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Community Spirit Successful Trade and Craft Fair



Saturday 2nd March saw the new local charity Community Spirit launch with a superb Trade and Craft Fair held at the Big Club in Newton Aycliffe. The venue was donated by the Big Club and stall holders were given the opportunity to sell their goods and tell people about their organisations. Over 500 people passed through the doors on the day raising a massive £1100 for the Community Spirit charity to pay for day to day running costs. The Big Club also took the opportunity to launch the new Sheraton Bar and proudly welcomed visitors to the newly decorated main hall, where the fair was held. Neville Jones, one of the event organisers, said "the day was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone who attended on the day and supported the event, to the stall holders, and Aycliffe Radio, as well as those who donated goods, time and effort. Thank you all". Mr Jones also commented that he hopes to make this a quarterly event.



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Open Mic at Complex

An Acoustic Open Mic night is to be held on Thursday 4th April at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. We are looking for singers, comedians, musicians and poets to take part. Slots are limited but we would encourage and welcome all the talented people in Newton Aycliffe to come along and give it a go. Acts would need to telephone 01325 300600 for more information and to book your slot.

Bishop Auckland Food Festival

A series of workshops will serve as the perfect accompaniment to a County Durham food festival's tempting line-up this spring. From bingo with a refreshing twist, to discovering the best snacks to pair with a pint, Bishop Auckland Food Festival will host special interactive sessions when it returns on Saturday, 13th and Sunday, 14th April. The workshops will complement the action-packed programme of foodie fun taking place at the Durham County Council



event, with celebrity chefs including BBC MasterChef co-host Gregg Wallace and more than 150 traders heading to the historic market town. Some of the mouth-watering local produce on sale will also be incorporated into Beer and Bites, an interactive session that combines fascinating brewers' tales with beer tasting and locally produced nibbles. The sessions take place at 1.30pm on the Saturday and Sunday and tickets cost £12 including beer tastings and nibbles.

Gin School also returns this year, transforming the quintessentially British pastime of Bingo into Gingo. Games take place at 12.00pm and 3.00pm on the Saturday and Sunday and tickets cost £12, including gin and tonic combinations, a game of bingo and the chance to win top prizes. A full house is expected so book now to avoid missing out.

Festival producer Bev Channell said: "We are so excited to bring Gingo and Beer and Bites to Bishop Auckland. Our workshops provide an opportunity for people with a shared passion for food and drink to get together and try new things. We will be announcing more classes and activities over the next few weeks, so keep checking our website and social media feeds for the latest festival news."

Other celebrities appearing at the event next month include actress and restaurateur Jennie McAlpine, BBC MasterChef's reigning champion Kenny Tutt, Great British Bake Off semi-finalist Briony May Williams

and television presenters Angellica Bell and Stefan Gates. Last year, the festival attracted 27,000 people to Bishop Auckland, resulting in record sales for traders and boosting the local economy by more than £530,000. Entry will be free once again this year and festival-goers can also look forward to live music and children's entertainment.

Bishop Auckland Food Festival is part of #Durham19, a year-long campaign led by Visit County Durham, the council and other partners to celebrate the many cultural events taking place across the county this year. To book tickets to workshops and demonstrations visit www.bishopaucklandfoodfestival.co.uk

To stay up to date with the latest festival news, visit Bishop Auckland Food Festival on Facebook or follow @bishfoodfest on Twitter or Instagram.

SNOWDROP WALK

Child Bereavement UK has held a series of special Snowdrop Walks across the UK. The events, which are held at iconic locations across the country, are a day to remember the babies and children who have died and children who are bereaved each year.

This year's events in Durham, Cheshire, Buckinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Cumbria have raised £5,154.75 for the charity, which supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying.

David and Julie Kilpatrick have been the driving force behind the Snowdrop Walk in Sedgefield since 2008.

"We're delighted with the success of this year's events and would like to thank everyone for their continued support for Child Bereavement UK", said Julie

If you haven't been able to attend an event but would like to donate to Child Bereavement UK, just go to <https://childbereavementuk.org/get-involved/donate/give-once/> and add the reference Snowdrop.

For confidential support, information and guidance call 0800 02 888 40 between 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or email support@childbereavementuk.org.



The Phoenix Club Newton Aycliffe

MARCH ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 8th March - "Ray Von Disco & Karaoke"
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Saturday 9th March - fab solo artiste "Tony Anderson"
plus great duo **"Think Twice"** £3 on the door

Sunday 10th March - "Dave's Retro Disco & Karaoke"
Free Entry (Afternoon)
fabulous solo artiste **"Amy Stevens"** £1.00 Entry (Evening)

Friday 15th March - "Disco & Karaoke"
Free Entry

Saturday 16th March - Solo artiste "Antonio"
plus great band **"Starz"** - £3.00 on the door

Sunday 17th March - "St. Patrick's Day"
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followed by **"Jake Roberts"** and **"Kayleigh Louise"**
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Friday 22nd March - "Disco & Karaoke"
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Saturday 23rd March - Solo artiste "Chad McDonald"
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Sunday 24th March - "Disco & Karaoke"
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Great solo act **"Jon Doc"** £1.00 Entry (Evening)

Friday 29th March - Private Party in the Main Hall

Saturday 30th March - "Abba Again & Forbidden"
£6.00 per ticket, on sale behind the bar

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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.

Saturday 16th March - "7 Sins"

A great selection of rock covers from Tom Petty, Free, Kings of Leon, Def Leppard, Bad Company, Kaizer Chiefs, Simple Minds and many more.

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Shine Receive £450 in Donations



Shine Church and Community Children's Choir have been overwhelmed to receive two donations to the choir recently.

A big thank you to Honest John, whose £200 donation was a huge surprise to us and also to Aycliffe Freemasons who kindly delivered a cheque for £250 to Shine on Monday 4th March.

Money had been raised from a recent social event and of course the choir sang there, thanks to local Freemasons and said a very loud thank you!

Shine is a children's choir formed for all children in our community and welcomes

everyone. We are a registered charity and the choir is free to join and free to attend each week. There are many benefits in belonging to a choir, we sing away our stresses of the day and all go home feeling lighter and brighter. Check out our Facebook page to find out what we have been up to.

The photo shows Choir Leader Helen McCormick receiving the cheque with choir members.

Thanks to Robbie Davison for his time spent with us and to Matt Spence, Godfrey Bennett and Graham Parker for coming along to meet us.

Horndale Go To The Dogs

On Saturday 23rd February Horndale Community Association had a great night at Newcastle Greyhound Track thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership. Everyone enjoyed the evening, even if they didn't win. The best winner was the Community Spirit our trips and events bring to so many.

Last year we secured £7,760 from the older generation fund, one of the three priorities set by the general public which say where the money allocated to Area Action Partnerships is spent. Every year the Partnerships carry out consultations which ask what the following year's priorities should be, so it is important as many local residents join in the survey. Watch out for your consultation later this year. This funding has secured trips until mid 2020 for the older generation and each trip generates an income which is used to fund other trips and events, on average for every £1 in funding secured we generate approx 40p so on average two trips can subsidise another trip, we think this a great use of public money.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that all Resident and Community groups are ran by unpaid volunteers, who put in many hours and take nothing out except the satisfaction of seeing people enjoying themselves or living in a better community. Newton Aycliffe has many groups all working for the benefit of others, I would guess no other town our size has so many groups,



last weekend's Community Spirit Craft Fair was a great example of this. Philip Clark, Chair

COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

Over 5,000 children in County Durham will go to their first choice of secondary school this September.

A total of 5,485 applications were made this year, up from 5,162 in 2018, and every single child has been offered a place at a school in the county.

Out of these applicants 5,143 have been successfully placed into their first choice, which equates to 93.8 per cent. Overall 98.3 per cent of children have been placed in their first, second or third choice school.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "It is fantastic that the vast majority of children in County Durham will go to their first choice of secondary school in September. I wish them the best of luck for their future education."

Parents who applied online will be informed of the school place offered via email. Those who applied in other ways will have been informed via a letter by Tuesday, 5 March.

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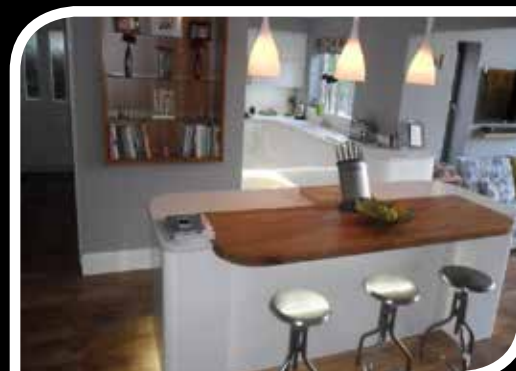
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EXPERTS REVEAL IF YOU REALLY NEED A TV LICENCE

With the TV licence fee set to rise from £150.50 to £154.50 by the 1st April 2019, we're likely to see the reoccurring debate of whether we really need the TV licence once again.

