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Beamish Museum and Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management are joining together as part of the "Remaking Beamish" outreach programme on Saturday 9th February 2019 at 10-14 Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe. This exhibition will celebrate renowned painter Norman Cornish with an exhibition of Norman's sketches and other artworks from the Beamish Collection. These items will be brought to Newton Aycliffe Town Centre and will give local residents

an opportunity to try your hands to match his style on easels and canvases provided on the day to show how Newton Aycliffe looks now. In addition there will be lots of fascinating objects to view from the period and also the opportunity to try on costumes linked to Cornish's time in the 1950s with other items to view from the founding of the town in 1948. Building work on the £18 million "Remaking Beamish" project is underway, featuring a 1950s Town and 1950s

Farm. An expansion of the Georgian area will also include a coaching inn where visitors can stay overnight. Thanks to the money raised by National Lottery players, the project has been awarded £10.9 million by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Visit Newton Aycliffe Town Centre this weekend (9th February), to view this exhibition. The exhibition will take place at 10-14 Beveridge Way. Watch Newton News for details of more events taking place in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre over the coming months, as well as activities to celebrate the town's 70th year.

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STRATEGY TO ENSURE CO. DURHAM IS A GREAT PLACE TO GROW UP

Councillors will consider the final draft of a new strategy aimed at improving services and life opportunities for children and young people in County Durham. Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to agree the Children and Young People's Strategy 2019 – 2022 when it meets at County Hall in Durham on Wednesday, 6 February.

The three-year strategy sets out priorities for all partner organisations dedicated to improving services and life opportunities for children and young people in County Durham. It recognises there are areas where County Durham could do better and outlines what actions partners will undertake to address these. It also considers the implications of

national policy and legislation changes.

At its centre is a vision that "County Durham will be a great place for children and young people to grow up in, and for Durham to be a place where all children are healthy, happy, safe and achieving their potential."

The proposed strategy follows widespread public consultation with children and young people aged from four to 22 across the county. This included children in care, those with special educational needs and disabilities, and individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning. Groups that represent the interests of children and families were also consulted, along with key partners within the NHS, schools, Durham Constabulary, Local Safeguarding Children Board, the council's children and young person's overview and scrutiny committee and area action partnerships.

By drawing on the issues raised by children, young people and families during the consultation, the following strategic aims have been identified:

- Ensure all children and young people have a safe childhood by providing a range of universal services; protecting the vulnerable; providing excellent social work practice and support; providing excellent care for looked after children and care leavers; and supporting young people who have offended or are victims of crime.
- Ensure children and young people have the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing by providing high quality nursery and primary education; improving health and wellbeing outcomes with a specific focus on vulnerable young people; and supporting children and young people and their families to achieve their optimum mental health and wellbeing.
- Ensure young people gain the education, skills and experience to succeed in adulthood by providing the best possible education; improving educational attainment for all disadvantaged children

and young people; and supporting young people to gain qualifications, skills and experience needed to progress into sustained employment.

• Ensure children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities achieve the best possible outcomes by providing more coordinated services across the area; providing high quality support that meets the individual's needs; and ensuring children with special needs and disabilities are prepared for adult life and can live independently.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We want County Durham to be a wonderful place for all

children and young people to grow up and reach their potential. To accomplish this, it is vital we listen to what children and families are telling us and work closely with our partners.

"This strategy demonstrates our commitment to this approach, identifying key aims that directly respond to issues raised by children and young people and setting out how we will achieve them." If approved, the new strategy would be robustly monitored, with regular progress reports to the Integrated Steering Group for Children and the Children and Families Partnership.

You can read the full report online at: <http://bit.ly/CYPS19>

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Street to be Named in Memory of Syd

by Flossie Mainwaring-Taylor
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Councillors have voted unanimously to name a street in honour of a community newspaperman fondly nicknamed "Mr Newton Aycliffe".

Great Aycliffe Town Council will make a recommendation to Durham County Council to have a street named after Syd Howarth in the next major phase of residential development.

Former editor of community newspaper Newton News and founder of the town's first printing press, Newton Press, Mr Howarth died aged 81 in October last year. At a full council meeting on Wednesday, Cllr Jed Hillary put forward the motion which stated: "The recent passing of Syd Howarth MBE was marked by the large number of written tributes for a true man of the people."

"This and the community turnout at his funeral, ably demonstrated that he selflessly served the community of Great Aycliffe in his many roles."

An amendment to the motion was made to ensure the street named after Mr Howarth would be prominent.

It was also proposed that full council would look at other late members of the community for similar recognition.

Mr Howarth's eldest son, Paul, said: "My brothers and I feel this is an incredible honour for 'Mr Newton Aycliffe', who will be remembered forever in the town he loved."

"Those that knew our dad would agree with us that he would have been grateful for the accolade, but would not have wanted this kind of attention and praise."

"He was a humble man who behind the scenes always did the best he could for everyone, especially the residents and businesses of Newton Aycliffe."

Paul added he and his brothers and their families had been overwhelmed by the many kind words sent to them since Mr Howarth's death, as a result of Motor Neurone Disease, on October 29.

He added: "We would like to thank everyone who has passed on their condolences and kind comments since dad's passing."

NEFirst Credit Union Open New Service Point

NEFirst Credit Union in partnership with Livin Housing and Junction 7 has opened a new Service Point at 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe. The Service Point will be open for business every Monday 10.00am to 2.00pm.

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Sid Rooke, Director of NEFirst Credit Union said "I am delighted to be working in partnership with Junction 7. Together we aim to encourage the savings habit and offer low cost loans. This is a good example of partners working with the local community to deliver something for the local community". He thanked Junction 7 for its continued support and for the extraordinary commitment from the team at Junction 7.

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ACE FUNDING BID PIN BACK YER LUGS AT LOST DIALECTS

Monday 4th February was the date, in the newly refurbished Sheraton Bar at The Big Club, for ACE to hold their first meeting since Christmas.

The agenda items were dealt with swiftly and efficiently by Geoff Batchelor, Chairman of ACE. He welcomed all present, those regular faces plus some new faces. The Assistant Secretary Ron Mitchie gave a report on behalf of the Trustees and he highlighted that the Trustees had unanimously proposed that he be appointed the first annual President of the partnership, which he was happy to accept with the proviso it didn't stop him doing what he was currently doing in respect of growing ACE. The trustees also identified the position of the bank account and funding bids.

The Treasurer, Joan, referred to a report that had been circulated electronically showing the current position of the partnership at the end of the 3rd quarter of the year. Reserves were being built up and funding was ring fenced for capital and discretionary funding requests.

The Treasurer said she was delighted to announce that a funding bid from Awards for All had been received for £10,000 to enable ACE to continue with promoting the organisation with literature, signage, necessary equipment to refurbish the office which they were using. Tables, Chairs, Storage, Computer,

Projectors, Monitors, Pop up Banners etc. She said she was very excited that ACE was now on track to work towards the vision of a Community Welfare Hub of Syd Howarth. The chairman congratulated Joan on all the work she had done to secure this funding bid.

