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Local Businessman Saves Classic & Retro Show by Bringing it to Aycliffe

The Classic and Retro Vehicle Show 2019 is organised by two lads from the Stockton-on-Tees area with a love for classic and retro vehicles. They came up with the idea of organising the show to give a different type of event to the community, the event that wasn't specifically for your usual vintage cars and instead offered something more pre-millennial.

The event organisers had secured land at Durham Tees Valley Airport with the appropriate facilities to host the show and everything was full steam ahead. Event sponsors were sought, posters were printed and the advertising had officially begun, with over 300 vehicles entered, a strong man organised and food facilities sought, park and ride organised, the building bricks were falling into place for what was going to be an amazing event. However, disaster struck on Saturday 30th March when the previous land occupiers, Goosepool House & Cafe, informed the organisers that the event simply couldn't go ahead. They had been issued with a letter from Durham Tees Valley Airport to state that this event was simply too big for the area and had a number of risk factors involved, the organisers were told to cancel the show with immediate effect.

Whilst the organisers were quite simply gutted, they decided that they couldn't just cancel and they didn't want to give up. Instead they went about finding another venue with just over a week until the show. They placed a mayday post on their Facebook event page which was shared by local people and organisations. By Saturday evening, one of the event organisers struck gold after contact with Neville Jones,

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from Community Spirit Newton Aycliffe, who put him in touch with local businessman John Finley who owns activity centre ROF59. By Sunday morning at 9am the event organisers had hit the road together to look at the venue. They were more than happy with the results and by 11am were given the green light from John Finley to host the show on his land. The Classic and Retro Vehicle Show 2019 had been saved and the show was very much full steam ahead. However, with just a week to go, printing posters simply wasn't an option and they have relied on social media and word of mouth to spread the new location of The Classic and Retro Vehicle Show 2019. Work continued in the

background throughout the week to help the show to reach its maximum potential and place all the correct and relevant procedures in place. The organisers say: "Whilst it's been a stressful weekend, they're very much looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic event. We can't thank John enough for offering his land at such short notice."

The event takes place on Sunday 7th April 2019 at ROF59 Activity Centre, South Durham Way, Newton Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Entry to the show is FREE with donation buckets on-site raising money for local charities. Classic and Retro Car owners wishing to attend the event are asked to contact "The Classic and Retro Show" on Facebook or turn up on the day prior to 10am to be parked.

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BRASS RETURNS WITH NEW EXCITING LINE-UP

One of the region's liveliest festivals is back with a bang this summer, showcasing the very best contemporary brass music from across the globe. From salsa, swing and big band, to choral masterpieces and rock and roll, Durham BRASS will cater for all tastes and ages when it returns from Friday, 12 July, to Sunday, 21 July.

The Durham County Council event boasts an action-packed programme of concerts and street parties, which promises to transport people to different times and places by celebrating international cultures and the rich history and versatility of brass music. The headline act for 2019 is Brighthouse and Rastrick Band, which have performed at the highest level for over a century and achieved global fame with their recording of the Floral Dance in 1977. The band will entertain audiences at the Gala Theatre in Durham on Sunday, 21 July, at 3pm. Tickets cost £18 or £16 for concessions. Streets of Brass also returns this year with a talented and eclectic mix of street bands taking over Durham city centre for two days of free music and mayhem from 11am to 5pm on Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 July. Thousands of people partied in the streets last year and organisers are pulling out all the stops to ensure 2019 is even better.

The free alfresco fun continues at Wharton Park in Durham from 6pm on Saturday 21 July with the Big Brass Party. Bring a picnic and prepare to bust some moves to live music spanning different genres but always with an infectious beat designed to get audiences on their feet.

Those who enjoyed the Big Brass Bash events last year are also in for a treat, with details of exciting activities taking place in communities across the county to be revealed in coming weeks. Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for culture, leisure and rural issues at Durham County Council, said: "BRASS is a truly feel-good festival, bringing talented musicians from across the world to County Durham. "We have a rich tradition of brass music and this festival is a chance to celebrate our heritage while embracing the diversity and vibrancy of brass today."



Other highlights include:

- Cirque, featuring the talented and hilarious Austrian band Mnozil Brass - Gala Theatre - Monday, 15 July, 7.30pm. Tickets £23 or £19 for concessions.
- Strictly Come Brassing - Gala Theatre - Tuesday, 16 July, 7.30pm. Join the Gala Big Band and talented dancers for a celebration of salsa, swing, ballroom, jazz and, of course, Big Band music. Tickets £15 or £12 for concessions.
- Brass Oktoberfest - Durham Town Hall - Thursday, 18 July, 7.30pm. Experience the atmosphere of a lively

Bierhalle and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Durham's twinning with Tübingen in Germany with festival favourites Oompah Brass and the twin town's very own Louisiana Funky Butts. Tickets £15.

- Global Brass Live - Gala Theatre - Friday 19 July, 7.30pm. Brass music and cutting-edge communication technology will collide when North of England champions NASUWT Riverside Band and Danish Brass Band champions Concord Brass perform a joint concert - despite being 560 miles apart. Tickets £15 or £12 for

concessions.

• Verdi's Requiem - Durham Cathedral- Saturday, 19 July, 7.30pm. The Reg Vardy Brass Band will be joined by the Festival Chorus and a guest choir from Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, for a thrilling concert in awe inspiring surroundings. Tickets cost £18 or £16 for concessions. The festival will draw to a spectacular close on Sunday, 21 July with Wharton Park Meets the West End from 6pm to 8pm. The free outdoor concert will see the Scottish Swing Orchestra and the Festival Broadway Chorus perform jazzy versions of musical theatre's greatest hits.

In addition to the jam-packed

entertainment programme, there will also be a series of workshops on Saturday, 20 July inspired by this year's theme, Brass and Health, offering advice on everything from breathing to posture.

To view the full programme and to book tickets, visit www.brassfestival.co.uk For festival updates follow 'Brass International Festival' on Facebook or @DurhamBRASS on Twitter and Instagram for the latest news.

BRASS is one of an unprecedented number of cultural events taking place in Durham in 2019. To find out what else is going on and how to get involved in the #Durham19 campaign visit www.thisisdurham.com/19

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Thursday 11th April - "Line Dancing"
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Friday 12th April - "Karaoke & Disco" Free Entry

Saturday 13th April - "New Jersey Tones"
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Sunday 14th April - "Karaoke & Disco"
Dave's Retro Roadshow - Free Entry (afternoon)
Fabulous solo artiste **"Dixie"** - £1 Entry (Evening)

Thursday 18th April - "Line Dancing"
With Fools Gold - St George's Day Party Night - £3.00

Friday 19th April - "Karaoke & Disco" Free Entry

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Everyone welcome.

Any donations will be greatly welcomed as these community events are organised by volunteers and self funded. Please contact Jane 07804 454471 to book a place or pop into Junction 7, 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ on Mondays and Thursdays between 10.00am to 2.00pm.

GREENFIELD STUDENTS INSPIRED BY 'MULTIVERSE' INSTALLATION

Greenfield Arts were delighted to bring Multiverse Arcade (MVA) to Greenfield Community College and welcome Unfolding Theatre this week. The futuristic installation forms an interactive arcade which puts the future 'in your hands' and has given students throughout the school the opportunity to reflect upon important topics that may impact upon the planet and the future lives of themselves and others so they can have their say.

The innovative learning tool has attracted interest from the wider community and Student Leaders at Greenfield hosted an interactive event where they could voice their opinions and collaborate with members of the community which included local councillors, politicians and

delegates from local business. The sessions were a great success and brought about several invitations to share their learning and speak to local groups.

