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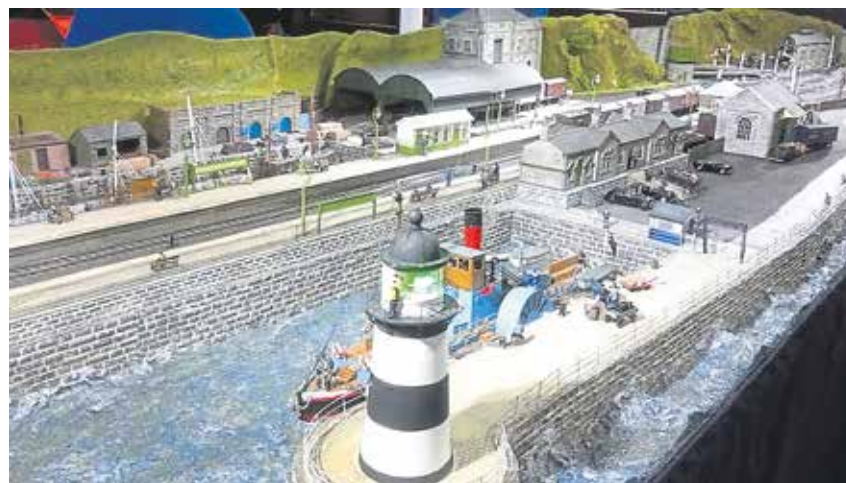
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Rotary Model Railway Exhibition to be 'Bigger and Better' This Year



Organisers of the ever-popular annual model railway exhibition staged by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe said this week that they were well on track to make this year's

event, their tenth, "bigger and better than ever". Two worthy causes will benefit from the exhibition - 'Heel and Toe', a North East children's charity that supports youngsters with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities, and 'The Railway Children', an international charity that works with vulnerable street children in India. Twenty-one working layouts have been booked for this year's event at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4HT (Tesco) on Saturday, March 9th, from 10.00am to 5.00pm. And one of them - "Salsdorf", a new European 'TT' scale layout by enthusiast Norman Raven - may well be featured in 'Continental Modeller' publication later this year. A special treat for young

visitors will be a self-drive 'Thomas and Friends' layout from Shildon Model Railway Club. Entry costs £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and 50p for children. Family tickets are available at £10. Rtn. John Burrows, who heads the organizing team, confirmed that this year's event will see 21 working layouts ranging from "n" to "1" scales (very small to very large) and that a number will feature digital operation including sound. Traders will be well represented with 10 stands selling new and pre-owned model railway items along with die-cast models, scenery, photographs and books. Four full-size preservation societies will be lending their support while other enthusiasts will be manning a tombola staff and serving refreshments. Free parking is available at St Mary's RC Church just yards from the event, there is full disabled access, all day refreshments are available and a family tombola.

"This is a real community event including sponsorship from Sabrerail and Barclays Bank plc, the Army Reserve, St Mary's Church, Tesco and of course some 35 Rotarians," said Mr Burrows who can provide further information on 07870 210269 or email jandeburrows@gmail.com

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It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and find out about the latest activities and events at the village hall.

There are also lots of fun things for children to enjoy, while you take a little time out.

Special Event Promises an Inspiring Line Up

Three inspirational northern women will share the stage as Bishop Auckland Town Hall celebrates International Women's Day.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall's current exhibition, No Man's Land, has been fascinating visitors this month, showing images from pioneering female First World War photographers who risked their lives and pushed the limits placed on women at the time, alongside contemporary female artists, including a former soldier.

On Friday 8 March, the Town Hall will continue to celebrate successful females, as International Women's Day returns for its annual celebration. This year, three key speakers will discuss, perform and inspire out.



as they join forces for a special event titled Beyond No Man's Land.

Sue Snowden, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, was the first female to hold this position in the UK. She will offer insight into her experiences and reflect upon the photography exhibition.

She said: "There have been many women who have shaped the course of history, many women who have shown courage in a variety of ways. Women who have made a real difference in the fields of art, science, politics and religion. Women's International Day allows us an opportunity to recall and reflect on women's achievements and contribution to an ever changing world."

Adding a punch to the line-up, world champion Rachel Mackenzie will talk about her success as World Thai-Boxing champion. Throughout her career Rachael has had to overcome prejudice from people who do not believe women should compete in contact sports. Her success and perseverance have helped to improve opportunities for female Thai-boxers. When Rachael made a switch from Thai-boxing to boxing, she became British Champion in her first season.

From punching fists, to punchy prose, Kate Fox has entertained audiences in theatres and on the radio, becoming a household name in the poetry/comedy circuit. A regular on Radio

4, and following her current live show, Where There's Muck, There's Bras, which explores an array of northern women's histories from scientists to sportswomen, she promises to be a fitting and feisty speaker for the event.

Kate said: "I'm extremely pleased to be taking part in the International Women's Day event in Bishop Auckland. As recent movements and protests have shown, there's still a long way to go before women have full equality and it's always important to celebrate our achievements and encourage school children to do the same."

Deborah Connell, community culture development coordinator for Durham County Council, said: "We are so excited to have three women from very different worlds, who all want their challenges and stories to encourage and inspire other girls and women."

"No Man's Land gave us an insight into the strength and bravery of women whose stories needed to be uncovered. We want to extend that by celebrating women today, here and now, and to learn from them."

"Everyone is welcome and it is set to be an inspirational day."

A pop-up photo studio will also invite attendees to take their picture against a 1914s backdrop, in line with the exhibition, and there will

be performances by local schools.

Doors open at 10am, with events starting at 10.30am till 12.30pm.

To book tickets call in at the box office or call 03000 269 524.

CHARITY LADIES NIGHT

Dear Sir,
The Friends of Heighington School are holding a Charity Ladies Night, in order to raise funding for Heighington C. of E. Primary School.

The event is taking place on Friday 29th March in Heighington Village Hall. The evening will have numerous stalls and a licenced bar.

Aycliffe Radio will also be in attendance providing background music for the evening.

We are asking for any donations to go into the raffle/auction to contact the number below or if you would like to book a table for the event, please contact Claire on 07710 079427 or Natalie on 07775 913038.

This is a closed ticketed event.

Thank you.
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On Saturday 2 March, the Club hosts a visit by clarinetist and composer Adrian Cox and his show 'Profoundly Blue' (in the jazz sense!) There's nothing gloomy about it though - Adrian's a star of the European jazz circuit, playing with masters including Wynton Marsalis, Dr John and Ronnie Wood and Profoundly Blue celebrates the music of his favourite clarinet player and band leader, Edmond Hall. The gig is sure to delight.

St Adrian's visit is followed by the return of another Darlington favourite when the hugely popular Savannah Jazz Band comes back on Saturday 6 April.

Savannah's famous for putting together a foot-tapping, heart-warming performance packed with excitement and raw good music. Their driving and exciting New Orleans style attracts large audiences whenever they play, and they're constantly adding new numbers to their extremely wide repertoire. There might even be a dash of gospel and Johnny Cash-inspired country if the band is in the mood for fun.

Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington; doors open at 12:00noon. Entry is just £10 on the door, and children 15 and under go free. St Augustine's Parish Centre is a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

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Friday 1st March - Private Party in the Main Hall

Saturday 2nd March - "Betch By Golly Wow"

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Saturday 9th March - "This Machine"

Gig Pit Review: One of the most entertaining bands on the circuit; music by Motorhead, Van Halen, Metallica, Pearl Jam, Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses, Deep Purple, AC/DC, Billy Idol and Thin Lizzy.

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If you would like to learn more about the Herbert Protocol join Horndale Community Association at their next meeting where PCSO Faye Callan will do a presentation or contact Faye at faye.callan@durham.pnn.police.uk

Our next meeting is Wednesday 6th March at Greenfield Arts starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45. Our meetings are open to everyone and are very warm and welcoming. Philip Clark, Chair

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Steve and Chris officially took over as the owners of Homeplan DIY on the 1st February 2019.

