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Last Saturday saw Community Acorn Association, Community Junction 7, Junior Neighbourhood Watch, New Friends New Places and Horndale Community Association hold a pop up shop in the town centre to showcase the great work they carry out across our town for the benefit of others. Lots of people attended the event and found out about the activities and projects the groups carry out. The groups were successful in securing funding for the event so there was free face painting, balloon modelling and gifts for all the family.

A group of young adults from the National Citizenship Scheme joined us for the day as part of their work during the summer holidays, they raised approximately £150 for the charity If You Care Share, this assisted with their qualification. Newton Aycliffe is very lucky to have many groups working in our town delivering many activities and projects, there are more groups than those involved in this event. I believe that there is no other town comparable in size that has so many great organizations working to improve the lives of others. Thank you to Great Aycliffe Town Council and the towns seven County Councillors Adam, Atkinson, Clare, Durham, Hopper, Howell and Iveson. Philip Clark Horndale Community Association

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HUB OF WISHES PARTY NIGHT

"SUMMER NIGHTS"
24th August

The Hub of Wishes charity is holding a "Summer Nights" themed party night on Saturday 24th August at 7.00pm at the Newton Aycliffe RAFA Club.

Tickets £5.00 per person.

There will be a raffle, disco with music provided by Alan Armstrong, our DJ for the night, karaoke; also a prize for the best dressed person of the evening. This is our biggest party night this year and as a small charity it is a big event, something for our members to look forward to and dress up for (think of the 1950s-1960s Grease, Dirty Dancing, Blue Hawaii, Viva Las Vegas, etc) and style up for the party! We hope you can come and join our party night, but if not, we would welcome any raffle prizes you are able to donate. We thank anyone who has helped us in the past by donating prizes for our charity nights, parties and fun days. Please contact Vicki or Joanne on 01325 300121 if you would like to buy tickets or wish to donate a prize.

SCHOOL REUNION

Did you leave The Avenue Comprehensive in the Summer of '89?
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Further information contact
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CHARITY NIGHT

in aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group
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Sing With Shanaya Summer Camp Concert



Sing With Shanaya Summer School ran Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August with 13 highly excited, enthusiastic children aged from 5 to 11 years of age.

The children were from Hurworth, Darlington and Newton Aycliffe schools and St Clare's Church was the perfect venue for the performance. The venue, stage and lighting were great and along with my sound system we had a professional set up.

On day one we all met one another and we had thirteen apprehensive individuals! By home time it was evident we had thirteen relaxed and happy children, listening, learning and having so much fun.

However, we all went home shattered, what a good first day. Day two - Let's get the show on the road. Not only did we have superstars in the making, friendships developing and budding romances.

We also had an extra member of staff, thank you Suzanne... what a busy day curtain pulling and Mum always tells me practice makes perfect and boy did the children practice and

they succeeded.

With renditions of "I'm Happy", "This Is Me" and "Roar", a job well done in such a short time - impressive.

During "This Is Me" a famous face was spotted taking photos at the back of the hall "the man from the newspaper", big smiles all round, the children are now officially famous!

Ava, Cole, Declan, Evie, Isabel, Jack, Kya, Marnie, Megan, Melissa, Olivia, Romany and Will each sporting their designed summer school T-shirts which were fabulous, the three winners were Evie with a bright summer theme; Olivia with a sparkly microphone and lots of twinkle and Declan sporting the famous red X and the words of my single released shortly after the show "Say Something".

Thank you to each and every Mum, Dad, Granny and Grandad and child, you made my summer holiday, in fact when everyone left I had a few tears.

I didn't want it all to end, I'm sure the children didn't either, you were fabulous, thanks a million.

But we are going to have another "Sing with Shanaya Christmas Party"

followed by a Christmas Singalong.

The raffle raised £105 for St. Teresa's, thanks to all for your generosity.

Watch out for forthcoming events and news and remember I am available for events, parties, birthdays, weddings, christenings, funerals, contact 07771 814412 or 01325 303141

Thank you
Shanaya

Volunteer Opportunities on Offer in Durham City

A north east charity, supporting over 126,000 visitors to north east prisons each year, is seeking new volunteers to help support families and children of prisoners visiting three prisons near Durham City. Nepacs has worked across the north east region for over 135 years to help support a positive future for prisoners, their friends and families.

Nepacs have around 300 volunteers working across the region, but are looking to recruit more volunteers at three prisons in the Durham area - HMP Durham, HMP Frankland and HMP & YO1 Low Newton (women's prison).

There are a range of volunteering opportunities - Monday to Sunday - to help families on the day they visit a loved one in prison. The Nepacs teams are looking for people who can help book families in for a prison visit, provide information and support, serve refreshments and help out in the play areas and

youth zones for children and young people, both outside of the prison in the visitors centre and inside the prison.

Emma Price, Nepacs' volunteer coordinator, said: "The impact of imprisonment on children and families can be devastating which is why we feel it is important to support them every step of their journey - from the courts, during the time their loved one is in prison and prior to release. Our team of volunteers are dedicated to helping prisoners' families and children across the north east, but we are looking for more volunteers to join our team and help us to offer the best support possible during what is an extremely difficult time for families."

*Lorna's husband was sent to prison for two years and she told us that the worst part was telling her children. She said: "Everything is destroyed, your way of life, your security, your finances. You try to keep everything normal but it's not normal. Listening to your children crying every night asking when their dad is coming home."

Emma added: "Volunteering in a prison environment can be rewarding for all. Nepacs volunteers come from all walks of life, younger and older, male and female, and those who have been personally affected by imprisonment and would like to help other families going through the same experience. If you think you could support someone like 'Lorna' by volunteering and would like to be part of a team who helps to make a difference to the lives of prisoners' families please get in touch or find out more through our website." Further details of all volunteer opportunities with Nepacs are on their website www.nepacs.co.uk or you can email volunteering@nepacs.co.uk



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AARMS GROUP CHARITY NIGHT

The AARMS group are once again hosting a Spiritual/Medium night in order to raise funds to keep the group going. The event is on September 10th at the Phoenix Club and starts at 7pm. We have two fabulous mediums taking part, John Pattinson and Paul Maull, also two lovely ladies one of whom is a psychic artist and the other a talented card reader. There will be a tombola stall, alternative bottle stall, a money draw and some fantastic prizes to win in our raffle. Tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from:- Love Thy Cupcake, Aycliffe Framers and The Phoenix Club. If last year is anything to go by we're in for a spectacular night. Come along and maybe you will receive a message from a loved one too!

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GREENFIELD STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE



Students from Greenfield Community College have had much to celebrate this term and with valuable support they are continuing to achieve great things both in their academic studies and wider learning experience. Staff at Greenfield Community College are committed to supporting student success through inspiring young people to be self-led learners with expert guidance and a strong knowledge base. This summer 'super learning' sessions have enabled students to

concentrate their efforts and share learning across the whole year group. The specialised sessions have given a boost to the students giving them the chance to learn from an excellent team of staff and share good practice. The bespoke sessions allowed students to work on areas for improvement and be confident learners during the build up to exams. School initiatives such as 'speak up for writing' have also impacted upon student learning recognising the importance of reading and writing in the overall curriculum and inspiring excellence. There have been some outstanding achievements as students have received awards for their writing skills. Thirty students became published authors as they were included in a short story anthology called Mission Contamination. Six students were finalists of the Terry Kelly Poetry Prize and had their work 'Shildon Cantata' published as part of a regional anthology.

Most recently students received the FBM (Future Business Magnates) 'School Reporters of the Year' Award. These are amazing achievements and demonstrate the creative minds of the young people and are developing skills to be future ready and to understand the world of work. Students from GCC were also rewarded for their innovation and business sense as they won the 'Most Effective Use of Technology' category, showing the wide range of skills and attributes they develop at Greenfield. Greenfield Community College are committed to raising aspirations and finding innovative ways to help all of their students reach their potential. Programmes such as 'summer school' as a valuable introduction to the school, with support in KS2 into KS3 through to a bespoke careers service which helps students make informed decisions and plan for their future.

To find out more join us at our free open evening event on Thursday 26th September 2019, Shildon site 17:30 – 20:00, Newton Aycliffe site 18:15 – 20:00 or contact us for more information contact@greenfieldschool.net

AGM Cancelled

The AGM for the Junior Neighbourhood Watch will now take place on Saturday 7th September at 10.30am, which will be after all building work will be finished in the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale House and it will have been formally opened for activities.

Donated Dog Treats



As well as our company charities we also support Dogs Trust at Sadberge, and as we were sorting the Dogs Trust donations ready for collection at Wilkos, we came across these wonderful individual dog treat bags. If anyone knows who the child/children were who put these together, please can they pop into the shop with Mammy or Daddy, so we can thank them? If any of your readers would like to donate to this charity we have a donation box situated in store. Wilkos, Newton Aycliffe.

