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you can spot yourself in any of the photos, have a giggle at the fashions and hairstyles and celebrate school days gone past. We will be showing artwork by the children to commemorate the school's 50th birthday. All are welcome to share memories and stories and celebrate with us.

## Christian Aid Week Success

On behalf of Churches Together in Great Aycliffe, I would like to thank Tesco for allowing us to take a bucket collection in their store on Saturday 1st June 2019. Thank you also to Tesco customers who donated so generously and to the volunteers from our churches who gave their time so willingly to collect for Christian Aid. The amount raised from the bucket collection was £453.65, plus £84.45 from Christian Aid envelopes.

In addition to this we also held a Quiz Night and Pie & Pea Supper at the Golf Club on Friday 14th June. I would like to thank all those who sold tickets and all those who attended the Quiz Night from our various churches in the town. A big thank you to



our Quiz Masters for such an enjoyable fun evening and the Golf Club for the delicious pies and peas. A great night was had by all and the amount raised for Christian Aid was £329.85. In total we raised £867.95 from these events

and a cheque for this amount has been sent off to Christian Aid.

Christian Aid reaches out to people all over the world in tragic circumstances, regardless of race, religion or creed. It works with poor communities across the world to bring lasting change for the most vulnerable people on earth. That's why our local volunteers are just a few of the thousands raising money during Christian Aid Week for the world's poorest people. This year's Christian Aid Appeal focuses on Sierra Leone which is the world's most dangerous place to become a mother. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Anne Molyneux Secretary, Churches Together in Great Aycliffe

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Thank you all at Bewick Crescent Surgery.  
Name & address supplied

## North East Transport Bid Welcomed by Councillors in Durham

Councillors in County Durham have voiced their support for an ambitious £377 million bid to transform travel across the region. This week the North East Joint Transport Committee confirmed the region's outline bid for Government Transforming Cities funding – a £1.28 billion pot for schemes that encourage sustainable travel. The committee is made up of representatives from the North East and North of Tyne combined authorities, and, if successful, its bid would form a major part of a £448 million investment programme. The programme would span the entire region and would see the delivery of everything from major improvements at key railway stations, to more frequent Metro services, new park and ride sites, extended bus lanes and new cycling and walking routes. In County Durham, projects identified within the proposed

outline bid include:

- The expansion of the Durham City park and ride site at Sniprley and the creation of an additional site in the Stonebridge area, complete with electric vehicle charging points
- Improved pedestrian access at Durham Railway Station, linking the A691 and the southbound platform
- The demolition of Durham Bus Station and the creation of a new building with improved facilities on the same site in North Road
- Introduction and extension of bus priority lanes on the approaches to Durham City
- Improved walking and cycling routes into the city.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "These projects reflect our commitment to promoting sustainable transport, reducing air pollution and making it easier for people to access the shops, businesses, leisure facilities and attractions on offer in Durham City."

"They are just some of the ways we are striving to improve transport infrastructure across County Durham. Last month, work began on a new £10.5 million railway station in Horden, which is set to deliver an economic boost to east Durham."

"Major improvements are also being carried out at key junctions, including on the A1 at Bowburn and the A19 and A179 Sheraton junction at South Wingate, while our Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan sets out how we will improve our network of footpaths and cycle lane and tracks."

Cllr Carl Marshal, Cabinet member for economic regeneration at Durham County Council and member of the North East Joint Transport Committee, said: "Good transport links are crucial for a prosperous economy. It is a factor all businesses and organisations take into account when considering whether to invest in our region."

"Transport infrastructure in the North East has been substantially underfunded compared to London and the south for years. If the government is serious about the Northern Powerhouse and rebalancing the country's economy, they need to provide our region with a fair share of the national funding. "This bid is about unlocking the North East's potential, and the two combined authorities working together for the benefit of all those who live, work and visit the region."

The outline bid will now be submitted to the Department for Transport, with a final business case expected to be finalised by November. This means some schemes within the programme may change. A final announcement about whether the bid has been successful is expected in early 2020, and the programme will be delivered between 2020 and 2023 by local authorities, Metro owner and operator Nexus and other partners.

## Balsam Bash

Himalayan Balsam is a pretty pink flower which the bees love and can be found throughout many areas of Aycliffe.

However, this beauty hides a secret. If left to spread, it will out compete all native plant species causing a single stand of this invasive weed. As the plant is generally found along watercourses, the shallow root system can also result in unstable river banks and increase river erosion problems.

The plant is well established in Woodham Burn and Great Aycliffe Town Council have spent several years attempting to control it by pulling and cutting it before it goes to seed.

The Council are encouraging residents to come along and assist in controlling the plant during a public event on Wednesday 26th June between 4pm and 6pm. Participants are encouraged to wear long sleeved tops and trousers and meet at the Town Park pavilion. Gloves and Instruction will be provided.

If you require more information please contact Great Aycliffe Town council on 01325 300700.

## TOWN COUNCIL MOTIONS

Last week, Great Aycliffe Town Council passed two motions mirroring resolutions taken by many other Councils all over the country.

First, Cllr Kathryn Beetham submitted a motion: "that Great Aycliffe Town Council Officers implement a review of its use of Single Use Plastics across its operations, and report back with recommendations". Cllr Beetham asked the Council to listen to the concerns of many younger residents about this issue and to "lead by example". Next, Cllr John D. Clare submitted a motion: "that this Council instructs its Officers to conduct a review and return to this Council with a report and recommendations which will enable this Council to: 1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency'; 2. Adopt targets and actions which will make significant progress towards making Great Aycliffe Town Council carbon neutral within an ambitious timeframe." Members raised concerns about the possible cost but agreed that, as a responsible council, Great Aycliffe Town Council should "show the lead" in this issue too. Members felt that both motions were about making the world a better place, and both were passed nem con. JCL

## Year 5 Met an Astronaut!



On Monday 10th June, Year 5 (Aycliffe Village Primary) met an astronaut called Michael Foale at the Xcel Centre.

In his presentation, Michael told the schools that he flew six space missions but did not land on the moon. He also went around the world in the Russian space station, Mir, in under 92 minutes. Which is probably one of the fastest times for going around the world!

He showed all the school videos of himself in space with no gravity. In one clip, he had a bottle of water and he proved to everyone there

is no gravity in space by tipping the water out - it just floated in thin air!

After the event, Year 5 pupil, Myles said, "I really enjoyed it and it was a brilliant experience. I would like to go to one of his talks again."

The Year 5 teacher, Mrs Brown said, "I think it is fantastic that the children

got to meet an astronaut."

The organisers, Durham University and Business Durham, hope to have inspired many children to become scientists or astronauts in the future! They certainly inspired Aycliffe Village Primary School.

By Morgan and Charlotte Allick

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**Saturday 22nd** - Fab solo artiste **"Darren Crosbie"** and great duo **"Exact"** - £3.00 Entry

**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"** Rock n Roll Night - £3.00 entry

**Saturday 29th** - Private Function in the Hall

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**Saturday 29th June - "Conspiracy Theory"**  
Conspiracy Theory are a four piece band from Gateshead and Bishop Auckland who play classic rock from the likes of Rainbow, Rush, Deep Purple, Uriah Heep, Iron Maiden and Judas Priest among others.

**Saturday 6th July - "Audio Jacks"**  
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## New Friends New Places

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We also invite you to join us to go to SKIPTON and enjoy a canal boat trip with lunch, Wednesday 14th August, cost £23.50 total including bus fare, leaving Wilkos bus stop town centre at 8.30am and Stephenson Way Cemetery at 8.40am. Ring 308094 or 07967 901477 for more details and to book.

## JUMP FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Mental illness doesn't discriminate, it will take men, women and children with impunity. It's no respecter of position or status and where mental illness is concerned no one is off limits.

Various forms of mental health issues are on the increase and while the suicide rate, especially in men, continues to climb, the age at which they take their lives is in free fall. It's no longer uncommon to hear of young men in their 20's and 30's committing suicide because they are unable to deal with their mental illness.

There is a great upsurge in the call for us to talk about mental illness, but talking alone won't fix the problem. Talking is the first step but without positive supportive action to back it up it's well meaning but lacking in the professional, social and community based awareness necessary to make a real difference.

Those who have to live with mental illness on a daily basis have to not only deal with their own illness, but also the ignorance and fear of those around them. It is the 21st century and yet the fear and stigma of mental illness renders some people powerless to deal with the realities when faced with the condition in themselves or a family member.

In an effort to raise awareness and help people better understand the complexities of mental illness and the help available in both support and treatment, Aycliffe Radio presenters Phillip Hawkins, Mary O'Sullivan and Karl Simons are planning to complete a tandem parachute jump in September 2019 and produce a video to record the event and highlight the need for greater understanding and support in mental health awareness.

Mental illness isn't terminal but for some people lost in its darkness that final stop seems the best option they have available to them. We want to try and change that and with your help we can make a real difference.

## Nominate a Garden That Makes You Smile

Aycliffe has long been associated with spectacular floral displays and to continue this tradition Great Aycliffe Town Council are seeking nominations for the best floral displays.

Residents are being asked to nominate gardens around the parish for an award.

Applicants will be considered for:

- Best garden (must be front garden)
- Best hanging basket display
- Best commercial property.

