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'Heart of the Community' With the Community at Heart

For 57 years Newton Press has been pleased to be part of and involved with the community of Newton Aycliffe. Since its inception in 1963, the family-run business has grown with the town, always happy to help businesses and residents to promote their services or activities, and to assist local charities and fundraisers.

A COMMUNITY COMPANY

Newton Press is an established print, media and marketing company, started by the late Syd Howarth and now run by his three sons, Paul, Stuart and Christopher. Syd was awarded an MBE for his services to the community in January 2016 New Year's Honours List and received the award from Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowden. The family continue their community involvement through the business, all the time remembering their father and his passion for the town.

Newton Press are proud of this community involvement including the weekly newspaper, Newton News, which is delivered to more than 17000 homes and businesses every week. Newton News is a true community newspaper, a 'good news' newspaper which is fully immersed in the town and all that is good about it.

Aycliffe Radio was recently added under the Newton Press umbrella. A not-for-profit organisation and registered community interest company (CIC), Aycliffe Radio is run by a group of 40+ volunteers who enjoy entertaining and informing local residents, as well as organising and attending events around town



to play music, provide a PA and raise awareness.

AN AWARD-WINNING COMPANY

This year, Newton Press was nominated for the 'Heart of the Community' category in the North East Business Awards and the company was initially up against 1000 other companies in the Sunderland, South Tyneside and Durham heat. After winning the regional heat, we then advanced to be judged against the winners from the Northumberland and Teesside regions in the Grand Final, which was the culmination of the three regional finals, held over the last few months and run by The Gazette in conjunction with The Journal, in association with associate sponsors the North East England Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday 16th May 2019 around 600 members of the North East's business community gathered at the Grand Final, which was held in the grand marquee at Hardwick Hall, near Sedgfield.

There were thirteen awards in

all with the event hosted by presenters Ingrid Hagemann and Alfie Joey and with entertainment and a three-course meal before the award presentations. Newton Press key account manager Stephen Gosnay attended the finals at Hardwick Hall on behalf of Newton Press.

Newton News is delighted to be able to report that **WE WON** the 'Heart of the Community' award!

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Aycliffe Nature Park Branch Committee

Dear Sir,
Please could I introduce our new Aycliffe Nature Park Committee which will be working in close co-ordination with Steve Cooper the Works and Environmental Manager of Newton Aycliffe Town

Council who will be assisting us in any way he can. The Police will also be notified of our aims and their involvement with regular checks and advice on security, anti social behaviour and general vandalism will be high

priority. I would like local people to know of our existence and what our aims and agenda actually are.

The Pond on the old Munitions Site on the Aycliffe Way has been neglected for too long and requires some TLC and assistance, returning it back to its former glory.

The Town Council have very kindly offered to provide us with Top Soil and Plants to start us off improving the site. Funding for a Security Camera has been discussed, and is a strong possibility to help us protect the environment, including the Greater Crested Newts, Fish and any Wild Life using that area. A Pond clear out is to be organised and regular meetings, and hopefully guest speakers, will be asked to attend future meetings to speak about our Wildlife, Pondlife and Flora and Fauna.

If anyone would like to become involved in assisting us with our project, it would be very much appreciated as the more people that help the

better and safer the area will become.

Consideration for a BBQ and outdoor events and adventures are to be encouraged for young people is also something we would like to facilitate in the future.

Everyone is welcome and our Secretary Sue can be contacted on : 07896 786338 to find out more.

Thank you for your interest.
Clive Taylor
(Committee Member)

Rose Lodge Summer Fete

Rose Lodge Care Home are holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 22nd June from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

There will be a raffle, tombola, vintage café as well as stalls.

All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Diane and Tracy the activities coordinators on 01325 271301.

Celebrity Guests Confirmed For Truckfest North East!

Soap sensation Jamie Lomas joins us at Truckfest North East on 16th June! The actor is best known for his role as bad boy Warren Fox in Hollyoaks for a number of years and also the character of Jake Stone in Eastenders. Jamie is also no stranger to the jungle – he was runner-up in 2017's I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Joining Jamie at the Wolsingham Showground will be Charley Webb – British actress, who is part of one of soap's most famous families, playing Debbie Dingle for the past 17 years! See them both on Sunday 16th June 2019 at Truckfest!

Ice Road truckers fans will be delighted to hear that Todd Dewey will be flying over to the UK to host Truckfest North East on 15th and 16th June also! All event details and tickets can be found at www.truckfest.co.uk

Win a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) for one day, simply send your name and email address to paul@newtonnews.co.uk - closing date 5th June.



The Phoenix Club Newton Aycliffe

MAY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 24th - "Almost Pink" with Kyla Porter and Absolute Entertainment Disco - Tickets £6 available at the bar (selling fast)

Saturday 25th - The fantastic "Kayleigh Louise" and the amazing **"Chris Atkins"** £3.00 on the door

Sunday 26th - "Karaoke & Disco" with great solo artiste **"Mark Carter"** - FREE Entry (Afternoon)
Fabulous solo artiste **"TS Short"** - FREE Entry (Evening)

Thursday 30th - "Line Dancing" With Brian Gibson - £3.00 entry

Friday 31st - "Karaoke & Disco" Dave's Retro Roadshow - FREE Entry

JUNE ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 1st - Fab band "Illuminates" and great solo artiste **"Alex McRea"** - £4.00 on the door

Sunday 2nd - "Karaoke & Disco" FREE Entry
"Peter Hoban" (Evening)

Friday 7th - "Open Mic Night" - PA provided - FREE Entry

Saturday 8th - Great comedy act "Brenda Collins" and fab solo artiste **"Sparky"** - £3.00 Entry

Sunday 9th - "Karaoke & Disco" Dave's Retro Roadshow - FREE Entry
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Andrew came into the Community Shop where Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group had a Pop up Shop all last week, he explained he had bought a brand new Foot Warmer for his mam Jean.

Due to the family losing loved ones to cancer Jean wanted to donate this Foot Warmer to a local cancer charity.

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group would like to thank Andrew and his mam Jean for their kindness.



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Saturday 1st June - "FIZZYFISH"
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Newton Press would like to record its thanks to the sponsors of the regional heat Gentoo and to finals sponsor Karbon Homes for awarding us this prestige title and for their kind words at both ceremonies. Paul, Stuart and Christopher know that this is a team effort and thank all staff and volunteers involved in Newton Press, Newton News and Aycliffe Radio, all 92 of us.



AYCLIFFE ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Officers from Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Team teamed up with local schools this week to tackle road safety.

With around 2,000 deaths or serious injuries happening on roads around schools nationwide every year, officers in the town held a week of action to try to reduce issues that contribute to the problem, like excessive speed and inconsiderate parking.

Officers were at every junior school during drop off and pick up times, along with council licensing and parking enforcement officers, to police issues around people ignoring yellow zig-zag lines and other road related offences.