Wine Tasting Evening

School Aycliffe Community Hall presents 'Old Versus New, Wine Tasting Experience' hosted by Majestic Wines of Darlington on Friday 6th September 2019 from 7.00pm.

The tasting will include white and red wines, specially selected to introduce the palate to some new and some old flavours. Minimum of six wine tastes in all, accompanied by cheese and nibbles. A bottle raffle will also be available on the night and tickets are priced at £12.50 each - purchased on order from Zanna 07929 916725.

Stage and Set Design



Following on from their recent success performing School of Rock and Grease, Woodham Academy are delighted to be launching their Performing Arts Academy next year. This will be open to all students within the school and will give them the opportunity to take part in sessions for stage and set design, sound and lighting, instrumental skills and drama. The stage and set design

sessions are open to students with an interest in art and textiles. Students will be tasked with creating the staging, props and costumes for the various performances that happen throughout the year. They will also design and create all merchandise and promotional material for the Performing Arts Academy's debut performance of High School Musical.

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Man Up Festival 2019



Sedgefield Water Polo Club entered the Man Up Festival on August 3rd at Manchester

Media City Salford Quays where some of the best teams, Olympians and

players in the country competed against each other in a thrilling competition. Sedgefield entered a young men's team who played absolutely brilliantly against such an experienced field of teams.

Finishing top of their group, they made it through to the semi finals which they won 6-4 against a combined Lancaster/Bridgefield team, placing Sedgefield into the final match against Castleford whom they had already beaten earlier in the group stages. Unfortunately, Castleford played an excellent final match and won 9-4 which gave Sedgefield a very respectable and well deserved second place overall.

A great day was had by all, especially in between games when players decided to impress the crowd with a silly diving exhibition off the jetty into a freezing cold quay entertaining spectators and occasionally causing views to be taken away from games in play at the time. Well done to the whole team for the brilliant performance; the club is very proud of you all.

A massive thank you also goes out to GAMP and all who have sponsored and supported Sedgefield Water Polo Club over the years to help make our small club so successful.

For a free try at this fun and very exciting sport, please come along to our Saturday session at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at 4pm, boys and girls welcomed from ages 8+. Contact us via Facebook, phone 07579 030598 or email sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com more info.

XMAS SHOPPING TRIP

A Christmas shopping trip to York Designer Outlet has been arranged for Saturday 2nd November, seats are £20 per person. Leave the crowds at the market and join us at this undercover shopping mall leaving at 8.30am and returning at 5.00pm. Please contact Georgette on 07951 758118 for more information.

Local Charity Shop Calls For Help

A local charity shop in Newton Aycliffe is appealing for donations and volunteer help from the local community.

The YMCA store situated in the Thames Centre sells clothing, furniture, bric a brac, electrical items and books

And with demand at an all-time high, staff are now asking for more donations to help keep up with requests from local people.

All money raised by sales in the YMCA shop go towards funding support for young people in need, both locally and across England.

Wendy Teague, Shop Manager, said: "YMCA is proud to be at the heart of every community in which it works and we're no different at our Thames Centre shop. We love being here in Newton Aycliffe and we want to support local people as best we can, as well as to show off just how great high street shopping really is.

"This is why we are asking

for local people to donate any old and unwanted items to our store. All money we raise will go towards supporting young people in YMCA services and every penny really does count.

"We sell everything from Sofas to Knitting Needles. Please get in touch if you think you can help."

In addition to appealing for donations, volunteers are also needed to help out at the shop on Monday to Saturday. No previous experience is needed.

Wendy Teague said: "Volunteers are so important to YMCA, particularly in our local shop.

"Anyone who can support us, even for just an afternoon or one day a week, will be making a huge difference to our store and the lives of the young people we support."

If you wish to volunteer or donate items to YMCA's store, please call 01325 321580 or pop in to speak to staff directly.

Brilliant Response to GAMP Project Callout

The Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership board had a budget of £100,000 available, and invited applications for projects from community & voluntary or not-for-profit organisations. Project proposals had to be delivered in the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership area and had to address at least one of the key priorities:

- Children, Young People & Families (£50k total funding available)
- Older People (£30k total funding available)
- Community Safety (£20k total funding available)

The application process proved to be very popular this year with well over 40 expression of interests received. All three priorities were over-subscribed, making it an extremely competitive process.

After being thoroughly sifted and scored by a ranking panel of board members, a total of 13 organisations' projects were successful, these include:

- Newton Aycliffe Sports Club
- Junction 7
- UTC South Durham
- Acl Scouts
- Early Years Alliance

All successful applicants have now been notified and are being supported in the next phase of the process, with projects anticipated to begin early next year.

Brian Riley (GAMP Co-ordinator), commented, "We have had a fantastic

response from our local groups again this year. It is a pity that we can't fund more projects due to the demand that is obviously out there in the GAMP area. The GAMP board wish all groups who applied success in the future."

PHIL WILSON, MP, VISITS DOGS TRUST



Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, visited Dogs Trust Darlington on Thursday 8th August to catch up with the Rehoming Centre's dedicated staff and some of the canine residents waiting for new homes.

Mr Wilson was given a tour of the rehoming centre and met a number of dogs currently awaiting their forever homes, including Chief, a young English Pointer.

Following the visit, Sue Embleton, Dogs Trust Darlington Centre Manager, said "We were delighted to welcome Phil back to Dogs Trust Darlington. Like all of us at Dogs Trust, it's fantastic that Phil cares so deeply about animal welfare and we are grateful for his ongoing

support. Just recently Phil was a guest judge of the Dog Show at our Fun Day, an annual event where we raise money towards looking after the dogs in our care and providing them with all their home comforts while waiting on permanent homes."

Phil Wilson MP said: "It was a pleasure to pay another visit to Dogs Trust Darlington where the staff work so tirelessly to ensure all the dogs in their care are well looked after. Their Fun Day last month was also a fantastic day out and I was delighted to lend my support as a guest judge of Most Handsome Dog."

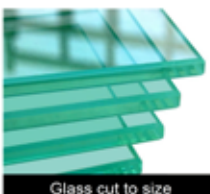
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The winner will be awarded the prize on Monday 21st October 2019 (Syd's birthday).

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King James Support

Students at King James I Academy have been working with local businesses to enhance their learning. The Business Studies Department at the Academy works hard to make sure that students have a realistic insight into the complexities of business; this means enlisting the help of local organisations and entrepreneurs.

A number of businesses have supported the school by completing questionnaires or visiting as practitioners for Q&A sessions. In the past year, students have worked with the Barber Bar, pictured here, which recently opened its second shop on South Church Road, Honey Bee, Cre8tive Graphics and Venture Properties. Sixth Form students have also enjoyed work experience in a wide range of roles with Arlington Automotive, Certax Accounting and Hunters Estate Agency. The Academy are now looking to increase their database of businesses and freelancers that would be willing to help shape the future of young people in their community. Students benefit from investigating real businesses and conducting interviews either in person, via email or via video link, and work placements of any length are hugely beneficial. Any local organisation that would like to get involved can contact the Academy on 01388 603388.

Thank You from Butterwick



Zombie Run 2019

We would like to say a huge thank you to Julie and Andrew, the owners of Dirty Dog Airsoft in Shildon, they have kindly donated their amazing venue free of charge for us to hold our Zombie Run for 2019! Andrew and Julie have been a massive help to us and we have loved working alongside them. There is still time to sign up for our Zombie Run this September. On Saturday 28th September at 11am Zombies will be invading and we are challenging you to a 5k Obstacle Course without being caught by the blood thirsty Zombies!

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Car Boot Sale

On Sunday 25th August 2019 Butterwick are holding their very own boot sale! We are welcoming anyone with a car or a van to Bishop Auckland College car park to sell any of their unwanted bits and pieces. Prices are: £5 per stall, just come along on the day and join us.

Entry into the car park for cars and vans will be from 8.30am.

For entry on the day as a buyer, prices are: £1 adult and 50p child, payable on the gate. Dogs are welcome, as long as they are kept on their lead at all times.

Doors open at 10am – 12pm. There will be food stalls on the day along with the boot sale so feel free to stick around for some dinner and chat to us! We look forward to seeing you there!

Newton Aycliffe History Lesson

PART FOUR

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.

Have you ever thought how incongruous the place-name 'Middridge' is? Middridge is nowhere near a ridge – it's at the bottom of a hill looking across a flat plain. The truth is, I don't think modern Middridge is anywhere at all near where Saxon Middridge was – I think Saxon Middridge was located a mile away near Old Towns Quarry, across the railway line from Greenfield School. That would place it, meaningfully, on the middle ridge between the higher land at School Aycliffe and Old Eldon. And in this respect the name 'Old Towns' Quarry is significant, especially when you realise that it was called 'Middridge Old Towns' in 1427.

