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HARRY RECEIVES HIS ARCTIC STAR

From Burma to Newton Aycliffe
Just when Harry Wilson, aged 95, thought he had finished with winning war medals for his country, there was a surprise in store for him.
Harry, who lives with his wife Vera, has lived on the town now for over 70 years, since leaving the Royal Navy, and was one of the first residents of Newton Aycliffe, his name was on the drawings of the first pre fab houses built in Clarence Green in 1947.
His family, who also live



on the town, were asked by Harry to apply for his war records, as he wanted something to pass on to his granddaughters Lauren and Rebecca, to remember his contribution as an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy, during WW2 from 1942 to 1946.

Once the records were received, which only showed the basic facts, Harry managed to fill in the gaps with his recollection of what happened whilst on the ships. Some of the exploits are well documented conflicts throughout the war. His war took him inside the Arctic Circle, The Atlantic, North Africa, Italy, France, Normandy and Burma.

In October 1942 Harry was on the crew of the destroyer HMS Cowdray, one of several ships escorting 3000 American servicemen on board the Queen Mary, that had been seconded by the government for naval use during WW2, sailing from America to the UK. When the Queen Mary collided with HMS Curacao, with crew of 430, cutting it in half, sinking it with 338 lives lost. He recalls they were ordered not to stop to pick up survivors, in case they left the Queen Mary open to attack by the German U boats. Once they had seen the Queen Mary in port they turned back to look for survivors, of which 70 were rescued. Harry says this was a well-kept secret during the war as they did not want the bad news getting back home. Later that month they were part of the escort for aircraft carriers taking aircraft for the defence of Malta.

It was in November 1942 while HMS Cowdray escorted troops for Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa, that they were hit

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HORTICULTURAL SHOW CANCELLED

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visit from the community police. The performance from the ukulele group was enjoyed by all and even inspired one resident, Joe Brazier, to join the band and is now joining the practice sessions with his very own ukulele. A great time was had by all, with visitors commenting on what a lovely time they had getting to know the

residents and taking part in the different activities throughout the day. St. Clare's Court Home Manager, Michelle Jones said: "I would like to thank the team for organising such a wonderful event, it was a pleasure to welcome the local community into our home and celebrate together."

HC-One is proud of achieving a 9.6/10 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk, with St. Clare's Court boasting an impressive 9.9/10. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing the kindest care to residents.

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solo artiste **"Paul Anthony"** FREE Entry (Evening)
- Thursday 29th - Line Dancing**
with Derek Darby - £3.00 entry
- Friday 30th - Karaoke & Disco** FREE Entry
- Saturday 31st - two fabulous solo artistes "Jacey Taylor"**
and **"Declan Thomas"** £3.00 entry

SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

- Sunday 1st - Karaoke & Disco** FREE Entry (Afternoon)
solo artiste **"JJ Jackson"** £1.00 Entry (Evening)
 - Friday 6th - Karaoke & Disco** FREE Entry
 - Saturday 7th - A "Taylor Swift" tribute**
plus solo artiste **"Tony Burnette"** £4.00 entry
 - Sunday 8th - Karaoke & Disco** FREE Entry (Afternoon)
solo artiste **"John Charles"** £1.00 Entry (Evening)
 - Friday 13th - Local Band "Metis"**
 - Saturday 14th - "Take That" & "Westlife" tribute**
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Saturday 24th August - "Sticky Fingers"

GigPit Review: "1st set blasted off with Judas Priest's 'Metal Gods', UFO classic 'Lights Out' followed and by now the Stickies are going full steam, rocking out good and hard. There is only one word for Phil's guitar playing on this track - awesome! Drop in Van Halen's 'Lets Talk About Love' followed by a huge guitar solo spot that led into Satriani's 'Surfing With The Alien' and 'Breaking The Law' for a bit more Priest and you have the makings of a great first set!"

"Second set opened with a Zeppelin medley of 'Cunningham Breakdown', 'Rock n Roll' and 'Whole Lotta Love' and it was here that the sheer volume and thump of Keith Moore's bass drum really made it's impact. I don't think I have ever heard as loud a kick anywhere. Blending nicely with Phil's Finley's bass, this is a good rhythm section for Phil Martin to build upon. Fronting a band like Sticky Fingers is no easy job, especially considering the length of time they have been around and the following they have built up but Mark Evans looks so relaxed on stage you feel he was born there, moving bass man Phil to take centre stage to sing 'Teenage Kicks', really worked and when Mark returned to close out the set with 'Enter Sandman' and a bouncy 'Anarchy In The UK' the audience took their voices through the roof and there now followed one of the loudest chants of "MORE! MORE!"

Saturday 31st August - "F.M."

What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock and roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese . . . OK they did 'Whisky in the Jar', but hey!!

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New Deputy Chief Constable Appointed

A former Army officer has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary. Dave Orford, who has held the position temporarily for the last three months, has now been appointed to the post on a permanent basis. Chief Constable Jo Farrell said: "I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Dave Orford to the role of Deputy Chief Constable following a competitive recruitment process. "Dave brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and a really strong set of values to Durham Constabulary. "It means we now have an executive team in place which will deliver real stability and the highest possible service to the people of County Durham



and Darlington". Mr Orford has more than 24 years' experience in policing, joining Durham Constabulary in 1995 after beginning his career in the Army.

During his service with the Royal Engineers, the Durham-born officer rose to the rank of lieutenant and completed a six-month tour in Bosnia protecting the besieged enclave of Gorazde. He joined the police as a beat PC in Consett, but his experience in the former Yugoslavia shaped his view of policing throughout his career. He said: "I saw what can happen when law and order completely disappears and an entire country is torn apart". Promoted first to Sergeant at Peterlee and then Inspector at Darlington, in 2003 Dave became the first head of the pioneering Cleveland and Durham Police Tactical Training Centre at Urray Nook, delivering firearms training for both police forces.

