for the next upcoming season, but, to do this we need raffle/donation prizes.

Hopefully some of Newton News readers could help us by donating a prize to the club that we can use at the race night. If that isn't possible would you consider sponsoring one of the races? It will be £36 to sponsor and your logo and name will be advertised throughout the night.

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participants who were keen to take the stage. There was lots of laughs and appreciation with a range of acts including singers, dancers, comedians, roller-skaters and gymnasts!

At Shildon there was special guest appearances from Mr Ramshaw, the staff Spice Girls and that well known magician, Mr Richardson. "The event was enjoyed by both staff and students. It was amazing to see how much talent Greenfield

their contribution to what was a brilliant occasion. The students really enjoyed the day, Year 8 student, Kennedy Jones said "I really enjoyed how both teachers and students got involved, I loved the costumes".

It was also lovely to see such an appreciative audience with students and staff showing their appreciation in good spirit. Well done to all the contestants who provided superb entertainment.

Holocaust Survivor Will Tell of Experiences at Memorial Event

Bishop Auckland Town Hall will host a day of moving events as Holocaust Memorial Day remembers victims of the Holocaust and genocides.

Every year, on the 27 January, Holocaust Memorial Day invites people to remember the tragic effects of genocide. The date coincides with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

Poignant events organised by Durham County Council, alongside Durham Cathedral and St Anne's Church, Bishop Auckland, will give residents and visitors a chance to learn more, as well as offering quiet time for remembrance.

On Saturday 26 January, Bishop Auckland Town Hall will have a stirring talk from Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke, who was born in Mauthausen concentration camp in 1945. It promises to be a heart-rending event, as 15 of Eva's family members were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau, leaving only her and her mother as survivors. Performances from King James I Academy and The Hermitage Academy will also feature.

An exhibition at Bishop Auckland Town Hall will feature accounts of other genocides, including stories from Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Dafur, as well as a display explaining the Durham Light Infantry's involvement in the liberation of Bergen-Belsen death camp with testimonies from both liberators and the liberated. Events will take place between 10am and 3.30pm. St Anne's Church, Bishop Auckland Market Place, is also offering a place for



quiet reflection as it opens for contemplation and prayer between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Saturday 26 January, followed by a memorial service on Sunday at 3pm.

Cllr Jane Brown, Cabinet member for social inclusion, said "It's extremely important we learn from the deaths and suffering of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in places like Bosnia, Rwanda, Darfur and Cambodia. Genocide is the result of hatred, racism and discrimination."

Events follow this year's theme, torn from home, asking people to reflect on what happens when individuals and communities are driven out of their homes because of persecution or the threat of genocide, alongside the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to find and build new homes when the genocide is over. Tickets for the talk and school performances at Bishop Auckland Town Hall are free, but bookable in advance. For further information, to book tickets and to view opening times, visit www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/. Entrance to the exhibition at the library is free and does not require booking.

For more information on Holocaust Memorial Day Trust visit www.hmd.org.uk

NEXT ARRIVA BUS STRIKE

If still going ahead, the next Arriva bus strike is for 10 days from 27th January to 5th February.

At short notice they may put out online emergency timetables, these being services running less often. If the strike goes ahead and they issue these timetables, if you know someone, possibly elderly and maybe nearby, think of them and maybe print out for them a copy of a timetable that maybe of benefit to them. Just ask them.

The elderly may not have the Internet and may not know what's going on. If I could get online copies in time before going to print I would ask this newspaper if they have room to print them in their newspaper. During the last strike Arriva drivers were not taking fares. If you are not sure when the last bus back is, ask the driver. Yours sincerely A Helping Hand



has to offer", said Subject Leader and organiser Miss Adams.

The judges on both sites were given the enviable task of choosing the top places and the final decision was not an easy one. The winners on the day were Rebecca Hole (Shildon site) and John Jameson (Newton Aycliffe site) who both sang their way to victory and showed outstanding talent on the day.

Staff at Greenfield were very proud of every student that participated and would like to thank each budding entertainer for

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North East leading Health and Wellbeing charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are currently on a mission to reach their fundraising goal of £410,000 in order to refurbish their massively popular Hydrotherapy Pool. In aid of the 'Dive In!' Hydrotherapy Pool campaign; PCP are working with 'Bag2School' – the largest textile collection company working with schools and charities in the UK. You can donate your good-quality, unwanted clothes and textiles to one of PCP's various dropping points across the North East; which will raise money for the charities Dive In! Campaign, and reduce the environmental impact of clothing. Since 1999 Bag2School had paid 32,000,000 to schools and charities. For the 'Love to Recycle' project, the public are able to drop off their items at

the following PCP sites from 10.00am Monday 11 February until 10.00am Wednesday 14 February 2019:
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For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton

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Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Film Show

"TWO WEEKS NOTICE"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 29th January features the comedy drama "TWO WEEKS NOTICE" starring Hugh Grant and Sandra Bullock. Lucy has a Harvard law degree but is undervalued by her irresponsible billionaire boss, so hands in her notice, so two weeks to sort out the mess, work and feelings. Lots of laughs to leave us feeling good. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, PLEASE COME AND ENJOY. Tea & coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Panto Season Enjoyed Fairytale Ending In Consett

It was a fairytale ending in Consett after the town hosted its most popular pantomime to date.

Panto season may be over but the cast of Beauty and the Beast at The Empire Theatre in Consett are still celebrating after the show attracted record audience numbers to the venue.

North East actress and producer Leah Bell not only wrote and directed the production but starred as the loveable Mrs Penelope Potts. She is delighted Beauty and the Beast was such a hit and is dreaming up a host of treats and surprises for this year's show, Snow White.

Tickets are already on sale for the production and people are urged to book now to avoid missing out.

Leah, who has been producing the theatre's pantomime for almost a decade, said: "Sometimes everything just clicks into place and this December in Consett was one of those times.

"The audience reaction was great. There is always a warm and friendly atmosphere in the theatre

during pantomime season but this year it seemed extra special.

"I can't wait to get started on Snow White, which will have some magical surprises in it."

Beauty and the Beast ran throughout December and was enjoyed by almost 13,000 people. Alongside Leah, it starred comedian Finbar Healy, son of the late North East entertainer Brendan Healy, Harriet Povey and James de Lauch Hay.

Nicola Dailly, arts programme manager at The Empire Theatre and Cinema, said: "We are thrilled so many people experienced the magic of our festive panto. Leah is such a talented pantomime producer and we are really looking forward to working with her again this year."

Snow White runs from Saturday, 30 November to Tuesday, 31 December. Tickets are on sale now priced at £17, £15 for concessions or £56 for a family of four. To book, visit www.empireconsett.co.uk or call 03000 262 400.

WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER NEVERENDUM

Dear Sir,
We don't need another Neverendum; the proof of the BREXIT pudding is in the eating

The current BREXIT impasse and clamour for another referendum have prompted the launch of liberalbrexiteers.com which revisits the case for BREXIT from a liberal point of view and endeavours to reassure those in Newton Aycliffe who voted for BREXIT two years ago that we took the right decision to leave the EU, an outdated idea whose time has gone. Our future international relations must be less focused on the 7% of the world's population who live in the EU and more with the 93% who do not.

Calls for another BREXIT ballot are wrong-headed. The last referendum cost £137 million, lasted 4 months and was highly divisive. A second referendum and/or a third general election in the space of 4 years will achieve nothing other than accentuate these divisions. Moreover, another referendum subverts the democratic rule that we vote in the light of our experience, on the understanding that we may vote differently in a following ballot if things do not work

out. We have to experience BREXIT first before we can make a judgement. We can always decide to renew our membership of the EU in the future if our experience of BREXIT indicates that our leaving was a mistake but the proof of the BREXIT pudding is in the eating, not in endless speculation about how palatable it will be.

So we don't need another ballot; we just need Parliament to do what we told them to do after they decided to ask us what we wanted. LibDem, Labour and Conservative politicians started this hare running in 2015 when they united to vote for a referendum. They must unite now to deliver BREXIT.