The initiative forms part of a wider project led by Greenfield Arts which strives to give a voice to young people and provide a forum for discussion and debate. MVA is funded by GAMP AAP and has successfully reached and inspired groups of young people who have used MVA, had their voice heard and been inspired to create poetry and write about their ideas.

Led by Greenfield Arts in partnership with Greenfield Community College the young people are now working towards speaking at the school conference and are organising their own youth conference in July, to be held at the Excel Centre.

Thank you to GAMP AAP and Unfolding Theatre for their valued support which has made such a difference to the young people involved who have been inspired by this project. Unfolding Theatre first showcased MVA at The Great Exhibition of the North but this is the first time they have been invited to share this work in schools.

Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity, a strong advocate and leader of creative learning, is thrilled with the achievements of the young people, "It has been amazing to see the young people become more confident to voice their opinion and share their learning with others, I am very proud of them".



Horndale Community Association SPRING LITTER PICK



On Saturday 30th March we held a litter pick as part of DCC Big Spring Clean Up. Several local residents were joined by County Councillors JD Clare, S Durham and P Howell to litter pick the Horndale estate starting at the Evangelical Church. We picked for one hour and collected 15 bags and several bits of larger rubbish (wood, plant pots, bits of work tops, etc), we covered the streets surrounding the church and shop, we picked lots of small plastics like sports bottle tops and sweet papers. It brings home the harm single use plastics is having on our environment. We will carry out further picks in other parts of our community over the coming months, if you wish to join us keep an out in the local press and on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to improve the lives of others, also thank you to Dorothy Bowman and Ken Robson for the loan of some of the equipment we used.

HumanKind, National Provider of Health & Social Care Services

Following the announcement of their intention to merge in November 2018, northern-based health and social care charity Humankind and London-based alcohol and drug charity Blenheim CDP have this week merged to form a national organisation focused on addressing health and social inequalities across the country.

Named Humankind and employing over 1,100 staff, the newly formed national charity is passionate about maintaining service users at the heart of everything it does, and is committed to strengthening its local focus by supporting communities with local services.

Paul Townsley, Chief Executive of Humankind said today: "This is an incredibly exciting time for us as we both share the same vision for all people to be safe, building ambitions for the future and reaching their full potential. By coming

together we are able to pursue this as a stronger, national organisation, combining the best of our knowledge and practice to provide better services."

The newly-formed Humankind has ambitions to develop its offering for service users, particularly through innovative digital initiatives that will improve access to support, and the expansion of its housing offer. They will also be combining their respective campaigning and policy experience, built up through years of advocacy in their respective geographical areas, to strengthen their position in informing national policy and long-term change in the sector.

For more information on the merger between Blenheim and Humankind and the future of the merged charity, watch a short film on: youtu.be/IGWeiOpCW_s or visit Humankind's website humankindcharity.org.uk



Business Park Awards

Aycliffe Business Park "Make Your Mark" Awards 2019 will take place on Wednesday 1st May at the Xcel Centre on Aycliffe Business Park.

The evening is a celebration, networking and awards with the residents of Aycliffe Business Park and the wider business community.

The organisers are hoping to see the very best our business park has to offer and are inviting the local business community to come along and join us for networking, canapes and celebration - it is sure to be a night for all to enjoy. There are a limited number of tickets available, so get yours booked now. Sponsorship packages are also available for more information please email hello@aycliffeawards.co.uk

Nominations are still being accepted and the deadline has been extended to Friday 12th April. Businesses can nominate themselves or nominate another business who they believe fit the criteria. To make a nomination please visit the website: www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk/awards

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Corbyn's Customs Union?

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I recall David Cameron asking Obama to interfere in our internal Referendum by telling us we would be at the back of the queue (he meant to say 'line') for a free trade deal with America. However, the Leave Campaign 'Trumped' that! In his pre-election handwritten leaflet our MP Phil Wilson wrote, "I put local people and local concerns first. From backing your Brexit... If this means opposing Corbyn, I do... I am for Labour not for Corbyn, it's my name on the ballot paper".

I have met with Phil Wilson twice to discuss Brexit. At no time has he expressed any intention of backing Brexit. He certainly will

not be backing our Brexit if he supports Corbyn's 'stay in the E.U. Brexit'. A 'soft Brexit' is not Brexit and is definitely not worth the £40 Billion divorce bill. Parliament is wasting time and money and undermining business confidence talking about compromise. It is the E.U. that should compromise. The Withdrawal Agreement with the Back-stop is illegal; it breaches International Treaty Law!

No patriotic MP can vote for it. However, Corbyn's Momentum/Labour Party intend to support it if we change the Political Declaration, which does represent Brexit, for a Political Declaration which keeps us in the Customs Union.

When is our MP going to oppose Corbyn and support the Brexit that 60% of his electorate voted for? Was his leaflet just another cynical politician's lie? Will his name be on the next Ballot Paper for Labour? If Parliament cannot get us out of the E.U. then the Leave campaign must change their slogan from "Take Back Control" to, "Clear the Parliamentary Cess Pit".

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

Partners Pledge to Tackle Single Use Plastics

The region's largest council and a number of its partners have signed a collective new pledge as part of an ongoing campaign to eradicate single use plastics.

Representatives from Durham County Council were joined at its County Hall headquarters by a number of businesses and partner organisations to sign the bespoke local pledge for County Durham. The agreement commits all signatories to significantly reduce, and work towards ultimately removing, the use of unnecessary single use plastics from their operations. The Single Use Plastics Pledge was signed by Cllr Simon Henig as leader of Durham County Council as well as partners from Durham University; Durham Constabulary; Beamish Museum; The Environment Agency; Northumbrian Water; County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service; Durham BID; County Durham Housing Group; OASES; Durham Community Action and the North East England Nature Partnership. More organisations across County Durham are being invited to join up to add momentum to the campaign.

Many of the partners have already reduced their consumption of single use plastics through a range of "early wins" such as eliminating plastic straws and cutlery, and reusing cups, and taking every opportunity to recycle the plastic we do use. Measures already being taken by the council include the phasing out of the supply of blue plastic overshoes at its leisure centres, swapping plastic confetti at theatre shows for eco-friendly alternatives and even using recycled plastic products in an innovative road surfacing trial.

Northumbrian Water has been promoting its 'Refill' scheme which aims to reduce reliance on single use plastic bottles by encouraging businesses across the region to sign up to become Refill Stations, places where people can fill up their refillable bottles with tap water, free of charge. These range from cafés and restaurants to estate agencies. Durham University is trialling reusable boxes for students' lunches, replacing disposable cups with mugs, glasses and reusable cups and planning to stock vending machines with cans, rather than plastic bottles.



Cllr Henig said: "This pledge is not anti-plastic as we recognise its value to everyday life. What we are working together to reduce however is the throw-away materials, of single use, which not only can cause harm to our environment if disposed of incorrectly, but are also wasteful of resources."

"I am delighted that this pledge is a collective one, pooling the efforts of not just one organisation, but several, all working towards a common cause. The signatories here today are just the start, and I am confident given the importance of the issue and the strength of opinion, more will follow."

Oliver Harmer, area director, Environment Agency North East, said: "Plastic waste is one of the most important issues facing our planet today and we need to take action now to significantly reduce plastic pollution and the impact it has on our environment."

"As an organisation, the Environment Agency has already taken great strides to reduce the amount of single use plastics waste we produce. However, there is still much more that we can all do to reduce this further. We will achieve this by working closely together, sharing good practice and winning hearts and minds to change the culture around single use plastics, which is why I am delighted to sign this commitment."

