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FREE LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL IN AYCLIFFE



On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2019, Aycliffe Radio present a "Two Day Open Air Live Music Festival" in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre mall. The event is free to attend thanks to grants from Aycliffe Town Centre Management and Great Aycliffe Town Council and will include a selection of local performers all giving their time to entertain.

FX-Productions are providing a professional 24ft x 24ft covered stage with lighting, a superb PA system and professional stage management crew. Performing on both days will be a mixture of groups, solo artists, dancers and special headline acts. Saturday 8th June will see Amelia Lily, fresh from a UK tour as Princess Fiona in Shrek; Amelia will be performing her hit record "Bring Me Joy" and is a local favourite returning to Newton Aycliffe for another exciting performance.

On Sunday 9th June the headline act will be Dene Michael, lead singer from the party group of the 1980s, Black Lace, performing hits such as "Agadoo", "Superman", "I am the Music Man", "Conga" and many others. Dene will be accompanied by Jeni Jay and between them will perform a "Party Crazy" set which includes tributes to artists such as Elvis and Kylie Minogue. The event starts at



12.00noon on both days with performances from local dance troupes Infinity Dance Academy, Aycliffe Dance Academy and Athena Dance Company, followed by a selection of entertainers all the way through till 6.00pm. Local artists who are giving their time include Becky Sawyer, Darren Kent, Whiskey Haze, Harris Tweed Mystery Machine, Amy Stevens, Hollywood Boredom, Anthony Fish, Call of the Wild, Copper Beach, Four Letter Word, Chris Mardula; as well as Dua Lipa and Shania Twain tributes.

Professor Nincompoop will perform two shows each day for the younger children at 1pm and 3pm; there will also be a kiddies fairground on site, all the fun of the circus with stilt walkers and

face painters; ice cream, beer tent and refreshments. Competitions and spot prizes for those in attendance. For more information about this fabulous FREE event visit the website www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/2019-two-day-music-festival.



Councillors Walkabout

Local Councillors Kate Hopper & Eddy Adam are holding a ward walkabout on Tuesday, 4th June commencing at 10.00 am from McColls store in Oakfield. Where available, representatives from partner organisations will be in attendance. We look forward to meeting local residents who are welcome to join us or, if they have any concerns they wish us to look at but can't make it on the day, get in touch using the contact details below. Despite recent contrary claims, Eddy and Kate wish to reassure Aycliffe West residents that every neighbourhood issue brought to our attention is reported in good time and, if necessary, followed up in an appropriate manner.

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A far better remedy, in my opinion, is to strategically place speed camera's on the road, not only will this have the desired result but will perhaps go to help pay for future road repairs in years to come. While some may frown on this, as a responsible driver, if you stick to the speed limits this should not be of concern.

Dave, Name & address supplied

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Thursday 6th - **Line Dancing** with Ainsley - £3.00 Entry

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 (Afternoon)
Great solo artiste **"Kay Lee West"** - £1.00 Entry (Evening)

Thursday 13th - **Line Dancing** with Darcey - £3.00 Entry

Friday 14th - **"Karaoke & Disco"** - FREE Entry
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Saturday 15th - superb **"The Duets"**
and great solo artiste **"Bobby B"** - £3.00 Entry

Sunday 16th - **"Karaoke & Disco"** - FREE Entry (Afternoon)
Great solo artiste **"Sarah Fitzpatrick"** - £1.00 Entry (Evening)

Thursday 20th - **Line Dancing** with George McIntosh - £3.00

Friday 21st - **"Karaoke & Disco"** - FREE Entry

Saturday 22nd - Fab solo artiste **"Darren Crosbie"**
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Sunday 23rd - **"Karaoke & Disco"** - FREE Entry (Afternoon)
Great solo artiste **"Dale Carter"** - £1.00 Entry (Evening)

Thursday 27th - **Line Dancing** with John Docherty - £3.00

Friday 28th - **"The Doggone Daddys"** - RnR - FREE Entry

Saturday 29th - Private Function in the Hall

Sunday 30th - **"Karaoke & Disco"** with Gary - FREE (Afternoon)
solo artiste **"Sarah Harvie"** - £1.00 Entry (Evening)

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THE MOOR SUDS VIEWING AREA

Dear Sir,

The correspondent who last week raised concerns about the new viewing platform at the Cobblers Hall SUDS pond was absolutely correct to do so, and we thank him for his intervention.

The area, readers will remember, was designed as a Nature Reserve for ground-nesting birds, and the intention was that the public would be excluded. Also, early after its construction, the Town Council raised concerns about the danger of drowning, which led to us raising the height of the surrounding fence.

The Reserve has had a difficult start, notably when horses were illegally pastured there just after a specialised and expensive planting regime had been completed. With the vegetation either trampled or eaten, the Reserve has struggled to establish itself as we imagined, and it is still true that birds are rarely to be seen. Nevertheless, in anticipation, last year we committed some of our Neighbourhood Budget to purchasing a viewing area, which was installed last month. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding regarding the specification, the viewing area was built without the necessary wire mesh which would allow people to see the Reserve, but not gain access to it.

We raised this problem as a formal matter on 30 April, and again as a matter of great urgency on 14 May. We stated that, if the delay was with funding the work, we would guarantee the funding and address that later - the priority had to be to get the work done as soon as possible.

Readers will have noticed that - actually on the same day the letter appeared in the Newton News - the blue container was removed, and the access made safe with heras fencing. We have reiterated our request that a suitable metal mesh be installed as quickly as possible, and trust that readers will see a result sooner rather than later.

However, we sincerely

apologise that the matter was allowed to meander on until a member of the public had cause to raise the alarm in the local newspaper. One of the best things about the SUDS Nature Reserve is the way the public have taken it to their heart and look after it, and we thank them for their care in this.

If residents of Aycliffe North & Middridge ward have concerns about the Reserve or any other matter, they should please contact us.

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JAZZ QUARTET AT GOLF CLUB

Aycliffe Jazz Quartet 'Acoustic Infusion' are currently enjoying performing modern jazz standards to local audiences in the Newton Aycliffe and Darlington area.

The band members, all from the town, have played with many bands of different musical styles over the years but their passion for playing jazz standards from 'The Great American Song Book' brought them together recently with a successful and popular monthly jazz night at Woodham Golf and Country Club. Band members include Alan Thompson - Saxophone; Rick Laughlin - Keyboards; Bruce Rollo - Double Bass and Ian Halford - Drums. Acoustic Infusion are next appearing at Woodham Golf Club on Thursday 6th



June and The Forum Music Darlington on Thursday Centre, Borough Road, 20th June.

CHOIR CONCERT

The Northern Voices choir will be performing at a concert on Saturday 8th June, 7.30pm at St. John's Church, Shildon. Tickets are £4.00 which includes refreshments and there will also be a raffle.

For tickets or more information please contact Paul or Lynne on 01325 311798 or 07752 618587

Great Sk8 Park



On Saturday 25th May Great Aycliffe Town Council hosted the first SK8 event to celebrate the new skate park facility which was opened earlier this year. Some of the best professional riders arrived from across the Country to demonstrate their skills and show off what can be done using the new ramps, to the spectators who had come along.

Fearless Ramps and the professional riders were on hand to encourage many of the local riders to get involved; they then watched during the event and awarded prizes to the best local participants, many of whom came away with fantastic free give-aways from Fearless Ramps.

Aycliffe Youth Council also awarded a trophy and a voucher of £100 to the best local rider at the event. This was won by Robbie Richardson, a local rider whom Fearless Ramps identified as an excellent,

passionate BMX rider with fantastic skills and a fearless attitude towards his riding.

Inflatable rides were also provided free of charge by the Town Council, to offer additional fun to all those who had come along to this event on a sunny bank holiday weekend. Rides included an eight man 'Total Wipeout' game, which proved a massive hit and a great deal of fun to many competitive youths who wanted to be the last one standing, whilst a laser tag game and bungee trampolines proved very popular with many of the younger participants. Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to acknowledge Aycliffe Radio, who were on hand to host the event; their team of volunteers were very professional and enthusiastic, and did a great job of compering the event and keeping the considerable crowd entertained.

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Stunning Performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors' at Greenfield

Greenfield students had a difficult act to follow, following their brilliant success in last year's 'School of Rock'. However, after months of rehearsals and commitment by students and staff (and former students) the Greenfield production was sensational, unearthing new talent and wowing the audience with the zany and colourful musical Little

Shop of Horrors. The annual performance attracts students and staff with a range of skills and talents from the Greenfield community who pull together to bring about a professional and enjoyable run of shows each year. The show ran over three days and included matinee performances for local primary schools in addition

to the evening shows. This year also included a special radio interview with cast members who had the chance to talk more about their role and the production. The audience were thrilled with the show which is an interpretation of the off-Broadway hit with music composed by Alan Menken and written by Howard Ashman and tells the tale about a florist shop worker who finds out his Venus flytrap can speak! Not an easy feat to convince any audience but fully achieved by the young cast at Greenfield.

Congratulations to all of those involved both treading the boards and working behind the scenes. The show is a special part of the school calendar that brings opportunities to shine and be part of a big event. We are already looking forward to next year's production. Greenfield Community College is a specialist Arts and Science School and is committed to raise aspirations by providing opportunities for their students to excel.