In addition, the council will be awarding separate awards for the best allotment plots in Aycliffe.

The gardens can be nominated throughout the summer with the deadline being Friday 23rd August. Nominations should be sent to Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6QF or emailed to [info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

*[editorial]*  
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### A COMMUNITY SPIRIT

From its busy Trade & Craft Fairs to its highly successful children's discos to its many acts of individual kindness, Aycliffe charity 'Community Spirit' does what it says on the tin ... it bolsters and builds our community togetherness.

Indeed, in a world which seems in some ways to be collapsing into bitterness and bickering, it is more important than ever that we have such an organisation in Aycliffe, and it is the Newton News's delight this week to be able to showcase the work of this new but notable group.

In future weeks we would hope to be able to promote some of the other wonderful community and charity groups on the town, and would appeal for other organisations to send us the information for a similar piece on them.

### AN ACTIVE TOWN COUNCIL

Sometimes our Town Council finds itself in the news for all the wrong reasons, but this week we

note the good news. We appreciate the Council's resolutions, within its own organisation, to look into ways to scale down its Single Use Plastics and to cut its Carbon emissions.

These resolutions seem to us to be responsible decisions. We note also the Himalayan 'Balsam Bash' seeking volunteers to help control this invasive plant, and we encourage readers to 'nominate a garden that makes you smile' for the Town Council Garden and Allotment Competitions.

### TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Finally, we are pleased to see the North East Joint Transport Committee's investment bid for the County, and note that it includes a bid to demolish and rebuild Durham Bus Station – something of which every bus user who has cause to use the bus station will approve. It is true that transport infrastructure in the North East has been substantially underfunded for years, so let's hope the bid is successful.

## Performing Arts Academy at Woodham



Woodham Academy will be launching a new Performing Arts Academy in September. This will give all students the opportunity to develop their skills in music, drama, sound and lighting, set design and costume design. Following this year's hugely successful performance of Grease, the Performing Arts Academy will stage a musical in the Spring term, as well as Christmas and Summer Concerts.

Woodham Performing Arts Academy is part of Woodham Academy's rich and varied extra-curricular programme which includes Woodham Sports Academy and Woodham Leadership

Academy. All members sign a contract undertaking to attend every session and to maintain their academic progress. All after-school sessions are free.

Head of Woodham Performing Arts Academy, Mr. Gales, says, "The Performing Arts Academy is an exciting new project which gives all students the chance to perform or to be involved in a performance throughout the year. This will help all them to develop and hone their skills in their chosen area, but most importantly allow them to grow as confident young people, which will have a positive impact on their overall education."

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# Station Harnesses Flower Power for Mental Health

Budding displays at Durham City's Train Station will help people discover mental health support.

Floral displays throughout the station will draw attention to the work of mental health charity, Samaritans.

Samaritans is dedicated to reducing feelings of isolation and disconnection that can lead to suicide. The charity takes over five million calls a year via their 24 hour listening service, as well as responding to people in need via text, letter and face to face.

In a collaborative project between Durham County Council, London North Eastern Railway (LNER), Durham In Bloom and Samaritans, the charity hopes to reach out to people who pass through the station.

Large planters will not only display beautiful flowers, but will also hold cards with the telephone number for the charity readily available to anyone in need.

A weekly visit by two Samaritan volunteers, who will water and tend to the planters, will also give a visible presence so that anyone can speak to them.

The planters will also be included in Durham's bid for Champion of Champions this year in the national RHS In Bloom competition. The displays were funded by three Durham County Council elected members, Cllr David Freeman and Cllr Richard Ormerod, both ward members for Elvet and Gilesgate, and Cllr Liz Brown, ward member for Neville's Cross, who supported the project with

money from each of their Neighbourhood Budgets through Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP). Craig Morgan, AAP co-ordinator at Durham County Council, said: "We are delighted to be working with the local councillors to support the work of the Samaritans again, following a successful smaller flower project last year."

"The displays not only make the station an attractive place for our commuters and visitors, but draw attention to the charity's special service that may be seen at just the right time, by the right person." Lynn Brooks, director of Durham Samaritans said: "Samaritans has continued to work with Network Rail for some years, and we're thrilled to be involved in this partnership with the support of Durham County Council."

"The floral displays will be seen by a number of people as they arrive at the station. The planters are an attractive and engaging way to provide Samaritan contact details - our free call number, 116123, and our local address, 26 Sutton Street, Durham DH1 4BW, for those who want to pop in for a chat."

"Volunteers will work to keep the planters looking good and be there as a listening ear for anyone who needs advice." Caroline Mason, customer experience manager at LNER said: "We're very pleased to continue working with Samaritans and Durham County Council to brighten up the station and highlight the fantastic

support that the charity provides to those in need.

"The new planters will help make the station an even more welcoming environment and I'm sure they'll be well received by customers."

Groups who would like to get involved in In Bloom, or other projects to improve their local environment, are encouraged to contact the council's Civic Pride team at civicpride@durham.gov.uk or 03000 261000 to find out how they may be able to help.

## FLOWER DEMO

**Area Demonstrator, Joan Robinson from Wigan, will present an evening of flower arranging under the title Scintillation at the next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday, 3rd July at the Civic Hall, Shildon at 7.30pm**

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# Rawsome: An Alternative Dog's Diet



A newly established dog food business has recently opened in Unit 19 on Whinbank Park in the Aycliffe Business Park. Rawsome Dog Foods, owned by Leona Hussain, opened on 25th May this year, aiming to educate dog owners on the benefits of using raw dog foods.

Leona was inspired to begin her business after her own experience of seeing the benefits implementing a raw food diet had on her own best friend Zeus, after he was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2015. Leona tells the paper that her dog's change in diet correlated with his improved health, which caused fewer seizures and balanced out his energy levels overall, making him less hyper. The decision to make the switch allowed her best friend to live with his condition unmedicated, benefitting both Leona and Zeus in the long run.

"I switched to Raw and the change was imminent, from having four seizures every two months he now has only four a year."

Leona credits this experience to the inspiration of her business, which raises awareness to fellow dog owners on the benefits making the change can have. Not only does it allow dog owners to understand fully what is being fed to their best friends, but aids skin and coat quality, improves hygiene by reducing plaque and tartar build up, and contributes to positive behavioural changes. The choice to go natural has also proven to be more cost effective than when using store distributed processed foods.

With more than four years of animal care experience from Pets at Home, Leona has become a trained nutritionist, allowing her to also make informed nutrition consultations based on your dog's history, age, weight, and breed. Being an SQP (Specially Qualified Person) allows Leona to cater her business to more needs, permitting her to prescribe and sell flea and worm medication as well.

Rawsome dog foods offer in person consultations which allow you to receive personal advice on the changes of your dog's diet. This is much more beneficial

than pursuing online and word of mouth information, where the facts may be unclear and non relative to your dog's individual needs. So, if you are thinking of changing your dog's diet from the processed foods bought from the supermarket to a more natural raw one, then pay Rawsome a visit today. Opening times can be found on their social media page @Rawsomedogfoods, with enquiries and orders on sales@rawsome.dog. Pop in for a chat for more information at Unit 19 on Whinbank Park, Bradbury Road, Aycliffe Business Park.



## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

Two very important Council meetings, an important DDES announcement and some ideas of things to do next week. Find more information on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB121

And why not join me for my council and community radio show jdccdj, 4-6pm Friday 21 June; and also my discussion show POLITICAL, 6-7.30pm Sunday 23 June (where the Big Story will be LGBT+): bit.ly/ARLIVE

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 12 June (County Durham Plan, County Durham Partnership update, Council Activity Report, Performance Management Report, Health Update).

• DCC Recycling – a reassurance that County Durham recycling is recycled.

• Great Aycliffe Town Council meeting, Wednesday 14 June (Service Delivery Plan; Budget accountability; VE Anniversary; A167 traffic; Single Use Plastics motion; Climate Change motion).

• NHS Durham Dales,

Easington and Sedgefield CCQ has announced its consultation decision.

• Footprint Environmental and Climate Conference, Durham, 13-14 June.

• Durham for Refugees festival, Saturday 15 June.

• Business Durham offers free, informal drop-ins at Jackson's Coffeehouse, Xcel Centre, every Monday 1.30-4pm.

### THINGS TO DO

• Durham Student Theatre: The Tempest, Gala Theatre Durham, 7.30pm Wednesday 26 June, tickets £12.50-£15: 03000 266 600.

• Small Island (screening), Gala Theatre Durham, 7pm Thursday 27 June, tickets £10-£15: 03000 266 600.

• PCVC's Celebration of Local Superheroes (family), Locomotion Shildon, 10am-3pm Saturday 29 June, FREE.

• Japanese snakes (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm Saturday 29 June, FREE.

• Durham Castle Summer Family Fun Day, 11am-4pm Sunday 30 June, FREE but booking essential.

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## National Breastfeeding Week Highlights Support Available

New and expectant mothers can find out about support to help them breastfeed as part of a national awareness raising campaign.

National Breastfeeding Celebration Week runs until Sunday 23 June and aims to explain the benefits of breastfeeding, as well as answering mothers' questions and making them aware of the help and support available to them.