Guest speakers were Debbie Unsworth and Sam Scotchbrook and Debbie from One Point Young People Services told how One Point supported families and young people in need in the former Sedgfield area. Sam, the Network Development Officer for Advice in County Durham, explained the origin of advice being a collaboration between CAB and DCC. Advice in County Durham is a new initiative making it easier for you to access the right advice and support. Whether you are an individual looking for help and advice or an organisation looking to signpost a client to get the right help, we can help. There are currently 170 members as part of Advice and members of ACE have also benefitted from information received from them. ACE were to look to join Advice for the benefit of those making enquiries for support.

ACE meet on the first Monday of each week at 3.45pm, if anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact the Assistant Secretary on aycliffe@gmail.com or telephone on 07749 236853.

Unique North East words have been saved from extinction – thanks to a new exhibition.

As part of a two-year Lost Dialects initiative, visitors to The Word, National Centre for the Written Word, at South Shields, were invited to jot down words and phrases they rarely heard anymore. Now, the collection is the focus of a new, Word Bank of Lost Dialects exhibition, which opened on 1 February. Every one of the 2400 words and phrases donated by the public would once have been part of everyday language in the shipyards, mines and in street games and social gatherings.

And, while some of the words will be familiar, others – such as Fuddleskelly and dilk – have never been formally recorded before.

The exhibition, by artists Jane Glennie and Robert Good, enables visitors to view the full word bank, take a rubbing of some of their favourite Geordie words and vote whether they want to 'use' or 'lose' them.

The Word Bank of Lost Dialects also explores the histories of some of the most popular and some of the most obscure words and phrases donated; words such as 'gruffy', skin wrinkled from being in water too long; 'budgie', a half pint of beer and 'spags', or feet.

Among the discoveries made by Robert and Jane, as they collated and researched the donated words, is that spellings of some words varied enormously,

suggesting they were spoken more often than they were written.

"Take, turnip, for example," said Robert, "or snadgie. There are no fewer than 12 different spellings of that, from snadgi and snaggy to snadger and snaggie."

"But before dictionaries and schooling were the norm, many common words had multiple spellings until gradually the 'right' spelling became accepted and taught." The exhibition also highlights those words that give the Geordie language its unique sounds – words such as 'gis', short for 'give us'; 'alreet' for all right and 'gan', for go. And, because language is constantly evolving, the exhibition also features completely new words and phrases, such as 'elephant's ears' to describe naan bread, grockles – tourists – and soogie; a long, hot, bubble bath.

Tania Robinson, Head of Culture at The Word, National Centre for the Written Word, said the Lost Dialects project is one of the most fascinating ever undertaken at the venue, "because it is about capturing a language that is in danger of being lost forever."

"Increasingly we communicate via technology and spellcheckers don't recognise dialect," she said. "So, if you type the word 'clarty', (dirty) it will autocorrect it to clarity, for example."

"This will make it harder for written dialect words to survive, which is why this project is more than just a trip down memory lane – it is a record of our regional identity."

The free, Word Bank of Lost Dialects, exhibition runs until September. For more information visit www.theworduk.org, www.facebook.com/worduk, www.twitter.com/theword_uk

Award Nomination for Katy at Greenfield Arts

We are delighted to announce that Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity, has been recognised for her contribution to creative learning.

Katy has been shortlisted in the new National Creative Learning Awards as an outstanding 'Creative Learning Leader in the Cultural Sector'. The new awards celebrate the inspirational innovators, educators and practitioners who live and breathe creative learning.

Gill Bryerley, Managing Director of The Creative Learning Guild who are organising the awards, said "On behalf of all here, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to all of those shortlisted. There is so much talent and dedication in the world of creative learning, with practitioners taking on enormous responsibility and working long hours. We want these awards to recognise these un-sung heroes and support them in their ongoing fight for creativity".

Katy has devised, led and organised a range of projects that have sent positive ripples throughout Greenfield Community College and the wider community and has been an inspiration to people of all ages. Her ability to bring about practical and personal achievements through creative learning makes her an exceptional candidate.

Judges will use criteria, that has been informed by a consultation of arts and education organisations, to choose the winners from each of the categories and the winner in each category will be announced at the



Creative Learning Summit on Friday 8th March 2019. David Priestley CEO of Greenfield Arts and Executive Headteacher of Greenfield Community College said "we are all proud that Katy has been recognised in these awards. She has made a significant and inspirational contribution to promote creative approaches to learning across our whole organisation."

ACORN RESIDENT'S MEETING

Our monthly meeting will be held in the Phoenix Club at 6.00pm on Thursday 14th February. Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm.

This month we have Val Fawcett giving us a talk on AARMS telling us about the support and help they can give to people. Our local Councillors are also invited.

We will be holding our Petting Zoo on Saturday 27th April this year. If any groups/organisations wish to come along to advertise themselves please let Ken know, so that we can make sure we can accommodate you, call 01325 321471.

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The vibrant musical production was made in association with the mental health charity Mind, and developed through support from the Royal Shakespeare Company, Northern Stage, Shoreditch Town Hall and The New Wolsey Theatre.

Packed with live music and dance, No Miracles Here is an anthem to feeling alive and keeping the faith. Stan Hodgson, co-artistic

director of The Letter Room, said: "We're delighted to be performing No Miracles Here, our music-filled story of resilience and hope set in a dance marathon. "We tried to tell a personal story of human struggle, but fill it with music, movement and humour. And we can't wait to pick up our instruments, get our sweatbands on and bring it to new audiences across the country in 2019."

Robin Byers, manager of the Gala Theatre, said: "We're pleased to be able to welcome No Miracles Here to Gala on its national tour. We always like to offer exciting new work to our audiences, and we're particularly pleased that this is a production which celebrates the power of music and culture. Show begins at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15 (£13 concession), free to Gala and GTSS members. Book online at www.galadurham.co.uk

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Crafter's Companion Appoint New Head of Commercial



such a positive direction, something I'm looking forward to being a part of. "My priority is to lead by example and to invest my time and knowledge to develop and support the whole team. My main aim is to ensure we continue to drive the global company forward, and I look forward to working with Sara, Simon and the board to increase the success of Crafter's Companion."

Crafter's Companion opened two retail stores in Newton Aycliffe and Chesterfield during 2016, and a further store at Evesham in 2017, to complement its presence online and in thousands of retail stores across the world.

Crafter's Companion saw a sales growth of 38% over 2018, with an export sales growth of 59%. With its global employee count now standing at 180 strong, the award-winning craft supplies company is primed to continue leading the craft market with this new appointment.

Companion Founder, Sara Davies MBE, said, "I have known and worked with Ross for a number of years now, so I know he is the perfect fit for our company's ethos. His ideas and understanding that we place the consumer at the heart of our business, as well as his vast range of experience in the craft sector, means that he is well placed to share our company's vision. I'm thrilled that he will be joining the company and helping us to continue our growth strategy."

Ross will be relocating to Durham for this role, and will bring a strong knowledge of the UK craft market and years of experience in the TV shopping and e-commerce sectors from roles at Ideal World, Bid-Up TV and Hochanda. His key achievements include helping to launch Hochanda TV and establishing it as a major TV player with a profitable status within the space of 3 years.