TSB OFFER ADVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Dear Sir,
Victoria McNary, Newton Aycliffe branch manager at TSB will be joining Horndale Community Association at our next meeting to talk about keeping personal information safe and how to avoid very clever scams, whether that be on-line, telephone or postal. When even the professionals are sometimes duped by the scammers it is so important to keep up to date on how we can protect ourselves. So if you are like many people and only have one or two passwords or read the letters promising you have won money why not join us and find out more about how stay safe. Our next meeting is Wednesday 5th June starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 at Greenfield Arts Centre, our friendly and relaxed meetings are open to anyone regardless of where they live. Hopefully your local Councillors will be in attendance where you can ask questions or report any issues you may have.
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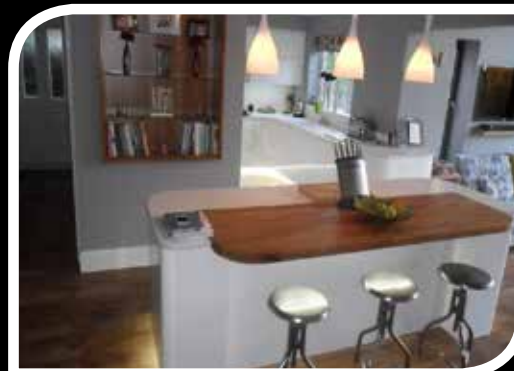


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Car Park Closure

PLEASE NOTE that the Leisure Centre car park will be closed to public access from Friday 7th June at 9.00pm until 8.00pm Sunday 9th June, 2019.

This is to accommodate the artistes and volunteers who are performing at the music festival over that weekend. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Town Centre Management
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IS MAYOR MARY A RECORD BREAKER?

I'm sure everyone would like to join me in congratulating Mary Dalton on once again becoming Mayor of Aycliffe.

Originally Mary lived in Holland and came to the UK to be with her Husband Reg, who first met Mary when his regiment liberated her village from Nazi occupation in the Second World War.

What people may not realize is that Mary will soon be 94 years young, which I believe, makes

Mary Britain's oldest Mayor - a title previously held by a Welsh Labour Councillor, Phyllis Roberts, who was Mayor of Blaenavon in 2017 aged 93. So not only is Aycliffe lucky enough to have this lovely lady representing our town and benefitting from her many contributions to our community, but she may also have set a new record for our country, something I'm sure both our town, and Mary can be proud of. Congratulations Mary! Cllr Kathy Beetham

Friendship Force Welcome Ambassadors from Down Under



County Durham Friendship Force are thrilled to share the success of their recent visit of 13 ambassadors from Kempsey, New South Wales, Australia.

The week commenced with a welcome party at the President's home in School Aycliffe and continued with a free day for hosts to show their guests places that were not on the agenda, such as the mini version of Sydney Harbour Bridge, The Angel of the North, Newcastle & Gateshead Quayside, Beamish, Saltburn, Hartlepool Headlands & Harbour, Seaham, The Locomotion and many other places.

The official programme started with a trip to Grassmere, Brockhole, Windermere & Bowness, Durham Town Hall, the Cathedral and a trip on the River Wear, Sunderland Glass Factory, Whitby (for fish and chips) and Raby Castle, Binchester Roman Fort and concluded with a farewell party at the Hammer & Pincers at Preston-le-Skerne.

Joan Mitchie, Secretary of the Friendship Force, said "as usual Newton Press came up tops, not only printing the programme for the visitors but also for turning around and printing a greeting card with memories of the event and photos of all guests and their hosts and trips to the Lake District and Durham Town Hall, in such a short period of time".

Cynthia Scott, President/Chairman of County Durham Friendship Force, said, "I am thrilled to be chairman of County Durham Friendship Force and to



have been the Co-ordinator for the successful week of activities and entertainment throughout County Durham and surrounding areas. We have so much history, something that our guests do not have."

Anne Main, Treasurer for the group added, "as Journey Co-ordinator for the group's forthcoming trip of three weeks in New Zealand in November, I am sure we can look forward to enjoying our visit to North and South Island, which we are eagerly looking forward too. We will also have various stop overs on the way to and from the Islands. Anyone who wants any further information about the New Zealand Trip or hosting and/or visiting Japan in 2020 please contact Cynthia or myself on 01325 313055 or 01388 817692. County Durham Friendship Force website address is friendshipforcedurham.co.uk if you would like more information.

Photos: Visitors from Kempsey Australia visit the Lake District and meet with The Mayor of Durham at the Town Hall Durham.

AREN'T WE ALL THE SAME?

Dear Sir,
On 31st October last year Cllr Beetham put forward a motion for buying an LGBT rainbow flag, this motion was defeated by 16 votes to 7. Of those who voted against it 10 were Labour and 6 Independents, for it were 7 Labour.

It was the 10 Labour Councillors who voted in the majority against 7 Labour that defeated it, the 6 Independents made no difference.

Yet, Owen Dickinson tries to label me and the Independents as homophobic.

I have many friends in this town who are LGBT+, none of them consider themselves superior or more special than the rest of the community, they are equal, no more, no less. Owen supports "Identity Politics", I do not.

At the Council AGM a couple of weeks ago (at which Owen was not present), the Labour Group changed its mind, 6 months after the original decision, and voted for it.

Cllr Beetham asked for a named vote. The vote was 20 for and 6 against. Labour councillors had changed their mind.

I stated for the record that I wasn't going to make a speech again and that I

would respect the decision and not seek to change it every six months like Labour had.

Owen, if you are going to criticise, at least attend the meeting, rather than rely on second hand propaganda from your fellow 'Corbynistas' and 'Momentum' friends.

Most LGBT people do not support 'Identity' or 'Group Politics', they do not see themselves as special, different or better than everyone else, they see themselves first and foremost simply as ordinary decent honest members of the same community as the rest of us, going about their daily lives.

It is people like Owen and Momentum who insist that LGBT people be treated differently, and separate from the rest of us. Setting them apart as a target for the far right, rather than all being part of the same community.

Equal rights, equal respect and equal consideration. I think most Independents agree with me, as too will most residents, (and LGBT people who to me are the same as the rest of us).

Cllr Arun M Chandran Independent

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FREE TWO DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

SAT 8th and SUN 9th JUNE
AYCLIFFE TOWN CENTRE

from 12noon to 6.00pm



**Saturday
Headline:
'AMELIA LILY'**

RUNNING ORDER:

Infinity Dance Academy
Dua Lipa Tribute (Cassandra)
Harris Tweed
Amy Stevens
Hollywood Boredom
Anthony Fish
Athena Dance Company
AMELIA LILY
Darren Kent
Call of the Wild

**Sunday
Headline:
'BLACK LACE'**



RUNNING ORDER

Aycliffe Dance Academy
Copper Beach
Becky Sawyer
Whiskey Haze
Shania Twain Tribute
DENE MICHAEL & JENI JAY
Four Letter Word
DENE MICHAEL & JENI JAY
Chris Mardula

FAIRGROUND - PROFESSOR NINCOMPOOP - FACE PAINTING
REFRESHMENTS & DRINKS - STILT WALKER - MR. WHIPPY



Aycliffe
TOWN CENTRE



Avon Court 40th Birthday

Avon Court Care Home are holding a celebration for their 40th anniversary of being officially opened on 21st June.

There will be light refreshments, raffles, stalls and music. All money raised will be donated to Help 4 Heroes. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Bethany House Theatre Trip

Residents from Bethany House Nursing Home were given a theatre brochure to look through at their leisure and some chose to go and see a musical.

Four residents, staff and volunteers had a lovely lunch out at The Gretna and then travelled into Darlington to the newly refurbished Hippodrome Theatre.

The stage, performers, costumes and singing voices were truly "Amazing" everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and the show "Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". We had a short tour of the theatre and visited the 'Hippo Café' for drinks.

New Mayor Elected for 2019/2020



At the Annual Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 15th May 2019 Councillor Mary Dalton was duly elected to the appointment of Mayor of Great Aycliffe for the year 2019-2020. The Chain of Office was handed to Mary

by the previous Mayor, Councillor John Clark.

Councillor Dalton thanked the Council for her election as Mayor and announced that her nominated charity for her year in office would be to raise funds for SSAFA - The Armed Forces Charity.

Councillor Mary Dalton was born in Holland and moved to England in 1948 when she married her late husband Reg who was a veteran of the Normandy Campaign. They met when he helped liberate the village where Mary lived. Mary has lived on the town for many years and is looking forward to meeting people at events throughout her busy Civic year.

Play Cafe at Youth Centre

Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre was the venue for the Half Term holiday pop up PLAY CAFÉ on Tuesday 28th May. Working with Beki Metcalfe, the centre manager, this Holiday Hunger project was able to provide lunch, play and groceries for struggling families of school aged children, missing their breakfast clubs and Free School Meals. Nearly thirty people enjoyed the event in the Community Centre, which is very much at the heart of the Town Centre.

Walker's Butchers, Simpature Gate, generously donated pies and cakes towards the lunch. These were popular and served with traditional mushy peas or baked beans. A big thank you. TESCO provided bread and fresh fruit for the meal, to make sandwiches and fruity desserts! Thanks to Shirley the Tesco Community Champion.

PLAY CAFÉ is supported by County Durham Food Bank, our seven County Councillors through the GAMP funding received, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, TESCO Store in Newton Aycliffe, and 'Big Club' members and staff.

Here's what one family thought:- "Café today was great and had a fantastic feel to it. Kids really enjoyed it and lunch was lovely. You ladies and gentlemen really do amazing things for us families. Thank you."

