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Multi-Million-Pound Business Park Plans Given Green Light



Plans to create a £140 million business park with the potential to create up to 3,200 jobs have been approved. Forreast Park (Newton Aycliffe) Limited has secured outline planning permission to develop a 55-hectare site located at the southeast of the town for commercial and manufacturing use. This will see the creation of 1.75 million square feet of business, industrial, warehouse and trade units, a 60-bed hotel, public house and roadside restaurant and retail units next to the A1. The development will extend Aycliffe Business Park to become the largest in the North East and has the potential to create up to 3,200 jobs and boost County Durham's economy by almost half a billion pounds over the next 20 years. Today (Tuesday 30 July), Durham County Council's county planning committee followed planning officers' recommendations and approved the scheme. A joint venture by the council and the Forreast family, supported by commercial property developer Richardson Barberry, Forreast Park has already attracted international attention.

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Red Bags Support Better Communication

Care homes and hospitals across County Durham & Darlington are working together to make sure that when residents need to be admitted to hospital, the transition between the two places of care is as smooth as possible – particularly for people with dementia or who, for some other reason, can't easily communicate. Distinctive red bags are now used to take essential information, medication and

other items such as glasses and hearing aids, to hospital. The bag travels with the patient, so there's no delay. Some care homes are also using the red bags to send in vital information with patients having an outpatient appointment. Norman Devlin, senior nurse for integrated discharge at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "Being admitted to hospital is a worrying



Photo left to right: Judith Henderson, staff nurse; Carol Jones, manager Lindisfarne Care Home, Newton Aycliffe, Maggie Richardson, health care assistant; Lesley McCourt, discharge management sister.

time for anyone and the adjustment can be difficult – but the experience can be much harder for patients with dementia. We're constantly looking for ways to make things run as smoothly for them as possible avoiding the distress even minor changes can cause. The red bags are also great for our hospital teams who have vital information at their fingertips."

Carol Jones, manager at Lindisfarne Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, part of Gainford Care Homes, who has been using the red bags for several months, said, "They're definitely helping improve communication between ourselves and the hospital teams. In particular, I've noticed a reduction in the phone calls we get asking for, or checking, information when a patient has perhaps been transferred from the emergency department to a ward. Now, much of the information clinicians need, such as medication charts, travels with the patient in the red bag."

"Around 85% of our residents have dementia and we're able to give them most of the care they need here at Lindisfarne. But we have certain documents completed in case admission is needed. These include the patient's individual, 'This is me' leaflet which includes details such as the name the patient prefers to be called by, which can be different from their given name and the extent to which they're able to care for themselves on a daily basis. The leaflet also details if there's anything that upsets or worries the patient, their preferred routines and whether they have any specific dietary needs or restrictions. It also has details of the patient's background, family, friends and their current and past interests, jobs and places they've lived. The red bag also includes next of kin details."

Norman Devlin added, "We work closely with care homes anyway but are always looking for ways to simplify and streamline processes so the care and experience we give patients are the best they can be. The red bags are proving very effective."

Police Recruitment Receives Cautious Welcome

The new Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that 20,000 new Police Officers will be recruited across the country has received a cautious welcome from Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg.

Ron noted that the number of Police Officers employed by Durham Constabulary has been reduced by nearly 400 since 2010 as a consequence of Government funding cuts. He said, "We need Ministers to provide more detail about this. If the Government is going to replace Officers which the force lost as a result of austerity, then that is clearly something to be welcomed. I will be arguing to ensure that forces such as Durham receive a fair share of the new allocation, as soon as possible."

Ron added, "However, it's crucially important that the funding for these new Officers comes direct from the Government rather than because Police and Crime Commissioners are given permission to raise the Council Tax precept. I have been put in a position in the past two years where I have had to ask the people of County Durham to pay the maximum increase just to maintain Officer numbers, and I don't want to have to ask them for a greater increase this year."

Ron concluded, "Durham Constabulary has been rated as 'outstanding' for efficiency for the past four years by Government Inspectors. It is an extremely well-run force and any additional resources will be used sensibly, focusing on cutting crime, and giving priority to offenders which cause the most harm to society."

Volunteers Needed to Help Set Councillors Allowances

Members of the public are being invited to play a key role in making recommendations on how much councillors should be paid in allowances.

Durham County Council is seeking people to sit on its Independent Remuneration Panel.

The panel, which includes up to seven independent members, is responsible for making recommendations to full council on:

- The basic allowance paid to all 126 members of the council
- Special responsibility allowances for the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet members and other members with additional responsibilities
- Travel subsistence allowances

Members of the panel serve for five years and are required to attend two or three meetings in Durham City each year.

Applicants should be completely independent of the council, well qualified to discharge the functions of the panel and representative of County Durham's diverse communities.

Successful candidates will receive an induction and other appropriate training and will be able to claim reasonable travel expenses.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 23

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Gig-Pit Review: One of the most entertaining bands on the circuit, music by Motorhead, Van Halen, Metallica, Pearl Jam, Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses, Deep Purple, AC/DC, Billy Idol, Thin Lizzy and more.

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Several community groups including Acorn Community Association, Horndale Community Association, Neville Community Association, Junior Neighbourhood Watch, New Friends New Places, Junction 7, A.C.E. and Community Spirit are holding an open day on Saturday 10th August in the town centre to advertise the great work they carry out across Newton Aycliffe. Each group offers different things to many people including days out, fun days, discos, community assistance, environmental work, food bank, help to those in need and much

more, at the heart of all is a group of volunteers who give their time freely to improve the lives of others. Come along and find out more about the work they do. If you have any ideas or would like to help, it would be great to see you. There will also be FREE face painting, balloon modelling by Professor Nincompoop and lots of freebies for all the family. This event has been made possible with the support of the Town Centre Management, Newton Press, Great Aycliffe Town Council and our seven Newton Aycliffe County Councillors.

Almost £300,000 Raised for Local Hydrotherapy Pool

PCP was celebrating recently following an award of £60,000 from the Wolfson Foundation, taking the total raised to almost £300,000! PCP Chief Executive Carol Gaskarth said, "PCP is absolutely thrilled to receive this grant from the Wolfson Foundation and it makes our target of raising £410,000

much more achievable. "The Hydrotherapy Pool is a lifeline for many people providing therapeutic benefits including reducing muscle and nerve problems; improving sleep disorders; and reducing stress. Many of our clients use it to either relax or work out and as a way of maintaining overall

health whilst making new friends and having fun too.

"After 20 years of operation the whole of the pool needs replacing and the area modernising. We're working with people who use the pool to design the final layout and we can't wait to get started with the build.

"It is hoped that the funding from the Wolfson Foundation will be the catalyst to secure additional resources from other sources. With only about £100,000 to raise we're going to ramp up the fundraising and aim to commence work early 2020." The Wolfson Foundation is an independent charity that supports and promotes excellence in the fields of science, health, education and the arts and humanities. Funding from the Wolfson Foundation is awarded following rigorous and independent expert review and the grant recognises the quality of PCP's project acts as an endorsement of the overall project.

If you would like to support PCP's Hydrotherapy 'Dive In' Campaign please get in touch with Carol by email: carol.gaskarth@pcp.uk.net or mobile: 07890 642 683

Photo: Carol sharing the good news with service users Kathleen and Doreen and Chris one of the pool attendants.



Multi-Million-Pound Business Park Plans Given Green Light



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Earlier this year it was featured in a property portfolio, launched by the Department for International Trade, to showcase the wide array of opportunities on offer in the UK to foreign investors. It was one of just 11 projects chosen to demonstrate Britain's strengths in key sectors, from manufacturing and green energy production, to tourism, business and housing. Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "I am delighted plans for Forrest Park have been approved. This is an opportunity for us to attract new businesses to County Durham, creating thousands of high-quality jobs and boosting the local economy. "This is not just about investing in today; it is about creating an environment where businesses can flourish, and future generations of residents can access exciting opportunities and enjoy rewarding careers near to where they live." Jonathan Robinson, Barberry developments director, said: "The approval

of the Forrest Park planning application is major news for the North East. Richardson Barberry, working alongside Durham County Council, the Forrest family and the Local Enterprise Partnership, has a vision to create a business park that provides a wide range of high-quality accommodation which will attract local, regional, national and international occupiers, stimulating economic growth and new jobs for the region. "Following today's committee decision, we will continue to promote Forrest Park and further our conversations with several key occupiers. We now have a prominent motorway-connected, serviced and consented site ready for development, and are excited at the prospect of delivering one of the North East's premier business parks." Last year, planning permission was granted to improve access to the site. These major highways, signalisation, drainage and power upgrades have already been completed, including the creation of a new traffic light-controlled junction on the A167.

Fundraising Night for New Jazz Band



Newly reformed marching Jazz Band, The Northern Citrines, are hosting a fundraising charity night with the one and only 'Samantha Mac'.

The first set is her amazing "Ultimate Shania Twain" tribute act and the second set will be a medley of dance classics all complemented with a disco.