Ross said, "I am extremely excited to be offered the opportunity to join Crafter's Companion. Having worked indirectly with a number of the team, it is a privilege to now be directly part of such a dynamic and successful company. It is clear that Crafter's Companion cares about the crafting community and helps to drive industry innovation and standards forward in

Appeal for Owner: Found, Gents Bicycle



A bicycle was found near the subway at Byerley Park School in mid-December. This was brought to school and handed in. The Police were notified just in case the bike had been reported lost or stolen to them. We were advised to keep hold of the bicycle in case the owner contacted them. To date we have had no further communication from the Police.

We have now had the bike for 8 weeks. We are appealing to your readers to see if anyone has lost this bike to contact Byerley Park School on 01325 300598.

Above is a photo of the bicycle – with the identifying marks covered. If the rightful owner can identify that this bike is theirs, we would love to be able to reunite them!

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Traffic lights will be installed at the following locations:

3 way lights into Hopelands/ Millbank;

4 way traffic lights Water Lane/Millbank/Highside Road;

4 way traffic lights Snackgate Lane/Millbank/ South View.

The small side road north in front of 1 - 11 Hopelands will be closed off. The work is expected to last a minimum of 2 weeks. Start date to be confirmed, but imminent.

So, to the school and parents, please note that your journeys into and out of school are likely to take longer than normal. Delays caused by the traffic lights may be experienced after dropping your child at the school gates, so all plan your journey, give yourselves more time to drive into school and return to your home or work and drive with great care.

Needless to say final arrangements may alter but the main message is that traffic lights will be appearing down Millbank and there will be disruption so be prepared.

Thank you
Councillor Gerald G. Lee
Heighington and
Coniscliffe Ward

GREGG WALLACE HEADS TO NORTH EAST FOOD FESTIVAL

His passion for good food made him the perfect choice to co-host BBC MasterChef and now the nation's most famous greengrocer is headlining Bishop Auckland Food Festival. Gregg Wallace is the first of the celebrity chefs and food personalities attending the festival to be revealed ahead of its return on Saturday, 13 April and Sunday, 14 April.

Known for his extensive culinary knowledge and unapologetic sweet tooth, Gregg has co-presented BBC MasterChef since 2005. The programme's success led to the equally popular spinoff shows Celebrity MasterChef and MasterChef: The Professionals.

Gregg will share some behind the scenes gossip while cooking up a variety of delicious dishes in Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Sunday, 14 April at 11am and 2pm. Tickets for the demonstration cost £10 or £15 for a VIP pass, which includes priority seating and a meet and greet opportunity. Organisers of the Durham County Council festival are thrilled Gregg is topping the line-up at this year's event, which is part of Durham19, an unmissable year of culture in the county.

Last year, Bishop Auckland Food Festival attracted more than 27,000 people, resulting in record sales for traders and boosting the profits of local businesses. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and organisers are drawing on visitors' comments to ensure the festival is bigger and better in 2019.

Festival-goers can look forward to even more stalls selling a tempting array of local produce and delicious dishes from all over the world. There will also be live music, children's entertainment and a varied programme of workshops and live cookery demonstrations, with the full line-up to be revealed within the next few weeks.

Gregg, a Londoner who started his career at Covent Garden Fruit and Veg Market, is aware of the power of markets and festivals to spark conversations about food, as well as allowing producers and suppliers to interact directly with their customers.

For him, market trading was the springboard to George Allen's Greengrocers, the company he started in 1989, which achieved an eventual turnover of more than £7.5 million.

Gregg's business success led to an invitation to co-present Veg Talk on BBC Radio 4 and numerous television projects, including BBC One's Saturday Kitchen, Eat Well for Less, Inside the Factory, Turn Back Time, Harvest, Supermarket Secrets, MasterChef and Who Do You Think You Are?



"I'm very much looking forward to my visit," said Gregg. "Meeting new people, discovering their passion for food and sampling local specialities is a real treat."

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural affairs at Durham County Council, said: "Bishop Auckland Food Festival is a wonderful day out for all of the family and an opportunity to sample the finest fare our region has to offer."

"However, the benefits it brings to County Durham do not stop there. It attracts thousands of people into our region, generating vital income and strengthening our reputation as a culinary destination."

To book tickets to see Gregg and to stay up to date with the latest festival news, visit www.bishopaucklandfoodfestival.co.uk, like the Bishop Auckland Food Festival Facebook page or follow @bishfoodfest on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

To find out more about other events and activities connected to the Durham 19 Year of Culture campaign, visit www.durham.gov.uk/durham19

Wellbeing For You at Greenfield Arts

The Arts are a great source of positive wellbeing and creativity and wellbeing is at the heart of Greenfield Arts. We have some wonderful opportunities to help you explore ideas, build confidence and feel good about yourself.

New for this season is a creative course where you can learn mindfulness techniques and gain self-awareness. The relaxing course 'just breathe' is being led by Noreen Gormally who will be on hand to guide you through the many practices and benefits that can be developed. The six-week course will start on Monday 18th February and will run from 19:00 – 20:00. Please contact Noreen directly for further information or to book your place just call 07785 272388 or email laughteryogawaves@yahoo.com. What a great way to start the week!

Greenfield Arts also offer beneficial free activities for all ages. Currently there is the chance to learn and practice 'Young Yoga'. This is a great way for young people to have fun and practice new skills that can be a positive part of their life, both now and in the future. Feedback has been very positive, "I have enjoyed it as it is calming, relaxing and something different to do" and "Yes, I have enjoyed working with other people and having fun whilst exercising and I have enjoyed learning new postures". The class is presently held on a Wednesday from 15:30 – 16:30 and is suitable for children over 8.

The Men's Cree group meet up each Monday from 10:30

– 12:30. Cree is a group of male volunteers who work on a variety of projects to benefit the community which also contributes to their own wellbeing. Their achievements are amazing, recently they have built a super-shed, created free little libraries throughout the region and renovated fabulous spaces for young people. The group meet in a lovely environment and new members are always very welcome.

If you would like to know a bit more about the Arts and Wellbeing at Greenfield or learn more about our many projects, courses and activities please contact our team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk alternatively you can check out our website on www.greenfield-arts.co.uk



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A few things to do next weekend, and some outstanding DCC achievements and important community information – more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB96

Also please join me and my guests on Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 10 February, where the 'Big Story' will be Neighbourhood Policing: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• My report on the #DurhamPoweredByPeople Regional Business Summit, Thursday 31 January (including what WE can do to help).

• If you are interested in climate change or energy effectiveness, you will enjoy finding out about the REBUS Low Carbon Conference, Wednesday 30 January (REBUS, BEIS & NELEP; DCC's Low Carbon Policy; Heat from Minewater; Key Messages for the Future).

• Find out more about DCC's fight against unnecessary single use plastics.

• DCC has adopted a new strategy aimed at improving services and life opportunities for children and young people in County Durham.

• DCC is consulting on its allotments policy; please note that this does NOT include allotments in Newton Aycliffe, which are all owned by GATC.

• County Durham has been asked to host the Vélo North cycle race (which could bring up to 15,000 participants and more than 40,000 visitors to the county).