They would like to say a big thank you to Jim and Muriel and wish them all the best for the future and look forward to seeing old and new customers alike.

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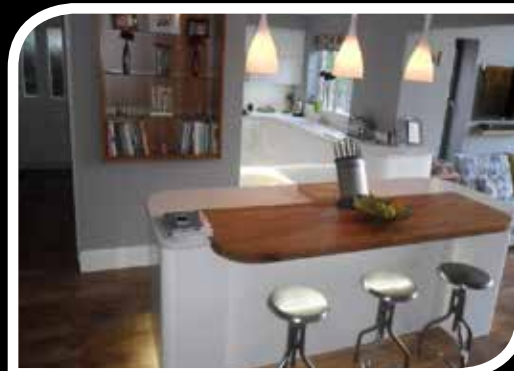
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"MP Betrays Majority of Constituents"

Dear Sir,
I was quite surprised, after finding out through your paper, that our MP, Mr Wilson, had held a meeting in Newton Aycliffe, but not surprised that the majority of people knew anything about it, but this is Mr Wilson's style as we have come to know. At this meeting, from what I can gather, the majority of people still wanted to leave the EU, but Mr Wilson still said that he knows best after receiving a few emails from people now wanting to change from leaving to staying, but as usual nothing to back it up. His mandate now was not for a people's vote on whether to leave or stay, but for a referendum with only two options accept Mrs May's agreement or stay in the EU. This tends to vary depending which media statement Mr

Wilson has made. Initially, as he told us all, he wanted to work with his constituents and leave the EU, till just over a year ago, after a secret meeting with undisclosed people, he suddenly changed his mind and became a staunch remainer. We only found out through a letter in the press, followed up by a second one including six other local Labour MP's. The next information was a brexit statement in our local free paper with his own personal thoughts on why we should not leave the EU. He stated if any of his constituents wanted to reply to the statement he was available for comment. I personally did this, raising a few questions, one being when was he going to face his constituents and a few

comments on the facts he had put in the statement. After waiting a few weeks for a reply I emailed him again with the original and asked if he would reply to me; still waiting. So I can only presume as I still wanted to leave the EU it would not be of any interest to him and that is why I was surprised when I learned about the meeting, but not about his outcome. It would seem that he is listening to other people outside his constituency and not his constituents. Maybe his next move in the party will be like his predecessor and confidant and stand as leader of the party, as his only cry is about a people's vote so why does he not stand by his beliefs and as so many of his constituents have asked him to resign and stand again on his mandate and see if the people of this constituency will give him the go ahead to do as he likes.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respecting the Result of the Referendum

Dears Sir,
Democracy?
In the current House of Commons 80% of MPs stood for election on manifestos which promised to respect the Leave Referendum majority and to leave the E.U. In the Northeast and the Midlands the vote to Leave was approximately 60% (of the highest turnout for a democratic vote in the history of the 'Mother of Parliaments').
Why have we not yet left the E.U.?

The answer is simple. MPs who promised to respect the Brexit vote and who promised to support leaving have changed their minds! 12 MPs have gone further. Three Conservatives have stabbed their Party Leader in the back. Nine have resigned from the Labour Party, ostensibly, for the noble cause of standing up to bullying and Anti-Semitism, but actually, to call for a second referendum in the hope of thwarting Brexit.

It is clear that a sizeable majority of MPs lied when they said that they would respect the Leave vote when they stood in the 2015 General Election.

Democracy cannot survive such deceit! The 12 MPs who now call themselves 'Independent' have disenfranchised circa. 840,000 voters. Democracy demands that they resign their seats and allow By-elections. Indeed, for democracy to survive, all MPs in constituencies where the majority voted to Leave, must either, support leaving the E.U. or, resign and stand for re-election.

It appears that our MP, Phil Wilson, also lied about his allegiance to his leader, Corbyn. In order to ensure re-election he not only lied about respecting the 60% plus Leave vote in his constituency, but, on the eve of the poll, he issued a leaflet saying that he did not support Corbyn's leadership of the Labour Party.

However, today in Parliament, Phil Wilson is hand-in-glove with the newly 'independent' MPs and Corbyn. Corbyn is now supporting a second Referendum and will campaign for Remain! A shameless amalgamation of the undemocratic 'Remainers' in our, so called, 'Parliamentary Democracy'.

Any vote in Parliament for a second Referendum must be subject to legal challenge. Our Constitution currently requires that a referendum is first mooted in a Party's manifesto. If that Party is elected then a majority in the House is required for the Government to enact the necessary Act of Parliament. To do so otherwise would

not be in accordance with the Constitutional requirements that were required for Brexit. We have been threatened with civil unrest in Ireland if a hard border results from Brexit. That is, we are being blackmailed! However, what will be the consequences for Parliament, for our Democracy, for our Institutions, for our country, for our safety, and for the proper rule of law, if Parliament and the E.U. conspire to keep us in, or even partly in, the E.U.? Phil Wilson should not negotiate through a political crisis using lies. However, has he got the gumption to fully appreciate the probable consequences? They are likely to be much worse than the plague of boils that he has threatened will visit us in the event of a No-Deal Brexit.

I consider that, whether we remain or leave the E.U., the majority must insist on revenge on various institutions that have not properly respected or served the majority view. E.g. the BBC, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The UKIP manifesto calls for the abolition of the BBC Licence Fee. I think that this would be popular to most leave voters. However, if the Licence Fee was to be transferred to the NHS no politician would dare to oppose it.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

£200 Raised at Coffee Morning



Newton Aycliffe Marie Curie Group held a Coffee Morning at Rose Lodge Care Home on Wednesday 21st February and raised an amazing £200. On behalf of the group we would like say a big thank you to the residents and their families for supporting us, as well as Rose Lodge staff for their help and the kitchen staff for their delicious cakes.
Diane Manson
(Marie Curie Volunteer)

Not Tied Hand and Foot

Dear Sir,
A little while ago I responded to Mr Phil Wilson's invitation through the Newton News. That it was not published was entirely my fault but despite you giving me the opportunity to abbreviate it I could not do so without losing the factual details it contained. Nevertheless I thank you for that courtesy.

I posted it to Mr Wilson so he knows my thoughts and conclusions which briefly, support the well considered views of Mr John Snowball whose thoughtful letter you published earlier.

I attempted to express details for and against both the EU and the UK Facts, which we never hear from politicians or from much of our media who print the appalling political infighting so detrimental to the welfare of the Country they were elected to cherish.

To remain within the Customs Union is not Out; to accept the present 'Deal' is not Out and Out was the decision of the people's vote in the Referendum. A voters decision; no second Referendum can be validated without destroying the very basis of democracy. Our democracy is under major threat from our own elected Representatives defying the majorities within their own constituencies. I ask the question "What logical reason can there be in keeping a democratically elected Representative, who refuses to represent the majority wishes of the people who elected him/her by failing to support their choice decided (democratically) by public vote?" There is a National Petition under way on this very question. I have signed it.

All within the EU is far from sweetness and light. All within the UK is not gloom and doom. Either or rather both paths are facing some real difficulties. Lies have been told on

both sides. But last week Salesforce, one of the worlds biggest technology companies showed it's faith by substantial investment here. This week Canada's Saputo, a similar world status company, announced an investment of almost £1 billion. Real confidence by shrewd people, in the UK's future. World wide investment continues. The scaremongering story on Nissan politicised last week, was not the whole truth. It seems the new Xtrail will not be built here. The costs of meeting new European emission standards is high and the prospective life of diesel is only 10 years. So it may not be built anywhere. So there is good news. Not all is bad. Equally within the EU not all is good news. It has financial, economic and social/immigration problems which need rectifying.