As Chief Inspector, he was appointed deputy head of the force's Professional Standards Department and, after a variety of headquarters roles, was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief Constable in 2014. Dave is very keen on mountain sports and can often be found on his mountain bike in the summer and skis in the winter. Following his appointment, the 49-year-old said: "I am proud to be given the chance to continue to serve those communities where I grew up and to uphold the traditional values of British policing dating back to Sir Robert Peel that the police are the public and the public are the police."

UNFAIR CRITICISM OF TESCO

Horndale Community Association would like to apologize to Tesco, Newton Aycliffe, for the criticism they received recently by some well meaning people. Tesco were unable to provide staff and the equipment to sell hot dogs, ice creams and pop corn at our fun day. They had offered the food for us to operate the stall ourselves, I had to refuse this offer as we didn't have the volunteers with the correct qualifications to serve the food. Tesco had already donated a trolley full of toys for the tombola stall and cakes, pop, sweets and crisps for the day. Tesco regularly support us and other groups across our local area with gift cards and items from the shelves for which we thank them and are very grateful. Thank you Philip Clark

Harry Receives His Arctic Star

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by a torpedo while looking out for U boats, 6 men were killed and many spent the night in the water until rescue ships took them in to Algiers.

Harry was soon seconded to the crew of a Motor Launch (ML) 269, which on 4th July 1944 picked up 12 landing craft full of British and Canadian troops and finally sailed on 5th July heading for Juno Beach and what must be one of the most famous Naval stories of the war Operation Neptune and is now known as the D Day Normandy Landings. They managed to get their landing crafts as close as 400yds from the beach. They returned to England where another 12 landing craft were loaded and they despatched to Juno Beach again, they stayed on to patrol the sea on the watch out for E boat attacks.

After Normandy Harrys war went on longer than most, as his Ship ML269 was seconded to protect the waters around Burma from the Japanese, they took the perilous journey that took them through the Suez Canal, into the Red Sea, to the Gulf of Aden and on through the Arabian Sea, into the Indian Ocean and on to the Arakan area of Burma. He was involved in 2 main conflicts, one in Kokowa, where they took a direct hit and one near Yandoon, when they were hit by a mortar shell and Harry had a narrow escape as shrapnel badly injured a seaman standing next to him, they went on and helped take Rangoon on 2nd May 1945. Harry was finally discharged in October 1946, this gave him a brief moment to go back to see his family in Kirkcaldy, where he was born, get married to the girl he met in Durham, while on leave during the war. Finally settling in Newton Aycliffe with his late wife Margret in 1947.

There was a surprise in store for Harry as it was during the family meetings over the last few weeks that he described one of the first manoeuvres his ship, the destroyer HMS Cowdray was involved in. They were close escorts to the tankers of the Spitbergen



Fuelling Force bound for Mermansk in Russia, taking them inside the Arctic Circle. He remembers one of the duties was chipping the ice off of the ship during the freezing weather to stop the boat listing and sinking. It was this recollection that led to further investigation by Harrys daughter Linda and her husband David, to find that he was due to receive another medal, the Arctic Star, this is a military campaign medal instituted by the United Kingdom on 19th December 2012 for award to British Commonwealth Forces, as special recognition for those who served on the Arctic Convoys north of the Arctic Circle, during the Second World War.

Harry received the medal last week, but delivery was by post within a brown envelope, the family thought it deserved some sort of ceremony, which prompted them to contact the Mayors office to discuss the possibility of the Mayor making a special presentation. This lead to the Mayor kindly presenting the Arctic Star to Harry at his home last Wednesday. A memorable day was had by all, thanks to everyone involved.

Previous Medals
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The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton was thrilled to visit one of the original Aycliffe residents, Henry (Harry) Wilson last Wednesday morning, 14th August. At 95, Mr. Wilson was one of the first to come to Newton Aycliffe in 1947/48 and his name is on the plans for the first houses in Clarence Green. His family gave her a wonderful welcome and she had the opportunity to see his newly received medal, the Arctic Star, which he was given for his service during World War 2 as his ship was involved in protecting the convoys within the Arctic Circle.

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Sheena Stephenson

FUNDING TO HELP BUSINESSES CUT CARBON EMISSIONS

County Durham businesses will be able to access support to reduce their carbon footprint and save money thanks to a £1.5 million funding pot. Durham County Council has been accepted as part of Interreg Europe's SME Power, a European Union-funded project that helps small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) change their energy behaviour, reduce operational costs and cut carbon emissions. The council is to receive £160,000 from the fund, which supports projects running from now until July 2022.

It will see environmental experts from across Europe work with SMEs to help them develop projects such as energy audits and monitoring; developing more energy efficient products; building refurbishment; and more innovative processes. SME Power is being co-ordinated by the Resources Recovery Regional Agency of Tuscany. It includes an advisory partner from Germany and partners from regions in Slovenia, Spain, Ireland, Finland and the United Kingdom. The council has been welcomed into the scheme because of the success of its Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP). Supported by the European Regional Development Fund, the programme has helped 200



local businesses to improve their energy performance and save money. It is hoped additional grants can be secured to fund a BEEP 2 project. Cllr John Clare, the council's climate change champion, said: "In February, we declared a

climate emergency and set ourselves a target to be carbon neutral by 2050. This funding will help us to meet that target and we are delighted to be a part of this project.

"It can be difficult for SMEs to know how to reduce their carbon emissions. This project encourages businesses and energy experts to work together to explore methods that will not only benefit our planet but increase profits by reducing production and running costs."

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CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS



Bishop Auckland Hospital Garden Club Open Show will take place on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September at the Hospital Club on Escomb Road, Bishop Auckland.

All entries to be benched on Saturday 7th September between 12.30 and 2.00pm - 50p per entry. Following adjudication by well known show judge and allotmenteer Bob Latcham, entries will be available to view from 5.00pm onwards.

Produce will be auctioned at a social evening on Sunday, 8th September from 8.00pm onwards. All proceeds, together with a raffle draw, will be donated to charity.

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The latest units at St Mary's and Aycliffe Village have now provided opportunities for further awareness courses.

The latest course attended by members of the newly formed Residents Group at Aycliffe Village has now taken our numbers of students to four hundred.

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Would you know what to do? Further courses supported by Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Partnership via all seven of our County Councillors, British Heart Foundation and North East Ambulance are being arranged.