Another medieval conundrum you may have considered is why there are no houses round St Andrew's Church, with modern Aycliffe Village located almost a quarter of a mile away – and no, it isn't because of the Plague, which is the common misconception.

Come to think of it, have you ever noticed that both Aycliffe Village and Middridge are planned settlements – Aycliffe designed as a square, Middridge as two parallel rows – both around a village green? Looking further, the 1847 Tithe Map of Middridge reveals that the two rows of houses were formed from plots of identical size – ten on Northside, nine on Southside. What circumstances could have produced such a rigid, imposed settlement pattern, away moreover from the location one would have supposed to be the natural site of the village? Who moved those villages, and why?

The answer, as you may already have guessed, is William the Conqueror ... or, to be probably more exact, the Prince Bishops who ruled Durham for him.

We all know that William conquered in England in 1066. What you may not know is that, in 1069, the people of the North-East rebelled against Norman rule. William, his entire kingdom at risk, came north in great wrath and did not cease slaughtering the people for the whole winter. Worse – in an age when you could not just pop down to Tesco's if you ran out of food – William destroyed their winter food stocks. It was in effect attempted genocide, and the Chronicles of the time paint a graphic picture of too few living to bury the dead, corpses rotting openly in the streets, people giving themselves into slavery to avoid starvation, and all the villages deserted from Durham to York.

It is my belief that, when William was done, the Prince Bishops gathered up the surviving Saxons, and incarcerated them into purpose-built settlements of rows of Nissen huts, facing onto a parade ground where they could be mustered every day. Don't tell the posh people of Middridge and Aycliffe, but their picture-perfect villages started life as Norman concentration camps.

Even a century later, in 1183, a Bishop's survey called Boldon Book reveals that the villagers of Middridge still had a life little-better-than slavery. They were 'villeins' – serfs – owned by the Bishop, forbidden to leave the village without permission, made to work the Bishop's land as well as their own, and laden with a huge burden of taxation in produce and money – 8 scotchalders of malt, and the same of meal, and the same of oats, plus 40 chalders of oat-malt, and 7½ cartloads of wood, and 30 hens and a thousand eggs ... EACH household.

Just one man in Middridge was better off than the rest, who superintended the boon-works and went on the Bishop's errands. The Victoria County History suggests that his name – spelled 'w-e-k-e' – should be pronounced 'Weakman', because he may have had a disability, but I am assured by someone who speaks Old English that a more authentic pronunciation would be 'Wakeman' ... which would suggest that he was the Saxon quisling who acted as the Bishop's enforcer, the man who woke the villagers for their morning roll-call. I think we might all at this point wish to send back through the centuries a wave of loathing for Mr Wekeman.

HSBC UK Turns on the Tap For Local Shower Manufacturer



A Durham-based shower enclosure designer and manufacturer has purchased a new site to support steady growth across export markets, after securing a £2m funding package from HSBC UK.

Roman is experiencing increased demand for products within the UK and in its export markets of Europe, the Middle East and Far East. The business previously utilised 22,000 sq ft of their currently rented facility for Corian fabrication, which encompasses 48,000 sq ft in total. The remaining 26,000 sq ft is let out to existing tenants. However, ownership of the site will provide Roman with flexible opportunities to accommodate business growth when required in the future.

David Osborne, Managing Director at Roman, said: "Roman has become a market-leading shower designer and manufacturer in the UK, and we've seen a steady increase in demand for our products both within the UK and internationally year-on-year – winning the Queens Award for International Trade

in 2017. HSBC UK has always been incredibly supportive of our business objectives, and this next step enables us to use the space we tenanted more flexibly, while also giving us an opportunity to continue to grow our operation."

Gordon Forster, Area Director, HSBC UK said: "Purchasing this site was a natural step for Roman, and we're pleased to support the business as it implements a plan for the future to meet steadily increasing demand from its existing markets as well as potential new export markets."

Roman Showers opened in 1985 selling bath screens. The company now designs and manufactures an extensive product range that covers high quality shower enclosures, wetroom panels, bath screens, shower trays and a range of shower accessories. The business already occupies 110,000 sq ft at their existing manufacturing facility and headquarters. Roman was advised by Stuart Henry, Relationship Director, HSBC UK, and Roman and HSBC UK were advised by Beth Thompson of Muckle LLP.

Dog Grooming Models Required

Lorraine Davies requires the following breeds, which will be styled into a traditional trim or "teddy bear" trim, I also require breeds for hand stripping:

Spaniel	Mini/Toy Poodle	Schnauzer
All Terriers (Westie, Scottish, Tibetan, Welsh, Wire, Border, Cairn, Airedale)		
Shih Tzu	Lhasa Apso	Poodle

Please feel free to contact my Tutor, Kate Turner for credentials authentication (katherine.turner@eastdurham.ac.uk)

Contact Lorraine on 07932 970799

Pre-Loved School Uniform Giveaway

Saturday 17th August
Town Centre Community Shop

We have a selection of Newton Aycliffe School Uniforms.
Also school trousers, skirts, PE Kits.

All uniforms are pre-loved and free.
Please come along and take whatever you need.

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(B6443 ST CUTHBERTS WAY, NEWTON AYCLIFFE)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 660 m of B6443 Newton Aycliffe between its junction with Durham Way North in a northerly direction to the Blue Bridge to enable phased carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. Phase 1 works is 500 m of carriageway between Durham Way North and the junction with Horndale Ave. Phase 2 works is 160 m of carriageway between Horndale Ave and the Blue Bridge. Alternative route during phase 1 from southern point of closure south on Durham Way North, then west on Durham Way, then south on Durham Way South, then west on Heighington Ln, then north on Spring Rd continuing onto Whinbank Rd, then east on Horndale Ave to northern point of closure, and vice versa. Alternative route during phase 2 from southern point of closure west then north on Horndale Ave, north easterly on Pease Way, east on Stephenson Way, and south on St Cuthberts Way to northern point of closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 31/8/19 between 7pm and 6am and are anticipated to be completed in 8 nights. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. Access will be maintained for emergency services.

Dated: 16th August 2019

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NAYCC - Chair's Report

The Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre Board of Trustees met at the end of last month for its AGM. The Trustees kindly asked me to continue for another year as Chair. This is what I said for my Chair's Report to the meeting:

WHENCE WE HAVE COME

"It is good perhaps to start by reflecting whence we have come. After Asset-transfer from DCC in 2017, you will remember, the Centre went through a period of difficulty. The Open Youth Club was lost under Council cuts, and for a while the finances were so straightened that we thought we might have to close. The Board, too, was hit by a number of resignations. It was in such circumstances that the current Board took over the running of the Centre.

"Since then, under the able hand of our Centre Manager Beki Metcalfe, the organisation has turned around. Finances are safe and stable (whilst not yet 'flush'), we have some long-term bookings and loyal 'returner' users, we have managed to start a Youth Club (albeit smaller than that run by DCC) which is looking successful, and we have opened discussions with the police for a Friday-night Youth Club to take young people off the streets.

Football is now double what it was two years ago.

I must particularly praise the Board, also, for their loyalty and reliability; we now have a Board which is stable and friendly, and which is fulfilling its proper function to act as a wise overseer of the Centre's activities.

SETBACKS

"Having said that, the Centre has suffered some significant setbacks in the past three months.

"Most damaging has been the setting-up by a squatter in our garden, which has damaged our business plan, constrained our user-offer, and created a safeguarding problem for those user-groups which help children or vulnerable people. Even though he has now left our garden, we are left with the cost and disruption of cleaning up (notably dealing with the dog-dirt/toxicara). I cannot thank our users enough for their patience and loyalty during this time.

"Recently, also, we have seen our omnipresent volunteer Vince Crosby retire; we have had our application for funding for the kitchen refurbishment rejected; we have found that the potential funding stream for the suggested Friday night youth club is not all we had hoped; and – particularly distressingly – our Partners have had their application for funding for the continuation

of the current Wednesday night Youth Club rejected (which, unless we find an alternative funding source, will mean that it will come to an end).

SETBACKS - OVERCOME

"At one time, setbacks such as these might have caused the Centre to stumble. It speaks volumes as to how far we have come in the past 18 months – to the harmony of the Board and the calibre of the Centre Manager – that in fact we have barely been harmed or diverted at all. Public goodwill, also has been remarkable, and a letter in the Newton News seems to have set people's minds at ease.

THE FUTURE

"So the next year must be about not allowing these setbacks to affect our progress. We will restore the garden to use, and seek alternative funding for the Youth Club meetings and the kitchen. We already have a wonderful additional volunteer, and hope to strengthen membership of the Board.

"Looking at the projections, whilst we can never take anything for granted, the future looks hopeful, even bright, and we have a secure financial and organisational base on which we can try to build."