It would be fine to make a deal but only if it were to advantage, not tied hand and foot, still able to make our decisions. The EU is determined that isn't going to happen also to make us an example as a deterrent. The alternative is a No Deal - by choice - not the emotive 'crash out' being bandied about. There is no logical reason why it would not work in our long term favour.

J D Whittaker



On Wednesday 6th March in Aycliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm, Chris Lloyd will speak on 'Patons and Baldwins'. All welcome. Members £1, non members £3, includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Details 01325 301093.

Place your Mothers Day (31st March) Greeting in your community newspaper the "Newton News"

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- Entries open on Thursday March 7th on a first come first served basis exclusively to everyone who has pre-registered by that date

- Prostate Cancer UK confirmed as Lead Charity Partner of Vélo North

Wednesday 27th February 2019: Vélo North – a major new closed road sportive and the first of its kind for the North of England - was officially launched.

Supported by Durham County Council, this brand-new festival of cycling will provide 15,000 riders, of all abilities, with the opportunity to explore the beautiful County Durham countryside on fully closed roads on Sunday 1st September.

At the heart of the Vélo North offering is a 100 mile route that will take thousands of riders on a



challenging but spectacular journey through the beautiful North Pennines. Starting and finishing in the heart of Durham City Centre in the shadow of Durham Cathedral, the event will take riders on an unforgettable journey through rolling countryside, passing through beautiful towns and villages.

The event will also offer a shorter, 50 mile closed road route, offering riders the opportunity to experience the thrill of riding on closed roads. Vélo North will also feature a diverse programme of community events and activities aimed at encouraging people to

take up the sport of cycling and lead a healthier, more active lifestyle.

With thousands of participants expected to travel from across the UK to participate in Vélo North, the event will help showcase and raise the profile of County Durham as well as providing significant economic impact for the region. The event will also provide a major fundraising platform for a number of local and national charities, with Prostate Cancer UK – Vélo North's lead charity partner – aiming to raise in excess of £250,000.

Following the huge success of Fire & Ice In Durham and

the return of Lumiere, Vélo North is another exciting event in Durham's 2019 line-up that is showcasing the region as a leader when it comes to hosting major cultural and sporting events. Vélo North is the latest event in the Vélo Series – a series of major closed road sportives within the UK. Other events in the Vélo Series include Vélo Birmingham & Midlands which is taking place on Sunday 12th May and Vélo South which organisers are planning to take place in the South of England in the Summer of 2020.

As the only closed road sportive in the North of England, Vélo North places are expected to be in high demand when entries open on Thursday March 7th exclusively to everyone who has pre-registered - to be in with a chance of taking part participants must pre-register before midnight on Wednesday 6th March.

Prospective participants will also have the option of entering through Vélo North's Lead Charity Partner – Prostate Cancer UK. There will also be a Vélo North Business 100 entry option which provides

companies with the opportunity to enjoy a VIP participation experience coupled with exclusive training events and networking opportunities.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for tourism, culture, leisure and rural issues at Durham County Council, said: "In a year when we are celebrating the power of culture and sport to revitalise communities and bring people together through the #Durham19 campaign, we are delighted to be a part of the Vélo series. Vélo North is not only a fantastic opportunity to showcase the beautiful and varied landscapes that exist within County Durham, but it will bring significant economic benefits to our region. It also has the potential to inspire more people to take up cycling and lead healthier lifestyles. "I would encourage anyone thinking about taking part to register their interest now to avoid disappointment."

Keen cyclist and Vélo Series ambassador Martin Johnson CBE, who is participating in Vélo North, said: "As a cycling fanatic, it's hugely exciting to see another closed road sportive come

to the UK. Opportunities to ride on closed roads are incredibly rare and having ridden the inaugural Vélo Birmingham, I know firsthand how exhilarating the experience can be - I can't wait to be one of 15,000 riders lining up in Durham City Centre on Sunday 1st September."

For more details, please visit: www.velonorth.com
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RED BOX PROJECT

The red Box Project is a nationwide campaign at alleviating "period poverty" among young people. To do this the project donates and maintains supplies of sanitary products, mainly to schools and colleges.

To get the project off the ground we need two things; volunteers to help with collection and distribution, and donations of both products and cash. Sedgefield Constituency Labour Women's Network has begun the task by placing a Red Box in Newton Aycliffe Youth centre.

In the coming weeks they aim to set up collection points throughout the district. If your shop, factory, business, organisation, social group etc. would like to be considered as a collection point for local people to make product donations, we would like to hear from you. If you would like to make a cash donation, we would like to hear from you. If your school would like to benefit from the Red Box Project, they would also like to hear from you.

It is only through community kindness that we can make a difference. If you would like more information or wish to offer your help please contact theredboxprojectdurham@gmail.com or phone 07935 321665.

Thank you

AGM

Calling all village residents! The Annual General Meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association takes place on Friday, 15th March at the Village Hall, Aycliffe Village at 7.00pm. This is a chance for residents and visitors to find out what has been happening over the past year.

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QE Interviews 2019



On Tuesday 22nd January Year 11 students from Woodham Academy were given the opportunity to attend in school interviews for Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College. The interviews took place in the schools' learning centre and allowed students to experience the formal interview process within the familiar setting of their own school. Each interview lasted approximately 15 minutes and was carried out by a member of teaching staff from the college.

These interviews are part of Woodham Academy's extensive careers support

programme. The school's aim is for every single student to move on to further education or training at college or through an apprenticeship. Careers co-ordinator, Dave Walker, says, "We are extremely grateful to QE for coming into school and giving our year 11 students the opportunity to be interviewed at this extremely busy time of the year. It has provided our students with peace of mind that if they continue to work hard and prepare well for their upcoming GCSE examinations they have a guaranteed place".

RADIO ONE BIG WEEKEND 2019

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BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend 2019 - the station's annual flagship live music event - will be in Middlesbrough this May. Announced on Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James, Radio 1 will be joined by Miley Cyrus, Little Mix, Zara Larsson, Mabel and Khalid.

Taking place at Stewart Park on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May, an audience of 64,000 Radio 1 fans can expect a huge line-up of over 50 artists comprised of the biggest UK and international artists.

Now in its 16th year, Radio 1's Big Weekend kicks off the UK's festival season, as well as taking artists to the cities that may not otherwise host a large scale event like Big Weekend, shining a light on the host city and providing a major boost to the local economy.

Following her recent collaboration with Mark Ronson on 'Nothing Breaks Like a Heart', award winning Miley Cyrus will be performing, as will Brit Award winners The 1975, who will play some of their classics, as well as new hits from their recently released album 'A Brief Inquiry Into Online Relationships'. With four UK number ones and 13 UK Top 10's under their belt, audiences can expect show-stopping performances from Little Mix.

With 5 Grammy nominations and his most recent single 'Talk' produced by Disclosure, Khalid will be performing, whilst pop sensation and chart hit Zara Larsson and Brit Award nominee Mabel will be entertaining crowds with their hottest tracks. Miley Cyrus says: "I'll be playing Big Weekend in Middlesbrough this year! Hope you're ready to party cause I'm bringing my fans their favourite songs and possibly some new ones! See ya in the summer!"

The 1975 says: "We're delighted to come to the North East for the first UK show of Music For Cars. Radio 1 has been a massive part of our story over the years and this will be our fourth time playing Big

Weekend. It's great to be coming back, this time as headliners."

Little Mix says: "We are so excited to play Radio 1's Big Weekend and performing for our beautiful fans. Middlesbrough we are coming for you!"

Zara Larsson says: "So excited to play Radio 1's Big Weekend! It's one of our first UK shows in a while and I can't wait to play my new songs for you all! The line-up looks sick too! See you in Middlesbrough!"