Yours faithfully,

David Green

A Liberal Brexiteer

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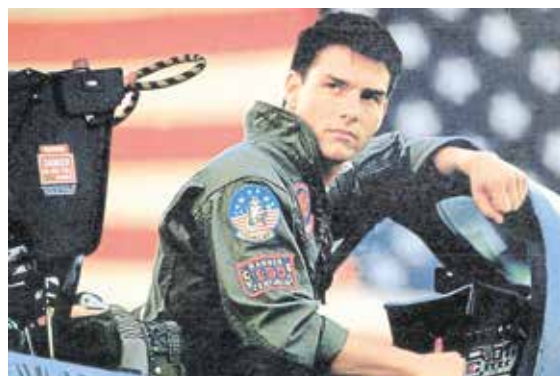
New PCSOs in Town!!



Hi! I'm **Abi Hill** your new PCSO for the Western area in Newton Aycliffe supporting PCSO Chris O'Brien and PC Mike Welch. I have previously been a PCSO for 4 years in Bishop Auckland where I covered Woodhouse Close Estate. For the last year I have been a Community Cohesion Officer covering Bishop Auckland, Barnard Castle and The Dales. In this role I supported victims of Hate Crime, taught Junior Education in local primary schools, and signed people up to the Herbert Protocol amongst many other things. I have also previously served as a Special Constable whilst studying for a Criminology degree in Nottingham. When I'm not at work I enjoy walking my 3 dogs and I'm also studying dog grooming at college! I am

really looking forward to working in Newton Aycliffe and can't wait to help you out if you have any issues. **Hi everyone, I'm PCSO Steve Kipling** and I will be covering the Woodham and Middridge area supporting PC Towler. I've previously worked in the pub trade for four years and have also been a Delivery Driver for three years prior to joining Durham Constabulary. I want to make a difference in the community, that's why I wanted to join. I'm delighted to join such a great team here at Aycliffe, and I'm already really enjoying my time working here. I'm a massive football fan, and outside of work I enjoy going to watch the town where I grew up in play, Aycliffe's derby rivals, Bishop Auckland! My main team is Newcastle United – unfortunately!

Cult Classics Return To The Silver Screen



From spoof disaster movies to timeless love stories, classic cinema has found its home in County Durham. The Gala Theatre in Durham shows cult films on the first Sunday of every month, and the latest offerings are sure to appeal to fans of all tastes and ages.

On Sunday, 3 February, at 8pm, *Pretty Woman* (15), the film that made Julia Roberts a household name, is set to melt hearts all over again. Hollywood legends Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman will be back on the big screen on Sunday, 3 March, at 8pm, when the Gala shows the classic romantic drama *Casablanca* (U). And on Sunday, 7 April, there will be belly laughs galore, with a 1980s Comedy Double Bill featuring *Caddyshack* (15) at 6pm and *Airplane* (12A) at 8pm.

The 1980s remains the era of choice on Sunday, 5 May at 6pm, when daring navy pilot Pete Mitchell takes to the skies once again in *Top Gun* (12A).

This will be followed by the comedy horror film *An American Werewolf in London* (15) on Sunday, 2 June, at 6pm.

Robin Byers, manager of the Gala Theatre, said: "Our Classic Cinema Studio not only allows people to enjoy the blockbusters of the past on the big screen, but it introduces a new generation of film fans to pictures they may not have encountered before."

"It's about nostalgia and celebrating films that have shaped the industry." Tickets for each screening cost £5 including a free tea, coffee or soft drink. There is also a special offer for the 1980s Comedy Double Bill, allowing cinema-goers to see both films for £8.

To book, contact 03000 266 600 or visit www.galadurham.co.uk

Half-Term Holiday Activities at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are offering free activities for young people during the February Half-Term holidays.

Popular favourite 'Crazy Crafts' will be making a return to both Foundations Building at Shildon and Greenfield Arts at Newton Aycliffe. The courses are family focused and offer the chance to get crafty and creative.

Artist Sharron Bates will be on hand to help participants work their magic in the 'Crazy Crafts' session at Greenfield Arts on Tuesday 19th February from 10:30 – 12:30 and Dawn Belshaw will be leading the session at Foundations Building, Shildon on Thursday 21st February from 13:30 – 15:30. Young people and families will get the chance to make good use of unwanted everyday materials to create brilliant inventions to take home. For full details and to book visit www.greenfield-arts.org or contact the team on 01325 379048 for further information.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club is once again seeking candidates for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards scheme.

Rotary is one of the largest international service organisations in the world, and its members are dedicated to helping young people unlock their potential. The RYLA award is one of the most powerful ways of making that happen. Rotary clubs sponsor many young people through RYLA programmes each year, the aim of the programme being to help them discover their potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in their community, career and everyday life. The course can be arduous and physically demanding so a reasonable level of fitness is required to ensure participants get the most out of the course.

The course runs for five days, and this year's event is once again being held at The Kingsway Centre, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Two courses will be held – course one will be from Monday 5th August 2019 to Friday 9th August 2019. The second runs from Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August. Successful candidates will go on either one. All local participants are selected and sponsored by Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club and to be eligible candidates must be between 16 and 20 on 31st July 2019.

Whether you are a secondary school pupil, college or university student or young professional, RYLA will help you discover your potential. You will be a member of a team of like-minded young people and will gain first hand experience in the challenge of leadership. Don't miss the chance to participate in this exciting and rewarding programme. Discuss with your school, college, organisation or employer whether they will nominate you.

The closing date for applicants is 28th February 2019. If you are interested, or know someone whom you feel suitable for this course, or need further information, please contact Rotarian Ruth Dawson on 01325 321729 or email rualdawson@hotmail.co.uk.

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WW2 Atrocity Can Now Be Heard Online



The voices of veterans recounting their experiences of a Second World War concentration camp can now be heard online thanks to Durham County Record Office.

A new page has been added to the Record Office's existing schools web resource, Surviving Belson, which uses archives to explore the story of the infamous concentration camp, located in Lower Saxony, Germany and established in April 1943.

The new page, 'In Their Own Words', contains interviews of veterans from the 113th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment who, before the war, were part-time volunteer soldiers and became full time territorial soldiers when the war broke out.

The regiment was involved in the relief and liberation of Belson, tasked with burying the dead and providing food, medical attention and care for the survivors.

Gill Parkes, principal archivist at the Durham County Record Office, said: "Soldiers did not often speak of their experiences at Belson concentration camp at the time. Many wanted to escape the things they had seen.

"Years later however, veterans from across the regiment were interviewed as part of the Imperial War Museum (IWM) oral history project.

This has given us a rich resource here in Durham, granting insight into some of the harshest parts of history and the personal experiences of those who survived them. This is particularly timely, with Holocaust Memorial Day upcoming on Sunday 27 January."

The new page can be found at: <http://www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/article/19845/In-Their-Own-Words>

A related exhibition, Surviving Belson, will be at Bishop Auckland Library as part of a wider Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition from Monday 21 January to Friday 1 February. A special day of events, including a talk from Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke, will take place on Saturday 26 January.

Gill Parkes added: "The page offers rich primary material for schools, students and the interested public. Hearing the experiences of soldiers brings history to life, and it is invaluable for young people to engage with history in this way. We also offer workshops using the above material to schools and community groups."

Please contact 03000 267626 or record.office@durham.gov.uk for more information on workshops. For more information on Holocaust Memorial Day events visit <http://www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/>

RESPONSE TO PHIL WILSON'S BREXIT STATEMENT

Dears Sir,
Phil Wilson MP states that he respects the majority 'Leave' vote in his constituency. Clearly, he does not. He feels that the mood in the country is changing. He is correct. The country now wants our Parliament to stop re-negotiating the Referendum result with the voters and to start robust Leave negotiations with the EU. Parliament, and Phil Wilson, were instructed to take back control of our laws, borders, finances, and trade from the EU, and not from the British electorate. My reading of the mood in the Sedgefield constituency is that, if another Referendum is called, a substantial number of Remain voters would not vote on the basis that the first Leave vote should be implemented before re-opening the matter. Indeed, many think [like Nigel Farage] that the matter of 'Leaving' was settled. That is, should there be another Referendum then the choice should be 'the negotiated deal' or, 'no deal'.