Next sessions are at:
Neville Community Centre
Wednesday 28th August
1.30pm to 3.30pm
Saturday 31st August
10am to Noon
Aycliffe Village Community
Saturday 14th September
9am to 11am
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Open Garden Raises £863 for Marie Curie Nurses



For the third successive year, keen gardeners Trish and Mike Hatton, have opened their delightful garden at 16 Riverside, South Church to the public and donated all of the proceeds to the Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie. This successful group has raised in excess of £100,000 in the 5 years it has been in existence, thanks to the incredible generosity of the people of South West Durham. Following the opening, Trish and Mike invited members of

the Marie Curie Group along to their garden to officially present the magnificent sum of £863.

All monies raised will be used to provide 'end of life care' in the Bishop Auckland area. The Bishop Auckland Group meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.15pm at the Community Fire Station on Watling Road and welcomes new members.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Varley (01388) 606075.

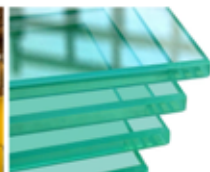


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Darlington Hippodrome is looking to recruit a new Apprentice Marketing and Box Office Assistant. Behind the glitz, glamour, jazz hands, make-up and costumes of any theatre there is a dedicated team of people working tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the venue. Many people are eager to experience the excitement and allure of working in theatre, but often this only goes as far as imagining themselves as actors, on stage in front of an audience every night. In reality, there are more jobs off the stage than on it and they can be every bit as rewarding as acting – and certainly more secure! Administration, finance, technical, marketing, front of house and box office are all skills required to staff every theatre regardless of size, offering opportunities to a vast range of individuals with different backgrounds, experiences and qualifications. Rebecca Howarth, Sales and Marketing Manager at Darlington Hippodrome said “We are currently looking to recruit a new apprentice to work as part of the Marketing and Box Office teams in the beautifully restored theatre with the opportunity to work towards completing an NVQ Level 2/3 in Business administration. This is a fabulous opportunity for someone who is serious about working in theatre to begin a career in this rewarding and competitive industry.” For full information about Darlington Hippodrome and the role of Apprentice, visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/about-us/jobs

1500 People Enjoy Free Community Fun Day

Horndale Community Association estimate 1,500 people attended our Fun Day held on Thursday 15th August, the crowds enjoyed Petting Zoo, Crazy Critters, Pony Rides, Professor Nincompoop, Bouncy Castle, Trampolines, Inflatable Slide, Face Painting, also displays by the Police, Fire Brigade, Army. Several local charities and health groups also joined us to advertise the great work they carry out across Newton Aycliffe.

A lot of work starting in February goes into organizing this event but seeing and hearing families enjoying themselves makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to the committee and volunteers of HCA for their work before and during the event, also thank you to the following, without their support this great community event would have not happened: Greenfield Community College, Richard Agar (Bravura), Livin, Tesco, Durham Constabulary especially Aycliffe Beat Team, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Rotary Club, Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe County Councillors, Village Pharmacy, Heads Up Hair Dressing and Julie from West Cornforth who baked and donated pies and cakes after hearing about our event. Some items of children's clothing and a child's bike were left on the field to collect email horndalestrongertogether@outlook.com these items will be donated to a local charity if not claimed within seven days. Thank you Philip Clark, Chair



RUN AND TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

This year, #RunAndTalk is placing a specific focus on men's mental health as research shows that men are less likely than women to report severe symptoms of common mental health problems (10% of women report severe symptoms compared to only 6% of men) 2.

In addition, suicide is the leading cause of death for people aged 20-34, and the biggest killer of men under the age of 50.3

#RunAndTalk is encouraging everyone to take the men in their lives – maybe a partner, dad, brother, son, friend or colleague – and run one mile or further while having a chat during the 23-29 September. Anyone can join in with the run – even if they've never run before.

Organised runs are led by a UKA qualified leader or coach and some runs will also have a volunteer Mental Health Champion joining in. All the Champions have lived experience of mental health problems themselves or through close family or friends and are passionate about improving mental wellbeing through running. 1 in 4 of us experience mental health problems each year and running can help everyone's mental wellbeing. Everyone can play a part in breaking down the stigma attached to mental health – that's why the 2019 #RunAndTalk campaign aims to support mental health through running for all. It's amazing how much better people can feel after having the chance to #RunAndTalk

Date: 25th September

Time: 6.30pm

Location: OakLeaf

Whether you plan to sign-up for the run with Aycliffe Running Club, or if you just want to help spread the word, you can share information and encourage people to take part from 27th August using #RunAndTalk and @EnglandAthletic (Twitter) or @EnglandAthletics (Facebook & Instagram) For more information on the campaign visit www.runandtalk.co.uk

Anyone wanting to join the run can find details, and

sign-up, from 27th August by visiting:

ayclifferunningclub.org.uk Aycliffe Running Club is getting involved by hosting an organised #RunAndTalk run on 25th September. The run is open to members and non-members and people of all running abilities are welcome to sign up.

During the week of 23-29 September 2019, Aycliffe Running Club will be taking part in

#RunAndTalk – a programme created by England Athletics, and supported by Mind – the mental health charity. The #RunAndTalk campaign aims to improve mental wellbeing through running whilst also breaking down the stigma associated with mental health by getting people talking.

Film Show

“WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING”

The “Feel Good Film Show” at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 27th August features the romantic comedy “While You Were Sleeping” starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. A story of infatuation and mix ups, lots of love and laughs; a real feel-good film.

Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm included in the £2.00 admission. The film starts at 1.15pm and a variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

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Dear Sir,
I would like to Thank all those who attended the Cream Tea event in Heighington last weekend in aid of Parkinson's. The rain stayed away and the sun came out to make it a success and we managed to raise £468 which I will top up and send £500 to Parkinsons UK and I will be requesting for the money to be used for projects in the north east of England. Once again I am amazed by

the generosity of all those who attended and would like to give a huge thank you to my family and friends who did all the work and allowed me to just talk to the guests. Some were old friends but there were several new guests, who, like myself, support the charity and have first hand knowledge of how Parkinsons impacts on every day life. So the event was worth it on several levels.
Jill Thompson

Dare to DIY?

