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Model Railway Exhibition 'Another Huge Success'

Model Railway enthusiasts from as far away as Essex have helped to raise £2,500 to support children with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities as well as orphans found sleeping rough on railway stations throughout Africa, India and Great Britain.

Organisers of this year's Model Railway Exhibition staged by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe have voted the event 'another huge success'. During the day, 600 visitors to the Youth Centre venue in the town enjoyed 21 working layouts, 10 trade stands and 4 preservation society exhibits. Profits from the exhibition will be shared between 'Heel and Toe', a local charity looking after children with cerebral palsy and physical disabilities in County Durham and Darlington, "The Railway Children" and Rotary's own local charities.

"We were delighted with the support we received once again this year," said Rtn John Burrows who headed the organising team. Whilst the 'Thomas and Friends' layout was the undoubted highlight for the younger visitors, the "Dunstan Harbour" layout by Norman Cook proved favourite in the 'The People's Choice' competition.

Winner of the 'John Henry Jones Memorial Trophy' was 'The Great White River Steam Navigation and Extraction Company' from Norman and Meg Raven and was presented by Charlotte Icton, granddaughter of John Henry Jones who helped found the exhibition 10 years ago. The same layout also won the new Edwina Burrows trophy donated by Tigertaz Models of Stockton in memory of an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club who died recently and who had supported the event from its inception, this was presented by Edwina's grandchildren, Charlie and Cara Burrows



Rtn. Jon Bean, President of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, said later: "This exhibition is now well-established on the model railway circuit and is an excellent method of bringing visitors to the town whilst benefiting important charities"

Quote from a visitor:
Chris and I were asked if we would demo in support of the Newton Aycliffe Model Railway Show. Unlike most shows this one is organised by The Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club specifically to raise funds for Children's charities.

It was a very busy mixed gauge show with layouts from 'N' right through to

Gauge 1 and it was really well attended. On the day they managed to raise more than £2,000 for the two chosen charities which was in itself is excellent, but what made it even better for us was the people who attended. At all other shows that we have displayed at there is always at least one who is rude or unpleasant in some other way and there are usually unruly children whose parents either won't or can't stop them touching anything in sight irrespective of don't touch or other signs asking them not to.

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Model Railway Exhibition 'A Huge Success'



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I even heard one person saying to an exhibitor at one show that if he "didn't want them touched they shouldn't

bring them...."
Not so at this show, all the children were well behaved and the parents and other visitors were really nice



to chat to and polite to the point of embarrassment. I was waiting to get a coffee and a chap that had been waiting some time to be served, insisted that as an exhibitor I was served first,

despite being behind him in the queue.
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County Durham's Leaders Take Their Message to Westminster

Durham is a great place to live, work and invest – that's the message the county's leaders took right to the heart of government this week.

Influential figures from the county's business, culture and education sectors demonstrated their passion for the area during a reception at the Houses of Parliament.

Hosted by Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, and organised by Durham County Council, the event aimed to showcase all that the county has to offer, particularly for businesses and potential investors.

Invited guests, who included financiers, investors,



property developers, MPs, members of the House of Lords, Government ministers and civil servants, also heard about the county's Powered by People initiative and #Durham19 Year of Culture.

Those in attendance included Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Northern Powerhouse minister Jake Berry MP and a wide variety of representatives from outside the county.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "Durham really is a fantastic place for so many reasons.

"For those looking to bring their business here we have some great locations supported by excellent infrastructure and a wide range of thriving businesses just waiting to work alongside you. Our quality of life is also hard to beat, with stunning coast and countryside, world-class culture and warm and welcoming people.

"But if we do want people to invest in our area and support our ambition for the growth of the county, we need to make sure they know exactly what it is that we can offer them.

"The event at Westminster gave not just us but many of the organisations who are already enjoying success here in Durham the chance to really shout about all that's great about the area."

Mr Wilson said: "It was a privilege to host Durham County Council in Westminster. Durham is a great place to live and work with some great businesses. "Sedgefield has the largest business park in the North East with between 10,000 and 12,000 people working there.

"I would strongly recommend businesses locate in Durham because they always receive a great service from the county council and are made very welcome by the people who live there."

Guests heard presentations by speakers including Cllr Henig; Terry Collins, Chief Executive of Durham County Council; Anne-Isabelle Daulon, CEO of Eleven Arches, the company responsible for Kynren; Brian Archer, managing director of Business Durham; and Allan Cook, of Arlington Real Estate, the company behind the development of Milburngate.

Ms Daulon said: "The event was a testament to everyone in the room. Whether from Durham or outside the county, everyone is understandably passionate about the area and that's a reflection of the energy we see across the county.

James Ramsbotham, Chief Executive of the North East England Chamber of Commerce, said: "It's wonderful to see so many people here today giving such a positive message to

people in Whitehall about what a wonderful place Durham is to live and to work."

David Cullingford, development manager at Citrus Durham, the company behind the Integra 61 development, said: "The reception has underlined all the positive things that are encouraging developers like us to invest in County Durham. I think this is a fantastic time for Durham, everyone should take a lot of pride in all that is happening in the county right now."

The event also included exhibition stands by companies and organisations representing many of the county's success stories including the Auckland Project, Artichoke, Durham University, Hitachi, Visit County Durham and UTC South Durham.

County Durham is currently seeing significant investment, including £240 million on the Riverwalk and Milburngate developments in Durham City and £90 million by Glaxo Smith Kline in a manufacturing facility at Barnard Castle. An £11 million railway station is planned for Horden, while projects such as Genesis at Consett and DurhamGate at Spennymoor have successfully regenerated former industrial areas.

The county also boasts five strategic development sites, some of which have already attracted national and internationally recognised companies. These sites include Aycliffe Business Park, home to the Hitachi rail facility and NETPark, where occupants include Kromek, CPI and Polyphotonix, as well as Jade Enterprise Park at

Seaham, Integra 61 next to the A1(M) at Durham City and Aykley Heads within the city itself.

Durham has also seen significant growth and investment in its cultural offer and a packed calendar of openings, events, festivals and anniversaries has led to 2019 being declared a Year of Culture in the county – a move which has been praised by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Visit Britain and the England and Wales Cricket Board.

Highlights include Cricket World Cup fixtures at Chester-le-Street, a visit from Flying Scotsman to Locomotion, a new food festival at Seaham and events to celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of Spennymoor-born painter Norman Cornish. The year culminates in the tenth anniversary of Lumiere in November. The UK's largest light festival has seen more than 840,000 visitors and in excess of £28 million in economic benefits.

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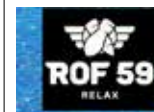


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event. This wonderful occasion was augmented by a fascinating talk on Heighington by Chris Lloyd who always finds something which together with his delivery is great to listen to. The Scout event raised a staggering £547 which, with £300 from Heighington Homemakers raised through their hard work in organising a very successful Fashion Show, plus a £75 donation from one of our generous ladies, we are well under way to buy a Defibrillator for Heighington. Should anyone else wish to make a private donation to this worthy cause please contact Ruth or I. So a BIG thanks to our Scouts, Chris Lloyd, Tees Valley Action Group and to everyone who came along to support the event.

Darlington Local Election Result

My thanks and appreciation to those people who voted for me in the Darlington Borough council elections. I will continue to work hard for everyone in my Ward supporting everyone irrespective of whether you voted for me or not. Cllr Gerald & Ruth Lee

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Dear Sir,
Recent editions refer to climate change, energy initiatives, a climate emergency, DCC's environmental plan, and councillors at demos using kids to press their point.

Only a few decades ago our main industries were mining, ship building, steel making and chemicals. Coal and wood were the main power source. Smoke and chemicals gushed from chimneys. Cars ran on leaded petrol. There were no fish in the Tees. The Skerne was one of the most polluted rivers in the land. People still survived. We were worried about running out of fossil fuels, even after finding large oil and gas reserves in the North Sea. Coal for heating was partly replaced by cleaner coking coal, then natural gas or electricity (mainly from coal based power stations). Leaded petrol was replaced by cleaner unleaded, then diesel prevailed.