Be aware that Nigel Farage is ready and willing to re-enter the fray, if necessary, to achieve another Leave vote! Also, if there is another Leave/Remain referendum, nobody on the Remain side has told us how they will deal with another Leave vote. We would be some three years from the first Leave vote without having achieved anything! Phil, do you really need to be told twice what to do? Again, Phil Wilson demeans himself by denigrating the actions of Leave supporting politicians. Nigel Farage dedicated his political life to securing the Brexit Referendum and winning it! Nigel thought that, with the current Parliament containing 80% of MP's elected upon a promise to 'Leave' the EU, he could safely retire. He actually believed the two main political parties meant to Leave when both their manifestos said they would negotiate leaving the EU. So did I, but from now on the only politician I will vote for is one who tries to

implement his promises. Boris Johnson, Dave Davis and Dominic Raab, all resigned on the principle that:

a) The deal negotiated did not respect the Leave vote. Parliament would not have taken back full control.
b) The N.I. 'Backstop' was unnecessary and it would be tantamount to treason to vote for a deal which could have resulted in breaking Northern Ireland away from the U.K.

As for the so called 'back-stop'. The ERG has developed the principle of the need for a hard border being met by a 'Virtual' border. Indeed, not only have the EU agreed that this is the way to avoid a hard border, but also the Irish Republic has said that, in the event of 'No-deal', they would not create a hard border; rather they would rely on developing the ERG 'Virtual' border. No British politician should support a deal with the 'back-stop' in it. We are leaving the EU. It is up to both parties to manage their own borders. We are allowing the continuation of the Irish 'Common Travel Area'. Surely we can agree to operate a 'Virtual' border. Perhaps, if MP Phil Wilson could recognise political principles in others, he would resign his seat and allow his constituents to choose an MP who supported his constituent's wish to leave.

Brexit has been mired up in dirty Party Political survival politics. The Referendum cut across party lines. Unfortunately (mainly for Labour/Momentum), it also demonstrated an increasing North/South divide. Most Labour/Momentum MP's in the North are in a similar situation to Phil Wilson. The London-centric Labour/Momentum MP's are standing up for their Remain constituents while in the North Labour MP's are ignoring their Leave constituents.

If all 'Remain' MP's, who were elected in a constituency which voted to Leave, (e.g. Phil Wilson) were to honour their constituent's wishes and vote for a deal which meant Britain actually took back control from the EU, then there is a chance that we would avoid 'No Deal'.

I would suggest that Parliament accepts the Teresa May deal without the backstop and with any other necessary 'tweaks'. This should then be sent to the EU on a 'take-it-or-leave-it' basis.

I can guarantee that sensible negotiations would ensue; even if the negotiations were only to achieve a 'managed Brexit'. That is, a no-deal Brexit without the 'catastrophic' impact being foretold under 'Project Fear No.3'.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

LOCAL MAN LOCAL VALUES

Dear Sir,
Mr Wilson, when you stood for election you said you were a local man, can you please confirm that you still are? What has happened to your local values as it seems that you no longer want to represent your constituents. The facts you use in your Brexit statement are far from true and are personal and should not reflect on what we voted for and I ask you, as our so called Labour MP, to fight for us to leave the EU fully. You say it is your duty to give us your thoughts and tell us of the issues we face leaving, some of which are scare mongering, the likes of having to stockpile medicine, food, major traffic jams, etc, which you are, one of the few, that believes this. As for the comment about the people who pushed for Brexit, Boris Johnson, David Davis and Dominic Raab, get your facts right, these decent MPs are still sticking the course as they are still fighting to get the people who voted out of the EU. We hear from your constituents by letters to the media, on TV and as we talk to each other about it and the majority find that you are not an MP easy to contact and are not doing your job as an MP to represent your people by not listening to them.

When have you ever decided to hold a mediation for your constituents to meet face to face, instead of just writing letters or making comments in papers or on the media? I, in fact before the last election, emailed you to ask if you were holding any meetings open to us and am still awaiting a reply. I think a few hundred emails in a constituency of this area is a drop in the ocean, this must tell you something.

Listening to the media reporting in our area it seems now that a lot of the people who voted to stay and have seen how we are treated and blackmailed by the EU would now vote to leave. As you told us in a letter, you have no loyalty to Mr Corbyn's Labour party, so as this is the thought of an independent Labour man I would think that we find that we have a vote of no confidence in our MP and you think that in situations like this a public vote should decide. Why not resign as our MP and stand as an independent Labour man and see if the public would vote you in or listen to your constituents? We don't need a public vote nor a second referendum, we voted to leave the UN to become an independent self ruling Great Britain again. I have also forwarded this to the Newton News as a reply to the so called statement you made to them to print. Maybe this time I might get some sort of reply from you. Name and address supplied

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10-12am Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass MC Supa

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2-4pm Bear Blues Show Colin McNeillie
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11-1pm Lunch Break with Paul Baker
1-3pm Afternoon Delight
3-5pm Driving Home with Paul Baker

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6-730pm Sports Round UP Darren & Lee
29th Jan - Laurie Cummings Veteran Athlete
730-930pm Northern & Classic Soul Kevin Sowerby
930-12am Motown Classics

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THURSDAY

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1-3pm Afternoon Delight
3-5pm Driving Home with Paul Baker
6-730pm POLITICAL (R) John D Clare
8-10pm "Beat" Roote Graeme Roote
10-12am UK Number 1's

FRIDAY

11-1pm Lunch Break with Paul Baker
1-3pm Afternoon Delight
3-5pm Driving Home with Paul Baker
6-8pm Tech-House Mix PVR Studios
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
1st Feb Nathan Abbott 90s & Vintage Classix with Mark Harker & Dave Bell
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Pop along for a cuppa and a chat and let's help to end stigma around mental health.

Good Afternoon! How are you?

We get asked how we are, countless times by people, strangers, sides ones, acquaintances. Our response is often a polite, "I'm fine thanks how are you?" We often respond in this way even if we are feeling anything but fine! This habit hides how we truly are and stops a conversation before it starts.

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Time to change time to talk day 02/02/19

A North East leading health and wellbeing charity based in Newton Aycliffe are hosting a Time to Talk coffee and catch up event on Thursday, 7th February from 10.00 - 12.00 noon in the centre which is open to the public.

Time to Talk is a charity aiming to break the stigma around mental health and get people talking openly about their problems without embarrassment. Too often we hide how we are truly feeling and cover up emotions with a smile and telling people we're "fine" when we aren't! Time to Talk wants to show people it's okay to feel down, and a simple conversation with a friend or a stranger can really help!

PCP would like to invite everyone to their Time to Talk coffee morning in aid of breaking down the barriers around mental health. The charity are also

asking individuals to make a pledge to do their bit in reducing the stigma in our community. Simply walk into the centre and enjoy a cup of coffee whilst getting to know new people who may need a helping hand. A simple conversation could potentially save a life.

There will be a Regional Peer Leader for the North East representing Time to Talk attending the coffee morning at PCP. Leanne Smith began her journey in a two year programme as a young champion; attending schools and other venues speaking to young people and professionals about her personal journey of mental illness as well as the stigma and discrimination she faced, and why those barriers shouldn't exist. Leanne is now a Regional Peer Leader for the North East, guiding the current cohort of Young

Champions.

She says "events like Time to Talk Day are a vital platform for conversations because the whole nation is involved. When getting involved in events like these it allows for that small piece of liberation and acceptance for people who struggle with their mental health to grow. These events create a starting point whether it is having the knowledge that you are not alone or if you are looking for advice on how to talk, it is the step that can change everything."

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net.

Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Could You Offer Respite Care to Some of Durham's 660 Children in Care?



Five Rivers Child Care, a social enterprise, is calling on experienced care givers to offer up their skills and time to provide respite to foster carers in Durham.

There are currently 660 children in foster care in Durham, many of whose carers could benefit from respite from experienced care givers.

More than 450 foster carers are needed in total across the North East of England over the coming 12 months.