Take extra precautions this bank holiday urges electrical expert.

Monday (26th August) is the last bank holiday before Christmas, and in typical British style, the long weekend will see a surge of DIY and home improvements taking place in properties up and down the country. But with DIY comes danger, and leading electrical body, NICEIC, is urging homeowners to leave electrical work to the professionals – or risk serious safety implications. Each summer, the late August bank holiday is the preferred time for Brits to take on some much-needed home improvements, giving their home a new lease of life before the darker nights of autumn set in. Yet, dabbling in DIY as opposed to calling in a professional, has been shown to come at a cost. Research by NICEIC revealed that the average DIY blunder cost a whopping £1,165 to fix, as botched jobs result in the need to call in a professional. But it's not just the costly consequences that are cause for concern. There are huge safety implications, with bank holiday's being the prime time for electrical mishaps which can result in dangerous fires, serious electric shocks, and in worst case scenarios, fatalities. Each year around 12,500 house fires, 750 serious injuries and 10 deaths are caused by unsafe electrics. According to Electrical Safety First, almost half of all electric shocks described as severe are the result of a DIY error. You can search for a registered electrician in your area by visiting www.niceic.com

Summer Creativity at Greenfield Arts



Families have been getting creative with Greenfield Arts this summer, with activities for young people in both Newton Aycliffe and Shildon. Young people have had great fun working with our artist Dawn Belshaw, making masks, drawing and creating salt-dough images, learning new skills and getting together to make things in a lovely environment. We were delighted to offer creative activity at both the Fun4All, Shildon and Horndale Community Fun Day.

This season Greenfield Arts have been encouraging young people to see the beauty in the everyday and be able to learn more about themselves and the community around them.

This has been a positive stimulus which has drawn on ideas from our current exhibition 'Man-Made' by Richard Bliss.

Looking forward, we are thrilled to be taking part in the 'Big Draw' event in October. Greenfield Arts are offering a full day of free family activity. The drop-in event will be held during October half term.

To find out more about our full programme and what we offer please check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk where you can book for activities using our simple online form. For further information you can contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

CHILDREN'S BLESSING THANK TESCO



The above photo shows Sheena picking up an order of nappy bags from Tesco, one of the essential items required for Children's Blessings along with shampoo, baby milk and nappies. A full list can be seen on the front of the donation box inside Tesco.

Sheena would like to thank customers and Tesco, as well as, Community Champion, Shirley, for their continuous support

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Junction 7 Thank Crafter's Companion



Junction 7 would like to thank Crafter's Companion for their recent amazing donation.

The donation will be used in our, new to be launched, Craft Club, which will be starting in September in the soon to be announced newly named Community House in Silverdale Place. 'Colouring Therapy' will be one of the many crafts

we will be offering and everyone is welcome to join us.

We also have dementia trained volunteers, and look forward to starting alongside our Community Cafe a Dementia Cafe too. Watch this space for our upcoming events and check us out at Junction 7 on Facebook or email junc7tion@gmail.com



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OPTIONS SUMMER FUN DAY SUCCESS

Earlier in August, PCP Options members held their eagerly awaited annual Summer Fair with tons of fun activities, for people of all ages to take part in. The turnout for the event exceeded expectations, with over 400 visitors enjoying the day. Everyone had a huge amount of fun, including the members themselves, who enjoyed coming up with ideas, planning the day and raise awareness of their project.

Options is a member-led day service, supporting individuals with learning and physical disabilities. It aims to develop essential skills and knowledge whilst promoting independent living, friendship and .

Amongst stalls, face painters and tombola's the Options also completed a "step challenge", climbing enough steps to get to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro! All these activities and the communities generosity raised £536 towards project which will used to fund activities provided by the service, including trips, resources and equipment.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive said, "Each year the Options event grows and attracts local people to come and find out more about what we do. The day is expertly planned by the Options members, support by an amazing team of staff and volunteers. I am sure they are very proud of their achievements, I certainly am. It great to see the members engaging the local community, building confidence and new skills whilst meeting new people. My thanks go to them for their hard work and dedication."

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF



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Top photo: Keli Selbie and Shaun New, Options Members, enjoying the fair.
Middle photo: Christopher Hinks

Bottom photo: Gillian Clark and AnnMarie Ellis, Options Project Assistant



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on **Wednesday 28th August 2019** in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.
All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome.
"Arte et Marte"

Roadworks Vanished!!

Dear Sir,
As if by some miracle the day after my letter appeared in the Newton News about the roadworks horror on Durham Way South, causing a nuisance for the last four weeks. It has now been transformed back to what it was and only took one day to do so!
Are we turning Japanese? Are we turning Japanese? I really think so !!!
Honest John

Another Successful Hardwick Live



Once again the popular Hardwick Live Festival proved very popular with a sell out crowd on Saturday and Sunday last weekend. Music lovers were present to see some of their favourite acts including James, Manic Street Preachers, Lisa Stansfield, The Zutons, Stiff Little Fingers, The Sherlocks, Sister Sledge Live, Ziggy Marley, Billy Bragg and Craig Charles to name a few. There was plenty to do with side shows and several

stages including a dome with well known DJs, so enough entertainment to keep everyone happy. The event is getting bigger every year, luck was on organisers side with the weather, only the odd shower, but this didn't dampen peoples spirits. Food and drink were plentiful with a large area put aside serving all kinds of liquid refreshments and food to suit almost everyone. Words and images by Gary Howlett, GTHpicsnaps



Coach Trip

New Friends, New Places senior group invite you to join them on a coach trip to Whitby on Sunday 25th August leaving Wilkos bus stop at 9.15am and Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop at 9.30am. Cost is £5 per person. To book contact Dorothy on 308094 or 07967 901477. Looking forward to you joining us. Our group also meets every Tuesday from 1.30pm until 4pm and we would also like you to join us at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe.