• DCC is launching this year's 'Big Spring Clean' at Locomotion Museum Shildon, 9:40am Thursday 14 February – please inform 03000 265642 if you wish to attend.

• There is still time to sign up for DCC's garden waste collections. Phone 03000 260 000.

• GAMP meeting, Tuesday 29 January (Police precept, County Durham Plan, DCC Housing Strategy,

Fire Service consultation, Neighbourhood Police Report, GAMP priorities 2019/21).

• February is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans History Month in the UK.

• The week 4-10 February is sexual abuse & sexual awareness week – #ItsNotOK.

• Specialist help is available for victims of FGM from HALO on 01642 683045.

• Worried about someone sleeping rough in County Durham? Phone 03000 268 000.

• The Healthwatch County Durham news update for February is out, featuring things like care navigation, world cancer day, vascular services, dementia and the NHS 10-year plan.

• EMCON 2019 has been announced – great news for Newton Aycliffe and well done Xcel Centre.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEKEND

• Lecture: County Durham Architecture from Elizabethan to Georgian: Gala Theatre, 5.45pm Wednesday 13 February (FREE, but booking is recommended).

• Norman Cornish and the Creative Arts: Beamish Museum, 16-24 February (entrance fee).

• Family trail: 'Follow the Footprints': Hardwick Park, 16-24 February (£1 per sheet).

• Cham seafarers of South-East Asia (5-11s): Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm Saturday, 16 February (FREE).

APPEAL FOR WOOL

The Co-operative Funeralcare on Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe are crocheting blankets for local care homes.

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Archive Talk Focuses on Locating Ancestors' Final Resting Place



A fascinating family history course will be repeated this month, teaching people how to track down their family's burial and cemetery records. Back by popular demand, the talk will explain how best to determine where an ancestor was buried, looking at what records exist, where they can be found and what information they contain. The session, which will be led by a Durham County Record Office archivist, is part of a series of Branching Out courses that give people who are already comfortable with the basics of family history an opportunity to look at records in more detail. Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist, said: "Family historians often want to know where their ancestors are buried but it can be a difficult area to research

as there is such a wide range of records that may need to be searched. This talk will show people how to go about finding their family's graves." As well as an hour-long talk, all Branching Out sessions also include an hour of browsing time in which visitors can use the record office's facilities and receive one-to-one support with their research. The burial and cemetery records talk runs twice, from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 12 February and from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday 14 February. Tickets, priced at £10 per person, must be booked in advance and can be booked online at <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgEventResult> or over the telephone on 03000 267 619.

TESCO AND TRUSSELL TRUST UPDATE

Readers might like to know just how successful the 2018 Tesco Food Collection, supporting the Trussell Trust and County Durham Food Bank was, especially in Newton Aycliffe.

It was held between 30th November and 1st December, in time to increase donations ahead of Christmas, a really tricky time for people struggling financially.

Nationally, generous Tesco customers donated 880 tonnes of food for food banks. Locally, just over 2.5 tonnes was donated in the Newton Aycliffe Tesco Store, part of 25.4 tonnes donated to the County Food Bank.

The big three day collection brings together food bank volunteers and supporters, Tesco colleagues and shoppers. So that is lots of you, reading the Newton News.

Pat on the back, round of applause, three cheers – whatever – amazing, fantastic news! Working together to support the fight against hunger. Be assured, each item donated helps someone in need.

[editorial]

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in the community, with the community, for the community

It is a truism that our children are the future, and beyond dispute that it is one of the main duties of any generation to give its children the best chance possible in life. In a world of austerity, impossible house prices and 'gig' work, it is a frequently-expressed fear that the upcoming generation might be the first generation for many years actually to end up worse-off than its parents'.

• Which is why the Newton News was pleased to note the article: 'Strategy to Ensure County Durham is a Great Place to Grow Up', which describes the County Council's policy for improving services and life opportunities for young people in the County. The full report is even more impressive, and is well worth reading if you access it online. It is especially pleasing to read the extent to which the Council has sought the views of, and listened to, our young people as it compiled its report.

• Like most people, we find it hard to keep abreast of the new words entering our language from youth culture and the internet, so the article: 'Pin Back Yer Lugs at Lost Dialects' was a nostalgic pleasure.

In a past age, society's wisdom was passed down in the form of proverbs and folk-sayings, and the words those people used remind us of the conditions and structures of the world in which they lived.

So we thoroughly enjoyed reading about the Lost Dialects initiative ... and we defy anybody to read the article without remembering with affection: 'the things my grandma used to say'!

• Syd Howarth never sought recognition for the things he did, but he would have been delighted to know that one day the community he loved would decide to name a road (there are no 'streets' in Newton Aycliffe) after him. Syd's family and friends at the Newton News loved and respected Dad; and we are touched to see how much the wider Great Aycliffe community loved and respected him too, illustrated in the honour accorded him by the Town Council.

We hope that the existence of, perhaps, a 'Syd Howarth Way' will remind future residents, not just of a prominent and popular citizen, but of the charity and kindness that motivated his life and community-building.

POP EXHIBITION

Join us for a Pop Exhibition featuring the work of Newton Press former employee and Northumbria University's Painting Fellow, Ellen Ranson.

"Paintings are granted different levels of prominence and credibility within a gallery. Gallery and museum spaces have been typically dominated with white male artists' representations of the female figure. They decorate both physical spaces and the art historical canon as embodiments of fears and desires central to the patriarchy. Alongside LGBTQ+ and ethnic minorities, their image or the images of which are elevated in history become distorted through this very narrow perspective. This feeds the viewer: stereotyped, disempowered and tokenised images of these 'others'.

Abstract Expressionism is emblematic of these issues, whereby female artists' of the era were marginalised and disregarded, whilst male artists' rose to prominence. This blueprint can be applicable to contemporary patriarchal power structures. Alongside formal explorations, my work aims to perform the arrogance and ego associated with the Abstract Expressionist male painter archetype.

How do these historical issues filter into the contemporary gendering of abstract painters?"



Preview will be Friday 8th February at 7.30pm. Exhibition runs until 22nd and is open 12-4pm (closed Wednesdays) or by appointment via info@parapluieart.com. The exhibition is located at: 2 Northumberland Place, North Shields, NE30 1QP



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9-10am	Kitchen Floor Fillers	
10-12pm	Saturday Brunch	Sean Lawless
12-2pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
2-4pm	School Disco	
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby

"THE SATURDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE"

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

SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan (1st & 3rd Sunday - Mystery Year 2nd & 4th)	
12-1:30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7:30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare

19th Feb: **Sgt Andy Boyd, NA Neighbourhood Police, Nev Jones, Donna Marie Mawson, Mike Dixon**

8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

11-1pm	Lunch Break with	Paul Baker
1-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
"Through the Decades"		
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Steven Harrison

TUESDAY

11-1pm	Lunch Break with	Paul Baker
1-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
Sports Show sponsored by Honest John		
6-7:30pm	Sports Round Up	Darren & Lee
12th Feb - Terry Farley (Referee)		
7:30-9:30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
9:30-12am	Motown Classics	

WEDNESDAY

11-1pm	Lunch Break with	Paul Baker
1-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
TTO & Community Connect sponsored by ROF59		
5-6:30pm	Tea-Time Out	Phil & Amy
6:30-8pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