Now, despite all this, we have a climate emergency! We are told gas gives off too much CO2, as does unleaded petrol, and diesel gives off worse nitrous oxide! Spray cans give off 'CHC', which destroys the ozone layer. Cows fart, giving off methane - worse still!

The earth has been warming since the early 1900s, seen in retreating glaciers and ice sheets. A few years ago we were worried about another ice age, now it's global warming. We are told the earth will be between 2 and 7 degrees warmer by 2050, but if we act now, we can limit this to 1.5 degrees!!!

We know the earth's temperature fluctuates over geological time, we know what has happened in the past, and we know we are on an upward short term curve, which man has exacerbated. We also know that man's control on the earth's climate is extremely limited. DCC is looking at promoting cycling and walking, banning cars from town centres, spending public money on solar power and wind farms, telling us we can't eat meat (even though eating more vegetables will make us fart more methane, like the cows!), telling us we can't take flights etc. Conversely, it promotes huge amounts of building on farm land, inward migration, and the extension of Teesside Airport!

Meanwhile, other countries dwarfing us in size exploit minerals, frack coal, denigrate rain forests, and pollute the air as we used to. Forests absorb and store CO2 and emit oxygen. Ongoing worldwide deforestation will have a bigger negative effect on global warming

than anything we can conceivably do within the UK, but we are told we must set an example to the rest of the world! How condescending!

To make matters worse, actions so far do not inspire confidence.

Incentives for diesel cars are now widely considered flawed. Millions were blown on smart meters, which don't work once you change supplier, and all they tell us is that energy costs money! Millions were spent on wall and loft insulation, which often caused condensation, and was often done inappropriately by opportunist companies.

Energy Performance Certificates are scandalous. I had one recommending cavity wall insulation, which had already been done, and recommendations costing thousands to save pennies, because 'this is what the government tells me I have to recommend'!

New boilers are designed to last only 10 years: old ones lasted much longer. Mine was installed in 1990, and it's almost as low on emissions as the current energy efficient boilers, some being even less energy efficient! How can scrapping a boiler after 10 years be good for the environment?

Solar energy sounds great, but if a system costs £5K, saves £200 a year and must be replaced after 15 years, it's a bad investment, irrespective of how it's funded. The steel used to build it has to be made using coking coal, components have to be shipped in, the old system has to be scrapped. Would anyone be surprised if suddenly they tell us solar isn't the solution they originally thought? Electric cars may sound great, but this surely depends on the carbon cost of scrapping and the source of the electricity (eg coal powered cars!).

Nuclear energy is considered clean, and can generate huge amounts of power, but nuclear plants are immensely expensive and nuclear waste is a problem. We were told they were safe, then Chernobyl happened! There are no easy answers, but if calcs nearer 7 degrees are right, it won't matter whether we save half a degree or not - all the polar ice is going to melt anyway, the coral will die off, the Australian bats have had it, and we will have to evolve into another species!

How ironic that local politicians now marching on climate demos fought tooth and nail to avoid closing coal mines, steel plants and shipyards!

John Snowball

Climate Change & Global Warming

Dear Sir,
Climate Change and Global Warming is happening. It is a natural cyclical phenomena. I did not cause it! Britain cannot stop it! Even if everyone in the world stopped flying and driving and ate only grass from midnight tonight, it will not stop. One large volcano or one large forest fire contributes more to Global Warming than I could possibly do in my whole life. Just think of the effect that Saddam Hussein setting fire to the oil wells must have had! Yet, the 'Greens' blame the Industrial Revolution. You benefited from the Industrial Revolution you now have to suffer and become vegan!

The Green Party (even with the support of Cllr. J.D. Clare, the European Union, and jet-setter Dame Emma Thompson) cannot stop it. Let's get real. Let's think of how to survive the adverse effects of this phenomena.

Sea level rises. Dredge the sea bed and build up low-lying areas; this the Dutch do on a regular basis. This will deepen the sea and increase the land mass available for food production and forestry. Pumps, powered by wind turbines, can be used to keep the water table at the required level.

Increased rain storms, Flash-flooding, soil erosion and soil degradation. Build 'green' earth filled, stone faced dams at as high a level as possible. These can produce Hydro-electricity, store natural power and regulate the run-off of water from high ground thus reducing the threat of flash-flooding, soil erosion and soil degradation.

Forest and heath-land fires. These fires release 'greenhouse' gasses. Again, we can collect the increased rainfall in our uplands and store it at a high level to use for gravity irrigation and, if required, for fire-fighting. In this way we can grow new forests, increase crop production and protect the land from drying out in the warmer climate we should experience.

Let's give Britain a future using existing proven 'green' solutions and stop playing politics. The E.U.'s 'best' strategy - reducing car emissions and changing from petrol to diesel was a farce.

Stop wasting money on trying to stop Climate Change / Global Warming (and financing the E.U.) and start spending it on making sure we survive and benefit from regardless of future changes. As night follows day, global warming will eventually become global cooling.

Yours Sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

BECOMING AN EXTINCTION REBEL!

My job as Cabinet Support for Economy & Regeneration means that I have a specific task to look after the County Council's 'Climate Emergency' Plan, so on Tuesday evening I went through to Durham to attend the monthly meeting of Extinction Rebellion Durham.

THE PEOPLE

I don't know how you imagine an XR activist to be, but what struck me most about the 50-or-so people who had gathered for the meeting was how gentle and polite they were. They followed autism rules for debate (jazz hands to show approval and, instead of shouting to bring the meeting to order, the meeting leader just raised her arm above her head - those who noticed did likewise, and the meeting immediately fell silent).

The majority were young - sixth-formers and students - or old. There were few 'in between' and some time was spent talking about how XR might extend its appeal.

THE PROGRAMME

One well-received suggestion was that the XR logo needed to be as familiar to people as the ban-the-bomb sign, and time was spent considering how and where to 'protest'. Suggestions, however, revolved around how to get noticed positively - for example by rejuvenating gardens, or picking up litter after public events. After the main meeting I listened in at the 'Lobbying'

workshop, which discussed how members might politely approach councils, MPs, supermarkets, businesses, landlords, bus companies etc.

Other workshops looked at wider issues - for example: media, education, community resilience and regenerative culture ... there is a realisation that saving the planet will require societal as well as technological change.

Some of the suggestions were brilliant. One was that we take off from our shopping all the unnecessary/unrecyclable packaging and give it back to the supermarket. The idea is that the supermarkets get fed up and demand reduced and recyclable/biodegradable packaging from their suppliers. I dare not, as some, make everyone wait whilst I take off the packaging at the checkout, but I *can* collect it up at home and take it back in to customer service! Other suggestions worth a second thought included car pools for places without a good public transport service, community composting, and ways to stop taxis waiting with their engines idling.

WORTHWHILE CAUSE

There are some disruptive XR strategies which I would find hard to defend, and some targets with which I cannot agree. But the people at Tuesday's meeting were earnest and caring, and we need to help them as they seek to protect the planet.

Cllr John D Clare



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[editorial]

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GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT THERE

From the stunning beauty of the Dales to the restored environment of the Heritage Coast, from Kynren to the Cricket World Cup fixtures, from Aycliffe Business Park to Beamish, County Durham is a gem, and the Newton News cannot understand why more businesses and tourists have not yet discovered us!

How wonderful, therefore, to see our local MP Phil Wilson hosting a #DurhamPoweredByPeople event at Westminster promoting Durham as a great place to live, work and invest. Attended by a host of luminaries, and supported by local businesses and exhibitors, the message was clear: this is a fantastic time for Durham, and everyone should take a lot of pride in all that is happening in the county right now.

SISTERS ARE DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES

... Well, with the help of Run Leader Jules Baxter! Congratulations to all those beginner runners who received their medals. In our increasingly inactive and overweight society, you are a humbling example to

those of us who need to get out and do more exercise. #EmbarrassedFace!!!