Professor Stuart Corbridge, vice-chancellor, Durham University, said: "Social and environmental responsibility is very important to us. We are already testing a number of changes to reduce our use of single use plastics, including giving students reusable cartons for their lunches and replacing disposable cups with mugs and glasses. We are also keen to explore what more we can do and support others to do the same, so we are proud to sign the County Durham Single Use Plastics Pledge."

Northumbrian Water's group commercial director, Graham Southall, said: "We've already started to reduce the use of plastics at source through our Refill scheme, offering a network of refill stations to help the public top up their water bottles for free. "Durham was one of the first areas we came to in the North East, and I'm delighted to be able to sign this pledge to continue working with our partners and play our part in reducing single use plastics." Lisa Wilkinson, sustainability manager at Beamish, The Living Museum of the North, said: "Beamish is very proud

to have signed this pledge. The museum brings the region's past to life but we're also committed to ensuring a greener and more sustainable future, providing the highest quality visitor experience while working towards minimising environmental impact. We're delighted to be working with organisations across County Durham on this very important issue."

Signatories at the event viewed a video from Durham Heritage Coast Partnership showing a project in Finland, which was inspired by Durham's work on the plastic free campaign. Another film showed the work that pupils at St Bede's RC Primary School in Sacriston have done to reduce plastic in their school.

Businesses and residents who are interested in signing the pledge should email wasteaware@durham.gov.uk More information about rubbish and recycling in County Durham is available at www.durham.gov.uk/recycling Information, guidance and support will be given to all signatories to the pledge, to assist them in auditing current use, and taking steps to eliminate or find alternatives.

Sarah Welcomed as Bishop of Jarrow



Durham Diocese's first Female Bishop will be formally welcomed to the Diocese on Sunday 7th April in Durham Cathedral at 3.30pm. The Rt Revd Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow, will start her ministry in the Diocese from Monday 8th April. Sarah was consecrated as Bishop of Jarrow in York Minster on the 27th February 2019.

BIG DEAL 2019 LAUNCH



Three Year 9 students from Woodham Academy, Cain Harrison, Lili-Mae Bailey and Cassidy Race, attended the launch of The Big Deal 2019 project at York University this week. The first workshop challenged them to develop a business idea, make a proto type product and complete accounts for their business. The team made a 'Busy Bag' aimed at primary school children. The 3 students will now go on to compete in the competition for the next 13 weeks.

Teams from different schools compete to develop a business plan for a concept or product, which they will then pitch at the

final Dragons' Den event. Over the 13 weeks, teams also complete an online curriculum with mentoring support from professionals who work across a range of business areas. This will involve students meeting their mentor during the launch and then maintaining an e-mentoring relationship using our mentoring site, Brightside.

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Woodham Burn Primary Aiming for School Eco-Schools Award

Woodham Burn Primary is aiming to reduce its energy consumption, its paper usage; and promote the issue of food waste.

On Tuesday this week a group of children formed an Eco-warrior team. They met for the first time on Tuesday and had a full agenda: paper recycling; energy monitoring; future ideas and

an action plan.

The idea of setting up the eco group is to reduce wastage across school in classrooms, offices, out of school club, staffrooms and throughout the school premises, as well as encouraging the same within the local community. This will have many benefits, including the reduction in waste paper (hence saving valuable trees). They will also be monitoring the use of energy by making sure that lights are not left on at the end of the school day (hence saving energy) and of course, all of the initiatives will save the school money because we will be purchasing less paper and paying less for electricity because we are using less.

Ms Graham, who runs the Eco-Warriors team at the school, said: "I'm passionate about caring for the environment and it is so important to get the pupils to care".

The school works with a company called Warrens who collect and recycle food waste. Warrens were kind enough to sponsor 15 recycle boxes, one for each room in school. Richard Skelton, Senior Sales Manager for Warrens came along to the Eco-Warriors first meeting and was very



impressed and also eager to support the work of the group. He said "We believe it is crucial to teach children about the importance of recycling and how each of them can contribute to a greener world for everyone. It was brilliant to see the enthusiasm and hear about how the Woodham Burn Eco Team are going to adopt a more sustainable approach for recycling paper in the school. Well done guys".

Richard invited the children to attend Warrens food recycle plant and also said "Look forward to seeing you all at our Food Recycling Facility where you can see how we convert the plate waste from your school dinners to produce clean green energy for the local community". The next step is applying for the International Eco-Schools Green Flag Award – watch this space.

ACORN A.G.M.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April 2019 at 6.00pm in the Phoenix Club.

Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm. Our speaker for the evening will be Ian Goodman, who always provides us with an entertaining presentation. As it is also the AGM, election of officers will be held and anyone wishing to have their name put forward please let any member of the current committee know.

A reminder for the Petting Zoo on Saturday 27th April at the Leisure Centre, 10am to 2pm. Admission is £1.

Also there is a coach to Whitby on Sunday 14th April for a 'Goth Day'. The coach will leave the Phoenix Club at 9.00am.

Immediately following the Residents Association Meeting will be the Inaugural Meeting of ACORN Community Association Newton Aycliffe.

This will be a new group following our application to be a registered charity, which has now been granted. Information regarding this will be shared with everyone at this time. Come along for a cuppa, biscuit and friendly chat.

Citizens Advice Launch New Universal Credit Application Service

On Monday Citizens Advice County Durham launched a new service called "Help to Claim" for those who need help to apply for Universal Credit in County Durham. People will now be able to get support from the charity as they submit their Universal Credit application to get their first full payment.

Help will be tailored to the individual and available, face-to-face, over the phone 0800 144 8 444 and online through webchat and advice content citizensadvice.org.uk

This may include assistance with the online application form or help with providing evidence like childcare costs.

A recent survey by the charity found more than a third of people Citizens Advice has helped struggled to provide the evidence needed to complete their Universal Credit claim.

The charity has already helped 3000 people locally with problems relating to Universal Credit. Nationally, Citizens Advice has helped over 230,000 people with Universal Credit.

The Help to Claim service will be delivered through the Citizens Advice network

across England and Wales. Citizens Advice Scotland will also be delivering the new service in Scotland.

Universal Credit is a new benefit that combines 6 benefits into 1, including Jobseekers Allowance and Working Tax Credits. It is now fully rolled out across the UK. When fully implemented, around 7 million people in England and Wales will be receiving Universal Credit.

Jess Arragon, Help to Claim Universal Support Project Manager of Citizens Advice County Durham, said: "Today we're launching a new service specifically for those who need help applying for Universal Credit."

"We offer free, independent, impartial and confidential advice to people in the community every day and have developed an expertise in dealing with Universal Credit. We've seen first-hand what can happen when people struggle to make a claim and their payments are delayed."

"We encourage anyone who needs help with their application to get in touch with us either in-person, over the phone or over webchat citizensadvice.org.uk."

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Councillor DJ WATER COMPANY MAKING AUTISM A PRIORITY

I believe passionately that people have a right to know what their local council is getting up to (and, additionally, a duty to engage), and I see it as one of my functions as a councillor to inform them of what is going on. This is the thinking behind my blog (on bit.ly/JDClare), my 'County Newsbits' column in the Newton News, and my weekly 6pm 'polite political discussion' show, POLITICAL, on Aycliffe Radio every Sunday (bit.ly/PAR2019).

'John D Clare – Councillor DJ' is my latest attempt to take politics to people in a form they will enjoy and appreciate. Broadcast on Aycliffe Radio 4-6pm on Friday afternoon – first show Friday 12 April – it will be mainly about playing music ... but its content will be about letting people know what is going on locally in the Council and Community.