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Confirming details is quick and simple – and being registered to vote can help to improve your credit rating. If all of the information on the form is correct you can:

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CRAFTER'S COMPANION HITS 200 STAFF MARK



Global craft supplier, Crafter's Companion, is celebrating the first half of an impressive year by hitting the 200 staff mark.

This year alone, the company has employed a total of 28 people across its marketing, TV, trade, warehouse and product development teams, in addition to its retail stores to support its ambitious global growth strategy.

As part of the growth plans, Crafter's Companion has invested in developing its UK, US and new EU ecommerce websites, its video-selling platforms and its in-house TV studio.

Sara Davies MBE, founder of Crafter's Companion, said: "At the beginning of the year, we announced that our US team was moving to a larger head office space because it had outgrown its premises ahead of time and we've also experienced outstanding growth here in the UK. Therefore, an ongoing recruitment

strategy to support the company has become integral to our ongoing evolution.

"We have been expanding our team on a global scale and the calibre of staff that we have at Crafter's Companion is phenomenal. I have always stuck to my North East roots and am so proud that our UK headquarters remains within the region. It means

that Crafter's Companion continues to contribute to the local economy, supports the local community and is able to employ some fantastic people in the area.

"Three years ago we announced that we had hit the 100 staff mark and the fact that we now have double that amount in such a short space of time is so overwhelming but absolutely fantastic."

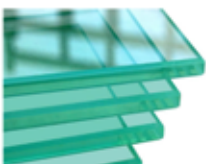


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Students from Greenfield Community College, as part of their Time for Success (T4S) student led enquiry time, have instigated an important dialogue with local Councillors and the Town Mayor of Shildon in a bid to improve the environment.

Students from Forest Elder Tutor Group expressed strong opinions during their T4S lesson and showed determination to have a strong student voice. The students started a discussion about litter and the environment in Shildon and put in place suggestions for improvements.

The research and discussion led to positive action as an invitation to Councillors, The Town Clerk and Town Mayor was accepted, followed by a visit to Greenfield to listen to the students and take part in a successful question and answer session. "The pride of the youngsters for their town was clear, and the council commended them on their work. Hopefully we can continue to work together to promote the cleaner town", said, Tutor Miss Airey.

Students are planning actions to take further in the Autumn term. They have agreed to get involved in some of the community littler picking which take place in the area.

Students from Greenfield have been finding their voice in a variety of ways recently, taking part in their first Student Voice Conference, 'Make it Matter', leading assemblies and taking part in whole school initiatives such as 'Speak up for Writing' and 'Being Green'. Students have gained valuable leadership skills and confidence in expressing themselves which has impacted on their wider learning experience.

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KIDZ FLIX

August's 'Kids Flix' movie is the newly released 'DUMBO'. Why not come along and see struggling circus owner Max Medici enlist a former star and his two children to care for Dumbo, a baby elephant born with oversized ears?

When the family discovers that the animal can fly, it soon becomes the main attraction - bringing in huge audiences and revitalizing the run-down circus. The elephant's magical ability also draws the attention of V.A. Vandevere, an entrepreneur who wants to showcase Dumbo in his latest, larger-than-life entertainment venture.

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A GREAT DAY OUT TO SCARBOROUGH

Horndale Community Association visited Scarborough on Sunday 28th July, there was a great atmosphere and excitement on the coach with the young and old looking forward to a lovely day out at the seaside. The weather was good, a little over cast, but dry. Our trips are open to anyone and this trip brought together people and families from across Newton Aycliffe. Some comments from the day were "great day out and met new people", "another great day out well organised", "after being unwell, it was good to get out". These comments show how important these trips are to lots of people. This trip was funded by GAMP and supported by Wilko's. Our next meeting is Wednesday 7th August at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6.00pm with refreshments at 5.45pm.

We have finalised our plans for our Big FREE Community Fun Day on Thursday 15th August at Greenfield Community College from 10.00am to 3.00pm. There will be FREE inflatable rides, fairground rides, pony rides, petting zoo, crazy critters, face painting, Professor Nincompoop, police, fire brigade, army, vintage bus rides, tombola stalls and much more. Thanks to Tesco we will have hot dogs, ice cream and pop corn all at 50p each. Last year we had approximately 1000 people attend the event and we hope to improve on this number this year. Please share far and wide so as many people as possible can enjoy a FREE day out. Philip Clark
Chair
horndalestrongertogether@outlook.com



ManMade Exhibition at Greenfield Arts

A new exhibition at Greenfield Arts explores the changing nature of masculinity. ManMade is a series of installations, sculptures and textile works that raise questions about men's behaviour and their expressions of masculinity. The exhibition has been curated by Newcastle artist Richard Bliss, who has been in residence at Greenfield Arts since April. For ManMade Richard has created Hanging, a piece that implores men to be kinder, and Over-Coat, (in partnership with Philip Clark), a work which explores the inner feelings of men and boys. The exhibition also features shirts from Richard's collection, The Quest for The Perfect Shirt; work by men who attend the Greenfield Cree; and The Gentleman's Wardrobe by William Titley and a group of male carers from East Lancashire.

"The idea for creating an exhibition that explored a different kind of masculinity began when I was supported by Arts Council England to develop my project The Quest for the Perfect Shirt." Said Richard. "When I was developing ManMade I was struggling with some big questions: Why bully and banter, not kindness and care? Which is braver, daily caring or a single act in war? Who chooses fists over feelings? I can't answer the questions, but I hope the exhibition encourages us to think about the changing nature of masculinity." ManMade treats the gallery at Greenfield Arts in a fresh way. Each of the works has been given its own space, with creative use of lighting and unusual styles of presentation. For example, Over-Coat is hanging on a door, apparently having just been taken off by its owner, and visitors can sit inside The Gentleman's Wardrobe and hear the voices of the men who made the work with William Titley. The exhibition illustrates what Richard describes as socially engaged art practice. "All the work has come about through some kind of collaboration", said Richard. "Public conversations have contributed to the ideas in the shirts, workshops led to us making the medals, and the residency led directly to making Over-Coat. The Gentleman's Wardrobe emerged from the process of engaging with a group of men who care for a loved one at home." ManMade has been created with financial support from Lubaina Himid (with Into a Better Shape) and Greenfield Arts. It can be seen at Greenfield Arts until 18th September.



WHY NOT JOIN ACORN PLAYERS?



Dear Sir,
On behalf of the Acorn Players Drama Group I would like to say a huge thank you to Tesco and their customers for helping us to raise £213.11 during our collection on Saturday 29th July 2019. We need more people to come and join the group

for us to be able to bring our popular shows back to Newton Aycliffe. Can you sing, dance or act? Give us a call, Brenda 01325 311816 or Helen 07791 933934. Please also ring for practice/rehearsal dates and times. Ann Harland

DOGGY FOOD BANK AT JUNCTION 7



National Animal Sanctuary Support League, (NASSL), paid a visit to Junction 7 food bank, who support the community in Newton Aycliffe. The purpose of the visit was to deliver dog food and treats to benefit people visiting the food bank who have dogs and may be struggling to feed them. NASSL are pleased to help in this way making sure family pets don't go hungry either. Junction 7

said "we are delighted to have forged an alliance with NASSL which adds another dimension to our community work". NASSL are hoping to extend the donations of pet food to include cats. Donations of tinned dog and tinned cat food especially can be dropped off in their food bin in Tesco, Newton Aycliffe or can be collected. To contact NASSL call 01325 321855 or 07748 268822.

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Work Starts Next Month on New Council Headquarters

Work to build a smaller, more affordable headquarters for the region's largest council is set to begin next month, paving the way for a new multi-million-pound business district at Aykley Heads, creating up to 6,000 new jobs and delivering a £400 million boost to the county.

Aykley Heads in Durham is already home to more than 30 businesses employing 1,300 people but in order for the site to realise its full potential, it is necessary for Durham County Council to relocate its headquarters from Aykley Heads.

The authority is, therefore, creating a new, more modern, base in the heart of the city centre, which will be less than a third of the size of the current County Hall. As part of the construction approximately 250 new jobs will be created by Kier, which will be building the new headquarters. These will include opportunities for apprentices as well as people who are currently unemployed across the county. There will also be opportunities for local and regional suppliers and contractors.

The new building on the Sands car park in Durham City centre will not only mean a reduction in running costs, it will also enable staff to embrace modern ways of working and boost trade within the city centre.

Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism at Durham County Council, said: "The development of the Aykley Heads site presents a once in a

generation opportunity to transform the county's economic prospects, with the development of what will be one of the most attractive business parks in the whole of the North East, and has the full support of the business community. "The planned development will create thousands of new high-quality jobs and future employment opportunities for our young people, as well as bringing millions of pounds of investment into the county.

"The relocation of our headquarters is key to this but, furthermore, it will also enable us to develop a more efficient civic building in the heart of Durham City, providing an all year-round economic boost in trade in the city centre."