11-1pm	Lunch Break with	Paul Baker
1-3pm	Afternoon Delight	
3-5pm	Driving Home with	Paul Baker
6-7:30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
8-10pm	"Beat" Roote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	UK Number 1's	

FRIDAY

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	
15th Feb Nathan Abbott (90s Classix)		
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gary & Alby

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Sergeant's Blog NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By Sergeant Andy Boyd



Hello Newton Aycliffe, hope you are all well and have completed your 'dry Januarys', have raced at your pace, or have given up the kebabs (or is that just me?!). Whatever your New Years resolution was, can you do something in 2019 to make a difference? Now that might be something personal to you, but what about those people out there that are making a real difference in the community? Since joining the beat team at Newton Aycliffe in the summer, I have been amazed by all the individuals out there that are currently doing just that. As a community team, it would be crazy not to tap into that and working closely with partners we can play our part in making Newton Aycliffe a safer and more enjoyable place to live. Vern McLellan said "What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year." When you look back on 2019, what will you have contributed?!

As a team, so far in January, we have visited Vane Road Primary School with Jet and Ben. We have been issuing further ACE (Aycliffe Community Excellence) Awards to youths who have demonstrated fantastic community spirit. We now have a monthly winner which is agreed at an ASB panel that I sit on with GATC, Livin, Durham County Council, and Councillor John D. Clare. This month's winner was Noah Fielding who spent some time assisting park wardens to tidy up the Town Park after youths had tipped over bins and benches, for his effort, Noah was awarded the monthly prize of a certificate and a two day pass to ROF59, you're ACE Noah!

Our two new PCSO's appeared on Aycliffe Radio to introduce themselves and explain what they and the team do. We have been carrying out both uniformed and plain clothed patrols, the latter in relation to increased shoplifting in the town centre. As a direct result of this, two offenders were caught in the act (we love days like this!!), and one is now serving a prison sentence.

You may have noticed on our Facebook page (shameless plug, please follow us!?) that

we are sometimes mapping our patrols. We wanted to show the community that we are out on foot, even if you don't see us. We have also been enforcing Dispersal Orders in the town centre in relation to increasing Anti-Social Behaviour which I'm pleased to say had a really positive impact and more patrols and orders are planned. We are also working with other agencies to create a community garden and increased youth provision in the Western area, this is under the umbrella of a Time Limited Project (TLP) which brings the Police together with agencies likes Livin, DCC, GATC, Junction 7 and The Hub of Wishes to problem solve around issues in the area.

This is at an early stage at present, but a survey has already been completed in the area, and a community engagement event is planned for Tuesday 19th February 2019 between 1500 and 1900 hours in Silverdale House (watch this space for further information).

In January this year, there was very little in the way of residential burglary (someone actually entering a residence to steal). There were a few garages/sheds entered and a few 'business and community' burglaries and enquiries are still ongoing into these. We had very little vehicle crime, in the ones reported we very quickly had a suspect identified, arrested, charged and remanded to court (big thanks to our colleagues in CID for this one!).

What was more concerning for me was an increase in youths getting into trouble using the internet. We have received a number of reports from concerned parents over their child's use of pages like 'Snapchat', 'Instagram' and 'WhatsApp'. There are many agencies out there, including the police and schools offering advice on internet safety (Tuesday 5th February 2019 was Safer Internet day - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>), please talk to your kids regarding the dangers, it's so important and may prevent your child from becoming a victim! Until next month, take care of yourselves, your loved ones, and your community! Sergeant 1430 Andy Boyd Newton Aycliffe NPT

Council Homeless Strategy

Strategies which aim to help people by tackling their housing issues and provide support to County Durham's homeless are to go before councillors next week.

Durham County Council has worked with partners to develop both a housing strategy and a homelessness strategy, with the authority's Cabinet being asked to agree that consultation be carried out on the content of each. The County Durham Housing Strategy seeks to put people first by identifying the issues residents face in terms of housing and coming up with ways to address them. These include:

- Delivering homes to meet the needs of older people within communities and supporting people to live independently for as long as possible;
- Raising standards across the private rented sector through seeking greater licensing powers to tackle problem landlords, as well as continuous engagement with landlords and the extension of the council's private landlord accreditation scheme for responsible landlords;
- Working with those communities most affected by long term empty properties. This would include working with property owners and landlords with the aim of bringing empty properties back into use wherever possible;
- Maximising the delivery of affordable homes, both by securing developer contributions as part of new housing development and through close partnership working with registered providers and Homes England.

The document seeks to provide a strategic framework to inform the actions and investment of the council and its partners, and contains a series of key messages setting out their delivery priorities and approach to addressing housing issues.

The strategy has been developed to ensure the council is well positioned to maximise future opportunities for funding support.

The County Durham Homelessness Strategy aims to set out a strategic approach and key priorities and actions towards preventing homelessness across County Durham over the next three years.

The strategy includes three overall aims and an action plan for each. The aims are as follows:

1. To prevent homelessness through early intervention, through provision of advice and a range of prevention tools.
2. To increase access to and the supply of accommodation for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, by increasing the existing supply of accommodation and developing a proposal for a buy to lease scheme.
3. To provide a range of support services to reduce the risk of households becoming homeless, by ensuring monitoring systems are in

place to understand need and working in partnership with agencies to access support services.

Subject to the approval of Cabinet next Wednesday, both strategies will be published for consultation for six weeks beginning on 25 January and running until 8 March. Views will be sought from residents and other stakeholders.

CLr Kevin Shaw, the council's Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "The housing and homelessness strategies are two very important documents which will help shape the future of our county."

"The housing strategy identifies not just the challenges we face but how best we can address them and this is by putting people first and importantly it is also flexible which will enable us to respond to any future funding opportunities as they may arise."

"The homelessness strategy seeks to build on our successful existing approach of preventing homelessness through early intervention and providing any necessary support."

"We would encourage anyone with an interest to take part in the consultations and we look forward to receiving people's comments."

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

**Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
of the Town Council and its Committees**

Wednesday 27th February 2019 - 7.15pm

Environment Committee

Followed by **Recreation Committee**

NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Still Time to Sign-up for Garden Waste Collections

Green fingered County Durham residents are being reminded to sign up to get their garden waste collected. Durham County Councils' garden waste collection service is due to start in April and those who sign up before Thursday, 14 February can be sure to receive a total of 17 collections up until November. Residents can still sign up after this date, but all of the collections cannot be guaranteed.

For those already subscribed to the service collections will begin from Tuesday, 2 April, followed by fortnightly collections until the collection season ends. Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "It won't be long before green fingered County Durham residents are preparing to spring clean their gardens."

"Almost 33,000 residents have already signed up to receive garden waste collections this year and we would like to remind those that haven't that it's not too late to join the scheme for 2019."

The following items can go in the garden waste bin for composting:

• Grass cuttings



- Shrubs
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Flowers & bedding plants
- Hedge clippings
- Prunings
- Small branches

Residents can still sign up for the service for a fee of £35. Collections will start as soon as possible after they sign up and they will receive the remaining collections before the season ends. Those who have already subscribed to

the service are reminded to fix their bin sticker to the garden waste bin and put the bin out for collection by 7am on their collection day.