A parallel facebook page will allow people to interact with the show, to ask questions and make comments (bit.ly/jdcdcdj).
John D. Clare



It is World Autism Awareness Week and a water company is encouraging their customers to sign up to Priority Services so they can have water without the worry.

Northumbrian Water offer a range of Priority Services so that customers can have water without the worry, whatever their circumstances. It is totally free to sign up and anyone

could be eligible for support. As an example of services available, when they are working outside your home they can notify you beforehand and will also make sure you have all the access to your property that you need.

The Priority Services Register can offer a number of things including:

- Bills in braille, large print or audio CD
- Text relay services, for deaf or hearing-impaired customers, simply use 18001 in front of our contact telephone numbers, and a Text Relay operator will join the call
- Password schemes, so you know who our colleagues are when they visit your home
- Nominated contacts, so your family, friend or carer

can help you manage your account with us

• Telephone interpreting service, if English isn't your first language
Northumbrian Water can also make sure that if your supply has gone off for a sustained period, and you are unable to go out to get bottled water, that a supply to be delivered directly to your door.

Wendy Miles, Customer Advisor for Northumbrian Water, said: "The feedback I've had from customers about the Priority Services Register has been amazing - it's not often you can go home knowing that you've made such a difference to someone's life just by talking to them about what they need from us. It's so easy to do".

"I've recently been dealing with a family whose young child is in the autistic spectrum. I'd actually gone through the process of putting a password protection on their account for them, and when I asked the lady if her son was disturbed by loud noises, which is common with Autism, the customer said yes. Her son in fact wears ear defenders, so I was proactive and asked if she would like to be added to the Priority Services Register to be made aware of planned work so that she can be prepared. The customer was really pleased and said that we were the only company that had thought about the impact."

If you think you would benefit from our Priority Services, or know of a family member, friend or neighbour whose life would be made that little bit easier with some support, then register for Northumbrian Water FREE Priority Services online by visiting www.nwl.co.uk/priority

Thank You John

National Animal Sanctuaries Support League would like to say a massive thank you to Honest John for the donation of £1,000.

The money is a massive boost to us and will go towards our new cattery. Thank you again to John and Val.

Crafter's Companion to Represent North East at National Awards

Crafter's Companion, a market-leading craft supplier with head offices in Newton Aycliffe and California, was named International Business of the Year at the North East Federation of Small Businesses' (FSB)



Film Show

"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 9th April features the 2006 biographical drama "THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS" starring Will Smith, his son Jaden and Thandie Newton. Salesman Chris is struggling financially; when his partner walks out he is also left to raise his 5 year old son alone. They end up living on the streets. Can determination, self-belief and optimism be enough to ensure success? 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 and 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.

Celebrating Small Business Awards. Following its award success, Crafter's Companion will represent the North East at the FSB's national ceremony in Battersea this summer. The company was commended for its worldwide performance, including its sustainable export activities to more than 40 countries.

Crafter's Companion has maintained a consistent financial performance by continually adapting its products and sales approaches. Throughout the last two financial years, consolidated sales have increased by 59% and export sales have increased by an average of 94% each year. The company, which currently employs 180 people worldwide, was also shortlisted in the 'Employer

of the Year' category for the steps it takes to attract, develop and retain its employees.

Sara Davies MBE, founder of Crafter's Companion, said: "Crafter's Companion has grown at an incredible rate throughout the past 12 months so we are delighted to have been recognised International Business of the Year at the FSB's regional awards. The team has worked incredibly hard and it is fantastic that their efforts are being rewarded."

"There are so many businesses flying the flag for the North East and the calibre of talent at the awards this year was outstanding. The North East is a great place to do business and the team and I look forward to representing our region at the national awards ceremony this May."



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Inspirational Speaker Visits Greenfield



Greenfield Community College were given the opportunity to host an inspirational speaker to talk to Year 10 students about how to live positive digital lives.

Chris Gentle, from 'Speakers for Schools', travelled from London to address students and give sound advice as to how to get the best from digital platforms and how they can be used in positive ways for learning and business. The motivational speaker inspired and motivated students as Mr Gentle describes how he had worked his way up in business through hard work and resilience and was now committed to sharing his experience to young people. The speaker, originally from Yorkshire, is an entrepreneur and senior business advisor, he has worked for the European

Commission and is passionate about creating jobs and growth in Britain and contributing to learning. He has also been keen to take on a challenge as he has climbed Kilimanjaro, cycled from Paris to Bordeaux and intrigued students with his visits to Moscow.

Assistant Headteacher, Mr John Richardson was delighted with the day and was thrilled with the response from the students. "We were privileged to welcome such an inspirational speaker, a big thanks to Chris Gentle for making the trip to Greenfield. We are committed to working with 'Speakers for Schools' to continue to extend and develop learning within our school. What great insight from a careers perspective and a different way of looking at digital platforms for future business."

A Host of Famous Faces Join Radio 1s Big Weekend Line Up

Rita Ora, Bring Me The Horizon, Stormzy, Jess Glynne, Sigrid, Jax Jones and James Arthur are some of the hottest names joining the already star studded line-up for BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend 2019 in Middlesbrough, the station's biggest event of the year bringing together the biggest international and UK artists for a weekend of show stopping performances across radio, TV, online and social media.

Middlesbrough boy James Arthur will be performing a homecoming set. Since winning The X Factor, James has gone on to become a BRIT nominee and secure two UK Number 1's and five UK Top 10's with singles 'Impossible' and 'Say You Won't Let Go.' Taking place at Stewart Park on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May, an audience of 64,000 BBC Radio 1 fans can expect a huge line-up including Miley Cyrus, The 1975, Little Mix, Mumford & Sons, Future, Mabel, Zara Larsson and Khalid who were announced last week. The new additions to the line-up include:

SATURDAY

Anne-Marie, Billie Eilish, Bring Me The Horizon, Charli XCX, James Arthur, Jess Glynne, Lewis Capaldi, Sam Fender, Sigala, Stormzy, The Amazons, Vampire Weekend.

SUNDAY

Camelphat, Catfish and the Bottlemen, Ellie Goulding, Fredo, HRVY, Jax Jones, Pale Waves, Rita Ora, Sean Paul,

Sigrid, Two Door Cinema Club.

Tickets for Radio 1's Big Weekend are now on sale, priced at £18 plus £4.50 booking fee. For more information, please go to www.bbc.co.uk/bigweekend Rita Ora says: "I love performing at Big Weekend, it's always one of the highlights for me to kick off the summer and I have the most fun every time."

Mumford & Sons say: "Last time we played Middlesbrough was in February 2009, halfway through our snowball tour, so-called because all the bands and singers we played with along the way seemed to join us in the van for the next gig. That night, upstairs at Mohan's, some hooligan sang 'Boro football chants through the length of our set. A glorious and cherished memory. You have high standards to live up to, and although it's been 10 years we are thrilled to be back, this time hosted by the good people at Radio 1. See you there."

Tickets are geographically weighted with a percentage available to each of the local areas. Middlesbrough

will have 50% of tickets reserved, 35% of the tickets will be reserved for those living in the areas of the Tees Valley Combined Authority which include: Darlington, Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland whilst the remaining 15% of tickets were available for the rest of the UK. The booking process is handled by Ticketmaster - the only official ticketing agent for Radio 1's Big Weekend.

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. This year, the BBC is working closely with Middlesbrough Council and Tees Valley Combined Authority to put on Radio 1's Big Weekend with the event estimated to generate £3.5 million to the local area.

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.