This January, Five Rivers Child Care wants to thank all of the foster carers currently looking after some of the region's most vulnerable children and young people. The social enterprise is also calling for those with care giving experience and the relevant transferable skills to consider applying to be respite or short-term foster carers.

Respite carers take in a foster child for a limited time period, this might be because of a family emergency or pre-planned holiday or other work commitments. Respite carers provide vital support to long term foster carers

who might not otherwise have a break from their full-time role as a foster carer.

In some instances, a respite carer might look after a child for an overnight stay, a weekend, or even just after school if the foster carer is unable to get home in time.

Commenting on the ongoing need for respite carers in Durham, Martin Leitch, head of fostering operations for Five Rivers Child Care, said: "Respite carers are an integral part of the fostering industry and ensure full-time foster carers can retain flexibility in their personal lives. Like everyone else, foster carers often find January a busy time so it can be a time when we require more respite carers than usual."

"This type of a care is a perfect employment opportunity for those with the relevant care giving skills and would be great for someone in an existing part-time care role looking for a flexible work opportunity. The roles also offer regular training with industry experts and the opportunity to work alongside social workers and other healthcare professionals."

People from all walks of life can become respite carers as long as they are over 21 years of age, including single people, co-habiting couples, same sex couples and people living in rented accommodation. The only requirement is a spare room for each foster child.

For more information about respite fostering contact Five Rivers Child Care on 0345 266 0272 or visit www.fiverivers.org

Sky Dive For Butterwick



Last years happy Sky Divers

Butterwick Hospice are calling out for their first Sky Divers of the year.

We are holding a Sky Dive on Sunday 10th March 2019 in aid of Butterwick Hospice, there are 7 places still available for this event.

There is a £50 participation fee, then we ask you to raise an additional fundraising amount!

Please call 01388 603003 or visit: www.butterwick.org.uk/events/skydive/ for more information.

HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

For decades Heighington Parish have been proud of the volunteers who come forward to help make the parish what it is - a good place to live. An opportunity has arisen thanks to Tees Valley Rural Community Council (TVRCC) and Youth Focus North East a (YFNE) who are working in partnership on a project tackling isolation and loneliness in rural communities which is funded by The Big Lottery. The project is called 'Our Community Matters' and they work with groups of people for 5 weeks with the aim being to bridge the gap between young people and older people in communities. A representative from TVRCC will come along and support the group to create, plan, and deliver a Wellbeing Challenge for a minimum of 100 people which will hopefully make a positive difference and improve community cohesion and wellbeing for all. The age ranges that they work with on this project are 13-25 years and 50+ and they would need a minimum of 6 in each age group but there is no maximum number. TVRCC would really like to work with a group to do

a challenge in Heighington and believe this could be good for the community and the village hall. They have a budget to pay for the hire of the hall for 5 weeks, refreshments and a £500 budget for the group to use as part of the challenge. This is the 2nd year of the project and last year they worked with groups on a variety of subjects which included a VE day end of WW1 celebratory event, a community garden and a village fund day.

So young people and our 'more mature residents' this sounds a fun offer that cannot be refused. Someone who is going to pay for everything, an opportunity for young people to do something that will benefit the parish as well as being able to use the experience for your CV's and a lovely opportunity for our older community to work with the younger generation - what can be better?

So, in the first instance email me if you are interested and I will set up a meeting for you all to meet the lady from TVRCC who will give you more information to move this Project forward. Councillor Gerald G. Lee gerald.lee@darlington.gov.uk



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Gnomeo and Juliet recruit renowned detective Sherlock Gnomes to solve the mysterious disappearance of other garden ornaments. Suitable family film featuring voices of Emily Blunt and Johnny Depp this is a great animated comedy for a cold February afternoon. So come along on Saturday 2nd February at St. Clare's Church. Film begins at 2pm with doors open earlier for sweet shop treats. Admission is only £1 and with hot chocolate and cake for 50p - this is a super, safe and fun afternoon for all children.

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Three In a Row for Darlington Jazz Fans

It's going to be a bumper year for jazz lovers as Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club welcomes a record number of bands to play lunchtime gigs at the town's St Augustine's Parish Centre on Larchfield Street.

After a record year that saw capacity audiences, the Club is going into 2019 with its best-ever line up of gigs that showcase some world class performers. There's a total of 18 gigs booked throughout the year, up from the usual 12. That says so much about the popularity of the Club.

Things get off to a truly New Orleans start on Saturday 2 February, with what's bound to be a stellar performance by Dale Storr on piano. Dale's inspiration is the rhythms of New Orleans, bringing sharp twists to everything from a classically influenced minuet, a Latin rumba and some junker-blues piano, to a red hot stomping boogie-woogie.

Just two weeks later, on Saturday 16 February, the Club is hugely proud to be hosting an international band based in the Big Easy itself – the popular dynamic young street group Frog & Henry. Formed in New Orleans French Quarter as a collective of several street performing groups, Frog & Henry play and record old dance and jazz music from the early 1900's on brass and string instruments, with plenty of vocals.

Most of F&H's repertoire was obtained by digging up forgotten songs and



early dance tunes from the dawn of recorded music, and from even earlier 1800s sheet music. Bringing that tradition to life, they feature violin and mandolin-banjo as melody instruments along with clarinet and baritone saxophone. And if the audience is really lucky, they get to see and hear the foot-operated tuba the band has designed that allows one person to play tuba and six-string banjo simultaneously.

March kicks off on Saturday 2 with a visit by clarinetist and composer Adrian Cox and his show 'Profoundly blue' (in the jazz sense!), which celebrates the music of his favourite clarinet player Edmond Hall. Adrian's a star of the European jazz circuit, playing with masters including Wynton Marsalis, Dr John and Ronnie Wood and the gig is guaranteed to delight.

Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington, just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. Doors open 12:00 noon and entry is just £10 on the door (children under 16 go free when accompanied by an adult). For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Four New Members Boosts Aycliffe Business Park Board



Pictured (left to right) is the new Aycliffe Business Park Community board, Sarah Slaven, Lisa Fleming, James Goodliffe, Lee Harris, Kerina Clark, Stephen Gosnay, Pamela Petty, Ben Healey, Sharon Hutchinson and Martin Walker.

The Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) has been boosted with the appointment of four new members – taking it back up to full strength.

The original 11 board members were appointed when ABPC was first incorporated in the summer of 2016.

But as some members left the organisation due to other commitments, ABPC started a recruitment campaign towards the end of 2018.

The board of directors is now back up to 11, with the arrival of Lisa Fleming, Stephen Gosnay, Sharon Hutchinson and Ben Healey. Lisa is managing director of Aycliffe-based recruitment agency Driver Hire Darlington, Stephen is key account manager at Newton Press, Sharon is operations director of law firm Endeavour Partnership and Ben is a partner in law firm Greystone Legal.

They join seven existing members Kerina Clark (Xcel Centre managing director), Pamela Petty (Entrepreneurship owner), Rachel Townsend Green (Thrive Marketing director), Sarah Slaven (Business Durham County Council operations director), Lee Harris (Mitchell Gordon partner), James Goodliffe (Formula Plastics managing director) and Martin Walker (Mantis Media managing director).

Chair Kerina said: "We're delighted to have appointed four people who have demonstrated a clear desire to build on the work already achieved over the last few years. Our key mission statement is to develop, sustain and support a vibrant and diverse business park community to contribute to an environment where businesses can grow and develop and to support businesses with opportunities to promote and gain information related to their business."

"We've already achieved a great deal, but we believe ABPC is yet to fulfil its full potential, and we're excited about the opportunity to make further progress with the help of the four new board members."

Lisa is a qualified transport manager and has worked within logistics and transport management for the past 14 years. "I am passionate about engaging, strengthening the relationships and driving

the business park forward to work together and connect with each other, which in return will support business growth within the business park," she said.

Stephen is key account manager for family-run printing firm Newton Press, which has been based in Aycliffe since it was formed in 1963, after joining the firm in 2017.

He said: "There is a huge sense of community spirit both with the residents and the local businesses and this is something I am passionate about. I believe that, together, we can achieve more and become a stronger area while bringing benefit to all on the park and the wider community."