Durham County Council is working closely with partners, including the Growing Healthy County Durham Infant Feeding Team, to promote breastfeeding provision across the county, celebrate breastfeeding mums, and raise awareness of the county's breastfeeding peer supporters.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services said: "It's never too early to start thinking about how you're going to feed your baby."

"Breastfeeding has a number of health benefits for both mother and baby, including building strong emotional bonds, protecting babies from infections and diseases and lowering mothers' risk of some cancers and health conditions."

"County Durham's fantastic volunteer peer supporters and our brilliant breastfeeding cafes are a great way to help mothers to breastfeed successfully, supporting them to overcome any potential barriers, build their confidence and make friends."

Breastfeeding peer supporters are local mums who have been trained to support other mums and babies to enjoy breastfeeding, offering advice and reassurance.

Twenty-eight-year-old mum of three, Leah Johnson became a breastfeeding peer supporter after attending a local breastfeeding café with her own child.

Leah said: "I went to the café for social reasons as well as breastfeeding support. I made some wonderful friends who were all in the same boat and I really appreciated that."

"I remember the lady who sat with me for an hour when my first was born and how she made me feel. She was compassionate and she gave her time to help me. I was overwhelmed by her kindness. I wanted to be that person for someone else and make them feel as supported and cared for as I was."

"Normalising breastfeeding is so important and what better way to get the message out than by getting people who are actually breastfeeding or have breastfed, to come alongside these women and say 'you can do this'. I've learnt so much since becoming a peer supporter and I feel like it's been good for me."

Peer supporters volunteer in a variety of settings, such as antenatal sessions, on postnatal wards, at clinics and in breastfeeding cafes across County Durham.

Breastfeeding cafes offer information, moral support and company from like-minded mums in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

A list of breastfeeding cafes and more information about the benefits of breastfeeding can be found at [www.durham.gov.uk/breastfeeding](http://www.durham.gov.uk/breastfeeding)

Anyone who is interested in becoming a breastfeeding peer supporter can contact Jessica Young on 03000 269 585 for more information.

## Successful Slimmer?

Your loss could be Newton Aycliffe's gain

Slimming experts in Newton Aycliffe are celebrating a successful year after helping hundreds of people lose weight and be healthy.

Now they have launched a campaign to recruit more people with a passion for helping others for the "best work in the world" with a special Slimming World careers Opportunity Event planned at Hallgarth Hotel, on Friday 28th July at 6:00pm. Joni, who manages a team of 6 Consultants who run 15 Slimming World groups in Durham South says: "We're going through a period of steady growth. In 47 years, millions of people have changed their lives with Slimming World's brilliant combination of a hunger-busting eating plan, increased activity and weekly group support."

"Now, with obesity at an all-time high – two out of three adults in the UK are overweight or obese – and government predictions say that 80% of men and 70% of women will be overweight or obese in the next decade – the demand for our unique warm and friendly approach has never been greater."

"At Slimming World we have the best eating plan in the world where members can, and do, lose weight without ever having to go hungry," says Joni. "We have the best understanding of the psychology of slimming and we choose Consultants for their empathy, warmth and understanding. We have the best training in the business too. Every Consultant who comes on board goes through an in-depth training programme and is awarded diplomas in nutrition and the psychology of weight management, as well as successfully running their own slimming business."

Slimming World is looking for people who have lost weight themselves with the organisation, people who can share their own weight-loss success to build a fabulous career. There are also vacancies for experienced managers to help co-ordinate the work in the area and ensure that our unique support is available in every community.

Joni adds: "Every Slimming World group helps members achieve long-term success through healthy lifestyle changes. Food Optimising is a unique and healthy eating plan which satisfies the biggest of appetites."

It encourages people to fill up on unlimited amounts of satisfying foods such as meat, fish, poultry, vegetables, fruit, eggs, pasta and much more, and to enjoy meals with the whole family. Meals like curry and rice, lasagne, Sunday roasts and even fish and chips. Members love the fact that they aren't restricted.

"Just as importantly, we provide support 52 weeks of the year and our members know from the minute they first walk through the door, often when their self-esteem is at its lowest, that they

will never be judged, that their details are completely confidential and that they are with people who understand them – because we've all been Slimming World members ourselves," says Joni.

Slimming World Consultants are all former members. The role is part-time, with the potential to earn £100-£400 a week for working 10-20 flexible hours as a self-employed franchisee. In-depth training is offered with a well-respected and recognised brand that has been established for more than 47 years, and all Consultants get the benefit of excellent support from more than 300 head office staff based in Alfreton, Derbyshire.

Slimming World provides administrative support, centralised marketing and PR, stock services, a host of up-to-the-minute website support plus nutrition and research expertise. Slimming World magazine, which is produced at Head Office, is



the highest selling title in the diet and health sector.

Anyone looking for a career that offers opportunities for growth and development and flexibility around family life could find that opening a Slimming World group offers the perfect solution. There are opportunities across the whole of the UK and Ireland. For more information contact Joni Miller on 07716484472 or go to [www.slimmingworld.co.uk/careers](http://www.slimmingworld.co.uk/careers)

## WATER POLO PLAYER TO REPRESENT GB

Sedgefield Water Polo Club are pleased to announce that John Pratt has been selected to represent Great Britain by British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) in the World University Summer Games, which takes place this July in Naples, Italy. John has been a member of the club for many years and proudly represents England and GB regularly. He now dedicates his spare time as a level 2 coach to the club, helping other members of the club to achieve the same level of success that he has.

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Polo Club would like to wish John good luck.

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# OPERATION TO DETER WOULD-BE FLYTIPPERS

Vehicles being used to transport controlled waste have been inspected at the roadside during an operation to clamp down on rubbish being disposed of illegally. As part of Operation Stop It, Durham County Council's award-winning campaign to eliminate flytipping, the authority's neighbourhood wardens and licensing team, along with neighbourhood policing teams, road policing unit, HMRC, DVSA, and the Environment Agency came together to inspect vehicles that were being used to transport waste on roads in Spennymoor and Bishop Auckland. During the six-hour operation the DVSA issued six prohibition notices, meaning that the vehicles had been identified to have one or more safety related defects that require the operator to take immediate action.



Two notices were issued for overload prohibitions, including one for a vehicle almost eight per cent overloaded and the other for a small lorry carrying a pickup truck that was almost 22 per cent overloaded, which had to be recovered so the excess weight could be safely removed. The DVSA also issued four immediate tyre defect prohibitions all for being below the legal tread limit.

As well as this it issued two delayed prohibitions, one for worn suspension parts and one for a defective exhaust. The road policing unit issued two fixed penalty notices, one for failing to display a rear number plate and one for a bald tyre. The Environment Agency issued advice to several waste carriers instructing them on the required permits and licences required to transport controlled waste. Ian Hoult, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "We know that most people in County Durham dispose of their waste responsibly, however we will continue to work with our partners and target those who continually chose to blight the landscape through flytipping."

## MUSIC SOCIETY



Ben Goldscheider (horn) and Richard Uttley (piano) will be performing works by Beethoven, Strauss and Schubert, amongst many other composers, at the next concert in Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2019 concert series which takes place on Friday, 19th July at 7.30pm in Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, (opposite the hospital). Since reaching the Final of the 2016 BBC Young Musician Competition where he performed with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at London's Barbican Hall, Ben Goldscheider has made his concerto debuts at venues including the Berlin Philharmonic, Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre and London's Royal Albert Hall. He has won various prestigious competitions and in 2012 was the youngest participant in the London Symphony Orchestra Brass Academy. Tickets: £13.50 in advance (£15 on the door) Available from Brotherton's Music or Brian Varley (01388) 606075

# Festival Outreach Project Explores Benefits of Music for those with Dementia

The power of music to evoke memories is at the heart of a community arts project bringing together young performers and people living with dementia.

Durham County Council's community arts team has joined forces with Beamish Museum and the Alzheimer's Society for Dance Hall Days. The project, part of the council's international BRASS Festival, will explore how music can improve wellbeing, as well as its ability to trigger happy memories.

As part of the project, people living with dementia and their carers have attended two workshops at the museum where they spoke about their own 'dance hall days'. From looking at old records and discussing the songs they used to listen to, to reminiscing about the places they went and the people they met, it was an opportunity for individuals to look at the role music played in their past and how it can continue to delight and inspire them in the future.

The project will culminate in an event in Beamish Museum's new Welfare Hall on Thursday, 18 July at 2pm, when members of Durham County Band and young actors will perform a special show interweaving music and stories shared during the workshops. Paul Edis will provide musical direction, with Bex Mather arranging the dramatic composition of the production.

The show is one of many concerts, gigs and street parties taking place during this year's Durham BRASS Festival, which is set to entertain and inspire people of all ages from Friday, 12 July to Sunday, 21 July. Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism at Durham County Council, said: "The theme for this year's festival is Brass and Health and Dance Hall Days is a fantastic example of the positive difference music can make to people's lives. "Music not only brings communities together, but it can lift your mood and evoke

vivid memories of people and places we may not have thought about for years. This is particularly true of brass music, especially in the North East where it is so closely linked to our mining heritage."

Constructed as part of the £18 million Remaking Beamish project, the Welfare Hall is due to open this month and is the first exhibit in the attraction's new 1950s town. It is a replica of Leeholme Welfare Hall, which opened in 1957, making it the ideal setting for the Dance Hall Days event.