Speedwatches were held in Newton Aycliffe, Middridge, Aycliffe Village and School Aycliffe, together with local councillors and colleagues from the force's Operation Endurance team and the Road Policing Unit, resulting in a number of speeding tickets and warning notices being issued. Officers from Durham County Council's licensing department were also involved to target illegal scrap collectors and waste carriers.

Intelligence-led patrols were also carried out targeting those who are known to drive while disqualified, people suspected of driving under the influence of drink or drugs and antisocial off-road bikers.

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and Gestamp, who provided every school with a big cartoon lollipop figure to place outside their premises. A poster competition also saw pupils design road safety posters which were displayed on the fences outside their schools, with the best in each school being awarded a prize.

Sergeant Andy Boyd said: "This has been a hugely successful week around issues that are very emotive in the community, and feedback from the community has been amazing."

"We all want to keep our kids safe, and in the main, parents attending our schools have been very supportive and understanding."

"Our week of action is not all about enforcement - engagement and education is crucial in trying to reduce problems associated with road safety particularly around the schools."

"We hope that this week goes some way to making road users attending, or passing schools, to think twice before parking inconsiderately or driving at excessive speed."

He added: "My team will be building on this week, carrying out random spot checks at all schools, and targeting persistent offenders."

"The schools have been amazing in their support of this week, in particular the Mini Police at each school who have assisted in handing out leaflets to raise awareness."

"I'd also like to thank Gestamp and local councillors who have sponsored this initiative."

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Phoenix Club Raise £2000 for Air Ambulance

On Saturday 4th May a charity night in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance Service was held at the Phoenix Club, run by Julie and Craig Palmer who spent time collecting raffle prizes from businesses all over the town and business park. Sue and Paul Land were also a big help selling raffle tickets and putting decorations around the concert hall. Also a big thank you to our DJ, Lee Firth, who worked all night with the disco and as MC for free. Our

Assistant Secretary, Mr Eddy Wood, who sat on the door collecting entrance fees also with no charge. The total amount collected was a staggering £2000 which is a big thank you to all who attended. The Great North Air Ambulance Service representative said "We would like to thank everyone who attended and donated to the charity night event at the Phoenix Club. We could not continue this life saving service without help such as yours. Thank you so much".



Pamper Dad at The Spa at Ramside Hall



A leading North East spa is taking the stress out of finding the perfect gift for Father's Day.

This year, the Spa at Ramside, at County Durham's Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa is inviting guests to give their dad the gift of pampering on Sunday 16 June.

And the spa has a number of treatments to choose from, including the Deep Muscle Massage, which can be booked with or without hot stones and is designed to ease deep-seated tension and muscular stress.

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And to keep him feeling pampered even after his spa visit is over, there is the ESPA Men's Skincare Experience, priced at £40.

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"Father's Day is a great opportunity to treat your dad to something he might not buy for himself," said Joanne Green, spa director.

"The two massages we are suggesting this year are very popular and a fantastic way to give dad a well-earned break."

"And because we all know how important it is to look after your skin, the ESPA skincare set is the gift that keeps on giving – with all the essentials to keep dad feeling refreshed."

For more information on all treatments or to book, visit www.ramsidespa.co.uk or call 0191 375 3088.

Great Aycliffe Town Council Mayor



At a busy Annual Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 15th May 2019, the outgoing Mayor, Councillor John Clark, took a moment to thank Councillors, friends and family for their support during his year in office.

Councillor Clark had carried out various events over the past twelve months to raise funds for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and was pleased to present a cheque to them for £2415.00. The group's Chairman, Allison White said, "I would like to thank our 2018/2019 Mayor, Councillor John Clark, for choosing our charity, also to everyone involved in organising the fundraising events as well as those who came along to support us."

"Over the last 6 months our group has grown significantly so the money raised by the Mayor will help so much, it will be spent on the services we provide that are vital to a cancer patient such as Patient Transport to get them to hospital for their Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy, also it will go towards social outings during the summer months

so we can help those isolated who never go out. On average we have between 35 and 45 attend our monthly meetings but we have over 100 other members that at present just need help and support and are too poorly to come to the group, however, if well enough they do then start coming along. At least they know that they are not alone."

Councillor John Clark said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me during my Mayoral year. Town Clerk Andrew Bailey, Sharna, Christine and all the staff at GATC. All the councillors who have attended functions and donated prizes to help raise a fantastic sum for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group and not forgetting my partner and consort Bernardette Moore. I wish the incoming Mayor every success in the coming year." Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton was selected as Mayor for the 2019 – 2020 year and thanked the Council for her election. Councillor Wendy Hillary was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Mary announced that her nominated charity for her year in office will be SSAFA.

LABOUR PROVES THAT LOVE CAN WIN!

Dear Newtonians, At the council AGM the Labour councillors finally passed the motion to allow a rainbow LGBT+ pride flag to be flown. While it failed last time due to a policy issue on flag flying it has now been well received enough to go ahead!

This gives the LGBT community in Aycliffe the representation it deserves.

The independent councillors including Arun Chandran and others voted against this policy, once again proving they are no ally to the LGBT cause. It is disgraceful that the community they are meant to serve ask for a small and easily affordable amount of representation. And yet through snowballingly homophobic reasons they seek to refuse it. Last time it was other groups like single mothers and the disabled that shouldered their blame, this time it was Brexit. These so called independents are independent even of the community they "seek" to serve.

On a final note can I take time to pass huge gratification to Cllr Kathryn Beetham who has fought hard and diligently for this proposal to be agreed. She is a true ally of our LGBT community here in Great Aycliffe!

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Owen Dickinson

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and delivered by subject experts. I'm particularly pleased with how students have engaged and feedback has been superb from all concerned. The maths sessions in particular have proved very popular and we are anticipating a large number of top grades this summer". Head of English, Roger Hargreaves has conducted such sessions now for a number of years. "I'm absolutely clear that having the students in such sessions improves grades and student confidence. This year we were particularly pleased to welcome a Chief Examiner to the school, who worked closely with a variety of students. We are always looking for ways to improve and develop provision for our students".



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Model and an Artillery Nerf range. They were also able to climb aboard an Army helicopter, see inside a fully working Army field kitchen to find out about life as a military chef, and tackle a climbing wall. Meanwhile Army personnel gave presentations on the different services and answered questions from the students. Paula Taylor, Head of School for Public Services, Health and Social Care, Childcare & Access to HE, said: "Our students have had a great time experiencing the Armed Services activities, including many learners on other vocational programmes, whose participation created a brilliant buzz on the field. I'd especially like to thank all of the service personnel and college staff involved in putting on the event for us."



Rookie Runners Raise Money For Rainbow Trust



Photo (L to R): Meg Lidster, Katy Jones, Di Kinrade, Hillary Delve, Chantel Gray, Jade Craggs, Sarah-Jane Grainger, Sunny Pahal, Paige Todd-Archbold and Amy Gray.