Mabel says: "I'm so excited to be performing at Radio 1's Big Weekend again this year. The line-up is always sick, so to be a part of it is really amazing!"

Khalid says: "Can't wait to see you all at Radio 1's Big Weekend. So excited to play new music for all you guys - hope you're all ready for this new era." Greg James, Radio 1 Breakfast Show Host, says: "The listeners are the most important thing about Radio 1 and we think they're brilliant. Without them, we'd just be a collection of weirdos talking to ourselves in a room, so we like to say thanks by pulling in some of the world's biggest artists to do an enormous music festival for them. We traditionally take Big Weekend to a part of the UK that doesn't normally get these sorts of events and I can't wait to take some of the best acts on the planet to Middlesbrough."

Ben Cooper, Controller, BBC Radio 1, says: "Mix together the BBC, the biggest artists in the world and the listeners of Middlesbrough and you're going to have an amazing Radio 1's Big Weekend - I can't wait."

Dave Budd, Mayor of Middlesbrough, says: "The announcement that the 2019 Radio 1 Big Weekend is coming to Stewart Park is a major coup for Middlesbrough - this really promises to be a Brilliantly Boro Big Weekend and we look forward to welcoming the world to Middlesbrough."

Last year, as part of The Biggest Weekend - the BBC's biggest ever celebration of music across four sites in four nations - Radio 1 travelled to Singleton Park in Swansea, where they hosted performances from Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Florence & The Machine, Sam Smith and Thirty Seconds to Mars. The full line-up and ticketing information will be announced on Radio 1 in the coming weeks.

Live sets from Radio 1's Big Weekend will be broadcast on BBC Radio 1 all weekend. All performances will be available to watch live and on demand on Radio 1's BBC iPlayer channel (bbc.co.uk/tv/radiol1).

OLDER BRITONS MORE ACTIVE THAN EVER

New research launched today (25th February 2019) by leisure operator Better, shows that over 65 year olds are embracing physical exercise and recognising the myriad of benefits it offers. More than one in ten (11%) are regular gym goers, with a further one in ten taking to the water and swimming regularly. Six per cent still enjoy cycling as their preferred form of exercise.

However, walking remains the most popular physical activity with 57% walking for exercise on a regular basis. Of those, a quarter of over the 65 year olds surveyed walk between 5 and 10 hours per week.

Older people are well aware of the benefits that regular exercise can offer. 75% can exercise for health reasons, 50% for mental health reasons, 47% to de-stress and nearly a quarter (23%) in order to socialise.

However, this demographic is less adventurous than younger age groups, with only 2% having taken up a new exercise based activity in the past twelve months, compared to a national average of 10%. Of those who did try something new, Yoga was the most popular choice followed by cycling. The survey also found that old Britons had the most positive 'can do' attitude within the population. Over a quarter (27%) believe that there is

no reason why they shouldn't exercise compared with 16% of the wider population, with the most common barriers to exercise perceived as being lack of time and medical issues.

Commenting on the findings, Julie Bourgeois, Over 65 years Lead from Better said: "Noticing the changes in our older members as they exercise gives me immense satisfaction. They become part of a social group and, for some, this is their respite from caring for a family member with limited mobility or dementia. Co-ordination improves as well as strength. With osteoporosis a huge worry in this age bracket, one of the main aims is to give someone enough strength so that if they trip they can steady themselves, rather than falling and possibly breaking a bone."

"At Better we have a very active 55+ Club and offer team games, Pilates, body conditioning, dance, water workout, to name but a few. We also have supervised gym sessions which are an introduction into the gym environment."

Edwina Brocklesby, 75 years, founder of Silverfit Charity, Triathlete and Britain's oldest Ironman competitor added: "Being active in later life has huge benefits. Through the Silverfit Charity I have seen the impact both on individuals' fitness but also

their social opportunities and mental wellbeing. It's vitally important to ensure that exercise is fun. Working in partnership with Better and other organisations we offer everything from Nordic Walking, which helps enhance core stability and improve balance, through to Bollywood dance, Spin sessions and walking football. There really are options to suit anyone and everyone."

Official advice from the NHS recommends adults aged 65 or older with no health conditions that limit their mobility should do:

- at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity such as cycling or walking every week and
- strength exercises on 2 or more days a week that work all the major muscles (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms)

OR

- 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity such as running or a game of singles tennis every week and
- strength exercises on 2 or more days a week that work all the major muscles (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms)

Older adults at risk of falls, such as people with weak legs, poor balance and some medical conditions, should do exercises to improve balance and co-ordination on at least 2 days a week.

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County Awarded Funding to Tackle Mental Health Stigma

County Durham has been selected as one of eight new national hubs to receive funding to tackle mental health stigma.

The county will become a 2019 Time to Change funded Hub, with the aim of helping change the way people think and act about mental health problems.

The granting of the status, by national mental health campaign Time to Change, follows the success of an application by Investing in Children (IiC) and Durham County Council, supported by local NHS bodies and voluntary and community sector organisations.

County Durham is already one of approximately 30 'organic' Time to Change Hubs across the country, but has been chosen with seven other areas to join 13 existing funded Hubs.

Time to Change Durham will be provided with £15,000 start-up budget along with £10,000 for a Champions Fund. This allows local 'champions' to bid for funding to run stigma-busting events and activities within their area.

It will be co-ordinated by IiC - a children's human rights organisation in partnership with the council and the voluntary and community sector organisations which supported the application.

These are Waddington Street Mental Health Resource Centre, Home Group, Wellbeing for Life, Alzheimer's Society, Durham County Carers Support, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, North of England Commissioning Support, and local champions.

The Hub will combine the insights of the national Time to Change campaign with local knowledge. It will support communities, workplaces and schools to take action to end negative attitudes and behaviours towards people experiencing mental health problems in their communities.

Chris Affleck, Hub coordinator from IiC, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for County Durham to build on the great work that has been achieved so far as a Time to Change organic Hub.

"Through the work of our partnership anti-stigma group 'Stamp It Out' we can continue to develop our engaging tool kit.

"We will be working to empower and enable marginalised and vulnerable communities to deliver their own projects with financial support through the Champions Fund. We look forward to taking this work to the next level and the opportunity to work in partnership with Time to Change."

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, the council's mental health champion and Cabinet member for adult and



health services, said: "We are committed to ensuring people with mental health needs feel understood and supported in County Durham.

"In October, we signed the Time to Change Employer Pledge and we are delighted that County Durham has been selected as one of the new Time to Change Hubs. By working with our partners and the communities we serve, we can help to end mental health discrimination and build upon positive work already underway to support people in need."

Karen Ray, chair of Stamp It Out and a 'champion,' said: "Champions are looking forward to supporting the Time to Change Hub through a programme of social contact and other local campaigning activities; building on what has been achieved so far with partners of the 'Stamp It Out' group.

"Lived experience leadership will support the partnership through the champions campaigners group who have provided and taken forward some great ideas to date and also through the trustees, all of whom are champions." Jo Loughran, director at Time to Change, said: "When one in four of us will fight a mental health problem in any given year and suicide is the biggest

killer of men under the age of 40, it's vital that we come together to end mental health stigma. Our network of Time to Change Hubs are able to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination in their community."

Time to Change, run by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, launched its first regional Hubs in March 2017.

The announcement of the eight new locations is part of the campaign's three year plan to establish a network of Hubs across England to provide a focus for local campaigning work.

Since their initial launch, Time to Change Hubs have successfully campaigned to end mental health stigma and discrimination. Their work has ranged from stopping a stigmatising theatre show 'Psycho Asylum' from touring the country to supporting Time to Talk Day (7 February 2019), running events and delivering campaigns aimed at improving understanding and respect for people living with a mental health problem.