An estimated 250,000 homes currently do not hold a TV licence and it seems that some Brits across the UK are at risk of facing a fine of up to £1,000.

To help ease the confusion, Peter Goodchild, associate professor at the Bloomsbury campus of The University of Law, shares advice to help TV owners understand when they need to purchase a licence, how much it costs, and the potential consequences of avoiding paying for a licence.

Do I really need a licence?

If you are a homeowner/tenant of a property and you watch or record programmes on a TV, computer or other device as the programme is being broadcast live, and/or you download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer, then a TV licence is required. By purchasing a licence, you will cover the property for anyone in that residence that watched live through a TV set, computer, laptop, tablets, mobile phone any other device that can receive a TV signal.

You don't need a licence if you are watching non-BBC programmes on online catch-up services, videos or DVDs, clips on websites that aren't

live broadcast (e.g. YouTube) and closed-circuit television (CCTV).

How much will it cost me?

The cost for a full colour TV licence is currently £154.50 per year, which can be paid monthly, quarterly or in one lump sum. However, there is also a licence for black and white TV sets which costs £50.50 per year.

Am I exempt from paying for a licence?

The only exemption from the TV licence is if you're aged 75 or older. Individuals can get a discounted licence if they have a severe vision impairment or if they live in a residential care home, the person who oversees the home can apply for a licence on the individuals behalf.

What happens if I don't get a licence?

If caught without a TV licence, then you can face a fine of up to £1,000 and any legal costs or compensation will be covered. It is estimated that over 250,000 homes currently don't have a TV licence, 33,000 of these are occupied by young people – all putting themselves at risk of facing a fine. The TV Licensing agency have a national database of all licence holders and have enforcement officers that check for TV owners, and they also have a fleet of detector vans that can target homes that they think don't own a licence.

Complete Sales Solutions Expands to Larger Premises in Newton Aycliffe

Complete Sales Solutions, a specialist sales consultancy helping businesses increase their sales, has signed a new long term lease within the Incubation Business Centre in Newton Aycliffe to accommodate the recruitment of an additional 2 new staff that joined on 4th March. In addition, the space will allow for the recruitment of a further 4 Business Development Consultants over the next 12 months as part of the firms growth plans.

Managing Director Paul Johns said "Following a successful 18 months, the next step for the company is to grow the team to meet the demand of clients new and old. We looked at various options for premises but the availability of larger office space within the incubation centre, along with our good relationship with Flexspace, it made sense to stay within the building, providing a seamless transition".

Co-founder Karen Johns, originally from Aycliffe, added "I am delighted to be able to provide job opportunities to local talent who have a passion for sales, allowing them to flourish in a fast paced, vibrant environment".

Paul added "We have been fortunate that due to the reputation Karen

and I hold, we have had a solid client base from the start. As we expand our footprint throughout the UK our philosophy is that any product or service can be sold effectively as the principles of sales are the same whether you are selling software, widgets or boxes of fish. We have successfully worked with companies in an ever growing number of industries including: Apprenticeship and Training Providers, Commercial Training, Manufacturing, Engineering, Stationary, Software as a Service, Distribution, Agriculture and Health & Beauty".

Complete Sales Solutions approach to providing businesses with a viable alternative to shouldering the burden of increasing sales in house is centred around the 40+ years' experience in sales possessed by Paul & Karen, from the sales floor to the boardroom, based on real life experiences. This wealth of knowledge is passed onto their staff, who complete a comprehensive in house training program, building the skills and behaviours required for a successful career in sales.

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SSAFA DROP IN MOVES TO BIG CLUB

The SSAFA Drop In, which has been running successfully for the last 8 weeks in NAYCC, has now moved to The Big Club on Sheraton Road.

Veterans and their dependants requiring advice or assistance may speak to their local SSAFA representative every Monday between the hours of 9.30am and 12noon at the club.

History Talk Takes its Toll

A special talk will explore an intriguing point of local history, and question the very documents used to explore it.

On Thursday 14 March, 6.30pm to 8pm, Durham County Record Office invites the public into the world of 19th century turnpikes for horse-drawn vehicles and the trustees who managed the equivalent of today's motorway toll roads.

The Bowes and Sunderland Bridge Turnpike Trust ran the local toll road from Bowes via Barnard Castle, Staindrop and Bishop Auckland to Sunderland Bridge (now the route of the A67 and A688) between 1748 and 1870.

In the mid-nineteenth century the trustees had a unique problem with the recovery of toll arrears. This session shows that you can't always take what is written in original historical documents at face value and reveals a hidden secret.

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist at Durham County Record Office, said: "These unusual spotlights on local history really open up fascinating discussions and show how human error haunted our Victorian ancestors too."

"This talk will offer a really good insight into how to interpret archives, and how questionable sources can still tell us something amazingly interesting about the past."

This discussion will be led by David Butler, archivist and local historian, and is part of the successful 2019 programme of 'Third Thursday Talks'.

Advance booking essential and costs £5 per person. Book a place at <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgEventResult>

Dogs Behaving Badly

Dear Sir,
I was born and raised in Newton Aycliffe, my parents were pioneers of the new town, and I attended Vane Road, Sugar Hill, Milton Hall and the Avenue Comprehensive schools. I have been instructing owners with their dogs for 15 years, with Acorn Dog Club in the 1980's, more recently Special Friends Dog Training in Newton Aycliffe and while away at university in Newport, Shropshire. I qualified with Pet Dog Training Instructors (PDTI) as an Advanced Instructor in 2012. In 2013 I graduated from Harper Adams University with a Diploma in Canine Training and Behavioural Management. In 2016 I successfully passed the assessment for membership of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) 01279. I moved to Newport, Shropshire to undertake a four-year degree course at Harper Adams University in 2014. I graduated in August 2018 with a First-Class BSc Honours in Animal Behaviour and Welfare. I am qualified to conduct behavioural consultations on veterinary referral with provisional membership of Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC).

I have been training dogs for 35 years, competing successfully in KC Competitive Obedience, Heelwork to Music and Agility. I have had the pleasure to own and train 15 special dogs over the years. They have all been first and foremost happy and well-behaved companions, confident and adaptive, able to accompany me on my travels.

My current companions are Kibo, 7 year old Border Collie, Jack, 6 year old Border Collie re-homed from a loving home where he had developed behaviour problems and Max, 11 year old Jack Russell from Hillbrea Rescue Kennels, Telford, Shropshire. Max's elderly dad died, and the family were unable to look after him, a chance sighting on Facebook.... and he has lived as part of our family since April 2018. I have a passion for helping

people with their dogs, sometimes dogs think they are being clear about their communications with people, but they can often be misunderstood.

I am looking forward to running training classes in Newton Aycliffe, at Neville Community Centre on Wednesday evenings, and The Scout Hut on Tuesday evenings. I will be interested to find out what people want from the classes. I will be initially offering basic life-skills, puppy classes, however I am keen to help rescue dogs, shy dogs, reactive dogs and people who wish to train during the day. Please let me know what you want.

There is nothing better than having a happy, confident dog as a companion. The more well-behaved they are the more pleasure owners and dogs can enjoy together. Please contact me for training: - 01325 317782, email: lesley@specialfriendspetcare.co.uk Lesley Thompson

A Play of Passion & Peril

A classic play will bring passion, tragedy and class confusion to the Gala Theatre this month.

August Strindberg's famous tragedy Miss Julie is an electrifying play of seduction and status set on a midsummer night in an old manor house.

The 1888 play has been fittingly adapted for Gala audiences by award-winning director Jake Murray, transporting the story from its original Swedish setting, to the North East of England. The play also has a personal interest for Jake as his father Braham Murray directed a 1995 production of Miss Julie.

Audiences can witness a special night within the manor as, for one night only, servants and masters are equal and drink and dance together into the small hours. With merriments in full swing and the Lord away, his daughter Miss Julie strays into the servant's quarters in search of the head butler John. Driven by attraction and desire, their heated encounter unfolds before the audience with fatal consequences. This North East adaption is produced by Durham-based Elysium Theatre Company. Miss Julie shows at the Gala Theatre on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available at www.galadurham.co.uk/galapost/miss-julie

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BACK TO SCHOOL



A trio of north east actors are preparing to take audiences back to school laughing.