Nine novice runners, from Crafter's Companion in Newton Aycliffe, will complete the Great North Run in the hopes of raising more than £3000 for Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, which supports families caring for a seriously ill child. Sunny Pahal, Amy Gray, Katy Jones, Chantel Gray, Paige Todd-Archbold, Jade Craggs, Sarah-Jane Grainger, Hillary Delve and Di Kinrade work across different areas of the company including product development, marketing, trade and social media. The team will join more than 40,000 runners taking part in the Great North Run on September 8. Apart from Sunny, who has already participated in two half marathons this year for Rainbow Trust, this is the first time that the group has trained for a running event. Marketing manager, Meg Lidster, who will be nine months pregnant at the time of the Great North Run, is also fundraising for the charity by walking the equivalent 13.1 miles during the summer with Sunny.

Sunny discovered Rainbow Trust and was inspired by the charity's work and how it aligned with Crafter's Companion's ethos to support community causes. After showing the charity and its work to the rest of the company, the group of runners assembled to support the dozens of families that use the service in the North East. Rainbow Trust supports families who have a child aged 0-18 years with a life threatening or terminal illness. The charity offers support for the whole family including the unwell child, parents, carers, brothers, sisters and grandparents. Family Support Workers help families at home, in hospital and in the community, wherever they can, to make life easier. There are currently eight teams of Family Support Workers across the UK. The North East regional team covers Northumberland,

Tyne & Wear, County Durham, Teesside, Redcar and Cleveland. Sunny, head of soft crafts at Crafter's Companion, said: "When I came across Rainbow Trust I was instantly moved. It's an extremely family-orientated organisation and provides a vital support network for people who have so much to cope with on a day-to-day basis. "The backing from Crafter's Companion and comradery in our running team has been great. None of the girls started out as runners so the effort and time that they are giving up to train for the Great North Run, to raise money for a really important cause, has been fantastic." Oonagh Goodman, director of fundraising and marketing at Rainbow Trust Children's Charity said: "When serious illness affects a child, family life is turned upside down and time becomes more precious than ever. Rainbow Trust pairs each family with a dedicated expert Family Support Worker to help them face and make the most of

each new day. "Families can be overwhelmed with grief and worry about their child's illness and getting them to hospital appointments that may be hundreds of miles away, all the while trying to keep life as normal as possible for their other children. Our Family Support Workers support the whole family with whatever they need so that families don't have to manage alone. "This year we are hoping to raise enough money through the Great North Run to support over 17 families for an entire year so it's really important that people, like Sunny and her colleagues at Crafter's Companion, get involved with these events because without fundraising, we wouldn't be able to offer this vital support."

Rotary Club Hosts Big Breakfast



To help us continue with our valuable work of raising funds for local charities, we must seek new and innovative ways to achieve this. One of the events your Rotary Club is planning is a Brunch, to be held at School Aycliffe Community Hall (bottom of Eastfields, School Aycliffe) on Saturday 15th June between 10.30a.m. and 12noon. A full English breakfast will be available at £5 and butties at £2 to include tea, coffee, or juice. Reductions for children. Ring Rotarian Ruth Dawson on 01325 321729 for more details or just come along and support us.

PICTURE PERFECT?



This is the most perfect picture of the area of Williamfield Way that is enjoyed by many of the residents that live here, passengers on the buses and people in cars and on bikes passing through the area. It is one of the sights that is an example of the green open spaces, tree lined roads and cleanliness of the area, until it is spoilt by ignorant residents who think it is the correct thing to do to put their unwanted rubbish beside garages facing the main road. Unfortunately once one person deposits mattresses other people decide to add cupboards, boxes and various articles making the area a rubbish dump. In this area of Kirkstone Place 99.9% of the people take pride in their area and it is up to these people to report the people who are continually doing this litter dumping activity. The first articles were dumped three weeks ago, allegedly, our two area County Councillors Adams and Hopper, have said that it has been reported. When and who to? Surely they should follow up the report as they often drive up and down this road. Cllr Hopper was down Williamfield Way last Tuesday, why hasn't this been followed up or are they waiting for a good load to accrue to save money? Three residents from the area have knocked on my door complaining about the rubbish as I live in the area and that is why I am reporting it directly to DCC. I have included Mark Readman, hopefully he may expedite removal, as he will pass it on to the head of the department responsible for fly tipping removal and it may be gone, hopefully before the Bank Holiday weekend. Dorothy Bowman



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

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SK8 2019 Big Ambition for County Small Business

Professional skaters will be coming from across the country this weekend to celebrate the installation of the new Skate Park in Newton Aycliffe.

The new facility in the Town Park, replaced a very popular skate park earlier in the year and has already been well received by many local riders. Great Aycliffe Town Council has worked with Fearless Ramps, who designed and installed the new attraction, to organise a celebration event to help to promote this fantastic new facility.

Not only will professional skaters be on site to demonstrate their skills and encourage local young riders to give the new facility a go, but a series of other free attractions, mainly aimed at the youth audience, will be available including a total wipeout game, laser quest, bungee trampolines as well as Aycliffe Radio providing music.

Local skaters and riders of all abilities are encouraged to come along, try the skate park and show off their skills. There will be spot prizes for riders throughout the day, including a trophy and prize from Aycliffe Youth Council for the best local rider.

The event is not just for skaters, families are encouraged to come along and enjoy this free fun event, which takes place in the Town Park between 11am and 4pm on Saturday 25th May 2019.



A Community Interest Company from County Durham has been nominated for a prestigious award that recognises small businesses up and down the country for their growth, creativity and commitment to their local communities.

Sedgefield School Sport Partnership CIC is nominated for best social enterprise at The Small Awards.

From bricks and mortar retailers to innovation-led start-ups, social enterprise champions to supply line legends, businesses from across all sectors have a chance of awards glory at this year's ceremony, including Sedgefield School Sport Partnership CIC. Sedgefield SSP provide an extensive range of innovative and inspiring programmes to schools in Physical Education, School Sport

and Physical Activity with the mission of developing happy, healthy and successful young people. The range of programmes include, of note, PE Apprenticeships, a Mental Health and Wellbeing programme (Team Up), digital fitness resource (Fit for Life) and an Early Years Resource (Move with Max), in addition to PE teaching support, sports coaching and inspiring events. Sedgefield SSP aim to maximise physical activity as a tool to improve children's physical health, mental health, social and employability skills.

Winners of The Small Awards will be crowned at an event at Marylebone's historic St Mary's church. There are eleven categories, all highlighting the vibrancy of the UK's small business sector which turns over £1.9 trillion each year.