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SAVING THE WORLD, ONE PLASTIC CUP AT A TIME

There is a story that the English theologian GK Chesterton once responded to an article in the London Times: "Dear Sir: Regarding your article 'What's Wrong with the World?' I am." The moral is not that GK Chesterton was a bad man, but that each individual has a personal responsibility for the world in which they live. These are solemn times. We are told that humankind has twelve years to sort out Climate Change or an extinction-level event will be unavertable. How many of us watched the David Attenborough documentary showing the ecological disaster which plastics are inflicting on our oceans. We could be forgiven for looking at these international crises and feeling helpless to help. But, just as (the saying reminds us) every journey begins with a single step, every global movement begins with one person taking personal responsibility.

Newton Press is proud to have won, this year, the DCC 'Greener Business' Environmental Award for our environmentally-friendly print practices. And we are delighted to see our County Council joining with partners to sign a Single Use Plastics pledge for County Durham, with each organisation doing what it can to add momentum to the campaign

and to play its part in reducing single use plastics. Well done DCC.

ACCEPTING AUTISM

This week has been World Autism Awareness Week, and we appreciated the article about how Northumbrian Water's Priority Services Register can help people with individual needs, including autism.

The North East Autism Society (NEAS) is campaigning to rename the week 'Autism Acceptance Week'. Too-often referred to as a 'disability', autism is also recognised as being a 'condition' - most autistic people see, hear and experience the world differently from people without autism, and many have significant individual strengths, including things like logical thinking, intensive focus, loyalty and honesty. Many inspiring and successful people are on the spectrum.

'Accepting Autism' is not about people 'putting up with it', but about enabling environments in which people with autism can find their strengths, and use them to fulfil valued roles in society. Well done NEAS.

SAVING THE SHOW

Finally, we could not finish without a 'well done' to Nev Jones from Community Spirit who - with the help of businessman John Finley - 'saved' the Classic and Retro Vehicles Show. One good person CAN make a difference!

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10-12pm	Saturday Brunch	Sean Lawless
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	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan	
7th Apr - Guests: Phil & Janet Graham		
12-130pm	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
7th Apr - Guests: Tanya Tucker, Pat Loneran, Stephen Braithwaite and Kelly Guy		
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
5-6pm	Teenage Tunes	Ellarae Bower
"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		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
9th Apr - David Strickland (NAFC)		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
9.30-12am	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
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

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
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D. Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

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
4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D. Clare
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
12th Apr - Andy Little 80s (CentralFM, Spain)		

Check our website for full schedule

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The Toys Are Back in Town

Clear & Care for the Community presents "The Toys are Back in Town" plus a disco from CK Mobile Roadshow on Monday 8th April from 11.00am to 3.00pm (show starts at 12noon) at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

This is an awesome, musical adventure which is out of this world and based on the latest blockbuster animation hits, a high energy stage show which recreates the fun and excitement of Toy Story, Frozen, Madagascar, Trolls, Shrek and The Avengers; followed by a massive interactive party set.

Why not come along? Dress the children in fancy dress and enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment.

Tickets are priced at £5 per person and are available from Sharon on 07896 511171 (all children must be accompanied by an adult).



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

This week's County Newsbits include a DCC Council meeting and seminar, a GAMP meeting, the HealthWatch County Durham newsletter, two important awareness events ... and some ideas of things to do next weekend. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB107

And don't forget to join me on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 7 April, when the 'Big Story' is cancer screening: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Council Meeting, Wednesday 27 March (Leader's Report, AAP questions on suicide prevention and Area Budgets, and a public question on the climate emergency).

- Video – What are you most looking forward to in this #Durham19 'year of culture'.
- Seminar on 'Humanising

housing and creating Flourishing Communities', Wednesday 27 March.

- GAMP Board Meeting, Tuesday 26 March (update from livin, police update, future funding).

- Speeding Enforcement Campaign launched by the Police.

- HealthWatch County Durham has published its April newsletter (surveys on: the NHS 10-Year Plan, the physical health of mental health patients, heart surgery, community stroke services, and MS; plus bowel cancer awareness; an update on BAGH; and notice of the AGM on 26 June).

- March 31 was International Transgender Visibility Day.

- April 1-7 in County Durham is not Autism Awareness week – it is Autism Acceptance Week.

- "And the winner of the Blue Plaque hustings is" ... 19th century abolitionist, anti-segregationist, suffragist, chartist and anti-vivisectionist Elizabeth Pease Nichol.

- Modern Day Slavery in County Durham – update.

- Forrest Park is being promoted as an investment opportunity on an international level by the Department for International Trade.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Easter Bonnets, spring flowers, pollination & bees, Hardwick Park, 11am-3pm Wednesday 10 April, £3 per child: 03000 262 899

- Guided Walk, Redworth and Brusselton (8 miles, 5 hours), meet 10am Wednesday 10 April, Locomotion Museum Shildon, £4: 03000 264 589

- Guided Walk, Bishop Auckland to Witton le Wear (7 miles/ 4½ hours), meet 10am Saturday 13 April, Escomb Saxon Church, £4: 03000 264 589

- Young Rangers (14-18), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-3pm Saturday 13 April, FREE.

- Egyptian frog amulets (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm Saturday 13 April, FREE.

- Swashbuckling Swords (5-11s), Museum of Archaeology, Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm 13-14 April, FREE.

COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOOD EXCHANGE

A North East-based grant-maker calls on local charitable organisations, donors and funders to work together via the platform

The Good Exchange, has this week announced the latest funder to be added to its platform: County Durham Community Foundation (Foundation).

The Foundation is an independent grant-making charity, providing grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people. The Foundation manages charitable trusts donated by local individuals, families, businesses and trusts, and is dedicated to helping communities grow by creating opportunities and tackling issues of disadvantage and exclusion.

The main impetus behind the Foundation's decision to run a pilot via The Good Exchange is to help it identify, and therefore work with, local charitable groups that may never have heard of the Foundation and also to provide an extra boost to the Foundation's grants programme. The programme aims to provide grants of up to £5,000 to support charities, voluntary-led organisations and projects that have an incredible impact in their community, enabling them to continue their work and make vital improvements to their services. The Foundation funds a range of projects involving children and young people, the elderly, and people with disabilities, as well as projects in healthcare, arts and culture and the local environment.

"Our overarching aim is to support local charities and charitable groups – with the initial focus on the Good Exchange being to support children and youth groups – as well as driving collaboration between funders and charitable causes in our local area," Michelle Cooper, CEO of County Durham Community Foundation.

"Offering grant funding via The Good Exchange

will enable us to reach new collaborators across the spectrum – from donors and fellow funders, to charitable organisations – and offer match-funding, incentivising further charitable giving. We hope to broaden our reach through the platform and would urge charities and organisations who share our objectives when it comes to supporting youth groups at a local level to register with The Good Exchange and join the growing online charitable community."

"The County Durham Community Foundation is doing vital work in the local area, focusing particularly on supporting charitable groups aimed at helping children and young people," said Ed Gairdner, COO of The Good Exchange.

"We firmly believe that the key to success in charitable giving lies in collaboration, facilitated by technology, and hope to see other funders, charities and supporters in the local area registering with us and working together with the CDCF to make a real difference."

"We're also thrilled to welcome the Foundation on board as our first funder in the North East. Following the success our platform has experienced in the south of England, we've been aiming to expand our reach nationwide for some time, so this is a significant breakthrough for The Good Exchange. We look forward to continuing our work with the Foundation and hope to see new organisations join our platform both locally and regionally in the near future!"