The Gala Theatre's Teechers is sure to bring back old school memories as it introduces three school leavers who decide to perform an end of school tribute about their time in secondary school. Their play revolves around an idealistic new teacher, whose passion, enthusiasm and belief rubs off onto his pupils. Written by John Godber, the third most performed playwright in the UK after William Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn, Teechers promises fast-paced, well-crafted comedy. Bringing this dose of nostalgia to life are three local actors, who will

portray a number of identifiable characters between them, including the school bully, an array of teachers and the three drama pupils, around which the wider play hinges.

Sarah Boulter is thrilled to be returning to the Gala again, after spending a sparkling festive season as Miranda the Mirror in Snow White and even more recently as Mrs Linde in the Ibsen classic, A Doll's House. Mahsa Hammat Bahary trained at Project A, an intensive acting course at Newcastle's Theatre Royal. During the course, she appeared as Michelle Russell in Herons, as well as various parts in Bluebird, Debris and Much Ado About Nothing.

Since graduation last year she has appeared as the lead role of Farida in regional short film Falling and has been a part of a Theatre in Education tour throughout the north east. After recently finishing a Christmas tour, Louis Roberts has been training under Gillian Hambleton at Northumberland Theatre Company as Associate Director, but when the opportunity to audition for Teechers came along, he jumped at the chance. Previous shows include Apples and Peter Pan by Northern Stage, The Machine Gunners by Customs House, Dracula the Travesty, Beauty and the Beast and The Comedy of Errors by the NTC.

Tom Wright returns to direct this witty drama, building on previous success of the Gala's recent production, Two. Performances will be held at 7.30pm from Monday, 6th May to Saturday, 11th May, apart from on Wednesday when the evening show starts at 6.00pm. Additional performances will also take place at 1pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Tickets are priced from £10 to £16, available at www.galadurham.co.uk or by calling the box office 03000 266 600.

MUSIC SOCIETY NEW SEASON LINE-UP

Supporters of Bishop Auckland Music Society can look forward both to a new season of delightful classical music and a new venue. The elegant surroundings of the Methodist Church on Cockton Hill Road, directly opposite the Hospital, with easy access and parking, will play host for the 2019 season which begins on Friday, 22nd March when pianist Sarah Beth Briggs, described as 'an artist of extraordinary magnetism', performs works by Bach, Mozart and Ravel amongst others.

Charlotte Ashton (flute) and Joseph Havlat (piano) will perform works by Bach, Schubert and Debussy on Friday, 3rd May, followed by The Pomegranate Trio on Friday, 7th June. Since first forming in 2014, the trio, Fenella Barton (violin), Rebecca Hepplewhite (cello) and Andrew West (piano), has quickly established a reputation for fine performance and works by Schuman, Ravel and Beethoven can be enjoyed at the evening concert.

On Friday, 19th July, Beethoven's Horn Sonata in F major and works by Scriabin, Richard Strauss and Schubert will feature in the repertoire of the 2019 BBC Young



Musician Competitor, horn player Ben Goldscheider, accompanied by pianist, Richard Uttley.

The season culminates with a performance by Alexandra Lomeiko (violin) and Antonina Suhanova (piano) on Friday, 6th September. A winner of

multiple National awards and a solo recitalist at Wigmore Hall, Alexandra will play work by Grieg, Bartok and Beethoven.

Individual concert tickets are £13.50 if purchased in advance (£15 on the door) Season Tickets at £55 for all 5 concerts are available from Brian Varley (01388) 606075 or from Brotherton's Music on Newgate Street. All concerts start at 7.30pm. in the welcoming surroundings of the Methodist Church. We look forward to welcoming regular subscribers and new visitors alike to the delights of the new season of classical music concerts in historic Bishop Auckland.



Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 6.00pm in Phoenix Club (Upstairs). Little Acorns meet at 5.30 - same venue.

Our speaker for this month is Mr. Ron Hogg who is Durham Police and Crime Commissioner.

The coach for Newcastle Discovery Museum will leave Phoenix Club at 9.00am on Saturday 9th March.

Don't forget our Petting Zoo on Saturday 27th April. Plenty of animals and side stalls - get in touch with Ken on 01325 321471 if you want to book an area to promote your group or business. Hope to see you for a chat and cuppa on the 14th.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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We are successfully claiming compensation for former miners in the North East who transferred out of the Mineworkers Pension Scheme.

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Example 4 - £82,000

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LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health is so important and can sometimes go overlooked in our busy lives. This is why we are delighted to be hosting Dr Taiwo at Xcel Church on Sunday 10th March.

Dr Taiwo is trained psychiatrist, with specialisations in child & adult psychiatry. He is also a consulting psychiatrist with the NHS and an elder at Emmanuel Church.

He is coming to share an incredible Christian perspective on mental health, and the best ways we can keep our hearts and our heads safe.

Join us this Sunday at 5pm at the Xcel Centre. For more info about Xcel Church please check out xcelchurch.com



Warm Start Puts Japanese Knotweed on Track for Early Emergence

The unseasonably warm start to the year could have an impact on the growing season for Japanese knotweed, according to a national trade body.

Japanese knotweed lives through winter in the soil and starts to sprout in the warmer temperatures of spring.

But the current weather conditions could push the plant's growth pattern weeks ahead of its usual pattern according to experts.

Dr. Peter Fitzsimons is the Invasive Weed Control Group Technical Manager of the Property Care Association (PCA) and is keeping a watching brief on the situation.

He said: "Traditionally the growing season for Japanese knotweed begins in April, with some variation from north to south nationally, but in 2017 there were reports of the plant beginning to grow in March.

"The Beast from the East put the growing season last year back to a more normal timeline, but the climate so far is looking like it will provide the type of conditions for Japanese knotweed to take hold earlier again this year.

"Areas where the ground has retained moisture are



likely to be particularly attractive to the plant."

The presence of Japanese knotweed can devalue land and property and lead to the refusal of mortgages on properties affected by it and the PCA is urging caution and prompt action in tackling it.

Dr. Fitzsimons added

"Japanese knotweed is a nuisance plant because it grows so rapidly and is capable of causing disruption around buildings, but we know it can be controlled, like other plants, and managed like many property problems, in that it can be identified and treated with minimal impact.

"However, its effective eradication is a job for the experts and the earlier that work takes place the better, so it's a good idea for anyone who thinks they might have an issue to obtain a professional opinion.

"Currently, the law puts the onus squarely on landowners to control and remediate Japanese knotweed infestations, particularly near houses, as soon as they come to light. In the case of property development removal is often the only viable solution and this needs to be handled by qualified knotweed surveyors.

"Advice sought quickly will help to control and manage the situation effectively."

The PCA's Invasive Weed Control Group signposts the public and private sectors to professional specialist invasive weed control contractors and consultants. The Association also has a library of information including guidance notes, information leaflets and a Code of Practice - all available for free download - to provide insight and guidance on the issue www.property-care.org/professionals/invasive-weed-control/invasive-weed-control-technical-document-library

A short film is also available - PCA Video guide to dealing with Japanese Knotweed

Cathedral & Diocese Bid Farewell to Ian & Ruth

Hundreds of well-wishers gathered in Durham Cathedral on Sunday 3rd March to bid a fond farewell to the Venerable Ian Jagger and his Wife Ruth on their retirement.

For the last 18 years, Ian (63) and Ruth have been faithful servants of the Church and Communities of Durham since moving to the Diocese from Portsmouth Diocese in 2001. Ian has been Archdeacon of Durham and Canon Residentiary of Durham Cathedral since 2006, prior to that he was Archdeacon of Auckland and Rural Development Officer in the Diocese.

The Rt. Revd. Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, said: "Ian's service as first, Archdeacon of Auckland, and then Archdeacon of Durham has been marked by gentle care, deep humility and wonderful wisdom. He has undertaken this as a man of prayer whose life has inspired many. Alongside him, Ruth has been a brilliant secretary and support as well as an ordained minister assisting in many places herself. They will both be greatly missed."

The Very Revd. Andrew Tremlett, Dean of Durham said: "I speak on behalf of myself and my colleagues, in saying that Ian will be greatly missed by the Cathedral community. His wisdom, gentleness and humanity have been a source of inspiration and of consolation on so many occasions. Having been with



us since 2006, Ian played a significant part in advancing mission and worship at Durham Cathedral and on a broader scale within the Diocese of Durham. We wish Ian and his wife Ruth all the best in their future endeavours."