The new headquarters will accommodate 1,000 staff from the current County Hall site with 700 workstations, whilst a further 850 staff will be relocated to one of four key council office sites being developed across the county, also providing a boost to the local economy. Initial works for the new HQ are due to start on site on Monday, 12 August, which will result in the Sands car park closing for two years whilst the building is constructed and the permanent relocation of the coach park to Belmont Park and Ride.

Sidegate car park in the city will also change from being long stay to short-stay to accommodate visitors, shoppers and Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre users. Disabled parking spaces for people visiting the city

centre or Passport Office are available in a number of locations including Walkergate and the Prince Bishops Shopping Centre. The car park at the Riverwalk development has also recently reopened, offering more than 450 additional spaces.

The new coach park at Belmont Park and Ride on the A690 will be expanded, providing more spaces and welfare and coach cleaning facilities when it is operational at the end of September. A temporary coach park at Belmont Park and Ride, with access to facilities, will be available until then. There will be no change for visitors by coach as they will continue to be dropped off and picked up by the coaches at the existing stops at Freeman's Place in the city centre. And the Cathedral bus service will continue to pick up visitors outside CoHo on Freeman's Place.

A temporary footpath will be created to ensure safe pedestrian access is maintained on the road side of the site although access to the riverbank side will be limited until the works are completed.

Main construction works are due to begin in September. Notices will be displayed on the current coach and car park at the Sands and at Sidegate explaining the changes. Coach companies will be advised of the new arrangements and signage will also direct the coaches to the new coach park. More information about the changes is available at www.durham.gov.uk/newhq



WHAT'S ON AT PCP?



Look no further than the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) and our latest What's on Guide for a range of new and exciting activities near you. This summer PCP has something for everyone to help you make the most out of the school holidays at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Join us this August to get fit or learn a new skill by booking your place on one of the following courses!

Glass and Ceramic Painting

If you're looking for something to entertain the children during the summer holidays, try something new with this glass and ceramic painting class, Thursday 15th August, 9.30 - 12.30pm. Families will enjoy working together to learn how to upcycle glass and unused ceramic pieces whilst designing and creating your own work! This colourful, fun filled session is FREE to anyone in receipt of a means tested benefit, or £7.50 per family.

Mixed Craft Session

This family learning course allows you to get creative with a range of materials such as rock and pebble painting and printing with found objects! Take home your masterpieces and develop your artistic and team building skills. Running Thursday, 8th August from 13.00 - 16.00, this course is FREE to anyone in receipt of a means tested benefit, or £7.50 per family.

Knit and Natter

Do you like knitting? PCP are trying to start a new social group, on Thursday's from 14.00 - 16.00. Knit and Natter in a relaxed and friendly setting, PCP's Coffee Shop, Garden Kitchen. The free group aims to bring people together and create wonderful knitting!

Growing Gurus

This 4 week class is for children aged 5-11 and explores ways to become more relaxed and build a positive mind-set in our busy world. Children will learn techniques to help reduce stress and improve overall wellbeing through activities which include breathing, guided visualisation, yoga poses and lots of fun games! Each session is £6 and will begin Friday 9th August from 10.00 - 11.00 am. Something to look forward to... PCP are arranging a number of new courses to start from September!

Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MCBT)

Starting Thursday 5th September. MCBT helps to break habits of the mind that can be difficult to manage, and encourages you to see situations in a positive light. Simple meditation can help you be kinder to yourself and more responsive to problems.

Computers for the Terrified

Starting Wednesday 11th

September. Overcome your fears on this practical course aimed at adults 19 and above who are total beginners and who have never used a computer before. You will gain a basic knowledge of how to get online and search the internet and increase your confidence of using IT.

Mixed Crafts

Starting Wednesday 11th September. Learn a range of craft techniques including paper crafts (making cards and gift wrap), glass and ceramic painting, marbling techniques and much more! Create beautiful pieces of art work to take home and develop artistic skills in a relaxing, creative session.

Sewing on a Budget

Starting Thursday 12th September. Learn basic skills such as hemming, hand stitch and appliqué stitch before learning new techniques in embroidery. Create a simple running stitch and pin together a collection of your own work! Take home unique fabric bunting and cushions or your own tote bag.

Introductions to Counselling & Listening Skills

Starting Monday 30th September. By undertaking this class you will gain awareness of what counselling is and the basic principles of person centred counselling. Get to know the three main core conditions in counselling skills and an insight into the necessary personal qualities in the career as well as an awareness of safety, boundaries and ethics in skills.

For further information, or to book any of these activities, please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

Council Scoops National Award for Customer Services



A council has gained national recognition for its work to improve customer services using digital technology.

Durham County Council won the Best Customer Experience Award at the Public Sector Paperless Awards this month.

It follows work to enhance its digital services, which has resulted in more than 137,000 customers using the 'Do it Online' service to submit more than 170,000 service requests over the last year. This has improved customer satisfaction levels, as well as reducing processing costs.

Not only is reporting online easy and convenient, it enables requests to be sent directly to the frontline. Mobile applications have also been developed for specific audiences to increase user participation and improve customer engagement, such as a student app to help manage waste more effectively.

Automated emails, meanwhile, keep customers up-to-date with how their requests are being handled and notify them of changes, reducing the need for them to contact the council. Text messaging is also used to update customers, as well as to inform local councillors about a wide range of issues such as road closures in their area.

Cllr Andrea Patterson, Cabinet member for

corporate services and rural issues at Durham County Council, said: "It's wonderful to receive national recognition for our customer service experience and I would like to congratulate all the teams involved for their hard work."

"Forty-eight per cent of our online service requests are now being made outside of office hours, making it quicker and easier for our residents to request services or report issues at their convenience. It is great to see our online facilities are making such a positive difference to people's lives."

The 'Do it Online' website allows people to provide feedback to the customer services team in a variety of ways; either online when completing a request, through the website, by completing an automated satisfaction survey or by registering a compliment, suggestion or complaint.

More than 72,000 people have provided feedback on their online experience, with 76 per cent of customers giving a rating of four or five stars. The information provided is used to shape services and the online improvements combined have resulted in improved customer satisfaction across the board.

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Aycliffe Village W.I. Judge School Bake-Off

When Aycliffe Village Primary School's PTA decided to hold a bake-off competition as part of their Summer Fair they turned to the village WI to provide the judges. Carol and Trisha volunteered to take on the roles and were amazed at the quality of the entries. "The children and the parents are so talented," said Trisha.

It was a hard decision but finally they chose Jensen and Kobe as the winners of the children's competition and Jensen's mum won the adult competition.

"It has been a pleasure to see such enthusiasm for baking," commented Carol. "Hopefully we can come back next year!"

Anyone who wishes to find out what the WI is all about should come along to the Come for Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th August between 10am and 12 noon. Or come to a meeting.



Future meetings are:

21st August
Members' Night & Auction
18th September
Speaker Gordon Henderson

Roman Historian

30th October
Speaker Mhei, Thai Cooking
Meetings start at 7pm in
Aycliffe Village Hall.

Newton Aycliffe History Lesson

PART TWO

Newton News are running a seven week series on the history of Newton Aycliffe. This series was written by County Councillor and local historian John D. Clare and will run from the ice age to present day. If you miss any of the weeks, you can catch up on our website at the end of the run www.newtonnews.co.uk

This series will compliment the 1950's Beamish exhibition to run in the town centre from 24th July until 14th August and will include various displays of memorabilia.

I always used to tell my students that – after the ice retreated – nothing happened in Aycliffe until the Anglo-Saxons. It shows how wrong you can be, and there have been two discoveries recently which have completely changed my view of the area's pre-history.

The first happened in 2013, when Hitachi excavated the Merchant Park site before building their factory. They found a Stone Age flint in a quarry-site, and Bronze Age ceremonial cremation burials. It is impossible to argue that these are just the leftovers of nomads passing through – those people lived here!

Thus we have evidence of people living here as long as maybe-5,000 years ago, which has to be mind-blowing. They settled just south of the terminal moraine, and no doubt found a living from the birds and fish which flourished in the marshy land round about, and from the nearby lake/fen which we now call the Carrs. The archaeologists even found that one of those Bronze Age residents had been cremated with his toolkit of flint knives and scrapers, so we can speculate about his lifestyle, and his beliefs, and his family relationships.

By the Iron Age, we have further revelations from the Hitachi site – the foundations of two farmsteads, and evidence of animal-herding and sheep-pens ... from which we gather that our Iron Age ancestors here were more than hunter-gatherers – they were livestock farmers.

So we all know that the Hitachi factory has stimulated our local economy now and changed our immediate futures, but you may not have realised how much it has also revolutionised our ideas about Aycliffe's past!

And what about the Romans? It seems that I was wrong about them as well. My very first act as a County Councillor was to call out an officer and complain about the state of Burn Lane. Ironically, at the same time as I was trying to get Burn Lane a decent modern surface, I was also telling people that the Romans had little or nothing to do with Aycliffe. So it is with some humility that I have to tell you now that, a year or so ago, I was contacted by Mr Tony Bennett of Safeline Taxis, who asked me whether I thought that Burn Lane was maybe a Roman Road? He even put me in his car and drove me round to prove his

point. And by the time he had finished, I agreed that he was correct.

