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'Crafting Queen' Sara Davies Enters the Den

BBC Two has announced that the latest Dragon to enter the Den will be entrepreneur Sara Davies, founder of worldwide crafting company, Crafter's Companion.

Sara steps into the role following the departure of Jenny Campbell, who stood down from the programme in February. She will begin filming in the Den this spring, with the next series of Dragons' Den due to air on BBC Two later this summer.

Sara hails from County Durham and at 35 years old she will be the youngest ever Dragon. She founded Crafter's Companion, a retail business specialising in craft tools - designing and manufacturing many of its own products, 13 years ago from her bedroom at university. She now turns over £34 million a year and employs more than 190 staff in UK, the US and across Europe. She is the recipient of over 25 business awards and in 2016 she was recognised for services to the economy with an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Sara is not new to TV; she has appeared on a number of shopping channels in the UK and USA, as well as hosting her own craft programme, Be Creative TV. She will join the existing line-up of Dragons; Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Tej Lalvani and Touker Suleyman as they begin filming the seventeenth series in the Den. Sara Davies says: "I'm absolutely delighted to join the other Dragons for the new series of the show. I've always been very passionate about investing time in and sharing my expertise with other entrepreneurs and hopefully I'll be able to help some of the contestants to really take their businesses to the next level."

"I've been a fan of the show since it started, I was even invited to pitch on the show 13 years ago so it feels like I've come a



full circle. It wasn't all that long ago when I was in the position of the contestants so I really feel like I will be able to relate to their stories and their journeys so far. I understand the highs and lows of building a global business from the ground and taking that initial product idea all the way to market.

"I'm looking forward to getting started and hopefully being introduced to some businesses that I can really get excited about." Patrick Holland, Controller of BBC Two, says: "With a Bafta nomination and

brilliant viewing figures, Dragons' Den continues to be a fantastic show on BBC Two. Combining great aspirational opportunity with the promise of really challenging encounters with the Dragons, the show is going from strength to strength. Sara is a formidable business woman and I can't wait to see her start in the Den." Dragons' Den is a BBC Studios production. The Executive Producer is Chi Ukairo and the Commissioning Editor for the BBC is Sarah Clay. Series 17 will air on BBC Two later this summer.

New Name for Neville Residents Association

As from 1 April 2019, Neville Residents Association changed their name to Neville Community Association. Chair, Heather Brewster, said this was to comply with Charity Commission registration requirements and Residents felt better reflects the people we work with and for in our community. Meeting dates remain the same as third Tuesday in each month except August and start at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May. Items on the agenda usually

include presentations from organisations on various different areas of interest, for example Friends of Stockton & Darlington Railway about their Heritage Lottery Bid and Cyber Safety from Durham Constabulary. Councillors are usually available at these meetings to discuss issues and keep us up to date on what's happening at Durham County Council. We also discuss day trips and activities we want to provide for our Residents. Come along to our meetings and be part of the discussion.

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Crafter's Companion wins international merchandising award

Crafter's Companion is celebrating after winning a prestigious international award from US TV shopping network, HSN.

The company received the Merchandising Excellence accolade, in the Home category of HSN's Vendor of the Year Awards, out of hundreds of the network's partners across various sectors including food, clothing, accessories and many more.

HSN's annual awards celebrate the vendors that go beyond expectations for the network and its customers, in addition to delivering consistent sales through innovative growth strategies.

Crafter's Companion has partnered with HSN, which is now owned by American cable network QVC, for more than 11 years. This is the first time Crafter's Companion has won the Merchandising Excellence award.

The company was commended for its customer-centre approach, commitment and ongoing support of the channel. Crafter's Companion was also praised for supporting the network with engaging and insightful on-air presentations, fostering a community of avid fans with interaction on social media platforms in addition to its dedicated TV team, which provides educational and inspiring content to support purchases, through comprehensive online magazines, video content and crafty project blog posts.

Sara Davies MBE, founder of Crafter's Companion and the company's US CEO, Gary Barbee, travelled to QVC's Philadelphia-based headquarters to receive the award.

Sara said: "We work very closely with HSN's buying team, to ensure that our products and



demonstrations are as exciting, educational and as inspirational as possible. We put a great deal of work into engaging the customer, both on and off air, and in walking her through the many exciting things that she can do with our products, which I think really sets us apart from other vendors in this category. This encompasses everything from our e-brochures, the way the product is displayed on screen and how we explain different functions and techniques through finished samples, in addition to promotions on our social media sites, all of which we support HSN with on a regular basis.

"This is such a huge achievement for Crafter's Companion but winning this award has definitely been a team effort. There are lots of people at our company who dedicate their time and effort to make sure that the journey from product design to hitting the screen is as seamless as possible. I would like to thank HSN for recognising everyone's hard work and

also a huge thank you to my incredible team. Without them none of these fantastic achievements would be possible."

Does the E.U. Balance the Books?

Dear Sir,
Being a naturally inquisitive individual, I have followed with interest the lack of published accounts from Brussels. It appears to me that quite a number of years have passed since audited and balanced accounts were made available. Eighteen years or so? Does this mean that the EU masters consider it unnecessary to "balance the books" at all? If this is the case then how have they decided on the "divorce" settlement figure when Brexit is achieved and how on earth can they expect to have the trust and confidence of the contributors? Can anyone satisfy my curiosity? P.C.

LESS BILE, MORE KINDNESS PLEASE

Dear Sir,

The key to British democracy is restraint; we wait until the next election and cast a vote for the candidates and Party with whose manifesto we agree.

By contrast, nowadays, politics seems awash with people who favour bullying over ballot, personal attack over policies ... and who call wildly for a 'clear out' of our elected representatives, smash constituency office windows, burn pictures of election candidates on Youtube, etc.

The most worrying thing about Brexit is not whether or how we leave the EU, but whether we will have anything left of our stable and tolerant democracy when it is all over. Cllr John D Clare

COMMUNITY SPIRIT EASTER BONANZA



Community Spirit have been busy bunnies over Easter. Everyone loves Easter eggs no matter how young or old they are, so the volunteers from Community Spirit have been busy raising funds and taking donations to make sure the people of Newton Aycliffe receive an egg.

An Easter Raffle was held in the town centre cop shop on Saturday 6th April, where tickets were sold and egg donations taken. Even the Easter Bunny made an appearance (aka Nev Jones) and handed out Easter treats to all the children.

The raffle was drawn on Monday 8th April at the Community Spirits first and very successful disco. First prize went to Millie; second prize went to Darren and third prize to Catherine.

An amazing amount of money was raised and eggs donated which meant that



hundreds of eggs were distributed to schools, care homes, supported living and the food bank.

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Aycliffe Based International Rail Company Invests to Grow



A local second generation company, Sabre Rail, who have been established on Aycliffe Business Park for over 30 years are expanding their premises to accommodate the work load and help fulfil the order books with some of their bigger clients, such as Network Rail. The initial groundwork on the site was complete last week and the steel structure is now being put into place. The single storey building will cover a 20m x 20m area and will be used for existing machinery to give the existing plant area more space. Sabre Rail has been maintaining the UK's train

braking and suspension systems for over 30 years from its Headquarters in Newton Aycliffe. After growing into its new facilities in Australia over the past 5 years it is now set to continue its UK growth, and it has commenced construction of a new factory behind its existing site on Heighington Lane Business Park. Sabre Rail has continually invested in design improvements and developing a customer service model that keeps rail vehicles in traffic. It's clients demand braking products that work, and continue to work for as long as they are fitted to the train.