Beamish's health and wellbeing team run a weekly programme of sessions and group activities to support older people, people living with dementia and other long-term health conditions and their families and carers at Orchard Cottage in the museum.

Michelle Kindleysides, head of health and wellbeing at Beamish Museum, said: "It's been such a lovely project to be involved with and I know we at Beamish, and all the participants, feel really privileged to be able to support the BRASS festival in this unique way. "We've had some really lovely sessions here, talking about nights out, dancing, music and 'young love' and by far our favourite part was when we moved the furniture and did some



dancing in the cottage too. We're all really looking forward to seeing the final performance."

The project ties in with the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Communities Programme, which encourages everyone to share responsibility for ensuring people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute.

Belinda Williams, Dementia Friendly Communities coordinator for Alzheimer's Society, said: "One of Alzheimer's Society's most popular services is Singing for the Brain, which is based around the principles of music therapy and singing. It's wonderful to see how people light up when music evokes memories from their past. "Activities such as this, which include and engage people living with dementia,

are extremely important and form an integral part of the dementia friendly communities we are seeking to create.

"We want people living with dementia to feel valued and part of the communities they live in and we're grateful to organisations such as Durham County Council and Beamish Museum for the important role they are playing in helping us towards this goal."

Members of the public are welcome to attend the performance at Beamish on Thursday, 18 July. Normal museum admission fees apply.

To view the full Durham BRASS programme, visit [www.brassfestival.co.uk](http://www.brassfestival.co.uk). For festival updates follow 'Brass International Festival' on Facebook or @DurhamBRASS on Twitter and Instagram for the latest news.

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## School Summer Fair

Aycliffe Village Primary School and PTA are proud to present a Summer Fair on the school grounds on Thursday 27th June from 3.30-5.30pm.

Fun for all the family is guaranteed with hot food, ice cream van, gourmet coffee, total wipeout, bouncy castle, stalls, games, prizes and competitions. Nathan Abbott, presenter from Aycliffe Radio, will also be in attendance and the first Great Aycliffe Village Bake Off which will be judged by the ladies of the W.I. All are welcome.

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## Housing Scheme Generates £1.26 Million for Local Community

A housebuilder is set to make planning contributions worth approximately £1.26 million for the community in and around Hurworth-on-Tees and Darlington.

As part of the planning agreement associated with the Hurworth Gardens development, housebuilder Bellway will be giving £305,000 to the nearby Hurworth Primary School and £273,000 to fund an evening bus service to Darlington for five years.

A further £98,000 will be invested in sustainable

transport.

The development of 95 four and five-bedroom homes is being built on Roundhill Road.

Prices range from £329,995 to £489,995.

Debbie Foster, Head of Sales for Bellway Durham, said: "It's fantastic to see work progressing so well at Hurworth Gardens, and we're delighted that, as part of the development, we're able to give back to the local community."

"With money towards local education and transport, we're

hoping that our investments will enhance the already pretty village.

"We like to think we're adding to the community here, not just building houses."

The scheme is half a mile from the village centre and less than four miles from Darlington, with convenient access to the A1 for travel north and south.

Local schools include Hurworth Primary School, rated 'good' by Ofsted, and Hurworth School for secondary students, rated 'outstanding'.

Debbie Foster said: "The development is proving popular with professionals working across the region, because the A66, A167 and A1 are all easily accessible, and Darlington station is only 10 minutes' drive away."

To find out more about Hurworth Gardens, contact the Sales Office at Roundhill Road, Hurworth, DL2 2EF, telephone 01325 721941.

The office is open Thursday to Monday, 10.30am to 5pm, or until 7pm on Thursday.



## Campaign Targets Scams & Offers Victim Support



Durham County Council is supporting a national campaign to target scams and offer advice to help people avoid being duped.

Throughout June, Durham County Council's trading standards team is supporting the National Scams Awareness Campaign to make people more aware.

With over 94 complaints

received over the last year, residents of County Durham are being told to stop, think and report if they think they have been scammed.

By participating in the campaign, the council hopes to build on recent success in prosecuting cheat traders in County Durham, which led to substantial penalties being handed out.

The operators of a roofing business were sentenced to 32 months imprisonment each and banned as company directors following an extensive investigation involving some 35 victims and financial losses of over £85,000 being identified.

In the last two years, following a complex investigation into a sophisticated internet fraud, two individuals who were running a business offering goods such as furniture, hot tubs and saunas which were never delivered to consumers were sentenced to six and four years respectively, with scam victims suffering losses of over £450,000.

Owen Cleugh, consumer protection manager at Durham County Council, said: "The reporting of scams is severely underreported with many victims feeling too embarrassed to report being a victim to their family, the police or trading standards."

"We want to help people, firstly, avoid scams by prosecuting scammers and ensuring the public are well informed, but also help those who are victims of scams to not feel isolated or powerless."

The campaign recognises recent trends in scam attempts, including an increase in doorstep crime complaints and investigations concerning home improvements, roofing, driveways and conservatory extensions.

Durham County Council is working with partners, including Durham Constabulary, County Durham and Darlington Neighbourhood Watch and Durham University to raise awareness of scams by encouraging residents to sign up to be a Friend Against Scams to pass on the message to family and friends.

For information and advice on scams, please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/scams](http://www.durham.gov.uk/scams). Victims of a scam can report this on 0300 123 2040.

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4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience"</b>		
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
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#### SUNDAY

10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
	23rd - Bethan Sproat, Laura Daly, Jordan Gill and Darren Newton-Woods	
8-10pm	After Eight	JAG
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
<b>"Through the Decades"</b>		
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
<b>Sports Show sponsored by Honest John</b>		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
	25th June - Terry Farley (Football Referee)	
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	Amy
6.30-8pm	Community Connect	Amy
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	BeatRoute	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	

28th June - Pauly Mac from Australia, (Rare Vinyl Mix)

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# Fabricating a Bright Future



BTS Fabrications Managing Director, Phil Atkinson; Company Secretary, Marcia Atkinson; and Production Director, David Atkinson

A County Durham fabrications firm is facing a bright future after an investment of more than £2 million.

BTS Facades and Fabrications, which is based in Newton Aycliffe and manufactures metal rainscreen and fabrications for the construction industry, has invested in new machinery, increased services and a site expansion.

The firm, which has worked on projects including Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium and the Jaguar Land Rover Gaydon site, has invested £2.1 million over the past year in purchasing new automated equipment to speed up the manufacturing process, as well as renting additional premises.

Managing Director Phil Atkinson said: "A few years ago, we started to look at automation, and we have recently taken delivery of the UK's first Trumpf fully-automatic panel bender, which bends rainscreen panels, as well as ordering

a fully-automated punching system.

"The 'lights out' system means that we're able to set the machine away in the evening and return in the morning with the load completed, thus saving time and speeding up production.

"Some people believe that automation equals job losses, but it's quite the contrary in our case - our head count increased from 40 to 55 over the past 12 months.

"For us, automation isn't just about speed and efficiency, it's also about quality. Using this new equipment, a typical rainscreen panel is bent to perfection in a third of the time of a traditional press brake, and then every panel after is exactly the same."

The firm has also launched a new division, BTS Designs, after spotting a gap in the market.

Phil said: "The design services offered by other companies are often outsourced, whereas we do it under the same umbrella, meaning clients can come to us for a fuller end-to-end service. This strategy makes us unique in the industry, and has had a massive impact on our sales growth."

Other developments for BTS include expansion into additional premises to house equipment, the invention and launch of a new rainscreen product, and investment in the firm's IT systems.

Phil said: "We have seen exceptional growth over the past few years and now is the right time to invest to ensure we keep up the momentum.

"The automation we've invested in fits our key objectives of quality, speed, efficiency, and ensures we stay one step in front of our competition."

## TODDLER VACANCY

The Mother and Toddler Group at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham now have FOUR places vacant, if you would like to join our friendly group which meets from 12.45pm until 2.00pm on a Tuesday. Our Babies and Toddlers are between birth and five years old (the youngest was 5 weeks . . . lovely). There is no admission charge.

For more information please ring Norma Wise 01325 312930 to book a place.

## 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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# TradeGlass, Bringing Ideas to Life



TradeGlass UK LTD are delighted to announce their factory and showroom in Northfield Way is now open for business. The company manufactures and supplies anything from greenhouse glass to bespoke glass products such as Balustrades, Splashbacks, Worktops, Sliding Wardrobe Doors and all other processed glass products. TradeGlass also offers double glazed units, toughened laminated and other specialist safety glass such as fire rated or acoustic. Offering a full measure up, supply and installation service, it is Newton Aycliffe's one stop shop for all glass needs.

Set up by Steve Boyes (Aycliffe born and bred) and Liam Spencer (Northallerton). With a wealth of experience in the glass and solid surface industries they would welcome the opportunity to discuss project requirements with both trade and public clients. Steve, having worked at Wilsonart for many years, developed and brought to market a recycled glass material used for worktops and splashbacks, TradeGlass now carries an extensive stock of this eco-friendly product, one of the current projects using this material is the cladding of the old Newton Press building. Stuart Howarth from Newton Press said "we were delighted to be able to use this product as it fits perfectly with our eco-friendly and recycle ethos". With the vast abundance of companies on the business park, Steve and Liam would like to collaborate with business owners to help bring their ideas to life. The new showroom is now ready for visitors, with

splashback and sliding wardrobe displays and our huge RAL colour wall. Dare you step on the infinity walkway?