The Cathedral community bade farewell to the popular couple during the morning service whilst members of the Diocese did so during Even Song. Common to both services was a palpable sense of admiration and respect for a couple who have blessed our communities during their 18 years here. In addition to his Diocesan and Cathedral roles, Ian has also served on The General Synod of The Church of England for many years as a member of the House of Clergy. He was ordained in London in 1982 serving his curacy in Twickenham before moving to the Diocese of Oxford where he held several roles before moving to Portsmouth Diocese and then on to Durham. Ruth was ordained in 1990 in Oxford.

Ian and Ruth will be moving to the Portsmouth area in due course.

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE RATE INCREASE

The National Living Wage and the National Minimum Wage will increase from Monday 1st April 2019, with the statutory national minimum wage for those aged 25 and over increasing 4.9% from £7.83 to £8.21.

The Low Pay Commission (LPC), which recommended the increase, estimated that the increase will benefit around 2.4 million workers. Subject to sustained economic growth, the government's aim is for the national living wage to reach 60% of median earnings by 2020.

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MORE NAMES FOR HARDWICK LIVE 2019

A world famous club brand and some of the UK's best known DJs will be performing at the North East's biggest festival this summer.

Hardwick Live Festival takes place at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgfield from 17 – 18 August with a star-studded line-up topped by Manic Street Preachers and James.

And now organisers have announced that one of the biggest club night favourites, Glitterbox, will be entertaining festival-goers in an exciting new arena.

This year, the hotel's Coachhouse Courtyard will be transformed into a dance arena, giving music fans even more choice over the weekend.

And Glitterbox, which started in Ibiza in 2014 and is known for its eccentric performers and extravagant production, will take over the Courtyard on Saturday from 12:00 noon until 11:00pm.

Renowned as "the world's most flamboyant and hedonistic parties", Glitterbox has made its name by bringing together the globe's most talented DJs.

DJ and producer Joey Negro – who is best known for his Remixed With Love compilations and is widely regarded as being one of the forefathers of UK dance music – will be headlining Saturday, having just returning from a sell-out tour in Australia.

And fans heading to the new arena on Saturday will also enjoy a set from Horse Meat Disco, who describe themselves as a "queer party for everyone" and have long been a key fixture at festivals including Glastonbury and Festival No.6.

Completing the line-up is The Shapeshifters, best known for the single Lola's Theme, as well as other hits including When Love Breaks Down and Try My Love (On For Size), and



Melvo Baptiste – who is famed for his high energy DJ sets.

Then on Sunday 18 August the space will be the residence of Retro, which has been selling out club nights and attracting thousands of music fans around the UK and in the Balearic Islands since 1989. Retro's line-up for Sunday will welcome headliner Jeremy Healy, who has toured everywhere from Ibiza to Bali and headlined events for some of the biggest club brands in the world.

Fans will also hear sets from Retro creator, Paul Taylor, producer and DJ Brandon Block, former resident DJ at The Hacienda, John Dasilva, Allister Whitehead – widely regarded as one of the UK's most prolific house DJs – and Chris Bungoni, who has played at venues

across the UK.

The line-up for this summer's event includes a number of big-name acts, with The Zutons, Stiff Little Fingers, Sister Sledge feat Kathy Sledge, The Sherlocks, Lisa Stansfield, Ziggy Marley, Billy Bragg and A Certain Ratio all performing on the main stage across the weekend. Tickets for this year's Hardwick Live Festival are currently on sale at £55 for one day or £99 for both days. Concessions are available for children and 13-17 year olds.

Camping and glamping options are also available for those who want to immerse themselves in the festival experience. More acts will be announced over the coming weeks.

For more information or to book tickets, visit www.hardwicklive.co.uk

Stylish Show Brings Humour & Big Band Swing

A rip-roaring comedy music show featuring classic Rat Pack numbers and an outrageous injection of big band swing is heading to County Durham.

Crooners is set to entertain audiences at the Gala Theatre in Durham on Friday 22nd March, at 7.30pm, as part of its critically acclaimed UK tour.

The exhilarating show follows the story of three very British gentlemen who exude all the characteristics of a crooner – suave, self-assured and stylish – as they defend their place in the modern world.

Accompanied by the talented nine-piece band The Mini Big Band, the Crooners will perform much-loved songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Matt Monroe, Nat King Cole and Bobby Darin.

Expect superb renditions of Lady is a Tramp, Come Fly With Me, L.O.V.E., When You're Smiling, Fly Me To The Moon, Beyond The Sea, Mack The Knife and many more. Add hilarious one-liners and laugh out loud silliness into the mix and Crooners has all the makings of a fabulous night out. Tickets are £22.50 or £20 for concessions. To book, visit www.galadurham.co.uk or call 03000 266 600.

Prestigious Platinum Arts Award for Greenfield



Students and staff at Greenfield Community College are celebrating after receiving their prestigious Platinum Artsmark Award. Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. The award provides a clear framework for teachers to plan, develop and evaluate arts, culture and creativity across the curriculum.

Melanie Carter, Area Manager, Culture Bridge North East says: "We are absolutely delighted Greenfield Community College received their Platinum Artsmark Award. It's fantastic to see that so

many school leaders are recognising the prestige and intrinsic importance of this award in supporting an arts focussed curriculum."

In order to become an Artsmark school Greenfield developed the arts and culture provision to create a broad and balanced curriculum.

To mark this achievement, Executive Headteacher, Mr David Priestley, has been celebrating with students in a series of assemblies where he has addressed the whole school and shared the news. He commended staff and students for their commitment to arts, culture and creativity and the

role of Greenfield Arts in supporting this achievement. "We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Platinum Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality creative art and cultural experience and we look forward to continuing to grow with Artsmark," said Mr Priestley.

Through Greenfield Community College will continue to incorporate art and culture into every student's learning, knowledge and understanding, helping them to build skills of resilience, reflection, confidence and to be successful in all areas of their life.

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12-2pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
2-4pm	The Saturday Big Show	Graham Dale
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
"The Saturday Night Experience"		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jim Jams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-730pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
10th Mar	Guests: Nev Jones, Linzi Beal, Tracy James	
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	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

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-730pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
12th Mar	Les Dixon (Durham Cricket Club)	
730-930pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
930-12am	Motown Classics	

WEDNESDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-730pm	Tea-Time Out	Phil & Amy
630-8pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-730pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
8-10pm	"Beat"Roote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	UK Number 1's	

FRIDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-4pm	The Weekend Starts Here	Kieron Mills
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
15th Mar	Nathan Abbott (90s Classix)	

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'CREATURE COMFORTS' VISIT CARE HOME

Rose Lodge Care Home Donates 'Creature Comforts' to Dogs in Need of Home.

Pet fans at Rose Lodge care home have been helping to support dogs in need of a new home by hosting a food and bedding collection for local charity Stray Aid.

People living at Rose Lodge, staff members and families and friends have been donating dog food, bedding, towels and blankets so that the pups in the Coxhoe-based rescue centre can enjoy some



extra 'creature comforts'. Representatives Lee and

Sharni from Stray Aid visited the home, along with beautiful rescue dog Toffee, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross, to meet with residents and staff at the home and collect their donations.

Nicola Wheatley, Care Manager at Rose Lodge, said: "We are a home of animal-lovers at Rose Lodge. Our residents love when pets come to visit us, whether that be the dogs of family members or from visiting pet therapy animals such as miniature horses, rabbits and owls. We often hold food bank collections to support animal charities because many of our residents, staff and families enjoy helping out animals in need."

Nine independent North East hospices, collectively Hospices North East, are joining forces with other hospices across the UK to support a campaign aimed at widening access to the vital support they provide for people with life-limiting conditions across the region. Working together for this year's Hospice UK, Open Up Hospice Care Campaign are: St Oswald's Hospice, Alice House Hospice, St Cuthbert's Hospice, Teesside Hospice, St Teresa's Hospice, Willow Burn Hospice, Butterwick Hospice, Hospice Care North Northumberland and Tynedale Hospice at Home. The Open Up Hospice Care campaign – which launched on 4th March – is led by national hospice and palliative care charity Hospice UK. The campaign highlights how hospice care is available beyond the four walls of hospice inpatient units, as most people assume, including care in the home and in the community and how hospices strive to provide a home from home environment.