Sarah Price, Manager of

Sedgefield SSP, said: "We are a small business with a big heart and we are immensely proud that our work has been recognised on such a prestigious stage, amongst businesses from all sectors across the UK. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our local schools and partners who work with us and have provided us with the platform to create and deliver innovative programmes and put us in a position to be able to expand our reach, impact and positive work"

Michelle Owens MBE, Founder of The Small Awards said: "The Small Awards celebrates the huge contribution that the UK's 5.6 million small businesses make to the economy and broader society across the country. There are huge numbers of small businesses doing great things, making great products and excelling in customer service, and they all deserve recognition. I am proud that there is now a spotlight on vibrant, dynamic and exciting UK businesses such as Sedgefield SSP CIC"

Newcastle Supporters Club 'Annual Bash'



On Saturday 18th May the Darlington Marie Curie Fundraising Group, DMCFG, were invited to run a raffle at Newton Aycliffe Newcastle Supporters 'annual bash'. Pat Irving and Leigh Taylor, from the group, were warmly welcomed by Roger Howe to the Navy Club where they set themselves up for a fantastic night of fundraising. Not only did the eighty or so attendees buy hundreds of tickets they also donated most of the prizes! The total raised was £250, which is roughly the cost of twelve and a half hours of Marie Curie nursing care.

Pat and Leigh, on behalf of

the DMCFG, would like to thank all the supporters and the team at the Navy Club for their generosity.

The Newton Aycliffe Newcastle Supporters Group organise a bus for their supporters to attend every home game and about thirty-five supporters, from eight to eighty years of age, regularly attend. After the last game of the season Paula Barry, the treasurer who takes care of the proceeds, decides which charity to benefit from our fundraising. The charities we choose are done so due to personal reasons for our members. Paula and Roger have been running the bus for about 15 years and in this time they have all become close friends.

If you'd like to join our Darlington Marie Curie Fundraising Group 'volunteers team' to offer a few hours volunteering a year or to join our monthly committee meetings please contact Carly Searle for a chat on 07810 417863

NEWTON AYCLIFFE WI UPDATE

Your local Women's Institute has been very busy over the last few months.

Our meeting nights are always very friendly with a variety of activities and speakers. At our meeting on May 14th we had someone from the Great North Air Ambulance talk to us about the history and background of the organisation and incredible service they provide. In June we have a fun evening planned with a belly dancing demonstration, come along and have a go. Our ladies have taken part in many and varied workshops and visits. There are more workshops planned at W.I. house in Spennymoor including Dorset Buttons, Photography, Crochet and Flower arranging.

There is always a lot going on within the county including darts competitions and quizzes and other social events. Some of our ladies attended the St George's Day Dinner and had a great time.

Within our own W.I. we have had very enjoyable trips to the theatre, with more planned, as well as other excursions including a day trip to Edinburgh by train in November.

We are also out and about in the community and we had a stall at the Petting Zoo in the leisure centre where we served tea and coffee and sold lots of delicious homemade sandwiches, pies, cakes and biscuits.

Your WI meets at St Clare's church hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Come along ladies and make new friends.

Any enquiries please contact Helen Webster on 01325 315017

Stephenson Way Activity Residential



Earlier this month, fourteen Year 4 pupils from Stephenson Way Academy unleashed their inner adventurer as they travelled to Dukeshouse Wood for a residential experience. The children spent three days at the activity centre, which is on the outskirts of Hexham, learning new skills alongside over 100 pupils from six other schools in the Tudhoe Learning Trust.

During their time away pupils participated in a whole host of activities including, abseiling, Jacob's ladder, laser tag, obstacle courses, den building, survival skills and archery. Their night times were filled with hot chocolate, marshmallows and singing songs around the campfire and culminated with a disco on the final evening. Both centre and school staff were impressed with how the children challenged themselves, learnt new skills, developed their ability to work as a team, encouraged and supported each other and made new friends from other schools.

For many it was the first time they had been away from their families, and they embraced the jobs that helped them to look after themselves too, such as making their own beds and packing etc. Throughout their time away, the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to their parents and their school, though they were thoroughly worn out by the time they arrived home!



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NEW VAPE SHOP IN THAMES CENTRE



Digital Vapers is a family run business that has been running for many years, they started off by having a small market stall in Newton Aycliffe then went on to opening a few shops in Newcastle. With the support from all their loyal customers the little market stall is now able to take on the vacant premises of the old dry cleaning shop in the Thames Centre in Aycliffe Shopping Centre. The shop will be amazing, offering a wide range of products at some amazing prices. They will have weekly deals on offer and won't disappoint their valued customers. The new shop is opening on Tuesday 28th May and for 1 week only, if you bring in the advert from the Newton News, you will receive 10% off (only one per person) your purchase. The Digital Vapers team look forward to many years to come in their new exciting adventure in the Thames Centre here in Newton Aycliffe.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Important meetings and events, a Highways England survey on dualling the A66, local business successes, and some amazing things to do next week. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB117

And don't forget to join me for my community/council radio show jdcjdj on Friday afternoon, 4-6pm; and for my politics discussion show POLITICAL, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 26 May (where the Big Story this week will be Disability Discrimination): bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 15 May (Bishop Auckland regeneration, Adult and Health Services update, SEND Strategy Refresh, Council Activity Report, School 20mph Project update, North Pennines AONB management plan).
- DCC officers from across

the Council have been holding Climate Emergency Workshops.

- GAMP AGM, Tuesday 21 May (appointments, PCP update, GAMP 10 Year anniversary, Neighbourhood Budget funding for Neville Community Centre furniture, Area Budget callout ends 31 May).

- Great Aycliffe Town Council AGM, Wednesday 16 May (appointments, Constitution review, members' attendances and allowances, Rainbow Flag motion, SUP motion).

- Highways England want our views on the proposed A66 dualling between the M6 and Scotch Corner.

- North East Business Awards Grand Final – and huge congratulations to Newton News.

- Road Safety Week in Newton Aycliffe encouraged parents to park more sensibly on the school run ... and caught 88 speeding motorists.

- The North East's three Police and Crime Commissioners have called on the Government to consider the wider implications of alcohol consumption.

- HealthWatch County Durham – notice of AGM, 9-11am Wednesday 26 June: book on 0800 304 7039.

- Congratulations Hitachi as the first Aycliffe-built Azuma train officially entered passenger service on the East Coast Mainline.

- Well done Stiller and Excelpoint, both expanding.

THINGS TO DO

- Events at Low Barns Nature Reserve (up to 11yrs): Pond dipping (10-11:30am Tuesday 28 May, £4); Minibeast Safari (1:30-3pm Tuesday 28 May, £4); book on 0191 584 3112.

- Events at Hardwick Park: Marvellous Mermaids (11am-3pm Tuesday 28 May £3); Unicorns (10-11:30am Wednesday 29 May, £4); Dragon Den-building (1-2:30pm Wednesday 29 May, £6); Fairy house-making (11am-3pm Thursday 30 May £8.50): 03000 262 899.

- Events at Durham Oriental Museum (5-11s): Pharaoh Hatshepsut's perfume jar (drop in 1-3pm Friday 31 May); Celebrating the Muslim festival of Eid (drop in 1-3pm Saturday 1 June), FREE.