# Heighington A.F.C. Report

The Mighty Red and Blacks were back in league action recently in their first game since being promoted.

## Heighington AFC u10s vs Hebburn Town Gold Barca u10s

They played against a good Hebburn team. And wow what a performance from Heighington. From their first kick to their last everyone of them were excellent. They never let Hebburn have any space or time on the ball and worked their socks off. They ran out 6-1 winners and fully deserved the scoreline. Coleby in goal making some excellent saves throughout, defence of Benjamin, Ollie A and Oliver Yale providing an extremely tight wall in front of him. Midfield we had Oliver M, Dylan, Preston, Joshua and Olly W. They were all on top form with their dribbling and especially their passing. Oliver C played upfront and was on fire today. Goals were scored by:

Oliver C x3

Oliver M x1

Dylan x1

Olly W x1

Man of the Match: Olly W, the opposition just couldn't get the ball off him and he was a constant threat. Best game for us since joining.

# OFFICE UNITS TO LET



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For more information contact Stuart on 01325 300212



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## (MIDDLEDGE ROAD, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on an approximately 120 mtrs of Middledge Rd, Newton Aycliffe from junction with Greenfield Way in a south westerly direction to enable drainage works prior to construction of a new roundabout to be undertaken. A diversion route will be available from south western point of closure on Middledge Rd in a westerly direction on Middledge Ln, then northerly on Unc 42.9 to Old Eldon, then east on Moor Ln to Middledge Rd and the north eastern point of closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 15/7/19 and are anticipated to be completed in 7 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. Access will be maintained for emergency services.

Dated: 21st June 2019



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# WATER COMPANY SCOOPS TWO TOP INDUSTRY AWARDS



Northumbrian Water Group is celebrating after winning two awards at a prestigious ceremony to celebrate excellence in the water industry.

The North East-based water company came out top in two categories at the Water Industry Awards, which took place recently at the Hilton Metropole in Birmingham.

Northumbrian Water received the Customer Initiative of the Year award for its Water Without the Worry campaign, which brings together the company's affordability and priority services initiatives to ensure that customers are able to access the services they need. This ranges from affordability of water bills and preventing bogus callers to support for those with special medical needs, access challenges and those in crisis or suffering bereavement.

The company also scooped the Data Project of the Year award for its Water Poverty Eradication Modelling. This innovative project is utilising big data to support Northumbrian Water's goal of eradicating water poverty across its operating areas by 2030. Having access to this data will help the company provide vital support to customers who need it most, before issues become too serious.

Northumbrian Water's Chief Executive, Heidi Mottram said: "We are absolutely delighted to win the Customer Initiative of the Year and Data Project of the Year prizes at the Water Industry Awards. Winning these two categories is particularly special as they demonstrate our commitment to eradicating water poverty within our supply areas by 2030 - something we are incredibly passionate about. "Ensuing water services are affordable and accessible to all of our customers is our

industry leading aspiration, and these award wins show we are already making great progress on this.

"Our continuing success is down to the people across our business who go out of their way to deliver the best possible service to our customers across the North East and in Essex and Suffolk. Winning these awards spurs us on to continue getting even better and making sure we remain at the top of the water industry, so that our customers get the best service and value possible."

Robert Light, Northern Chair for the Consumer Council for Water, said: "Northumbrian Water deserve great credit for having the ambition to commit to eradicating water poverty at a time when we know about one in eight households worry about whether they can afford their water bill. We look forward to working closely with the company to make sure no-one in vulnerable circumstances is left to suffer in silence."

Northumbrian Water was also shortlisted in the Alliance and Partnership Initiative, Wastewater Innovation Project and Water Company of the Year categories at last night's ceremony. This follows the company's success at the Utility Week Awards last December, when it received IT Initiative of the Year and the Transformation and Innovation Award. In February the company received national benchmark status from the UK water industry competency body, Energy & Utility Skills. Later that month it became the only water company in the world to be included in this year's World's Most Ethical Company® list - the eighth time the company had received this global recognition from the Ethisphere Institute.

# Start Your Engines... AA 4\* Rating Blackwell Hotel

Classic cars from across the country - including 200 Jaguars - are gearing up to attend a special show at a County Durham Hotel.

Hardwick Hall Hotel at Sedgfield is set to host the North East Classic Car and Motorcycle Show on 23 June, where visitors can see a whole host of vintage, classic and modern vehicles.

The exhibition will feature cars from pre-1960 up to the early noughties, and, for the first time, The Jaguar Drivers Club is taking part, giving enthusiasts the chance to see a vast range of models from the luxury marque.

In addition, there will be stands and stalls manned by enthusiasts from brands including Mini and Harley-Davidson.

The event, organised by Classic Shows which hosts similar events up and down the country, will bring together vehicles of all makes

and models, from sports cars and convertibles to kit and custom cars.

Exhibitors will also compete throughout the day for a range of honours, including Pride of Ownership and Car of the Show, with the proceedings run by leading North West commentator and car expert, Mark Stone.

"Last year was a huge success, there was something for everyone," said John Adamson, of Ramside Estates which owns Hardwick Hall.

"I am thrilled that the car show is back for its second year at Hardwick Hall Hotel. It's a great day out for all the family."

Tickets for the event are £8 each and £3 for children aged between seven and 14. They can be booked at www.classicshows.org.

Further information for exhibitors is available via the website or by calling 01484 667776.

It's an exciting time at Blackwell Grange Hotel. The Darlington venue, with an illustrious history dating back to 1693, has recently been awarded its official AA 4\* Rating following a recent multi-million-pound investment. The refurbishment aimed to preserve the hotel's unique character while bringing it into line with modern requirements, will help it endure long into the future.

The AA inspector who visited the hotel recently commented: "In terms of the AA Quality Standards the Blackwell Grange Hotel has successfully achieved a Four-Star Hotel rating. It is clear to see the investment that has taken place within the hotel to date and this is fantastic. The rolling programme of bedroom and en-suite refurbishment continues to add value. Housekeeping was diligent and attentive, congratulations are certainly worthy to the team."

"Dinner was enjoyable with dishes being well received; some were not far from being Rosette worthy if this is an avenue which the property may wish to progress on future visits. A great strength to this guest experience was that of the hospitality from the team



with Sam, Keith, Krystoff all worthy of praise."

Originally built as a family home for industrialist George Allan, the hotel stands within a wooded parkland. The building became a hotel in 1970 and now features three function suites, 108 bedrooms, three bars, nine further function rooms, a restaurant and leisure facilities, including a swimming pool and gym.

People of the town have a real nostalgic affection for the hotel as it has played a vital part in many lives, whether with weekly Sunday roasts or family weddings. Dawn Raine, General Manager, commented: "Congratulations to each member of the team that

has been involved and supporting Blackwell Grange in achieving the 4\* rating.

"When our new owners in 2017 set out their vision to have the Hotel reach a 4\* standard I had every confidence we would achieve this and knew the hard work and refurbishment process was a small price to pay for the owner's commitment, investment and loyalty to the Hotel. This is an important step on the journey of Blackwell Grange Hotel. The hotel is a magnificent building which is steeped in history and I am so proud of everyone associated with our new 4\* rating and in the AA's words, I also say we have a team to be proud of."



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Community Spirit is a group who support local families, help those in need, promote local businesses and try to bring our community together.

The origin of the group was a Husband and Wife team who saw a local need for random acts of kindness. They recognised that in these times of austerity more and more people, through no fault of their own, were facing sudden hardship and crisis. Together they held different forms of fund raising events to enable them to help these people. Many from local businesses and the wider community supported the couple in their efforts. They also ran a very successful furniture scheme with the help of Newton Press who kindly stored the donated items.

Their work grew from strength to strength. Providing food parcels, two tricycles for disabled children, a stair carpet for a single mother and at Christmas time they helped a bereaved family with funeral costs and Christmas presents. They helped Junction 7 to feed the lonely, worked with a local church to identify people in need, fixed a family's cooker one day before Christmas and gave hampers to those who would otherwise not have had a Christmas dinner. These are only some of the many random acts of kindness, as many cannot be commented upon due to the need for confidentiality.

Towards the end of 2018 it was decided that a team of people was needed to continue the good work to achieve even greater things. Community Spirit, as it is known today, was born. It is a self-funding group that receives no grants or subsidies and has approximately twelve volunteers. It manages to bring families and community together by providing affordable events, such as monthly kids disco's and quarterly craft fairs; for ALL residents of the town whilst also promoting small local businesses. These events create the funds for the great work to continue.

Community Spirit is able to perform quick fix, random acts of kindness that cannot be done by some other charities. We are also able to identify people where longer term help is required and signpost to the appropriate service.