Endeavour Partnership operations director and Newtonian Sharon is based at the firm's Aycliffe offices, at the Xcel Centre. "Having lived in Aycliffe all my life and seen the work of ABPC, it was a no-brainer to get involved with the group," said Sharon.

"As well as flying the flag for the fantastic businesses on the park, they have created a real community feel and it is lovely to think that my peers believe I have something to contribute to the next chapter."

Solicitor Ben worked for a Northumberland legal firm before setting up Greystone Legal with Paul Humble in June 2017. "I believe the business park is underappreciated and can offer more to all its residents than its convenient location. ABPC is the vehicle to do this."

ABPC aims to support and aid economic development and economic activity on Aycliffe Business Park, and to promote and supporting the ABP through events and marketing materials, both in print and online.

It aims to do this by signposting ABPC members to support, provision and information for their business needs while communicating and sharing skills, best practice and facilitating knowledge transfer within the ABPC.

Spread across 400 hectares, Aycliffe Business Park is home to more than 500 diverse and progressive companies, employing around 10,000 people.

To find out more about ABPC and future events, go to www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk

Humankind and Blenheim CDP Confirm Merger

Pioneering health and social care charity Humankind and innovative London-based alcohol and drug charity Blenheim CDP have confirmed that they will merge in April 2019 following the announcement of their intention to merge in November.

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

Paul Townsley, Chief Executive of Humankind said: "Our previous announcement on 19th November received an exceptionally positive response, from our staff teams, but also from our partners, stakeholders and the public. We are delighted that these groups recognise how exciting this news is for both of our organisations, and more importantly for the people who use our services."

Our merged organisation will be different to others for two main reasons. Firstly, we will offer a

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comprehensive range of health and social care services that address the needs of those who need better opportunities in their lives; by providing safe homes, health provision and services which develop the skills required to live independent and fulfilling lives. Secondly, we will work in partnership with a range of different partners, of varying sizes, specialisms, focuses and constitutions. From small private companies to large NHS providers, we recognise that others are often best placed to deliver services and are able to complement what we offer. These partnerships are formed specifically to meet the needs of those who access our services, and the communities which we serve."

Eric Felton, Chair of the Board of Trustees at Blenheim CDP, said:

"Blenheim's passion and belief in people's capacity to change has been at the heart of the organisation for the last 55 years, driving delivery of excellent services and effective campaigning for best practice. By coming together, our joint organisation will have much greater reach to deliver this best practice and have the resources to drive further innovation, developing more compelling services as a result. So, as we near the end of another successful year for both Blenheim and Humankind, we look forward to 2019 with excitement."

Humankind has been working since the mid-1980s to provide services for the vulnerable and disadvantaged in local communities. In the current financial year, it will help over 23,000 people.



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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A hugely important DCC Cabinet meeting, interesting GATC meetings, a vital Fire Service consultation, and some things to do next weekend.

Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB92

And don't forget to join me and my guests as we review the latest news on POLITICAL Aycliffe Radio, 6-7.30pm, Sunday 27 January: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 16 January (County Durham Plan; DCC Housing & Homelessness Strategies; Durham History Centre; DCC Cycling & Walking Strategy; Scrutiny Review of support to the Retail Sector; 2019 Year of Culture; Camera enforcement of bus lanes, Medium Term Financial Plan).

- GATC Environment & Recreation meetings, Wednesday 16 January.
- Newton Aycliffe Fire Service consultation.
- HMRC Help to Save for people on benefits.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

- The Bobby Thompson Story, Gala Theatre Durham, 7.30pm, 1-2 February, £15.
- Art Exhibition by Catherine Howard inspired by Shildon Wagon Works, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-4pm, 2 February-8 March, FREE.

- Wildlife Watch Nature Club (5-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon Saturday 2 February.

- Setsubu and Japanese monster masks (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 2 February, FREE.

- Patriotic Posters & the DLI (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop-in 1-3pm, 2-3 February, FREE.

VALENTINES FAMILY DISCO

Junior Neighbourhood Watch invite you to join them for a Valentines Family Disco at the SCOUT HALL, Bluebell Way on SATURDAY 9th February from 1pm until 5pm. Entrance £1 for everyone, under 1 year old free. Bring your own food. Ring 07967 901477 for further details.

AYCLIFFE ARCHERS AWARDED GAMP FUNDING

Aycliffe Archers have been awarded £8330 by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), so that their archery shooting range at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club can be made more accessible.

This will enable grass reinforcement to be laid to allow better access for existing, and new, wheelchair users and the purchase of lighter and more appropriate targets / equipment. Together, this will benefit existing and help attract new members of all ages and help achieve the Mayors vision of keeping people active for longer.

During the winter season, Aycliffe Archers shoot indoors at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. Sessions are on Friday 8pm to 10pm and on Sunday evening 7pm to 10pm.

Aycliffe Archers Beginners Course

Following the successful award of funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP), Aycliffe Archers would invite applications from people who want to become involved in archery.

A beginner's course has been arranged to commence on 17th February 2019 and to last for 6 weekly sessions.

An initial training of 2-hour sessions will take place on successive Sundays between 12 midday and 2pm, which will be followed by 2 further training sessions at the Aycliffe Archers club sessions. Cost £70

All 6 sessions will be delivered by qualified coaches and all equipment is provided for the duration of the course.

Your attendance at the course enables you to join Archery GB and to join Aycliffe Archers Club. You will be able to shoot twice per week indoors at the Oakleaf Sports Complex (November to March), and at least twice per week outdoor at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club (April to October).

Once a club member, you will be able to enjoy the social aspect of archery as well as shooting the various types of bow (Traditional, Recurve, Compound, Crossbow), at a range of different targets.

Members can choose to simply enjoy shooting at the club ranges and if you wish, you can join in various competitions which take place at different ranges in the North East and further afield. Competitions cover all abilities.

The Recent GAMP funding will allow for disabled access and with all coaches trained in safeguarding the club can also take junior members. The limited places on his beginners' course are on a first come first served basis. For further information contact Tony on 07483 870623, Jeff on 07969 428786 or make contact through our Aycliffe Archers public Facebook page.

Holocaust Ceremony

Celebrating Communities invite you to the 2019 Holocaust Memorial Ceremony which will be held on Monday 28th January starting at 7pm in the beautiful Victorian Assembly Hall in Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Vane Road, Darlington.

The Holocaust Ceremony will be led by Shildon Methodist Minister Rev Andrew Bryer and will feature six students from Queen Elizabeth College, Lucy Jameson, Kyon Sharma, Ami Lavan, and Eleanor Wright who will talk about their recent visit to Auschwitz

Concentration camp and later reflect on their hopes for the future, Zainab Miah will read a moving and emotive poem and we are delighted that Joe Kearney, another young student from the college, will be providing appropriate music for the occasion.

And whilst the murder of 6 million innocent men, women and children put fear into the civilian population across Europe there were people who were prepared to sacrifice their own life to save others. We will remember these people and remind us all of the courage of three women who were prepared to lose their own lives to save the lives of children.

During the Service candles will be lit to commemorate other genocides and atrocities that have occurred since the end of the Second World War as these too should be remembered and not consigned to a history book. Admission is free and Refreshments will be available at the end of the ceremony.

WACJSC Litter Picking



Every Sunday between 11am and 3pm our Western Area Community Junior Street Champions are out litter picking. Last week they collected 3 trolleys full of litter and they just cannot understand how people of all ages prefer to throw their litter on the streets. The motto of the WACJSC is "Don't be a litter bug, put it in the bin."

COFFEE MORNING

Join us at an Early Spring Coffee Morning at St Elizabeth's Church Saturday 2nd of February at 10.00am. With a home produce stall, books, games and greeting cards. Plus a seasonal raffle. All welcome - come to enjoy the friendship.

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Diocese of Durham Awarded £3.9M for Growth

The Diocese of Durham has been awarded 3.9M pounds to help develop new Christian communities in the North East of England. The award from the Church of England is part of £35M awarded to dioceses across the country this month in support of church growth through the Churches Strategic Development Funding (SDF) programme. In the Diocese of Durham five (5) projects will benefit from the award over a 6 year period, for activities designed to grow new church communities in Bishop Auckland, Stockton, Durham City, Washington and Gateshead.