- Durham's Bailey Gallery (5-11s), Palace Green Library, 1-3pm 1-2 June, FREE.

- Shildon Model Railway Club Exhibition, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, 1-2 June, FREE.

- Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, Gala Theatre Durham, 7pm Wednesday 5 June, £15: book on 03000 266600.

- S&DR Walks – 12 June, 26 June, 3 July: 0780 346 1996.

GREENFIELD PARENT MONTHLY EVENTS

Last month saw the one year Anniversary of the Monthly Greenfield Events held at ROF59 on Aycliffe Business Park.

The events have been open to all Year 7 and 8 pupils who attend Greenfield School* and this month will see the first month the event will be open to all pupils who go to Greenfield School*.

The evening allows the young people to use the trampolines and adventure walls plus different special activities every month which could be anything from laser tag to jumping off the 'drop zone' or whizzing down the zip wire!

The events are organised by Greenfield parent Helen Smith who said the events are simply to allow "the young people to have an opportunity to access fun activities and socialise in a safe place. As a parent of a teenager I can see that often the only options available to them can be to roam the streets, go on their phones or play on their games consoles, this event gives them a chance to do something different. I would urge any Greenfield pupil to give the event a try." Helen went on to praise the young people who go to the events, "They are an absolute credit to their parents, their school and to Newton Aycliffe, I am always incredibly proud of the way they all behave and impressed at their willingness to try new activities and overcome challenges."

The next event is on Friday 7th June 2019, 6-8pm at ROF59. If you wish to book a place, or for more details, please TEXT Helen on 07506 984 556. Please note we only have 60 places (available on a first come first served basis). You can also find the event details on Facebook (search Greenfield Parent Organised Year 7 and 8 Events).

Also look out for details of the final event of the school year in July which hopefully will add in the element of competition!

*Please note this event is entirely parent organised and has NO association with Greenfield School. Please do not contact the school regarding this event.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 29th May 2019 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

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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
26th May - Guest: Sean Patterson		
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
26th May - Derek Atkinson and Samantha Townsend		
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

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6-7:30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
28th May - Bob Malvern (Aycliffe Rugby Club)		
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

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5-6:30pm	Tea-Time Out	Phil & Amy
29th May - Guest Presenter: Jane Johnson		
6:30-8pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
29th May - Guest Presenter: CAD		
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

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1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-7:30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

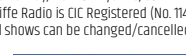
FRIDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-4pm	The Weekend Starts Here	Kieron Mills
4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D Clare
6-8pm	Tech-House/Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	

24th May - **Pauly Mac** (80s Classics from Australia)

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ST JOSEPH'S 50 YEAR CELEBRATION APPEAL



Pupils and staff at St Joseph's Primary School, Newton Aycliffe, are appealing for memorabilia from the past 50 years to help mark their half century birthday celebrations

The head teacher is inviting past pupils and teachers to return to the classroom to help celebrate their former school's golden year.

Fiona Brown, the head teacher of St Joseph's Primary School, Newton Aycliffe, is asking anyone with items of school memorabilia from the past 50 years to get in touch to help mark half a century of being at the heart of the

community.

"Fifty years is a real milestone in the history of St Joseph's and we'd love to celebrate our anniversary with anyone associated with the school since it opened," said Mrs Brown.

"Unfortunately we don't have a lot of historic memorabilia in school so we are hoping that past students, parents, carers, teaching staff, governors or members of the local parish can help us create a display with any old school reports, photographs, artwork or other items that they could let us use for our celebration. "Anyone who has a story

about their school days or recollections about being a pupil here at St Joseph's is also very welcome to come in and tell us and all the stories will be written down and put on a memory board for everyone to read."

The 154-pupil school, on Garburn Place, Newton Aycliffe, officially opened in 1969. It teaches pupils from three to 11 and is planning to hold a whole week of celebrations from July 1, where people can come into school every day from 1-2pm to look around, see the memorabilia displays, view the original school plans, enjoy light refreshments and have a tour of their former classrooms.

"We have also planned a special 50th anniversary service and blessing to be led by Father Anthony Cornforth," said Mrs Brown. "I came to St Joseph's in 1980 so it will be wonderful for me to find out more about the school's past and I hope that everyone in the local community, who has had links with St Joseph's, will join us to see how it has changed over the years and celebrate this highpoint in the school's history."

Planned celebrations for pupils also include a whole-school picnic or street party and a 'dress up through the decades' celebration day. St Joseph's Primary School will be hosting an Open Day on June 4 where parents, carers and future pupils are welcome to view the facilities, including the school's nursery, where places are still available for three-year-olds for September.

Cobblers Hall Lake, Beauty Spot or Danger Zone?



Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern regarding the new viewing platform which has been installed at the formerly, highly secured lake at Cobblers Hall Road. Since its installation, the site has been secured by a tall picket fence, reinforced with wire netting. The depth of water and steepness of the sides of the lake seemed to require such a deterrent. The public, thankfully, seemed to adhere to the request to remain on the correct side of the fencing. However, several months ago a large, blue container arrived and eventually, workmen appeared and began to deconstruct the fence and the viewing platform took shape. Unfortunately, the locking gates were removed and the new construction was left, wide open, to access. The large gaps between the ranch-style fencing have been left open, allowing direct access to the water, just metres, beyond.

In less than a couple of days, children were playing, unattended, on and beyond the platform. Weeks later, there were young adults, fishing in a more remote area of the site.

This is very worrying because of the lack of life belts or warning signs around the lake.

I have made enquiries to both Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council, both of whom



directed me back from one to the other. After my most recent request to speak to someone in the Ecology Dept. at Durham, I was twice told that someone would get back to me.

They didn't!

I would also like an answer as to when the blue container will be removed. It must be costing some department some money for its lengthy hire period. Moreover, it really is an unsightly blot on the landscape.

It was, initially, my concern for safety issues that prompted my enquiries. With warmer weather hopefully ahead, and the now open invitation to the lake, I would hate to be the person required to make the phone call for emergency services to assist children or pets that may be in need of rescue.

It seems very strange that an area once deemed unsuitable for access is now so easy to enter.

Any information regarding the matter would be greatly appreciated. Name & address supplied

Miscellaneous Exhibition at Durham

The Miscellaneous Exhibition is to take place on the 7th of June, 2019 from 5pm-7pm at the Visual Arts Centre, Durham Sixth Form Centre. Formulated by 21 foundation year art students, the exhibition transcends art mediums, celebrating innovative artists from backgrounds ranging from fine art, photography, graphic design, textiles, ceramics and illustration.

With a wide range of subject matter, from hard hitting social and political issues to the macabre, there is sure to be artwork that will appeal to all! Come along and explore the work by students based in an Artsmark Platinum Award winning art department and Ofsted Outstanding rated sixth form.

There will be free refreshments, suitable for a variety of dietary requirements and children's activities will be available as well as a gift shop. The Visual

Arts Centre has disabled access and is located on the sands, on the picturesque bank of the river wear.