Today there is a new form of poverty being experienced by hard working families. This can be seen by the number of people having to use food banks, furniture schemes and such as 'Community Spirit', 'Clear and Care for the Community' and 'Junction 7' to provide the mere basics for their families. Community Spirit believes there is a need to increase awareness of the enormity of the financial problems facing the average person here in Newton Aycliffe. We all need to take some accountability for what is happening in our own area, take action and where possible work with one of these community groups, contributing in whatever small way we can to accomplish great things and make our community a better place. Anyone can get involved, even if you are not able to make a financial contribution, you can offer time, physical help, transport, donations etc. By using social media we aim to publicise our activities, increase awareness, encourage participation and together our community can take action for those in need. As a self-funding group it is essential that we demonstrate, when we can, how the valuable contributions are being spent. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will publicise items that are needed, fund raising events and some of the work that is in progress. We cannot show all our activities due to the need for confidentiality, but there will be some feel good stories and some great comments from some of the people we have assisted.

We, as Community Spirit, believe there is a bright future for our town. With all the great charities and community groups working together, we can promote the ethos of kindness and help to all, particularly those less fortunate than ourselves. We can all take action and achieve great things for our wonderful town.

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## Readers' Photographs



FAB FOUR TOE OF THE WEEK, THE FEETLES

By Honest John, mental age 5 years

# CROSSFIT ALL OUT SUCCESS THIS SPRING

Recently members at Newton Aycliffe gym CrossFit All Out, have been participating in CrossFit competitions all over the country. The majority of CrossFit style competitions aim to test all areas of strength and fitness with numerous high intensity workouts, which incorporate elements of weight lifting, gymnastics and endurance. It is so highly varied that athletes for example, can have an event where they have to find a one rep max Olympic lift, followed by a 5km run for time.

Some highlights from the different competitions that members have competed in this year are:

## The Glacier Games

*The Thaw (mixed sex pairs)*

We had an incredible 15 teams qualify and compete for this event which was held at Gateshead Stadium on 23rd & 24th March. All teams showed incredible support for each other and gave it their all on the day.

## RX Unders

Team "Caught a cougar" – Becky Auton & Paul Hilder – 10th Place

Team "Two Smokin' Barbells" – Carol Mohan & Chris Knight – 13th Place  
Team "Benatar" – Claire Dale & Michael Couch – 37th Place

## RX Masters

Team "All Out Masters" – Terry Anderson & Vicki Finn-Smith – 2nd Place  
Team "The Split Jerks" – Bex Shaw & Matthew Taylor – 7th Place

## Scaled One

Team "All Out or Nothing" – Daniel Boulton & Hayley Ashmead – 15th Place  
Team "Young Guns" – Connor Elston & Courtne Mills – 21st Place

Team "Straight Outta Greggs" – Allen McGee & Kirby Wood – 31st Place  
Team "Run Like The Winded" – Jonny Griffith & Sophie Moffatt – 57th Place  
Team "The Parent Traps" – Alex Armstrong & Janet Roote – 58th Place

Team "Wakenshaw Warriors" – Dave Cooke & Nicola Jacques – 75th Place  
Team "We Only Came For The Beers" – Josh Burlison & Leigh Ann Bennett – 90th Place  
Team "HMS All Out" – Kenneth Storey & Marie Levitt – 103rd Place

## Scaled 2

Team "The Bold and The Bald" – Sophie Bentley & Troy Hemmings – 46th Place  
Team "Mobility Matters" – Adam Innes & Andrea Lynagh – 52nd Place

## Battle Of Britain

The Head Coach at CrossFit All Out Terry Anderson and

fellow Coach and training partner Vicki Finn Smith, headed down to Staffordshire on 19th April to compete in the 'Battle of Britain' held over the Easter weekend. Overall there were 6 events in the masters category (over 35's). Terry managed a 7th place finish after 3 days of gruelling competition; and Vicki earned a spot on the podium with a 2nd place finish, after taking 1st place in 4 out of the 6 workouts and narrowly missing out on the top spot by 1 point. She said "the highlight was seeing all of the extra work we have done on gymnastics and strength, paying off."

## The Rainhill Trials

*BodyPower Expo*

A group of members travelled down to Birmingham to support and compete at The Rainhill Trails CrossFit competition that was held at The NEC from 10th - 12th March 2019. Each category had a total of 120 athletes competing on that day, and the top 15 athletes after 4 workouts made the final:

## Rastrick Category

(10th March)  
Sophie Moffatt – 10th Place  
Leigh Ann Bennett – 11th Place

Danielle Mcalpine – 52nd Place (qualified 64th)

Both Leigh and Sophie made the final workout where they finished in joint 8th. Athletes managed to gain personal best scores in the clean and jerk event, with Leigh hitting 72.5KG, Sophie 55KG and Danielle 52.5KG. Sophie was also able to take the event win for WOD 4A.

## Kennedy Category

(11th March)  
Courtne Mills – 1st Place (qualified 22nd)  
Janet Roote – 20th Place (qualified 38th)

A 1st place finish in WODs 4A and 4B saw Courtne through to the final in second place, where she was able to gain some extra points and take the overall category win. "I went into the competition with no expectations, just gave it my all and made sure I enjoyed the whole experience of competing as an individual for the very first time in CrossFit. To finish 1st Place out of 120 competitors was the most surreal feeling."

## First Means Everything

On 13th April 4 members from CrossFit All Out travelled to Sunderland to compete in an individual CrossFit event. Chris McGeevor competed in the RX U35 category, where he finished 22nd out of 38 competitors, his best finish being in event 4 where he placed 10th. Leigh Ann

Bennett competed in the scaled U35 category, this was her first individual CrossFit competition and she was able to finish in 15th place overall. Her best finish was in event 2A, where she placed 3rd by completing a 55KG cluster and hang cluster. Stewart Smith and Richard Gates both competed in the scaled 35-44 category. Richard finished in 8th position overall in this category, his best performance being in event 2A and 2B where he placed 6th. Stewart finished in 4th overall, with a 1st place finish in event 2A after completing a 90KG cluster and hang cluster. All athletes thoroughly enjoyed the day at a well ran local CrossFit event.

## The Rainhill Team Trials

4 members travelled down to Manchester to compete in a mixed team of 4 CrossFit event, which was held on 25th and 26th May. Team "Riff Raff" representing CrossFit All Out (Becky Auton, Carol Mohan, Matthew Taylor and Paul Hilder) said they "Great weekend laughing from start to finish. It was all of our first 2-day competition, having 5 workouts over the 2 days, all being different tests." Team Riff Raff finished in 28th place out of 85 teams, with a highlight of finishing in 15th place for WOD 2B and just missing out on the final workout.

## The Castle Games

### Individuals

This competition was held on 1st and 2nd June at Middlesbrough Sports Village, where 3 All Out members took part.

Alex Armstrong competed in the scaled category, where he was able to finish in 32nd place out of 72 competitors, his best finish being in event 3 in 24th place.

Becky Auton competed in the RX U35 category, where she qualified 43rd and jumped up the leaderboard 20 places to finish in 23rd place overall, her best finish being event 2 where she took 8th place.

Jake Hillman aged only 15 but a member of All Out from being aged 10, competed in the teen 13-17 category, meaning he was up against others much older than himself. Jake was able to storm his way through the workouts, also hitting a very impressive 90KG squat clean during event 1. Jake missed out on the final by only one spot and finished in 6th place overall after qualifying in 9th position!

Head Coach Terry Anderson said "our team are dedicated to seeing all members improve and reach their full potential, both in the



gym and at competitive athlete level. To have so many members reaching a level of both fitness and confidence to take part in these competitions all over the UK, is a credit to their commitment and consistency with CrossFit All Out. We are all incredibly proud of

the achievements we see on a weekly basis from our members of all ages and backgrounds. The support they offer each other within this thriving community is humbling to see and we hope it continues for many more years to come. It's definitely a team effort."



# COATES TAKES DOUBLE WIN AT HOME CIRCUIT

Yorkshireman Max Coates took an emphatic double victory at his home circuit, Croft, at the weekend in the Renault UK Clio Cup. Watched on by more than one hundred sponsor guests he was the man to beat.

Hailing from Scorton, just five miles from North Yorkshire's premier motorsport venue Coates needed a strong weekend to put his championship challenge back on track. After a challenging test day on Friday he broke the circuit lap record on Saturday morning during qualifying, putting his Primex Plastics backed car in pole position for both of the weekend's races.

Race one was held in wet conditions which changed minutes before the race. His Team-HARD mechanics did a quick change to wet tyres and set-up which worked well. He made a good start and put a small gap over his nearest rival gradually pulling away in the early laps. His opponent then spun leaving Max in his RPC bpi PLASgran sponsored car over twenty seconds in front at the chequered flag.

On a dry circuit Coates again started from pole position in-front of a capacity crowd on Sunday, challenged at turn one he managed to hold on to the lead. As the race developed his nearest rival lunged past on the entry to the fast 'Sunny In' corner, however his fellow competitor had just received a ten second jump start penalty which promoted the RMB Automotive and Bennett Renault backed driver back into the lead. He then knew sitting in second place would be enough to take the win with a huge crowd of local motor racing



fans watching on Coates crossed the line to take the second win of the weekend and extend his lead in the championship\*.

It was also a significant weekend for the racing driver as his sponsors RMB Automotive launched a limited-edition Max Coates 71 Renault Clio road car. He also had another ten sponsors joining him at the weekend through his sponsor a tyre scheme.