John D Clare
(Chair, NAYCC)

First Military Double Amputee to Climb Kilimanjaro Unaided

James Rose, 31 from Middlesbrough, an Afghan War Veteran and Invictus Games athlete, is aiming to be the first unaided military double amputee to climb to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. The funds raised will support Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion. The campaign is being backed by actor Brian Blessed, as well as numerous GB athletes.

"I want to give hope to other veterans and amputees and show them just how much their contribution means"

James is aiming to raise £30,000 to help achieve his goal of reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Joining the army in January 2008, James was posted to Afghanistan the following year. On patrol in November 2009, James heard a pressure plate (IED) click and he knew in a split second that his life was going to change. The results were devastating, a broken pelvis and tail bone and worse of all, the loss of both legs above the knee.

"As reality hit home, I became extremely frustrated. Would I be able to walk again with prosthetics? Would I need a wheelchair for the rest of my life? At the heart of this was my love for football, which I knew I could never play again. This led to depression and anxiety, and I'm very grateful for my family's support in this. I was determined not to be beaten by the injuries sustained defending my country and decided to pursue my passion for fitness that I had prior to



my injury".

James set himself many challenges, firstly rowing with a static chair, which gave him a new lease of life and pushed him to try and become a Para Rower. He achieved this feat in January 2014 and is now training with the Team GB Development team. In 2017, James conquered another challenge, cycling 65 miles with a hand cycle, for which he was awarded the "Local Hero Award for Courage", in the Local Heroes Awards, a celebration of grassroots sport in the North East.

In 2018, James applied for the prestigious Invictus Games, and was selected to represent Team GB in Wheelchair Basketball and Sitting Volleyball in Sydney, securing Silver and Bronze medals. As a result of this success, James is now a full-time basketball player and trains every week.

During the Games, James met former RAF Corporal, Darren Young who suffers

from a spine, shoulder injury as well as dealing with depression, and both decided to set themselves their next challenge: Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Darren Young said "we're both incredibly grateful for the support we've received so far having raised £4,422 of our £30,000 target. Sport challenges and the training involved have not only helped keep me fit physically, but also mentally, allowing me to gain confidence and help deal with depression and anxiety. Our team of five have dealt with / currently dealing with PTSD, anxiety and depression – those who have left the military/RAF and our loved ones who have been there to support us and also been affected. This is the next big challenge, and we couldn't do it without the generous donations made on our JustGiving page. Through this, we hope to raise awareness of mental health issues, and support two fantastic causes, Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion".

Their campaign is also being backed by actor, Brian Blessed as well as a host of professional and Olympic athletes, including boxer Antony Ogogo and GB gymnast Craig Heap.

Acorn Community Association

On behalf of ACORN Community Association, I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who stopped by to say hello at the recent community pop up shop in the town centre. Can I also give big thanks to the town centre management team for allowing us to use one of their shop units. This event allowed our group to meet many people who weren't aware of the services we provide in Newton Aycliffe including coach trips, events and information sign posting.

Our next trip is to South Shields on Saturday 24th August and we still have a few seats available on a first come basis at only £5 per seat. We are also planning a trip to the Pickering 1940s weekend on Saturday 12th October.

ACORN's junior group little ACORNS are busily organising our annual family Halloween party to be held in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on the evening of 26th October, early details feature disco by Professor Nincompoo, fun and games, free raffle and buffet; entry £1.

ACORN consists of four parts Woodham Burn Neighbourhood Watch, ACORN Residents Association which investigates local issues, little ACORNS our junior section which involves children in our community and of course our charity arm Acorn Community Association which supports our events and trips.

If you think our group may be something your family may be interested in or if you would like to join us in our activities, please contact us on 01325 321471.

Ken Robson, Chair

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Opportunity to Learn About Reducing Waste in the Workplace

A one day training course is being delivered later this month with the aim of helping local businesses reduce waste in the workplace.

Foundation level WasteSmart, delivered through CIWM approved trainer Sharon Lashley from Enviro UK Consultants, has been designed to help employees consider resources and waste in everything they do in order to have a positive impact on their business, including:

- Improving resource use
- Cutting waste
- Complying with waste regulations
- Demonstrating commitment to improved environmental performance
- Saving money - as well as the planet

In today's challenging environment, where waste management legislation can drive many business decisions, the opportunity to help businesses improve their green credentials and become more sustainable is in big demand. The course is suitable for anyone new to waste or who wants to learn about what is waste and how

it affects running a business, giving an understanding of:

- Waste as a resource
- The Environmental impact of waste
- The cost effectiveness of managing waste efficiently
- Understanding and applying the waste hierarchy
- Legislation and ensuring compliance

The one day Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) Foundation Level WasteSmart course is being delivered at The Work Place on Thursday 22 August 2019. Available at a special offer price of only £225, this includes certification valid for 3 years upon completion. For more information visit www.enviroukconsultants.co.uk/training/ or contact Julie Turnbull at The Work Place (01325 375989).



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Whatever the reason, let us know who they are!

If you'd like to nominate a family for a HUGE surprise please visit www.itv.com/beontv and click on the SATURDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY icon!

Any person nominating who is aged under 18 must arrange for a parent/guardian to complete their nomination on their behalf. The prize is being nominated/selected by agent at least 2 weeks in advance. Any nomination must be received by 11.59pm on the day of the draw. Any nomination must be received by 11.59pm on the day of the draw. Any nomination must be received by 11.59pm on the day of the draw. Any nomination must be received by 11.59pm on the day of the draw.

16-17 Saver Launched Empty Homes Council Tax Consultation Launched

• Half price 16-17 Saver launching next week for 1.2 million 16 and 17 year olds;
• Young people set to make average savings of £186 every year;
• Railcards boost education opportunities and help communities and businesses by making travel cheaper for young people.

This week the Department for Transport, together with the rail industry, has confirmed the brand new 16-17 Saver will launch next week, guaranteeing half-price travel for young people in England and Wales.

Whether starting or returning to sixth-form or college, beginning an apprenticeship or entering the world of work, teenagers can start buying their discounted tickets on Monday 2nd September.

It is forecast to save young people and their families an average of £186 every year and is set to boost education opportunities, communities and businesses with young people able to travel more affordably.

The launch comes as the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) confirmed that over 327,000 people are now saving a third off their journeys after purchasing the 26-30

Railcard, saving an average of £19 per month since it launched in January.

The announcement means that passengers aged between 16 and 30 will now benefit from significant savings on their travel.

Available for purchase for £30 online at www.16-17saver.co.uk, the 16-17 Saver will be on sale at 9am on Tuesday 20 August. From this date, up to 1.2 million young people are eligible for the 50% discount it offers on most rail travel, including peak and Season tickets.

The new Saver means that young people are now eligible for a child fare until their 18th birthday. It is valid across England, Wales and services into Scotland.

The root and branch review of the rail industry, led by Keith Williams, is looking at fares reform and affordability for passengers. It is intending to publish recommendations by the end of this year, with the anticipation that reforms will begin during 2020.

January 2020 will be the seventh year running the Government will have capped fares in line with inflation. Since 2014 fares have, on average, remained below the annual inflation cap.

Changes to council tax charges in County Durham are being considered as a way of helping to bring long-term empty homes back into use.

Durham County Council is asking residents for their views on proposals to revise its policy on council tax charges for long-term empty properties, as part of its work to improve housing and tackle homelessness.

At present, a council tax premium of 50 per cent is charged on long-term empty properties, which is the term used to describe homes that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for more than two years.

However, the council is consulting over potential increases to the premium for properties that have been empty between two and five years to a maximum of 100 per cent. This is in line with new national government guidelines. It is also

considering a potential premium of up to 200 per cent for properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for more than five years.

The premium is designed to provide a financial disincentive for absent landlords to retain long-term empty properties. It also aims to encourage the owners to either sell or rent these properties to help meet housing needs.

The introduction in April 2013 of the 50 per cent premium for properties empty for more than two years, saw the number of empty properties in this category fall by 33 per cent in the succeeding six months.

Cllr Alan Napier, Deputy Leader of Durham County Council and Cabinet member for resources, said: "The government has provided legislation to help deal with long-term empty properties. The policy is designed to motivate owners to bring these homes back into use, which will boost the supply of affordable properties

available to rent in the county.

"However, it is important that we seek views on the potential impact of the changes. The feedback we receive during the consultation will be fully considered when making final decisions on the empty property premium." Cllr Kevin Shaw, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "This consultation links in very closely with our new housing and homelessness strategies by meeting one of our key aims and objectives, which is to tackle the number of long-term empty properties and bring them back into use

"By doing so we not only increase the available supply of accommodation for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, but we will also improve our communities to the benefit of us all."

The consultation runs until Sunday, 6 October. To take part, visit www.durham.gov.uk/consultation.