DARLINGTON SALUTES TRAD JAZZ

Trad jazz fans are in for a treat when the legendary Pedigree Jazz Band visits Darlington on Saturday 1 June. The band will be the guest of Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club and the lunchtime gig will bounce to the hit tunes of the British Trad Jazz boom of the 1950s and 60s.

Clarinetist Chris Walker, renowned also for his jazz lectures and radio broadcasts, leads Pedigree's 'Salute to Trad Jazz', with fresh arrangements of a host of popular hit tunes made famous at the time by the likes of Chris Barber, Ken Colyer, Lonnie Donegan, Kenny Ball, Acker Bilk, Alex Welsh and many others. The show has proved a resounding success everywhere the band has played.

Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington on the first Saturday of every month except January. Doors open at 12 noon and entry is just £10 on the door, with free entry for children under 16 when accompanied by an adult. 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 Graham Foster graham@darlingtonjazz.co.uk



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GREENFIELD TAKES PRIDE IN ACHIEVEMENTS



Year 11 students from Greenfield Community College are beginning the exam season equipped with additional confidence and skills following a valuable period of preparation.

Students have shown commitment and effort working a longer day during a fourteen-week Period 6 revision programme and are now reaping the benefits as they reach an important phase in their studies. Great teaching is motivating young people to do even better by accessing masterclasses, booster revision sessions and valuable staff and parental support. Which have all played an important role in recent weeks. Staff and students are looking forward to celebrating another year of improvement following a range of outstanding results last year.

Greenfield, a Specialist Arts and Science School have had much to boast about this year and are delighted to have achieved the prestigious Platinum Artsmark Award. Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England and the platinum status awarded is a mark of the exceptional development in arts, culture and creativity achieved across the curriculum, giving students opportunities to develop their learning skills. Year 11 students have also had the benefit of a valuable careers programme.

Greenfield was one of only 13 secondary schools in the country to pilot the Gatsby Benchmark Scheme which is now provided to all secondary

schools as best practice. The scheme addresses the career needs of every student and the importance of workplace connections, apprenticeships and market changes, highlighting the importance of STEM subjects and tailoring the needs of each student. David Priestley, Executive Headteacher is proud of the many achievements of staff and students. "Our commitment to a culture of continuous self-improvement has seen significant progress across our school. We are very proud of our students and our team of staff".

Search is on for Durham Tourism Superstar 2019



Visit County Durham is encouraging nominations for the shining stars of the county's tourism industry in the Durham Tourism Superstar 2019 awards, following the national success of its previous winners. The award, which is in its sixth year, recognises the dedication and passion of those working in Durham's tourism industry, and will be awarded to an individual who goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure visitors to the county have a memorable experience.

Last year's reigning champion, Emily Hope from Beamish, The Living Museum of the North, was announced as the national Tourism Superstar 2019 by VisitEngland earlier this month following her Durham Tourism Superstar 2018 win. Emily joins Durham's success with 2014 winner Matthew Henderson (Beamish Museum) and 2015 champion Lillian Groves (Durham Cathedral) both going on to win the national accolade, showcasing Durham's incredible visitor welcome.

Michelle Gorman, Managing Director at Visit County Durham, said: "Following our hat trick of national winners, we're now looking for 2019's Durham Tourism Superstar. The competition celebrates the incredible individuals who go above and beyond for the millions of tourists coming to the county each year, and I would urge all tourism businesses to put forward their shining stars who ensure visitors have a fantastic time when visiting Durham".

The closing date for nominations is Friday 14 June and finalists will be selected by a panel of industry experts in conjunction with the Northern Echo, with the winner being announced at Visit County Durham's annual Garden Party in July 2019 (date TBC).

For more information and to apply for Durham Tourism Superstar 2019, visit: <https://visitcountydurham.org/opportunities/durham-tourism-superstar>

Friendship Force Visit

The County Durham Friendship Force are playing host to 13 members of the Kempsey New South Wales Australia Friendship Force for a week. The group arrived at Darlington Railway station from Edinburgh on Saturday having spent a week being hosted by 2 Friendship Forces in Germany and a few days sight-seeing in Edinburgh. A welcome party was held on Saturday at the president Cynthia Scott's home in School Aycliffe. The guests are hosted by members of the County Durham Friendship Force and encouraged to become part of the family. Sunday was a free day for hosts to show their guests around areas they thought might be of interest to them. Some visited the Angel of the North, others went to Beamish, the Locomotion railway museum, the Baltic Centre in Gateshead and the Sunday Market of Newcastle Quayside along with Historic Hartlepool. Monday saw an interesting trip to the lake district, even

the bus breaking down on leaving Windermere did not prevent the day from being a success. Tuesday was a day for Hosts to show off the delights of the Town Hall in Durham and a meeting with the Mayor and his bodyguards. A trip to the cathedral was a must along with a boat ride on the River. Wednesday was a trip up to the National Glass Museum taking in three extremely interesting demonstrations of the intricate art of glass making. Thursday will see a must for Fish and Chips at Whitby and a chance to explore the area. The final full day will indeed be a full day, starting with a trip to Binchester to see the artefacts of the many digs in the area uncovering long gone history of the Romans living in the area. A visit to Raby and a tour of the castle will be next on the programme concluding with a farewell meal at The Hammer and Pincers at Preston le Skerne. A fond farewell will be bid to their guests at Darlington

Railway station at lunchtime on Saturday. County Durham Friendship Force are visiting New Zealand later in the year for 3 separate visits to both North and South Island. Next year a 2-week trip to Japan is on the horizon along with a visit from Japan.

FLOWER DEMO

Join Area Demonstrator from Earlsdon, Julia Loudon, as she takes us on a flower demonstrating trip Around the World in 8 Displays at the next 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 is open! Free to members. Visitors £5 on the door. All Welcome

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Second & Third in County Finals



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Having progressed through the qualification rounds unbeaten, the students were keen to compete against the best players in the county. Having progressed under the tutelage of Woodham Academy Deputy Headteacher and Durham Wildcats coach Danny Morgans, the players were some of the most technically proficient in the competition. Both teams performed admirably and were able to develop their skills in the competitive game situations. The year 7 team finished 2nd overall in the county with the year 8 and 9 team finishing 3rd, which considering most of the players were a year younger is a tremendous achievement.

Cornmill Invites Budding Writers to Make Headlines

Cornmill Shopping Centre in Darlington is inviting all budding journalists to flex their writing skills this May by popping into the Cornmill Centre on Tuesday 28th May between 11am and 2pm. The event, in partnership with Darlington College is a key focus for half term at the Cornmill Centre and ties into this year's carnival theme of 'Through the Ages'.