To sign up to the service or find out if a property is eligible, call 03000 260 000 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

Collection days can be found by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/MyDurham and entering the postcode and property number.

(VAR) Trainer to Visit Referees' Association Meeting

Former Premier League Referee and current Video Assistant Referee (VAR) Trainer, Neil Swarbrick will be guest speaker at the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association next month.

Neil, from Preston, was a Premier League referee from 2011 until his retirement at the end of the 2017/18. Since then, he has worked closely on the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system as well as providing expert analysis in the media.

Neil will visit the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association meeting on Thursday 21st February 2019 which will take place at The Manor public house, Cornwall Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6UR starting at 7.00pm. All are welcome. Anyone interested in attending is asked to confirm via email with Secretary, Simon Clayton on claytonsimon@sky.com to book their place as space at the venue is limited.

Terry Farley MBE, President of Bishop Auckland Referees' Association, said: "VAR is such a topical issue at the moment and I'm sure that Neil will be able to provide us with a fascinating insight into how it is being implemented at the highest level of the game here in England."

BUTTERWICK HOSPICE VISIT AYCLIFFE RADIO

On Sunday 3rd February Milly Toner and Immogen Salt from Butterwick Hospice in Bishop Auckland visited the Aycliffe Radio Station studio to talk to Mary and John about the Hospice and how people deal with grief.

Butterwick Hospice discussed the misconceptions people have of a Hospice. They clarified all the different services Butterwick Hospice provide in the local area.

Butterwick have a day care service, and out reach centre, along with family support, home care and much more. They explained to Mary and John about their experience working in Butterwick and how important volunteers are to the Hospice. The work Butterwick Hospice does could not be done without the volunteers. John, from the radio station is a volunteer Counsellor with Butterwick Hospice and he explained the challenges he has come across over the last year and a half, along with the vast rewards the voluntary job comes with. Butterwick wanted to say a huge thank you to Mary and John, from Conversations with John and Mary on Aycliffe Radio every other Sunday.



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Adventure Festival With Mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington

Mountaineer Sir Chris Bonington will share exhilarating stories from a lifetime spent conquering the seemingly impossible at a popular adventure festival this spring.

Britain's best-known climber is just one of the inspirational speakers who will appear at Durham Adventure Festival when it returns to the Gala Theatre from Friday, 26 April to Sunday, 28 April.

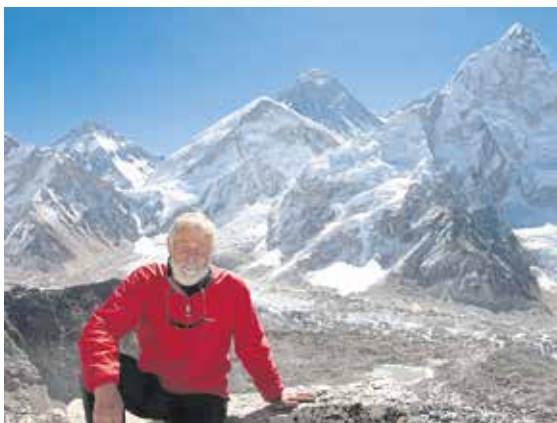
Aimed at encouraging people to explore the outdoors and embark on their own adventures, the festival features compelling talks, an action-packed film programme and opportunities for people of all ages to try new activities.

The full programme and line-up will be revealed later this month but tickets for Sir Chris' Life and Times lecture, at 5.30pm on Saturday, 27 April, are on sale now and are expected to sell-out fast.

Now in his eighties, Chris is as passionate about mountaineering today as he was when he first discovered the sport in 1951 at the age of 16.

His legendary climbing CV places him in a class of his own and has resulted in a wealth of adventures to share with festival-goers in Durham. From making the first British ascent of the North Wall of Eiger and the South West Face of Everest, to reaching the summit of the world's highest mountain himself in 1985 – his fearless spirit knows no bounds.

Chris is still active in the



mountains and has written 17 books, fronted numerous television programmes and lectured to the public and corporate audiences all over the world. He received a knighthood in 1996 for services to mountaineering and, in 2015, he received the prestigious Piolet d'Or lifetime achievement award, which recognises mountaineers who have inspired generations of others.

Chris said: "For me, adventure festivals are like 'tribal gatherings' where people with a common love of mountains and the outdoors can come together and share plans and gain inspiration.

"I'm thoroughly looking forward to being with you in Durham, I'll be sharing with the audience the story of my life in the mountains - the highs and lows, and the extraordinary characters I have met along the

way."

Durham Adventure Festival is presented in partnership with Kendal Mountain Festival and is part of the 2019 Year of Culture campaign.

The inaugural event in 2018 attracted thousands of people to County Durham and boosted the local economy. This year, is shaping up to be even more exciting with popular elements such as the basecamp and climbing wall set to be bigger and better.

Tickets to see Sir Chris Bonington cost £20 and are available to buy online at www.durhamadventurefestival.co.uk or via the Gala Box Office on 03000 266 600.

The 2019 Year of Culture campaign showcases the enriching programme of arts and sporting activities taking place this year. To find out more, visit www.durham.gov.uk/durham19

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We thank readers for their kind comments and hope to continue to be of service for years to come.

Town Councillor's Allowances

Dear Sir,
I refer to Cllr. Chandran's "Notice of Motion" published in last week's Newton News and to the Editor's reference to this as a "political conundrum".

Can the Town Council answer one simple question? If the Independent Remuneration Panel recommended an increase for Councillors at their Larger Local Councils Forum on 22nd November 2018, why was this not debated at the Policy and Resources Committee held on 23rd January 2019?

I'm sure that the Labour/Momentum controlled Town Council will say that they required time to consult the electorate. Have you been consulted?

Thank God for independent Councillors! They are worth their weight in gold.

It is my view that Party Politics have no place in local Parish/Town Councils; nor is there any need for Councillors to be paid allowances. Also, come election time the 'sitting' Councillor has his allowances at his disposal to spend on leaflets so as to get re-elected!

It is therefore undemocratic that a 'sitting' Councillor should have a financial advantage over a challenger, at the Taxpayer's expense!

Every week the Newton News is packed full of articles about Sport Clubs

/Teams, Community Associations, Charities and the like, which are all kept going by the selfless efforts of unpaid volunteers. Not only do these volunteers spend time in support of their chosen club or society, but they also have to spend time on fundraising to keep them in existence!

I trust that, before voting on the 'abolition of expenses' issue, Councillors will consult with the Council Tax payers.

Perhaps, next year's allowances could be spent on



a Referendum on the matter. However, there is a problem with this suggestion. If the majority Labour/Momentum Councillors did not like the result they would either, ignore it, or call for a re-run. Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

More Investment at Stiller

County Durham logistics firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution has invested further in the company to create another huge new warehouse.

After opening a state-of-the-art, £2m freight distribution centre and office block at its 22-acre premises on Aycliffe Business Park last year, Stiller is now converting its former logistics centre into warehousing to meet rising demand.

The 50,000 sq ft warehouse has been fully refurbished and, when completed, will accommodate up to 6,000 pallets.