A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE

Climate Change is certainly in the news nowadays – and in the Letters to the Editor! Whilst everybody, of course, has valid points to make, what strikes the Newton News is that – even if you remain sceptical whether the planet is on the brink of an ecological apocalypse – surely nobody can suggest that it is right that we continue to plunder the world's resources to prop up a throw-away materialism, or that we poison our air and fill our oceans with plastic trash to enhance the offshore holdings of billionaire corporations.

Neither is the argument that China isn't doing enough a sufficient argument for inaction. The Newton News is proud to be an exemplar award-winning 'Greener Business', with environmentally-friendly print technology and practices, biomass energy for the entire production site, an electric van for local deliveries, solar panels and 98.6% recycling of all our waste!

Greenfield Arts Are a Creative Community



Greenfield Arts were delighted to welcome artists and members of the community to their recent 'Creative Community' event. The evening offered the opportunity to preview the inspirational 'A Creative Life' exhibition and join artists to celebrate and explore what creative community means.

The event was a great success and offered a range of creative opportunities engaging those who attended with their creativity and providing an opportunity to express themselves. Artist Nic Golightly was on hand to share a sense place and help discover and map out the landmarks in Newton Aycliffe and Shildon that brought about a sense of community and encouraged everyone to share special memories. Artist and filmmaker Laura Degnan brought people together to make an original stop motion animation that captured a love of Greenfield Arts and the wider community – an amazing feat in the time available! Watch this space for the final cut.

Thank you to all who came along and made the evening such a special occasion. It was lovely to see people come together creatively, reminding us all how important a sense of community can be and how we can express ourselves.

Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts said "We are privileged to work with such extraordinary people and work in such amazing communities. We are heading towards our 20th anniversary and a year of celebrations in 2020 to celebrate the creativity across the community."

'A Creative Life' runs from Thursday 2nd May – Wednesday 26th June in The Greenfield Gallery. This wonderful collection of work showcases creations from people who work at Greenfield and is a must see.

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

Pomegranates in Bishop

Bishop Auckland's Auckland Castle is reputed to be the farthest point north that pomegranates were grown in England.

Bishop Auckland Music Society is delighted to announce the return of Pomegranates to Bishop Auckland when, on Friday, 7th June at 7.30pm in The Methodist Church, The Pomegranate Trio perform the third concert in the Music Society's 2019 series! Since forming in 2014, The Pomegranate Trio - Fenella Barton, violin; cellist Rebecca Hepplewhite and pianist Andrew West - has quickly established a reputation for fine performances, playing imaginative and engaging programmes throughout the UK.

Their programme on this occasion will include work by Clara Schumann, Ravel and Beethoven. Tickets, priced at £13.50 (£15 on the door), are available from Brotherton's Music (opposite Morrisons) or by contacting Brian Varley (01388) 606075

Vane Road Netball Competition



Seven children went to Ferryhill to take part in the Sedgefield SSP Netball Competition. Our children won five of their games including a fantastic 9-2 victory in the final. They now go on to represent our area at the County Finals at the end of June. Well done!

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Race details: <http://aycliffesrunningclub.org.uk/about-aycliffe-10k-and-fun-run/>

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NOTE! - Collect your race number before 9:30 on the day.
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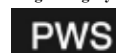
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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Some significant events this week, an important roadworks survey, and some interesting things to do next week. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB115

And don't forget to join me for my community/council radio show JDC-CDJ on Friday afternoon, 4-6pm; and for the politics discussion show

POLITICAL,
6-7:30pm, Sunday 5 May:
bit.ly/ARLIVE
COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• County Durham has taken its message to Westminster.
• Durham County Council's 'climate emergency' plan is taking shape.

• Please respond – DCC has published its 'traffic-sensitive streets' consultation.

• Durham Police have been rated outstanding for the fourth year in a row.

• It is Compost Awareness Week.

• May is National Walking Month.

• Report on the Extinction Rebellion meeting, Tuesday 7 May.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

• Middridge Parish litter-pick: meet Parish Hall, 10 am Sunday 12 May (equipment and bags provided).

• Guided Walk: Birds of the Skerne Valley (6 miles/4 hours), meet at Hardwick Park Visitor Centre, 9am Thursday 16 May, £4 with free parking: 03000 264 589

• Hodge the Hedgehog Toddler Trail, Hardwick Park, 10am-11.30am or 1pm-2.30pm Wednesday 15 and Saturday 18 May 2019, £4, book in advance: 03000 262 899

• Zog, Darlington Hippodrome, 17-19 May, tickets £12-£14.50.

• Empire & Flag Days, Beamish Museum, 18-19 May, entrance fee applies.

• Buddha's birthday (family event), Durham Oriental Museum, noon-4pm Saturday 18 May, FREE.

• Preparing for Durham Pride (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop-in 1-3pm 18-19 May, FREE.

• Natural History of the British Isles exhibition, Palace Green Museum, 18 May-6 October, FREE.

COACH TRIP TO YORK

New Friends, New Places, with the help of a grant from G.A.M.P. Funding, invites you to join them on a coach trip to York.

Cost is £5.00 and will take place on Wednesday 15th May. Leaving Wilkos bus stop in the town centre at 9.15am and Stephenson Way cemetery bus stop at 9.25am.

Ring 308094 or 07967 901477 to book or for more information.

Software Innovator Excelpoint Install New CRM & Facilities Resource Booking System



Aycliffe Business Park resident Excelpoint has been working with Xcel Centre to transform their business processes by the use of software, developing powerful CRM and Facilities Resource Booking systems. The Xcel Centre hosts some of the region's leading events, from gala dinners

for 500 guests, to launch presentations for 1,800 attendees. The purpose-built facility and a customer-focused management team have established the Centre as a venue of choice for the North East.

To support the Centre's ambitious growth plans and expansion into other revenue streams a software system was required, bespoke to their areas of expertise, but capable of adapting, which would enable them to offer a first-class service to their customers and support them in attracting new customers. Utilising a team of highly skilled software consultants, Excelpoint spent time to get to know the Centres business processes enabling them to build a new software architecture that would deliver a flexible CRM and resource booking system to meet the needs of the Centre. The new software integrated the business processes and negated the need for significant retraining. It provided the Centre with an easy to use solution to assist in enforcing compliance with best practice and approved processes. It also transformed the way information was collated, integrated, used and reported.

The greatest advantage of the software was that it was built entirely to meet the requirements of the Xcel Centre. The software has streamlined the administrative process and provided the management team with real-time visibility through a dashboard consisting of graphs, charts and transactions. This approach allows the management team to maximise the use of the Centre and its facilities, achieving increased operational efficiency and cost-savings across the Centre. Bookings have increased, providing a solid return on investment and

as a result of information visibility, the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Centre's resources has dramatically improved.

Kerina Clark Business and Finance Director at Xcel Centre said: "We understood as a management team that our processes were inhibiting growth and producing inefficiencies across the Centre. We engaged with Excelpoint to help us to understand what we required. They got to know our business, mapping out our internal processes enabling them to configure their software to exactly meet the needs of our business. We now have CRM and booking software implemented that enable us to offer our customers an efficient and first-class service. We have realised significant cost-savings as we are working more efficiently, and it has enabled us to increase our productivity and bookings across our various services. The flexibility and scalability of the software will enable it to grow with us as we continue to offer the region an excellent hospitality facility."

Ian Brown Managing Director at Excelpoint added: "What makes us stand out is that we offer a software system that can manage all business processes which include CRM and sales management, inventory control, manufacturing process, risk management, planning and resourcing, distribution and customer service, amongst others. Our software can be configured to meet the needs of any business. Our philosophy is to make our software work for our customers, not expect our customers to change the way they work to match the software." For more information about Excelpoint, please visit www.excelpoint.co.uk or call 01325 328839. For more information about the Xcel Centre, please visit www.xcelcentre.com or call 0845 4505871.