James Ellam, Chair of Hospices North East said: "Hospices North East aims to transform care together by ensuring the people of the North East receive outstanding hospice care and support. Working together during the month-

£1 Million Great Golden Wonder Giveaway

Crisp lovers will be treated this spring as Golden Wonder reaffirms its generosity to its loyal customers, presenting them with a great 2019 giveaway. The 'Wonder What I've Won' promotion will run across more than 22 million packs of Golden Wonder Crisps and Ringos. Don't be fooled, as the crisp manufacturer will have shelves stocked with promotional packs from April 1st and the giveaway will last right through to the end of July, with up to £1 million worth of prizes to be given away and every pack offering a £5 voucher off a range of over 7,000 gifts.

Whether you want to treat yourself, your best friend, a loved one, your favourite boss or teacher, there's a gift for everyone at www.findmeagift.com.

Matt Smith, Marketing Director, said: "Golden Wonder remains a firm favourite with consumers so we wanted to reward our customers' loyalty and this campaign allows fans to tingle their tastebuds with their favourite snacks while also offering them an opportunity to buy a gift suited to their taste."

The 'Wonder What I've Won' promotion offers the chance to win a surprise prize that will be delivered directly to the recipient's



home. Everyone is a winner as every pack offers a £5 voucher off a minimum spend of £10. Consumers will be reminded about the campaign in their local stores, on TV, online and on social media.

Matt Smith concludes: "We are really excited to offer the public an opportunity to enjoy our fully flavoured snacks with the added bonus of money off a gift as a way of showing our appreciation to them for choosing Golden Wonder."

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long Open Up campaign gives us the opportunity to educate supporters about hospice care and the breath of services we provide to babies, children, young adults, adults and families from across the region."



"People often assume that hospices only offer an inpatient ward, however, we offer so much more. This month we want to let our supporters know about all the extraordinary care that takes place at home and in the community. Our patients often tell us that we go the 'extra mile' to make our hospices as homely and accessible as possible, such as enabling patient's pets to visit, having a Saturday night take away, no restricted visiting hours and more."

Hospices North East provide wide-ranging support for both people with life-limiting conditions and

their families, including: counselling, bereavement support, complementary therapies and more. Hospice UK and local hospices are working to further extend care to more people through initiatives such as expanding community services and reaching out to the different groups of people who have been missing out on vital support, including people with Dementia and those caring for their loved ones at home.

James ended: "Hospices North East believes everyone has the right to hospice care. If you want to help your local hospice this month you can make a real difference by fundraising, donating items for our shops, volunteering or simply sharing a social media post or telling someone you know about your local hospice. With your support,

we can 'Open Up' hospice care so that everyone who needs it, gets it."

To find out more about The Open Up Campaign visit www.hospiceuk.org/support-us/campaigns/open-up-hospice-care or contact your local hospice. Keep an eye out for local hospice stories on social media during March by following #OpenUpHospiceCare

MORE DAYLIGHT

Dear Sir,

Yes, some of the residents that live in the area of Stainforth Close and Airtown Place will now have more day light, thanks to the Town Council removing the leylandii hedge at Stephenson Way Cemetery. We can now see all of the footpath and all of the street lighting, making the area a lot safer to walk along.

The work is still ongoing by a professional tree surgeon and I would personally like to thank the Aycliffe Town Council Works & Environment Manager, Mr Steve Cooper, for the work that he has put into this since I first brought it to his attention.

Alderman George C. Gray
West Ward Councillor

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WALK ON FIRE & ICE FOR ST TERESA'S HOSPICE



Fearless fundraisers will brave the blaze and conquer the cold at a Fire & Ice Walk in aid of St Teresa's Hospice this March.

St Teresa's is seeking brave souls to take on a sponsored challenge which will see them walking over hot embers and broken glass for the Hospice, raising funds in aid of the care and support they provide to people across South Durham and North Yorkshire.

Registration is open now for the Fire & Ice Walk, which will take place at the Model T in Mowden, Darlington, on Friday 29th March.

Last year 21 people took part in the Hospice's first ever

Firewalk, and this year the challenge is even greater. Among those taking part in 2018 were Hospice staff members Michelle Horner, Julie Cuthbertson, and Sheila Dawson. Supporter Services Manager at the Hospice Michelle Horner said: "It was even better than I expected it to be, and I felt a great sense of achievement."

After a motivational training session which will prepare them mentally for the endurance test, entrants will walk across wood embers burning at over 1000°F and then shards of cold broken glass, all with bare feet without experiencing any

pain or injury.

Michelle: "The training session beforehand was a great life experience. We all felt like part of a team and we were all proud of each other. Although most of us hadn't met before we supported each other and felt like we were in it together for a very worthy cause."

The event is supervised by specially trained operatives from organisers Blaze Fire Walking. All participants are asked to donate an entry fee of £20 to complete both walks and try to raise at least £100 for St Teresa's Hospice.

Spectators are welcome to cheer on those taking part. Anyone wishing to take on the challenge should sign up at <https://www.support.darlingtonhospice.org.uk/pages/fire-and-ice-walk-2019> or by calling 01325 254321 for more information.



Film Show

"THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI" The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 12th March features the 2017 dark comedy crime drama "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" Starring Frances McDormand (Best Actress Oscar), Woody Harrelson and Sam Rockwell (Best Supporting Actor Oscar).

A mother, grieving over the rape and murder of her daughter, decides to take action after seven months of police inaction. Contains strong language, strong violence and sex references. Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy.

Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2.00 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.

Joining Up Services for Health & Social Care

Councillors will hear an update on progress to joining up services for health and social care in County Durham next week.

Advancements with the Integration of Health and Social Care will be discussed by Durham County Council's Cabinet when it meets on Wednesday, 13 March.

In April 2018 a report was presented to Cabinet and to the governing bodies of both North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which outlined a proposed direction of travel in developing a Health and Social Care Plan for the county.

Since then the new community contract for NHS services went live in October 2018 and the Director of Integrated Community Services has brought together the Integrated Senior Leadership Team, aligning health and social care to improve outcomes for local people.

Next steps include further progress to the Integrated Strategic Commissioning Function which would capture commissioning of services for all age groups and aims to maximise the use of local resources.

The benefits of integrated working include an improved approach to prevention, less duplication across the system making it easier to navigate for the public and for staff, meaning more people are connected and supported in their own communities.

Councillors will also hear that Teams Around Patients (TAPs), which involves mental health community nurses, GPs and social workers, have been providing proactive care and

supporting patients to be as independent as possible. This has resulted in improving the level of care received in care homes and reducing the length of hospital stays and re-admissions.

Overall relationships and communication between GPs and community services have improved and the new ways of working have resulted in a reduction of duplication within the system, maximising resources and using them more effectively. Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Durham County Council Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "In our county

there is a strong long-standing track record of effective partnership and integrated working. We have already made significant progress and are looking forward to working with our partners so we can deliver the best care for our communities."

Dr Stewart Findlay, chief officer at NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG and North Durham CCG said: "In County Durham we have always enjoyed a positive working relationship between health and social care.

"The new community

services contract that launched last year has integrated community nurses, social care and Primary Care at a locality level. This has already improved the coordination of care people receive in their own homes and our Teams around Patients will become the Primary Care Networks of the future as described in the NHS Long Term Plan.

"We look forward to further strengthening our relationship through the integration of commissioning for adults and children if this proposal is approved."

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church on Saturday 16th March will be based on the story of The Loaves and Fishes and how the actions of one kind act of sharing can help sooooo many others. Please come along for a great afternoon of crafts, story and food, beginning at 4.00pm. We have lots to do, so be on time. Baking bread, sparkly fish and water fun are just some of the activities to help tell our story. Tea will be fishfinger sandwiches for everyone to enjoy.

As we are talking about kind acts of sharing, if you would like to donate an item (tin, packet, jar, box) for the FOODBANK based at St. Clare's, then that would be really kind. Doors will open at 3.30pm for registration, St. Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe. All are welcome to this lively, interactive and welcoming church.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

A quiet week this week, but nevertheless a polling place survey to complete, an important campaign against Hate Crime, and this month's HWCD newsletter. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB102

And don't forget to join me on Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 10th March, where the 'Big Story' will be last week's Community Spirit Craft & Trade Fair: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- Have your say on polling districts and places – Durham County Council.
- PCVC Ron Hogg has launched a campaign to tackle Hate Crime

#HateHurts

- The HealthWatch County Durham March newsletter is published.

- Last week was National Apprenticeship Week.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Toddler Trails – The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Sunday 10th March, 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm Wednesday 13 and Saturday 16 March, £4 per child: to book call 03000 262 899

- Chinese games (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm Saturday 16 March, FREE.

- North of England Brass Band Championships, Gala Theatre Durham, 10:30am 16-17 March, £7 (u16 FREE).