Success for Spectrum Skaters



Nine skaters from Spectrum Roller Skating Club took tests last weekend at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. Passing Basic Skills Grade 6 was Andrea Vasey, Katie Bowden, Maddison Longstaff-Jones, Matthew Bowden, Evie Metcalfe, Lucy Owen and Ella Newson.

Two skaters passed their Elementary Figures and Free Skating tests, they were Kam Comerford and Aysha Toms.

Aysha also took part in The National Novice Competition at Kettering along with Andrea Vasey. Andrea came 17th in dance and Aysha placed 5th in Figures, 11th in Free, 11th in Dance and 5th in Freedance.

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10-12pm Saturday Brunch Sean Lawless
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
12-1.30pm Sports Round Up (R) Darren & Lee
2-4pm Bear Blues Show Colin McNeillie
4-6pm Folk/Celtic/Rock Show Steve & Col
6-7.30pm 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

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-7.30pm Sports Round UP Darren & Lee
• 20th August - **Dan Hallady & Brett Lambert** (Tri Club)
7.30-9.30pm 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

5-6.30pm Community Connect Amy & Carrie
6.30-8pm 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
6-7.30pm MasterPieces (R) Sean Lawless
8-10pm BeatRoute Graeme Rootie

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**
• 23rd Aug - **Pauly Mac** (from Australia) 80s Rare Vinyl

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COUNTY DURHAM RECYCLERS REMINDED NOT TO USE BAGS

Residents are being reminded not to place items inside bags when filling their recycling bins and boxes.

Stickers were attached to all recycling wheelie bins in County Durham, advising households that bags – such as black bin liners, bags for life and carrier bags – should not be included.

It is part of Durham County Council's Recycling Matters campaign, which aims to reduce contamination by educating residents about what can and cannot be recycled.

Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of environment, said: "We'd like to thank everyone for recycling but also remind residents that it's important to only place clean, loose items into their bins."

"Residents may think they are helping us by putting their recycling in black

bin liners and bags first, but the reality is that if we can't see what's inside, they can't see it at the recycling plant either, and in some instances, it might be a bag of rubbish.

"With large volumes of materials sent for recycling daily, it is not always possible to open the bags to see what's inside, and even when it is, extra staff have to be deployed to do it, which costs money. What we need are clean, loose items as these are easily sorted"

Recycling properly not only helps the environment -with every recycled can saving enough energy to run a television for four hours – but it is also cost effective. In fact, it costs the council five times more to dispose of general household waste than recycling. This means that by recycling properly,



with clean loose, non-bagged items, residents can ensure maximum environmental benefit at the lowest costs to the council.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "In County Durham, we currently reuse, recycle and compost about 44 per cent of

all household waste.

"We're really grateful to the people of County Durham for doing such a good job but we need to remind people how important it is to place recyclable items into the recycling bin loose, after giving them a quick wash and squash."

Residents are encouraged to place plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles in their blue bins, along with cans, aerosols, foil, paper and cardboard. Glass bottles and jars should go into the recycling box, and all objects should be clean and dry. If a resident has excess recycling that cannot fit in their blue lidded bin, even when the contents are squashed, the extra items should be placed in a clear plastic bag next to the recycling bin.

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Cree Welcomes 'Men Who Care' to Greenfield

The Greenfield Arts Men's Cree group were delighted to welcome visitors from East Lancaster recently and enjoy the opportunity to share experiences through the vehicle of Greenfield's latest exhibition 'Man-Made', created in collaboration with artist Richard Bliss.

'The Men Who Care' from East Lancaster were invited to Greenfield Arts to see the exhibition 'Man-Made' which featured work they had created exploring their daily experiences as men who care for others. The visit allowed 'Men Who Care' and Greenfield Arts Men's Cree to work with artists William Titley and Richard Bliss, explore and discuss their ideas about masculinity and share their experiences of using arts to express important ideas that matter to them.

Katy Milne, Director of Creativity at Greenfield Arts, was delighted that with support from Lubaina Himid (Turner Prize Winner 2017) and artists Richard Bliss and William Titley, we were able to facilitate this get-together. "Men from two different areas, one in the north east and one in the north west were able to come together, engage in meaningful discussion and share in respect for each others achievements. We are thrilled to have collaborated with artist Richard Bliss who has produced this exhibition as it opens up important discussion about gender stereotypes and the changing nature of masculinity helping us think about new ways of being and about kindness."

The Men's Cree continues to meet Mondays 10:30 – 12:30 and get involved in a range of projects and activity.

The Greenfield Gallery is open from 10:00 – 21:00 Monday – Thursday and Fridays 10:00 – 16:00, please contact our friendly team at Greenfield Arts for more information on 01325 379048 or email greenfield-arts@co.uk



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£500 - Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute.

Special thank you to all donors and customers.

Monitor Your Ash Trees

Since its confirmation in the UK in 2012, Ash Dieback has been rapidly spreading across the country. Earlier this year it was confirmed in Aycliffe and many ash trees are now showing typical signs of the disease.

The disease, which is spread by infectious fungal spores affects the entire tree and results in rapid die back and likely death of the affected tree.

As a parish, Aycliffe has a higher percentage of mature ash compared to many areas of the UK and so is likely to be affected greater than most.

Current national guidance suggests that there is little that can be done to halt the natural spread of Ash Dieback and the best course of action for land owners is to monitor their ash tree stocks to ensure that the trees remain safe to the public; effectively managing a staged decline of any affected trees.

Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to reassure residents that they are taking this problem seriously. They are in the process of mapping substantial mature ash trees within their ownership in prominent locations, so that the safety of the trees can be monitored and appropriate actions taken when required.

In addition, the Town Council will replace any tree that is required to be felled with a minimum of three more appropriate tree species that will not be affected by the Ash Dieback.

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Norman will be performing alongside, 'Lost Voice Guy' AKA Lee Ridley winner of 'Britain's got Talent' and star and co-writer of the Radio 4 comedy series 'Ability'. Also Appearing will be Kate Fox the hilarious stand-up poet who has been compared

with the late Victoria Wood and regularly appears on the BBC.

The event takes place on Wednesday, 18 September 2019 from 7.30pm at The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe and is hosted by Crispin Flintoff. Tickets can be bought from behind the bar at The Big Club, or on line at <https://www.standupforlabour.co.uk/>

Hurry! Don't be a 'Smeg-Head' and miss out on seeing one of the great 'Red Dwarf' gang in person! There are only a few tickets left! Kathy Beetham Sedgfield CLP

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Police Help Lost Walkers



A young mother has praised the police and the Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue Team (TWSMRT) for coming to her aid after a forest walk went wrong.

Jess Tinsley, 24, had gone on a walk in Hamsterley Forest with her partner, Kieran Parkinson and friend Dan Curry, after work at about 7.00pm on 11th August.

The trio, from Newton Aycliffe, had never been to the forest before but decided to follow one of the marked trails. However, after two hours, Ms Tinsley said the group started to become concerned that they had not come to the end of the trail and they had lost phone signal.

After another hour, the group found a map telling them they were in fact on a 12-mile route but without knowing which section they were on and with the weather turning, they decided to call 101 and ask for help.

Coming to an opening, the group luckily picked up some phone signal and managed to make the call to the police on 101.

A call handler quickly identified the need for the free What3words app, which has divided the world into three metre squares, each with a unique three word code to give people a simple way of referring to a specific location.

Ms Tinsley said she had never heard of the app but was relieved when she was able to give the call handler the words kicked, converged and soccer, and told help was on the way.

The group sat tight as members of TWSMRT were dispatched and raced to their exact location deep within the forest.

The team, who are all volunteers, were able to use the What3word codes on their own GPS system.

Both services also used texts and phone calls to reassure the trio and keep them updated.

Ms Tinsley said she had never been so happy to see the mountain rescue team and warm up in their Land Rover, all within 90 minutes of her first making the call to the

police.

The home care worker said: "I was so happy. When the call handler first told us to download the app I thought they were crazy but as soon as it was it only took a minute for them to pinpoint our location."

"I will never forget those three words and can't thank the police and mountain rescue team enough – they could not have been more hands on and helpful. They were absolutely brilliant."

Pete Bell, of TWSMRT, said: "We were able to check the What3words code against our system and send them a text which, once opened, gives us a reference in our mapping which was bang on."

"We were really happy with the result which was very effective and thankfully everyone was well, albeit a bit cold. They were lucky to have had phone signal as it's normally really bad in the forest."

Ms Tinsley, who was reunited with her daughter, Emmie, has already recommended the app to friends and family.

Bishop Auckland Neighbourhood Inspector, Andy Reeves, also praised the quick actions of the call handler and the mountain rescue team said: "The mountain rescue service are an invaluable service and using the What3words app has saved crucial time and resources in locating the walkers. I would encourage everyone to download the app as you never know when you might need it."