Sweet Treats for Darlington's Jazz Fans



Four favourite jazz stars are coming back to Darlington with a combination that's seriously sweet and hot.

On Saturday 18 May, Mr Spats Langham – the hottest man in town – is back at Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club 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. They'll be playing an amazing range of musical styles: ragtime, swing, blues, show tunes and the great jazz standards as well. 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, while Darlington for Culture members are eligible for discounted entry on production of their membership card. It's a good idea to arrive early to get good seats for all the gigs – capacity audiences are becoming the norm at the Club.

For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk or contact Ray Sams ray@darlingtonjazz.co.uk 07860 368022 Graham Foster graham@darlingtonjazz.co.uk

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Chicanes Needed on Pease Way

Dear Sir,
We have, in the past, complained to the local police and requested to have the speed reduced on Pease Way in particular. There are other areas on the town that could also be targeted, but I am interested in the road from the "railway station" to the junction on Stephenson Way, a distance of about 2/3rds of a mile. It is not only the speeding, it is about the horrendous noise from some of the motor bikes with aftermarket exhausts which sound like formula 1 racing cars. It is also the poorly maintained vehicles with broken exhausts. I spoke to the police some time ago about this issue, but again nothing is being done. We cannot have our windows open at home, as the noise is so bad. I have also approached the council about installing chicanes, which would help to calm down the road. It has been proven in Bishop Auckland on the housing estates, I had a chance to go to Bishop Auckland on the bus to investigate recently and this method does slow down the traffic considerably. I am not a lover of speed bumps, but chicanes do work - another issue is the gasses from the 'souped-up' cars and bikes. Could I request readers to make representations to the police to help get this issue resolved. Name & address supplied

Hospice Says Goodbye to Dedicated Trustee



Staff and supporters at a local Hospice gathered to say a fond farewell to a long-standing Trustee last week. Mary Lovell M.B.E. has retired from her role as a Trustee of St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington. Mary has played an active role on the Hospice's Board of Trustees for 25 years, most recently serving as Hon. Chair of the HR Committee. Mary first became involved with St Teresa's in January 1988 when she was invited to become President of the local Soroptimists in Richmond, North Yorkshire. Mary chose to support the Darlington and District Hospice Movement (as the charity is officially known) and quickly established a link with Catterick Garrison by arranging a sponsored waste paper collection to raise funds for the Hospice. Shortly afterwards Mary helped to form the Richmond Support Group for St Teresa's Hospice, a fundraising group which is still active. In the last year

alone the group has raised £3,500 as well as supporting many of the Hospice's fundraising initiatives. With inspirational leadership from Mary, the group has worked tirelessly to promote the care and support the charity provides to residents of South Durham and North Yorkshire. Mary: "We all get great satisfaction from fundraising and by informing people of the help and friendship and 'Giving to Life' at St Teresa's Hospice. I was brought up to serve the community, so there is satisfaction and pleasure in 'service before self'." At the gathering to mark Mary's retirement, which was attended by fellow trustees as well as staff and life members, Mary was made an Honorary Life Member of the Hospice and was presented with the accolade by Chief Executive Jane Bradshaw. Jane said: "Mary already has an M.B.E. but there is one thing the Queen cannot award and that is Honorary Life Membership of the Darlington & District Hospice Movement. This is an award we do not give very often, and we choose to give only to those who have shown tremendous dedication to the Hospice. After more than 30 years giving her all for St Teresa's we felt the time was right to give Mary the acknowledgement she deserves."

"In the 22 years that I have known Mary she has helped me through many challenges and has always been there to offer me support." Mary was also presented with flowers and a very special gift from the Strategic Management Team at St Teresa's, a bespoke photo album with pictures of Mary in various engagements at the Hospice over the years, including being photographed sitting in a Lynx helicopter that landed in the Hospice grounds to launch 25th anniversary celebrations. On receiving the gifts, a typically modest Mary said: "I am embarrassed by the love and attention everyone has shown me today. What I plead of everyone is that you carry on working for and supporting St Teresa's Hospice because it is a truly worthwhile cause." For more information on the work of St Teresa's please contact the Hospice on 01325 254321 or visit www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk

BIG DAY AS VILLAGE HOSTS 49th MEDIAEVAL FAYRE

**Saturday 18th May 2019
10am - 4pm**

Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre is a FREE FAMILY EVENT on Saturday 18th May 2019 from 10am - 4pm. Escafeld Mediaeval Knights do battle on the village green while Escafeld and ACLE Living History provide a taste of life in mediaeval times. From Falconry Displays to fun fairs, a host of family entertainment awaits. The event held on Sedgefield Village Green and in Ceddesfeld Hall Park is sure to delight everyone. At 10am the Flower Queen and attendants in a delightful horse drawn carriage lead a parade of local children dressed in the Greatest Showman costumes and showing off their circus skills. Mediaeval knights and Star Wars characters complete the ensemble. Everything from Coconut Shy to Bucking Bronco and circus skills sessions add to

the host of stalls and shows in and out of the arena. Entertainment includes Black Sheep and Durham Rams Morris Dancers, stiff competition in the Tug of War as teams go head to head and really get the crowds roaring. Want to enter a team - give us a ring! The bus from the series Heartbeat will offer a scenic tour of the village too. Ceddesfeld Hall and Park host displays, children's entertainers, Walworth Falconry, games and challenges for teenagers. Morning coffees, breakfast rolls, delicious home-made lunches and an all day bar, all at very competitive prices are in Ceddesfeld Hall. A fun fair and wide variety of stalls selling crafts, food and bric-a-brac add to the atmosphere. The event is organised by Sedgefield Community Association.

Local School Makes a Difference!



On 30th April 2019, Year 5 from Aycliffe Village Primary School went litter picking on Bickford Terrace in the village. They did this as part of their Make a Difference Challenge at school to support Dogs Trust who look after the welfare of dogs. One of the students in the class, who lives on Bickford Terrace, raised the idea because she was complaining about the litter there - many people walk their dogs down this street and the litter may cause injury to the dogs. Mr Cooper from Aycliffe Town Council, informed them about stories of innocent dogs who were harmed by litter. He told them about his own dog receiving an unwanted injury on his leg because of some smashed glass. When they were in Bickford

Terrace, the class were surprised at how much litter was there. They were split into two groups and worked in pairs (one carrying the bin bag and the other carrying the litter-picker). When they finished, it was much tidier and safer for dogs and there was less chance of them getting injured. Mrs Brown, their teacher, was very impressed with their work and what they had achieved. She said, "I am amazed with the improvement on this street." Everyone who joined in with this activity really enjoyed it and feel it definitely made a difference to the environment and will make it a safer place for dogs to go walking. By Lucy Brennan and Lily Porter

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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
12th May -	Guests: Fraser Tinsley, Hannah Walter	"CAD"
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	Paul Kjenstad
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	

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
14th May -	Amanda & Scarlet Dunn	(Motor Racing)
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

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
15th May -	Guest: Lucy Adamson	
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

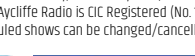
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3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D. Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

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/Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	

17th May - Nathan Abbott (90s Classix)
Check our website for full schedule
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Greenfield Present 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Following the great success of last year's big hit musical 'School of Rock' students at Greenfield Community College are now busy putting the final touches to the production of the zany and colourful musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

Tickets are now on sale for what is sure to be a fabulous and hilarious interpretation of this well-loved horror comedy rock musical. The Greenfield Community College productions are always professionally executed and showcase the creativity and talent of the young people and staff support.

The show will run from Monday 20th May to Wednesday 23rd May and each show starts at 7.00pm. Tickets are now on sale via the school office priced at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children and concessions. For further information you can contact the school on 01325 300378 or email contact@greenfieldschool.net

RIPLEY CASTLE CLASSIC CAR RALLY



The occupants of historic Ripley Castle know better than to expect a peaceful Spring Bank Holiday Monday! On 27th May the 700 year old venue will be resounding to the roars of a cavalcade of classic vehicles before a thrilled throng of visitors.