Sabre Rail Engineering Manager, Rob Oxley stated: "To supply into such a safety critical industry requires significant investment in engineers and product development. We have to ensure our products are perfectly engineered to survive and perform in the harshest of environments – being struck by all sorts at 125mph for 500,000 miles is as harsh as it gets". To ensure Sabre Rail can continue to deliver the products the rail industry needs, it is investing £250,000 in a new 4000 sq ft facility which is currently under construction. Neil Hodgson, Sabre Rail Production Manager said: "We have to deliver on time or trains don't run. We pride ourselves on customer service and ensuring trains are running, but we also need space to develop service capabilities for new products on new trains. This new facility will allow us to introduce new production lines, so we can broaden our portfolio of products and support even more of the UK's rolling stock." "It is just this kind of investment that has ensured Sabre Rail was recently awarded a new contract, by Network Rail, for braking products it hasn't previously supported. With the recent and ongoing introduction of new trains to the UK Network the new factory will give us considerable scope to expand our business". Sabre Rail hopes the new facility will be commissioned and opened in June 2019 and expects to create around 10 new jobs. Sabre Rail currently employs around 90 people at its Aycliffe factory and 25 in Sydney, Australia.

John's MRI Donation in Memory of Syd



Honest John, through his hard work and dedication to good causes, has donated an additional £1000 to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust MRI Charity Appeal. John wished this latest donation to be in memory of the late Syd Howarth MBE who did so much for the appeal.

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The Family Fun Day held on Saturday 13th April was a huge success and attended by families all over the area. Dot and Zooky entertained the children with bubbles, balloon modelling and face painting and there was also a bouncy castle.

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Plan to Build New Gresley Class V4

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust and The Gresley Society Trust to jointly procure new 5ft 8in driving wheel pattern

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust (A1SLT), the registered charity behind famous new 100mph steam locomotive No. 60163 Tornado and Britain's most powerful steam locomotive No. 2007 Prince of Wales, recently announced that it had made some significant decisions concerning the yet-to-be-named new Gresley class V4 No. 3403 as part of its preparations for the formal launch of the project.

The London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) class V4 was a 2-6-2 steam locomotive designed by Sir Nigel Gresley - who also designed famous No. 4472 Flying Scotsman and world speed record holder No. 4468 Mallard - for mixed-traffic use over the whole of the LNER network. The class V4s had similarities in their appearance and mechanical layout to the class V2s of which pioneer No. 4771 Green Arrow is preserved. Two class V4s were built at the LNER's Doncaster Works in 1941 - No. 3401 Bantam Cock and No. 3402 which was un-named but known unofficially as Bantam Hen. It was anticipated that many more would be produced, but after the sudden death of Gresley in April 1941



no more were built of his last design. The two class V4s were renumbered Nos. 1700/1 in 1946 and later became British Railways Nos. 61700/1. Both locomotives were scrapped in 1957 when their boilers became due for renewal.

The fundraising strategy for the V4 Project has been agreed by the A1SLT's Trustees. The strategy closely follows the successful approach used to fund the building of No. 60163 Tornado, which has evolved into that now being implemented for No. 2007 Prince of Wales which will hopefully leave the locomotive debt free on completion. The most significant change to the fundraising for the V4 will be that The Founders Club will be used for component acquisition whilst the Trust completes and tests No. 2007 in advance of the start of its construction in 2022. It is now anticipated that the formal launch of the V4 Project will be in Spring 2020 subject to final board approval.

The Trustees have also agreed the high-level specification for the yet-to-be-named No. 3403. Although just two in number, the Gresley class V4s were very successful in traffic with no known design and development problems. The locomotive will have:

- A P2-style electrical system which is in itself developed from that successfully implemented on the A1
- Air plus vacuum brakes as on both A1 and P2 but with only one air pump due to the limited space available
- An all steel, all welded boiler with no thermic syphon - the one originally fitted to No. 3402 provided no discernible benefit and was removed in 1945
- A tender based on the LNER 4,200-gallon - as opposed to 3,500-gallon - tender with as much water capacity as possible - modifications made to the A1 and P2 tenders added around 1,200 gallons
- Roller bearings throughout as with A1 and P2

- The new P2 design of crank axle and pony truck
- Its monobloc cylinder block casting redesigned as a fabrication as with the P2
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In another development, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is delighted to announce a further partnership with The Gresley Society Trust which funded the smokebox for No. 2007 Prince of Wales as part of the fulfilment of legacy request. The two organisations will work together to manufacture the shared 5ft8in driving wheel pattern for the new Gresley class V4 No. 3403 and the Gresley Society's Great Northern Railway Gresley class N2 No. 1744. The class N2, which is 100 years old in 2021, is currently under overhaul and requires two replacement driving wheels. The production of the pattern will be project managed by A1SLT and funded by the Gresley Society, with its first use being for No. 1744.

As previously announced, in January 2018 along with tyres, chimney and speedometer drive generators, A1SLT acquired over 500 original Gresley class V4 drawings from Malcolm Barlow, a Doncaster scrap dealer who launched the now defunct Gresley V4 Society in 1994 to build a new example of the class. Since then - although recently predominantly preoccupied helping to get Tornado back into main line service - Graham Nicholas has made significant progress reviewing and cataloguing these drawings in advance of their scanning into the Trust's CAD system. Philip Benham, chairman, The Gresley Society Trust,

said: "We have worked with The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust before on their new build projects, and are delighted to be doing so once again to produce a new 5ft8in driving wheel pattern for the Gresley V4 and our Gresley class N2. Currently under overhaul, No. 1744 celebrates her 100th birthday in 2021 and we anticipate she will require two replacement driving wheels either as part of the overhaul or within the foreseeable future. It's very appropriate that the overhaul of the oldest surviving locomotive designed by Sir Nigel Gresley should also benefit the building of a further example of his final design." For more information on how to help the V4 project, visit www.v4steam.com, email enquiries@v4steam.com or call 01325 460163; and on the N2 overhaul contact ian.maccabe@yahoo.co.uk or call 07583 988406.

NCA Easter Fair

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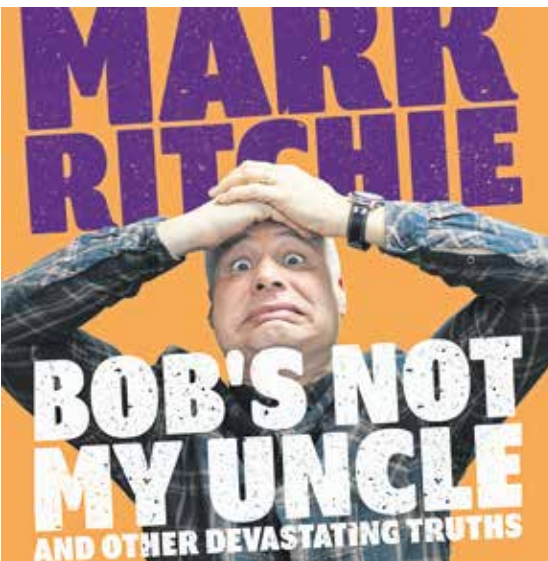
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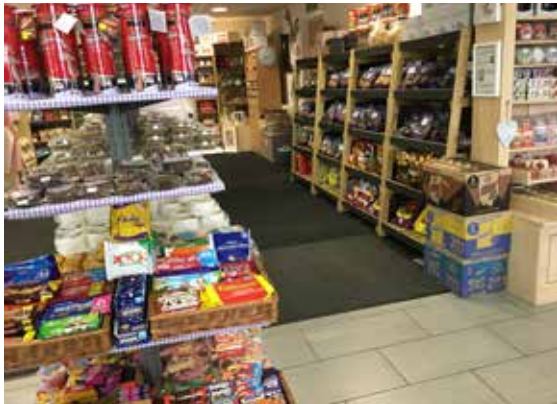
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Grannies Choice has now completed its move into new premises within the old Holiways site on Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe. Since the first retail shop opened in the town centre in August 2012, followed by the move into our factory unit on the Business Park we have steadily grown the business, we are hopeful that the move to this new location, which is in a more prominent position, will help grow the business further.