For more information regarding the Foundation and to register a fundraising project, visit their page on The Good Exchange's platform here: <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/funders/10863/county-durham-community-foundation>

About The Good Exchange The Good Exchange is a transformational not-for-profit cloud platform specifically designed to match those organisations and individuals who have money to give to good causes with those who need it most; on a local, regional and national basis. As the only platform to bring together grant-making, donations, charitable projects and fundraising in one place, the automated matching system with its simple single on-line application form will revolutionise charitable giving, making it more accessible, transparent and collaborative. For the first time, those seeking to raise money for local good causes will be able to access all sources of funding including charitable trusts, corporate givers,

fundraisers and public through a single process. <https://thegoodexchange.com>

About County Durham Community Foundation

Established in 1995, County Durham Community Foundation is a local grant-making foundation. It is one of 46 Community Foundations in the UK, a network that actively promotes and facilitates local giving for local people. We promote lasting charitable giving, by bringing together donors with their chosen causes, through well targeted grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people, acting as a

vehicle for individuals, families and companies who want to put something back into their local community, either in their lifetime, or through leaving a legacy. Since 1995, County Durham Community Foundation has made grants over £40 million to groups and individuals across County Durham & Darlington on behalf of our donors. We currently manage over 200 funds which are all unique and tailor-made to suit the donor.

If you would like to know more about County Durham Community Foundation you can contact us on 0191 378 6340; or visit the website: <http://www.cdcf.org.uk/>

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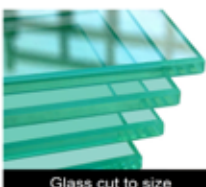
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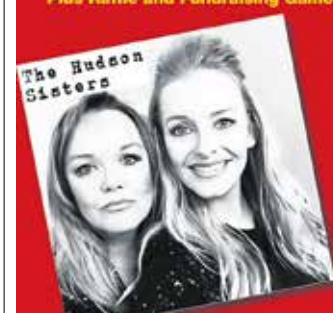
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Doctor's Appointments

Dear Editor

Although I hear and have myself experienced only good comments about our County Durham Hospitals (Darlington and Bishop Auckland), who do have brilliant reputations for their hard work and care, I'm afraid I cannot say the same about trying to get an appointment at our GP Practices in Newton Aycliffe. Day after day I listen to complaint after complaint, about how difficult and frustrating it is to book a doctor's appointment.

It seems to me that it would be much easier to get an appointment with Dignitas or the local Vet.

Which reminds me, my flea treatments, worming pill and yearly booster is due. They just might cut my toenails and hair while I'm there. They certainly excelled with my neutering operation a few years ago!!

Honest John

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Jazzmyn's Journey



Following recent success at a National Competition, winning a bronze medal, Jazzmyn Loring from Spectrum Roller Skating Club, has been selected for her first international roller skating competition which will be in Paris, France 19th/20th/21st April 2019.

Jazzmyn is nine years old and has skated with Spectrum for almost 5 years. During this time she achieved her first medal in 2017, she has won bronze at The British Championships 2018 and gained gold at Nationals 2018. The club has been established for 5 years and have high hopes for Jazzmyn.

"We were so thrilled when we received the news!" said coach Tracy Stevens. "It is literally a dream come true as Jazzmyn, who from the age of 4, has said her dream is to skate for Great Britain! However, the reality of funding and organising this trip within one month, on top of the training hours, is a huge challenge. We are hoping local people and businesses will get behind our skater and help Jazzmyn to achieve her dream."

If you can support Jazzmyn's journey please contact Coach Tracy Stevens - 07891 461958

Follow Jazzmyn's progress at <https://www.facebook.com/spectrumartisticrollerskating/>

MUTUAL RESPECT

Dear Editor

I was disappointed with the letter last week which called the Speaker of the House of Commons "an objectionable little person" – a level of personal name-calling one would challenge in a school playground.

And I was horrified that it chose to remind the Speaker that seven of his predecessors were beheaded. After the murder of Jo Cox, with MPs receiving death-threats, and with right-wing protesters arrested outside the House of Commons, this reads as a threat and is utterly unacceptable.

It is a democratic right to criticise or praise our MP as we choose. It is allowed to say that the Speaker is "not fit for purpose", and even to claim that a Brexit Britain could have excluded Siemens from the TfL bidding process (though I would point out that such would breach WTO rules).

In a free democracy all these things need someone to say them.

HOWEVER, in the current tense political climate, is there not a moral obligation for everyone to show mutual respect, to emphasise common ground, and to curb inflammatory language? An argument is strengthened by factual content and reasoning, not by the violence of its words. John D Clare

Scarlet 4th at Rowrah



Scarlet finished in another 4th place position at Rowrah after a fantastic effort all weekend at the 'TDI Gold Cup'. She produced her best lap times around the Cumbria circuit to date, lapping nearly 3 seconds faster than her previous best time! She was in podium contention all weekend, including taking a couple of 3rd place finishes. And she produced a great finish to the weekend with the most consistent lap times of any session.

"She pushed hard all through the weekend and proved her improved pace was no one-off. The whole of her team at Amaron Racing are very proud of what she is achieving" said Dad Anthony.

It was great practice for the upcoming second round of the 'Let's Go Karting' Championship next weekend.

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Juniors Football Report

It was another exciting weekend of Football action for the Aycliffe Juniors teams.

The **Under 7's White** got back to winning ways with a 3-2 win against Bishop Juniors. The Aycliffe team started slowly and found themselves 2-1 down at half time but they improved after the break to seal the victory. There was a brace of goals for Joel and one for man of the match Jack R.

The **Under 10's White** faced Sedgfield at Woodham. They started well and put together some good passing moves. However, after an own goal was conceded, the visitors got on top and ran out 6-0 winners. Ido was the man of the match. In

the development game, man of the match Ethan scored and the game ended in a 5-1 defeat.

The **Under 11's White** played Wynyard at Woodham and a great performance ended with a 7-1 victory. Niall (4), Ollie, Jayden and man of the match Jack C scored the goals.

The **Under 13's** Russell Foster League team played away at NSG Athletic. Archie scored in his first game back from injury but a close game was eventually lost 2-1. Louis was named as the man of the match.

The **Under 13's** TJFA League team played the same opposition as last week, Grangetown, at home.

They started with only ten players but took the lead when Liam crossed for Zack to head in. Unfortunately the visitors dominated the second half to win 3-1.

The **Under 14's** played high flying Leven and started the game with only ten players and no recognised keeper. There was some great battling and positive play on display but the visitors used seven substitutes and had the extra legs to win the game. Lewis was the man of the match.

The **Under 17's** played at home against Kader. Mistakes led to early goals being conceded and the Aycliffe team couldn't find a way back into the game and slid to defeat.



Marathon Runner in aid of ManHealth

Nathan Abbott, presenter of the 90s Classix show on Aycliffe Radio, has been in training to compete in the London Marathon later this month.

Nathan is shown right with Linzi Beal from Community Spirit, sponsoring Nathan for a massive £250.

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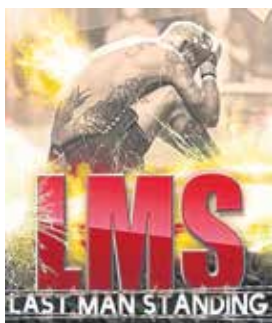
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If you would like to sponsor Nathan or donate to this worthy cause get in touch via his facebook page or Aycliffe Radio.

Nathan takes this opportunity to thank all those who have sponsored him, especially Community Spirit for their generosity.



Last Man Standing



With the success of the last big MMA event (Last Man Standing) that was held at the Oakleaf Sports Complex in February, Viper MMA are looking for new members to train for our next show in October.