Packing the magnificent deer park will be a sweeping display of hundreds of classic cars including MGs, Austin 7s and Triumphs, plus a full fleet of motorcycles, vans, trucks and ex-military workhorses. Private classic car owners are also warmly invited to come and display their pride and joy in the May sunshine.

For the motoring enthusiast in the family, the club stands will give them the chance to swap advice and tales of motoring adventure with fellow aficionados. The Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club and the Mercedes Benz Owners Club are just 2 of the clubs attending. The more 'back seat drivers' will enjoy thrilling arena demonstrations, including the popular Land Rover Display, all with full expert commentary.

There's plenty of chances to browse for bargains, tools and gifts with the large auto jumble and range of trade stands. Refuel and relax at lots of refreshment stops, including the castle tea room.

On the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Ripley Castle has been home to the Ingilby family for twenty-six generations. With a history covering centuries of fierce fighting and lavish entertaining, there's plenty to keep the whole family entertained. If you prefer horticulture to horsepower, there are glorious gardens to explore, and hothouses with national botanic collections. Fascinating castle tours run from 11am (for an additional fee), and tickets can be purchased on the day. Dogs on leads are welcome on the show field, but not in the gardens or Outer Deer Park and kids are welcome to explore around the woods and the huge lake!

Located 3 miles north of Harrogate, Ripley Castle is in easy reach from the A1. Running 10am-4pm, show admission is just £7 per adult and £2.50 for children, and includes the castle grounds, gardens and parkland.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Transformation Plans

A vision to transform Bishop Auckland Town Hall into a thriving cultural hub will be presented to councillors next week.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to endorse a proposal to refurbish and fully redefine the Market Place venue as part of the wider regeneration of Bishop Auckland.

The £1.5 million investment is expected to save money in the long run by making the Grade II listed building more sustainable, with an improved layout and modern facilities allowing for a bigger and more enticing programme of events and activities. This would attract people from outside of the local area, boosting the venue's revenue and increasing footfall in the town centre. It would also contribute to the town's growing reputation as a cultural destination, complementing major events such as Kynren and the multi-million-pound redevelopment of Auckland Castle.

Improvements would include the creation of a new café, bar and contemporary art gallery space on the ground floor, as well as enhanced library facilities. The auditorium would also be revamped to include more comfortable seating, and the cinema would become fully digitised, allowing popular blockbusters to be shown as well as live screenings, theatrical productions, comedy nights and lectures. Bishop Auckland is fast becoming a centre for the visual arts following the opening of the Mining Art Gallery by the Auckland Project in 2017, along with the upcoming opening of the Spanish Art Gallery. The creation of a dedicated Norman Cornish Gallery within the town hall would build upon this, while providing a permanent home for the artist's Durham Miners' Gala mural, currently on display in County Hall.

Cabinet will hear how the proposed refurbishment supports the ambitions of both the Bishop Auckland Master Plan and the Towns and Villages Strategy when

it meets in Crook Civic Centre on Wednesday, 15 May.

If Cabinet approves the recommendations, work would begin on site in the autumn and is expected to be completed by spring next year subject to planning and listed building consent. The council would also consult with local people and visitors about the kind of events, theatrical productions, exhibitions and activities on offer at the venue.

During the planned closure, opening hours would be extended at Woodhouse Close Library. The planning of wider library services within the town is also being considered.



LITTER FREE DURHAM'S BIG SPRING CLEAN



As Chair of LFD I thank everyone in Newton Aycliffe for supporting this year's BIG SPRING CLEAN. Overall over 3000 volunteers turned out throughout Co Durham and Darlington and removed over 5000 bags of litter plus 5 tons of rubbish removed from our Darlington River by the Environment Agency. It has proved a very successful event. The weather was far from perfect at times but it still did not stop those many people who know the importance of keeping our communities clean. The BIG SPRING CLEAN involved school children and adults of all ages and particular praise should be given to the many Newton Aycliffe young people who set such a good example by cleaning up their own area. Newton

Aycliffe is a pleasant town and generally a clean town and residents should be justly proud of it. There are however, areas that are littered as reported in the Newton News from time to time and it is these areas that need some TLC – perhaps increased litter picks by the LA or some litter bins installed or some signs reminding people not to drop litter or perhaps all three but until silly unthinking people stop dropping litter there will be need for voluntary litter picks – so Newton Aycliffe litter pickers young and old – KEEP GOING you are doing a wonderful job much appreciated by the people of the town and your council.. Cllr Gerald Lee
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FLOWER DEMO

National Demonstrator, Nick Grounds from Wisbech, will present an evening of flower arranging with the intriguing title 'Palimpsest' at the Open Meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday, 3rd June at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Hall. There will be a variety of stalls to peruse and the bar will be open! Tickets: £5 members (£8 visitors) are available on the door. All welcome.

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Aycliffe Radio Runner Raises £630 for ManHealth



Friday night Aycliffe Radio presenter, Nathan Abbott, conquered the London Marathon on Sunday 28th April to raise funds for ManHealth CIC. Nathan completed the run in the time of 4 hours 55 minutes, 53 seconds despite suffering with cramp from 15 miles in, and said that, despite the cramp it was an experience I will never forget, made all the better by raising £630 for ManHealth.

The Aycliffe Radio presenter was keen to raise awareness for ManHealth, who will be launching a new group in Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre on Monday 13th April from 6-8pm. Nathan would like to thank each and every one of his sponsor's who's logos were emblazoned on his shirt.

Special thanks to Community Spirit, Linzi Beal, Michael Stead, Nev Jones, CrossFit All Out (Vikki Anderson), Herbalife (Jules Baxter), Horndale Taxis, Little Treasures, Ugly Duck Clothing (Richard Gates), Aycliffe Radio and Paul Howarth.

ManHealth run peer support groups for men with mental ill health. Currently running in Shildon, Barnard Castle, Spennymoor and Darlington the groups are run on a drop in basis where no referral is required. The groups are open to

men affected by depression and other mental health conditions to share information, friendship and support. All ManHealth groups are run by men with personal experience of depression.

Knit & Natter Group at Bethany House



Bethany House Nursing Home has developed a Knit-Natter-Link & Lace group, they meet regularly and residents, friends, staff and volunteers all enjoy the group.

Durham Constabulary has been rated Outstanding by Government inspectors for an unprecedented fourth year in a row.

In their annual Peel report, published today, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services graded Durham:

- outstanding for effectiveness,
- outstanding for efficiency
- good for legitimacy

It means the force has achieved the highest possible overall rating for four successive years.

Deputy Chief Constable Jo Farrell said: "We are delighted that Durham Constabulary has once again been graded as outstanding in this year's Peel inspections, but more importantly we're pleased that we are not alone in achieving the highest rating."

"The safety of everyone in the UK relies on the police across the country doing an outstanding job and if more forces can provide an outstandingly effective service, then that will make everyone in the country safer and further protect people in County Durham and Darlington."

Among the key areas singled out for praise by inspectors were the force's work to look after victims of crime and the standard of Durham Constabulary's criminal investigations.

Inspectors also highlighted Durham's outstanding planning for the future; the "impressive and comprehensive" work of its "professional and forward-thinking" IT team and highlighted the work the force had carried out "to understand what the public want and how expectations are changing."

Deputy Chief Constable Farrell added: "I am particularly pleased that our work to look after victims

and identify vulnerability has been recognised.

"If the police have a unique selling point it is that we investigate crime and so it's nice to see that our amazing officers, police staff and volunteers have been recognised for the quality of their investigations and for their investigative standards."

Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington said: "I am delighted that once again, the Inspectorate has decided to rate Durham Constabulary as 'outstanding' in this comprehensive and rigorous performance assessment."

"It's a real tribute to the hard work of all the police officers and staff of the force, and to the excellent leadership at the top of the organisation."

"I would like to congratulate them wholeheartedly for this outcome. Local people can be assured that the Constabulary will continue to work with them to



understand the issues they face, and to deal with them effectively."