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 13th March 2019 - 7.15pm
Full Council Meeting

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

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OFF TO BIG SCHOOL

So are you in Year 6 and have just got notification of which secondary school you will be going to in September? The figures are out – 5,485 County Durham children applied, and almost 94% were allocated a place in their first choice school.

As DCC Cabinet member Olwyn Gunn says, this is "fantastic"; the average for England last year was only 82%. Remember that you have to accept your school place by Friday, 15th March. We hope that no child in Aycliffe was one of the very few in the county who failed to secure a place in any of their chosen schools.

Starting at 'Big School' is enough of a trauma as it is. If you are unhappy about the school place offered, this internet page tells you how to appeal: www.durham.gov.uk/article/2194/Secondary-school-places (Parents of children who have applied for a primary school place will find out after 16th April.)

JOINING UP HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

As the crisis in the NHS

seems to worsen, it has long been recognised that integration of Health Care and Social Care is essential to reduce duplication within the system, and to use resources more effectively. So it is good to hear that Durham County Council seems to be making progress in this respect. It is vital for all our health that this process seems to be moving from good intentions and warm words to tangible improvements in services.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Community Spirit Trade & Craft Fair last Saturday was a busy success, not only for the charity, but for the stallholders who attended. The event was well-supported also by Aycliffe Radio, who provided the music.

People sometimes complain that the community spirit of times past is too often lacking nowadays, and maybe they have a point. Thank you, then, to all those residents who made the effort to turn out – and treated us all to that lovely sound of a bustling indoor community fair!

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If you have a right you also have a responsibility. Some people are very quick to shout about the violation of their rights when they feel they are being treated unfairly, but rarely, if ever, do you hear those same people claim ownership of their responsibilities. It's as if we have become a society where the rights of the individual are no longer set by legal, social or humanitarian standards, instead the term appears to have been customised to justify the individuals claim to whatever they want, regardless of whether they have earned it, worked for it or are entitled to it. Their mantra is 'life and society owes me, and refusal is a violation of my rights'. Rights don't appear by magic; every right you can lay claim to has been bought and paid for by others, often at a price that required them to forfeit their own rights so you can enjoy the benefits you now claim ownership to. Life and society owes us nothing; and it's naive to expect life to be fair, to act responsibly and treat everyone the same when we refuse to live by those standards ourselves. Life doesn't just happen as if by magic; it's created, we create it, and what appears to be unfair or unjust is usually the result of actions taken by those who believe they have the right to do so, without

thought or consideration of the outcome of their actions. Fairness is impossible without the capacity to act responsibly, unfortunately responsibility can't be given,

it must be accepted in the hearts and minds of those who understand the true cost of any right is the responsibility in which the right is earned and exercised.

DARLO F.C. NEWS

Darlington manager Tommy Wright will now be able to track his players on the field, using a state-of-the-art GPS system.

The club has been donated an Integrated GPS Bionics system, which will help the management team assess a player's performance during a game, in whatever position he plays.

In particular, it can measure what distance a player has covered, and how many sprints he has made – there are around 100 different features in the system, which can also measure wellness and injuries.

Director John Woolnough, who has come across the system when he worked for the NBA and NHL in the United States and donated it to the club, said; "It's an area which is essential in the modern game and one in which the benefits can be felt in the short and the long term as we build up

our knowledge in the area of football analytics."

Manager Tommy Wright points out that some clubs in our league use GPS systems, and that its use is common throughout the levels above us, and says; "There are all sorts that Whitey and I can do with this. As well as assessing a player's fitness, there's a psychological factor as well, because a player knows that he's being monitored, and if he asks questions, then we've got the hard evidence to back up what we say."

There were some interesting facts to come out of Saturday's game.

The player who ran the furthest was Tom Elliott 11.71 km, and the fastest sprinter was Harvey Saunders, at 9.19 metres per second.

Quakers face one of their longest trips of the season on Saturday to their old Football League rivals, Hereford.

Juniors Football Report



The Aycliffe Juniors season continued in to spring with another exciting round of fixtures.

The **Under 7's White** started their Russell Foster Spring league campaign off with a 7-1 win against Pass Soccer Blues. Jack R, Jack C and man of the match Joel scored two goals each with Tyler adding another.

The **Under 7's Juniors** played a friendly game away at Montague Reds and won 4-2. The goals came from Jonah (2), Jack C and man of the match Alfie.

The **Under 9's** enjoyed an open game at Billingham. It was the hosts who got the first two goals before both Oliver and Callum scored to make things level at half time. Man of the match Callum went on to complete his hat trick and put Aycliffe ahead. Billingham though finished the match strongly to win 6-4. In the development game Stephen, Zeke and man of the match Finley scored in a 3-2

win.

The **Under 10's White** hosted Shildon Youth and the Aycliffe team were determined to improve after losing 8-1 to the same opponents earlier in the season. The game was goalless at the break with the visitors eventually breaking down a stubborn home defence in the second half to go on and win 3-0. The whole team were named as players of the match after a much improved performance.

The **Under 10's Claret** played away at Seaton Carew. They put in a spirited performance in challenging windy conditions near the coast. Roman had a strong game in midfield to win the man of the match award but two fortunate goals for the hosts saw them win the game 2-0.

The **Under 11's Whites** played at home against TIBS. Niall scored for Aycliffe and Harvey put in a man of the match performance but the game was lost by two goals

to one.

The **Under 12's** played their final league game of the season at home against Saxon Juniors. It was a great end to the league campaign as they ran out 5-0 winners. The goals came from Thomas (2), Zak, Dan and man of the match Charlie.

The **Under 13's** Russell Foster League team hosted Swalwell Swifts at Woodham. The final score did not reflect a keenly contested game which the visitors won 4-1. Josh was the man of the match and Lewis scored the Aycliffe goal.

After two weeks off the **Under 13's** TJFA League team travelled to play Leven Athletic. Evan scored after only two minutes but the hosts then equalised before Liam and Zack added goals to make it 3-1 at the break. In a scrappy second half Zack scored again making the final score 4-1 to Aycliffe.

The **Under 17's** played away at Kader FC and a superb strike from Jack put them

ahead 1-0. Two goals were then conceded from set pieces before the break. The Aycliffe team worked really hard in the second half and this was rewarded when man of the match Noah curled a free kick in to the top corner to equalise in the last minute. This was a really well deserved league point gained against strong opposition.

SQUASH SESSIONS

To promote and develop squash and physical fitness in and around the town, Aycliffe Squash Club, in partnership with the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, is delivering open drop in sessions for anyone aged over 16 on Saturdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

In March these will take place on 9th, 23rd, and 30th (not 16th, as courts are unavailable).

The sessions are aimed at beginners, improvers and club players, offering advice, assessment, guidance and practice.

There will be a nominal charge of £2.00, towards court costs.

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Scarlet 8th in the Wind and Rain at Rowrah



School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn took 8th place at Rowrah in Cumbria this weekend. Despite the windy and rainy weekend caused by storm Freya, Scarlet drove well all weekend. Although she had engine problems in the heats and bad luck in the final she still managed 8th against a strong grid - and kept on smiling through the weekend! Scarlet is next due to race at Teesside Autodrome on 23rd/24th March.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



This weeks events started well with four members getting PB's at specific parkruns.

At Shildon John Richardson secured a PB for that course in 24.41, also at Shildon, Tracey Pickering in 31.44 and Cliff Pickering in 35.44. Over at Sedgefield Hannah Richardson got a PB for that course in 34.40.

Saturday saw the final cross country race for the season. This race was in the NEHL league and took place up at Alnwick Castle. We had three members take the trip with Mark Wade coming home first in 39.45, followed by Andy Talbot in 45.36 and Dez Fielden in 43.09.

On Sunday two members took the trip to Leeds, to take part in the Brownlee Running Festival. These events were run on a closed circuit of 1 mile and ranged from 1 mile to 20 miles. John and Tracey Surtees both took part in the 10k race. John completed this in 35.33 which secured him second place overall. He was followed by Tracey in 40.21 securing her 9th place and 3rd female overall.

Also on Sunday Angela Sutherland participated in the Dalton Park 10k. This race begins in the Dalton Park Shopping Complex and continues in the surrounding area. Despite the windy conditions Angela completed this in 50.38 and was second in her age group.

Finally second claim member Paul Dalton took a trip further afield and completed the Haweswater Half Marathon. He completed this in 1.27.10

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.

Youthy Football Round Up

Houghton Albion - 2 U14 Falcons - 4

Semi Final of the Russell Foster League Vase.