We would like amateur fighters from the local area to be able to showcase their skills in front of a huge home crowd.

This will be our 9th show for LMS and our 3rd time in Aycliffe, the support from the home crowd has been amazing on the last shows and we plan on making this one our biggest yet. We will have some of the best young fighters in the UK and Europe fighting for titles on the 26th October.

We are looking for dedicated members, 12 to 40 years of age to tryout for the next show. If you think you have what it takes please come along to Viper MMA, Monday to Friday at 7.30pm and start a change in your lifestyle.

The gym also caters for people who just want to get fit, lose weight, make friends and feel part of a team. If you would like more information please contact Viper MMA via Facebook or pop along for a chat.

Youthy Football Round Up

Under 14's Falcons



U9's Angels Blue

Under 14's Falcons ran out 2-1 winners against Prudhoe in the Final of the Russell Foster League Vase. Goals from Calum Whitfield and Declan Kavanagh saw Aycliffe edge out Prudhoe in a closely fought contest. Really proud of them all. They all gave everything they had and it was a well deserved win.

U12 NAYFC Falcons 4 Boro Rangers Blue 1

A really big win for us, putting us above Boro and back into the title race. Overall this was a positive performance from the Falcons who dominated large spells of the game with a real look of confidence throughout the team.

Some great football in spells and thrilling to see the players enjoying this great game. Also a big mention for our awesome no. 1 Ryan, brilliant in goal again today. Well done lads. Keep it up. Goal Scorers; Travis, James and Dylan. MOM Dylan - Box to box and never stopped running, also bagging two great goals. Well done.

The NAYFC girls had a great weekend of football; wins from the **Under 7's Wildcats** against Hartlepool Youth Whites, **U10's Wildcats** against Boldon and the **U14's** against Consett, as well as a close fought game for the **U9's Angels Blue** v Hartlepool Youths with a no score draw.

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Returning Ospreys Will be a Sight for Soar Eyes

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The annual visitors have been playing out a soap opera in the skies of Northumberland since their recolonisation in 2009, with births, deaths, reunions, pairings, hatchings and even the odd spot of philandering that would be worthy of a storyline on Coronation Street.



Ospreys have been spotted closer and closer

to Northumberland in recent days, suggesting an imminent return to Kielder and the first sighting in the county could only be days away.

In 2018, 8 young ospreys - Blackaburn, Bywell, Bamburgh, Broomlee, Binky, Byrness, Beldon and Belling - were among those that migrated for warmer climes in late August, or early September. It was the second year that the Kielder osprey chicks had been given names, this time all beginning in B. The 2019

chicks will be named using the initial C.

One bird, dubbed Yellow 37, has inhabited Kielder's Nest 2 site in past years and has historically been an early returner from wintering grounds, normally in West Africa. Keen watchers will be looking to see if he arrives first in the coming days.

Shortly after the birds have returned, visitors will be able to enjoy Osprey Watch and observe the birds on nest 1A using telescopes, and the live nestcam network provided by the Forestry Commission. Northumberland Wildlife

Trust will be running Osprey Watch from its cabin behind the Boat Inn at Landal Kielder Waterside between 10.30am and 5.00pm every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday (and extra Wednesdays in July and August) from Saturday 20 April until Sunday 18 August. A nest viewing screen will also be operating in Kielder Castle Café.

To find out more, go to www.visitkielder.com.

To post osprey sightings go to the VisitKielder Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kielder or the VisitKielder twitter feed at www.twitter.com/visitkielder.

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lovely environment and make something special to take home. Crazy Crafts will take place at Greenfield Arts, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 8th April from 10:30 - 12:30 and then at Foundations Building, Shildon on Friday 12th April from 10:30 - 12:30. The free sessions are family focused and suitable for all ages, although children under 8 should be accompanied by an

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County Durham Development Site Promoted to Global Investors



A North East development site with the potential to create more than 3,000 jobs is being promoted as an investment opportunity by the Government on an international level.

Forrest Park in Newton Aycliffe is one of 11 projects to feature in a property portfolio, launched by the Department for International Trade to showcase the wide array of opportunities on offer in the UK to foreign investors.

The projects within the portfolio offer investment opportunities totalling £2.2 billion and were chosen to demonstrate Britain's strengths in key sectors, from manufacturing and green energy production, to tourism, business and housing.

A joint venture by Durham County Council and the Forrest family, supported by commercial property developer Richardson Barberry, Forrest Park is described as an opportunity for an investor interested in "high specification industrial and logistics propositions."

The 52-hectare site is located just off the A1 and its development for private sector manufacturing and commercial use would extend Aycliffe Business Park to become the largest in the North East. The £140m development also has the potential to create 3,200 jobs and boost County Durham's economy by almost half a billion pounds over the next 20 years.

Richardson Barberry has submitted a planning application for 1.75 million sq ft of business, industrial and warehouse units on the site, which is now ready for development to commence. Major highways, signalisation, drainage and power upgrades have all been completed, including the creation of a new traffic light controlled junction on the A167.

The Government's portfolio was first unveiled at MIPIM, the world's largest property exhibition in Cannes, France, last month. More than 23,000 people attended the event, including investment representatives from more than 100 countries.

CLlr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic

regeneration, said: "We are thrilled Forrest Park has been included in the Government's property investment portfolio.

"Not only does this promote the scheme to international investors but it showcases County Durham and the

wider region as a place of growth and opportunity.

"Many global businesses have already chosen the North East as a base for their UK operations and Forrest Park is our chance to attract even more investment into County Durham."

The Tale of MacBeth



Fifty three Year 6 pupils at Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School celebrated the Shakespearian tale of Macbeth this week as they performed their very own version for their peers.

Their fantastic performance came at the end of a day-long workshop during which they were challenged to produce and perform a play in a day. Working alongside Bigfoot Arts Education to decipher and understand the world famous play by William Shakespeare, they then created their own production inspired by the original Old English tale.

This ambitious project used simple props to great effect, creating backdrops, scenery and characters that brought their performance to life for their audience. Assistant Headteacher Mr Stephenson said, "We knew our pupils would be enthusiastic about this project but we were blown away by the quality of their performance in such a short space of time. Getting to grips with this challenging text, the children excelled themselves at every turn." Pupils and staff would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Rachel from Bigfoot for this wonderful opportunity.

POOR PARKING CAUSES DAMAGE AND DANGER



Dear Sir,
There have recently been complaints in the Newton News about what one reader called an 'epidemic' of cars driving over grassed areas and footpaths, and references to the damage which is done, such as in School Aycliffe some months ago. Apart from the ruts in greens and verges being an eyesore in a residential area, and the hazards to pedestrians, it doesn't seem to be realised that the drivers are often committing an offence. This occurs if the vehicle has been driven across a footpath to reach the grass, which is usually the case. The Highway Code is quite clear on this, it states "You must not drive on or over a pavement, footpath or bridleway except to gain lawful access to property, or in the case of an emergency". Parking on grassed areas isn't lawful access to property, or an emergency. Drivers of commercial vehicles seem to be particular offenders, and

as these vehicles are usually heavier than cars, they can do even more damage. The above photograph shows another example of parking on greens and something that's too common, using the pavement for parking, which breaches the law against driving on, and obstructing, footpaths; you can also see the careless way the verge has been churned up in the picture.

I have been in touch with the police about these issues, and it seems that they will be running an initiative for a week during May, prioritising road safety and vehicle crime around

Aycliffe, so it would be worthwhile to let them have opinions and information.
Yours sincerely,
Alan Atkinson
Stephenson Way

Obituary

MARGARET MAIDMENT (Ewin/McGuigan)

Passed away peacefully in hospital surrounded by family on 26th March after a short illness, aged 81 years.