And just months after spending £1.7m on a fleet of new trucks, this latest

development will increase Stiller's capacity further still, and takes the firm's total investment in property, facilities and people to £11m in the last four years.

Local contractors are being used in the fit-out of the latest new facility, with Bishop Auckland firm G Smith Electrical supplying the lighting, and they have been helped by a grant provided by Durham County Council's BEEP energy programme.

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Software Firm Expands into New NETPark Building

An innovative software company, which is working with some of the world's leading energy suppliers, has made the move to new office space as it continues to grow 20pc year on year. Quorum Development Ltd has created office space for its 14 staff at the North East Technology Park's new Explorer building in Sedgfield, County Durham, after doubling the number of its clients last year.

The company, which was established in 2002, supplies expert advice, software and services to organisations such as EDF Energy, Orsted, in Denmark, and Centrica. Its products allow customers to gather accurate data across a business and make informed decisions. Examples include its availability forecasting module, which takes in local weather forecasts and plant equipment problems, among other data, to accurately forecast the output for each generating unit. It means traders can understand quickly how much electricity they have available to trade.

John Sherban, director and co-founder of Quorum, said: "The power generation industry is changing quickly in response to the move to generate renewable energy and because we're a small company, we're agile and best placed to respond to those changes. There's a skillset and depth of experience in place here so people know we can be trusted to produce software that solves their problems,

on time and to budget." Quorum has clients in Europe, the Middle East and Australia. The company turns over £1.3m per year, with plans to turn over £2m in two years' time. It was previously based at the incubator at NETPark, which is run by Business Durham, the economic development organisation for County Durham, before it moved into the new Explorer building, which has been part of the park's ambitious expansion plans. John added: "NETPark has been a great place for us. The location is great for our clients who fly into

Newcastle Airport and the staff at Business Durham have been fantastic and have done everything possible to facilitate the move for us." Janet Todd, manager of NETPark, which is run by Business Durham on behalf of Durham County Council, said: "Quorum is an exceptional company and we're delighted to welcome them to their new home. We look forward to supporting them further as their business grows."

Photo: Left to right, Paul Usher and John Sherban of Quorum, with Janet Todd, manager of NETPark, run by Business Durham.



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TACKLING BUS LANE MISUSE IN COUNTY

Councillors are being recommended to agree to the use of a camera to deter motorists from misusing bus lanes in County Durham. Durham County Council's Cabinet is also being asked to give its support to the authority

assuming responsibility for enforcement of bus lane restrictions from Durham Constabulary. Next Wednesday's meeting will hear that the council regularly receives complaints about contraventions and lack of enforcement of bus lanes, particularly North Road in Durham, from local councillors, residents, bus companies, taxi drivers and the Durham Licenced Taxi Association.

In July last year, an exercise was carried out in which CCTV coverage of North Road was monitored and found to show 66 contraventions in a nine hour period.

Councillors will hear that police similarly receive regular complaints about contravention of bus lanes and other locations where No Entry Except Buses exist. However the demands on their officers' time reduces their availability to carry out enforcement.

The meeting will hear that by assuming responsibility for enforcement, the council would allow police to free up resources for core duties. Cabinet will hear of proposals to introduce a redeployable camera which would

work through a system of Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

Seven of eleven other North East authorities either have or plan to use a static, manual or redeployable camera.

Initially deployed at North Road, it would then be moved around the various bus lanes in County Durham on a rotational basis.

The meeting will be told the council envisages enforcement taking the form of £60 penalty charge notices with the amount reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days.

A report to the meeting also outlines how the council will review and potentially improve signage at all its bus lanes to ensure that motorists know where they are. It will also put up signs to make motorists aware that camera enforcement is to come.

In the first month of the camera being at North Road, the council will also issue warning notices for first offences rather than penalty charges.

Councillors will also be told that while the council expects to detect a high number of contraventions at first, compliance is likely to increase and contraventions reduce as time goes on and motorists become aware of the camera.

Cllr Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We get so many people complaining to us about motorists abusing bus lanes across the county and we know the police do too."

"We believe having a camera is the best way to stop people misusing them. Reducing the number of unauthorised vehicles on North Road will both improve road safety and also help our public transport operators by reducing bus journey times and improving the reliability of the network, which will in turn increase use of sustainable transport and help the environment by reducing pollution."

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A range of activities are on offer on selected dates throughout February and into March. For just £1 a session, children can create their own animated film, make an out of this world space artwork or listen to a pirate themed tale at a family storytelling session. There's plenty to do for grown-ups too with a range of Valentine's Day inspired craft sessions, using glass, ceramics, fabric and more, also priced at just £1 per person per session.

Linda Dobson, principal library manager, said: "Activities like these are a great reminder that libraries aren't just all about reading. They can be fantastic places to learn new skills, meet new people and for people of all ages to use their imagination and get creative."

To avoid disappointment, places must be booked in advance by contacting the library. Contact details for all County Durham libraries can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/libraries

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Sheryl Jenkins – Animation

For ages seven and over

Using apps and the wonders of technology, create a short animated film. Participants can use drawings, models and green screen to work together to create their very own animated blockbuster.

- Barnard Castle, Sat 16th Feb, 10-12 noon
- Chester le Street, Sat 9th Feb, 10-12 noon
- Crook, Fri 22nd Feb, 10-12 noon
- Durham Clayport, Sat 23rd Feb, 2-4pm
- Newton Aycliffe, Fri 22nd Feb, 2-4pm
- Seaham, Sat 23rd Feb, 10-12 noon
- Shildon, Thurs 21st Feb, 10-12 noon

Jyl Friggens – Mosaic Heart Pendant

For children aged over eight and adults
To celebrate the romantic month of February, make a mosaic heart pendant using vitreous glass and ceramic tiles, finished off with beaded wire to hang it with.

- Belmont, Mon 18th Feb, 2-4pm
- Blackhall, Thurs 21st Feb, 10-12 noon
- Brandon, Mon 18th Feb, 10-12 noon
- Cornforth, Tues 19th Feb, 10-12 noon
- Horden, Fri 22nd Feb, 2-4pm
- Thornley, Mon 11th Feb, 10-12 noon

Laura Brenchley – Rag Heart Wreaths

For adults and families

Using recycled fabrics participants tie strips of material onto a wire heart shaped frame. When the frame is full, it is ready to hang with a pretty ribbon as a home accessory.

- Chilton, Thurs 21st Feb, 2-4pm
- Sedgfield, Fri 22nd Feb, 2-4pm
- Wingate, Sat 23rd Feb, 10-12 noon

Paul Merrick – Out of this world animation

For ages 7 - 12 years

What is needed to survive in space? Create an 'out of this world' piece of artwork to demonstrate how you would get by in another galaxy!

- Consett, Tues 19th Feb, 10-12 noon
- Peterlee, Mon 18th Feb, 2-4pm
- Spennymoor, Mon 18th Feb, 10-12 noon
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Popples Tales - Storytelling: Snugglepants & the Scallywags Spectacles

For families and children

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- Langley Park, Sat 2nd Mar, 10.30-12 noon
- Wolsingham, Sat 9th March, 10.30-12 noon

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- Barnard Castle, Tues 1st Feb, 2-3pm

Dawn Belshaw – Love Heart Wreaths

For adults only

To promote recycling and celebrate the romantic month of February, participants will use plastic bags to create their own love heart wreaths.