We now stock a wide range of Pet Beds and Animal Foods, including Poultry Feeds and Horse Feed, and are always happy to order in additional specific products should customers require. We have a special offer on our K9 Choice Complete Dog food only £7.99 for 15kg or 2 for £15 till the end of May. Looking for a bargain, our extensive GEM range of household cleaning products offer incredible value for money, we also hold a range of industrial janitorial supplies, mops,



buckets, centre feed rolls, toilet rolls, hand towels and takeaway containers. Our Gift Range includes Wedding and Christening Gifts as well as Clocks, Frames and Ornaments. We have a large Yankee Candle range including Candles, Room Diffusers, Plug-ins and Melt Pots with many Accessories to complement your home. This year we are extending our Baking Range of Cake Boards, Sugar Pastes, Sugar Flowers and Baking Accessories, if there is something you would like

for that special occasion come and discuss your requirements and we will be happy to help. Let's not forget Grannies Choice range of cookies, cakes, biscuits and confectionery, always a family favourite, priced to make your money go further we have Walnut, Angel & Madeira slab cakes any 2 for only £1. We pride ourselves on our old fashioned friendly customer service, we are here to help, come and have a browse and see what we have to offer we look forward to welcoming you to our 'Aladdin's Cave'.

AFTERNOON TEA WEEK

From 20th - 26th May at Seventeen Cafe & Bistro in Coxhoe or The Venue in Parkhill. Book via: Seventeen Cafe & Bistro on 0191 447 3021 - The Venue on 0191 377 2283. Please quote 'Butterwick Afternoon Tea' when booking with either venue. 30% from afternoon tea bookings donated at the end of the week will be donated to Butterwick Hospice.

REFUGE COLLECTION POINT

Co-op Funeralcare on Macmillan Road have recently become a collection point for a charity called 'Family Help', this is for a local women's refuge. Could you help? We require good quality single bedding and clothing; particularly children's, bath towels, toilet rolls and household cleaning products. These ladies and children often turn up with nothing, so any help would be greatly appreciated. Gillian Cogan and Louise Keenan.

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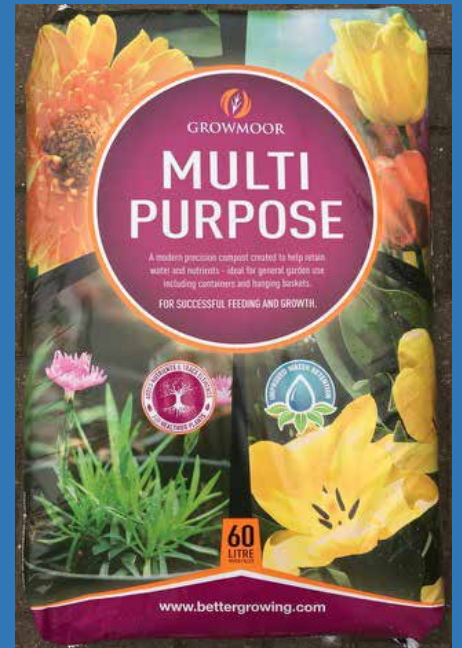
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Film Show

"RUNAWAY BRIDE"
The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 30th April features the comedy drama "Runaway Bride". Starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. Maggie has a history of leaving men stranded at the altar. News columnist, Ike, writes about it, but not accurately. Sparks fly, cue fun and possibly a romance. Everyone is welcome, please come along 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.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

No County Council meetings this holiday week but two important surveys to complete; notice of a free bid-winning masterclass and drop-in advice for SMEs ... and some ideas of things to do next week. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB112

And please join me on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 28 April, when the Big Story will be the Climate Emergency: bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• Healthwatch County Durham wants your views on the NHS long term plan! This is about the future of our health services - please do this.

• If you have MS, please complete the 'My MS, My Needs' survey.

• The latest edition of PCVC Ron Hogg's magazine HoggWatch is now available.

• Ron Hogg also explains how Modern Slavery is closer than you think.

• This week is #OnePunchAwarenessWeek.

• Parents are urged to 'choose to reuse' during Real Nappy Week.

• Sunday 28 April is International Workers' Memorial Day.

• If you are a small or medium-sized business, then there is a fantastic Business Durham offer of advice, funded by the County Council, available to you.

• Congratulations to Crafter's Companion for winning the Merchandising Excellence award in American TV Company HSN's 'Vendor of the Year' awards - and to Sara Davies for becoming a Dragon on Dragon's Den!

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

• Aycliffe Dance Academy Family Fun Day, Bethany Centre, Woodham Way, 10am-2pm, Saturday 4 May, FREE.

• Japanese Children's Day (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm, Saturday 4 May, FREE.

• Wild Animals of the British Isles exhibition (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm, 4-5 May, FREE.

• Alternative Aycliffe All Dayer, Turbinia Pub, Sunday 5th May 1pm to 11pm

• Great Aycliffe Town Council Horticultural Show, 31 August-1 September.

TIME TO DISCOVER BRIGHTWATER

£3.3m Project to Celebrate Hidden North East Gems

An exciting project designed to celebrate the rich history of the River Skerne, led by Durham Wildlife Trust, is taking a major step forward with a series of events this week (April 26-28), including a number of walks. Made possible by National Lottery players, the Brightwater Landscape Partnership is part of a package that is worth £3.3 million, partnership funded largely by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Environment Agency. Discover Brightwater is a programme of events, projects and activities over the next few years to restore, reveal and celebrate life around the River Skerne. The area, in the historic south of County Durham, stretches north from Darlington and includes the towns and villages of Newton Aycliffe, Sedgfield, Bishop Middleham, Fishburn and the Trimdons up to Hurworth Burn reservoir.

The landscape was originally wetlands, known locally as 'carrs', but many of them have been lost over the past 200 years and the project will conserve and develop remaining natural habitats and protect important industrial and agricultural sites as well as providing

educational opportunities for the public involving everyone from ecologists and historians to artists and archaeologists.

Graeme Hull, Project Manager for the Environment Agency, said: "The Bright Water Landscape Partnership is a great opportunity to improve the River Skerne within a working agricultural landscape, for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment of people."

Events happening between 25-28 April to celebrate the move by the project team onto its next stage include:

A special evening event for local farmers, landowners and developers at Hardwick Hall on Thursday 25th April. National and local experts on sustainable land management, including a video presentation by Professor Dieter Helm, the leading authority on Natural Capital, are lined up to provide practical advice and insights on current and developing trends to help improve the rural economy. The evening begins with music from the folk band, 'Skerne', from Trimdon. At 10.00 on Friday 26th April there will be a Press and Public Launch at Hall Garth Hotel and Country Club at Coatham Mundeville DL1 3LU. Discover Brightwater partners, local politicians, business and community representatives will meet to celebrate the initial improvements to the Skerne, carried out by Tees Rivers' Trust, and to learn more about a range of environmental, heritage and archaeology projects across the whole Brightwater area.

Friday 26th April
Photography Top Tips A photography workshop led by Peter Atkinson, the professional photographer whose work is often featured in Living North magazine. 2.00pm - 4.00 pm Hallgarth Hall Hotel, Coatham Mundeville, Darlington DL1 3LU. £7.50 - Places limited so booking essential.

Darlington Cooperative Holiday Association & Holiday Fellowship Joint Group have organised a series of walks during the weekend to enable people to Discover Brightwater. You can find out full details of all the walks at the Discover Brightwater Facebook page at @Discoverbwlp

Discover Brightwater Project Manager Paul Black said: "We're genuinely excited by the events coming up, which are designed to celebrate our patch and to encourage everyone to get out and about and take another look at our heritage and landscape."

Chairman Bill Fox, who has lived in Bradbury since 2003, said: "We are privileged to live in what I think is a delightfully understated and, I would say, a totally under-rated area. I think Brightwater is about elevating pride in the area and shouting about it a bit more often and with a bit more volume."

More information is available at www.discoverbrightwater.com

ROF 59 ZIP WIRE CHALLENGE

Supporting PCP's Hydrotherapy Pool Campaign



Do you want an exhilarating experience?
Do you enjoy supporting really great local charities?
Can you spare 10 minutes of your time?