Village Residents' Association

Aycliffe Village Residents' Association meeting will be held on Friday 30th August at 6.15pm for 6.30pm start in Aycliffe Village Hall. All residents of the village are welcome to come along. Refreshments will be served before the meeting and there will be a raffle and anyone who would like to donate a raffle prize are very welcome to bring them along.

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12-2pm	Moderation	Jack & Daz
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby

"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant

6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
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Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility

10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	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
• 27th Aug -	Terry Anderson & Vicki Finn-Smith (CrossFit)	
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 Rote

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 - **Graeme Rote** (BeatRoute) Live DJ Mix Set

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UTC Course Continues to Deliver All Weather Dog Training & Home Boarding

UTC South Durham's Technical Level Engineering Foundation course continues to deliver excellent results for its students with over 89% of the cohort achieving distinctions or higher. In addition with 100% pass rate of students passing their A Level exams.

Due to the success of the qualification many UTC students are going onto secure outstanding destinations for their future. Miles Sanders, a UTC South Durham 6th Form student has already started a Level 4 Apprenticeship with Bechtel one of the most respected global engineering, construction, and project management companies in the country. The first project that Miles will be working on is High Speed Rail 2. The apprenticeship is for an Associate Project Manager role and will see him not only applying his engineering knowledge but also learning about managing a large scale project. Miles



secured the apprenticeship after competing against hundreds of other applicants who had all applied for the opportunity.

Toby Hansom, an A Level student had huge ambitions to work for GSK and out of a

gruelling application process has now secured himself a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering. Toby said, 'When I applied to attend the UTC I knew that one of their partners was GSK. I have had many

opportunities to work with them on a wide variety of projects to really get to know the company. From these experiences I knew that that was the place I wanted to work'.

Shannon Vincent, another A Level student has secured herself an apprenticeship in Fork Truck Maintenance at Linde. Shannon said, 'achieving an apprenticeship was a huge achievement in an area where lots of other young people are applying for opportunities. I couldn't be more pleased with my success. The UTC helped me line this opportunity up and ensured that I was prepared for the world of work'.

The other course that UTC South Durham delivers at Year 12 is a one year Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations course in Engineering Practices and Welding and Fabrication. 100% of this cohort have been successful in finding an apprenticeship or are coming back to the UTC to continue their studies. This course provides students the opportunity to develop many technical skills that employers are looking for. All of the students who have been successful with their exam results will also be considered for the Duke of York Technical Certificate which will be presented to them at St James Palace, London in September.

If GCSE students are still deciding upon their next steps then there are still a few places remaining at the 6th Form. The UTC 6th Form is going from strength to strength and quickly becoming the place for employers to seek out their next employee with many local employers coming directly to the UTC.

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, and booking for the next open evening is available on the UTC South Durham website: www.utcsouthdurham.org. For additional information call 01325 430 250.

All Weather Dog Training and All Weather Home Boarding is a new business set up by Sonya Ingledeu. I am a Newtonian and I have lived on the Town all my life. I have always had a passion for animals, with over 20 year's experience in various roles of animal care and training from fostering animals for various animal charities to working in a local dog day care centre, home boarding dogs and dog training classes.

I have 3 dogs myself Breeze 5 years old, Drizzle 3 years old, these 2 are sisters and then we have puppy Reign who is 14 weeks old who is Niece of the older two. As you can see our business names come from my obsession to follow a weather theme when naming my dogs. We compete in heelwork to music aka doggie dancing and also a new sport just starting off in this country called disc dog also known as frisbee dog, it is already a big and well established sport in America and a lot of European countries, I am the only UKDDA qualified instructor and judge in the north east and it's exciting to be part of such a new and developing sport in this country.

It really is about having fun with our canine family, it covers a wide variety of every day essential training for our dogs in a fun way for both humans and dogs and that's what training should be all about both fun and rewarding. When doing disc your dog will learn to focus and have self-control they will learn basic command as well as recalling and retrieving body awareness, tricks, catching and much



more it is so adaptable that there is something for everyone regardless of breed and age and size, also suitable for handlers of all ages abilities.

All our training is force free rewarding throughout, all of our classes are fun and friendly. We encourage child handling and participation where possible. I have my niece Abby Sams who is a child handler and potentially amazing dog trainer of the future assisting with some of the classes.

We have just returned from Scotland recently where we both competed in UKDDA and UFO World Series Competitions, Abby did very well competing alongside adults in team events gaining two 1st place rosettes a 2nd place and a 3rd place. I competed in the individual and team events where as well as gaining 1st place 2nd and 3rd Place, Breeze got a qualifier for the UFO world series, I couldn't be prouder. Also our All Weather Home

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World Class Jazz Comes to Darlington

There's a great triple offering of world class lunchtime music when international reedsman John Hallam returns to guest at Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club for three afternoon gigs across August and September.

John's a great favourite at the club and his career stretches across Europe and America, playing with bands featuring jazz greats like George Melly, Stephane Grapelli, Digby Fairweather and Humphrey Lyttelton.

Having sat in as guest with Scottish cornet player Mike Daly and his band earlier this month, John heads north again on Saturday 24 August to play at St Augustine's alongside an all-star lineup that includes pianist Tom Kincaid, star vocalist Mellow Baku, Ian Bateman on trombone and trumpeter Andy Dickens. A rhythm section of John Day from Chris Barber's Big Band, Rachel Hayward and Nick Millward complete the band.

And 7 September sees John return with the always-popular 'Mr Men' quartet, featuring John along with Jeff Barnhart on piano, Keith Stephen on guitar & banjo, and Bruce Rollo on bass. Jeff will have people on the edge of their seats with his larger-than-life personality; introducing toe-tapping performances of tunes familiar and obscure.

John's world-class sessions come at a very local price of just £10 per time on the door. There's plenty of free onsite parking and no charge for young people 15 and under.

Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington. The doors open at noon for a 12.30pm start. Teas and coffees are available, and there is a licensed bar. If you don't want to drive, the Parish Centre is just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

A-level Results Improve Again

Sixth form students have been praised after A-level results across County Durham improved yet again.

Overall attainment in the county has improved year-on-year since 2016, with many schools and colleges reporting an overall increase in both the numbers of students achieving A* to B grades and getting into their first-choice universities.