That 'Thank you' goes to all of the project's supporters and volunteers, without whom, Play Café could not respond to the need. Thank you NAYCC for allowing us to pop up this week! For information about the project email aycliffeplaycafe@gmail.com or text 07565 134194.

CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION

At last Wednesday's Durham County Council Annual Meeting, local councillor John D Clare was named the Council's 'Climate Change Champion'.

Cllr Clare told the Newton News, "The backstory to this is the County Council's decision, in February, to declare a 'Climate Emergency', which set CO2 targets for the Council and the County. Whilst I am not on the DCC Cabinet, I am Cabinet Support for Economy and Regeneration, with oversight of the Council's Low Carbon, Climate Change and Renewable Energy strategies. This title – which is a huge honour – is a formalising of that responsibility."

The post is contentious. Some people do not believe in Climate Change at all. By contrast, climate change campaigners believe that the Council's targets do not go far enough.

Cllr Clare acknowledges the political difficulties,



but sees the matter in simpler terms. "We are listening to everyone and I am aware of and appreciate people's fears, ambitions and concerns. But at the end of the day, Council has set specific targets – a 60% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030, and carbon neutrality by 2050 – and it is my responsibility to oversee the strategies which will achieve those

targets without wrecking the economy or making people poorer. My immediate task is to ensure that a Climate Emergency Plan is brought to Council on 17 July and we are on track to do so."

"We live in a fragile world. Everybody agrees that we have a responsibility to look after it to the best of our ability. So, in this one respect, that is what I have been told to do."

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

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

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 5th June 2019 - 7.15pm
Policy & Resources Meeting

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

Woodham Burn Primary School

Out of School Childcare Services

Out of School Offer

We offer a full wrap around childcare service before and after school for children aged between 4-11 years from any school (3-11 years for pupils of Woodham Burn School and Nursery).

Out of School is also available during every school holiday from 7.30am to 6.00pm. You can choose from half days priced at £11 per half day or full days priced at £20 per day.

The following charges apply:

Before and after school childcare

Weekdays - 7.30am to 8.45am = £4.00 per child per session AND/OR 3.30pm to 6.00pm = £7.00 per child per session Friday PM - 2.00pm to 3.30pm = £3.00 (2.00 – 6pm, £7.00)

School holiday childcare

Full day - 7.30am to 6.00pm = £20.00 per child per session Half day either 7.30am to 12.45pm OR 12.45pm to 6.00pm = £11.00 per child per session

Nursery children from Woodham Burn Primary School can access the Out of School offer for extra sessions including during school holidays (this can be part of 30 hours' provision).

For Out of School contact Maureen or Sandra on 01325 300230 and select extension 3 or alternatively email w.outofschoolclub300@durhamlearning.net to make your booking.

Nursery Offer

Places at Woodham Burn Nursery are currently available from September 2019 for either 15 or 30 hours. Top up hours are available via Nursery and Out of School Club at a very low cost.

Contact Kendra on 01325 300230 OR alternatively email her at k.green300@durhamlearning.net to make your booking

CARE HOME WORKER COMPLETES 3 PEAKS

Vicky Hodgson, Home Administrator at HC-One's St Clare's Court in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham took part in the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge with five friends to raise money for the Residents Comfort Fund.

On Saturday 18th May, Vicky and the rest of the group set off on their Three Peaks journey, covering 24 miles and a total ascent of 1585 metres. The three peaks they covered are Whenside, Pen-y-Ghent and Ingesborough.

This was the first time that Vicky had attempted anything like this before, so everyone was delighted to hear that she completed the challenge in 11 hours and 30 minutes. The group raised a total of £250 which was all donated to the Resident's Comfort Fund at St Clare's Court.

St Clare's Court Home Manager, Michelle Jones said: "Everyone at St Clare's Court is very proud of Vicky and her friends for completing the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge. Our



Residents are very grateful for their hard work to raise money for the home's Comfort Fund."

Located on Central Avenue, St Clare's Court offers short and long term care packages to older ladies and gentleman needing residential and residential memory care. The home is also celebrating achieving a 9.9/10 average user rating on the sectors leading comparison website, carehome.co.uk

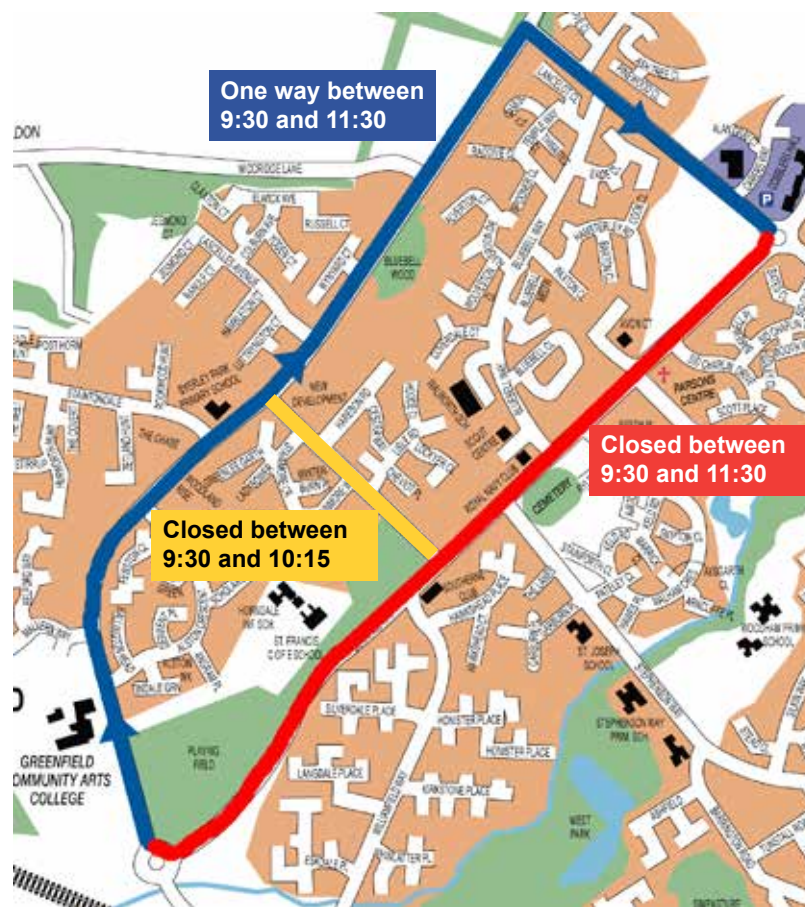
Notification of Road Closures

June 16th 2019 - Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run

From 9:30 to 11:30 Burnhill Way in both directions is closed with no access, Burn Lane from Cobblers Hall to the junction with Greenfield Way is one way West-East towards the town centre, Greenfield Way from Burn Lane to the roundabout with Burnhill Way is one way South-North towards Rope Moor. Meadowfield Way is totally closed in both direction for the first lap 9:30 to 10:15. Aycliffe Running Club are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, the road closures are a requirement of the race safety risk assessment agreed with Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. We hope you will join others in cheering the competitors on their way.

Please be aware that there are proposed roadworks for the new roundabout at the junctions of Greenfield Way, Middridge Road and Burn Lane, which may be in place forcing traffic round by Eldon Hope.

This is the 22nd annual Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run with over 600 competitors taking part.





Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER



31st May 2019

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Foreword by the outgoing Mayor, Mayor Councillor John Clark

This has been a wonderful year for me to represent the Town Council of Great Aycliffe in my role as Mayor. I had the pleasure of attending 66 engagements in addition to the formal civic duties. Meeting so many residents,



some of who were celebrating special occasions, is one of the things that I enjoyed the most about being the Mayor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me raise £2,415 for my nominated charity the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. This annual report provides a brief summary of some key achievements from the past year and an overview of financial information.

SOME KEY THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR

The Council made capital investments of **£463,000 in 2018/19** and the main capital works completed, or nearing completion, are listed below:

- Replacement of skate park ramps / Town Park;
- Computer Replacement;
- Office Equipment;
- Golf Shop roof covering replacement;
- Driving range light replacement with LED Floodlights;
- Replacement of St. Oswald's Pre-School flooring, installation of a window to the Manager's office and installation of a fire alarm system;
- Various replacement works vehicles and machinery, comprising, rotary gang mowing unit, greens mower, leaf collecting machine, wood chipper, seeding machine, 3 golf buggies and golf tees mower;
- Building repairs to Simpasture Pavilion;
- The ongoing programme of play area surfacing replacement;
- The installation of a hard standing staging area and path upgrade at the Town Park;
- Hedge removal at Stephenson Way Cemetery;
- Festive Lighting;
- Remembrance Seating at St. Clare's;
- Tables and chairs for large events;
- Cobblers Hall play park;
- Aycliffe Village play area junior play replacement; and
- Replacement rose beds in 'Sheila's Garden' – St. Oswald's Park.

Further details on the Council's recent capital spending and capital investment plans for the future are provided in the 2019/20 Annual Report and 2018/19 Annual Return and the 2019/20 Budget and 2019/20 to 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Plan.

In addition to the capital works the Town Council:

- ✓ achieved £260,000 savings across all service areas;

- ✓ once again achieved a clean bill of health with our finances and received an unqualified audit;
- ✓ provided and managed a wide range of special community events such as Fun-in-the-Parks; Santa Tours, Senior Citizens' Excursions; Christmas Lights; Firework Display and the Aycliffe Festival;
- ✓ assisted and supported other event organisers – 10K race; 3K Fun Run; Remembrance Parade and Community Enhancement Awards;

A message from the new Mayor, Councillor Mary Dalton

I was honoured to have been elected at the Annual General Meeting on the 15 May 2019 to serve as the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe for the coming year and will endeavour to always promote our great town to the best of my ability, and respect and follow the wishes of the people who have voted for me to represent them on the council.