We have known for a long time, of course, about Dere Street, the Roman equivalent of our Great North Road, which ran straight as a die from Piecebridge, through West Auckland, to the Roman ruins at Binchester in Bishop Auckland.

And there has been speculation since the 18th century antiquarian John Cade first suggested it of a second Roman Road – a sort of Roman A19 – running north through Sadberge to Sedgefield and beyond. This theory was confirmed in 2002 when Channel 4's Time Team found the road – along with evidence of a large industrial settlement – across from Hardwick Park in Sedgefield. It was, apparently, the most northerly non-military town in the Roman Empire – and it seems to have made high-end pottery for the whole of the north of England. One can't help but wonder whether the location of that factory-town was influenced by the ready availability of clay from our alluvial moraine.

However, going back to Burn Lane, when I sat down with a map and drew straight lines from either end of Burn Lane, I found evidence which indeed suggests that there was a Roman road from Bishop Auckland, along Burn Lane, down Ricknall Lane past the Gretna, and ultimately following what is now a long straight footpath called Catkill Lane, which joined Dere Street to Cade's Road. So if Dere Street was the Roman A1, and Cade's Road the Roman A19, then Burn Lane was the Roman A689 joining the two, and it rather sensibly ran across the raised land of our terminal moraine, south of the fenland which is now the Carrs.

So! Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman Empire. Do you not find it mind-boggling to think that, across fifty centuries, there have been people working, travelling and living in the place we tend to think of as our 'new town', just 70 years old?

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12-2pm	Moderation	Jack & Daz
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility		
10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan	
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-730pm	MasterPieces	Sean Lawless
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
5-6pm	Teenage Tunes	Ellarae Bower

"Through the Decades" Sponsored By Woodham Golf & Country Club

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

TUESDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-730pm	Sports Round Up	Darren & Lee
6th August	Malcolm Dawes (ex-pro footballer)	
730-930pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
Community Connect sponsored by ROF59		
5-630pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
630-8pm	The Independent Show	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

THURSDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-730pm	MasterPieces (R)	Sean Lawless
8-10pm	BeatRoute	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
9th Aug	Andy Little (CentralFM, Spain)	80s Classics

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'Options' Summer Family Fun Day



Options and the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) are inviting you to a fun-filled summer celebration! On Wednesday, 7th August between 11.00 - 14.00 the Pioneering Care Centre will open its doors to raise awareness of this invaluable service. There will be a feast of delights to take part in including homemade crafts, delicious food stalls, tombola and raffles and a chance to meet the local police and fire services! While you visit you can take a walk in PCP's Community Garden where you will find a bouncy castle, along with garden games, an ice cream van (let's hope for good weather) and a fire engine between 11.00 - 12.30pm. There will be fun for all the family and the Options members are preparing for their big day with excitement. Options is a member-led day service offering support for adults with learning and

physical disabilities. The group provides essential skills and knowledge whilst promoting independent living and life skills, fun and learning. As part of their fundraising activities, the members themselves will be taking part in a team challenge; working together to complete enough steps to climb Kilimanjaro in one day! Any money raised from Options Summer Family Fun Day will go towards activities provided by the service, including trips, resources and equipment. We hope you will come along and meet our Options members and show your support to this amazing group of individuals who have planned this event themselves.

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre
Picture shows: Previous Options Summer Event

Football Fun Day Kicks Off for Chemo Appeal

A day of footballing family fun is being organised in aid of the appeal to extend the chemotherapy day unit at University Hospital of North Durham.

Philippa Parsons, charity support officer, at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, explains, "We're inviting teams of under 7's to take part in our five-a-side fun tournament at Soccarena, in Belmont, Durham on Sunday 4th August, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. There will be four reduced size pitches, and teams will play each other in a mini league, culminating in semi-final, then final matches - with the winning and runner-up teams receiving a trophy. Teams who already play together are welcome but so are teams getting together for the first time.

"Entry is £40 per team which is great value for an action-packed morning. We're also able to offer reduced rate entry for 4th August only, to Infinite Air Trampoline Park on the day."

"At 1.30pm a friendly match between the Durham Constabulary Football Team and members of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, will kick off - participants in the family fun event and their families are welcome to stay for that and make a day of it. To find out more and register teams, please contact us on: 01325 743781 or email: cddft.charity@nhs.net. It's all in a good cause - our appeal to raise money to extend the chemotherapy day unit at University Hospital of North Durham. The treatments now available plus early diagnosis have resulted in unprecedented demand on the unit. The new unit will be much more spacious, offering patients the privacy and dignity they need to help them through their treatment."

"We're enormously grateful to Austin Carney, Managing Director of Infinite Durham, for his generosity in support of our appeal by offering us the Soccarena facilities for the day. It should be great fun!"

Commenting, Austin Carney, said, "We're delighted to support County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust in their campaign to fight Cancer. We hope that making the Soccarena (New Ferens Park, Durham) facilities available on 4th August raises both awareness and substantial funds.

"Like many people my family has experienced Cancer, my sister Wendy started her journey at the University of North Durham Hospital, and to help in any small way in establishing a centre of "Excellence in cancer care" would mean a lot to us."

Mike Renshaw from Durham Constabulary, said, "Durham Constabulary Football Club is delighted to be offered the chance to compete in a charity football match against a select NHS team. This will be the first ever meeting between the two teams. We are raising money for an excellent charity with all the proceeds going towards the Chemotherapy Appeal at University of North Durham Hospital. We're looking forward to a full day of football, both for children and adults that the whole family can enjoy. It promises to be a great day." Anyone interested in becoming a Charity Volunteer or in fundraising for the Trust's Charity, should ring: 01325 743781 or email: cddft.charity@nhs.net

Recycling Football Shirts



As a new football season begins, teams run out onto the pitch resplendent in brand new strips. For the biggest clubs, this means not just one shirt but also an away shirt and even a 'change' shirt, as though the away one wasn't a change anyway; and of course the replica kits come with a huge price tag, replacing with interest the money that the sponsors have shelled out (it should be the names of hard-up parents that are advertised on the shirts, because they are the real sponsors). Even clubs way down the pyramid and teams of 7-year-olds often have new shirts at the beginning of a season.

But what happens to the old ones? Sadly, many are probably shredded, but last year many of our local teams donated their old strips to a charity in Zambia, supported by St Mary's and St Thomas' catholic churches in Aycliffe and Shildon. Parish priest Fr. Anthony Cornforth has visited one of the poorest

parts of the world in Lusaka, Zambia, for the past 25 years and sent a number of containers there filled with goods to support primarily the children, who are all football mad.

When he first went there he was surprised to see so many children (only boys) playing football with balls made of paper and rubber bands. He had a real ball and one day one child came up to him and asked reverently: "Can I touch the ball?"

Since then many things have changed: there are real footballs, girls' teams and a wide variety of shirts, mainly of English clubs (although tops v skins still happens quite a lot!)

Thanks to the generosity of so many local clubs last year,

there are now teams with Aycliffe shirts and shirts from many other local clubs. One big day was celebrated between two teams sporting Darlington shirts (Fr Cornforth has been a life-long Darlington supporter) and an Aycliffe priest (admittedly in a Newcastle shirt) as the referee, thanks to two knee replacements the previous year that had changed him from being a hobbling bystander to a (admittedly only fastish walking) referee. Darlington won of course, but the real winners were those who wore proudly what was of no further use in this area. Addressing waste is not just about saving landfills but also putting a smile onto the faces of others.

Performing Arts at Woodham Academy

Students at Woodham Academy took to the stage for the final time this year as they performed their annual summer concert. This performance this year had the theme of 'A Night of #1s', and featured some excellent performances.

Acts included debut performances from the newly formed Steel Pan group, made up entirely of Year 7 students, and Niamh Thompson, who played the song Fever on drums. The cast from this year's musical 'Grease' also reunited, along with a Year 7 percussion group, to perform the hit song From Now On from 'The Greatest Showman'.

Head of Music, Mr Gales, commented "The standard of these performances gets better every year. It is excellent to see so many new faces taking part and hearing them talk about how much they enjoyed it is so pleasing to hear. The thing that is so exciting about these concerts is how much the students organise themselves. Students took it upon themselves to choreograph some of the dances, form and rehearse a house band, host the show and run all the light and sound equipment. It is brilliant to see them all working so well together as part of a team."



HELP WIN VITAL FUNDING FOR BEREAVED CHILDREN



A charity supporting bereaved children could win up to £100,000 after reaching the national final of an award scheme.

The Butterwick Kidz Club is among the finalists in the "Building Futures" initiative by Persimmon Homes, in association with Team GB - the British Olympic Association.

The Kidz Club, run by Butterwick Hospice, was initially awarded £1,000 as a local winner and went on to scoop £5,000 in the regional heats.