Each project is different, but each is focused on sustainable growth and innovative approaches which include the development of a social media 'pastor' in Stockton; the creation of a new Discipleship community in Durham and the planting out of a new church in Gateshead. These are just a sample of activities amongst the ambitious plans for growth recognised by the award.

The Rt Revd Paul Butler Bishop of Durham said: "The North East of England has long deserved this kind of investment. We are a people rooted in the Christian faith and tradition. It is our privilege to serve all the people of our region."

"The relevance of the Church is as important as ever. We all know we are in troubled times. Finding new ways to grow communities through effective Christian living such as that demonstrated in these projects will deliver hope and aspiration to many in our region."

Senior Resourcing Church Leader, the Revd Canon David Tomlinson who is leading the Diocese of Durham's programme said: "Building churches requires inspirational leaders at all levels, people committed to prayer, to exemplifying a radical Christian life, teaching, encouraging, and



exhorting as they go.

"This next stage of development funding, which builds on work already started, will allow us to be radical in our approach to Church growth. This work will involve creating 'Resourcing Churches' that are then further planted, growing church and transforming society."

"Resourcing churches are established to be catalysts of church growth and development. They have an agenda that looks to the wider community rather than looking inwards and have a proven track record across the country of reinvigorating churches and driving community engagement."

"In order to do this we need to create 'Mission Energy' and I liken this to the analogy of dropping a mint into a bottle of fizzy drink - and the explosion of energy that we are all too familiar with. That is what we hope to achieve, we will introduce a range of external stimuli into our mix and in doing so gain an explosion of growth and a permanent change in our way of being Church."

It is hoped that the funding will see the development of new missional communities through the Diocese. David comments: "Missional communities can mean many things, but here it means planting groups of people into an estate or neighbourhood in such a way that the neighbourhood experiences transformation, this is by a sharing of the

gospel, building community capacity, engaging with local needs."

One of the innovative missional approaches being developed is The Community of St Cuthbert which will seek to renew and inspire discipleship across the Diocese leading to numerical and spiritual growth. Based in Durham City it will promote a rhythm of life inspired by the monastic tradition and disciplines exemplified by the life of Cuthbert.

David commented: "As a premier division northern saint, Cuthbert was a man who sought to introduce Jesus to a whole generation. Shaped by prayer and study, driven by a love of the gospel and the salvation it contained, Cuthbert offered a gospel for all."

"Today's funding announcement will allow us to forge a new community seeking to establish prayerful, missional groups across the diocese, in the same way, Cuthbert did, more than a thousand years ago."

David added: "Individuals will be called to a life of prayer just where they are, in school, college, home, or the workplace. Meeting in small groups members will commit themselves to the common-good, transforming their communities through Christian concern and action. It is anticipated that vocations will shine brightly as discernment of individual giftings is celebrated, releasing a new generation of leaders into the wider church."

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



The past week has been relatively quiet in terms of racing.

There were still many members attending the parkruns this week but it was one of our juniors who managed to obtain the only PB recorded this week. Well done to Felicity Lineton who secured a PB in her junior parkrun at Darlington. On Sunday she completed the 2k run in 10.22 mins knocking a massive 56 seconds off her previous time.

Not content with that Felicity also took part in the Cross Country event that afternoon. This was the 5th race in the NYCD series and took place at Ormesby Hall in Middlesbrough. The conditions have been terrible at this race for the last two years but this year the conditions were very favourable.

First up were the under 11's and along with Felicity, Fern Brishuk was also racing. The girls had to run 1.2k on uneven ground in a field near to the hall. Fern was first back in a time of 6.52 followed by Felicity in 07.27.

Next was the turn of the ladies to run just over 5k. Their race required a lap of the uneven field before moving to the wooded area which was better underfoot. First home was Tracey Surtees in 21.13, followed by Michelle Zamir 24.08, Sue Milburn 25.46, Kathleen Tonge 30.34, Melanie Rowland 31.28, Jane Burnside 32.48, Susan Clark 33.55, Donna Campbell 34.38 and Penny Johnson 34.57.

Also running this course was Ray Todd in the Over 80's race. He completed this in 40.42.

It was then the turn of the men who had to run the



distance of just over 5.5 miles. They avoided the lap of the uneven field instead having to run three of the larger laps that took in the wooded area.

First home was John Surtees in 35.33, he was followed by Mark Wade in 36.17, Richard Campbell in 38.44, Richard Holland 39.30, Andy Talbot 40.13, Alex Lineton 42.24, Martyn Knox 42.25, Dave Blewitt 46.33, John Richardson 48.41, David Stothard 50.48 and Rob Nicholson 51.38.

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.



North East Representation and Free Sessions!!!



North East Representation

Eight youngsters from Sedgefield Water Polo Club were selected to represent the North East Under 14 male and female teams at the Inter Region Competitions held in Walsall in December.

The girls had their competition first and played excellently, coming away with a very well deserved bronze medal. Well done to Anna, Flo, Paige and Amelia.

The boys played their competition the following weekend and also came in third place gaining bronze medals. Well done to Rohan, Dan, Ryan and Ben.

Ryan also achieved the Most Valuable Player award for the North East team and top goal scorer for the tournament.

These results reflect the hard work and dedication shown by our club members. Following on from this, another six players have been selected to represent the North East U18's teams in February and we wish them the best of luck in their

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• The research marks the launch of Petplan's Pet Census 2018, the most comprehensive analysis of UK pet ownership in the country to date. London, 21st January 2019. New research by pet experts Petplan has highlighted that pets increasingly play a crucial role in their owners' lives, particularly when it comes to emotional support during the UK's bleak winter months.

Launched this week, Petplan's Pet Census 2018, which received over 60,000 respondents, has revealed that the nation will be turning to their furry friends for emotional support this Blue Monday. Almost half (41 per cent) of the UK identify their pet as their best friend, and over a third (37 per cent) put their pets' needs above their own. The Census also highlights growing awareness of the mental wellbeing of our furry companions. Over half (55 per cent) of owners surveyed believe their pet had suffered from some form of mental health issue, including depression, separation anxiety, grief and PTSD. These pet owners are recognising the symptoms and are doing everything to care for their fluffy companions, particularly when it comes to pets with depression. Of these respondents, just

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under one fifth (17 per cent) have cancelled a date to care for their pet, 43 per cent have taken time off to spend time with them, and 38 per cent have gone so far as to avoid going on holiday to ensure the happiness of their pet.

These insights and more form part of Petplan's 2018 Pet Census, entitled "The Family We Choose". The Census provides unrivalled insight into the lives and attitudes of the UK's pet-owning households and their furry friends,

exploring the relationships we have with our pets and the impact they have on our lives.

The Census reveals that dogs are firmly the nation's best friends, with 67 per cent of all pet parents owning a dog, versus 45 per cent for cats – a significant rise since Petplan's last Pet Census, undertaken in 2011, which put dog and cat ownership at 59 per cent and 37 per cent, respectively.

However, the overriding insight to come out of the Census is that pets are the

family we choose: playing a central role in owners' lives, and in a lot of cases taking the place of family and friends. Pets are now a pivotal part of the family, placing them at the top of the relationship chain, with almost a third (28 per cent) admitting they would end a romantic relationship if their partner didn't like their pet. The impact of this extends to working life, with over a quarter (26 per cent) taking time off to spend time with their pet and 5 per cent stating they would turn down a job because of their pet.

Isabella von Mesterházy, Head of Petplan, said, "This time of year can be difficult for many, with

January marking the end of the festive period, low finances and bleak weather. Petplan's Pet Census 2018, our largest pet census to date, reveals that pets are playing an ever-increasing role in the emotional wellbeing of their owners and can help us feel less blue in times of need. Pets have long been a much-loved companion to humans, however the research shows that they are now more important to us both as individuals and as part of the family, than ever."