I have chosen to raise funds for the 'SSAFA' during my year in Office Group'.

If you would like me to attend any special events or occasions, please contact my Secretary, Sharna Stretch at the Town Council Offices on 01325 300700.

The Capital Programme Budget for **2019/20** totals **£276,500** and includes provision for the following planned projects:

- Building Maintenance Works;
- Works Pick-Up Vehicle;
- Computer Hardware, software and website development;
- Christmas lights renewal;
- Play area surfacing repairs;
- Driving Range equipment;
- Building Works – Sports Complex;
- Complex kitchen / cellar equipment replacement;
- Bowls Hall carpet replacement;
- Bar furniture replacement;
- Sports Hall floor sand and reseal;
- Litter and dog bins and public seats;
- Footpath repairs.

We also continue to provide our usual services such as:-

- ✓ Manage 9 parks, all with play equipment:
Town Park West Park
Moore Lane Park Aycliffe Village
Simpasture Park Byerley Park
St Oswald's Park Woodham Park
Horndale Park
- ✓ Provide additional play areas at Scott Place, School Aycliffe, Cobblers Hall Play Area and the Oak Leaf Sport Complex. Plus four Multi Use Games Areas, a BMX Track, a Scoot Track and a Skate Park
- ✓ Provide 5 football pitches, Mini-soccer and six-a-side pitches
- ✓ Provide a rugby pitch
- ✓ Run the Oak Leaf Sports Complex - indoor bowls, sports hall, squash courts, bar and catering, children's holidays courses, indoor/outdoor sports activities
- ✓ Run the Oak Leaf Golf Complex – 18 hole golf course and an 18 bay floodlit driving range and practice putting area



- ✓ Manage Stephenson Way Cemetery and West Cemetery and provide grounds maintenance and burial service at St Andrew's Churchyard
- ✓ Run St Oswald's pre-school play setting – with a 'good' Ofsted rating and Tot's in the Park
- ✓ Provide and manage a wide range of special community events – Firework Display, Fun-in-the-Parks, Santa Tours, Senior Citizens' Excursions and Christmas Lights
- ✓ Assist and support other event organisers – 10k race, 3k Fun Run, Remembrance Parade, Junior Cross Country, Annual Indoor Bowls Competition, Cyclo Cross Competition and Community Enhancement Awards
- ✓ Provide a range of civic events
- ✓ Provide and continue to maintain Aycliffe Angels Memorial Garden
- ✓ Maintenance of war memorial and flagpole
- ✓ Provide 212 allotment plots in 5 different locations. 2 allotment sites with pigeon or poultry facilities
- ✓ 3 Bee keeping plots
- ✓ Provide an Environmental Centre at Moore Lane
- ✓ Encourage interest in the environment of Great Aycliffe through the Works and Environment Manager and his team who work with the community and schools
- ✓ Employ a Town Pride Team
- ✓ Crime prevention – the Town Council employs a team of Park Patrol Operatives
- ✓ Provide public seats in many locations
- ✓ Provide bus shelters with litter bins (not the ones with adverts)
- ✓ Grounds maintenance and environmental management at:
North Agnew Plantation
Cobbler's Hall Plantation
Woodham Burn
Simpasture Railway Walk
Great Aycliffe Way
Millfields/Bickford Terrace
Butterfly Meadow at Rail Halt
The area known as Seven Hills
School Aycliffe Wetlands
Byerley Park Nature area
Aycliffe Village Greens – custodians and maintenance
- ✓ Assist Aycliffe Youth Council
- ✓ Provide a lorry park
- ✓ Encourage Community Empowerment through the Customer Panel, Consultation and Open Days
- ✓ Provide small grants to local voluntary organisations
- ✓ Developing and updating the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan
- ✓ Comment on planning applications

Town Council Targets for 2019 to 2020

AIM 1 - TO PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

- 1 Publish a Town Council Service Delivery Plan by 31st May each year.
- 2 Publish an Annual Report.
- 3 Provide an annual member training programme from member requests and the town clerk from his annual appraisal and CPD requirements.

4 Develop a recommended training programme for Members which shows highly recommended and recommended courses with a reminder being sent quarterly and records of attendance and none attendance being kept.

5 Undertake an annual review of the Council Constitution, Financial Regulations and ensure compliance with current legislation.

- 6 Ensure compliance with GDPR.
- 7 Feasibility study for paper light governance and office.
- 8 Improve advertising of Council facilities and services by targeting a service area in each publication making sure each area is targeted at least once.
- 9 Ensure that social media is used to advertise the Council's services and facilities.
- 10 Undertake research where appropriate for new policies and procedures.
- 11 Keep up to date with any changes in legislation and report to council as and when required.
- 12 Continue to monitor energy consumption, implement energy saving initiatives and reduce usage where possible.
- 13 Ensure all staff have an annual appraisal.
- 14 To undertake quarterly review of staff sickness and report to performance management group.

AIM 2 - TO MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S FINANCES AND ASSETS IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER

- 15 Produce Annual Return by 30th June each year.
- 16 Achieve an unqualified audit opinion of the Annual Return by 30 September 2019.
- 17 Ensure the Medium Term Financial Plan is approved by 30th June each year.
- 18 Deliver the Internal Audit Plan Schedule of Work and report quarterly to Audit Sub Committee then to Council.
- 19 Manage the financial impact of any cuts to LCTSS funding.
- 20 Quarterly budget control reports are presented to Policy and Resources Committee.
- 21 Budgets/Precepts approved by 31st January 2020.
- 22 Ensure all relevant information is published in compliance with the Transparency Code/Openness of Local Government Regulations.
- 23 Deliver the work set out in the Asset Management Plan via the capital programme and ensure that a six monthly review is undertaken with Officers and Member Asset Management Group.
- 24 Undertake an annual update of the Asset Register including the schedule of expected life and replacement costs for buildings, plant and machinery.
- 25 To consider the Council's Business Risks every March and minute that the full review has taken place by Council.
- 26 Ensure that at least one Service Review is completed each year. Reviews for 2019/20 will include: Oak Leaf Golf Complex and Events Management arrangement

AIM 3 - TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE LEISURE FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 27 Deliver the Council's programme of special events:
- Fun in the Parks
 - Senior Citizens Trips
 - Firework Display
 - Santa Letters
 - Santa Tours
 - Christmas lights
 - Develop / provide a yearly programme of new events.
- 28 Improve Sports Complex access (Sports Hall).
- 29 Continue to diversify events / activities within the Sports Complex.
- 30 Partner with outside bodies including the Sedgefield Sports Partnership.

AIM 4 - TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AS APPROPRIATE IN GREAT AYCLIFFE

31 Ensure the continuous improvement of the service and obtain at least a 'good' and aiming for 'excellent' Ofsted Inspection.

AIM 5 - TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF AYCLIFFE BY MANAGING AND DEVELOPING PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND GREEN SPACES

- 32 Works & Environment Manager to arrange to work with local schools and community groups to develop volunteer opportunities.
- 33 To continue to monitor the health and condition of the trees on Town Council land in line with the tree management policy and undertake a visual tree inspection of a specific area every 6 months to assess the health and condition of the trees.
- 34 Continue to work with Northumbrian Water to establish flow rates to lakes at West Park.
- 35 Works and Environment Manager to organise and help deliver 15 public countryside events.
- 36 Complete at least 5 targeted Himalayan Balsam removing working parties along The Burn.
- 37 Undertake maintenance and management of specific Durham County Council environmental areas as per the management agreement.
- 38 Undertake a limited snow clearing and gritting service for Durham County Council (DCC) as per the winter maintenance agreement for the benefit of residents.

AIM 6 - HELP AND ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE

- 39 Support and encourage Aycliffe Youth Council (AYC) by:
- Organising the election process –
 - Holding at least 8 meetings a year –
 - Helping to organise at least 1 project a year
- 40 To continue partnership working with DCC and build on the existing initiatives.
- 41 Work with the Youth Council, schools, community and voluntary groups hold a Town Pride Environment Week.
- 42 The Works and Environment Manager and Park Patrol Officers to work with DCC Officers and Police in regard to anti-social behaviour issues.
- 43 The Works & Environment Manager and Town Pride Team to work with DCC Officers and Tidy Britain to ensure that the Great Aycliffe Parish has a targeted Anti-Littering campaign.
- 44 Work in partnership with residents and friends groups to improve our parks, play areas and environment areas.

AIM 7 - TO ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY

- 45 Hold an aims and target meeting each March to discuss progress on existing targets and new targets with the Customer Panel Group.
- 46 Hold a budget setting consultation meeting with residents at a central location.
- 47 To review the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan in 2022.
- 48 Hold a Parish Meeting.
- 49 Hold an Allotment AGM.
- 50 Hold a minimum of 4 allotment representative meetings.
- 51 Hold or take part in at least 2 events to inform residents about Town Council services.