The club is now one of 32 finalists in the national final, with £25,000, £50,000

or £100,000 up for grabs.

The winners will be decided by public vote between now and September 27 and Butterwick Hospice Care is urging its supporters to play their part in backing the Kidz Club.

Debbie Jones, Chief Executive of Butterwick Hospice Care, said: "The Kidz Club does a priceless job in supporting bereaved children at the most difficult time in their lives - so please vote to help us secure funding to help us develop this vital service."

To vote for Butterwick Kidz Club, go to: https://lnkd.in/gQP_weK

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"IT IS TIME FOR US TO LEAVE THIS EU PROJECT"

Dear Sir,
The European Union itself is being torn apart from within. Europeans do not want Socialism and its ruinous policies any more, even less post-national federal Socialism. In France, the daily protests against Macron grow. In Germany, Merkel clings to power with an untenable coalition. Most Eastern and Baltic European nations openly defy EU edicts and shrug off talk of punitive sanctions. Because, the European people are beginning to see the truth behind decades of Socialism. That it has rotted the morality of society in the name of a politically correct ideology. Now, thanks to the Socialist erosion of morality, patriotism, community and religious belief, we have a situation where people do not speak to their neighbours and social housing hides a

semi-feral underclass for whom work is anathema, with drugs and petty crime a way of life. You hear of old folks dying alone in their home because nobody looked in on them, or that they have been robbed by louts when they went to the shop. The traditional British "Bobby" on the beat has been replaced by something that looks like a paramilitary, weighed down with tactical armour, incapacitate spray and tasers. That is when they aren't blatantly carrying assault rifles in those places where terrorists may strike, such as concerts, football matches and Christmas markets. And the Mayor of London, Mr Khan, suggests terrorism and gun or knife crime is normal for big cities. No, it is not "Normal", only in his Socialist mind is it normal. British society has been warped and corrupted by



decades of failed Socialist policies, concentrated social housing, non-traditional values taught in schools, mass migration. Socialism has failed. And The European Union, as the next stage of Socialist progression has likewise failed. The British People should leave at any cost and return to find a way to restore that moral, decent, society we once had. Clive Taylor-Sholl Cumby Road

State Retirement Pension Claiming Confusion

The Local Citizens Advice Office has seen several people who have been struggling financially because they have not claimed the New State Retirement Pension. This could be because people are unsure of their state pension age or they may not be aware that you now have to contact the Pension Service and make the claim for the New State Retirement Pension. Usually, the Pension Service send out a letter prior to the retirement date informing people of the amount of State Retirement Pension entitlement and providing instructions on how to make the claim. However, on occasion these letters have not been sent out resulting in people not claiming their State Retirement Pension.

Should you wish to check your state pension age you can check online on <https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>. Alternatively, you can call into your local Citizens Advice office and an advisor can help you check your retirement date and if required assist you to make a claim for your state pension.

Office location and opening times can be found on <http://citizensadvicecd.org.uk/contact/> or by calling into your local office.
Newton Aycliffe office opening times are as follows:
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10.00am to 4.00pm
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10.00am to 1.00pm
Debt Advice
Wednesday
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Debt Advice
Friday
10.00am to 1.00pm
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10.00am to 1.00pm
Debt Advice

Newton News are running a series of articles in conjunction with local community organisations, charities and support agencies. The reason for running these articles is to help those residents who may need to make use of the services available.

HUB OF WISHES EXISTS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE

Sadly, this year we have seen a number of young people from our town end their lives. Even though people have loving families and friends supporting them, they find it tough to get through difficult times and do not seek help. We believe no-one should suffer in silence. It is hard to allow ourselves to be vulnerable and ask for help but there are times when we should. Depression, anxiety, stress, low self esteem, worry and panic attacks may stem from life changes such as illness, trauma, bereavement, work or relationship issues, and money problems.

The Hub of Wishes mental health charity, based in Silverdale House, provides a mental health drop-in service with an open-door policy for adults over 18. We exist to support anyone who may be suffering emotional distress, mental health issues or having hard times; also their carers and families. We support those coming out of hospital, help prevent re-admission and assist them to become more independent or have healthier lifestyles. Anyone wishing to use our service will initially have a private chat with staff. If unable to help, we will signpost them on to the relevant organisation/s. If we can help, we will agree a recovery plan with them and they will be supported in a friendly, non-judgmental environment. They will:

- Be surrounded by friendly faces
- Always have someone to listen to them
- Be encouraged to take steps to improve their wellbeing
- Learn life skills such as house-keeping and cooking
- Be able to use IT facilities and learn computer skills
- Be given advice and information, use our small library of books
- Have access to

alternative therapies by appointment (£10 per session)
• Have access to daily activities, workshops and accredited courses
• Have a social outlet, attend social events including day trips
We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday and offer daily activities:

Monday:
10.30am - Gentle Exercise
11-12.30pm - Hubsters Singing Group
1-3pm - Art Group

Tuesday:
10.30am - Gentle Exercise
12noon - Lunch Club
1.30pm - Bingo

Wednesday:
11am - Colour Me Calm
1pm - Movie Club, (also our therapy day)

Thursday:
10.30am - Gentle Exercise
12noon - Lunch Club
1.30pm - Bingo

Friday:
All day - Healthy Body & Healthy Mind - activities can vary, ie: dance based exercise, boxercise, health walks, Tai chi.
If you have a skill or

knowledge you could pass onto our members, why not consider becoming a volunteer at Hub of Wishes? Volunteering can be very enriching and rewarding. Some of our past volunteers have gained social work or counselling degrees/qualifications and now work in the mental health sector or other social capacity. Whilst volunteering you will gain a sense of achievement for yourself and also have a positive impact on the lives of others.

If you would like to visit our centre but feel nervous, please telephone Vicki or Joanne first for a chat. If you have any queries or require further information please contact us by:
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PLEASE NOTE OUR WEBSITE IS www.hubofwishes.co.uk (there is no "the" before hub).

Aycliffe Sisters Are Doing It . . . Again!



A very proud 'Sisters Are Doing It' run leader, Jules Baxter, would like to congratulate all her Beginners who completed their 10 week 0-3 mile running sessions last week and all received a nice shiny medal for their amazing progress!! Jules says "I love running this group, it's so rewarding. I love to give back and have a real passion for helping people! These ladies have all done amazing! To run 3 miles from nothing is an incredible achievement and I'm so proud of each and every one of them for not giving up."

Who's gonna be next?
If you'd like to join an informal, friendly, ladies only group, the next set of Beginners starts with enrolment on Monday 9th September at 6.30pm. Please contact Emma on 07787 992675 to book your place or find us on Facebook: Sisters Are Doing It. There is also an Aspiring Group that run every Thursday at 6.30pm, for those who can already run 3 miles! A great way to progress your running! Come and join us. Ring Emma on 07787 992675 to book your place.



HOUSE BUILDER CRITICISED

Dear Sir,
As the local County Councillor, I am receiving numerous angry messages from residents on the new 'Woodlands' estate near Cobblers Hall, asking when the surfacing of the roads on the estate is going to be completed. I have to tell you that I have made repeated representations to Keepmoat about this via DCC but, I am afraid, without success. I am also being told that Keepmoat are reticent to deal with residents' snagging complaints. Therefore, I find myself seeking to use the columns of the Newton News to ask Keepmoat two questions in public. The first is simple: when, please, do they intend to finish the surfacing of the roads on the Woodlands estate? The second is this: Keepmoat are currently building a new housing estate at Eldon Whins – how do they hope to sell any of those new houses whilst they are ruining their reputation on the town as regards the Woodlands estate? I publicly urge Keepmoat to address residents' concerns as quickly as possible. Cllr John D Clare
Aycliffe North & Middridge

DARLO F.C. UPDATE

Season ticket sales at Darlington F.C. are close to the 1,000 mark after a promising pre-season. Quakers finished their friendly programme last Saturday with a 3-0 home win over Middlesbrough Under 23s, playing some very pleasing football in the process. Two of their summer signings, Jarrett Rivers and Tyrone O'Neill, were amongst the scorers. Manager Alun Armstrong, who was appointed at the end of May and has signed nine new players, said: "I'm thrilled with the level of support and commitment shown by the fans which justifies my decision to come here and I know the players are all excited to be playing in front of you all. Breaking the 1,000 barrier would be a fantastic achievement and I certainly wouldn't bet against it. As I've already stated - one of my main objectives is to bring back those lapsed fans who have disappeared in recent seasons by playing an exciting brand of football, this is a great start towards this." There is another new signing in the pipeline, with former centre half Josh Heaton in talks with the club. Heaton left Quakers a year ago to sign for St Mirren in the Scottish Premier League, but was released last week..

Quakers begin their Vanarama National League North campaign this Saturday (3rd August) with an away game at Farsley Celtic, and then start their home fixtures against Gateshead on Wednesday 7th August. The club is also sad to learn about the sudden death of their former striker Kevin Stonehouse at the age of 59. Kevin played for Quakers between 1987 and 1989 scoring 24 goals in 87 matches, and then became the club's Football in the Community Officer for several years.