County Durham's overall point score is now 35.4 compared to 31.9 three years ago, and the average attainment grade has increased to B-. This is higher than the national average of C+.

The proportion of students achieving grade B and above in key subjects such as maths, English and science, has also increased to 13.9 per cent, compared to 10.2 per cent in 2018. This comes despite a national fall in the number of highest-grade achievements for the first time since 2007.

Vocational results, including Applied General and Tech Level, also remain significantly above the national average, with the majority of students achieving distinctions. Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and

young people's services at Durham County Council, said: "We are incredibly proud of our young people who have worked so hard to achieve these results."

"We would also like to recognise our committed teaching staff, parents and carers whose support and encouragement over the last two years has contributed to the countywide successes we are celebrating today. These achievements are all the greater when you consider the major reforms that have been introduced to the A-level system in recent years."

"We would like to express our warmest congratulations to those who received the results they hoped for today, but we would also like to offer reassurance to those who did not. There are still lots of exciting and rewarding pathways to follow and I would encourage you to access the support on offer." Students who did not receive the grades they hoped for and those looking for careers advice can visit www.durhamworks.info where they will find information on apprenticeships, recruitment and training for 16 to 24-year-olds across the county.

WIN 'IT CHAPTER TWO' MERCHANDISE & TICKETS

To celebrate the release of 'IT CHAPTER TWO' in cinemas on Friday 6th September, Warner Bros. Pictures and Newton News offer you the chance to win an 'IT CHAPTER TWO' merchandise package and cinema tickets.

Genre: Horror.

Synopsis: Because every 27 years evil revisits the town of Derry, Maine, "IT CHAPTER TWO" brings the characters - who have long since gone their separate ways - back together as adults, nearly three decades after the events of the first film.

Prize: Film merchandise including: Earbuds in leatherette pouch
I Heart Derry black T-Shirt
Losers Club Baseball Cap



Pennywise Keychain
Backpack and Journals;
PLUS two tickets to see the film at VUE Cinema, Darlington.

Simply answer the following question to be entered into the competition: **In IT, what is the name of the fictional**

town in Maine where the Losers Club grew up and then later come together again in IT Chapter Two? Send your entries to paul@newtonnews.co.uk
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The drama sessions are open to all students who wish to develop their skills and confidence in order to perform live on stage. The sessions, which take place in the main school hall after school on Thursdays, will teach students about characterisation and aim to develop their stage presence both as a soloist and as a member of an ensemble. They will also give students the opportunity to develop their skills in both singing and dancing.

Students will be rehearsing every week and will be performing the Disney hit High School Musical next February.

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.

Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support North East



Does your child fidget, lack concentration, feel uncomfortable with their clothing or even dislike being touched? Do they behave at school but then on arrival home have a complete meltdown?

These are some of the challenging issues the children in our group face on a daily basis. Sensory processing difficulties can affect the child's every day functioning in relation to the seven senses; tactile, auditory, movement, muscle memory, visual, taste and smell. They usually are either hyper sensitive (over responsive) or hypo sensitive (under responsive) to sensory stimuli.

Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support North East England is based in Newton Aycliffe but have members all over Durham, UK and World. We are affiliated with the Star Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder in the USA. Our group was the brainchild of Dawn Dunn, MD of Tree Tops



Children's Occupational Therapy in Newton Aycliffe who felt there was no support for parents of SPD children. Dawn is now one of three Patrons of our group.

New members are encouraged to join us. We offer support, advice, networking and meet regularly with our children or enjoy a guest speaker. The group also organise many activities for the families such as going to the scooter park, attending ROF59, footie, golf, pond dipping,

parent and sibling workshops (and many more). We even have our own SEN golf lesson group based at Headlam Hall near Piercebridge. Why not join us and come along to one of our meetings where you will be most welcome. The group operate through a private Facebook page which also offers tips to help our families. If you require any further information please email spdspgnee@gmail.com

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NEWTON PRESS BUILDS ON LATE FOUNDER'S LEGACY WITH DELIVERY OF RURAL JOBS WORK SPACE UNITS AT FORMER MUNITIONS FACTORY

A printing company in Newton Aycliffe has converted its former premises into smaller work space units, housing up to 11 small businesses, creating 55 additional rural jobs by March 2020, by using grant funding to leverage private investment.

Newton Press, a family business established 57 years ago, moved to new, larger premises in the town in 2015 but retained its old site, a former munitions factory, with the aim of renovating and renting it out. Demand from small rural businesses looking for suitable space led its directors to rethink the renovations, opting instead to redevelop the property, creating 11 individual units to cater for small and micro enterprises. The building has been re-named Sydney House, to celebrate the entrepreneurial legacy of the firm's founder, Syd Howarth MBE.

To help meet the £350,000 cost of the redevelopment,

Newton Press received a grant of £110,000 via the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund (SEIF) element of the North East Rural Growth Network, a programme designed to accelerate business growth in rural communities. In 2015, the Rural Growth Network secured £6 million capital investment from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) via the Local Growth Fund.

Although the project isn't due for completion until mid-August, six tenants have already signed up, one of which is contracted with a 10-year lease.

Stuart Howarth, Director of Newton Press, said: "Early on in the project we realised that there was a real need in the town for high quality accommodation for smaller businesses. The building work required to convert our building was a huge commitment. Without the funding, we couldn't have created these much needed units and would have had



to rent out the full site to just one company.

"A priority for us in terms of responsible development was making sure that the size of the units would qualify our tenants for small business rates relief, giving new and small business significant

savings on business rates.

"We had so much interest in the smaller units that we actually converted space we had earmarked for storage into additional offices, just because there was so much demand."

The newly-renovated Sydney House is named

after Syd Howarth MBE, the founder of Newton Press who sadly passed away last year. He was a popular and well-respected member of the community, so much so that Newton Aycliffe Town Council have elected to have a street named after him in

a new proposed housing development.

Mr Howarth's three sons Paul, Stuart and Christopher who now run the business, plan to officially open Sydney House this summer.