Dearly loved Mother of the late Daughter Helen; also much loved Grandmother to David and Tracey; Mother-in-Law to Kevin, Shelly and Sue; Great Grandmother to Chantelle, Tom and Jordan and Great Great Grandmother to Mindii. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral Service to take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th April at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Any floral tributes please call Gordon Fletcher & Sons, 01388 420276

In Memoriam

DOROTHY CHEESBROUGH (6th April 1918)

For each cloud there's a rainbow, for each shadow, the sun. For each parting, memories. So our loved ones are never truly gone. Treasured memories of a special Mam and Nanna reunited with Dad. Loved and missed forever.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day.
Viv, Aston & Scarlett

NORMA BARNES 4th April 2015. Four years ago today there was a change, that came into our lives now nothing is the same as it used to be. For on that fateful day a Wife and Mother passed away. And left a shattered family behind her, but we remember you. Your love as warm as a gentle breeze, your sweet voice and laughter. Mornings after, we will remember you, we remember too, every bright star we all made wished upon. Now life is oh so lonely living without you. But I know one day we will be in your arms to stay. Until then we will remember you. Husband Graham, Daughter Alison, Son Paul and all the family - Ditto, together forever always.

TOMMY HARBOTTLE Died 7th April 2005. Happy memories remain in our hearts. Your laughter and smiles will live on forever Dad. Vera, Lavinia and Andy xxx
ANN McLUCKIE 10th April. Somewhere over the rainbow lies a lovely garden of which we dream of holding your hand and touching your face and telling you we love and miss you so very very much. Mam, Tony and family

GRACE CLARKE Newton Aycliffe

30th March, peacefully. Grace, aged 87 years, much loved Wife of the late Spencer; loving Mother to Paul, Carol and Michael; dear Mother-in-Law to Ann and Karen and beloved Grandma to Andrew, Ben and Dominic. Funeral on Thursday 11th April. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church at 2.00pm followed by Committal and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

GILBERT ASKEW (Gil)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Gilbert Askew, after a short illness. A much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. He will be in our hearts forever.

JOE RIPPETH

Newton Aycliffe

Peacefully in hospital on 30th March, Joe, aged 87 years. Dear Father and Friend of Jackie, Yvonne, Malcolm, Jon and Hazel. Funeral Friday 26th April. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.30am.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, in aid of the R.N.L.I. may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service.

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Happy 21st Birthday

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BELTON It's that time again, my two boy's birthdays are here again. April 7th Russell is 52 and Duncan will be 51. Mam's is 80 this time too!! How time flies. Love you both lots and lots. Your old Mam Ann xxxxx

NEWBERRY, Dave and Pat, congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad. Lots of love from Peter, Stephen, Michelle, Clare, Campbell and all the Grandchildren xxxxx

DAVE NEWBERRY Congratulations on reaching our 50 years together. Lots of love, Trish xxx

PAT NEWBERRY Thanks for the last 50 years Trish. I would be nothing without you. Happy 50th Anniversary. Love, Dave xxxxx

SYLVIA SPENSLEY Happy birthday for 8th April. Lots of love from Eddie xxx

Birthday Remembrance

LILLIAS R. SMITH (2019)

Birthday Remembrance for 9th April.

Our thoughts are with you on this day, happy memories come to mind, of one we loved with all our hearts and will till the end of time.

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Treasured memories of a wonderful Mam and Nanna on your 80th birthday. Never forgotten
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Thomas & Katherine xxx

ADA & DICK HUTSON Mam 4th April; Dad 19th April. Birthday wishes sent to Heaven from your family down below. We miss and love you both dearly and just wanted you to know. Love always from all your loving family xxxxx
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Running Club News



The last weekend was a relatively quiet one in terms of racing for ARC.

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Aside from that we had two runners take part in the Coniston 14. This is a difficult but very scenic course around Coniston Water in the Lake District. Trish Kay completed this in 1.58.23 followed by Bev Phillippo in 2.25.01.

Although there wasn't much racing this weekend, the members were still out training hard for up and coming races.

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 7.00pm, 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.

Durham Gears Up for Cycling Fever as Tour Series Returns



A pro-cyclist will be back racing on home turf when Durham hosts the eagerly awaited OVO Energy Tour Series for a record-breaking tenth time.

The North East's own Scott Auld will be among the elite cyclists taking on the gruelling 1.4km circuit in the shadow of the city's historic cathedral on Saturday, 18 May.

The series was launched in 2010 and Durham has been involved from the beginning, hosting more races than any other city with support from Durham County Council.

With its cobbled streets and a daunting 500m climb up South Street, the city is regarded as one of the most challenging rounds of the competition. Spectators can look forward to a thrilling afternoon and evening of sporting action as Britain's top cyclists tussle it out for victory at speeds of up to 60kph.

As well as being unticketed and free to attend, the series is unique in the world of cycling, as the focus in both the men's and women's competition is on the teams, which battle for the overall title based on the performance of all five of their riders in each round. Highlights will be screened on ITV4 and broadcast across the world. There will also be a range of community and cycling activities taking place in Durham on the day of the race to encourage people to take up the sport.

Scott, who rides for Ribble Pro Cycling, is looking forward to the challenge, especially as many friends and relatives from his hometown of Stockton will be cheering him on from the sidelines.

He said: "I always enjoy racing in local events as it's a wonderful feeling to know my friends and family are there supporting me."

"Interest in cycling has increased massively in Britain over the last few years and it's great to see professional races like the Tour Series taking place all over the country, inspiring a new generation of cyclists."

The Tour Series is one of an unprecedented number of cultural and sporting events taking place this year. In recognition of this, Durham County Council and Visit County Durham have launched a campaign called #Durham19 to promote what is going on and to encourage communities to get involved. Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council,

said: "We are delighted to welcome the Tour Series back to Durham. It not only offers fantastic entertainment for all of the family but contributes hundreds of thousands of pounds to the county's economy and promotes Durham to an international audience."

Race director Mike Bennett said: "The technical and physical challenges the Durham circuit offers, combined with the city's stunning historic backdrop, makes this a round we all look forward to."

"No other town or city has hosted the OVO Energy Tour Series more times than Durham; we are ever grateful of the support we have received from Durham County Council since 2010."

For further details, including parking information, visit www.tourseries.co.uk. To find out more about #Durham19, visit www.thisisdurham.com/19

Darlington F.C. Retro Day

Darlington Football Club have designated this Saturday's home game against FC United as "Retro Day".

The club has already made one attempt at a Retro Day against Chester last month, but bad weather forced the postponement of that game and now it's been rescheduled for this weekend. There are prizes available for fans who wear an old shirt or scarf -- a season ticket for 2019-20, hospitality for two, and a home shirt for 2019-20.

The club is also hoping that since FC United of Manchester were set up as a protest when the Glaziers took over Manchester United a decade ago, that visiting fans will turn up in Manchester United retro shirts as well.

Quakers go into the game needing a victory to ensure safety from relegation. Even though they lost 2-0 at Stockport last Saturday, third bottom FC United lost, as well as second bottom Ashton United.

Monday sees the first of the club's Soccer Camps over the Easter holiday, it starts in the Dolphin Centre in Darlington and lasts for a week. The price is £12 per day, details are available from 07903 614570.

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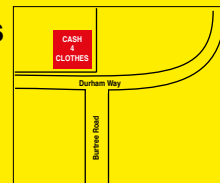
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