AIM 8 - TO RESEARCH INFORMATION AND MAKE THE CASE FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE

- 52 Produce timely responses to all major consultations carried out.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

29th May 2019	Environment	7.15 p.m.
29th May 2019	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
5th June 2019	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
12th June 2019	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
10th July 2019	Environment	7.15 p.m.
10th July 2019	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
17th July 2019	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
24th July 2019	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
4th Sept. 2019	Environment	7.15 p.m.
4th Sept. 2019	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
11th Sept. 2019	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
18th Sept. 2019	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
16th Oct. 2019	Environment	7.15 p.m.
16th Oct. 2019	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
23rd Oct. 2019	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
30th Oct. 2019	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
27th Nov. 2019	Environment	7.15 p.m.
27th Nov. 2019	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
4th Dec. 2019	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
11th Dec. 2019	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
15th Jan. 2020	Environment	7.15 p.m.
15th Jan. 2020	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
22nd Jan. 2020	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
29th Jan. 2020	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
26th Feb. 2020	Environment	7.15 p.m.
26th Feb. 2020	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
4th Mar. 2020	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
11th Mar. 2020	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
8th Apr. 2020	Environment	7.15 p.m.
8th Apr. 2020	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
15th Apr. 2020	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
22nd Apr. 2020	Full Council	7.15 p.m.

13 MAY, 2020 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

20 MAY, 2020 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

OUTSIDE BODIES LIST FOR 2019/20

- (a) **Youth Council**
Councillors Jim Atkinson and Derek G. Atkinson together with the Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors R.S. Fleming, M. Iveson and the Town Clerk.
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp.
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors K. Henderson and B.A. Clare.
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors R.S. Fleming, B. Hall and the Town Clerk.
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors R.S. Fleming and M. Iveson and the Town Clerk.
- (g) **Newton Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor I. Gray.
- (h) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve**
Councillor I. Gray.
- (i) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Dave Hardaker.
- (j) **GAMP Community Safety Task Officer**
Councillor B. Hall.

GRANTS / DONATIONS

The Council considered applications for Grants and the following were agreed and paid out over the year 2018/2019

• School Benevolent Fund	200
• Women's Banner Group	250
• Durham Cathedral Support	250
• Aycliffe Radio	20
• Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society	250
• City of Durham Lions Club	64
• Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe	150
• Aycliffe Village History Society	200
• Friends of Stockton & Darlington Railway	50
• Akari Care Home	50
• Aycliffe Village Residents Association	200
• Great North Air Ambulance	250
• Voyage Care	45
• Akari Care	25
• North East War Memorials Project	100

**CHAIRMAN /
VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019 / 2020**

**Members on
Committee**

COUNCIL (All Members) **Councillor Mary Dalton (Mayor)**, **Councillor Wendy Hillary (Deputy Mayor)**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (26 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)

Councillors Eddy Adam, **M. Ashcroft**, Jim Atkinson, Derek G. Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, George C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, Ken Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (26 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)

Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Derek G. Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, George C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, **B. Hall**, Dave Hardaker, **Jed Hillary**, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, Ken Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (27 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)

Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, **R.S. Fleming**, I. Gray, George C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Kate Hopper, **M. Iveson**, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, Ken Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS from the Policy and Resources Committee

SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP (10 Members)

Councillors M. Ashcroft, Arun M. Chandran, R.S. Fleming, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Ken Robson.

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE (14 Members + Mayor as ex-officio)

Councillors M. Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Bill Blenkinsopp, Arun M. Chandran, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and Ken Robson.

APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (4 Members + Deputy Mayor as ex-officio)

Councillors Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, George C. Gray, Wendy Hillary and Paul Symons.

GENERAL APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (Members chosen as necessary from appropriate Committee)

AUDIT, RISK & GDPR SUB-COMMITTEE (8 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor as ex-officio) Councillors M. Ashcroft, P.J. Bergg, Arun M. Chandran, Mrs. M. Dalton, George C. Gray, Dave Hardaker, Wendy Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. V.M. Raw.

ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP (13 Members) Councillors M. Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Arun M. Chandran, R.S. Fleming, George C. Gray, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Paul Symons.

CHARGES WORKING GROUP (Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environment, Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) Councillors M. Ashcroft, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, B. Hall, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary and M. Iveson.

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE (6 Members + Mayor & Deputy Mayor as ex-officio) Councillors M. Ashcroft, Arun M. Chandran, Mrs. M. Dalton, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Ken Robson.

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MEMBER APPEALS PANEL (Members chosen as necessary from Personnel Sub-Committee)

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GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP (5 Members + Chair and Vice-Chair of Recreation)

Councillors M. Ashcroft, Derek G. Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, R.S. Fleming, B. Hall, Jed Hillary and M. Iveson.

SPORTS COMPLEX WORKING GROUP (Members chosen as necessary)

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SUB-COMMITTEE from the Environment Committee

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (14 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Listed below for public disclosure is the allowances and other expenses claimed by the Council's Elected Members during the financial year 2018/19 in line with statutory requirements as set out in the Local Authority (Members Allowances) Regulations 2004.

Surname	Forenames	Title	Total Payment	Allowance
Adam	Edward M	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Ashcroft	Martin	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Atkinson	Derek George	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Atkinson	James	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Beetham	Kathryn Sarah		£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Bergg	Peter John	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Blenkinsopp	William Maurice	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Bowman	Dorothy	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Chandran	Arun	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Clare	John Duncan	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Clare	Barbara Anne	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Clark	John Joseph	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Dalton	Maria	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Fleming	Robert Stuart	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Gray	George Coulson	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Gray	Ian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Haigh	Sandra	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hall	Brian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hardaker	David Wilson	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Henderson	Keith	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hewitson	Irene	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hillary	Wendy Patricia	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hillary	Jeremy Paul	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Hopper	Catherine Mary	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Iveson	Sarah Jane	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Iveson	Malcolm	Mr	£1,246.83	£1,059.60
Raw	Valerie Margaret	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Robson	Kenneth	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Symons	Sally Annmarie	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60
Symons	Paul	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60

Any subsistence figures are for Conferences –
As per approved Members Allowance Scheme

**MEMBERS
ATTENDANCES**

**17th MAY 2018
TO
15th MAY 2019**

Councillor	Att.	Apol.	Poss.
Adam E	29	7	36
Ashcroft M	57	3	60
Atkinson DG	25	3	28
Atkinson J	34	6	40
Beetham K	48	5	54
Bergg PJ	36	11	47
Blenkinsopp W	44	1	46
Bowman Mrs D	37	3	42
Chandran AM	52	0	53
Clare Mrs BA	32	9	42
Clare JD	32	3	36
Clark J	51	9	60
Dalton Mrs M	55	1	59
Fleming RS	49	2	52
Gray GC	46	0	47
Gray I	42	1	43
Haigh Mrs S	35	9	45
Hall B	55	1	57
Hardaker D	50	10	60
Henderson K	16	1	27
Hewitson Mrs I	14	4	18
Hillary JP	45	8	53
Hillary Mrs WP	29	14	43
Hopper K	23	13	36
Iveson M	53	13	66
Iveson Mrs SJ	41	8	49
Raw Mrs VM	37	4	41
Robson K	39	9	48
Symons P	53	0	53
Symons Mrs S	26	12	38

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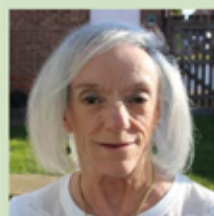


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Annual Report on the Council's Finances 2018/19

1. Introduction

Welcome to this annual report on the Council's finances which we hope you will find informative and of interest.

This report sets out the Council's spending plans for this year; 2019/20, whilst also providing a summary of the Council's actual income, expenditure and financial performance over the last year; 2018/19.

2. The Council Budget

The Council Budget is an estimate of the resources that the Council will require to be raised from council tax to fund all of the services it provides for the year ahead.

The Budget covers the financial year which runs from 1st April to 31st March.

The Council needs to set a Revenue Budget and a Capital Budget each year.

The **Revenue Budget** funds the day to day running costs of the Council's services such as salaries and goods and services, and the net cost, after deducting any income receivable from fees and charges and grants, is met from the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax.

The **Capital Budget** funds major one-off investment in the Council's fixed assets such as its buildings, vehicles and play areas and is funded from the Council's Balances and Reserves and any external grants that may be available.

3. 2019/20 Revenue Budget

The 2019/20 Revenue Budget was developed in a way that ensured that services can continue to be provided to current standards, whilst recognising the longer-term budget pressures faced by the Council, and the need to maintain contingency resources within the Revenue Budget for as long as possible and address the forecast depletion in the level of the Council's balances and reserves.

Additional budget provision needed to be made for a number of issues including a cut to the Council Tax Support Grant funding, the 2019/20 local government pay award which amounted to a 4% increase in the Council's staffing costs, a restructure of the lower end of the Council's staff grading system to address problems linked to increases in the National Living Wage and inflation on running costs.

In addition, the Council increased the contribution to capital reserves in the Revenue Budget by £50,000 to £75,000 which will enable a much higher top up of the Council's earmarked capital reserves than is the case now and will ease the pressure on the Council's balances moving forward.

These increases were partly offset by council tax base growth from new housing development, savings in staffing costs from staff turnover, reduced working hours, and less staff cover and overtime, increases in pre-school, sports and golf complex income, removal of the one-off budgets for GDPR compliance and various other efficiency savings.

In overall terms, the Council's 2019/20 Net Revenue Budget, as represented by the Precept has increased by £90,050 or 5.7%, from £1,571,000 in 2018/19 to £1,661,050 in 2019/20.