In the first half Houghton showed why they were second in the League, as they were more composed, picking up most of the loose balls and it was no surprise when they went 1-0 up. The second half, Aycliffe came out knowing that they had to improve. That improvement started with a chipped goal from Calum following a long clearance from Charlie.

Next Arron turns in the box to score through a crowd of players.

A third followed minutes later as Jacob's shot gave their keeper no chance. Charlie made a couple of one on one saves, before Houghton pulled 1 back to make for a nervy last 5 minutes. Harry helped settle those nerves when he made it 2-4 to Aycliffe. Houghton were then awarded a dubious penalty for hand ball but Charlie had the final say, saving the penalty before the final whistle was blown. A well-deserved hard-fought win.

H'pool Saxon Juniors - 0

NAYFC U9 Boys - 3

Following successive draws, including a clean sheet, the boys confidence was on the up.

An away fixture to a physical Saxon team looked a difficult prospect. From the initial whistle though the boys applied constant pressure, with the opposition rarely out of their own half. Midway through the first half, James made the breakthrough, pushing forward from midfield to shoot within the box, taking a deflection on route to the back of the net. At half-time, 1-0 up and having been in similar positions in the past, the boys were just told to keep up the pressure and good work. Posi was introduced at the interval on the left and again the game was rarely played out the opposition half.

With the reintroduction of Arthur with 10 minutes to go, Posi made two penetrating runs on the left, skipping past players, both times setting up Arthur who converted both opportunities. A dominant and confident display from the boys.

U11 Falcons 9
Wear United Yellows 4
U12 Falcons 7
Thirsk Falcons 1
U15 Hawks 3
Thirsk Falcons 1
U8 Eagles 5
Leven 4

Plus some great results from the girls too.

The **U11 Girls** made it through to the semi final of the league shield on Saturday, after a convincing 5-0 win over Harton & Westoe at the Oakleaf in the quarter final. NAYFC U14 Girls won the Cup quarter final away to a good Easington side. The 1-6 result was well deserved and they now look forward to a semi final v Billingham in a few weeks time.

RFYL Girls Spring Cup
U9 Angels Blue 5
Hebburn Town Honeys 3
U10 Girls Wildcats 2
Lumley Ladies 2
U7 Girls Wildcats 2
Boldon Girls 2

Photo: *U7 Wildcats. Shout out for new team, NAYFC U9 Angels Yellow, who valiantly played their first ever match at the weekend and scored their debut goal.*



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Interviews to be held: **April 2019**

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Applicants will also have recent and relevant experience of working in a similar environment with experience of working with young people, particularly those with challenging behavioural issues.

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Northumbrian Water has signed a long-term agreement with Danish renewable energy specialist Ørsted that will see the water company take almost a third of its renewable energy demand from an offshore wind farm. The 10-year deal, the first Corporate Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) of its kind in the UK, is an expansion of a renewable electricity supply agreement between the companies, which started

in April 2018. From March 1, 2019, Northumbrian Water will source 30% of its renewable electricity directly from the Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm, off the coast of Norfolk. The move further drives the company's sustainable and renewable energy strategy, building upon its existing solar, hydro, gas to grid and advanced anaerobic digestion (AAD) power generation.

The Corporate PPA will deliver approximately 100GWh per year of renewable electricity from the offshore wind farm to Northumbrian Water consumption sites in the North East, Essex and Suffolk, amounting to approx. 1TWh across the term.

As well as supporting the growth of Northumbrian Water's renewable energy activity, the agreement will help drive down costs of operation through a long-term fixed price for electricity. Southall, Northumbrian Water's Group Commercial Director, said: "This PPA is not only a first of its kind in the UK; more importantly it aligns perfectly with our sustainability goals and our ambitions of creating a truly cohesive energy management strategy. The long-term stability this brings is fantastic for us, and great news for our customers

and stakeholders, because it reduces operational costs without compromising our work."

Alana Kühne, Head of Corporate PPAs at Ørsted, said: "Northumbrian Water shares our ambitions towards a greener future and are able to benefit from this journey through signing a Corporate PPA from Race Bank. For Ørsted, this agreement is an important step towards building long-term green partnerships with corporate power customers." Race Bank Offshore Wind farm is one of the newest operational wind farms in the UK with commissioning being achieved earlier this year. It is capable of generating up to 573 megawatts (MW) of green electricity from its 91 Siemens Gamesa 6 MW wind turbines. With the corporate PPA, Northumbrian Water will purchase approx. 100GWh a year for 10 years, corresponding to 23 MW of capacity from Race Bank.

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Liam, from Redcar, will be joined on stage by Top UK Dame, Robert Squire as Aunt Annie, singing sensation Rebecca Lake and Funny-Man George Akid. It's the perfect Easter treat for all the family!

Producer, Adam Cookson, said: "I'm really looking forward to bringing Liam to Darlington this Easter for an intimate, action packed Easter show, it's something completely different for the family who might only get to see Liam at Christmas. I've assembled what I believe to be the best pantomime performers in the UK and hope the people of Darlington have an

incredible time!" Liam Mellor said: "I'm excited to be returning to Darlington, I absolutely love the people and the place, everyone is so friendly. I can't wait for everyone to come along and see this great Easter show, I won't give too much away but there's one part in the show that's going to get VERY messy!"

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both sides went for a goal, but the defences held firm and the keepers weren't tested further.

The pattern continued into the second half, with the teams trading shots. Moan had a chance for RCA but volleyed wide, and then Aycliffe's Ethan Wood had a shot saved. It was RCA's turn to have some luck on 67 minutes when Shaun Hudson got free one-on-one and was brought down just outside the box by RCA keeper Pocklington. This only resulted in a booking and it was the turn of the RCA fans to breathe a sign of relief. Aycliffe then failed to convert the resulting free kick. Hudson then had a good chance to score, but just missed the target with Pocklington beaten. Tom Gavin made an excellent last-ditch tackle on Charlton to keep Aycliffe in the game. Then Lavery for RCA repeated the trick, with a tremendous blocking tackle on Kurt Matthews. It looked like the game would head for a draw, but on 92 minutes Page hit the post with a header for RCA and he then lashed in the rebound to give RCA all three points. MOTM : Shaun Hudson. Attendance : 97.

Saturday 2nd March Newton Aycliffe 1 Ashington 1

Newton Aycliffe drew 1-1 at home to Ashington in a game of poor quality and few clear-cut chances, although the strong wind

was a factor throughout the match. Aycliffe started sluggishly and Ashington took advantage in the fifth minute. Aycliffe failed to clear a corner and Ashington centre half Buchanan put a looping header into the top corner past Adam Pickford. Aycliffe had the better of the chances after that. Gez Richardson brought out a good save from Ashington keeper Grant, and Marc Costello had a good header blocked, meaning that the visitors went in at half time a goal to the good.

Aycliffe had the wind in their favour in the second half and they had the better of the play, but struggled to convert this into goals. Shaun Hudson and Kurt Matthews blazed good chances over the bar. An Aaron Brown header was cleared off the line, and then had another cleared with the goalie beaten. Substitute Ben Wood came to the rescue five minutes after coming on. A free kick was flicked on, and Wood turned sharply to volley the ball home. Man-of-the Alan Harrison was tidy in his play at full back, and prompted many attacks down the right. Aycliffe pressed for a winner in the last ten minutes, but couldn't make the breakthrough. MOTM : Alan Harrison. Attendance: 70

Photo: Alan Harrison
Remaining fixtures:
Saturday 9th March Hebburn Town (home)
Saturday 16th March Consett (away)
Saturday 23rd March Sunderland RCA (away)

Saturday 6th April
North Shields (away)
Saturday 13th April
Guisborough Town (home)

Congratulations

Bethany Jade Clarkson (Beth)



Happy 21st Birthday

Congratulations to our beautiful Daughter on her 21st Birthday on 10th March. From a bonnie baby to a lovely lady who makes us more proud each day. Love from Mam, Dad, Nanas and Grandad and all the family

Abbie Dunn



Happy 21st Birthday 9th March 2019

Happy 21st Birthday Abbie, hope you celebrate in style in London. Lots of love from all your family xxx

HOWEY - BURN
Congratulations Stephen and Amy on your Engagement. You have both made me a very happy Mammy. Love always, Mam and Den xxxx

HOWEY - BURN
Congratulations Stephen and Amy on your Engagement. Love and best wishes from Nana and Grandad xx
AMY BURN & Stephen
Howey. Congratulations on your Engagement. Love from SJ, Craig, Madison, Macca & Cayden xx

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Obituary

EDWINA BURROWS Bishop Middleham

Passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by her family on 23rd February.