To find out more about Time to Change Durham visit @StampOutStigmaInDurham on Facebook, @StampItOut on Twitter or contact Hub coordinator Chris Affleck - chris.affleck@investinginchildren.net

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A huge thank you to Manners & Sons in Bishop Auckland who have raised a fantastic £286 from their Christmas Jumper day. The company, who match funded the workers fundraising also gave another £286, totalling a fantastic £572.

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2-4pm	The Saturday Big Show	Graham Dale
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby

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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	
3rd Mar	Guest Phillip Hawkins	
	(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
3rd Mar	Laura Daly, Lynn Gibson, Paul Howell	
	and Paul Kjenstad	
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
5th Mar	Colin Bell (Cycling)	
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	
8th Mar	Andy Little (CentralFM, Spain)	
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AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE SESSIONS



Primary students have been enjoying after-school science sessions at Woodham Academy. With one session every half term, Woodham 'Sparkies' gives students in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to mix with students from other primary schools whilst taking part in fascinating science activities. So far, over 50 students have taken advantage of the free sessions, with students attending from over 7 local primary schools. In the sessions so far, the students have been enthused with various aspects of science including chemical reactions, Space and the biology of making bread.

To complete their science activities, students have an opportunity to work in the science laboratories at Woodham Academy – an exciting environment for primary students. Each session includes a 15 minute break for juice and biscuits, giving the students time to socialise with students from different primary schools. The sessions are run by Mr Scott, a science teacher at Woodham Academy with help from other science colleagues. Mr Scott reports, "Sparkies is an engaging and hands on science club for year 5 and 6 students. It lets pupils explore science in a fun way, utilising Woodham Academy's scientific equipment, and encourages curiosity. With subject specialists on hand, pupils can ask those tricky science questions and have the answer demonstrated by an expert." The next Sparkies session, 'The Chemistry Bake Off', is on 13th March (4:00-5:30pm) and, as always, is free of charge.

Film Show

"HALF BROKEN THINGS"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 5th March features the British psychological thriller "Half Broken Things". A retiring professional house-sitter takes her last job, at a lovely country house. Two strangers arrive and she finds the family she has always wanted. But it is all false, and when it is threatened then the line between good and evil becomes blurred. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2 admission. 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.



Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A busy week this week, with two important council meetings, an S&DR survey to complete, and two good business opportunities. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB100 And don't forget to join me on Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 3rd March, where the 'Big Story' will be the ground-breaking Labour Women's Conference: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Full Council meeting, Wednesday 20th February (Budget/Council Tax and amendments; Climate Change motion; motion on Sands HQ).
- DCC Economy Scrutiny Committee, Monday 25th February (NELEP; Employees' Skills; Digital Durham).
- Achievable Climate Change Targets – Cllr Stuart Dunn's 'climate emergency' motion to the County Council.
- DCC has announced additional capital investment of £74 million.
- Last chance to comment on DCC's County Durham Plan, or its Housing and

Cree Men Find Treasure in the Everyday

It is often easy to take the beauty around us for granted and forget how simple objects carry memories and a sense of place. Our amazing Cree men have been finding ways to make us look again and rediscover a feeling of community.

The project has been inspired by the work of Norman Cornish and more specifically the 'Remaking Beamish' project which recreates Norman's Bishop Close Street (studio) in Spennymoor. The beautiful and extraordinary of the everyday inspired his work as he depicted the people and places around him with extraordinary skill and perception.

Greenfield Arts and the Cree group have been working with artists, practitioners and the wider community to explore this idea of community. Working alongside Laura Degnan and Elaine Vizor they have created a wonderful piece of art from spoken and written word, alongside photo montage which will be temporarily situated at Beamish and will inspire others to consider community and our heritage from a different perspective. This is the first part of an exciting programme at Greenfield Arts across the year encouraging people to have their say and share experiences of community together.

As part of the programme there will be a celebration on Wednesday 1st May at Greenfield Arts, join us and discover how we are all part of an ever-increasing creative community. Join



artists Laura Degnan, Nic Golightly and Elaine Vizor to explore what creative community means. If you would like to know more about the events surrounding community

and other projects, activities and exhibitions please see our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048.

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Children & Family Project Fund Opens for Applications

Groups can apply for a share of £17,741 to help young people in and around Bishop Auckland and Shildon.

Not for profit groups and organisations can apply for grants of between £400 and £999 to fund projects which benefit children, young people and their families in the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership (AAP)'s area. Applications to the AAP's Children, Young People and Families Small Grant Fund will be assessed on a 'first come' basis and applications will be accepted until all of the available funding has been exhausted.

Andrew Walker, AAP coordinator, said: "Helping our children and young people to live a happier and healthier life is one of our key priorities, so we felt that it was important to make a portion of our budget available to help fund projects and activities for families in our area."

"This small grant is a fantastic chance for groups to continue to deliver existing, or create new, opportunities for young people."

For more information or to request an application pack please contact bishopshildon.aap@durham.gov.uk or call 03000 268 665.

Pupil Parent Programme at Woodham Academy



For those who read this article who currently have or previously had children in secondary education, they will know fine well the pressures and strains of testing and assessments. Especially the GCSE examinations in Year 11. The GCSE's can be the most important period of a young person's life. For that reason, educators like myself must ensure students who leave our care, leave with a set of results that allows them to flourish in later life.

An interesting observation...

"Research has shown that pupils who attend secondary schools in England will spend on average 714 hours at school each year (in Indonesia it's just short of 1300 hours per year). Interestingly, in the average year there are 8760 hours. This means that a pupil will spend 8.2% of their time each year in the education system, but what of the remaining 91.8% of the year

spent away from school?"

I have been teaching for a decade, firstly in the South of England and now currently here in Newton Aycliffe at Woodham Academy. If I am to be honest I love teaching, but the biggest frustration is actually the lack of parental integration within the education system as a whole. If I am lucky I will meet parents 5 or 6 times in 5 years, and conversations are limited to 5 minute slots. So what opportunities do we afford parents to be involved in their children's education? Five years ago I created a revision workshop programme entitled 'The Pupil-Parent Programme' (PPP). The programme looks to support, encourage and empower parents to help drive forward the academic success of their children. Parents aren't expected to know everything about Geography, Maths, Physics or English for example so don't worry. The PPP equips parents with the right skills and guidance to make a real difference come results day for their children. The revision workshop runs as a one-off session where parents and their child attend school for one evening. It involves exam practice, discussion and the revision ideas workshop. I offer support, from guidance regarding specific issues to providing revision timetables for individual students.

Over the last two weeks I have met with 20 sets of parents, over four evenings whilst running the revision programme. I am encouraged and humbled by the thanks and appreciation shown by parents who attend, I do not make light of the fact that it is a privilege to teach the young people of today.

In 2018, 33% of Year 11 Geography students and their parents attended the 'PPP', on average these students exceeded their target by 0.8 of a grade. Interestingly, the same group of students exceeded their target grade by 0.4 in every subject they studied on average. The data doesn't lie... students who revise well at home outperform students who don't. Therefore, parents are a vast untapped resource in many cases. They know their children better than anyone else on the planet, so using their expertise along with my own makes perfect sense if we want to help their young people succeed.

Article written by Mr. J. Zielinski, Head of Geography at Woodham Academy

New College Durham Hosts International Trade Mission

From 3-8 March, students from across Europe will arrive in Durham as New College Durham hosts this year's annual International Trade Mission.

The event will see nearly 100 European students come to the College to promote a product or service from a company based in their home country with the aim of exploring potential collaborations with businesses in the North East of England. Around 30 international companies will be represented at the Trade Fair with a range of products on display including confectionery, clothing, food, drink and even a mobile home!