Inspection findings from a tranche of 14 police forces

were published today, with the remainder of the UK's 43 forces to have their results published over coming months.



Stand Up For Labour!

'Stand up for Labour' is holding one of its popular comedy night events on behalf of Sedgefield Labour Party. Headlining the show is the winner of 'Britain's Got Talent' and star and co-writer of Radio 4's sitcom 'Ability', Lost Voice Guy! (Lee Ridley).

Also appearing is the hilarious stand-up poet Kate Fox who has been compared with the late Victoria Wood for her skilful use of rhyme. Kate regularly appears on Radio 4 and is a big hit with audiences at 'Stand up for Labour' events.

Finally, winner of 'stand up of the year' and a star of the cult comedy Sci-Fi series 'Red Dwarf,' in which he played the computer 'Holly', and of his own sitcom 'I, Lovett', Norman Lovett is one of the pioneers of Alternative Comedy and has been a regular performer for Stand up for Labour since 2013.

The night will also include liquid prizes and a raffle. The evening is sponsored by Unison and FBU and is hosted by Crispin Flintoff, who set up Stand up for Labour in 2013 and has organised over 250 shows for Labour Party constituencies across the UK.

This special event is taking place on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 5NU.

There are only a limited number of tickets, early bird tickets cost £10 if bought before 1st September. Advanced tickets cost £12 and, if there are any tickets left on the night, these will cost £15.

Tickets are available behind the bar at the Big Club or can be bought on line at <https://www.standupforlabour.co.uk>

Tickets are selling fast, for this special event so act quickly!

Kathy Beetham (Sedgefield CLP membership officer)

A friend and regular visitor kindly presented a Knit-Natter-Link & Lace group, they meet regularly and residents, friends, staff and volunteers all enjoy the group.

We have all been knitting baby blankets, hats and booties for the Neonatal Unit at Durham University Hospital.

On Thursday 25th April two residents and staff visited the Baby Unit and delivered the blankets.

We then received a beautiful "Thank You" from the hospital, which is proudly displayed in the entrance of the nursing home for all to see.

On behalf of the activities team may I say a big "Thank You" to everyone who has donated wool, knitting needles and their time for this great cause.

Please keep those needles clicking!

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Youthy Football Round Up

Leam Rangers 3 NAYFC U14 Girls 6

Final game of the season for U14 Girls, away to Leam Rangers who only needed a point to secure runners up. The NAYFC Girls finished 3-6 and League champions. Played 21 and Won 21 games. Goals For 154. Goals Against 20. Won the league by 17 points - Let the celebrations begin.

Hartlepool Whites 0

NAYFC U7 Wildcats 4

Today was our final game in the Spring cup. We had already won the League and Cup double and were hoping to avoid defeat to go though the whole football year unbeaten. That's exactly what we did. Out of a total of 24 games since we started in September the girls have Won 21 and Drawn 3 and gave been absolute legends. Well done girls on your debut season with all you've achieved.

NAYFC U10 Wildcats 4

Hebburn Honeys 2

Final game of the League Cup for the girls today. The football on show from both sides had massively improved from the last time we met. Aycliffe opened the scoring within the first minute from a perfect pass and an outstanding bit of individual skill. First half saw chances at both ends. Just before half time Hebburn managed to pull level. Second half the girls were asked to carry on exactly how we had played first half because we looked dangerous every time we had the ball. The ball was a little more end to end but after some great saves, Aycliffe were looking like adding to their lead. We managed to score 3 more fantastic goals of real quality and finished the game on a high. After winning Division 1, we were moved into the Premier Division for the League Cup and the girls have had some really tough games. This has brought out some awesome performances from the



team. The girls had 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats with a 3rd place finish in the Cup.

Hebburn Town Gold B3 NAYFC U10's 15

Team was Kian, Trystan, Nathan, Kai, Adam, Jayden, Will, Kaiden and Hamza. We thought this match would be a challenge, as Hebburn are above us in the league and we have been struggling to win matches this season - but what a performance today from the boys! A massive win and well deserved. Everyone on that pitch gave 100%. We really proved how well we can play when we work as a



This fab team are moving to 9v9 next season as U11's. They are looking for enthusiastic, football loving and hard working lads to join their team. Thursday training and Saturday matches. Contact Campbell on 07989 722842.

team and we are so proud of all the players today.

Tibs Yellow 1

NAYFC U12 Falcons 4

The final game of the season was an outstanding team performance and the win deservedly made the Falcons League Champions. It's been a great season and the players have come on a lot while also maturing over the season. Well done to the whole team, we are all proud of you. MOTM to our outstanding goalkeeper Ryan Johnson. What a performance in goal. Ryan was strong all match and pulled off several top saves

to frustrate Tibs while also showing great leadership skills to help his team mates within the game (photo above), well done.

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Juniors Football Tournament



NAYFC Yellows U8's (above), NAYFC Under 8's Blues (below)



NAYFC Yellows U8's Tournament

The under 8's attended the BAFC tournament recently. Team comprised of Charlie, Brandon, James, Krystian, Daniel K and Riley. The Yellows were unlucky losing all games in the group stages. First game against Escomb they lost 3-1 with Daniel getting the goal; second game against Willington Youth they were so unlucky conceding a last minute goal 2-1 with Riley getting the goal. The final game was against a very strong St. Mary's Kings team, the final score being 0-5.

The boys thought they were out of the tournament however the plate was still to be played for. With a little bit of time to wait it gave us chance to have a chat as a team (and an ice cream) and the boys shared their views on how the team could play better. The semi final was against St. Mary's Aces and wow did the boys really step up. They were applying pressure, making great tackles, passing and tracking back, they really played very well as a team and worked hard for the whole game. James took a shot from distance which rocketed past their keeper. The boys held on to their lead and won the game 1-0. The final was against Escomb who had beaten us in the first game of the tournament, however the boys were playing brilliantly and we knew we were in with a chance. The match was end to end with all players giving 100%

and working really well together. Krystian came on as a super sub and scored a great goal which the keeper couldn't get his hands to. 1-0. With only a couple of minutes remaining the boys were asked to keep possession but Krystian found himself in front of goal again and buried the ball into the back of the net, an excellent goal which sealed the win for the yellows. The whistle blew and the game finished 2-0. A massive well done to all the boys today, they were all brilliant, not only with their football but their behaviour, attitude and effort couldn't be faulted.

NAYFC Under 8 Blues
The Under 8 Blues went to compete in a 5-a-side tournament hosted at Bishop Auckland F.C.

The team comprised of Evan, Danny, Jayden, Zack, Dylan and Nathan. Looking at the group we knew we were in for a hard run. Without our keeper, Carter, Evan volunteered to step into the breach for the first game. Our first game against Billingham United started off confidently with fantastic battling in midfield from Jayden, attacking from Danny and defending from Nathan and Dylan. We couldn't break their defence down though and unfortunately they scored first through a well taken shot outside the box. Another two goals quickly followed but a Nathan special shot put us on the score sheet. Some fantastic saves from Evan kept the final score 3-1. Our second match was against a team that had previously beaten us 28-0

earlier in the season. This time Danny bravely stepped up and was outstanding between the sticks for his first time in goal!

Our boys put some amazing tackles in, passing well at times against a team that was adept at keeping formation. Evan took over as keeper half way through to give Danny a chance to score but it wasn't to be. Final score 6-0.

The final game of the group stage was against a strong St Mary's Aces, this time with Danny in goal for the full game. We lacked creative play in this game and although we defended well, they took two well placed goals to make it 2-0.

This wasn't the end of our day though as the Plate was still to play for. We were placed against Escomb, who had beaten our Yellow team 3-1 earlier in the day. Zack volunteered to go in goal in this vital match which enabled our attacking team of Evan and Danny to pair up. The boys all put 100% in knowing this was the route to silverware and were rewarded when Evan calmly slotted one past their keeper. With renewed vigour, the boys battled hard, putting great tackles in and making numerous runs.