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Praise for Firearms Officers After Incident

A judge has praised Durham Constabulary firearms officers for showing 'commendable conduct and selfless courage' when they shot a man who was brandishing a firearm during an incident in Bishop Auckland last year.

Sam Houlihan was carrying a replica weapon when he was shot by firearms officers on the morning of Friday, May 25 last year. The 24-year-old, of Bishop Auckland, admitted possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence and possessing a firearm when prohibited. He appeared at Durham Crown Court via videolink where he was sentenced to an indefinite hospital order under the Mental Health Act.

Houlihan had bought the Sig Sauer P226 air pistol on the morning of the incident after lying to the assistant that he was not banned from owning a firearm.

Later that morning he got a taxi to Cockton Hill working men's club where he was caught on CCTV inside the building carrying the weapon.

He then made his way to a nearby convenience store where he bought a bottle of whisky before getting back in the taxi.

Armed police then surrounded the vehicle on Rochester Close after being alerted by members of the public who had seen him carrying a gun.

Houlihan ignored repeated requests from police to not raise the weapon and to comply with their orders. As a consequence, he was shot and sustained a wound to his arm.

The officers immediately approached Houlihan and gave him first aid until paramedics arrived. During sentencing, Judge Christopher Prince said the officers involved should be commended for their conduct during the incident. "They were very professional, they were calm and they were composed," he said. "I am reassured, and I am sure other people will be reassured to know that Durham Constabulary employ such professional officers who will readily respond to a production of a

firearm or any other weapon quickly and calmly."

Detective Chief Superintendent Adrian Green, from Durham Constabulary, said: "Today's sentence reflects the seriousness of the incident involving Houlihan.

"It is still unclear what Houlihan's intentions were, but his possession of a firearm in a public place was reckless and frightening to the public and attending police officers.

"While incidents of this nature are rare, it demonstrates clearly the dangers of possessing firearms and replica firearms in public. It also shows Durham Constabulary's ability and commitment to deal with these types of incidents and keep our communities safe."

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Santa Paws Appeal HEIGHINGTON AFC

Great news on the Pets at Home 'Santa Paws Appeal' which NASSL took part in. The appeal ran for the month of December inviting customers of Pets at Home (Teesside Park) to add 50p to their shopping bill and purchase a Christmas dinner for pets waiting for homes. The support of store colleagues and customers was unstinting, resulting in a cheque for £2,617.50. We are so pleased with such an amount being raised. The money will go towards a new isolation unit, replacing our old one which will definitely not go through another winter!! The money will go a long way in achieving that goal. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who supported us.



2018 a Great Year for Rehoming at Dogs Trust Darlington

Dogs Trust's Rehoming Centre in Darlington successfully rehomed more than 1,000 dogs in 2018. The Sadberge-based Rehoming Centre, which is currently undergoing a redevelopment, has maintained successful adoption figures after a year of disruptions to the daily running of the centre due to construction works.

In order to ensure the team could continue to find homes for as many dogs as possible during the disruptions, some residents were put on the Home From Home Fostering program, which allowed them to stay with families temporarily until permanent homes could be found. 144 dogs were placed in foster care in 2018; with 92 of them going on to successfully find their forever homes as a result; which has increased by more than 30% since 2017. Despite these fantastic milestones, there are still plenty of residents at Dogs Trust Darlington waiting on new owners to give them loving new homes. Two such residents, three-year-old Greyhounds Jasper and Pablo, are hoping to be some of the first dogs of 2019 to find their forever home.

Earlier this year the Rehoming Centre in Sadberge began a two-year rebuilding process which is set to create even more facilities and kennels for canine residents, due for completion in 2020. The new centre will feature 10 additional kennels, increasing capacity to 75 dogs and include a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool where dogs can be aided in recovery if they have undergone surgery or have long-term mobility problems. Sue Embleton, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Darlington, said:

"2018 was a very successful year and a testament to the hard work of the team, who ensure all the dogs at the centre are cared for and given every opportunity to find new owners. We are also very fortunate to have such a community of dog lovers and us and our dogs are lucky to benefit from funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery, whose funding not



only help us to continue this work but has contributed significantly to the rebuild of the Rehoming Centre.

"Once the Rehoming Centre is complete we will be able to help even more dogs like Pablo and Jasper, who all deserve their home comforts while waiting for potential new owners." Pablo and Jasper may look very similar, however they are both looking for homes to call their own. Jasper is a sensitive soul who prefers the quieter life and can live with children over the age of 14; with Pablo being much more outgoing and full of energy.

Jasper is such a loving dog and could potentially live with another canine companion who will help build his confidence a bit more. Pablo absolutely adores getting attention and could also live with another dog that can match his energy, as well as children over the age of 11.

Over the last five years more than £9.5million has been funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery which has helped Dogs Trust continue to go that extra mile for their canine residents. If you would like to find out more about any of canine residents currently at Dogs Trust Darlington, please get in touch with the team on 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk/our-centres/darlington



Heighington AFC under 9's finished their final winter league in the RFYL in some style on Saturday. Playing against Washington Athletic Juventus they ran out 8-3 winners. We are still top of the league which is dependant on results from other teams next week. We will either finish 1st or joint 2nd. Either way, it's been an incredible season. We played the match with our usual keeper Coleby playing in midfield and he bagged himself an excellent 2 goals. First half saw Oliver M play in goal and he made some brilliant saves, in defence saw Ollie and Oliver Y keeping it really tight and stopping Washington's attack. Midfield we had Coleby, Cole and Dylan pulling the strings and dominating. Then our

striker Oliver C running his socks off, not giving their players any time on the ball at all. Second half saw us make some changes, Cole went in goal, but came back out after conceding 3 goals, defence was a combination of Oliver Y, Ollie and Lily, midfield again a combination of Benjamin, Cole, Coleby, Dylan and Oliver M, then up front we had Joshua. Every single player worked tirelessly to get this result and really deserved the final scoreline. Goals scored: Oliver C x3, Coleby x2, Cole x3 and Dylan x1. MOM, chosen by the opposition, went to Oliver M, for some excellent saves in the first half and a lot of skill and driving the opposition crazy in the second half.

New Base for Great North Air Ambulance Service



Work has begun on converting a former industrial site into a "world-class" clinical training facility that will also house the region's air ambulance service.

The Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) said its new base at Uray Nook, Eaglescliffe would allow its globally-renowned pre-hospital medicine courses to expand resulting in lives saved in this region and beyond. GNAAS will move its helicopters, clinical team and charity staff to the site of the former Elementis works when the project is complete. The first phase began this week as Tolent Construction moved onto the site.

GNAAS chief executive, Grahame Pickering MBE, said: "We are already well known for the exceptional level of care we provide, but this will give us the foundation on which to improve even further.

"As well as accommodating our aircrew and charity staff, the centre will provide education and training for the growing number of medical professionals in the UK and overseas wishing to improve upon their own skills and knowledge in this relatively new speciality. "Through training others and developing our own service, we will save more lives in our area and beyond. Additionally, the revenue it

generates will be spent on improving our front-line care even further."

The first phase of work on site involves adapting the pre-existing office block to incorporate the centre of excellence's training and research, and to develop an operations room for the air ambulance service.

Subsequently, a new hangar will be built for the charity's aircraft. The latter phase is expected to begin later this year, meaning that GNAAS will continue to operate out of Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA) in the meantime.

Mr Pickering said the move to relocate staff from three of the charity's sites - Darlington town centre, Newton Aycliffe and DTVA - would result in rent savings alone of £120,000 a year. He added: "We are always careful with our money and so we are pleased to be making a move that will leave us in a better position. But as ever, we still need the support of the public in keeping our aircraft and crew flying across the region."

As well as Tolent Construction, GNAAS is working alongside Niven Architects, Muckle LLP, s h e d, Driver Group and JH Partners in delivering the project.

The costs are being met by grants, reserves and ongoing fundraising.

Obituary

CARNEY Patricia

formerly Hushwaite (nee Saunders)

Peacefully on January 16. A dearly loved Mam of Tony and Andrea, Mother-in-law to Sonya and the late Doug, treasured Grandma of Becci and Emily. Remembering Toby her cat. Funeral service and cremation to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday, February 4th at 3.30pm. Would family and friends please meet at the crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cats Protection and Dogs Trust.