Clare Howarth, International Business Development Manager at New College Durham, said: "Over the last three years, our Higher Education business students and staff have enjoyed taking part in the annual Trade Mission held at different cities in Europe, so we are delighted to have been invited to host this year's event. Being Host College provides the opportunity

for more of our students to become involved in the Trade Mission experience. Our business students are already in touch with the European students offering them advice on the region and assisting them in organising meetings with potential collaboration partners. Other higher education students will be assisting by providing tours of Durham and the college."

A representative from the Department for International Trade and John Widdowson, the principal of New College Durham, will officially open the Trade Mission on Wednesday 6 March at 4pm. As part of the Trade Mission, the students are also being involved in the College's Employer Breakfast event on Tuesday 5 March where they have the opportunity to network with local businesses.

John Widdowson commented: "This event provides students with the platform to gain real life experience of working internationally and we hope that it will encourage our students to take part in next year's Trade Mission



representing a company from the North East."

Employers who would like to find out more about Trade Mission and international business are welcome to come along to the Employer Breakfast on Tuesday 5th March 8am to 10am. To register for this free event go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/news-events/college-events/employer-voice.

Businesses are also welcome to come to the Trade Fair from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesday 6 March.

The International Trade Mission is organised by Businet, a network of higher education institutions.

Heighington Village Hall Association are holding their AGM at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th March from 7.00pm for 7.30pm and are keen to welcome villagers who would like to hear about what has been done to improve the hall over the past year and about the activities of our regular users.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served at 7.00pm prior to the commencement of the AGM at 7.30pm.

There will also be elections of Officers and Members of the Management Committee. New Committee members are always most welcome.

The Village Hall is the hub of the Heighington community and a lot of hard work is put into the day to day running of the building so it can be there for ALL villagers to enjoy – without the hard work of the Committee, who are all volunteers, the village hall would not be open - so every bit of support they can get is greatly appreciated.

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As part of this project we involved local residents and school children working with DCC Civic Pride Team and Police; also support from Livin and DCC - It's Your Neighbourhood Fund. We hope to plant more bulbs at another underpass this year to spread more colour and pleasure.

Another great project delivered by Horndale Community Association.

Newton Aycliffe Junior Street Champions

DON'T BE A LITTER BUG - BIN IT

This Rubbish is too big for our basket and we know the house it came from. The amount of fly tipping in this area is increasing every week and no one seems to care. We go litter picking every Sunday morning. Please come and join us.



The Aycliffe Juniors football action this week included half term tournaments, friendlies and the usual league games.

The **Under 6** development team continue to enjoy friendly games and this week they shared fourteen goals with Sunderland Rokerites. The Aycliffe scorers were Will (3), Sam, Noah, Oscar and Reagan.

The **Under 7's White** competed in a tournament at Soccerena in Durham. They also won their group with a healthy positive goal difference. In the semi final a superb effort saw them defeat Bishop Auckland by ten goals to one. In a dramatic final they lost out with the last kick of the game to Imptech. Players of the tournament for Aycliffe were Jensen Smith and Jack Richardson.

The **Under 7's Juniors** travelled to Seaton Carew for a friendly game. Jack C scored twice with Jonah and Dom also on target in a 7-4 loss. Kai was the man of the match in what was a great team performance against high quality opposition.

The **Under 8's** played some great football in a 1-0 loss at Woodham against Norton & Stockton. The teams effort was not rewarded with a goal and Jack was the man of the match. Harry scored for Aycliffe in the development game which the visitors won.

The **Under 9's** were away at Darlington TSC they started well and took the lead when Thomas followed in on

Juniors Football Report



George's long range strike to score. TSC equalised before the break and added two more in the second half to win 3-1. George worked really hard for the Aycliffe team and Thomas was named as man of the match. The development game ended in a 4-2 defeat with Oliver and man of the match Callum scoring.

The **Under 10's White** hosted Darlington TSC and the first half was goalless. There were more chances in the second half but it was the visitors who got the first two goals. Jayden scored to bring Aycliffe back in to the game but this one ended in a 3-1 defeat. Henry was the man of the match.

The **Under 11's Black** entered

a tournament hosted by the MFC Foundation at Eston during the half term break. They won the group, courtesy of impressive wins against Ashington, Thornaby and Hetton. The winning streak continued as they beat Prissick in the semi final. After scoring twelve goals and conceding only one, playing great football all day, it was a shame to then lose out to Darlington Young Bulls in the final.

The **Under 11's White** played away at Boro Rangers White. They created several chances but couldn't convert them and ended up on the wrong end of a 3-0 score line. Harvey Lee was the man of the match.

The **Under 12's** played at

Woodham against Bedale in their penultimate league game of the season. They took the lead when Daniel struck a shot in to the top corner. Quality defending limited the visitors chances and Aycliffe then went on to add a second goal with Jake's great strike. The final score was 2-0 and Daniel was the man of the match.

The **Under 14's** drew 2-2 away at Darlington 21st All Stars. Jake Watson scored both goals in a great game to earn the point for his team.

The **Under 17's** travelled to Redcar but didn't manage to come back home with the points. There was a goal each for Marcus and Jack in a 9-2 defeat.

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County Council Commit to Climate Change Improvements

As global temperatures continue to increase councillors have declared a 'climate emergency' and committed to investigate what it will take to make County Durham carbon neutral.

Durham County Council has agreed to adopt a new target of being 60 per cent carbon neutral by 2030, after councillors passed a motion yesterday (Wednesday, 20 February). It has also agreed to explore what is required to become 100 per cent carbon neutral by 2050.

From pre-industrial levels global temperatures have increased by one degree Celsius, contributing to the changing weather, flash flooding and extreme heat, which parts of the world, including County Durham, have been experiencing.

Working with partner agencies the council has pledged to determine the best methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius - the figure agreed by the Paris Agreement to tackle climate change and recommended by the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC).

This includes identifying opportunities for innovation, developing clean industries and a green economy, and ensuring the county has the right infrastructure in place to deliver on these new targets. Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "As a council we have already proven our commitment in this area, with projects such as the Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) and our extensive street lighting LED replacement programme.

"It is important that we take responsibility for our environment, protect our planet and ensure that we leave the county a better place for our children.

"Together with our partners we will be working on our Carbon Reduction Strategy, which will set out exactly what it will take to make the county cleaner and greener for generations to come." County Durham has already surpassed the 2020 target, having achieved a 42 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, and continues to show foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing climate change.

A report will be made to full council within six months outlining the actions the council will need to achieve to meet the new 2030 target, and in order to become carbon neutral by 2050.



RUNNING CLUB NEWS



This week was a very busy one with the road racing calendar starting to pick up for this year.

It was also another great weekend weather wise making the races more pleasant for this time of year.

The racing started through the week with Mark Wade and Dave Blewitt taking part in the Pie and Peas Night Trail 5k for which the runners had to wear a head torch but enjoyed pie and peas on completion of their race. First home was Mark Wade in 18.53 who was second overall followed by Dave Blewitt in 26.01.

On Saturday several members attended the local Parkruns with two members both achieving course PB's at Shildon. Mark Bainbridge in 21.30 and Warren Raine in 26.48.

The first race of the weekend was the National Cross Country Championships. The location for these races changes each year and this year they took place on Saturday 23rd February 2019 at Harewood House in Leeds. We had one male athlete, Mark Wade, make the trip for the undulating two lap 12k course. In the senior men's race there were over 2000 competitors. Mark completed this course in 49.19.

Later that night one of our members took part in the Duergar Nightcrawler race. This is a 10 mile single loop race which starts and finishes in Rothbury. As indicated by the name this take place during the night and participants have to wear head/body lights. The route itself follows paths and trails as it climbs to the top of Simonside Crag after which there is then a short and steep descent which then snakes through woodland trails before joining back on the trail back into Rothbury. Richard Tonge took on this challenge which he completed in 2 hours 24 mins.