If the answer is YES then look no further!! ROF 59 have teamed up with the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) to raise much needed funding to support the Hydrotherapy Pool replacement campaign. From Friday 3rd May until Saturday 11th May 2019 ROF 59 have kindly agreed to donate 50% of all takings from up to 1700 Zip wires! John Finley, from ROF 59 explains "We are aiming to see 1,700 people in a short space of time and the number is significant, it represents one zip for every 10 heroic 'Aycliffe Angels' or Royal Ordinance Factory workers and we're also aiming to achieve this before the deadline of 11th May, to coincide with the history day in mid-May when the blitz ended, almost 78 years ago. PCP's hydrotherapy pool is particularly well-used by older people, those

with physical disabilities, children and young people and adults with learning disabilities and here at ROF 59 we felt it was a great cause to support."

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Exec added, "Our Pool provides over 20,000 appointments each year for people who benefit immensely from Hydrotherapy. PCP is thrilled that ROF 59 would like to help with the fundraising for a new Hydrotherapy pool and this is a fabulous way for local people to get involved. I'm not so thrilled at the prospect of going down the zip wire myself but I've been told I've got to do it so I'd better rise to the challenge too!"

Test your metal and brave the ROF 59's Zip Line for only £5 with 50% going directly to charity! Please call 01325 321234 to book your place - the more the merrier so why not come as a group of friends or workers!

PCP is a Registered Charity established in 1998 and our mission is Health Wellbeing and Learning for All.

Specsavers Spectacle Wearer of the Year

TV's favourite dance diva Oti Mabuse has high-kicked off the search for the UK's proudest glasses wearers in Newton Aycliffe - with a £10,000 cash prize up for grabs.

The star of Strictly Come Dancing and The Greatest Dancer showcased her own stunning specs style in a new photoshoot, as she launches Specsavers' annual search for the Spectacle Wearer of the Year 2019.

Oti - who swaps her specs for contact lenses when she hits the dancefloor - says: 'I've been wearing my glasses since I was 10 and I wear them all the time. I can't live without them.'

All glasses wearers aged 16 and over in Newton Aycliffe just need to share a selfie and tell Specsavers what their glasses mean to them to be in with chance of winning the prestigious accolade.

For every entry accepted, Specsavers will donate £1 to children's anti-bullying charity Kidscape. Spectacle Wearer of the Year has raised more than half a million pounds for Kidscape over the past ten years.

The money raised helps support the charity in providing practical support to children and families affected by bullying.

Oti continues: 'Kids used to call me "four eyes" but I always say four eyes are better than two. I believe people should be proud to wear glasses. Embrace them, they are part of who you are and you are fabulous!'

Seven finalists, plus a social media favourite voted for by the public, will attend a celebrity-packed awards ceremony in London, with one overall winner scooping the top award and cash prize.

Specs wearers should get snapping and share their selfie at specsavers.co.uk/loveglassescomp. Deadline for entries is 30 June 2019.

Extraordinary Community

What does your community mean to you?

Join Horndale Community Association and Greenfield Arts to explore the extraordinary people and places that make up our wonderful community. Greenfield Arts will be 20 years old in 2020 and want to celebrate and share everyone's ideas at what makes our community great. Horndale Community Association next meeting is Wednesday 1st May where we will join the Arts Centre and local residents for an enjoyable relaxed night to hear your ideas and stories. The meeting starts at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts Centre, the Arts Centre event will start at 6pm until 8pm with refreshments, looking forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts. Philip Clark

YOUTH COUNCIL RAFFLE RAISE £138



Aycliffe Youth Council (AYC) have recently joined the local defibrillator campaign to help raise funds in aid of more public defibrillators in Aycliffe. The group decided to organise a raffle to raise prizes, including some generous donations by local businesses including One Gym passes, free boot camp from The Gym, Oakleaf Sports Complex

complimentary meal, free buckets of golf balls from the Oakleaf driving range. The raffle raised £138 which will help to bring yet another lifesaving piece of equipment into our community. The Youth Council, who are a group of young people who have been selected to represent Aycliffe's youth, decided to assist with fundraising after receiving training on defibrillators and learning about the simple steps which could be taken to allow them to save somebody's life in the event of a heart attack. Aycliffe Youth Council are also keen to hear from youth groups or individuals from Aycliffe. As a group they have a small grants fund to assist in a range of activities, for example, the group recently donated to a youth football team to help towards them attending an important football tournament. Any one interested in checking eligibility or discuss a potential project can contact Aycliffe Youth Council via Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.

Butterwick Boot Sale

On Sunday 28th April 2019 Butterwick are holding their very own boot sale! We are welcoming anyone with a car or a van to Bishop Auckland College car park to sell any of their unwanted bits and pieces. Prices are: £7 per car or £10 per van, and to register your car or van, simply fill in the details online and you will receive your registration letter with a numbered pass. Please bring this pass on the day of the event to gain entry. You must provide your own table. Entry into the car park for cars and vans will be from 8.30am. The college car park is large, so we can fit around 60 cars and vans in at once. For entry on the day as a buyer, prices are: £1 adult and 50p child, payable on the gate. Dogs are welcome, as long as they are kept on their lead at all times. Doors open at 10am - 12pm. There will be food stalls on the day along with the boot sale so feel free to stick around for some dinner and chat to us! We look forward to seeing you there! You can apply on our website www.butterwick.org.uk/events or call Milly on 01388 603003.

ACORN EASTER EGG HUNT FROLICS



Popular residents group ACORN took full advantage of the brilliant West Park and the unique Easter Monday sunshine to engage in its annual Easter Egg hunt with members of their junior section Little Acorns. This event is hugely enjoyed by children and adults alike as they hunt for hidden plastic eggs to exchange for cream eggs and take part in traditional games such as the sack race, egg and spoon race, skipping race and running. Little Acorns are currently busy bees as they are involved in the planning for the fantastic ACORN annual Petting Zoo which will be held at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 27th April between 10am

and 2pm. The Petting Zoo features 3 separate petting zoos with creatures varying from hamsters and rabbits to reptiles and snakes, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, Jet and Ben, Spotty Dog, Professor Nincompoop and a host of other attractions all under one roof. A great event with something for the whole family. Many local charities and good causes will also be attending and activities such as Tombola and cake stalls. Come on down for a great event. ACORN is also planning a day trip to Scarborough on Saturday 11th May 2019, seats are available at £5.00 person. Ken Robson, Chair ACORN Residents Assoc.



St. George's Day



The Daz and Lee live sports talk show on Tuesday 23rd April celebrated St. George's Day in style with many patriotic songs in between the usual sports chat. They were delighted to welcome Aycliffe's Gaz McAllister, who is head coach at Phoenix Thai Boxing Club, as their special guest and who spoke passionately about the sport he has dedicated most of his life to. The show is broadcast live every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7.30pm on Aycliffe Radio and is repeated at midday on Sundays. Photo: Gaz McAllister, Lee Weldon and Daz Lowe.

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SATURDAY

10-12pm	Saturday Brunch	Sean Lawless
12-2pm	Moderation	Jack & Daz
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 Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare

28th Apr - Guests: Eddy Adam, Jo Ellis, Paul Daly and Sean Lawless

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	Andy Fittes

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
30th Apr - Martin Dunn (MansHealth)		
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	BeatRoots	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/Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	

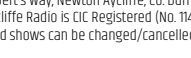
3rd May - Nathan Abbott (90s Classix)

With Guest: Mike Johnson (Manor Born, Hardwick)

Check our website for full schedule

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the basics and want to progress their knowledge of speaking and grammar, a great help for those who want to hone their skills or use Spanish for business purposes. All classes are led by our professional tutor Daria Coates who is on hand to guide you through the sessions.