However, a thunderbolt from one of their forwards made the final score 1-1 and took us to dreaded penalties. Danny was adamant he wanted to be in goal so he donned the gloves and had his Bruce Grobbelaar spaghetti legs in full swing! Our boys put some fantastic penalties away but unfortunately lost 5-3.

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Rising Ice Hockey Star in European Tournament

A young 12 year old ice hockey star in the making, Gregor Mills, from Newton Aycliffe, has spent the Easter break playing against the top players in Europe in a tournament in Sweden. Gregor was asked to play for Icelandic team, Skautafelag Akureyrar at the U14 Rosvalla Gastrabud U14 Cup Tournament which was held over 3 days in Nyköping, Sweden. Teams were present from

across Europe, including Sweden, Finland and Germany. Twenty teams took part and a total of 240 players. Gregor was the only English player there and one of the youngest players, with the majority being 14 and 15 years old. Gregor scored six points in the seven games played and was joint 12th overall in the points standings. Whilst in Sweden he also played in a friendly game in Stockholm scoring a further 2 points.

The trip was an amazing experience for him and despite some language barriers he has made firm friends for life, and learned a little Icelandic. He and his family have been invited to visit Iceland to train and to see the sights! Gregor has also had further invites to train and to play for teams in North America and Finland and he hopes to continue to progress in the sport he loves. He is currently the top scorer in the English ice hockey league for his age group. If any local businesses or individuals are interested in getting behind this young up and coming star from Newton Aycliffe and offering sponsorship or financial support please get in contact on dm51@hotmail.co.uk



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As the pinnacle competition

of the 50 over format unfolds the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 will be visiting a city near you to bring fans closer to the action than ever before.

The 'City Celebrations' will consist of eight city centre fanzones (Nottingham, Taunton, Southampton, Manchester, Leeds, Durham, Birmingham and London) and two city activations (Cardiff and Bristol). The official public activations of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup provide the opportunity for fans to enjoy an authentic Cricket World Cup experience, watch the live broadcast of matches and celebrate the tournament action in a live setting together with thousands of passionate fans from across the globe. England and Wales will be awash with Cricket World Cup fever this summer and the free-to-enter city centre fanzones will be the ultimate hub of Cricket World Cup action as tournament fixtures are shown live in iconic city centre locations. Along with cricket activities, a range of multi-cultural food, music and entertainment will be on offer as the fanzones provide a fun and safe environment for all fans.

All Host Cities have played an integral part in the promotion of the tournament, which has contributed to record-breaking ticket sales and mass participation during the Trophy Tour. The 'City Celebrations' will offer another opportunity to connect with communities across the country and develop more excitement as the tournament unfolds.

Michelle Gorman, managing director at Visit County Durham, said "We're thrilled to be hosting the official ICC Men's Cricket World Cup City Celebrations here in Durham, creating a real buzz for visitors and residents. The fanzones will provide a unique experience for those who missed out on securing tickets, ensuring that everyone can be part of Durham's Cricket World Cup fever".

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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were well beaten by 168 runs away at Thornaby 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Choosing to bowl first Aycliffe bowlers were put to the sword by the homeside batsmen as they amassed 263 for 5 declared after 48 overs despite some superb bowling from James Layfield-Carroll (sponsored by Signature Tiling) who took 4 for 44 despite feeling unwell. In reply Aycliffe never got any momentum in their innings and were bowled out for just 95 after 41.5 overs with only Patrick Howe (25 runs), Adam Gittins (17 runs) and Graham Telford (12 runs) reaching double figures.

A very young 2nd team, with three players making their senior debuts for Aycliffe, did superbly well to earn a deserved draw at home to Guisborough 2nd team in the NYSD 4th division. The visitors chose to bat first and scored an impregnable 261 for 4 from their 40 overs. 15 year old debutant Iain Robson was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 45 from his 10 overs, with 14 year old David Robinson and 13 year old Leo Mercy both chipping in with a wicket apiece. In reply captain Joe Haines (sponsored by Pheonix Energy) held the innings together with an excellent 55 from 89 balls, including 9 boundaries. He was given solid support from both James Brown (33 from 45 balls) and Dan Bowmer (17 not out from 41 balls) as the hosts batted out the overs to finish on a creditable 135 for 4 from their allotted 40 overs.

The u15's lost in their first "round robin" cup match at home to Sedgfield u15's by 99 runs. Sedgfield were asked to bat first and scored 131 for 2 in their 20 overs with Thomas Dearden and Leo Mercy each taking a wicket for Aycliffe. In reply the home side were dismissed for 32 after 16.2 overs with only Charlie Cayless reaching double figures with 11 runs. The u15's also lost their second "round robin" cup match, this time at home to Stockton u15's by ten wickets, despite batting well and scoring 84 for 8 in their allotted 20 overs thanks to good innings from both Kyle Cuthbertson (19 runs) and Matty Greaves (17 runs). Special mention must go to both Jack Paylor and James Coupland for some outstanding fielding when Stockton were batting. The u13's also lost their first "round robin" cup match at home to Sedgfield u13's by 76 runs. The visitors chose to bat first and set a challenging total of 129 for 2 despite some good bowling from Dan Heaton and James Coupland who



both finished their bowling spells with a wicket apiece. In reply, the Dearden brothers (Thomas 13 runs) and Will (8 runs) batted well, but Aycliffe were ultimately restricted to 53 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs.

The u11's began their season with a difficult game away at Darlington and performed well despite losing by 25 runs. There

were good individual performances from Will Dearden, who top scored with 17 runs and Ollie Paylor who scored 9 runs. Alfie Spensley took the honours with the ball with three wickets, Thomas Towler and AJ Wild also bowled well, each taking one wicket.

Photo: Newton Aycliffe 1st team fast bowler James Layfield-Carroll

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Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist, said: "There are a host of websites clamouring for a slice of the genealogy market. Whilst online sources are amazingly accessible and can provide quick results, the number of websites, all offering

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"This talk will help people to find their way through the maze of offers and advertising claims, explaining what records and resources are available on a free, pay per view and subscription basis, and the benefits and drawbacks of all the main sources."

Following the talk, there will be an opportunity to browse and use the Record Office facilities with

support from an archivist. The talk runs twice, on Monday 13 May from 6pm to 8pm and on Thursday 23 May from 10am to 12 noon.

Tickets, priced at £10 per person, must be booked in advance and are available online at www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk or by calling 03000 267 619.

Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next board meeting and AGM later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership board will be meeting on Tuesday 21 May 2019, between 6pm and 8pm at Woodham Community Centre, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe

proceedings. Local people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting.

There will be one project proposal being put to the board for approval from Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets. Board members will also be receiving an update presentation on the work of the Pioneering Care Partnership.

Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk. Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

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Greenfield Exam Time

This week has seen the start of the GCSE examinations at Woodham Academy. This has begun with Art, where students have had 10 hours completing their final examination pieces. This is the culmination of two years of hard work and preparation with their course. The quality of the work is superb. Last year's examination results were excellent: 92% of students achieved between grade 9 and 4, the old A*-C grades with 5 students gaining a grade 9 – the very highest grade. This placed the school's Art department

amongst the very best in the country. Woodham Academy is confident that this can be repeated this summer. Every year there is an exhibition of all of the GCSE work where anyone who is interested can come and view the work. Last year's exhibition saw some of the students' work being bought by members of the public as the quality was so good. The exhibition will be held on 26th June 2019 from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the school.



AYCLIFFE RADIO PUNK ALL DAYER A SELL OUT

Gaz n Alby from Aycliffe Radio organised a Punk All Dayer at the Turbinia over the bank holiday weekend, which turned into a huge success.

This was their first attempt at putting a gig on and was six months in planning, they wanted hard working bands that gig all over the country, that play for one thing only, that's the love of punk rock. When it was first mentioned on their Facebook page there were a few bands they had in mind and were planning to go with 3 or 4 on the day - within two days, 15 bands from all over the country wanted to play.