- Shotton Colliery, Tues 19th Feb, 2-4pm
- Trimdon, Tues 19 Feb, 10am-12 noon

POLICE WARNING TO HACKERS WHO CARRY OUT CYBER ATTACKS

Police are warning hackers that they may be paid a visit if they purchase illegal tools used to conduct cyber attacks.

Plain-clothed officers visited four men at properties in Spennymoor, Consett, Whitley Bay and Wallsend recently as part of 'Operation Sentinel' to warn people about their online activity.

This action comes as the three regional police forces: Durham, Northumbria and Cleveland launch Sentinel which targets serious and organised crime across the region.

The visits were carried out by officers from the North East Regional Special Operations Unit (NERSOU) which is a collaboration between the three forces. One of their main aims is to prevent people from engaging in serious and organised criminality.

PC Gareth Judd of NERSOU's Cyber Prevent team, said: "Nationally, more and more teenagers and young people are getting involved in cyber crime and our aim is to prevent this. Many do it for fun without realising the consequences of their actions – but the penalties can be severe.

"Our team aims to stop potential acceleration or escalation in cyber criminality or nefarious behaviour.

"Cyber crime isn't a victimless crime and is taken extremely seriously by law enforcement. We want to make that clear.



PC Gareth Judd

"The individuals we visit are often involved in the illegal use and purchase of booters, stressers and DDoS tools, which stands for Distributed Denial of Service. This is a malicious attempt to make a server or a network resource unavailable to legitimate users, by overloading it with massive amounts of fake traffic.

"The emergence of DDoS has

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Obituary

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A much loved Wife, Mam and Granma.

Family and friends please meet for a Service at Durham Crematorium on Thursday 14th February for 3.00pm.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired may be made for MacMillan Nurses, plate provided at the crematorium.

FAMILY BUS TRIP

The Western Area Community Centre and Junior Neighbourhood Watch Family Trip to the Life Centre, Newcastle will take place on Wednesday 20th February, leaving Silverdale Place at 10.00am, £5 per seat. Ring 308094 or 07967 901477 to book or for details.

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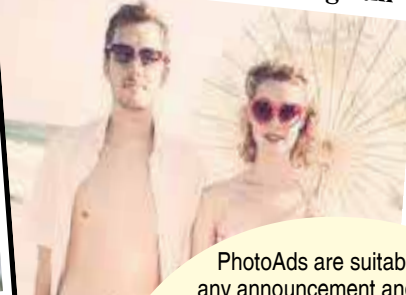
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Dear Sir,
We are looking forward to delivering a two day sports club this February half term holiday at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

We have ran similar clubs in the City of Durham since 2001 and have been given the opportunity for our team of coaches to come and do the same in Newton Aycliffe. The club is running on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd and will consist of a range of sports, games, matches and tournaments to entertain the children.

The sessions will run from 9.00am to 4.00pm and will be suitable for 4-12 year olds (children will need to bring their own packed lunch and plenty of water for hydration).

You can book for this activity online at www.simplysportltd.co.uk We are hoping that the people of Newton Aycliffe will support this and help to make it a real success so we can make it a permanent fixture during every school holiday.

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Middridge History Society present "How to Build a Medieval Cathedral" by Patrick Mussett on Thursday 14th February at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall.

Cathedrals are great buildings, but how did they get to be there and what sort of processes were involved? After all, if we set out to build one today, even with modern equipment, we would find it a challenge! All will be revealed at this interesting talk.

Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



This past week saw a turn in the weather and a downfall of snow and icy conditions which meant that most of the local parkruns were called off. There were a few slightly further afield that did take place but therefore this week there are no Parkrun PB's to report.

Despite the weather the NEMAA Cross Country Championships still took place. These championships are for runners over the age of 35 and this time they took place in Wallsend. We only had one representative taking part, Alan Wilks did extremely well running 3.5 miles in 27.10 and taking first place in the Over 70 category.

The only other race that we had participants in was the Dewsbury 10k which is a little further south from Leeds. First home for the club was John Surtees in a time of 35.50.

He was followed by Tracey Surtees who obtained a huge PB and broke the 40 minutes barrier in a time of 39.33.

Also running was Paul Dalton. However, as a second claim member for ARC, Paul was running for Quakers and he completed the course in 35.30. Also on Sunday, under 11's



from our Junior Section attended their first ever athletics event. Ten members participated in a number of events that day, many of which they had never done before. This included long jump, triple jump, vertical jump, chest push, javelin and sprint. There were also several relay races including obstacle and hurdles. Regardless that this was their first time trying some of these events, all ten athletes did extremely well. By their teamwork, talent and sheer determination the team came in 6th place out of 8 teams. A fantastic

achievement for their first event.

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

Developing Young Footballers



Whilst the snow hit the league programme for all of our teams, the boys and girls development sections were comfortable indoors, practising their skills.

The Girls' Wildcats, for ages 4-8 years old, were at Greenfield Academy Sports Hall working with our coaches. These fun sessions are ideal for any girls looking to try football for the first time, without competitive

pressures. The sessions run every Sunday 10am-11am.

Our Boys' Little Eagles, for 4-7 years old, were at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre (next to Tesco), enjoying a session building their skills, as several of them prepare to join teams ready for the start of next season. These sessions run every Saturday 10am-11am.

The Newton Aycliffe Youth

FC development sessions could be purely for fun, a way of developing skills or as a stepping stone to a team. The successful programmes have proven very popular and welcome new starters to come and have a go.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe didn't have a scheduled fixture on Saturday. However, the weather conditions meant that no games were played in the Ebac Northern League.

For Aycliffe it meant a training session giving new manager Colin Stromsoy a chance to work with his squad ahead of next Saturday's home game against Sunderland RCA. That match will be followed by the quarter final of the League Cup when Whitley Bay will visit Moore Lane on Tuesday 12 February (KO 7.30pm).

Stromsoy has been busy strengthening the team with Alexander Barnes joining from Penrith last week and another signing expected, possibly before the RCA game. Meanwhile two Aycliffe players, Jermaine Metz and recent signing Gerard Richardson have both been selected for the English Universities Northern squad. Both players represent Northumbria University.

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Friday 8th - DJ TONY Karaoke / Disco. FREE entry.

Saturday 9th - Fabulous SAMANTHA MAC with her debut SHANIA TWAIN TRIBUTE and solo act SHAUN KEELAN. Tickets are £5 members and £6 for guests and are selling fast.

Sunday 10th DISCO DAVE KARAOKE / disco in the afternoon free entry. In the evening solo artist ALAN WATSON £1 entry.

Friday 15th - BURNBABY Karaoke / Disco. FREE entry.

Sat 16th - Solo artist HOWIE B and solo artist KAREN KENNEDY £3 entry.

Sunday 17th - afternoon DISCO DAVE Karaoke / Disco. FREE entry. Night time solo artist SHIRLEY MAC £1 entry.

Line Dancing Every Thursday

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