The ten-week course starts on Tuesday 30th April 2019, Spanish Improvers 18:00 – 19:30 and Spanish Beginners 19:30 – 21:00. The cost for the full course is just £40.00.

Visit our website at www.greenfield-arts.co.uk to view the full summer programme and book your place online. If you would like any further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Hands on with a Historic Handwriting Course



Keen historians are invited to learn how to read ancient handwriting with the help of archivists.

Durham County Record Office is offering an open course in palaeography, the study of old handwriting. Over four sessions, the basics of how to understand

handwriting styles from the 16th to the 19th century will be covered.

Each session offers a background to the types of handwriting that were prevalent in the past, whilst also providing a variety of examples of original documents from the archives. The interactive course will make use of the record office's rich collections, giving hands on help to participants in how to explore the archives for family and local history, with personal and friendly guidance from an archivist.

The course comprises four sessions, which may be booked individually or as a full course. These take place on Thursday evenings, from 6pm to 8pm on 2, 9, 16 and 23 May, and on Friday mornings, from 10am to 12pm on 3, 10, 17 and 24 May.

The sessions cost £12 each or £40 for all four. Places are limited so must be booked in advance.

For further information or to book, visit the record office online shop at <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgHome> - For further enquiries, call 03000 267626.

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in the community, with the community, for the community

A THOUGHT TO SPOIL THE SUNSHINE

What a glorious Easter weekend!

We assume that most of our readers will have enjoyed the holiday, whilst presumably complaining about how they were too hot ... and about how the Easter eggs had melted!

Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales broke Easter Sunday records, with temperatures reaching 23°C; and on Monday England broke its Easter Monday record, with a high of 25.4°C in Cambridge.

Time was, of course, when – apart from making sure the old and vulnerable were safe – we could relax and simply enjoy the sunshine.

Nowadays, however, it is impossible to see the sunshine without also contemplating the dangers of Climate Change – a prospect brought home to us, not only by the Extinction Rebellion protestors in London over the weekend, but by the visit to Britain of 16-year-old Swedish climate-campaigner Greta Thunberg. Speaking to MPs and Party Leaders on Tuesday she painted a bleak picture of a looming future: "Around the year 2030 ... we will be in a position where we set off an irreversible chain reaction beyond human control, that will most likely lead to the end of our civilisation as we know it. That is unless in that time, permanent and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society have taken place, including a reduction of CO2 emissions by at least 50%."

And that is a thought to spoil

the sunshine.

AYCLIFFE'S OWN DRAGON

Congratulations to Crafter's Companion award-winning founder Sara Davies who, we understand, is to become the youngest-ever dragon on TV's Dragon's Den.

Sara has always been generous of her time and expertise helping other entrepreneurs and says: "hopefully I'll be able to help some of the contestants to really take their businesses to the next level".

It is an attitude typical of the Aycliffe Business Park Community, and all of Aycliffe wishes her well as she shows the rest of the world how we do things in Aycliffe!

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Environmental Project Grants Up For Grabs



Northumbrian Water's Branch Out scheme, which offers grants of up to £25,000 to projects which benefit the natural environment, wildlife and local communities, is inviting new applications for funding.

Branch Out supports projects within Northumbrian Water's operating area which enhances the local environment, and benefit wildlife and communities. Applications are welcomed from organisations, community groups and individuals from the public, private, voluntary and education sectors. The deadline for the current round of funding is 31 August 2019.

Since launching in 2013, Branch Out has awarded grants worth over £400,000 across nearly 100 different projects.

Judging for the most recent round of Branch Out funding took place in March 2019, with around £20,000 of funding being allocated across six new projects.

Northumbrian Water's Conservation and Land Manager, Stuart Pudney, said: "We are immensely proud of the scheme and the work we do to support not only local organisations but also the region's wildlife. A healthy natural environment is essential for us to supply clear, great tasting drinking water."

"Since the launch of Branch

Out, it has made a really significant contribution in helping a range of local groups and wildlife charities build resilience and adaption to the changing climate, whilst enabling communities to reconnect with wildlife."

Projects can also be supported by 'Just an Hour', Northumbrian Water's employee volunteering programme.

Marlborough Primary School in Washington made a successful bid for the creation of a natural pond, receiving a grant of £2,500, where the project is being supported by a number of partners including Northumbrian Water and Durham Wildlife Trust.

Ruth Smith from Durham Wildlife Trust, said: "We got the funding from Northumbrian Water so that's enabled us to design the pond, buy all the goods for it, like the fence, the liner, pond plants, and also come in and do a bit of education with the children. "We've had help off Northumbrian Water volunteers which has been absolutely wonderful."

Full details on how to apply are available at <https://www.nwl.co.uk/your-home/environment/branch-out.aspx>. All applications will be carefully considered and judged against set criteria. Decisions for applications received by 31 August 2019 will be provided by 30 September 2019.

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You seek stability in life, but there will come a time when you realise nothing stays the same and that's OK.

You think you are complete, but the time will come when you recognise yourself as nothing more than a work in progress, and that's OK.

Bellway Celebrates £1 Million Cancer Research Charity Milestone



National housebuilder Bellway has reached an impressive milestone in its fundraising work for a leading cancer charity – hitting a total of £1 million. Bellway began fundraising for Cancer Research UK in 2016.

The £1 million was raised by the housebuilder's employees and suppliers banding together to organise bake sales, sponsored

walks, charity balls and a record number of golf days nationwide.

Bellway's Durham division, based in Darlington, played a crucial part in the fundraising efforts.

Lisa Jones, Charity Coordinator of Bellway Durham Division, said: "We would like to thank everyone at Durham who have generously supported the fundraising efforts over the past two and a half years. "Cancer Research is a cause close to our hearts and we are immensely proud to have been a part of reaching this amazing £1 million milestone."

"I would like to thank the people in the North East for their generosity." She added: "We are looking forward to supporting the charity for a third year in a row, and we hope we can continue to raise even more money for this amazing cause."

Money raised by Bellway will fund research to beat cancer sooner, helping to ensure more men, women and children in the region and across the UK survive.

Janet Leaf, Cancer Research UK's Local Fundraising Manager for the North East, said: "The Bellway Durham division has made a huge contribution to Cancer Research UK's work over the past two and a half years and we are incredibly grateful for their support."

"One in two people in the UK will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their lives, but the good news is more people are surviving the disease now than ever before."

"Cancer survival in the UK has doubled since the early 1970s and Cancer Research UK's work has been at the heart of that progress." She added: "Thank you, Bellway, for your commitment to Cancer Research UK and our work towards preventing cancer, diagnosing it earlier, developing new treatments and optimising current treatments."

"We can't do what we do without corporate partners and supporters such as Bellway."

"It is only together, that we will beat cancer."

For further information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support the charity, please call 0300 123 1022 or visit cruk.org

'A CREATIVE LIFE' AT GREENFIELD ARTS

Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce their latest exhibition 'A Creative Life'. This wonderful collection of work showcases creations from people who work at Greenfield Community College and looks at their skills and attributes through the work they create.

To preview the exhibition Greenfield Arts are hosting 'A Creative Community' event and would like to invite you to come along to celebrate and discover how we are all part of an ever-increasing creative community. Join the artists from the exhibition and artists Laura Degnan and Nic Golightly to explore what creative community means. The evening will offer the opportunity to see the exhibition and take part in creative activities in an informal and relaxed environment. The free event will be held on Wednesday 1st May from 18:00 – 20:00 and everyone is welcome, refreshments will be available and you will have the chance to be the first to see this inspirational exhibition.

'A Creative Life' runs from Thursday 2nd May – Wednesday 26th June in The Greenfield Gallery. If you would like further details of this and future events please visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk call us on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



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Another side of the Hippodrome

On Thursday 2 May Darlington Hippodrome will throw its doors open for an informative Heritage Tour at 10.30am

Darlington Hippodrome has a colourful history dating back to 1907. From its formative years as a music hall venue, the one-off appearance of the world's most famous ballerina Anna Pavlova through to the recent multi-million pound restoration to become a 1000 seat venue with state of the art facilities, Darlington Hippodrome has a lot of

secrets to tell.