Find it in the app store or for more information visit what3words.com

Photo: From left, Kieran Parkinson, Jess Tinsley and Dan Curry.

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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.

ACORN from Neighbourhood Watch to Community Charity

ACORN Residents Association was formed in late 2011 from the members of Woodham Burn Neighbourhood Watch group. Encouraged and supported by members of the livin Communities Team ACORN Residents Association

swiftly became a very successful organisation, dealing with local problems such as parking issues, dog fouling and potholes.

ACORN Residents have led many campaigns over the years, many supported by the Newton News and GARA, from parking issues, representing residents in a battle to have our bins collected. Bringing our Police station back into the town centre, saving the fireworks display and several other campaigns together in conjunction with my late friend Syd Howarth such as delivering a speech to DCC members in County Hall decrying the removal of streetlights from the Great North Road. ACORN together with GARA have been instrumental in the setting up and supporting of other community groups in Newton Aycliffe which has added to the community spirit of our town. ACORN is a fully inclusive fun group dedicated to having a fun time whilst improving our community with many members taking part in projects such as our flower tub initiative, replacing tyre scarred roadside grass verges with beautiful floral arrangements.

The Big Lottery Fund "Awards for all" has, over many years, been a fantastic supporter of our group granting funding allowing us to put on a core of activities including an Easter Egg Hunt for our junior section Little Acorns and the Petting Zoo which has become an annual town event attracting up to a thousand visitors. Our group have also organised Summer Fun Days on a local green, Family Halloween Parties with food and Disco, Christmas visits to a local animal farm and finally annual visits for 70 people to Durham Gala Theatre for a Panto. ACORN have also organised low cost coach trips to various venues from Bamburgh in Northumberland to South Lakes Zoo in Cumbria. Inevitably ACORN have become a very successful group and because the law demands that groups with an income of over £5k must register as a charity we have also formed the community charity:



"ACORN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWTON AYCLIFFE"

The charity will be taking over responsibility for the events and outings whilst the residents association will continue as a campaigning and lobbying group. As an organisation ACORN and in extension Newton Aycliffe have much to thank current and former committee members and trustees for their commitment to providing support to enable so many different activities and experiences for the community.

ACORN Community Association Newton Aycliffe hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month, beginning with a meeting of the Junior group Little Acorns at 5.30pm who decide which activities they would like to participate in such as a visit to Darlington Football Club, Croft Circuit and Lightwater Valley.

This meeting is followed by a meeting of the charity arm at 6.00pm which organises outings and events and includes visits from interesting and informative speakers. We then take a break for a cuppa and to socialise, which affect our residents, following the break we hold a meeting of the residents' association with town and county councillors present to deal with local issues.

STUDENT SUCCESS AT UTC

Noussayba Alhasan, a UTC South Durham 6th Form student and Syrian refugee has just completed her A Levels to go to University to study a pharmacy degree. Noussayba and her family moved to Newton Aycliffe three years ago not being able to speak English and now she has successfully studied A Level Maths, Chemistry, Physics and GCSE Maths to pursue her ambition of becoming a Pharmacist.

Noussayba and her family were relocated to Newton Aycliffe in January 2016 from Syria, after going through a challenging United Nations programme to be granted access and asylum to the UK. Noussayba has applied and has been accepted into three Universities but her first choice is Bradford University. Noussayba said, 'I have worked for 2 and a half years at the UTC not only studying my A Levels but also learning English as a second language to achieve my ambition. When I came here people said that I should learn English before I completed my A Levels but knowing that it would be hard I decided to do both at the same time. The UTC have supported my journey so much and I am so grateful for all of their support'.

UTC South Durham has



supported Noussayba to give her the best chance of success for her future career. The UTC was not only able to provide the academic qualification of her A Levels to achieve this but the 6th Form was able to support her development personally and socially to overcome moving to a new country, help her learn the English language and nurture her to support her dreams.

Tom Dower, Principal of UTC South Durham, said 'It has been an absolute privilege to support and work with Noussayba to help her develop. We are all extremely proud of her achievements and we can't wait to have her return from University to continue to inspire other young people with her story

and demonstrating that if you have the right work ethic you can achieve your ambitions regardless of your situation.'

UTC South Durham is based in Aycliffe Business Park and opened in September 2016 founded by regional employers, Hitachi Rail EU and Gestamp Tallent in collaboration with University of Sunderland.

Applications for year 10 and year 12 studies for a specialist engineering and technical education at UTC are currently open. The next Open Evenings are taking place on the 10th and 17th October 2019 and booking is available on the UTC South Durham website: www.utcsouthdurham.org. For additional information call 01325 430 250.

Sisters Highlight The Importance Of Staying Together

Two County Durham teenagers are encouraging potential foster carers to consider offering brothers and sisters a loving family home together.

Sisters Amber and Chloe were just 15 and 16 when they were taken into care. Two years on, they are sharing their story, highlighting the importance of keeping brothers and sisters

together, and urging carers to offer other brothers and sisters the same opportunity that meant so much to them.

"When they told us we were going into care, they said we were going to have to be split up because nobody was able to take two teenage girls together but I just told them there was no way that could happen, we had to stay together," said younger sister Amber.

Durham County Council's fostering team worked hard to find a foster carer who was willing and able to take in two teenage girls. Finding a suitable family meant the world to the sisters.

Amber explained: "When we were first taken to our foster carers' home we were so nervous about everything. I could hardly eat... Chloe was coming to me crying - we could cry together."

Chloe added: "We were just taken to a house to stay with strangers. We'd never met them and we didn't know what was happening. Having my sister there meant we could help each other through it. I couldn't really have coped without my sister. I still can't, it's so much better being together."

The girls stayed with their foster family for a year and a half, experiencing family life

together.

Amber said: "We got used to things, our foster carers helped us learn to cope and tried really hard to include us in family life. We'd never eaten together round a table when we lived at home or been on a holiday - they took us to the Lake District which was so much fun, camping out and having more relaxed time as a family - we both loved that."

When Chloe turned 18, the girls moved into a supported lodgings placement after special permission was granted for Amber to stay with Chloe. Ann, who they live with, provides board and lodgings alongside support to prepare the girls for independence.

Durham County Council's strategic manager for looked after children, Karen Robb, said: "It can be very hard to find foster carers who are willing to take brothers and sisters, especially when they are teenagers, but when you hear from girls like Chloe and Amber, it brings home why it is so important for us to keep brothers and sisters together whenever we can."

"While having two or more brothers and sisters may seem like harder work, in reality, the children are often a support for each other.



When children have lived through traumatic or difficult situations at home, they often develop such a strong bond - it's a survival mechanism.

"Being able to stay with the brothers and sisters you love and trust can be of enormous value to a child, helping them to cope and adjust to what can be an exceptionally difficult time in their lives."

The council's fostering team holds regular drop-in information events for people who are thinking about fostering. It gives the opportunity to ask any questions over a cup of coffee, meet current foster carers and find out more about fostering. You can also call the council's fostering team on 03000 269 400 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/fostering to find out more.

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Scarlet Takes a Brave 7th at Rowrah



School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn took a brave 7th place at Rowrah last weekend. She was racing with injuries sustained in a fall on the Saturday and competed despite being in a lot of pain. She did a brilliant job to firstly qualify in 5th place. Then through the heats she finished 9th & 6th & finished 11th in the final, giving her an overall position of 7th for the day. "She was a real warrior" said Mam Amanda. "All of us at Amaron racing are very proud of her for even competing". It was also one of the most competitive fields she has competed against to date with 20 of some of the Country's fastest Bambino drivers on track due to a National Championship meeting coming up.

Scarlet also took another step-up in the sport at the weekend with her first run on slick tyres and a more powerful IAME class engine. She took to the extra grip and power very naturally and was mixing with the front runners on the track after only a few laps! The class is good preparation for her hopes to move up to the 200cc Honda Cadet class next year where Amaron will be looking to obtain a front running kart. Scarlet next competes at Rowrah in September but will be looking to get some more practice in beforehand at local circuit Teesside. For more information on Scarlet or to support her racing as a sponsor visit www.ScarletDunnRacing.com

RUGBY UPDATE

Newton Aycliffe RUFC challenge Durham Tigers RLFC to a unique cross code match at Moore Lane.

As the Rugby League season closes to its conclusion the Rugby Union Season starts in a few weeks time. The unique fixture has been organised as a preseason friendly for Aycliffe with a view to test the skills of both squads. It is hoped that the League players will be enticed to switch codes for the coming season. Over the past few years it has become a partnership of sorts as players from the Tigers have enjoyed the code switch with Aycliffe and allowed these players to play virtually all year round.