Susan Young, Centre Manager at the Cornmill Centre, said: "Our 'Through the Ages' event allows children who attend the sessions the opportunity to make something for the Darlington Community Carnival, taking place on Saturday 29th June. We're extremely proud to work with Darlington College again this year. We're hopeful the writing event may also uncover fresh talent in the local area. All materials will be provided - all we ask is you bring your imagination!" Claire Turner, Marketing and Engagement Manager from Darlington College said, "We'll be offering students the opportunity to create their own headlines on a pre-populated newspaper we've created called 'Cornmill Heritage News'. There will also be the chance to write their own story, find words in a

word search and colour in heritage related pictures. We hope the event will not only be enjoyable but may also inspire young people to consider studying journalism."

To find out more about the Cornmill Shopping Centre and other promotions and events please visit www.cornmillcentre.co.uk. To find out more about Darlington College, visit www.darlington.ac.uk

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I am also sure that this will be having an adverse affect on the daily lives of the residents of the Rose Lodge Care Home, and that is simply not acceptable.

Please make sure that other neighbours read this and do likewise. I also recommend that you write an email to the Environment Officer: steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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Film Show

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The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 28th May features the comedy "BROTHER WHITE" starring David A. R. White, Jackee, Bruce Davison and Bebe Winans. An associate Pastor at a rich church, gets the chance to Pastor his very own church, but it's very poor and in danger of closure.

A lovely, heartwarming comedy. 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. 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.

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Shildon Model Railway Club are delighted to stage their 10th open exhibition at Locomotion Museum in Shildon on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 2019.

The club are proud to announce that they have secured "award" winning exhibits from around the country, with several being exhibited in the area for the first time. The show opens to the public at 10.00am each day (last entry 4.30pm) with 35 impressive working layouts throughout the exhibition site.

Flying Scotsman will make an appearance on several layouts along with an accurate model of Shildon, along with traders selling everything for the model train enthusiast, along with those just coming for a day out.

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Everyone had a magnificent weekend of competition, putting maximum effort into their races and producing some really fantastic results, with some making qualification times for the Northumberland & Durham Championships next year. We are very grateful to Wear Valley ASC as the gala was superbly run and all our swimmers thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The team took part in a total of 97 swims, bringing home 47 medals and numerous personal best times for each swimmer, which is absolutely tremendous. Competing for Sedgefield were:

Charlie McEwan, Charlotte Lee, Chloe Harding, Ethan Craig, Filip Wilczynski, James Hodgson, Katelyn Craig, Kathryn Lee, Lewis Turnbull, Liam Hughes, Matthew Wimbury, Mateusz Wilczynski, Oliver Turnbull, Tom Curran and Zoe Hodgson.

Mateusz Wilczynski took Gold in the 50 fly, 100 fly, 200 fly, 200 IM and 200 breast. Silver in the 50 breast, 100 free, 50 back, 100 back, 200 back and Bronze in the 200 free. James Hodgson took Gold in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free and 100 IM. Silver in

the 50 back, 100 back and Bronze in the 200 back.

Matthew Wimbury took Gold in the 50 breast, 100 breast, Silver in the 50 free, 100 IM and Bronze in the 50 back, 100 back and 100 free.

Filip Wilczynski made his debut at this gala and brought home Silver in the 50 back, 100 back, 50 fly, 50 breast, 100 IM and Bronze in the 50 and 100 free, which is an amazing achievement for a first gala. Tom Curran came home a champion as he took Gold in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 50 fly, 50 back and 100 back.

Katelyn Craig took Gold in the 50 fly, 200 fly, 100 free and Silver in the 200 IM. Charlotte Lee took Gold in the 200 breast.

Kathryn Lee took Silver in the 200 back.

Oliver Turnbull took Bronze in the 200 breast.

Ethan Craig took Bronze in the 200 back.

Charlie McEwan took Bronze in the 50 free.

A splendid weekend Sedgefield.

Well Done Everyone.

SPECTRUM SKATERS ON A ROLL!



Two skaters represented the North East at their first ever British Championships this weekend at Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Niamh Dawson (13) from Bishop Auckland and Hannah Godwin (12) from Coundon took part in the event which attracted 18 clubs from around Great Britain.

Both skaters joined Spectrum Roller Skating Club about 4 years ago and train 10 hours per week at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. Their dedication has paid off as in order to take part in Championships the skaters had to take skating tests - Hannah moving from Novice, through Elementary, into Preliminary Standard and Niamh moving from Novice, through Elementary, Preliminary and into Inter Bronze Standard. The achievement of passing those tests and being able to compete in this prestigious event is phenomenal.

In Espoir category Hannah placed 19th in compulsory dance, 15th in freedance and 19th overall. In Cadet category Niamh placed 27th in compulsory dance, 27th in freedance and 27th overall. Both skaters have worked very hard to create programmes which combine technical elements and artistry to reflect the new judging system of rollart which is being introduced into the sport.

"I am very proud of how far Niamh and Hannah have come and all they have achieved. It was an amazing opportunity to take part in The British Championships and watch the best skaters in the country. We hope to take what we have learnt and develop, moving forward with excitement for the next level of competing."

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Council Elects Its Youngest Chairman



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Cllr Katie Corrigan was officially installed as Chairman at Durham County Council's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 22 May and is the youngest elected member to hold the office in the council's 120-year history.

She will be supported in her duties over the coming year by Cllr Ossie Johnson, who will serve as Vice Chairman.

Cllr Corrigan has represented the Belmont ward since being elected to the county council in 2013. She also represented the Carrville ward on Belmont Parish Council from 2013 to 2017.

A former pupil of St Leonard's RC Comprehensive School, in Durham, Cllr Corrigan has a BA (Hons) in Sociology and Politics from the University of Sunderland.

She worked at Belmont Community Association for five years, assisting with the administration and running of the organisation across two sites, and recently completed the Government Association's Leadership Academy Programme, from which she is due to graduate in June.

She has chosen Age UK as her charity for the year. Cllr Corrigan, who will also serve as Mayor of Durham, said: "I am thrilled to be chosen to represent our county as Chairman of the council."

"During the past 12 months, I have enjoyed my role as Vice Chairman and am now very much looking forward to continuing that work, meeting residents, spreading the message about how amazing our county is and raising money for my chosen charity."

A former school teacher, Cllr Johnson has been a county councillor since 2008, having previously served on Derwentside District Council for 12 years. He has been Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services and also Tourism, Culture and Rural Issues and is currently Chairman of Lanchester Parish Council. Today's meeting also saw Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of the council, announce two new appointments to



*Cllr Katie Corrigan,
Chairman of Durham
County Council*

his Cabinet, which mean that, for the first time, it has an equal split of male and female members.

Cllr Andrea Patterson (ward member for Crook) has been named as Cabinet member for corporate services and rural issues, with her portfolio covering customer services, human resources, member development and ICT and digital issues. She will also serve as the council's rural champion.