Learn all about the characters that shaped the theatre's history, the famous acts who have graced the stage and of course a tale or two of the venue's ghosts.

The Heritage Tour will take place on Thursday 2 May at 10.30am. Tickets are just £5. Advance booking is advised.

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CPI SUPPORTS ItoM MEDICAL

For Development of Smart Vest Asthma Treatment

CPI is working alongside ItoM Medical BV and Blumorpho to support the development of a wearable medical device focused upon improving treatment for children with uncontrolled asthma. The device, a next generation smart vest prototype, will benefit from CPI's expertise in the printable electronics sector.

Asthma is the most common chronic disease among children, with many suffering attacks and emergency hospital visits that lead to a decrease in quality of life and a subsequent increase in healthcare costs. CPI's work with ItoM Medical aims to deliver a step-change in treatment by providing sufferers with the opportunity to take control of the disease and create a better life for themselves and their parents.

During the project, CPI will use its state-of-the-art technical capabilities to support the development of a working demonstrator of the device, bringing to the fore its experience in screen printing, attaching technologies for wearable electronics, and support

to take products to pilot manufacture.

The project is also benefiting from utilising ItoM's innovative surface-ElectroMyoGraphy (sEMG) technology, which, when attached to a flexible printed circuit and connected to the patient via a smart vest, is comfortable for the wearer and easy to operate in the home environment.

Blumorpho is working on the project by supporting the complex business needs for the legislative requirements and routes into the medical device market, developing a strong value proposition for the device across many EU healthcare systems.

The project is part of the wider SmartEEs programme, which is funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme and aims to support companies with the development of new business ideas using flexible electronics technologies. This is being implemented through a Call for Application Experiments, with SmartEEs selecting and supporting 20 Application Experiments aimed at generating business success stories.

FUND OUR FUTURE

Schools North East has recently launched #FundOurFuture - a national campaign encouraging parents and families to put their child at the centre of the call for greater levels of school funding. The charity, a network of 1150 schools, created by head teachers, has launched the campaign in response to mounting concerns from school leaders concerned at the escalating school funding crisis.

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), over the last ten years funding per pupil has fallen by 8% in real terms. This means that on average, the Government now spends £500 less per child on school education in England.

In response, the #FundOurFuture campaign is asking the public to send a clear, strong message to Prime Minister Theresa May. The campaign is calling for a £5.7 billion school spending boost in line with ASCL's recommendations for 2019/20.

The campaign enables members of the public to create a symbolic £500 banknote at www.FundOurFuture.org.uk, email it direct to Prime



Minister Theresa May and share it through their social media profiles.

Dedicated to giving parents, carers, guardians and relatives a voice and platform, #FundOurFuture focuses on the value of children's education. The notes created will be personalised with the faces (either a photograph or drawing) of children currently in education, putting them at the heart of this campaign, as they bear the ultimate consequences of funding cuts.

Mike Parker, Director of Schools North East said: "Put simply, young people are the future of our country, so it's crucial that we give them the best chance to succeed from an

early age.

"Funding cuts are affecting schools across the country, forcing them to remove important provisions, make staff redundant and reduce the levels of care and support each child receives. Some have even had to turn to parents, asking for donations to help provide the level of support and facilities children deserve. We want to draw attention to the gravity of this situation and demonstrate to Theresa May that we care about our children's future.

"If you're able to take five minutes to create, submit and share a personalised banknote, we can put pressure on the Government to #FundOurFuture."

Advantages of Hiring Young Autistic People

Employers and education providers were encouraged to consider employing a person with autism at an awareness event in Newton Aycliffe.

The event, which was held at The Workplace, Newton Aycliffe during Autism Awareness Week, invited employers and Post-16 Further Education Providers from across County Durham to learn about the advantages of recruiting young people and adults with autism.

Speakers included businesses, who shared their experiences of working with employees with autism, and organisations who offer support and funding for employers to take on staff with autism.

It is known that only 15 per cent of adults with autism in the UK are in full time employment. The event was organised by DurhamWorks with the aim of improving the figure across County Durham.

DurhamWorks is a partnership between Durham County Council and eight organisations working together to support 16 to 24 year olds in County Durham, who are not in education, employment, or training.

The programme's partners work closely with employers throughout the county to raise awareness and confidence in recruiting young people with autism.

Helen Radcliffe, Durham Works Programme Manager, said: "There is a sound business case for employing people with autism. Employers need to know that it makes good business sense to employ people who are reliable, punctual and conscientious; people who have good concentration levels and attention; people who have excellent problem-solving skills and can be analytical and creative."

Employers who would like to find out more about offering a training or employment opportunity to a young person with autism can contact Helen Collingwood at helen.collingwood2@durham.gov.uk or telephone 01325 375 947.



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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were desperately unlucky to only come away with a draw at home to Marton 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe captain Luke Telford opened the innings and helped his side get off to a solid start scoring 32 runs from 74 balls faced. When Telford was dismissed, Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy) took over the reigns and batted superbly scoring an unbeaten 63 from 122 balls, including five boundaries and a six. Aycliffe batted out their allotted 50 overs reaching a respectable 178 for 6 with other contributions coming from Chris Palmer (22 runs) and Jack Slatcher (21 runs). In reply, the visitors found swing bowler Jack Slatcher in superb form taking 5 for 31 from his 13 over spell. James Layfield-Carroll supported well finishing



with 2 for 30, but Aycliffe just couldn't find a way of breaking their stubborn 10th wicket partnership, which contributed 61 runs, as Marton finished on a match saving 137 for 9 after 50 overs to deny Aycliffe

victory. Aycliffe's first team travel to Bedale 1sts on Saturday 27th April and the club's second team start their season at home to Bedale 2nds on the same day. Photo of Adam Gittins

Williamfield Residents

Williamfield Residents Association Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 2.00pm in the Western Area Community Centre, 8 Silverdale Place. We would like to form a committee to arrange outings and activities for the Community/Residents/Families. Livin, Councillors and maybe the police will be in attendance. For further details ring 07967 901477.

History TALK

On Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Dr Rob Young will give a talk entitled 'Weardale at War 1914-1918, Prisoner of War Camp in Weardale'. All welcome, members £1, non members £3, includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Details 01325 301093.

Darlington F.C. Selects NHS Charity



County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust's Charity has been selected by Darlington Football Club as its Charity of the Year. Craig Morley, commercial director at Darlington FC, said, 'Picking a local charity to support is always a difficult choice but many of our supporters and their families receive care at Darlington Memorial Hospital and from the Trust's community teams so this year it was an easy decision. We see so many synergies between health and the benefits that come from playing sport at all levels and ages. We've already had our first home match bucket collection, which raised £227.00 and we're planning more of these throughout the year. The club has also donated a signed player shirt which the Charity can use to raise funds. Generous fans have also donated 85 Easter eggs for the children who

might be in hospital over the Easter period which our players wanted to deliver themselves in order to meet some of the children and their families." Darlington fan, Luke Robson, 11, was over the moon to meet his heroes. His father, Craig Robson, said, "Luke had his appendix removed yesterday and we've been delighted with the care he received from the surgical and nursing teams and how quickly he's up and around." Luke is making such a good recovery that he and his dad will be match day experience guests at Darlington FC's home match this Friday, against Bradford Park Avenue FC. Amongst other things, they'll get to meet the players – again! Luke has promised to wear his Darlington FC shirt rather than his Juventus one! Pat Chambers, charity development manager, said, "Darlington Memorial

Hospital and Darlington Football Club are both very important locally. We're overjoyed to have been selected as the club's charity of choice and hope that the next year is only the start of a long and productive relationship with this historic and vibrant local club that has inspired so many generations of supporters. The very clear messages the club sends out about health, wellbeing and being active, particularly to young players is extremely encouraging and I would hope that together we will each do our part to help build healthier communities. "Individual, businesses and organisations fundraising on our behalf, or making a donation, can specify what they would like their money to support, whether it's a particular ward or service, or a campaign we're running. Anyone wanting to find out more can email us at: cddft.charity@nhs.net or ring: 01325 743781."