This increase in the Precept has been agreed firstly in order to ensure that all services can continue to be provided to the standard expected by the residents of Great Aycliffe next year, secondly to provide a firm foundation and some surplus resources to meet the increases in running costs and cuts to funding that lie further ahead, and lastly to increase the Council's capacity to replenish its balances and reserves moving forward.

The following table provides a summary of the Council's 2019/20 spending plans:-

2019/20 Revenue Budget Summary

Service Area	2019/20 Budget £
Members and Civic Expenses	71,750
Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	454,650
Capital Financing Charges	33,900
Pre Schools	231,950
Community Events	145,250
Sports Complex	717,350
Golf Course and Driving Range	298,600
Environment and Open Spaces	97,850
Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	225,200
Works and Depot	204,700
Street Equipment	6,550
Cemeteries	98,250
Allotments	26,750
Contingency Sum	12,500
Total Cost of Running Town Council Services	2,625,250
Capital Programme Investment in Council Assets	275,750
Contribution to Capital Reserves	75,000
Total Planned Revenue and Capital Spending	2,976,000
Less Income	
Council Tax Support Grant	(161,850)
Pre-School Funding and Fees	(185,750)
Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(406,850)
Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(204,750)
Cemeteries and Allotments Fees and Charges	(50,650)
Feed in Tariff Income from Solar Panels	(11,250)
Other Income	(10,850)
Investment Income	(7,250)
Total Income	(1,039,200)
Less Use of Council Balances - Capital Programme	(275,750)
Net Budget Requirement / Council Precept	1,661,050

4. 2019/20 Council Tax

The 2019/20 Band D Town Council Tax is £244.59 per year.

This represented an increase of 4.99% on the 2018/19 Council Tax.

However, it is important to note that around 60% of the properties in Great Aycliffe fall within Council Tax Band A and pay only two thirds of the Band D Council Tax.

The 2019/20 Band A Council Tax is £163.06 per year which equates to around £14 per month. This is an increase of £7.75 per year or 65p per month.

A breakdown of the 2019/20 Council Tax is shown below demonstrating that 11p in every £1 of the total Council Tax comes to the Town Council:-

5. 2019/20 Capital Programme Budget

The Council will continue to make capital investment in order to deliver the Council's Asset Management Plan and invest in community assets.

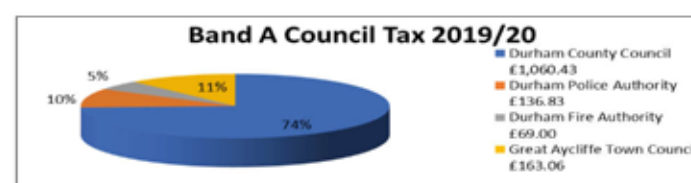
The Capital Programme Budget for 2019/20 currently stands at £275,750.

The budget includes provision for

various building works, replacement works vehicles and machinery, information technology improvements, footpath repairs and play area safety surfacing replacement.

The budget provides for a lower level of investment than has been the case in recent years, linked to the need to more closely control capital spending to help maintain and protect the Council's balances and reserves for as long as possible.

The Capital Programme Budget will be funded from the Council's Earmarked Capital Reserves which are set aside for this purpose.



6. Council Balances and Earmarked Reserves

The Council's Balances and Earmarked Reserves stood at £1.128 million at the 31st March 2019. This is much better than anticipated and is as a result of the savings delivered on the Council's Revenue Budget and lower than expected spending on the Capital Programme Budget last year.

This is considered to be an adequate level of reserves to fund capital spending commitments for the foreseeable future and to provide some protection against future revenue budget pressures and possible cuts to funding.

7. 2017/18 and 2018/19 Actual Revenue Spending

2017/18 £	Service Area	2018/19 £
56,937	Members and Civic Expenses	56,421
400,611	Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	397,574
31,290	Capital Financing Charges	34,485
149,132	St Oswald's Pre Schools	196,046
114,832	Community Events	142,158
661,775	Sports Complex	678,525
256,211	Golf Course and Driving Range	284,630
197,239	Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	219,860
273,036	Environment, Works and Street Equipment	266,218
81,804	Cemeteries	92,600
21,846	Allotments	27,780
745	Contingency Sum	1,303
17,479	Elections	-
2,262,937	Total Cost of Running Council Services	2,397,600
	Less Income	
(191,733)	Council Tax Support Grant	(172,992)
(132,949)	Pre School Funding and Fees	(183,513)
(398,527)	Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(433,971)
(180,107)	Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(212,336)
(32,295)	Cemeteries Fees	(40,870)
(6,896)	Allotments Rents	(6,991)
(27,328)	Other Income	(25,479)
(17,479)	Use of Balances (Elections and Neighbourhood Plan)	-
(4,160)	Investment Income	(10,056)
(991,474)	Total Income	(1,086,208)
1,271,463	Actual Net Cost of Council Services	1,311,392
182,037	Contribution to Council Balances / Savings	259,608
1,453,500	Council Precept / Council Tax	1,571,000

A summary of the Council's actual expenditure in 2017/18 and 2018/19 in running its various services, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed here:-

The financial position and spending of the Council is continuously monitored and controlled in order to help achieve the most efficient use of public resources and, as can be seen above, this prudent management of the Council's spending has resulted in significant savings being achieved in both 2017/18 and 2018/19. Spending in 2018/19 was £260,000 or 16.5% under the level of Precept. The main reasons for this saving were the budgeted contribution to capital reserves, limited use of the contingency sum, delayed implementation of the staff grading restructure, savings from staff turnover, vacant posts and flexible

retirements, and a significant increase in pre-school, sports complex and golf complex income. All savings achieved on the Revenue Budget are set aside in the Council's Earmarked Reserves to provide for further investment in Council and community assets for the benefit of the tax payers of Great Aycliffe over the coming years.

8. 2017/18 and 2018/19 Actual Capital Investment

A summary of the Council's capital investment in Council and community assets in 2017/18 and 2018/19, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed here:-

2017/18 £	Investment Area	2018/19 £
22,235	Council Building Works and Improvements	41,937
140,014	Replacement Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	96,461
9,712	Information Technology and Office Equipment	16,236
8,717	Parks and Play Area Improvements	281,857
3,065	Infrastructure Works (Drainage, Footpaths)	24,920
1,050	Street Equipment (Bus Shelters, Seats, Bins, Fencing)	1,783
184,793	Total Capital Investment	463,194
	Funded by:-	
-	Capital Contributions	87,000
184,793	Use of Council Balances	376,194
184,793	Funding of Capital Investment	463,194

9. Annual Audit Report

The Council completes an Annual Return each year comprising its Accounting Statements, Annual Governance Statement and Internal Auditors Report.

The Annual Return is reviewed by the Council's external auditors and an opinion is provided on whether the Council has prepared the accounts and governance statement in accordance with statutory requirements and proper practices for town and parish councils.

The Council is pleased to report that the external auditors did not raise any issues of concern in respect of the 2017/18 Annual Return.

The 2017/18 Audited Annual Return to the Council is available to view at the Council Offices or on the Council's website.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was an extremely busy week this week with the racing starting on Tuesday with the Roseberry Romp. This was a race starting around the base of Roseberry Topping before sending the runners up and back down this to finish.

First home for the club and second place overall was Mark Wade in 35.49. He was followed by Dez Fielden 42.19, Jason Dixon in 56.22, Michelle Dixon in 56.24, Susan Cranswick in 56.25, Rob Nicholson in 1.01.32, Louise Wright in 1.04.48, Bev Phillippo in 1.11.40, Ian Baronowski in 1.14.17, Becki Pedelty in 1.21.06 and Sandrine Boinett-Hewitt in 1.21.06.

On Wednesday it was the second race in the Tees Trail series. This race, Pine Forest, took place at Flatts Lane, Middlesbrough. First home for the club was John Burnside in 24.37, followed by Cyd Denise in 27.18, Sarah Jayne Gill in 29.04 and Jane Burnside in 36.13.

On Saturday it was the start of the racing up in Scotland at the Edinburgh Running Festival. Both the 5k and 10k races took place on the Saturday. In the 5k race Caleb Nicholson, one of our Juniors, completed this in 26.37 and he was followed by his grandad Rob Nicholson in 27.08.

In the 10k another of our juniors competed. It was Sarah's first 10k race and she completed this in 54.25.

On Sunday both the Half Marathon and Marathons took place. In the half marathon, first home for the club was Ste Sutherland in 1.33.58, followed by Michelle Dixon in 1.48.57, Angela Sutherland 1.49.36, Jason Dixon in 1.52.16, Rob Nicholson in 2.06.04, Lindsey Brown in 2.09.42, Mick Brunskill in 2.1.32 and Jan McLuckie in 2.51.56.

In the marathon we had only one member take part. This was Ian Baronowski who was completing his challenge of 4 marathons in 10 weeks in each of the Countries of the United Kingdom. He has already completed marathons in Wrexham, Belfast and London. He completed the challenge and this last marathon in 5.19.18. There were also races closer to home on Sunday in which our members took part. First was the Whitsun Woodland Run along the trails at Wynyard. It is approximately 6.5 miles and not an easy race. Despite the rain showers, it remained muggy and warm which made for difficult conditions to run in. First home for the club and 7th place overall was Richard Campbell in 42.57. He was followed by Trish Kay in 54.49, Linda McNamee in 65.21 and Susan Clark in 71.26.