Cllr Angela Surtees (Easington ward) is the authority's new Cabinet member for social inclusion, taking on responsibility for carers, equality and diversity, the humanitarian support partnership, welfare reform and welfare rights. Meanwhile, Cllr Kevin Shaw (Dawdon ward) retains his portfolio for strategic housing and assets but also takes on responsibility for parks and allotments. Cllr Joy Allen's (Bishop Auckland) title changes to Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism and sees her adding archives, events, culture, arts and tourism to her portfolio.

Cllr Carl Marshall (Stanley ward) continues as Cabinet member for economic regeneration but with added responsibility for leisure services and climate change, while Cllr Brian Stephens (Shildon and Dene Valley ward) remains Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships. Cllr Alan Napier (Murton ward) remains as Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for finance.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels (Trimdon and Thornley ward) and Cllr Olwyn Gunn (Willington and Hunwick) retain their portfolios for adult and health services and children and young people's services respectively.

Obituary

ELIZABETH DUNN

(Betty)

Sadly passed away peacefully on 3rd May 2019.

Funeral to be held at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe at 1:45pm, Tuesday 28th May, followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 2:30pm.

Following this the family would be privileged to meet the many friends & family at the Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe for a buffet (upstairs, lift available).

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MARGARET ANNE CURRY SMITH, 87, of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on May 15th at Wansbeck Hospital. Beloved Mother, Step-Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Aunt, Great Aunt and friend to many. Funeral Service at St. Clare's Church on May 29th at 11.45am, followed by family only at Wear Valley Crematorium. After the crematorium there will be a celebration of Margaret's life at The Phoenix Club, all are welcome. Family flowers only but donations are welcome to The Durham County Carers Support, to which Margaret volunteered for many years.

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In Memoriam

Sheila Harty

25th May 2018

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place overall (1st in his age category).

Over on the coast, three members took part in the Pier to Pier race. This is a scenic point to point race of just under 7 miles from South Shields pier to Roker Pier. The race starts on the beach for approximately ¾ of a mile before climbing up to the clifftops where they pass Marsden Rocks and Souter Lighthouse before joining the promenade at Whitburn before finishing on the beach. First home was Mark Bainbridge in 51.38 followed by Trish Kay in 58.05 and John Richardson in 1.02.05

Over in the Lake District we had two members take part in the Windermere

Racing this week began on Wednesday night with two members taking part in the newly organised Ability 5k race in Sunderland. This took place at Silksworth Sports Complex using a fast course around the complex. Husband and wife John and Tracey Surtees attended

this with John finishing in 5th place overall in a time of 16.28. Tracey finished in 19.27 coming third in her age category.

Members then took part in three different races over the weekend. Paul Dalton completed the Fountains 10k in 38.33 which was 7th



Marathon. Julie Nisbet completed this difficult race in 5.18.14 followed by Linda McNamee in 5.27.06. Finally not forgetting our members that take place in the parkruns each week. This week saw Tracey Pickering achieve another PB at Shildon Parkrun in a time of 30.40.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, were beaten by 61 runs away at early season pace setters Guisborough 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bowl first, Aycliffe's James Layfield-Carroll (sponsored by Signature Tiling) was in fine form taking a career best 5 for 25 and with Jack Slatcher (3 for 39) also bowling well, the homeside were dismissed for 152 after 46 overs. In reply, an unbeaten 45 by Michael Howe and 18 runs from Adam Randall were the only bright spots as Aycliffe were bowled out for a disappointing 91 after 31.5 overs.

The first team put in an awesome display to hammer Norton 1st XI by 72 runs away in the Readman Cup. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe smashed the home sides bowling to all parts of the ground, finishing on an impregnable 176 for 3 from 20 overs. Adam Randall (sponsored by DTS Joinery) top scored with a brutal 69 from 39 balls faced and other significant contributions came

from Sam Telford (44 runs) and Michael Howe (40 runs). In reply, Norton's early batting order was blown away by some impressive Aycliffe bowling with all rounder Michael Howe taking 4 for 27 and the homeside were restricted to 104 for 9 after their allotted 20 overs.

The 2nd team remain unbeaten in 2019 after they salvaged a battling draw from a rain affected game away at Preston 1st XI in the NYSD 4th division. The homeside chose to bat first scoring a huge 271 for 5 declared after 39 overs. Matty Greaves was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 38. In reply, in form captain Joe Haines (sponsored by Pheonix Energy) again held the innings together, scoring an unbeaten 36 and with James Brown chipping in with 12 runs, the visitors held on to reach 63 for 7 when stumps were drawn after 36 overs. The U17's played their first game of the season and lost by 8 wickets away at Barnard Castle

in the league cup. Batting first Aycliffe were restricted to 56 for 9 in their allotted 20 overs and there were good innings from David Robinson and Harry Wright, who both scored 14 and a defiant innings by 11 year old Adam Shaw (sponsored by Karen and Derek Wood) who bravely batted out the overs to finish on 5 not out. The homeside easily reached their victory target despite a wicket apiece for Matty Greaves and Charlie Cayless. The U15's were beaten by ten wickets away at Stockton in the NYACC League. Aycliffe batted first and were all out for 68 after 18.2 overs with only Leo Mercy (21 runs) and Harry Wright (19 runs) reaching double figures. In reply Stockton comfortably reached their winning target in the tenth over. Our U13's lost away at

Darlington in the NYACC league by 60 runs despite some encouraging individual performances with the bat from Adam Shaw (15 not out), Thomas Dearden who scored 14 and his younger brother Will, who batted well scoring 13.

Our U12's were well beaten away at Hartlepool despite the Dearden brothers, Thomas and Will, shining with the bat once again as they both scored ten runs each.

The U11's lost by 44 runs at home to Stockton. Will Dearden again impressed with the bat top scoring with 14 and there was also good innings from both AJ Wild (9 runs) and Alfie Spensley (7 runs) and James Evans took the honours with the ball taking two wickets for Aycliffe.

Photo: Adam Randall in the 1st team cup match away at Norton.

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EAGLES IN BLACKPOOL



Newton Aycliffe Youth U8 Eagles travelled to Blackpool for the annual football tournament. The boys were dealt a cruel blow a few days before when Brandon broke his arm and was unable to travel.

The weekend was seen as a team bonding exercise with some football on the side. The boys enjoyed time together playing in the games room and time on the beach, especially Riley.

The boys were handed a really tough group but raised their performance and produced some excellent football at times. We entered the plate and won a nail biting penalty shoot out to qualify for the quarter finals. We played a team who had beaten us 1-0 in the group stages, but we were up for this game and created a host of chances, one of which Krystian smashed home. The 2nd half was an even game, Stranton managed a scrappy equaliser and again the dreaded penalty shoot out. Unfortunately this time the boys missed out on a spot in the semi-finals, even with some heroic saves from Carter in goal. All the boys played their part this weekend and their behaviour was impeccable. Carter, Nathan, Krystian, Dylan, Zack, Evan, Daniel, Riley, Jayden, James, you boys have been awesome this weekend and I am super proud of each and every one of you. Martin Smails, Manager

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