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Volunteering Makes the World Go Round

Dear Sir,
I seek to engage with my ward residents. To inform residents about what is going on, I run a facebook blog, host two interactive radio shows, and I have my regular 'County Newsbits' column courtesy of the Newton News. When the weather is appropriate, I go round asking residents door-to-door what is causing them concern. I regularly do drivearounds of areas of my ward looking for fly-tipping and other problems. I also do frequent walkabouts, usually alone, sometimes with my councillor colleagues, occasionally in formal 'multi-agency' groups with police, wardens, livin etc. It is true that – after I once was accused of being a burglar – I have started wearing a high-viz jacket with my name on it! And, not satisfied simply with recording areas of litter in my ward, I have been for some time then going round picking it up. Recently, I have advertised when I would be doing so, and invited people to join me. So far, no one has taken me up on my offer, but I was gratified that a correspondent last week had noticed me doing so. That letter, however, then went on to suggest that I was "wasting my time". With this, I am afraid, I cannot agree. This Spring, thousands of volunteers have turned out across the County for the 'Big Spring Clean'. And I regularly join Church and Community groups who are voluntarily cleaning up parts of their town. I refuse to disparage the work of these wonderful people as a 'waste of time'. Their selfless action shows

that they care about their community. It sets an example. And it does make a difference. Indeed, there are many other activities which depend on the goodwill and hard work of volunteers – without them, whole swathes of our community life would simply cease to exist. Once a week, Council employees litter-pick the council land and highways of my ward. Operation Spruce Up – with help from the local Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets – will shortly smarten up Central Avenue. But I welcome and praise those volunteers who accept a personal responsibility to their community, and who work so hard to make Aycliffe such a lovely place to live. Thank you.
Cllr John D Clare

Successful Easter Dinner

Junction 7 would like to thank everyone that got involved with the community Easter dinner. As with any event we do, we reached out to the community once again. We would like to thank Shanaya who donated the money that put on the event. A big thank you to Amy Stevens for providing the entertainment, free. Thank you to all our volunteers for their help and support. Thank you to the people who donated raffle and tombola prizes. But most of all thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the day. Junction 7 have other events planned. Watch this space!



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Businesses will also be offered the opportunity of receiving one to one mentoring support to help with business growth planning.

This exclusive programme starts on 12th April and has limited places, early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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Households in Co. Durham Urged to 'Spring Clean' Heating to Maximise Savings

As the warm weather slowly makes a return, households in County Durham are being urged to 'spring clean' their heating system to avoid missing out on potential savings to their fuel bills. Following a cold start to the year, many homes still have their heating set to cope with freezing conditions. However, by making a few simple adjustments and routine checks, households can reduce their energy usage and potentially enjoy cheaper fuel bills.

In support, OFTEC, which

represents the oil heating industry, has produced a 'spring cleaning' guide which outlines the key things to look out for:

1. Adjust your heating timers. If you made changes to your timers over winter, it's a good idea to check the heating still only comes on when you need it to – particularly now the clocks have gone forward. By regularly reviewing and adjusting these settings you can make additional savings.
2. Turn off individual

radiators. We often forget about rooms we don't use on a regular basis so make sure you aren't wasting money heating them up. You should also check the radiator temperatures in your main rooms if these were set higher during the winter freeze.

3. Make sure you have enough heating oil. Following heavy use over winter, check how much oil you have left in your tank and top up early to avoid any emergency deliveries. We recommend you use an

FPS accredited fuel supplier as they follow strict safety guidelines.

4. Check your home insurance covers oil related incidents. Whilst oil tanks have a very strong safety record, it's important to ensure your home insurance policy covers the cost of any oil spills in the unlikely event of a leak so you don't get caught out. There may also be requirements to have your chimney regularly swept if you have a wood burner or open fire.
5. Have your boiler serviced. Routine maintenance is an effective way of reducing your energy usage and

prolonging the life of your heating system. Contact a GasSafe (for mains gas) or OFTEC (for oil) registered technician who will ensure it is operating correctly and to maximum efficiency. They have also been certified as fully competent and will complete the work to a professional and safe standard.

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC said: "This time last year many households across County Durham were still experiencing the last of the cold weather. However, the warmer temperatures have made a return much earlier this

time around which means many households may be on the backfoot when it comes to their heating.

"It's easy to forget about making adjustments as temperatures start to return to normal and you might not even notice issues such as your heating coming on whilst you are asleep or out of the house. However, this oversight could be costing you quite a bit of money. We also recommend reviewing your home insurance policy to understand what you are covered for in the unlikely event you have any problems with your heating system."

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Businesses Urged to Take Up Energy Savings Advice

Businesses in County Durham could save thousands of pounds on their energy bills each year by taking advantage of an energy saving advice scheme.

Small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across the county have until the beginning of September this year to apply for fully-funded, impartial guidance on making savings to their energy use via the Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP).

So far, since BEEP was launched two years ago, the project has supported 200 businesses, sharing personalised advice and funding support, helping SMEs to make real financial savings on their utility bills.

As a result of the project, some SMEs have received grant funding towards the cost of installing more efficient equipment and lighting into their businesses. However, companies themselves have also invested money to improve their energy use, investing a total of £350,000 in new technologies.

Among the businesses to have benefited is Crystel Beauty in Consett, which has converted its heating system from electric to gas with the help of a BEEP grant. Owner Tracy Young was faced with big energy bills during the winter months because her heating was provided through costly electric heaters.

After receiving an audit from BEEP, she realised she could make substantial savings each year by extending the heating system from the barbers next door, which she also managed, and installing LED lighting.

Changing to gas central heating from electrical heaters has made a huge difference.

"The salon is more comfortable for clients having treatments in a warmer environment," said Tracy. "Working with the BEEP team was simple and

straight forward, and the grant was paid promptly... which is always welcome.

"The salon is much warmer and more comfortable and the changes are expected to save me money, which is great. The whole process has been quick and smooth."

Peterlee Glass (PLG) also saw a big difference after enlisting the support of BEEP. Following advice and financial support from BEEP, the company installed LED lighting, improved the heating system and installed new fans to the main factory area, reducing its energy use by about 50%, resulting in big financial savings.

It also received a grant of £9,808 towards the cost of the improvements.

Managing Director Graeme Hawes said: "The process was clear and straightforward, even the paperwork was simple. The support we've received from the BEEP team has been excellent. They have helped us make sustainable financial savings."

Other businesses that have taken advantage of BEEP include Dyer Engineering, Castle Eden Brewery, Bishop Auckland Football Club, A-Tech Industries, Prospect Business Park, Sotech and The Big Club in Newton Aycliffe.

Calum Baker, Business Energy Efficiency Manager for BEEP, urged SMEs to get in touch to arrange a visit before September this year, promising they would find the process quick and easy to manage.

"Since BEEP was launched in 2016, we have helped 200 SMEs improve their energy efficiency, which has not only saved them thousands of pounds but has actually improved working conditions in many instances," said Calum.

"For example, many employees, such as those at A-Tech Industries in Newton Aycliffe, have said their working environment has vastly improved because of

new lighting.

"We believe we can make improvements for everyone, and for those companies that invest financially themselves in new energy efficient technology, they will likely recoup any investment within a relatively short period.

"We urge businesses to get in touch with us. They have nothing to lose."

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Wedfest'19 at Hardwick

A leading County Durham hotel will be unveiling its newest suite at a popular wedding festival later this month.

Wedfest'19, organised by top UK wedding blog Brides Up North, takes place at Hardwick Hall Hotel, at Sedgfield on Sunday 28 April, featuring a range of stalls and luxury wedding suppliers to provide couples with inspiration for their big day.