Coates said, "What a weekend, two poles, two wins, the fastest ever lap in a Renault Clio, 160 guests, 10 new sponsors and a new road car in my name. I've loved every second of it and I'm so grateful for the support I've had from my team, sponsors, family, friends and supporters. Saturday's result was particularly pleasing to have such a big lead at the flag but the cheer on the podium on Sunday was probably the highlight for me. Thank you to everyone who made it a weekend to remember."

Max's sponsor a tyre partners were JT Atkinson Builders Merchants, Green Bricks Building Solutions, Alpamare Water Park, Northern Handling Systems,

Workshop Supplies, Upex Electrical, Rapid Colour and Aycliffe Engineering.

The championship now heads to Oulton Park in Cheshire, where Max won last year. He will be hopeful of more race wins in his quest to become the 2019 champion. In between Coates will also compete in this weekend's races of the Britcar Endurance Championship at Oulton Park and the TCR UK / Touring Car Trophy races at Donington Park for the DAT Racing team.

\*when the championships dropped score rule is applied.  
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# SPORT PRESENTATION EVENING AT GREENFIELD



Greenfield Community College has recently held its annual Sports Presentation Evening and it was fantastic to see so many families at school to support and celebrate the success of a school hall full of inspirational students.

This year has seen an exciting journey where PE has continued to grow. We have been recently recognised with the afPE Quality mark status that acknowledges the outstanding results in individual and team achievements.

All students who attended the presentation received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield Community College offer throughout the year. Sports

including football, netball, rugby, athletics, tennis, badminton, table tennis, cross-country, dodgeball, basketball, cricket, sports hall athletics, girls football, rounders, mountain biking, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball.

The ceremony provided opportunity to celebrate winners for personality, commitment, most improved, academic and sporting excellence, team of the year, sports leader and an outstanding club performance and students were invited on stage for the infamous entertainment round, which was themed around a 'Question of Sport'. Two prestigious awards were presented that evening for Outstanding Performance in

School Sport with Adam Ord winning the accolade for the fourth time in four years for the boys and Ameera Haizan for the girls.

Congratulations to all students who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself, your family and your PE teachers proud.

#### Award Winners:

Sports Personality Male & Female – Jack Lambert (Aycliffe Site), Ben Moore (Shildon Site), Holly Walker (Aycliffe Site), Skye Long (Shildon Site).

Commitment to Sport Male & Female – Dylan Hugill (Aycliffe Site), Grace Chadfield (Aycliffe Site).

Most Improved Male & Female – Steven Bell (Aycliffe Site) and Haydon Mawson (Shildon Site), Tilly

Dawes-Smith (Aycliffe Site) and Lucy-J Palmer-Denham (Shildon Site).

Academic and Sporting Excellence Award – Melissa Wall (Aycliffe Site).

Team of the Year – U13 Netball squad and Year 10 Football Team.

Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female – Adam Ord (Aycliffe Site), Ameera Haizan (Shildon Site).

Sports Leader Award – Lauren Richardson (Aycliffe Site).

Outstanding Club Performance Outside of School – Matthew Taylor – Water Polo (Aycliffe Site).

## Film Show

"FORCES OF NATURE" The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 25th June features the romantic comedy "Forces of Nature" starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck.

Two people share a chaotic journey with everything conspiring to stop them; the only thing working properly seems to be romance.

Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2 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.

## Cleveland Hike 2019

We have been running the Cleveland Hike for over 50 years. We must admit, we are getting pretty good at it now! Originally entered by Boys Brigade teams, it's now open to anyone and currently over 50 teams from across the UK are entering.

The Boys Brigade has been open to girls for a long time and who now make up roughly half of its members

**Concept:** The hike is really, simple. We will tell you where we start. You then use a map and a compass to find the next checkpoint and hike to it. You get points for getting there and more if you're quick. At each checkpoint there is an 'incident', a type of challenge where you get to win more points for your team. At the end of day 1 (about 20 miles) you pitch your tent for the night. The next day it all starts again and follows the same format. About 10 miles later, you will arrive at the end, its always Danby. You get a burger, a certificate and, if you win, we throw in a prize too!

#### What takes place:

Basically, the teams can

**Aycliffe C.C.**

**CRICKET SCOREBOARD**



Once again the horrendous unseasonal weather had a massive impact on the Club's cricket fixtures at the weekend with the 2nd team game at home to Sedgfield 2nd XI totally washed out as the ground was badly flooded with large parts of the playing field under water.

The u11's, u13's and u15's also saw their respective games cancelled because of the weather.

However, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store at least got a start away at Barnard Castle in the NYSD 2nd division. The home side were asked to bat first and managed to score 176 for 9 after 45.2 overs before the rain once again intervened. George Slatcher (sponsored by Dean and Tina Greaves) was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking a superb career best 5 for 58 and he was supported well by older brother Jack (2 for 35) and Patrick Howe (2 for 31). The persistent rain forced the umpires to eventually

abandon the match just after 5.30pm with the result being recorded as a draw.

The u17's managed to play their home game against Stockton in the NYSD junior league but were well beaten by 59 runs. Stockton chose to bat first and scored 120 for 2 in their 20 overs with David Robison taking

1 for 19 from his four overs. In reply Aycliffe were bowled out for 61 after 17 overs with only Leo Mercy and Harry Wright, who both scored ten runs, reaching double figures.

*Photo: The flooded Aycliffe cricket ground after the recent wet weather.*

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her to collapse. She said: "I had put on quite a lot of weight over a few years and after collapsing at a concert I knew I had to do something. I began a healthy eating plan at the same time but knew my chances of success would greatly improve if I also did regular exercise."

After finding her feet in a variety of different exercise classes, and in the gym, Amanda soon noticed the inches dropping and her health improving. In total so far, she has lost five stone and 34 inches and has not had an asthma attack since she began getting into shape two years ago.

Forty-two-year-old Amanda added: "I would encourage anyone to come along to either the classes or to use the gym. All the staff, trainers and other people attending soon made me feel welcome, helping me to fit in and make sensible equipment choices as my fitness began to improve. I have never felt self-conscious or like anyone was making any judgement about my size or ability."

And now anyone signing up for a direct debit gym membership until Sunday, 30 June can join for £5 and pay nothing more until

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Andrew Brown, principal physical activity manager at the council, said: "With this special £5 membership offer there is no better time to try out one of our leisure centres. Our memberships can offer you access to our

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## Durham History Centre Consultation

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A six-week public consultation on plans for Durham History Centre, which will bring together archive, heritage and registration services for the county, began on Wednesday, 19 June.

As well as having their say on how the centre will look, residents are being asked to comment on the layout of the centre, exhibition plans and digital access to services

as well as the registration service.

The Durham County Council-run centre will be based in the Grade II listed Mount Oswald Manor, which will be restored and refurbished to provide a multi-use heritage centre where visitors will be able to explore nationally and internationally significant collections.

It will tell the story of the county's history and heritage through historic records, photographs and objects, but will also host exhibitions, activities and events and

provide a countywide outreach programme for children, schools and communities.

A series of drop-in sessions, where people can find out more about the plans and give their feedback, will take place on the following days:

- Monday, 24 June, 12pm to 3pm - Bishop Auckland Town Hall
- Friday, 21 June, 10am to 1pm - Durham Register Office, Aykley Heads House
- Friday, 19 July, 12pm to 3pm - Clayport Library, Millennium Place, Durham

Officers will also be attending Area Action Partnership meetings throughout June and July to talk about the proposals and gather feedback.

Cllr Joy Allen, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism, said: "Our plans to create a centre which will preserve, promote and celebrate the wide and varied history and heritage of County Durham are bold and ambitious and we are keen to share our proposals with residents."

"We also want to seek their views on the finer details of the plans such as any activities it may offer and the facilities that will be available to the public."

In addition to the county's archives, which are currently accessed more than one million times a year, the centre will house historic registration records, environment and archaeology records and local studies collections as well as the Durham Light Infantry Collection, bringing artefacts and records relating to the regiment together for the first time in a number of years.

There will also be permanent and temporary exhibition spaces within the centre as well as a café, where visitors will be able to take a break.

The project will also see the relocation from Aykley Heads of Durham Register Office, offering significantly enhanced facilities for weddings and civil ceremonies in the historic surroundings of the manor house.

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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Karen Harland

The racing this past week started in what were atrocious conditions at two different races. Firstly two members attended the Newburn River Run in Northumberland. This was a 6 mile course in very wet conditions. Mark Bainbridge completed this in 47.26 and he was followed by John Richardson in 51.21.

There was also another race in the Tees Trail series taking place over at Pinchinthorpe near Guisborough. Again the conditions were unfavourable and were very wet and foggy. We had four members who braved the weather to run here. First home was Stuart Joyce in 21.24, followed by Sue Milburn in 26.00, Trish Kay in 26.52 and Ray Todd in 38.46.