Edwina (nee Harrison), aged 72 years, dearly beloved Wife to John; much loved Mum to Jonathan and his Wife Emma; devoted Grandma to Charlie and Cara; dear Sister to Margaret and the late Neil.

Sadly missed by all her family and many friends. Funeral on Thursday 14th March. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Michaels Church, Bishop Middleham at 9.30am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, would be much appreciated, in aid of ShelterBox and will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service.

In Memoriam

MAUREEN HOLLAND

11th March 2018



Maureen, you are remembered every minute of every day. Words cannot express how much you are missed and how much you are loved.

The world is a much poorer place without you. All we have now are memories, but they will last forever.

Lots of love, Nick, Chris, Richard, Gemma, Megan, Lily and all the family and friends xxxxxx

MARGARET ROSE THOMPSON 7th March

In Gods garden up above, Stands a rose we dearly love. She stands with petals open wide, Watered by the tears we've cried. Her fragrance fills our lives each day, Locked in our hearts she will always stay xx

FRANK REED 17th March 1996

If I could have a wish, and make that wish come true, I'd wish that everyone in this world had a Dad as nice as you. There'd be no more wars between nations, there'd be peace on every street. No reason for the policeman - pounding on his beat. Everyone would be happy, everyone would be glad. But not as happy as me - cos you are our Dad.

Now you've gone to a better place, where peace rules all the land, No sound of rifle bullets, nations walk hand in hand. I don't think it was your time to go, you'd so much more to give. No reason for you to die, more reason for to live. ("The Wish", Derek Reed). Time rolls on, your family miss you more than words can say. Remembered by many.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dave (Waddie) and Dorothy Waddingham, 12th March 1994. A very special day for us and one I will never forget. The day you became my Husband and I became your Wife. So on this day, this year, it would have been our Silver Wedding Anniversary. A day we both wanted so much. But it was not to be my darling. Though it is 3 years since you left me, I love you now as much as I did then. Thank you for the wonderful 22 years we had together, the happiest I've ever known. The memories you have left me I will always treasure. I think of you as living in the hearts of those you touched. For nothing loved is ever lost and you were loved so much. You were, sweetheart, simply the best. Till we meet again. You ever loving Wife, Dorothy. Look after our darling Daughter, Karen, for me.

GLADYS HARBOTTE Died 7th March 2013

A dear Mother who's constantly in our thoughts and missed every day. Your smiles, laughter and poetry will always live in our memories. Vera, Lavinia and Andy xxx

CAROL REED

13th March 2015

We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And days before that too.

We think of you in silence, We often speak your name. All we have are memories, And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our hearts.

In loving memory.
Roy, Steven, Lara and families.

JULIE COSTELLO

February 23, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage and determination.

Julie aged 49 years. Dearly loved Fiancée to Steven; devoted Mum to Keeley and Jamie; beloved and cherished Daughter to Dorothy and John; dear Daughter-in-Law to Maureen and Terry; a much loved Sister, Niece and Auntie. She will be sadly missed by all her family, colleagues and many friends.

Funeral on Friday 15th March. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.45am followed by private interment. Floral tributes or donations in lieu, if preferred, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

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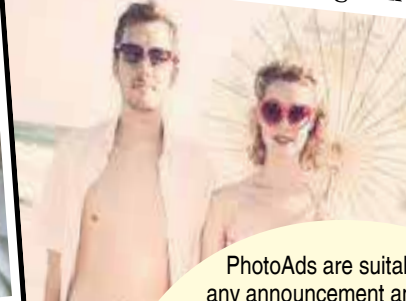
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Year 11 Student Selected for Hartlepool United 1st Team

Lucas, a current year 11 student at Woodham Academy, was recently included in a competitive 1st Team fixture for Hartlepool United against Shildon AFC in the Semi Final of the Durham Challenge Cup on Tuesday 26th February. This is a fantastic achievement for someone so young to experience a competitive fixture, playing at Hartlepool's ground Victoria Park against a very good Northern League team. Not only was he selected to take part in the 1st team game, he is also a weekly member of the U18 squad who play on a Saturday against sides from around the country including Notts County, Carlisle United and Scunthorpe. Lucas is a very talented footballer who has been at Hartlepool United from a very young age. During his time at Woodham Academy he has represented Bishop Auckland Schools District Football Association and Durham County Schools. In addition to his prowess on the football field, Lucas has represented Woodham Academy in a range of other



sports including athletics, leadership and cricket, where he featured for Durham County Cricket in their county cricket programme. His phenomenal service to sports at Woodham was recognised when he was nominated for the 'Key Stage 4 Performer of the Year' at the Sports Academy presentation last summer. A true all-rounder, Lucas

has managed to combine his sporting achievements with continued academic success in all subjects and it is a testament to his positive attitude and commitment across the Academy that he is on track to attain consistently excellent GCSE results this summer. The Hartlepool United elite phase coach Anthony Sweeney commented, "Lucas has tremendous footballing ability and is always willing to learn and develop. He is not only someone with exceptional talent but also has a tremendous attitude. Everyone at Hartlepool United is delighted with the progress Lucas has made, and for him to be involved in a 1st Team game at the age of 16 is a credit to his hard work. He is also regularly involved with the U18 side who play on a Saturday and has cemented his place alongside the older lads". Lucas follows a rich tradition of players from Woodham Academy who have gone on to play football at the highest level, following in the footsteps of Jason Steele, Ross Turnbull, Darren Craddock, Christopher Mason, Lewis Wing and Joshua Bayne. Everyone at Woodham Academy would like to wish Lucas the greatest luck, as

he finds out shortly if he has earned the right to play football professionally.

M.R.I. Scanner Appeal

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- Follow us on twitter: [@CDDFTCharity](https://twitter.com/CDDFTCharity)
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Local Football Talent Gives Back to Girls Football



NAYFC's U9 Girls Football team "Aycliffe Angels" recently won their league following a very exciting and fun first season. The team of girls, which has risen to 20 players aged 7-9 (school years 3 & 4), celebrated the win last week, and their formation of two new teams - NAYFC Angels Yellow and Blue - with a fun tournament and surprise visit from local footballer, Chloe Ryan. Chloe played for NAYFC for a number of years before eventually

progressing to play for Durham Women's FC, and regularly visits NAYFC to speak to the girls and inspire them with her journey. Chloe presented the girls with league winners medals, and spoke to them about hard work, determination and the importance of enjoying what you do. Coaches Chris and Clare Williams explained that Chloe inspired the girls, giving them encouragement that anything is possible with the right mindset and enjoyment. We thank Chloe

for paying it forward to Girls Football and are very grateful that she attended to inspire a whole new generation of female footballers. Durham Womens FC are holding a FREE skills session before their match with London Bees, this Sunday 10 March at their ground in Belmont. Their clash with Chelsea the weekend after is also not to be missed if you're a local footy supporter. Info available at: www.durham.fawsl.com

Free Badminton Coaching Sessions



Two local Badminton Clubs are keen to attract more ladies and girls to the sport. Four and a half million people play the sport in Britain but it has long been recognized that there is a lack of lady players at clubs despite many enjoying the world's fastest racket sport socially. Houghton Club Secretary Darren Clarke said "Research shows that many feel that clubs are too competitive and often male dominated, we aim to change all that". Aycliffe and Houghton Badminton Clubs have received funding to run coaching sessions aimed at beginners and those that want to improve their game. The sessions are at Aycliffe Leisure Centre Fridays from 6.00 to 7.30 and the new ladies session will be held at the Dolphin Centre main hall from 5.30 till 7pm from Thursday 14th March. The first 2 weeks at the new Darlington session will be free of charge and £3.50 after that.

Those interested can contact darren.clarke5@ntlworld.com 07779 343315 or Ian Boyd at aycliffebc@outlook.com. As the Ladies session is expected to be popular it is requested that you contact first.

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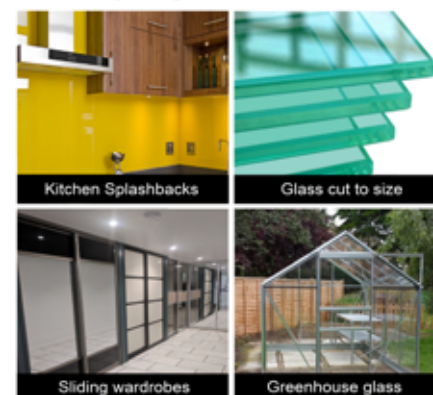
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