On Sunday we saw husband and wife, Ste and Angela Sutheran, take the trip to Pocklington, East Yorks for the Snake Lane 10 mile race. This is a fairly flat race in the East Yorkshire Countryside in which a section of it 'snakes' its way around the foot of the Wolds.

Ste completed this race in 1.08.47 and Angela in 1.26.44. One of our second claim members, Paul Dalton, also completed



this race. Running for the Quakers, he completed this in 1.00.24. Finally we had a large turnout for the 5th fixture in the Tees Trail winter series. This race took place at Tees Barrage. It is a popular race along the trails by the river Tees and is part of our club championship. First home for the club was John Surtees in 17.14, he was followed by Andy Talbot 19.25, Tracey Surtees 19.50 (also first woman), Richard Holland 20.10, Stuart Joyce 20.39, Trevor Needham 22.02, Dave Blewitt 22.10, John Burnside 22.19, Rob Jayne 23.42, John Richardson 24.10, David Stothard 24.22, Trish Kay 24.37,

Sandrine Boinet-Hewitt 28.35, Jane Burnside 30.27, Susan Clark 31.05, Yvonne Williams 31.45 and Eve Doe 34.40

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 7.00p.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.

Youthy Football Round Up



Newton Aycliffe Youth FC U9 - 1 Darlington TSC Whites U9 - 1

The boys were at home last week to a battle hardened TSC. Youthy were up for it from the start, adopting a 2-2-2 formation, pressing high and creating many chances. The breakthrough came shortly before half-time, after a scramble in the box when Oliver confidently slotted the opportunity home to take a 1 nil lead into the break.

In the second half we knew they would come at us hard with the wind against us. Posi came on, making some notable trademark runs and crosses but no-one was able to convert. Digging deep in the final minutes, and despite defending like warriors, TSC penetrated down the centre and a wind assisted shot flew in to equalise. Both sides weren't content with a draw, both having opportunities in the final seconds.

The game did finish 1-1, a deserved point for both teams. There have been many games this season where the performances didn't reflect the result, so an overdue maiden point of the season for the boys. Well done with a team MOM!

Last weekend saw the Club's

two oldest male sides play. Saturday saw the U18s travel away to Washington, looking to build on the good performances of the last few games. They did just that and picked up their first win of the season, 2-1 with goals from Lewis Breckon and Sam Thompson. This was a result waiting to happen, with the lads believing in themselves.

Sunday saw the U23's travel away to Hartlepool FC in the cup quarter final, running out 2-0 winners against a side they have lost to twice already this season. Both goals came from Adam Scott but it was a total team performance with everyone playing their parts. That's 7 wins already this season, which hopefully we will turn into double figures over the next couple of weeks.

Deerness - 2 NAYFC U14 Girls - 11

In a rather windy Sacriston the girls took on Deerness. Within the first minute a cross from Hattie was shot into the goal by Kate, but no sooner did we kick off again than the opposition striker took advantage of our keeper being well off her line and chipped it over her head. Before we could take a breath, a through ball from Hattie and some fancy

trickery on the edge of the box by Alex, saw another goal. Three goals in the first 3 minutes! Some more end to end play then saw the Deerness keeper come out to meet Kally but she poked it passed her. With everyone working hard, a nice 1-2 from Hattie and Kate saw Kate cross in for Alex to blast the ball into the net. The defenders kept on top of any attempts to break through and our sweeper keeper Faith, who according to the ref is "as mad as a box of monkeys", dealt with any stray balls. A lucky lob however, beat a sprinting Faith into the goal. The last word of the half was had from a long shot from Hattie taking the HT score to 2-5.

The second half was much the same, with our defence shutting out any threats and soon Hattie and Alex were scoring more goals. The turn of the Deerness keeper to try rushing a striker, resulted in a goal from Hattie who went on to score 3 more after that. A superb curling shot from Alex and a run through every one saw 2 more goals. Kate 1, Alex 4, Kally 1, Hattie 5. A big shout out has to go to our defender Macy who only flew in from the USA at 8 this morning... now there's commitment.

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Campaign Re-Launched Due to its Roaring Success

A home care company in Durham has relaunched a campaign to get more people caring for the elderly, as demand for its services continues to grow.

Following the success of last year's campaign, 'You Can Care', Home Instead Senior Care, is looking to recruit 35 caregivers to join its team. Since launching the campaign in 2018, the company has grown significantly, and is planning for even more growth in 2019.

Speaking of the campaign, Trudi Jameson, owner of Home Instead Durham says, "When we launched the 'You Can Care' campaign last year, we saw an upsurge in interest from people looking to join the care sector. As our population continues to age, we are continuing to build our team with kind and compassionate people who want to make a difference to the elderly in the local community."

Trudi continued, "With the You Can Care campaign we want to champion caregivers and show the world how much of an impact these wonderful people make with the work they do. It's also important to us that we show how a career as a caregiver, working for a company that genuinely, actively cares about its employees, can be really rewarding."

Gaynor Upton, a caregiver



Photo: The caring team at Home Instead

for Home Instead commented on working for the care company. She said, "I love what I do, I am well matched to my clients and it works well around me and my young family. My manager and office staff all provide great support and have always looked after me, it is a pleasure to come to work."

Home Instead Senior Care is an award winning home care company, which provides services tailored to the needs of individual clients. The service is flexible to meet client needs and is available from as little as 1 hour to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The hashtag #youcancare has been created to support the campaign and you can find more information if you search #youcancare on social

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Pioneering Chemical Development Firm Moves to NETPark

A cutting edge chemical and research development company, whose work is contributing to medical discoveries across the world, is expanding into new premises at the North

East's premier science and technology park.

High Force Research, which supports new product development in the fine chemicals, pharmaceutical, diagnostics and printed electronics industries, is opening a second Research Laboratory at the North East Technology Park (NETPark) in Sedgefield, County Durham, as the company looks to grow from its current 34 employees to 40.

High Force was set up 30 years ago by three research chemists and has grown organically with its main site at Bowburn North Industrial Estate, near Durham. The company is a chemical development partner for some of the world's most innovative companies and is involved in many R&D projects, including scaling up processes to supply APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) made to cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Practice) standards for early clinical trials.

The company has recently invested five hundred thousand pounds in fitting out the new lab and office space at NETPark and purchasing additional high-

end analytical equipment. NETPark is managed by Business Durham, the economic development organisation for County Durham, which works on behalf of Durham County Council.

High Force supports a number of PhD students

in local universities which has resulted in the successful launch of a spin out company, Lightox Ltd, by Durham University academics which is based on research supported by High Force over the last ten years.

Lightox Ltd has developed

a range of novel fluorescent small molecules that can be used for biological imaging applications and also in photodynamic therapy that can be used for killing both cancer cells and antibiotic resistant bacteria. It was recently awarded the Bionow Start up company

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Photo: From left, CEO Roy Valentine, NETPark Manager Janet Todd, Operations Director Stuart Penny, Business Durham's MD Brian Archer and Councillor Carl Marshall of Durham County Council.

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The Soapbox Challenge will again be held at the Herrington Country Park in Sunderland with its backdrop of the stunning Penshaw Monument. 50 soapbox racers will compete on a redesigned 450-meter race track, tackling twists and turns in their homemade vehicles. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest time, best in show and more. In addition to the exciting daylong race, attendees are invited to visit the giant funfair, watch live local bands and tribute acts, browse the craft fair and purchase delicious food from a selection of local food stalls from around the North East. A beer tent and bar will also be available.

The Event Director of Hot Events Solutions, Martin Tulip said: "Last year built a great foundation for what we aim to be a solid feature in the North East's event, scheduled for years to come. 2019 sees our return to Herrington Country Park with some massive improvements. A much better starting ramp will propel soapboxes at a much faster pace down our redesigned track!