Stuart Howarth added: "We renamed the site after our dad. We lost him last year, so we want to do everything we can to keep his memory alive. For 55 years, he gave his heart and soul to this community, receiving an MBE for services to the community, something we are passionate about as a family and a business."

Katy McIntosh, Rural Growth Network Manager, worked with Newton Press to identify the grant funding opportunity and complete its successful application.

Speaking about the impact that the development will have on rural jobs Ms McIntosh said: "These units are a much needed addition to Newton Aycliffe's commercial

property offer, something that is evidenced by the demand for space coming from small and micro-sized businesses. Three of the six contracted tenants are already occupying units and the project is on track to add 3 direct and 52 indirect new jobs to our rural economy by next March."

Colin Bell, Business Growth Director at the North East LEP, said: "Having a supply of affordable, local property for new or small businesses is extremely important for the local economy. We congratulate Newton Press on their commitment to the local community and are pleased to have been able to support this project through the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund."

To find out more about the Rural Growth Network or Advance Northumberland, please visit <https://www.advancenorthumberland.co.uk/>, or follow them on LinkedIn.

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A History of Newton Aycliffe

PART FIVE

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.

Even after the horrors of the Norman genocide, the lot of our local people improved eventually. Counter-intuitively, one of the key milestones in this was the Black Death. The death of maybe half of the population wrecked the feudal system – and with no one to plough the fields, the great landowners had to turn over the land to sheep, and to give the villeins their freedom and the labourers a wage. I have not found any evidence whether the Black Death directly affected Aycliffe or Middridge, but I would assume it did because at nearby West Thickleigh, we are told, “they are all dead”.

By the Early Modern Age, therefore, we see a Middridge of free yeomen and tenants, who paid rents and taxes, and who – far from being oppressed – were very assertive and troublesome. We know, for example, that local people joined the Catholic Rebellion of the Earls in 1569, because some of them appear in the execution lists. And one 19th century history of the area claims that one of the leading Gunpowder Plotters was at one time a tenant of Middridge Grange – how thrilling is it to think that the Gunpowder Plot might have been planned here, although to be honest I can find no evidence for it whatsoever.

Forty years later, the area became mixed up in the Civil Wars. Anthony Byerley at Middridge Grange kept a regiment there for the King; it is

claimed that you can still see the holes in the attic beams where the soldiers hung their hammocks. Meanwhile, just up the road at Thickleigh, the notoriously quarrelsome Lilburne brothers joined the Parliamentary Army. Advancing up the ranks, Colonel Robert Lilburne became one of the regicides who signed King Charles I's execution warrant. And his brother John was even more radical – John Lilburne was a ‘Leveller’, an early advocate of ‘the people's rights’, and one of the first people in the world to demand universal male suffrage – the right of every man to vote for his government. How weird is that – to think that our notions of democracy began with a ‘nightmare neighbours’ family from Thickleigh!

Also, did you know that in the 17th century there was a famous horse-racing track at Woodham – important enough for King James 1st to visit it. Perhaps connected to this is the fact that, in 1692, the owner of Middridge Grange, Robert Byerley, put his Arab Stallion the ‘Byerley Turk’ out to stud. Local stories that the stallion was nefariously ‘acquired’ from a travelling Turkish showman are untrue – sadly, it seems that instead Robert Byerley captured him from the Ottoman Army. But however it happened, the Byerley Turk transformed horse-racing. English horses at that time were heavy and powerful, and the sleek, long-legged

Arab racehorses were much faster (a fact which saved Robert Byerley's life in Ireland in 1690). So the Byerley Turk became one of three Arab stallions which revolutionised horse-racing, and their blood is in the pedigree of every modern racehorse in the world. I keep telling you that our area has changed the world, and how amazing a fact is that! And as for the lives of the ordinary villagers? Were you taught at school that the enclosure movement happened in East Anglia in the 18th century? You were taught wrongly – the three Open Fields in Middridge were enclosed, centuries in advance of East Anglia, in 1634. It is an interesting sidelight on those litigious times that, three years later, the tenants took two of their neighbours to Durham Chancery Court, alleging that they had been deceived into signing the agreement because they could not read! The Court did not believe them, and the enclosure went ahead in 1637, followed by another – of the moorland at what we now call Cobblers Hall – in 1704. It is just another example of how our area was ‘ahead of the game’ in the 17th century.

Enclosure helped Middridge grow. I have a graph showing how, 25 years (i.e. one generation) after each of the two enclosures, there was a visible increase in the number of baptisms per year (which is a proxy for population growth). Yet it is one of the saddest pieces of evidence I possess because, although it shows how the two rounds of enclosure allowed a larger population, you can still see that there was a ceiling to growth, as natural increase continually kept pushing the population beyond the village's resources ... only to be knocked back by plague, famine, weather and war. The Early Modern Age may have been full of action and even inspiration ... but we have to accept the tragic fact that, for the majority of people, their lives were, in the words of Thomas Hobbes: “poor, nasty, brutish and short”.

Artistic Gateway for Shildon Station



Greenfield Arts have secured funding to work with the local community to develop Shildon Station as an artistic gateway to the birthplace of the railways.

‘Shildon in Motion’ is a celebration of Shildon's rich and significant heritage as the world's first railway town. This collaboration examines the innovative and extraordinary aspects of Shildon's past and celebrates the ongoing creativity and ingenuity of Shildon's people and its future.

The creative and collaborative programme allows Designer, Nicola Golightly and Creative Director, Katy Milne (Greenfield Arts) to work with and alongside the community to explore a sense of place and pride in the town, acting as a driver for collective ambitions to be focused towards a common goal. Funding has been secured through Northern Heartlands.

Northern Heartlands is one of sixteen Great Place Schemes in England, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England. Our Great Place is in County Durham and covers Weardale and Teesdale including the market towns of Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Crook, Tow Law, and Willington. Northern Heartlands' mission is to deliver cultural activities that transform people's understanding of the heritage, landscapes and places they live in, building their confidence and ability to influence policy and decision making. The project will see Greenfield Arts working with a wide range of organisational partners under the collective of the Bishop Line Community Rail Partnership including Locomotion, Shildon Station Adoption Group (New Shildon Residents

Association), Friends of the National Railway Museum (North East Branch), Northern and Shildon Town Council, and alongside Stockton and Darlington Railway, all of whom share the vision of creating something that transforms Shildon station, publicly and visually signposting and showcasing Shildon as a destination of national significance.