Not too far away we had several members taking part in the Monk Hesledon Trail race in Hartlepool. This is a tough trail race which was approximately measured. First home here and again 7th place overall was Richard Holland in 54.58,



followed by John Richardson in 1.06.08, David Stothard in 1.06.43, Mark Bainbridge in 1.10.01 and Nicola Bales in 1.19.37.

A little further away was the Melmerby 10k in North Yorkshire, not too far away from Ripon. Four members took part in this race. First home was Paul Dalton in 36.45, followed by Stuart Joyce 43.34, Rob Young 44.44 and John Young in 54.41.

Finally, to finish a fantastic bank holiday of racing, we had two members take part in the Vitality 10k in London. This race starts on The Mall and takes in many famous landmarks including St Paul's Cathedral, The Old Bailey, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament before finishing opposite Buckingham Palace. We had two members, husband and wife, take place in this. Kathleen Tonge was first back in 58.45 followed by Richard Tonge in 1.01.45.

COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

On a very quiet week, only the DCC AGM, some Lumière news, and Crafters' Companion's amazing success, plus some ideas of things to do this weekend. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB118

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 2nd June (where the Big Story this week will be last week's EU election results): bit.ly/ARLIVE

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS
• DCC Full Council AGM, Wednesday 22 May.
• Artichoke announces the winning 'BRILLIANT' artworks for Lumière

Durham 2019.
• Well done Aycliffe Business Park's 'Crafter's Companion', named the Federation of Small Businesses' International Business of the Year AND listed as one of the 100 British SMEs with the fastest-growing international sales.

THINGS TO DO
• Durham Cathedral woodlands and riverbanks history walk, meet 10:30am Saturday 8 June, £5: book on 0191 338 7178.

• Sunday School Anniversary, Beamish Museum, Sunday 9 June (entrance fee).

• Discover more about Salvador Dali (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm, 8-9 June, FREE.

A.C.E. June Meeting

Aycliffe Community Engagement, (ACE) formerly Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership, GACAP, will be holding their June monthly meeting on Monday 3rd June. The meeting will take place at their new venue of the Phoenix Club, MacMillan Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4LG, in the Upstairs Lounge. For those who have difficulty with accessing the building via the stairs, there is a lift available. ACE want to thank the club for agreeing to the use of the premises for their meetings from June forward until further notice.

The Trustees of ACE would like to thank the committee of the Big Club for allowing them the use of their buildings for their meetings and events and regret the need to relocate due to circumstances beyond the control of both the Big Club and ACE. To achieve the transition Tesco have been kind

enough to offer ACE the opportunity to use their community office for appointments. Our thanks go to them too.

Guest Speaker at the meeting will be Steve Air. Steve is National Business Manager at Diamond Group, Director at Boldon Golf Club and Trustee of Barnabas Safe and Sound Charity.

Barnabas Safe & Sound aims to prevent youth homelessness in Northumberland and safeguards young people from harm through the provision of services which deliver supported accommodation, informal education, accredited life skills and personal and social development activities.

Refreshments and registration will be at 3.45 and the meeting will commence at 4.00pm prompt. For more information, please contact Ron Mitchie the secretary on 07749 236853.

Misuse of Public Funds?

Dear Sir,
I wish to express unease on four counts about the decision of our Town Council to purchase and fly a, 'Rainbow' flag

1. Politicising minority private personal preferences by flag flying is counter-productive to fostering tolerance and understanding.

2. The Labour/Momentum party is open to the charge of trying to 'buy' the support of the LGBT 'community' using public money. Will the auditor see it that way? Why did we have to pay for what is clearly a Labour/ Momentum Party campaigning flag? Could the Labour Councillors not have paid for it themselves?

3. The Government has just introduced 'same-sex' education in primary schools. This has been met with outrage from many parents of all faith groups, and none. Was the timing of the Council decision designed to inflame religious tensions?

4. Another English word has been hijacked. "Rainbow" will now be used more euphemistically, such that, it will become politically incorrect to use it other than to refer to the disparate LGBT + grouping.

However, even worse than the above is the fact that Owen Dickinson praises Labour/Momentum Cllr. Beetham (who is so intolerant of Brexit that she called all Leave voters, "... .. morons... who should all be gassed") for getting the motion accepted. He then goes on to call opponents of the motion, "Homophobic", and in so doing, ignores the fact that the Independent Councillors were trying to stop the excesses of the Momentum controlled Council. "Name calling" of opponents is Momentum/Labour's first reaction to criticism of their extreme and ill-conceived ideas.

Indeed, I'm surprised that the Labour Party has not yet withdrawn Cllr. Beetham's membership for calling 60% of the Constituency "morons" and inappropriately, advocating "gassing" as the remedy! Previously the Leader of the Council has appealed in the Newton News about the vile treatment of Independent Cllr. W. Blenkinsopp (mainly from Labour). Perhaps, it is time for Mr Fleming to resign the Labour whip and head -up the Independents.

Alastair P.G. Welsh

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5.00pm & 7.00pm with Sam
Tel: 07970 451284

TUESDAY:

R.A.F.A. Club, Barrington Road DL5 5AL
3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm with Nicola - Tel: 07791 909376

WEDNESDAY:

Navy Club, Bluebell Way DL5 7PW
9.30am with Nicola - Tel: 07791 909376
Eden Arms Hotel, Rushyford DL17 0LL
3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm with Joni - Tel: 07716 484472
Navy Club, Bluebell Way DL5 7PW
5pm & 7pm with Christine - Tel: 07970 666291

THURSDAY:

R.A.F.A. Club, Barrington Road DL5 5AL
9.30am & 11.30am with Sam - Tel: 07970 451284
R.A.F.A. Club, Barrington Road DL5 5AL
5pm & 7pm with Nicola - Tel: 07791 909376

SATURDAY:

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane DL5 4HT
8.30am & 10.30am with Gordon - Tel: 07572 240010

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It was a case of third time lucky for a senior councillor as he finally got to jump out of a plane from a height of three miles. Durham County Council's outgoing Chairman Cllr John Lethbridge arranged to perform a skydive as the final act of his year in office, and to complete his ceremonial fundraising efforts for The Royal British Legion. The former teacher, who represents the Woodhouse Close ward, arranged his skydive only for weather conditions to force a postponement – on two separate occasions. However, the weather was finally on his side on date number three, allowing him to finally go through with his daredevil feat at the Peterlee Skydiving

Academy at the third time of asking earlier this month. The grandfather-of-two leapt out of a plane strapped to a parachute instructor, from a height of some 16,000 feet. In a matter of minutes Cllr Lethbridge had landed safely on the ground, having experienced a rollercoaster of emotions. The Chairman, who in advance had admitted the skydive would 'stretch my comfort zone to its furthest limits,' said: "It was really frustrating to not be able to go ahead because of the weather, not just once but twice. So it was a relief to finally be able to go ahead at the third time of asking. "Before going up in the plane I felt fine but I must admit the moments before and after the jump were somewhat nerve-wracking. I had chosen to do it from 10,000 feet but ended up jumping from 16,000. "To fall at 120mph was something I will never forget. The views of

County Durham and the coastline were really quite spectacular and by the time I touched the ground I had got over the nerves and was fully enjoying the experience." Cllr Lethbridge had hoped to raise £1,000 for the Legion – the charity he has supported throughout his year in office – but has surpassed that and is continuing to receive donations all the time. He said: "I am so grateful to everyone who has sponsored me. Their money will go to a brilliant charity which is a great way of giving back to those who have given so much to us all." People can still sponsor the Chairman and in doing so support the work of the Royal British Legion at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-lethbridge>



Cllr Lethbridge with pilot Tony Cowan (left) and parachute instructor Mick Cosgrove (right.)

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In 2015, Christine Bewley took over as sole owner and Managing Director at Aycliffe Fabrications. With a dedication to making the company one of the best small companies in the area, she has focused on making it more efficient, investing in staff and new technology. Christine said: "Although I took over as sole owner in 2015, I have been with the business for over 30 years and was a key member of the team involved in the manufacture and installation of "In Our Image". It was an exciting and stressful time ensuring the structure was manufactured to specification and the artist's requirements, then transported to site and erected. The satisfaction we experienced was overwhelming and still is every day I drive past. Shortly after the installation

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By 2016 Christine had recruited a Business Manager, Katie Flanagan, into the business to play a pivotal role within the management team, providing a strong commercial lead for the business focusing on achieving efficiency and growth. Katie also introduced a new marketing strategy to raise the awareness of Aycliffe Fabrications across the region and within key industry sectors.

The team further expanded in 2018 with the introduction of a new apprentice, Matthew Brown, in a move to ensure the skills and craftsmanship within the company were passed on to build the company for the future.

The local community is also close to Aycliffe Fabrication's heart. They have worked closely with the UTC South Durham since it opened in 2015 offering work placements, apprenticeship experience, student projects and student presentations to help the students understand and experience workplace life. They are also on the UTC Employer Group representing small businesses, helping SME's and the UTC work better together.

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The Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie wants to publicly say a huge 'Thank You' to the people of South West Durham whose generosity has enabled the group to reach its target of raising £100,000 in the five years it has been in existence.

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To celebrate reaching this milestone, the Group were invited to visit the Marie Curie Hospice in Newcastle where they were given a tour of the facilities and were shown the therapies on offer, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. The Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm in the Community Fire Station on Watling Road and welcome new members.

The next fundraising event will take place on Sunday 9th June from 1 - 5pm when The Old Vicarage Gardens at High Etherley will be open to visitors.