We've spent a lot of time working on the live music offering, bringing everything together to create a great family day out. There's also a number of free activities taking place across the day as well as funfair rides, attractions, and a large food selection. We guarantee a great day out for people of all ages."

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Places are still available for soapbox racers to compete in this exciting challenge. More details can be found on the UK Soapbox website.

Industry-leading IT Managed Services firm RazorBlue have today announced their expansion into the North West of England following the acquisition of the J-Media IT

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The February half term holidays were a buzz of activity with sessions led by Greenfield Arts at Newton Aycliffe at our community arts centre and Foundations Building, Shildon, encouraging play and imagination. The Aycliffe session, led by mixed media artist Sharron Bates, was full to the brim

with families coming together to get creative and spend quality time together, with over twenty budding artists taking part. The young people had a wonderful time working with materials to make their own piece of collage, "I really enjoyed making the street of houses with different pieces of card and magazines" said one participant.

The session at Shildon was also full to capacity and everyone got creative in a lovely session using their imagination to design and make original sock love-bugs. The results were brilliant, with each one a little different. The young people really enjoyed the session, learning new skills and enjoying the free playful activity. Both parents and children gave brilliant feedback, "I really value these sessions as a way of spending quality time as a family and learning new creative skills" said one parent - "I liked using my own ideas", "you could do anything you wanted and just be creative!" said the young people.

Our Easter Holiday activities will soon be available to book, please see our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048 to find out more about creativity at Greenfield Arts.



Managed Services business from Manchester based CMAP Group for an undisclosed sum. Founded in 2006 by CEO Dan Kitchen, RazorBlue has grown from just 2 employees to over 80. The expansion into the North West of England comes as part of RazorBlue's vision to be the most trusted Managed Service Provider in the SME marketplace.

CEO Dan Kitchen said "We're excited to have expanded our business into Manchester. Our roots are in the North of England, and with our client base located throughout the UK, it makes sense to acquire a business who are already doing what we do, but in a different geographic location. We've grown our team of trusted experts through this acquisition and we're confident that this addition to the group will enable us to not only continue to serve the existing clients of both RazorBlue and J-Media IT Managed Services, but also new businesses across the country".

The acquisition comes at an exciting time, following a 38% increase in turnover in 2018. With offices in Catterick, Wynyard, Leeds, London and now Manchester, RazorBlue provide Managed IT Services, Cloud, Connectivity & Business Software for a wide range of SMEs, business parks and public sector organisations throughout the UK.

J-Media IT Managed Services clients will also be able to benefit from other products and services in RazorBlue's portfolio including connectivity, cloud, and telecoms solutions. Previously owned by CMAP Group, the acquisition of J-Media

IT Managed Services comes following the search for a company which aligns with the same ethos in terms of culture, attitude and providing a great service to clients. The acquisition has resulted in no change to RazorBlue's board, with all 5 Directors heavily involved in welcoming the existing J-Media IT Managed Services team into RazorBlue's dynamic team and ensuring existing clients' contracts are fulfilled. RazorBlue pride themselves on service, and ensuring clients continue to receive the highest standards remains a priority. The year ahead for RazorBlue looks to be a busy one, and the dynamic company is proud to have commenced 2019 with a new team and office under their wing.

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BRAD - RACE. Happy 21st birthday to my little Brother. Love Katie, Kenny and Boys x

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JOSH RAINE 5th March 2019. Happy 21st birthday from Kay, Nick, Paul and Chloe xxxx

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Frank Swinburne. Happy 50th Birthday. Enjoy your day. Love, Mam, Diane, Kevin, Hannah, Luke and Amy

Solicitors advised RazorBlue on the acquisition. Chris Hughes, Associate Solicitor in the Corporate team led the transaction. The firm intends to re-locate to larger Manchester offices in the near future to accommodate future growth.

Birthday Remembrance

VIOLET BENNETT. 2nd March. The first year we can't celebrate your birthday together. We will think of you every day and remember all the good times, and there were many. The family will be together on Saturday to toast you. We all miss you so much already. Lots of love, Sheila, Billy, Sean, Dean, Rebecca and all your Great Grandchildren xxxxxx

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(18th February)

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(24th February)

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MAUREEN KIDD

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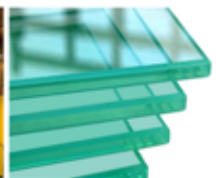
PETER LORD. Peacefully on 22nd February, aged 77. Surrounded by all his loving family. Beloved Husband to the late Phyllis; dearly loved Dad of Michelle and Andrew; treasured Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral Service to be held in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 7th March at 10:30am followed by Committal at Wear Valley crematorium. Would family and friends please meet at the Church. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu are for Leukaemia Research.

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On February 3rd Aycliffe Junior Running Club had 10 athletes participate in the County Durham Athletics Network U11 event. Following on from this it gives the coaches great pleasure to announce that

two of the athletes Fearnie Brischuk and Courtney Bowes have been selected to join the County Durham team at the regional finals in March. Well done girls and good luck.

Team Warrior TKD hosted their first competition of the year at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 24th February 2019. The 1-2-1, Poomsae and Para Poomsae Competition was a great success, with over 200 competitors from all over the Country competing. 1-2-1 Competitions are used as a stepping stone for novice fighters, where they can gain confidence before progressing to the bigger competitions. The Poomsae element of the Competition is the traditional side of taekwondo, with competitors demonstrating a sequence of moves called Poomsae. The event ran very smoothly and received a lot of positive feedback from the Clubs that attended. Team Warrior TKD are also looking forward to hosting their second North East Open Championships in June 2019 and are expecting even more competitors than last year. This growing team has Clubs in Aycliffe, Darlington, Ferryhill, Willington, Stanley, Crook and Northallerton, further details can be found on their website teamwarriortkd.co.uk

Scarlet 4th at Teesside



7 year old girl racer Scarlet Dunn from School Aycliffe

took 4th place this weekend at local track Teesside Autodrome in Bambino karting. There was a bumper grid of 12 Comer class Bambino karts on the grid. Scarlet took 4th place in morning qualifying and raced through the heats to position her 5th on the grid for the final. She battled throughout the race and took 4th place overall at the end. The event was Teesside's first Sprint Championship race of the year and was broadcast live with video and commentary throughout the day and Scarlet said afterwards "I really enjoyed racing today". She next competes at Rowrah in Cumbria in a week's time. For more information on Scarlet & her racing visit ScarletDunnRacing.com

Darlington Football Club Update

Darlington FC intend to hold more Soccer Camps following the success of their half term soccer camp in the Dolphin Centre last week.

Over 40 youngsters turned up on each of the five days of the camp, with first team players Alex Henshall, Stephen Thompson, as well as manager Tommy Wright dropping in. Liam Coates, the club's Football in the Community Officer, said; "It was great to see so many youngsters at the Soccer Camp doing all the activities and thoroughly enjoying themselves, and it was even better for them after Tommy and the players dropped in. The feedback from the parents has also been very good, so we intend organising another Soccer Camp during the Easter holidays."

The club also ran a Talent ID day last week, and over two dozen youngsters attended a taster day.

The club's new Academy has gone really well this season, with nearly 20 students studying for a BTEC qualification on top of taking the first footsteps on the sporting ladder. Details of the academy are available on academy@darlingtonfc.org.

On the field, Quakers are preparing for two gruelling trips on the road in the next week. After Saturday's home game with leaders Chorley, they travel to FA Trophy semi finalists AFC Telford United on Tuesday night, and then to Hereford on Saturday. The bus to Hereford has been paid for by long serving supporter Gavin Ellis.

Photo: Darlington FC player Alex Henshall (back row, left) and Craig Morley, with some of the prize winners at the Darlington FC Soccer Camp.



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