JNW AGM

The A.G.M. of Junior Neighbourhood Watch has been moved to Saturday 17th August at 10.30am as there is not a definite opening date because of a delay in the conclusion of the complete refurbishment. We would like to discuss trips, outings and much more and are hoping to have a young peoples committee to come up with ideas. The A.G.M. will be followed by games and food. For more details contact Dorothy on 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

Aycliffe Cricket Club

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, continued their recent hot form with their fourth league win in a row when they comfortably beat Bedale firsts at home by six wickets in the NYSD 2nd Division. Electing to bowl first proved an inspired decision by Aycliffe captain Sam Telford as the visitors were skittled for just 105 after 35 overs thanks to a superb bowling performance by Jack Slatcher who finished his 13 overs with 6 for 29 and James Layfield-Carroll who chipped in with 3 for 22. In reply, opener Sam Telford smashed the Bedale bowling all over the field scoring a typically aggressive 57 from only 44 balls faced and his explosive innings included three boundaries and five huge sixes. Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood) also batted well, scoring an unbeaten 22 from 27 balls as Aycliffe romped to victory with more than 45 overs in hand. This win moves Aycliffe's first team up to 5th in the league table, the highest position of the season so far with 212 points

from 16 games played.

The U15's won an exciting game by just four wickets away at Seaton Carew in the NYACC League. Electing to bowl first Aycliffe restricted the home side to 71 for 8 from their 20 overs thanks to some tight bowling from both Ian Robson (2-13) and Matty Greaves (2-13) and a couple of run outs by Adam Shaw and Harrison Pearson. In reply, Aycliffe battled hard with David Robinson (15 not out), Danny Wakes (13 runs) and Charlie Cayless (10 runs) leading the way as the visitors reached their winning target in a tense finale with only 5 balls in hand.

The U13's put in a spirited performance at home to league runners up Hartlepool but still lost by eight wickets in the NYACC League. Aycliffe elected to bat first and scored a respectable 87 for 5 in their 20 overs thanks to an excellent unbeaten innings of 30 from 35 balls by captain Thomas Dearden and a valuable late order innings of 9 not out by Harry Brumwell. In reply the visitors eased to a comfortable victory after



15.1 overs despite Aycliffe's Alfie Spensley and Will Dearden each taking a wicket.

A very young U11's performed with credit away at Stockton in their last game of the season, but were still defeated by 30 runs. There were good individual performances with the bat from Aycliffe players Joe Nield, who top

scored with an unbeaten 20 and Ollie Paylor who finished 12 not out. Special mention must go to both 8 year old Trent Telford who kept wicket and 7 year old debutant Seb Pennington-Foster, who both played well for Aycliffe.

Photo: Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's U15's team after their victory away at Seaton Carew.



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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was back to busy ways for our runners which also saw some competing in a track event.

The weeks racing started on Wednesday, the first event being the Cock Crow 5k in Jarrow. Alan Wilks was our only runner at this event and he was First 0/70 in a time of 22.25.

Wednesday also saw runners take part in the 5th race in the Darlington Trail Series. This one taking place at Darlington South Park. First home was Richard Holland in 22.18 followed by Mark Bainbridge in 23.10, Dave Blewitt in 23.26, John Burnside 24.40, Sue Milburn 26.44, Heather Morgan 28.26, Heather Fenwick 30.38 and Denise Evans 31.01, Richard Tonge 32.26, Melanie Rowland 32.55, Susan Clark 35.09 and Eve Doe 40.15.

Finally on Wednesday three of our male members took part in the 1500m race in the NEGP at Jarrow. This was the fifth meeting of the series and each runner took part in a separate graded heat. John Surtees placed second in his heat in 4.27, Dez Fielden also placed second in 4.46 and Richard Campbell was first place in his heat in 5.14.

Thursday saw the start of the Durham Running Festival with the 5k and 10k races both taking place on the hottest night of the year so far. Unfortunately there had been a burst water main on part of the course which meant it had to be changed and caused some congestion. In the 5k the first runner home for the club was Alan Wilks in 25.40 followed by Alan Kellett in 29.26, Anne Kellett in 31.30 (2nd in her age category), Nicola Ingman in 32.10 and Kathleen Tonge in 32.00.

In the 10k race Mark Bainbridge was first home in 46.51 followed by Trish



Kay in 54.29, Sandra Collins 58.30, Richard Tonge 1.07.33 and Marie Rudd 1.25.40.

On Friday the Durham Festival continued with the Run Like a Legend Mile Race. These were run in waves over the course of the day. Paul Dalton completed his mile in 5.14, Richard Holland in 5.47, Andy Talbot in 5.49 and Gemma Holland in 8.18.

The final race of the weekend took place on Sunday and was a 14k trail race around the area of Castle Bolton in Wensleydale. It was not only an off road course but was also considerably undulating, fortunately the weather had cooled slightly. First home for ARC was Dez Fielden in 1.07.19 followed by Dave Blewitt in 1.15.36,



Richard Holland in 1.16.35, Andrew Lumley in 1.26.43, Trish Kay in 1.30.10, Ian Baronowski 1.43.28, Lindsey Brown 1.47.40, Susan Clark 1.48.25 and Eve Doe 2.06.45.

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 our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.

WATER POLO FESTIVAL

Sedgefield Water Polo Club recently travelled to Cheltenham for a mixed 2005 born outdoor water polo festival. This was not only the first time the club had entered this festival but it was also the first time our players had the opportunity to participate in matches outdoors on a lovely summers day! The team played really well and came away with a very well deserved bronze medal after a packed day of tough games; losing only one game by one goal during the entire day.

A massive well done to coaches Dave and Kate and a huge thank you to all the parents for making the long journey down South to give their kids this fantastic opportunity.

For a free try at this fun and very exciting sport, please



come along to our Saturday session at Newton Aycliffe leisure centre 4pm, boys and girls welcomed from ages 8+. Contact us via Facebook, phone 07579 030598 or email sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com for more info.

Young People Invited for Theatre Take Over



Young people are invited to put on a show of their own making, thanks to a special summer school at the Gala Theatre.

Act Up encourages budding performers and aspiring technicians, aged between seven to 15 years, to work together over five days to create their own performance.

With the help of professional drama teachers, directors and technicians, the fun sessions will conclude in a final performance on Friday 9 August at 7.00pm.

Robin Byers, service manager for Durham Gala Theatre, said: "All are invited, whether it's a new interest or a life-long passion. Theatre can

have a transformative effect on young people's lives, helping them grow confidence, make friends and explore the limits of their imagination.

"The course is a great opportunity to experience the world of theatre and make use of our excellent facilities at Gala Theatre, as well as the professionals who will offer great guidance."

Act Up summer school runs from Monday 5th to Friday 9th August, 10am to 4pm daily, 1pm to 8pm on Friday. The course costs £120, with a discounted price of £100 per child sibling. Book a place at <https://www.galadurham.co.uk/galapost/act-up/>

MEDAL HAUL FOR SKATING CLUB



Spectrum Roller Skating Club proudly hosted their very first festival last weekend at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The event attracted clubs from Bolton, Manchester, Durham and Wales to the two day event. In total over 85 skaters took part participating in solo, duo, quartet, group, mixed inter club teams and parent & child events.

The club have been preparing for the event for months with regular

fundraising and training. Spectrum Club had 25 participants and came away with 42 awards as well as Gold for their Team performance of Aladdin.

"There is a whole team of people behind the event and a big thank you to all involved. Special mention to Councillor Shirley Quinn who came along to watch the event and helped with choosing awards. We had a super weekend and all the skaters were fantastic!"

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SEDFIELD FOLK FESTIVAL

6th-8th September

From its modest beginning within a single venue in 2006, the Festival has gradually expanded to cater for the tastes and interests of folk music enthusiasts and local residents alike.

The Festival operates within Sedfield Community Association and a specific, dedicated committee of volunteers works hard to organise a full programme of events which brings many visitors into the County Durham town from all over the country.

Tickets for the Parish Hall events sell out very quickly due to limited capacity, but we do have plenty of other events over the weekend, some of which are free.

We really hope you enjoy this year's Festival and the acts we have picked. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you over the weekend.

Ticket Details:

Tickets for the Parish Hall concerts are available by calling the ticket office on 01740 621 347.

Tickets for the Ceddesfeld Hall concerts will be available for personal collection from Sedfield Town Council (Advice and Information Centre) after 1st May (between 9.15am and 12.15pm, Monday to Friday).

Appearing Live:

Jez Lowe, Bob Fox, The Salts, The Often Herd, Flossie Malavialle, The

John Wrightson Band, The Shckleton Trio, Sunjay, We Steal Flyers, Whisky & Wine, Alterego, Old Age Travellers, Maxine & Lol Crallan, Marske Fishermen's Choir, The Pot & Glass Folk Club, plus many more.