Every band who performed live on the day had been featured on Gaz n Alby's Alternative Aycliffe show, which airs on a Wednesday evening from 8 to 10pm.

The first worry on the day was if the first band, "The Numskulls" would have a crowd to play to, but by the time they came on stage at 2pm, the Turbinia was packed to the rafters.

Next on, MC16 a 3 piece (which sounded more like a 5 piece), who had travelled up from Shropshire and Worcester, they blew the room away.

"All Out Attack" were next and it was an all out attack from start to finish. "The Amazing Space Frogs" did what only they can do, pure punk with a brilliant laugh out loud approach.

Derby based band "The Lengthmen" had the hard job of following The Frogs and didn't let us down, pure 1970's sounding punk in a full 45 minute set which went down a storm.

"Snide Remarks" after a full weekend of gigging and racking up the miles, did a cracking set, where did they find the energy God only knows. The penultimate band "Dead Objective" drove over from Manchester to deliver a full on high energy set, catch this band along with MC16 at this year's Rebellion Festival and you will not be disappointed.

Finally headliners, local band "Boilermaker", the dance floor was well and truly rammed and they blew the roof off.

Gaz n Alby would like to give a massive thank you to every member of every band who helped us make this day great. Thank you to Gary Soakell, the Turbinia Pub Landlord, for letting us put the All Dayer on and for sorting the Ska, Reggae Chill Out Room, which doubled up as a cafe to feed folk all day; also to each and every member of the bar staff, who never moaned once, service with a warm and friendly smile.

Special thank you to the sound guys, and what a sound they got for every band. Gary Henderson, Tony Welsh and Nicole Avery for taking pictures, videos and interviews all day, check them out on the Alternative



Aycliffe Facebook page. My final thank you is to everyone that turned up to support day. Who would have thought



two daft lads could have put on a punk gig in Newton Aycliffe, with no household names on the bill and sell it out?

Heartbeat Bus in Durham Market Square



Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society had their Heartbeat bus stood guard over Vane Tempest's statue in Durham Market Square last Monday during the 1940's event.

Members of the Society dressed in costume and mingled with visitors whilst youngsters and parents dodged showers by enjoying a sit on this famous local bus.

Market Manager Colin Wilkes was delighted to have the bus as an attraction which was complimented by period singer Ashley Stirling, a choir group and jitterbug dancers during the day. Society Chairman Kevin Openshaw was also pleased with the day and the response of visitors to Durham but he said they could have brought some warmer weather!

Birthday Remembrance

Barbara Sutton

14th May 1932

To our Mother and Nana, our birthday wishes we all send for you, angel in the sky.

All the family

Thank You

Ken Williamson

From Thames Dry Cleaning Centre

Would like to say thank you to all customers and friends in Newton Aycliffe for the many get well cards, retirement cards and gifts received.

I am sorry that it has not been possible to say a personal thank you to you all. Best wishes for the future to you all.

ANN ROBSON. The family of the late Ann are most grateful for all the messages, letters of sympathy and for the genuine concern and help received during their sad bereavement. Donations to Macmillan Cancer Care raised a total of £469.45. Thank you

Congratulations

Iain Jex



Happy 16th Birthday
7th May 2019

Best wishes, love you lots. Love from Mum, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Keith, Teresa and Uncle Paul

Joyce Nicholson



Happy 90th Birthday
11th May 2019

Love from Bill, Ann, Ian, Carol, Keith, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Obituary

Elizabeth Dunn

(Betty)

It is with great sadness, the Dunn family announce the loss of a wonderful Wife, Mam, Sister-in-Law, Mother-in-Law, Aunty, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She was also a great friend to so, so many people.

This exceptional lady passed away peacefully on Friday 3rd May 2019.

The world has lost an incredible human being and we will all think of and miss her every day.

The sky now has now one more star, and heaven one more angel. We all love you and always will.

Night night xxx
Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Tony Beadle

Peacefully on 21st April. David Anthony, aged 74 years, (late of Midridge Village).

Loving Husband to Lamyuk; dear Father to Daly, Anthony and Jasmine and a loving Son, Uncle and friend.

Funeral Thursday 16th May. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 1.00pm followed by private interment.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, in aid of Parkinson's Research, may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Bernie McGarry

Aycliffe Village

Peacefully on 1st May. Bernie aged 74 years. Dearly loved Brother to Joan, Robin, Jimmy and the late Mac. Sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Monday 20th May. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village at 1.00pm followed by interment in the churchyard.

Pat Metcalfe

(nee Coates)

Passed away tragically on 1st April 2019, aged 88 years.

A dearly loved Mam, Gran, Sister, Aunty, Cousin and friend. Also

Gary Metcalfe

on 6th April 2019, aged 63 years.

A dearly loved Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin and friend.

Funerals to be held on 14th May 2019 at 1.45pm at St Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to North East Air Ambulance Service. Pat and Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew them. No black tie please at family request.



Aycliffe Running Club News

Compared to recent weeks it was a quieter weekend in terms of races this week so limited race news.

In the absence of races however, we did have a considerable show of people at the local parkruns with one of our members achieving a PB at Hardwick Parkrun, Sedgfield. Well done to Jan McLuckie on her PB of 33.29.

On Sunday we had both members and second claim members taking part in the Kirkbymoorside 10k. The course can be described as challenging as the first couple of miles are generally uphill towards Gillamoor, although you can never describe it as steep, before a nice flat section over to Fadmoor. Here you take a more southward direction and start to feel the benefit of a gentle downhill towards Hagg Farm. There is a cheeky final hill before you start your descent back into the town. Paul Dalton completed this in 36.26 followed by Dez Fielden in



37.05 and Michael Lloyd in 51.39.

Over in Keswick, Trish Kay took part in the Half Marathon Race. This is said to be one of the most scenic half marathons in the country. The challenging course takes you around Derwent Water with an extra loop into

the Newlands Valley. The weather conditions were much kinder this year being considerably cooler than last year and Trish completed this in 1.53.20. She was 3rd in her age category.

Also on Sunday Ian Baronowski was racing over in Northern Ireland.

Ian set himself a personal challenge this year to complete the four main marathons in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This was without him ever having run a marathon previously. He had already completed the Wrexham and London Marathons (London being only a week prior) before taking part in the Belfast Marathon. He completed this in a PB time of 4.56.45, despite the course being officially 0.5 mile long. 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

Aycliffe Sisters Are Doing It...



A very proud Sisters Are Doing It Run Leader Jules Baxter would like to congratulate all her Beginners who completed their 10 week 0-3 mile running sessions last week and all received a nice shiny medal for their amazing progress!!

Jules says "I love running this group, it's so rewarding, I love to give back and have a real passion for helping people! These ladies have all done amazing! To run 3 miles from nothing is an incredible achievement and I'm so proud of each and every one of them for not giving up!"

Who's gonna be next?

If you'd like to join an informal, friendly, ladies only group, the next set of Beginners starts with enrolment on Monday 13th May at 6.30. Please contact

Emma on 07787 992675 to book your place or find us on Facebook: Sisters Are

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11 YEAR OLD DANIELLA IN BOXING FINALS



After becoming the Tyne Tees & Wear Champion and passing the pre-quarter final and quarter final, Daniella Jackson, aged 11, from Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club has reached the England Boxing National Schools Championship Finals. Daniella started boxing 2 years ago and has gone from strength to strength, she has boxed in Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and even Scunthorpe on Mother's Day. Daniella now has to travel to Crawley in Sussex to box on the 18th and 19th May.

Aycliffe Boxing Club are very proud of her achievements and wish her the best of luck in the finals.

Anyone that would like to emulate her achievements is welcome to attend training sessions, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at Acorn House on Aycliffe Business Park (DL5 6HP). Ladies boxing is held on Wednesday from 6pm and an over 55s Fitness class is at 11am on Tuesdays. With female instructors. Please ring for more details 01325 313855

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