And those attending the event will be among the first to see the hotel's newest wedding facility, The Floral Chapel, when it opens to the public for the very first time. Now in its fourth year, Wedfest'19 has a unique festival layout, including an outdoor wedding village showcasing everything from cakes to bridal fashion to wedding stationery.

Visitors can hear from local wedding suppliers, try a range of street food and drinks and enjoy live music throughout the day.

The popular wedding show also features a range of outdoor structures, including huge sail cloth tents, stretch tents and bell tents and cars and campers for anyone planning an alfresco event.

And there will be an opportunity to get a first look at The Floral Chapel, Hardwick Hall Hotel's latest wedding suite.

Featuring a glittering chandelier, rustic wooden floor, high ceilings and wisteria climbing up an



exposed brick fireplace, the room accommodates up to 120 guests and is available to book from 28 April.

John Adamson, who owns Hardwick Hall Hotel, believes that the event is the perfect opportunity to reveal the new suite.

"Wedfest'19's festival style gives it a really unique feel and we're delighted to be hosting the event at the hotel for the first time," said John.

"We're really proud of the finished look of The Floral Chapel and we expect it will be very popular, so there seemed like no better time than at Wedfest'19 to give visitors a sneak preview.

"It's sure to be a fantastic

event with plenty to see and do and I can't wait to get some feedback about the new suite."

Wedfest'19 is free to attend and takes place from 11am to 3pm.

To register for the fair and to claim a VIP goody bag while stocks last, visit www.bridesupnorth.com/wedding-fairs.

For more information about the hotel or to enquire about weddings, visit www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk or call 01740 620 253.

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Ragtime Fun for Jazz Lovers

Darlington jazz lovers will be dancing in and out of their seats again when the ever-popular New Century Ragtime Orchestra swings back to town on Saturday 4 May. They'll be bringing their big band sounds to Darlington New Orleans Jazz lunchtime gig - and this time they'll have two international guest stars with them - trumpet supremo Enrico Tomasso and Nick Ward on drums. Enrico and Nick will solo with the band and join in the good-time fun and games that is New Century in action. There'll be ragtime entertainment, banter, virtuoso group performances and some stunning solos from this sought-after Tyneside-based band that's grown in status over the years and expanded its repertoire to include many wonderful standards from the 1920s and 30s. It'll be a packed house as well as a big band, so make sure you arrive early to secure a seat.

And save the date: Mr Spats Langham - the hottest man in town - is back at the Club on Saturday 18 May with his banjo and guitar as part of Sweet and Hot with Jeff and Anne Barnhart on vocals, piano and flute and Graham Smith holding the rhythm on drums - a quartet guaranteed to delight. Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington. Doors open 12 noon, and entry is just £10 on the door. Children 15 and under go free when accompanied by an adult, and Darlington for Culture members are eligible for discounted entry on production of their membership card. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk or contact Ray Sams ray@darlingtonjazz.co.uk 07860 368022

In Memoriam

MARGARET ELIZABETH ARCHER

(Peggy)

Died 24th April 2016



So sadly missed and never to be forgotten by all your family and friends. For you the family always came first. You made us feel loved and cared for and we can never thank you enough for all that you did for us.

We know you will be looking over us and your presence will always be felt. Forever in our thoughts, from your loving family.

AGNES HILLS

28/4/1948 to 1/5/2014

It's five years since you went. I miss and love you always. Never forgotten. From your ever loving Husband, Tom xxx

Thank You

DANNY LAWLER Thank you for the cards and flowers from dear friends and family on the recent sad loss of my Husband, Danny. Joan Lawler ANN HORDON would like to thank all the gang for going on our trip to Wales. 22 of us, we had a really smashing time. Don't know how many G&Ts I drank but who cares when you get to 80? All my love, Auntie Ann, Granny Hordon xxx TWO BIG thank you's . . . I would like to say thank you to my lovely family for my party. Friday night at The County Pub. It was great. Thank you for all my cards and presents and of course the money and my BIG chocolate cake and champers to go with it. All my love forever, Mam, Grandma, Auntie Ann (Hordon) xxxx

MALCOLM DUFFY

Aged 34, 28th April 2018

No matter how life got you down,
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You lived life with your own style.
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And to keep strong, I'll remember we are not far apart.
We love and miss you Mal. Mam, Brian and Jo.

DENNIS POSKETT Died 22nd April 2007. Treasured memories of a loving Dad and Grandad. Loved and remembered always. Sandra, Michael and Gemma xxx

MAUREEN YOUNG In loving memory, died on 20th April 2003. Missing you more each day. All my love, Paul xxx MALCOLM BELL 29th April 2018. A cherished Husband, Dad and Grandad. Time passes, memories stay. Loved and remembered every day. Love, Francesca, Victoria and Ben xxx

Birthday Remembrance

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MADISON JACKMAN

30th April



Happy Birthday to our beautiful daughter. Hope you have a brilliant day. Sorry we won't be here to celebrate with you, but will bring gifts back from holiday! Lots of love from Mum and Dad xxxx And all the dogs!

MADISON JACKMAN

Happy Birthday Madison



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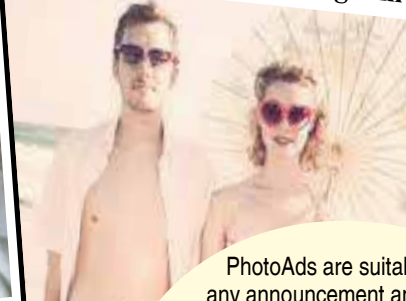
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Darlo F.C.

Darlington FC are hoping to end their programme with a win when Leamington visit Blackwell Meadows on Saturday.

Quakers had an excellent 1-0 win over play off chasing Bradford Park Avenue on Good Friday - a result that put them up to 15th in the table - but then they lost 1-0 at Guiseley on Monday afternoon.

In that game, striker Stephen Thompson, whom they signed from Durham City in September 2012, made his 300th appearance in all competitions, but he was unable to mark the occasion with a goal. However, he was on target in the Bradford game, a goal that gave him 94 goals for the club, six short of the club record.

Meanwhile, the club's third Soccer Camp in the Dolphin Centre went down really well, with loads of youngsters attending, and the club intends to organise more camps in the future.

The club has also strengthened its ties with the local community, and last week club officials and players visited the children's ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital, and presented some of the 85 Easter eggs that fans donated to the children.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was again another week where the club was represented internationally as well as locally.

On Monday 15th April 2019 Judith Porter took part in the Boston Marathon. Judith had qualified for this race by achieving a good for age time in the Berlin Marathon. This race was the last in a series of six marathons that she has undertaken around the world and completion would win her the Abbott World Marathon Majors Series Medal. The other marathons are New York, Berlin, London, Tokyo and Chicago. To date approximately 5400 people around the world have completed all six marathons. Unfortunately the training didn't go well for Judith and the weather forecast was very poor. However, the weather picked up and despite the difficulty with training she completed the marathon in 5 hours 38 mins and 55 seconds. This was also Judith's 10th marathon in total and at the age of 65 she is now planning to retire from marathons and stick with just half marathons or less for the future.

On Good Friday there was a small turn out from the



club for the Mermaid 10k which takes place along the coast at Marske. The weather conditions were perfect for this race with the five runners all having good runs. First home for the club was Richard Campbell in 38.00, followed by Andy Talbot in 39.21 (2nd in vet 55 age group), Richard Holland in 40.00, Rob Young in 43.22 and Gemma Holland in 58.15.

Also on Friday Mark Wade took part in the Newtown Chocoholics 5k where he was 7th overall and 1st vet 35 in a time of 17.40.

On Saturday two members achieved PB's at respective parkruns. At Shildon Parkrun, John Young achieved a PB of 26.53 and over at Sedgfield Mark Wade achieved 17.38.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30pm, 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.

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