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Vegan residents in UK care homes have almost TREBLED during the past 5 years, according to new research. Staggering figures released this National Vegetarian Week show that residents following a vegan diet in UK residential care homes have risen by 167 per cent since 2014.

A representative sample of 1,000 care homes across the UK was interviewed earlier this year, in research commissioned by Vegetarian for Life (VfL), a charity dedicated to supporting older vegans and vegetarians living in care homes as well as independently. There are currently more than 11,000 care homes for older people in the UK. The total number of vegetarians and vegans combined is now estimated to be over 7,000, across both nursing and residential care. There are one or more vegetarians or vegans living in one in every five UK care homes.

The rapid rise in vegan residents in particular has sparked VfL to urge care

facilities to be prepared if a vegan resident moves into the care facility.

Amanda Woodvine, Chief Executive at VfL, said there is now more need than ever to ensure there is adequate vegan meal options available to those in care homes.

Ms Woodvine said: "It's great that more people are choosing a vegan lifestyle, but it just goes to show that we have a lot of work to do to ensure that there are adequate meal and snack options at care homes nationwide."

With special diets including allergies, intolerances, and autoimmune diseases becoming increasingly relevant to the care sector, the charity has also recently launched a free Dietary Diversity in the Care Sector guide to help equip care caterers with information, tips and recipes to cater for a raft of dietary requirements.

Vegetarian for Life has a dedicated UK List of more than 1,200 care homes that have pledged to cater well and ethically for older vegans or vegetarians in their care.

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Loco Team Complete Carriage Restoration



Staff and volunteers at Locomotion in Shildon are celebrating the completion of a five-year project to restore 2HAP unit no. 4308 – thought to be Britain's busiest surviving rail vehicle.

Nicknamed 'Project Commuter', the restoration began in 2014 and was led by Chris Osman from the Network South East Railway Society, involving staff and volunteers at the National Railway Museum and Locomotion.

The two-car 2HAP electric multiple units with slam doors, would have been a familiar sight to commuters in the South of England where they operated for more than three decades. Unit number 4308 is distinctive for having travelled a record-breaking 2.7m miles and carrying an estimated 5.3m passengers during its working life.

Project Commuter began in York where the interior of the car was stripped, and seat cushions and backs were cleaned. Metal work was cleaned and repainted, aisle ends were varnished and seat bases retrimmed.

At this point, corrosion in the bodyside was found to be worse than first thought and the unit was transferred to Shildon where the workshop team began the painstaking task of stripping the carriage back to bare metal and replacing damaged metal and timber.

Once all repairs were complete, the carriage body

was repainted with Network South East livery on one side and British Rail blue and grey on the other – both of which would have been carried at different points in the unit's history. The 2HAP became the first and only vehicle in the National Collection to feature a dual livery. The repaint also included details such as the black triangle used to indicate the position of the guard's van.

By October 2018, the new floor had been laid and seats reinstalled featuring a specially manufactured, authentic moquette.

The completed 2HAP unit is on display at Locomotion and work is underway to restore the second carriage, which should be complete by the end of the year.

Chris Osman said: "Without our team of volunteers who were active in York and Shildon, the restoration could not have been completed so thank you to everyone who has supported the project since 2014 for your ongoing dedication."

The name '2HAP' indicates that the train is formed of two carriages – and only one of these has a toilet compartment (something of a problem on longer commutes as the carriages were not linked).

The 2HAP unit was built at Eastleigh Works in 1959 for phase one of the Kent Coast electrification, a £25m scheme that replaced steam hauled trains from London to Dover, Folkestone, Ramsgate and Sheerness. The unit was withdrawn in 1995 and joined the National Collection in 2006.

To mark the unit's 60th birthday, Locomotion organised a public event which gave visitors the chance to see the finished carriage, to climb inside the refurbished interior and to find out more about volunteering.

Staff and volunteers also ran behind-the-scenes workshop tours to give visitors a glimpse of current and future restoration projects. The event was part of a season of public events and activities at Locomotion to celebrate the museums' 15th birthday, which falls on 22 September. Head of Locomotion, Sarah Price said: "I am very pleased to celebrate the completion of the first 2HAP unit. Since 2006, workshop trainees and volunteers at Locomotion have restored 18 rail vehicles, making a very significant contribution to preserving the UK's railway history – something they can be very proud of."



"Knickers in a Twist"

Dear Sir,
Open Letter to MP Phil Wilson and Sedgefield Labour Party

I voted to LEAVE the E.U. in the Referendum. MP Phil Wilson said he would respect the result. Indeed, he voted to activate Article 50 which set the clock running on our departure from the E.U. However, the Mother of Parliaments has got 'her knickers in a twist' with MPs regularly failing to properly represent the majority of Leave Voters.

Both myself and my wife have had to renew our passports (at a total cost of £182.00). We did this as they had expired, and in the belief that democracy and common sense would prevail and that we would, in fact, Leave in accordance with the current law, on 31st October 2019.

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Phil Wilson is agitating for a second Referendum. The Green Party support him but say that a Remain result would be implemented under the Referendum Act while a Leave result would have to go back to Parliament to be fudged again! They would still try and stop Leave! It is inconceivable that the Mother of Parliaments could sink so low! Or that our MP would have anything to do with this nonsense! It is both unfair and undemocratic! Since the General Election (following the Referendum) the Labour/Momentum Party have decided to U-turn on Brexit, thus, disenfranchising any Leave voters who voted Labour in the mistaken belief that Labour supported Leave in their Manifesto.

The matter is now clear. If Boris cannot get us out by the end of October there will have to be a General Election. Leave voters will then have to forego any party loyalty they have, such that we can elect a "Peoples Parliament" with a Leave majority. The choice will be UKIP, Conservative or the Brexit Party. If you want to Leave and you support any of the foregoing, it is a MUST that you tell your Party that you want them to collaborate such that the Leave vote is not split. Let Remainers vote for the undemocratic Labour/Momentum (Anti-Semitic) Party, the Lib-Dems, the Greens or Change!

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Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

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Psycho Path Brings Halloween Horror Back to the North East

Murderous madmen, killer clowns and chainsaw-wielding characters are all lined-up for the return of the North East's scariest event in October, which promises to send the fear factor into orbit.

The interactive scare experience, Psycho Path, will once again take over Lintz Hall Farm, at Burnopfield, from 11 to 31 October, with the brand new Fearground, set to be even bigger and better than last year's sold out event. And last week (25 July) organisers got the green light from Durham County Council chiefs with a permanent license for the site, which means that they can unveil their plans for the first time.

Organisers 700 Acres Ltd have revealed that not only will the event be more frightening than before, but visitors will also "enjoy" a whole host of new attractions within the Fearground, set to make their blood pressure rise. This includes iScream, a clown maze and scary freak show, where visitors will need to survive the horrors and the crazy characters.

Also new for this year is Anarchy Arcade, which will offer a range of entertainment every night including aerial artists, magicians, fire breathers along with fairground rides and a range of street food and drink vendors. Guests will then take to



the Psycho Path trail, first bundled into blacked out vans for a bumpy ride across the site to a woodland area, where they will be met with abandoned shipping containers, burning barrels and a whole host of menacing inhabitants.

And this year the original route is extended, with a track through an additional attraction, Psycho City, which is set in a post-apocalyptic wasteland where Psycho Path's inhabitants have taken over. Nigel Holliday of 700 Acres Ltd which organised last year's Psycho Path and now Fearground, believes that this year's event is going to be spectacular.

"We had such a fantastic reaction to Psycho Path last year, which gave us the opportunity to completely run with the concept and expand on it even more for this October's event," said Nigel.

"We have amazing creative teams working on the builds and the concepts to make sure that the site fulfils – and even exceeds – expectations, with plenty to see and do so people can

make a whole evening of their visit.

"We can't wait to unveil the new site and I think people are really going to love the new attractions we have created for this year."

Along with the evening trail, Psycho Path has partnered with Metro Radio and Gateshead College to host the Family Frightfest, a separate attraction including pumpkin carving, spooky stories, stage shows, a fun scare maze and prizes, suitable for children of all ages.

The Family Frightfest takes place on 19, 20, 26, 27 and 31 October between 11am and 4.30pm and tickets are priced at £7 for children, £10 for adults and a family pass for two children and two adults is also available, costing £29.

Tickets for Psycho Path start at £25 and those aged 13 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to buy tickets for the event, visit www.psycho-path.co.uk

New Defibrillator Locations App

NAPIT have recently undertaken a new project in support of the Tom Henson Charity.

Tom Henson tragically passed away on the 31st July 2018, after suffering a heart attack caused by congenital heart disease. He was aged just 23. Following Tom's death his younger brother, Joe, has launched a defibrillator map via Google and is currently in the process of creating an app to make a map of local defibrillators accessible to all. The app will be available to download on all mobile devices.

Joe said, "A defibrillator was used three times on my brother at Gosforth Fields – the people on the scene didn't realise the defibrillator was there. This lack of knowledge then spanned into a full-blown realisation that so many people don't know where their nearest defibrillator is. That sort of information could be the difference between life and death."