STEWART Kenneth 'Ken'

Peacefully at home on January 20th, Ken aged 88 years. Loving Husband of June, devoted Dad of Karen and Ann, a treasured Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service and cremation to take place on Friday 1st February in Durham Crematorium at 3.30pm. Friends please meet at crematorium chapel. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to the family's chosen charities.

BELL Willie (Bill)

Peacefully on January 10, after a long illness. Beloved Husband of Laura and a much loved Dad of William, also a devoted Brother and Uncle. Would friends please meet for a service at St Clares Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 28th January at 10.30am followed by private interment at Rock Road Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation.

Thank You

Cycleways



I would like to thank Colin from CYCLEWAYS at Neville Parade for great service and advice when buying a bike for my granddaughter, I went to a well known bike shop and the experience was awful. We were made to feel welcome and no over sales talk. Big thank-you to Mickey from Willow. Satisfied customer.

A HUGE THANKS to Saffron and Leanne in 'Love Thy Cupcake' for saving the day at the last possible minute! They made a 90th birthday cake as a same day order and delivered it to our door that evening. It looked and tasted wonderful. We highly recommend you! Gerry and Helen

Congratulations

Ruby Arnold BSc MSc



Congratulations Ruby on passing your Master's Degree in Analytical Chemistry with Distinction at the University of Aberdeen. Good luck with your career. Love, Mam, Dad and Simon

Lynne Arnold



Happy 60th Birthday Lynne 25th January 2019 Lots of love, Paul, Simon, Emma and Ruby

In Memoriam

Marjorie Local

Died 15th January 2015

Will never forget you pet. Husband John Love and kisses xxxx

Paul Jex



Congratulations on receiving your Master of Arts with Distinction Degree at Newcastle University. Love, Mam and Dad, Emma and Iain & Keith and Teresa

Birthday Remembrance

ANN TOMLINSON 29th January. Special hugs to a precious Mam and Nanna in heaven on your 88th birthday. Love and miss you millions, Lyn, Stan, Sharon, Nigel, Tony, Karen, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxxx **MARILYN BAKER** Happy 70th birthday. Wishing you a birthday as bright as your smile, as sweet as your love and as big as your heart. Love you, miss you, from all the gang

Thank You

BIG THANK YOU to all the lovely people who gave Christmas and New Year gifts to paper girl and Mam. It's very much appreciated xx



Juniors Football Report



It was a sunny winters weekend that welcomed Aycliffe Juniors football teams to their games and there was plenty of action to enjoy.

The Under 7's Whites maintained their good form with a 5-1 win against Durham United Tigers. An own goal was added to by Jack R (2), Jack C and man of the match Tyler in a good team performance.

The Under 8's enjoyed a great matchday experience with Newton Aycliffe FC on Saturday, then on Sunday played away at Billingham. Despite a great effort they lost out 8-3, Alex, Evan and Harry scored with George the man of the match. The development game ended in a 6-3 win with George (3), Harry (2) and Jack the scorers.

The Under 9's lost 2-0 at Hartlepool everyone worked hard with their attitude and focus excellent, however they couldn't take anything from the game. The whole team were named as players of the match. The development game was more open and Callum scored in a 4-1 defeat with Oscar the man of the match.

The Under 10's White were away at Leven Royals and scored the first goal through Ethan Churcher after only 10 seconds. However it was the home

team who dominated and despite an own goal in Aycliffe's favour the match ended in a 7-2 defeat. Ido Sandler in the Aycliffe goal was the man of the match.

The Under 10's Claret played away at Stranton FC. They started well and a great goal from Josh put them in the lead. The hosts though worked their way in to the game and came away as winners. Harrison was named as man of the match.

The Under 11's White played away at TIBS in an entertaining game where both goalkeepers were named as men of the match, Jack Lowis was the Aycliffe keeper. Niall and Aidan Armstrong scored in a match that ended 2-2.

The Under 11's Black went down 1-0 early in a game at home against Cargo Fleet. They battled well but couldn't get into the game and slipped to a 4-0 defeat. Alyssa was the player of the match.

The Under 12's travelled to Hartlepool to play Saxon Juniors. A good effort saw them through to a 6-2 win with a hatrick each for Alfie Brown and Zak Seymour, Charlie Etheridge was the man of the match.

The Under 13 Russell Foster League team hosted Whickham Fellside Whites and they put in a great battling performance to secure a 2-2 draw. Herbie

got both the goals and was named as joint man of the match with Fin.

The Under 13 TJFA League team welcomed Stockton Town to Woodham but found themselves two goals down early in the second half. A spirited comeback followed and Liam headed in Zack's corner to make it 2-1. Unfortunately there was no equaliser and the game ended in a one goal defeat.

The Under 14's travelled to face Brompton and despite enjoying the lions share of possession they couldn't break their hosts down. The match ended 0-0 bringing their unbeaten run to an impressive seven games.

N.A.F.C. REPORT

**Saturday 19 January 2019
Ebac Northern League
Division One**

**Newton Aycliffe 2
Dunston UTS 5**

Newton Aycliffe went down 5-2 at home to table-topping Dunston. A new management team of Allan Oliver and Danny Mellanby saw their side give a good account of themselves; they played with 10 men for seventy minutes, and the scoreline didn't reflect the play.

Aycliffe created the best chance in the opening exchanges, with Marc Costello seeing a header hit the post. It was Dunston who made the breakthrough though when a quick breakaway led to Fitzpatrick being put through and he made no mistake past Adam Pickford. Aycliffe suffered a massive blow on 22 minutes when Josh Rodgers was unlucky to be sent off.

Aycliffe were still creating chances, and Ethan Wood and Josh Home-Jackson both got shots in, but didn't trouble Dunston keeper Harrison. Dunston hit the bar on 33 minutes and three minutes later, they went further ahead when Elliot burst through and slotted past Pickford. The second half was fairly even until Dunston got a third on 69 minutes. Nellis found a bit of space at the far post and hit a powerful shot high into the net. Aycliffe pulled one back six minutes later when Costello headed in a Wood free-kick. Dunston killed the game

New Skate Park Open



The eagerly awaited new skate park in the Town Park, which has been provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council, was officially opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe last week.

Despite the cold weather, local skaters have been using the new facility in large numbers since its completion just before Christmas, flocking from across the town and the surrounding area.

The new facility, which was designed and installed by Fearless Ramps, was the preferred design identified during a public consultation process which including many of the skaters during the summer. The new skate park which has been entirely funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council at

a cost of £49,000, replaces the popular previous design as its framework was becoming beyond economical cost to repair.

The skate park, which can be used by scooters, skaters and BMX users features a wide half pipe, which allows BMX riders to use it safely, and a series of ramps that can be ridden as a circuit for those riders who are skilled and daring enough to attempt it.

In addition to the skate park, Great Aycliffe Town Council also provides a scooter track at Horndale and a BMX track at Woodham Park for those users who have an interest in this type of wheeled sport.

The photograph shows the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Great Aycliffe Town Council's Recreation Committee, Councillors Jed Hillary and Brian Hall.

DARLINGTON FC NEWS

Darlington striker Harvey Saunders has signed for League One club Fleetwood Town – only four years after playing local junior football.

Harvey, 21, has signed a two and a half year deal with Fleetwood – who are managed by former Manchester City and Newcastle midfielder – and will be loaned back to Quakers for the rest of the season.

Harvey played a lot of junior football in the South Durham area for Barnard Castle, and at one time stopped playing regularly.

But he was persuaded to play again by some of his friends, and he appeared for Darlington RA, Bishop Auckland and Durham City in the Northern League, before being snapped up by Darlington three seasons ago.

"Harvey has put a huge amount of work into his game over the last year," said manager Tommy Wright. "He has shown a fantastic attitude in training – he is always wanting to do extra and learn more about his game. It just goes to show what you can achieve in football if you work hard."

Harvey is the club's second top scorer this season with seven goals.

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