The weekend however, saw most members of ARC swap running for marshalling as it was the time for the annual Aycliffe 10k race and fun run. This event takes place every Father's Day and is a popular race in the area. Fortunately the weather had decided to be kind and the conditions were much better than the previous few days. The morning begins with the 3k fun run which sees both children and adults take part. The race was won by Joshua Wraith of Durham City Harriers in 11.17, with his brother Thomas coming in second place in 11.35 and Tom O'Mahoney of Richmond and Zetland Harriers coming third in 12.40. There was also a good turn out of young runners from ARC Junior Section. The main 10k race started at 10 am and consists of a course of 2.5 laps which finish just past Greenfield Comprehensive School. The winner was Cameron Allan of Houghton Harriers in a time of 33.19. In Second Place was Carl Jones of Richmond & Zetland in 34.00 and in third place was Liam Aldridge of Billingham Marsh House Harriers in a time of 34.37. First lady home was Tracey Millmore of Birtley AC in 37.25.

ARC do encourage most members to assist marshall but always encourage new members to run in the their first year with the club and we did therefore have a few runners take part. First home for ARC was Kevin Wilson in 49.40. He was followed by John Richardson in a time of



51.43, Heather Morgan in 53.54, Becki Pedelty in 59.42, Dave Thompson in 1.01.56, Tracey Pickering in 1.02.09, Hannah Richardson in 1.10.17, Jayne Rudd in 1.12.02, Cliff Pickering in 1.17.01 Marie Rudd in 1.21.23. Paul Dalton also ran the race in 37.20, but on this occasion he was running for his first team Quakers.

Aycliffe Running Club would like to thank the sponsors and other companies for helping make this event a success, they were Hydram, Beaumont Grounds Maintenance, 3M UK Plc, PWS Distribution, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Greenfield Comprehensive School for the use of their facilities, Durham County Council, Triology Events, Durham Constabulary, St John Ambulance, AAA Race Officials and also to Tesco for providing fresh bananas. Also, thank you to Karen Harland for the official photographs of the day and to the other photographers that have attended and shared their photographs, it is much appreciated.

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

session from 7.00 p.m., and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on

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## RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

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Local schools that sign up to the scheme will be challenged to fill as many bags as possible before the end of September 2019, for the chance to be crowned Michael's recycling champions. The winning school – calculated as the one with the highest ratio of weight to pupils – will receive a trophy, certificate and a very special visit from Michael, the scheme's mascot. Designed especially for primary school-aged children, the programme is also an important way for schools to generate much-needed funds – a percentage of the bags' financial value is donated back to the school to spend how they wish. The remaining funds raised will go towards

supporting The Salvation Army's important work to help vulnerable people from all walks of life in communities across the UK.

The scheme aims to educate young people about the importance of recycling in a fun and engaging way. The programme is supported by free downloadable school materials such as presentations, posters and lesson plans which teach environmental and charitable messages. Kirk Bradley, Head of Corporate Partnerships at The Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd, commented: "We've tried to make the scheme as easy as possible for schools to take part in. By following four simple steps, schools across Durham can receive a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of their donations directly into their school accounts. "We hope our competition will encourage children and their families to give unwanted items a new lease

### In Memoriam

**Stewart Thomson**  
2/4/1947 - 25/6/2018

A year gone by so quickly. Loved and missed every day by all his family.

Lynne, Steven, Paul, Claire and special Grandson Charlie

### Gilbert Wilson

When you have a wonderful Father, you find magic, joy and share special moments. When he dies you discover an unending heartbreak. Twenty two years on Dad, still miss you every day.

Love, Daughter Pamela  
XXXXXXXXXX

### Thank You

### A Big Thank You

To the staff at Tesco, who helped me when I fell at the top of the escalator on 15th June. Thanks for the care and help I received.

Love, Mandy xx

**UNLOVED** Greenhouses. Thanks to the two people who gave me them. They are now both in situ.



### Obituary

**Alan Close**

of Newton Aycliffe (formerly Shildon), passed away on 25th May, aged 71 years.

Dearly beloved Husband to Ursula; much loved Dad to Paul and Nicola; loving Grandad of Oliver and Johnny and Great Grandad of Olivia. Also a dear Brother, Uncle and friend to many.

Family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June at 10.30am.

### Lesley Owen

Peacefully in Defoe Court Care Home on 12th June 2019, surrounded by her loving family, Lesley, aged 59 years, of Newton Aycliffe.

Loving Wife of David; much loved Mam of Stuart and Samantha; Mother-in-Law of Joanne and Ryan; also a dearly loved Daughter of Sally; Daughter-in-Law of Charlotte; Sister of Melanie; Sister-in-Law of Ian; Aunt of Stacey and a good friend to many.

Lesley will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral to be held on Thursday 27th June. Would friends please meet at 11.15am for Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe followed by private cremation.

At Lesley's request, colourful attire is to be worn. Donations, if so desired, to Defoe Court Care Home where Lesley was lovingly cared for or alternatively all floral tributes may be sent c/o Seaton Leng Funeral Directors, 59a Bondgate, Darlington, DL3 7JR.

### Birthday Remembrance

**Mary Hay**  
20th June 1919



Happy birthday Mam on what would have been your 100th. Wish you were still here to celebrate it. Remembered always. Love from all the family

### Congratulations

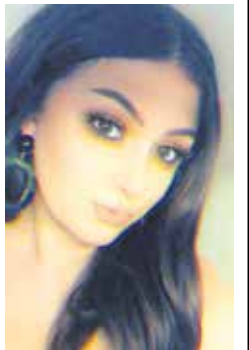
**Darren and Jennifer Ellis**

Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary on 18th June.

Love from all the family  
xxxxxx

**Amber May Suffield**

26th June 2019



**Happy 21st Birthday** to a wonderful Daughter, Sister and Niece. Hope you have a fantastic day. Lots of love, Mam, Geoff, Dan, Uncle Stu and Ted  
xxxxxx

**Christopher Bellwood**



**Happy 18th Birthday** Congratulations Chris on your 18th birthday. With love from Mum, Dad and Liam



of life. The initiative not only supports local children but also local communities through the work of The Salvation Army to tackle homelessness, poverty, addiction, modern slavery, unemployment and loneliness." Recycle with Michael

is a simple and effective way to deal with the UK's fastest growing source of household waste – textiles – as all donations are either reused or recycled. Schools can sign up by visiting <https://recyclewithmichael.co.uk/> to register and request bags.

# Top Netball Season at Greenfield

Netball teams at Greenfield Community College have been achieving great things this year with brilliant results. Congratulations to Year 8 and Year 9, training and resilience paid off as they were crowned champions of the SWD U13 and U14

Tournament respectively, a great achievement. Year 11 also showed great form finishing top in the SWD league table. Well done to all involved. Director of Sport, Barbara Davis, is thrilled with the achievements and the positive



attitude of the players "This has been an amazing season for Greenfield's netball teams, to win one league or tournament in a season would be a highlight which doesn't happen every year, but to have three separate teams finishing in top spot in the South West Durham Leagues and tournaments is an achievement we are very proud of".

Many players are now training and playing for local adult teams including Greenfield's partner club Brays, who train at Greenfield and make use of the state-of-the-art facilities. The club have recently chosen Greenfield as their venue for a Tuesday night adult league which takes place in two sports hall.

The excellent facilities are available to hire, if you are interested in netball or football leagues or are looking for a venue for your chosen sport please contact Community Sport on 07879 117224 after 17:00 or contact through Facebook, Greenfield Community Sports.



## Sports Academy Presentation Evening

Woodham Sports Academy is delighted to announce that the annual Presentation Evening will take place on Monday 1st July, at the XCEL Centre in Newton Aycliffe. This exciting evening will see us celebrate the exceptional sporting success of Woodham Academy students. The event will start at 7.00pm and will finish at approximately 9.00pm. This year there will be 10 awards presented to the students. The awards this year are:

- Woodham Sports Academy year 7 individual achievement of the year
  - Woodham Sports Academy year 8 individual achievement of the year
  - Woodham Sports Academy year 9 individual achievement of the year
  - Woodham Sports Academy year 10 individual achievement of the year
  - Woodham Sports Academy year 11 individual achievement of the year
  - Woodham Sports Academy KS3 contribution to sport
  - Woodham Sports Academy KS4 Sports Personality
  - Woodham Sports Academy Sports Leader
  - Woodham Sports Academy Team of the Year
  - The Mark Bulman Award
- This year, the key note speaker is TV personality, Keith Downie. Keith is a football reporter for Sky Sports and frequently makes appearances to discuss matches, teams and performance. Keith has always been passionate



about sport and journalism and decided from an early age this was the career for him. Since studying at Edinburgh Napier University and achieving his degree in broadcast journalism, Keith has progressed in his career. He has reported on live matches from the European Champions League and has been working with the worldwide leader in sports, ESPN.

Woodham Sports Academy is part of Woodham Academy's rich and varied extra-curricular programme which includes Woodham Performing Arts Academy and Woodham Leadership Academy. All members sign a contract undertaking to attend every coaching session and to maintain their academic progress.

Last year, 86% of Y11 members gained GCSE passes in both English and maths. Woodham Sports Academy coaching is free to students.

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## John's Latest Donations

Honest John's latest donations, thanks to the community of Newton Aycliffe, include:

£1000 to CDDFT, Centre of Excellence for Cancer Care Appeal. I know Newtonians will be proud that they have generated this amount for such an important cause.

£500 to Aycliffe Village Residents Association.

£360 to The New Northern Citrine's Children's Jazz Band, Newton Aycliffe.

£150 to Aycliffe Boxing Club.

Thanks to all donors and customers.

Honest John

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