NAPIT's Regional Inspection Manager, Dave Scully, has donated his time to install the defibrillators for free and he also highlighted the cause to NAPIT who offered to cover the cost of all the materials needed. Dave first met Tom when he was 9 years old and played for Carr Vale

Colts under 9's football team, alongside Dave's nephew. Tom was also football trained by Dave and his brother, Mark.

NAPIT Group Chief Executive, Mike Andrews said, "As soon as NAPIT heard the tragic story of Tom's death and the circumstances surrounding it, we were instantly committed to helping in every way we could. We continually strive to utilise our professional skills to help charities and organisations who need it." So far, Dave has successfully installed three new defibrillators in Whitwell, Bolsover and Barlborough Country Park, with more

installations to come.

To find out more about the defib map or to find a defibrillator near you, visit <http://defibmap.co.uk>.

For more information about the Tom Henson Charity and how you can show your support, visit their Facebook page @TomHensonDefibMap

In Memoriam

Carol Ann Reed

4th August 1946

We little knew that morning, God was to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Sadly missed
Roy, Steven, Lara,
Stuie and family's xx

Thank You

Melven Heseltine

Christine and family wish to thank friends and neighbours for their cards and words of support on the death of Mel.

Many thanks to Nick from Co-op Funeralcare, who supported me on this sad day; thanks to Bewick Crescent Surgery, Dr Hardy for her care; many thanks to the District Nurses and the Home Care team for all their care for Mel; thanks to Louise (Phoenix Club) for the wonderful spread she put on; many thanks to the Macmillan Team who supported us both so Mel could stay at home. Donations raised £150 for Macmillan Care, many thanks. Mel will be sorely missed.

Joan Smith

and family would like to thank the staff of Bethany House Care Home, Newton Aycliffe, for their kind and considerate care of Bryan in his final weeks.

We would also like to thank the Newton Aycliffe District Nurse Team for their gentle and compassionate nursing over many months. Bryan is at peace now.

Birthday Remembrance

Harry Bain

7th August

A very special Dad, always in our thoughts. With love from David and Jane Ian and Mandy

A loving and special Grandad. Love from Heather, Samuel and Grace.

Biz

8th August

A good friend, Sadly missed. David and Jane

Colourful Wildflowers Return to County

A popular wildflower planting scheme is once again bringing a burst of colour to roadsides across County Durham.

Various species of wildflowers and herbaceous plants have been sown on roundabouts and verges around the area as part of the Durham County Council initiative.

As well as offering an eye-catching display, the flowers also provide a home for various species of wildlife.

The council's clean and green teams have been encouraging the wildflowers since 2015, with the eye-catching creations drawing praise from residents and visitors to the county.

This year, the council is also trialling a new multi-bulb planting scheme, which involves planting different types of bulb in the same location in order to achieve a more constant flowering over a longer period. Three different bulb mixes have been used including one which sees daffodils flowering first, leading to alliums and then camassias. This style of planting is something the authority is looking at exploring further in future years as not only is it sustainable but it gives a longer-lasting floral display. The flowers will provide a welcome to Britain in Bloom judges, when they visit Durham city next week for judging for the annual competition.

This year, Durham City is competing in the Champion of Champions category in the annual Royal Horticultural Society competition.

The wildflowers can be seen at 20 locations around the county, including the A19 roundabout at Peterlee, Chester-le-Street bypass, Spennymoor bypass, the Peth Lane/Edge Lane junction at Burnhope, and the walled garden area



next to St Mary's Church in Middleton-in-Teesdale. A full list of locations is available at: www.durham.gov.uk/wildflowers

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Obituary

Alan Holt

25th July

Peacefully in hospital, of Newton Aycliffe, aged 58 years.

Beloved Husband of Mandy; a loving Father to Tony and Amy; a real gentle man who will be truly missed by all who knew him. Funeral to be held on Wednesday 14th August. Will friends please meet at 11.30am for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Cancer Research and Morgans R. Rescue.

Bob Thompson

25th July

Peacefully in hospital, of Newton Aycliffe, Bob, aged 75 years.

A beloved partner to Maureen; a much loved Father to Robert and a Grandfather.

Funeral on Wednesday 7th August. Will friends please meet at 1pm for Service in St. Clare's Church followed by Interment in West Cemetery School Aycliffe.

John Harrison

26th July 2019

Aged 64, passed away peacefully in Freeman Hospital on 26th July 2019.

Son of the late John and Jean. Will be sadly missed by his Sister Jeannie; Brothers Michael and Keith; Sisters-in-Law, Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral to be held on Thursday 8th August. Friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations lieu to Diabetes UK would be much appreciated.

Alan Husband

23rd July 2019

Passed away peacefully on 23rd July 2019 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in his 82nd year.

Cherished Husband of Anne for 60 years; dear Father of Gavin and Jason and Brother of William, also a very good friend of Lyn Leach. R.I.P.

Kenneth Mitchell

29th July 2019

Kenneth (Ken) of Newton Aycliffe, passed away on 29th July, aged 87 years.

Beloved Husband of Barbara; Father to Kevin, Melvin and Lisa; Grandfather to Zoe, Samantha, Grace and Molly; Great Grandfather to Lyra. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 6th August for 10.30am, followed by private burial.

NAFC SEASON STARTS HERE SCARLET BACK ON THE PODIUM AT TEESSIDE

Newton Aycliffe get their season underway this Saturday (3rd August) when Whickham visit the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium.

There will be several new faces added to the squad that finished 12th in last season's Ebac Northern League Division One.

Colin Stromsoy has strengthened the team with ex Bishop Auckland player Shaun Ryder coming into midfield while striker Dean Thexton has joined from Willington. It should be a tough opening game with Whickham having signed a number of players with higher league experience



Ethan Wood takes a free kick against Washington

TRY A NEW SPORT

Looking to take up a new sport? Get fit or improve your badminton skills this summer?

Aycliffe Badminton Club have Coaching Sessions running on a Friday evening from 6-7.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Led by qualified coaches and costing only £3.00 per session with coaching tips and lots of games.

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over the summer.

Aycliffe completed their preseason programme with a comfortable 3-0 win away to Washington last Saturday. Alan Harrison scored an early first goal with a fine strike from outside the box. Gez Richardson added a second from the penalty spot & scored the third goal with ten minutes to go when he pounced on a defensive error to seal the win.

It's a hectic start to the season as Aycliffe have two games against Northallerton in the week following the season opener. They travel to the Calvert Stadium on Wednesday 7th August for a league game before welcoming Northallerton

back to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium for the Extra Preliminary Round of the Emirates FA Cup on Saturday 10th August.

Next game:

Saturday 3rd August
KO 3.00pm

Ebac Northern League
Division One
Newton Aycliffe
v
Whickham

Beaumont Landscapes Stadium, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane DL5 5AG. Admission Adults £6.00, Concessions £4.00.



Goalscorer Gez Richardson

Eight year old Scarlet Dunn returned to the podium last weekend in round 6 of the Teesside Owner Driver Sprint Bambino Comer Championship at Teesside Karting in Middlesbrough. Racing a new engine for the first time, the Aycliffe girl racer qualified in 3rd and fought for the top 3 in all heats. She started 4th for the final but gradually closed the gap to jump ahead of championship leader Thomas Potter and take 3rd overall. The event was won by Edward Haynes and 2nd place was taken by Jacob Richardson. "Scarlet drove really well all weekend" said Mam (and former championship winning racer) Amanda. "She was so determined all weekend and especially focused in the final. Hopefully her new engine will keep going faster and faster, enabling her to compete for a win soon". Scarlet's team AMARON Racing gave her good support again this weekend and brother Harrison was also in attendance. Having set his best practice times



in practice before the event, it won't be long until he is also competing. Scarlet competes again this coming weekend at her favourite track Rowrah in Cumbria. For more information on Scarlet visit www.ScarletDunnRacing.com

SPECTRUM SUCCESS AT SKATING COMPETITIONS

Shildon based Durham District Roller Skating Club have just finished competing in two very different competitions during the last fortnight.

It all began on the weekend of 20/21st July at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, for the Spectrum Festival of Roller Skating.

Durham district had a very successful weekend at this event and saw their youngest members take to the floor for the first time in solo and team events. All girls who skated did themselves and the club proud at this event and came away with 11 trophies.

Durham then went on to compete at the National Novice Figure & Free Competition in Kettering Sports Arena.

The club took five skaters, for some this was their first time competing at this level and all five did a fantastic job, both in their Figures and Free.

Durham came away with one 1st place in Figures and two 3rd places in the Free events. Fantastic performances by all over both weekends, keep up the hard work girls.

If you fancy trying your hand at roller skating, why not come along and have a go? Durham District Roller Skating Club train at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon from 9.30am on a Saturday morning. Please feel free to contact us, we are on Facebook, or by calling Janet on 01325 310399.



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