Aycliffe are in the process of rebuilding a team to emulate the successes of three seasons ago. Training has increased its intensity to Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Club Coaches Bob Malvern and Chris Richards have seen a steady progress in preparation for the coming season.

However they will welcome any new player to join the club. Whether the players are experienced or not. As long as they are male, over 17 and reasonably fit. The training is an integral part of being a club member and is encouraged right through the season.

The match takes place on 24th August at Moore Lane KO 2.30pm.

The first half will be played Rugby League code, and then switched to Rugby Union for the second half. It's going to make interesting viewing for any Rugby fans out there who would be most welcome to watch the match.

If anybody would like to join Newton Aycliffe RUFC as a player please turn up for training at 7.00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays or 11.00am Saturdays. Volunteers are also welcome to the club male or female. Aycliffe rugby appreciates all supporters.

Any queries please contact Director of Rugby Peter Ryans 07796 172599

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are delighted that coach Alex Paterson has been recognised for her outstanding services to local cricket when she won the Young Volunteer of the Year Award (in the 14 to 18 years of age group) at the recent Durham Cricket Awards Ceremony. Adam Gittins (Junior Development Officer), who nominated 17 year old Alex said that "she has greatly helped in several different aspects of ongoing cricket activities this season, including coaching, scoring and organising events". He added that "she is an excellent role model and the



youngsters look up to her and enjoy the sessions that she runs".

As part of the continuing strategy to encourage girls to play cricket, the club are running girls only cricket sessions at the Sports Club in the age group from 6 to 11 years. These sessions run on Fridays throughout August from 5pm to 6pm at a cost of only £2 per week.

On the playing field, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store got back to winning ways with an excellent 62 run victory, securing a seasonal double away at Norton first team in the NYSD 2nd division. On a blustery day, Aycliffe were asked to bat first and got off to a slow start and were clearly struggling at 27 for 3, despite a solid innings of 16 by opener Chris Palmer. Captain Sam

Telford (sponsored by Utility Warehouse) then came to the crease and gave his side genuine momentum with a superb innings of 61 from 59 balls. He was supported well by Michael Howe (32 from 45 balls) and Jack Slatcher (13 from 24 balls) as Aycliffe batted out their allotted 50 overs to finish on a respectable 167 for 9. In reply the home side were again blown away by some outstanding bowling from Jack Slatcher (4 for 47), Michael Howe (3 for 35) and Patrick Howe (2 for 9) as Aycliffe dismissed Norton for 105 after 36.1 overs.

Photo: of Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's Alex Paterson with her OSCA trophy. Also in photo Adam Gittins (NACC Junior Development Officer), Lee Weldon (NACC Secretary) and a couple of young All Stars cricketers.

Bronze for Cameron



A Bronze medal for Cameron Harrop representing England in the junior world MMA Under 18's championship's in Rome. Cameron was selected from a number of clubs associated with MMA fighting throughout Great Britain and represent his country at 61 KG in Rome on the 3rd of August.

He fought a number of hard fights against Ireland, Bulgaria & Germany and was finally defeated by an American but succeeded in winning the Bronze medal for his country.

Cameron started his fighting career at Viper MMA on the Aycliffe Business Park, but then moved on to SBG Bishop Auckland UFC fighter David Grant. He is well known for his dedication to the sport and has trained hard over the past 3 years to attain his present status in the sport.

Whilst Cameron has a manager he personally would like to thank the various companies who sponsored him to make this trip possible, he also thanks everyone who wished him well in his endeavours. MMA (mixed martial arts) is a combination of fighting skills and is better known as cage fighting, and to qualify for a bronze medal in the Junior World Championships, is a rewarding achievement to any 16 year old. Well done Cam and all the best in the future.

HARRISON STEPS UP AT ROWRAH



Aycliffe's budding boy racer, 5 year old Harrison Dunn showed he wasn't phased by anything this weekend as he drove at Rowrah in Cumbria for the first time. Sporting a new livery on his Amaron Racing Birel Bambino kart, Harrison improved his pace with every session even with a large number of very fast drivers on circuit. "He did absolutely brilliantly" said Dad Anthony. "He's getting faster with every session and the fact that he wasn't slightly put off by a lot of other faster karts on circuit was amazing!". He will be testing at Teesside

later this month and again at Rowrah in September. For more information visit HarrisonDunnRacing.com

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Local Artist Making Links with St John's College

The chance to commission Tonya Mitchell, a local heritage artist, was auctioned at a charity auction in aid of the Edith Jackson Trust. Whoever was the highest bidder could have any local landscape painted in oil. Tonya says, "it was great having the opportunity to support a charity who builds schools abroad, as I was an English teacher and understand the importance of education in changing young people's lives." The painting, which was a unique perspective of the Bailey in Durham City

incorporating buildings from St John's College, was completed and handed over to the winner, Dr Plymington, warden of Cranmer Hall St Johns Durham. He and the college loved it so much that they requested 250 cards of the image to be given to guests who visit the college and a stock to sell to anyone

who might want a card to commemorate their time in the college. The cards were delivered Tuesday morning, Dr Plymington commented: "This picture captures beautifully what is so special about St John's College and Cranmer Hall – a collection of buildings

in a unique position which have been home to a learning community for over 100 years. At the heart of the picture is the College Chapel where we continue to worship and pray for the life of our college within Durham University. Tonya is to be congratulated for a wonderful picture which repays closer examination". Tonya is thrilled that the college liked the painting so much and continues to produce work of the area she calls home.

Tonya Mitchell is a local heritage landscape artist who works in oil. Her paintings have been exhibited throughout the region. More information can be found at www.tonyamitchell.co.uk. Interviews can be organised by contacting her direct on 07931 743875 or email: tonyamitchell116@gmail.com.

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Speedy Referrals Vital for Dementia Wellbeing

New research from Healthwatch County Durham reveals that a speedy diagnosis, and being able to access specialist support quickly, makes a great difference to the wellbeing of people with dementia and their families.

A new report from the organisation, which speaks up for all those who use health and social care, also highlights how health professionals could improve how they signpost to the wealth of dementia support groups in the county. The Healthwatch report - published to coincide with Dementia Action Week 2019

- is based on feedback from people with direct experience of local dementia services. Fifty surveys with people with dementia were completed online or face-to-face as part of the research and the majority of the respondents (80%) were happy with the support they received. However, around a quarter (24%) said they did not feel supported by their GP. Nearly all the people with dementia who took part in the research had been referred by their GP to other services but for almost half (45%) these referrals took longer than four weeks, which they said made

their dementia journey more difficult.

The experience of one carer - "Dave" - is highlighted in the report to demonstrate how local independent support groups and services are helping people with dementia to live well. However, "Dave", like many others Healthwatch spoke to, discovered these on the recommendation of friends and family, because professionals had not signposted him to them. Based on all the first-hand experiences received, the report concludes the speed of diagnosis and referrals can make a huge difference to the lives of people with dementia and those around them.

Neil Jarvis, strategic commissioning manager for adult and health services at Durham County Council, and chair of the Dementia Strategy Implementation Group, welcomed the Healthwatch report. He said: "We have made dementia one of our priorities so having good feedback on that is great for us. "Clearly the main issue to come out of this for future work is the need for speedy referral into support services and the role of the NHS in that process. Though we have done quite a lot of work on that already we definitely need to

make sure we keep the focus on it in future as a priority.

"As we move to integrated commissioning with the NHS it can only help with knitting services together and making sure the whole system works for people."

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DARCY WINS PLACE AT PRESTIGIOUS LONDON STAGE SCHOOL

A 16-year-old student from Newton Aycliffe has a lot to celebrate after securing a place at a prestigious full-time drama school in London.

Darcy Kent, who completed her GCSEs at Woodham Academy School this summer, will be taking up a place at The Pauline Quirke Full-Time Academy for the Performing Arts in London in September after wowing judges at her audition earlier this year.

Pauline Quirke, who is best known for her role as Sharon in the hit BBC sitcom Birds of a Feather, opened the school last September in response to high demand for further training from parents and students who attend the 175 PQA core academies, which are weekend performing arts schools across the UK, attended by over 15,000 children. The first class of students at the school that joined in September 2018 are currently performing at PQA Venues at Riddle's Court as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.



The full-time school offers 16-19-year-olds the opportunity to study performing arts for two years, at the end of which they will receive a OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (a Level 3 qualification), the equivalent to three A Levels.*

Talking about starting at The Pauline Quirke Full-Time Academy for the Performing Arts in September, Darcy, who is also a student at Pauline Quirke weekend academy in Durham, said: "I am super excited about joining the full-time drama school in London and I feel extremely lucky to be chosen and given this amazing opportunity. I can't wait to work with people that have similar interests and mindsets to me. It's a dream come true and I can't wait to see what the future may hold." When it comes to life after The Pauline Quirke Full-Time Academy, Darcy said: "I would really like to perform in the West End or even Broadway, but I would also really like to be in films and television series but ultimately theatre is my passion."