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Busy Month for Tri-Club



It's been a busy month for Aycliffe Tri Club beginning on the 12th May at the Richmond Sprint Triathlon with some great achievements for ATC members. This event saw the sun shine for the 400m pool swim, 15 mile bike and 5k run. Lots of members took on their first ever triathlon today so a special mention and well done to them. Today's triathlon was quite a challenge, especially taking on the challenging bike route. ATC had 4 (yes FOUR) age category podiums which are listed alongside all of the other achievements in age category order. First up our Veteran male V60 category saw Mick Casey come in 4th in the category with a time of 1:36:47.5, then Jim Wilson with a time of 1:41:09.4 in 6th place closely followed in 8th place by Kevin Greenall with a time of 1:43:49.0. All of them showing the younger generations how it's done. Next up the V50 male category saw a really strong podium finish by Graham Atkins in 2nd place with a time of 1:16:44.4 and coming in 14th place was Den Dale

with a time of 1:46:29.8. The female V40 category saw another strong podium finish in 2nd place from Michelle Dixon who finished in an impressive time of 1:34:05. The V40 male category saw the most competitors from ATC. Again another podium finish for Andy Sedgewick with a time of 1:10:48.9 saw him pick up 3rd place. Ian Readman came in at 1:16:25.3 in 4th place. Brett Lambert finished 10th with a time of 1:21:18.2. Next was Danny Shoulder with 1:23:44.2 who was 11th with a really strong, close finish on the run. Dan Lewis, 1:35:02.0, gave a great performance in 16th place and John Heywood, again another strong performance knocking off 9 minutes from his estimated swim came in 17th with a time of 1:35:11.7. The Senior Female category saw Susan Rees finish in an impressive 6th place with a time of 1:38:31.8. Susan logged the fastest swim time from the club today. Last, but by no way least, were the Senior Males with Trevor Dixon finishing on the podium in 2nd place with a time of 1:13:16.5, Chris

Burtenshaw came home with a time of 1:21:56.1 in 6th place and Ryan Pearson in 10th place with a time of 1:31:36.3.

Also in May was the Keswick Mountain Festival Duathlon. A 5km run, 18km bike, 5km run which saw Trevor Dixon competing for the club. Trevor was 9th overall, and 5th in his age category (Senior Male). Other highlights from a training perspective in May saw the return of our open water swimming sessions as well as a club social training day in Buttermere in the Lake District. These are alongside our regular swim, bike and run coached sessions.

Coming up in June is our first GoTri aquathlon event, this is to be held from 6pm on Wednesday 19th June at Woodham Academy and is a 200m pool swim followed by a 2km run around the grounds at the school. This event is aimed at complete beginners as an introduction to multi-sport. Prizes are available for first male and female as well as spot prizes on the night. Not to be missed. Details can be found at www.gotri.org

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2nd June



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Lisa Howarth
2nd June



Happy birthday to my beautiful Wife, have a great day. All my love
John-Paul xxxxx

Obituary

Peter Lockhart

Peter, aged 44 years, suddenly on 20th May, of Newton Aycliffe (formerly of New Mills, High Peak). Dearly loved Husband of Angela and a much loved Dad, Brother, Uncle and friend to many. Funeral to be held on Tuesday 4th June. Friends please meet for Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe DL5 5NT at 1.15pm followed by Cremation at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent for NHS Grampian Endowment Fund c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service.

William Young (Bill)

Family and friends are invited to meet on Monday 3rd June at 11.15am for a Service at Darlington Crematorium. Followed afterwards at The Big Club, Newton Aycliffe. Family flowers only please, any donations in Bill's memory to his favourite charity, the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Lee Smith

3rd June



Time flies away, but the pain of losing you stays forever.
We will love and miss you always.
Mam and Dad

TREVOR COLLETT 3rd June 2018. Loved and missed more each day. Love forever, Pat xx

Film Show

"CITY OF ANGELS"
The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 4th June features the romantic fantasy "City of Angels" starring Meg Ryan and Nicolas Cage. A lovely fantasy; or maybe not; can a guardian angel, with no human emotions, suddenly want to love the human that they guard? This is a lovely story, hankies needed. Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2.00 admission. The film starts at 1.15pm and a variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

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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
Extended Live Show till 2am		

SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan	
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
2nd June - Maura McKeon and Carl Mustill		
8-10pm	The Final Live Rock Show	"CAD"
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
5-6pm	Teenage Tunes	Ellarae Bower

"Through the Decades"

6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

TUESDAY

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

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
4th June - Colin Stromsoy (NAFC Manager)		
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	Amy
5th June - Guest Presenter: Jane Johnson		
6.30-8pm	Community Connect	Amy
5th June - Guest Presenter: CAD		
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

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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	
7th June - Nathan Abbott (90s Classix)		
Live Session from ROF59 Beer Garden		

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Dunn Racers Stay at the Front Longest Day Golf Challenge

School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn took another podium at Teesside Autodrome last weekend in round 4 of the Owner Driver Sprint Bambino championship - and moved up to 2nd in the championship!

On Saturday's Free Practice sessions, Scarlet showed great pace by setting close-to-lap-record times as she lapped round the circuit setting her best ever times and only 2 tenths away from



a sub-1 minute lap time.

HARRISON MADE GREAT PROGRESS!

Scarlet's younger brother Harrison had a watershed moment too on the Saturday by setting his best times around the West training circuit and for the first time graduated to the main National circuit. He drove very sensibly, without any spins and took seconds off his lap times in every session.

Photo: Harrison gets ready for the National circuit with Nana and Grandad.

"We're so proud of how he is coming on now", said Dad Anthony, "if he keeps going at this rate, he'll be competing soon!"

Onto Sundays competitive event and Scarlet started the day well by qualifying in 3rd position in very wet conditions. She then finished 3rd in heat 1, 4th in heat 2 and 3rd in heat 3, but it was becoming evident as the track dried that that there was a problem with her kart as she struggled to



match the pace of the leaders or get close to her own pace she had set on Saturday. However, she kept her head down and didn't complain and finished 3rd in the final. "Scarlet was an absolute star at the weekend - she was upset not to be faster on Sunday but understood the difficulties and did her absolute best" said Mam Amanda. This result now leaves her 2nd in the Teesside Owner Driver Sprint Bambino Championship standings.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, played well to beat Norton 1st team at home by five wickets in the 2nd division of the NYSD. Electing to bat first the visitors were restricted to 139 for 9 in their 50 overs thanks to some good bowling from Michael Howe (4 for 32) and Luke Telford (3 for 21). In reply, a superb unbeaten 58 from 72 balls faced by Adam Randall (sponsored by DTS Joinery) was the mainstay of the Aycliffe reply and with Chris Palmer chipping in with 20 runs, the home side reached their winning target after 33.5 overs.

The 2nd team had a thrilling three wicket win away at Blackhall 2nd team in the 4th division of the NYSD. Electing to bat first, the home side were dismissed for just 120 from 30.1 overs thanks to some excellent bowling from 14 year olds Matty Greaves (4 for 8) and David Robinson (3 for 25). In reply, Joe Haines (21 runs), Dan Craggs (18 runs) and Ryan Patrick (12 runs) got Aycliffe off to a flying start and looked well set on 58 for 3. However, a mid order collapse had Aycliffe in trouble on 92 for 7, but an unbroken 8th wicket partnership of 29 from George Slatcher (31 not out) and Matty Greaves (sponsored by Britannia Fire), who also batted brilliantly scoring 8 not out, helped see their side to a tense victory after 26.3 overs.

The first team had an excellent eight wicket victory away at Wolviston 1sts in the quarter final of the Brunton cup. Batting first the home side were restricted to 96 for 8 in their 20 overs with captain Luke Telford the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 22. In reply Aycliffe passed their winning target



after 16.1 overs thanks to a match winning unbroken 3rd wicket partnership of 83 from Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), who top scored with 56 not out and Adam Gittins (27 not out). Our u15's played well but were still beaten by 61 runs at home to Richmond. The visitors scored an impressive 147 for 1 in their 20 overs and Aycliffe reached a respectable 86 for 6 in their reply thanks to good innings from David Robinson (24 runs) and Leo Mercy (22 runs).

The club's u13's team had a terrific 46 run victory at home to Barnard Castle in the NYACC League. Asked to bat first Aycliffe scored an excellent 120 for 6 in their 20 overs thanks to good innings from Harrison Pearson (26 runs), Will Dearden (19 runs) and Brandon Grant (14 runs). In reply the visitors were restricted to 74 for 7 with Joe Ingman the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers with two wickets.

Photo: 14 year old Matty Greaves who had an excellent all round game for the 2nd team in their victory away at Blackhall.

I, myself, Dale Briggs live in Chilton but the other 3 team members are all from Newton Aycliffe, being David Pape, Ian Dobson and Robert Scott. On Friday 21st June, we will be taking part in this challenge where we intend to complete 4 rounds of golf in one day (72 holes). This is an annual event all to help raise money for the great charity Macmillian Cancer Support. We have set a target of just £800 but we fully intend, and hope, to exceed this target for a worthwhile cause and hoping to get this message across with as much publicity as possible.

Again, we will be completing this on Friday 21st June, with all 4 rounds being held at Woodham Golf & Country Club. Donations are welcome and can be made until 31st August via our direct Team Page via the following link - <https://longestdaygolf.macmillan.org.uk/MyTeam/details>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we hope this will help to raise much needed funds for this great charity.
Kind Regards
Dale Briggs

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