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Pauline's team has completely renovated the building, which now has a fully equipped in-house theatre and several large, high spec studio spaces. Many of the teachers at the school have all performed in hugely successful West End shows; one of the dance and musical teachers at the school is Bree Smith, currently in Book of Mormon in the West End.

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Obituary

Malcolm Daglish Newton Aycliffe

5th August, at home. Malcolm, aged 68 years. A dearly loved Dad, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa and Brother.

Funeral on Tuesday 20th August. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 1.30pm. Floral tributes, if so desired, will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600.

Christopher Szikora 8th August

Peacefully. Chris, aged 52 years of Newton Aycliffe. Loving Dad of Kyle and Joel; much loved Fiancé of Annmarie; Step Dad of Chelsea, Chloe and Nicole; also a treasured Grandad of Ella, Christopher and Ava.

Funeral to be held on Friday 23rd August. Would family and friends please meet at 8.45am for a Service at St. Mary's R.C. Church, prior to private family cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be made at the reception.

Catherine Gallagher (Cathie)

of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on 10th August at Redworth House Care Home, aged 84 years.

Loving Wife of Jim for 63 years; loving Mother of Jim (Rory), Elaine and Iain.

Good Luck

Kayleigh Atkinson



Good Luck

To Kayleigh for the upcoming International Pageant in Orlando, after winning Mrs Galaxy UK in March this year. We are all proud of you for your various charity work, raising thousands, and a true inspiration in your body confidence programme. Lots of love, Liam, Family, Friends and all the pageant girls.

Peter Smith Newton Aycliffe

9th August, peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family. Peter, aged 83 years.

Beloved Husband to Sheila; a dearly loved Father, Grandpa, Great-Grandpa, Brother and Brother-in-Law. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Funeral on Monday 19th August. Would friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 3.30pm.

Catherine Mitchell

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 5th August, aged 91 years. A much loved Mum, Granny and Great Granny. Family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Friday 23rd August for 3.30pm.

No flowers, by request, donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Stroke Association.

In Memoriam

Audrey Whittleton

In loving memory of Audrey, who passed away on 17th August 2018. Sadly missed by all. Love, Rich, Debbie and family xx

Audrey Whittleton 17th August 2018

It's been a year since you passed away, you are in my thoughts every day. Sadly missed and loved by your Sister Anne and Brother-in-Law John

Shaun Harper 13th August 2010

Sad time of the year, in my thoughts. Glen

Brenda Scoones 24/7/36-13/8/13

The last six years have gone so fast, it only seems like yesterday. People think that I have survived your leaving, what they don't understand is that I have to relearn how to survive each day, because each day you're still gone Mam.

Loving you always, from your Daughter Elaine and family.

Congratulations

Sharon Crossen 18th August 2019

"Absolutely Fantastic at 50"

Have a great day. All our love, Connie, Paul and Daisy xxxx

Cairns

Congratulations to our brave Grandson Brandon and his associates, Andrew (the Guide), Declan and Gary for achieving their sponsored Coast to Coast ride, through floods, thunder and lightning. Already raising over £550 for the wonderful Sara Hope Foundation.

We are so proud of you all. Nana June and Grandad Jim Cairns

Loraine Wheatley 15th August

Happy 60th Birthday Mam

You are the light in our lives and we can't wait to celebrate with you. All our love, Vikki and Terry xxxx

Happy Birthday Nana

We love you more than chocolate! Ashton and Aiden xxx

Happy 60th Birthday Lal

My awesome Sister, all our love, Michele and family xxxx

Happy 60th Lal

Have a wonderful time and wishing you the best birthday ever! All our love, Donna, Girls and Grandchildren xxxx

Happy 60th Birthday Lal

You are one in a million. All my love always, Brian xxxxx

Craig Jackman



Happy 25th Anniversary All my love always Sarah-Jane xxxxx

Jordan Bryce Bambridge 16th August

Happy 18th Birthday Congratulations on your 18th birthday. With lots of love, Nanna, Grandad, Auntie Kirsty and Uncle Andy xxxx

Lily

Happy 1st Birthday

Lots of love Nanna and Grandad xx

Happy 1st Birthday

Lots of love, Mammy xx

Jordan Bambridge



Happy 18th Birthday

To our amazing Son. We are so proud of the young man you are turning in to. Enjoy your celebrations. Mam and Dad xx

Happy 18th Birthday Jordan

Lots of love, Alannah xx

Andrew & Denise Curtis-Haigh



Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th August 2019. All our love, James, Mam, Dad, Andrea, Mally and Adam

Sheila Green



Happy 80th Birthday

With love from Tommy, Karen, Angie and all the family

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County Durham Spartans Baseball Club are looking for new players in preparation for re-entering the Northern Baseball League next season. If you have an interest in baseball, are aged 15 or over and want to give it a try then the club can be contacted either through their Facebook page (@durhamspartans) or by email (cdspartansbaseball@hotmail.com).

The Club formed in 2011 as the Newton Aycliffe Spartans before changing its name in 2016 to County Durham Spartans and plays in the Northern Baseball League. The League covers teams from Newcastle in the North down to Nottingham in the South, and from Hull in the East to Liverpool in the West, with games being played on Sundays from April to September. The team's first year in the AA Division of the League was 2012 and since then it has performed well and won the

AA Division of the League in 2015 and 2018.

Despite being crowned AA Division champions in 2018, the club almost folded when the number of players retiring or moving away from the area, left them with only four regular players. Fortunately, the players that remained formed a Committee to save the club with the aim of recruiting a squad of new players and training during the 2019 season to re-enter the league for the 2020 season. With funding from Shildon Town Council and the County Durham Community Foundation the future of the club has been assured and all that's needed now is to find enough players.

Since the turn of the year, a number of new players have joined and have been training every Sunday morning at our home diamond in Shildon (on one of the fields at the Shildon Sunnysdale Leisure Centre). However, we still need new players and everybody who is interested in baseball is invited to come down to a training session to join in and give the game a try. We welcome players of any gender, ability or level of knowledge from 15 upwards. No experience is necessary as we can teach new players everything they need to know. We also provide all the equipment that is needed.

The popularity of baseball is rising in the UK due to the MLB London Series of games between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees in June which sold out immediately the tickets went on sale, shown on both the BT and the BBC, and the re-introduction of the sport to the Olympics in Tokyo 2020. So why not give it a try?

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



This week the racing began on Monday with Alan Wilks making the journey to South Shields for their monthly mile. Alan completed this mile in 6 mins 33 seconds. On Wednesday night Richard Campbell travelled to Gateshead International Stadium to take part in the final meeting of the North East Grand Prix where he ran in the 3k track race. Richard ran in the final heat of the night completing the distance in a time of 10 mins 45 seconds.

On Saturday, despite the rainy conditions, Richard Holland took part in the Gateshead Trail 10k. He completed this in 44.38. The main focus this week however, was the Darlington 10k which took place on Sunday and being very local to us resulted in a high turnout of members for this race.

First home for ARC was Floyd Jones in 37.23 (3rd in his age category), followed by Richard Campbell in 39.09, Andy Talbot in 40.29, Martyn Knox in 42.07, Richard Holland 43.12, Mark Bainbridge 44.18, Dave Blewitt 45.14, John Burnside 47.11, Angela Sutherland in 48.50, Trish Kay 50.08 (second in age category), Heather Morgan 50.43, Sandra Collins 51.21, Sarah Dixon 52.23 (second in age), John Richardson 52.43, Rob Nicholson 55.27, Bev Phillippo 55.42, Ian Baronowski 57.17, Richard Tonge 58.14, Kathryn Waterworth 57.35, Carley Gibson 58.11, Kathleen Tonge, 59.39, Lindsey Brown 58.55, Denise Evans 1.00.02, Mick Brunskill 1.00.42, Tracey Pickering 1.00.51, Nicola Bales 1.01.45, Sam Elwell 1.01.50, Yvonne Williams 1.05.34, Susan Clark 1.05.42, Jane Burnside

1.05.51, Stuart Joyce 1.06.21, Paula Lambert 1.07.09, Eve Doe 1.08.55, Jayne Rudd 1.10.12, Penny Johnson 1.10.57, Sam Baronowski 1.11.13, Lisa Dowell 1.11.42, Jan McLuckie 1.11.43 and Marie Rudd 1.19.51. For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf

Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30pm, Tuesday is endurance/speed session from 7.00pm and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.

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It is just a typical road works job, dig a long trench, fence it off for weeks, with no sign of workmen or work being completed.
These road works are having an adverse affect on the businesses at the Incubation Centre and units beside, who pay to rent their premises. Why not hire Japanese road workers, they would have the job complete in a week?
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