Workshop activity will take place in public spaces such as empty shops and Locomotion. Work that is generated during the project will be shared publicly during the process, encouraging others to add and contribute. Other activity will take place with older people and younger people to share insights and their own sense of place.

The research and development phase of this project will begin in October and November and the artwork will be launched in Spring 2020.

ACORN RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

ACORN Community Association have received a prestigious award from social landlords livin for their community gardening project. ACORN have entered the livin Blooming Marvellous competition for several years and their work has always been recognised, this year ACORN have been successful in winning the Best Community Garden category.

In presenting the award recognition was made of the use of flower tubs as an ingenious and attractive way to prevent incursion onto grass verges by vehicles which were causing ugly scars on the grass verges.

As a community group ACORN are committed to improving the environment in which we live and there is a gentle rivalry between members to produce the prettiest display.

As Chair of ACORN I am extremely proud of the achievements of our members in the community. Ken Robson
Chair of ACORN

Horrendous Road Surfaces After Build

I would like to express my absolute disbelief at the state of the road leading to St. George's Close, Newton Aycliffe. The road has been like this for over 2 years and I can understand this would be left until the new livin homes are complete, but these were completed several months ago and I have reported the issue to Durham County Council due to the damage caused to my car repeatedly along with many of my neighbours. They have now repaired the road to the condition shown below and

I can only assume this is their fix and they have now responded to advise they are possibly not responsible for the road resurfacing as the developers of the housing estate (Gleeson Homes) and livin homes damaged the road on construction of the new houses. However the 2 developers are also stating that they are not responsible for the damage therefore it seems that we are in a situation where nobody is agreeing to take responsibility to resurface this road.

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Frontline Officers to be Offered Tasers

Open Letter to MP Phil Wilson and Sedgefield Labour Party

Tasers are to be made available to every frontline officer in Durham Constabulary who wishes to be equipped with one. In a move designed to offer more protection to both the public and the police, all frontline officers are being offered upgraded Tasers and given intensive training in the safe use of the devices. Over the next 12 months, the new X2 model will be rolled out across the force, replacing the original X26 which has been used for the last 14 years. Chief Constable Jo Farrell said: "Sadly, there are

situations in which police officers need to take immediate action to subdue violent suspects to protect the public. "Tasers allow us to do so swiftly and safely, without causing lasting injury and are an extremely effective means of dealing with the many dangerous situations officers find themselves in. "Too often our officers are subject to assaults in the line of duty, simply for doing their job. "We need to make sure that our officers have the tools they need to protect the public and protect

themselves". Tasers were first introduced into Durham in 2005, when they were issued to a handful of authorised firearms officers to provide a "less lethal" option in situations where lives were potentially at risk. The device works by firing two small barbed darts up to a range of around 10 metres, which deliver an electrical current and temporarily incapacitate the suspect until they can be restrained. The more powerful X2 model Taser features a number of improvements on earlier versions of the

system, most notably the capacity to fire a second cartridge if the first misses its target. Andy Jackson, chairman of Durham Police Federation, said: "I strongly support the wider roll-out of Taser to all frontline officers should they wish to be equipped with it. "Taser is an extremely effective means of dealing with the many dangerous situations that officers often face on the streets and is a less lethal option than more conventional firearms. In a number of cases where Taser is drawn, it is not fired as the deterrent is enough, which helps protect communities as well as protecting officers from assaults".

Dear Sir,
Mr. Wilson, in your pre-general election leaflet you stated:
".... I am no supporter of Jeremy Corbyn"
and
"I put local people and local concerns first. From backing your Brexit....."
and
"I am for Labour not Corbyn, it's my name on the ballot paper".
Please advise if you will support a no-confidence motion in the Government which could result in Corbyn becoming Prime Minister? Please advise which of the above partial quotations in your personal pre-election Manifesto do you now intend to ignore?
The following quotation is from The Declaration of Arbroath [1320]
"It is in truth not for glory nor riches nor honour that we are fighting but for freedom - for that alone

which no honest man gives up but with his life".
If you read "freedom" above as being 'Democratic Freedom' from the E.U. and "honest man" as being a true democrat, then the quotation sums up the reason why I, for one, voted for Brexit and must continue to push for Brexit, with or without a deal.
Please can Mr Wilson, or a spokesman for the Sedgefield Constituency Labour Party, explain to the circa. 60% of the constituency electorate who voted for LEAVE how he intends to ignore his pre-election promises and still claim to be an honest man

and a democrat?
Yours sincerely,
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Mental Health Support for Young People to Increase

Increased mental health support is to be provided for children and young people in County Durham, following the success of a funding application.

Teams will work in schools and colleges in areas of social disadvantage after the county was one of 57 areas across the country chosen by NHS England.

The application was made by a partnership consisting of Durham County Council; NHS North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield

CCG; Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV); Investing in Children and Rollercoaster, a parent-peer support programme.

The new mental health support teams will begin working in 2020.

They will:

- Deliver evidence-based interventions to children and young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues.
- Support the senior mental health lead in each school or college to introduce or develop their whole school or

college approach.

• Give timely advice to school and college staff, and liaise with external specialist services, to help children and young people to get the right support and stay in education. Cllr Lucy Hovvels MBE, the council's Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "We know around one in ten children in County Durham have a diagnosable mental health disorder and tackling persistent inequalities and adversity in childhood are key priorities for us."

"Supporting more vulnerable children as early as possible is central to our strategic approach to improving life chances and the creation of these teams will allow us to do exactly that."

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, the council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, added: "These new teams will build on the work we already do in partnership with other agencies, both in schools and in communities, to support children and young people with their mental health."

"Strengthening the links

between education and health services will reduce any delays in a young person receiving help and the fact it is being delivered in the familiar environment of their school or college can only be of benefit."

Mike Brierley, director lead for mental health at both North Durham and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCGs, said: "This is great news for our children and young people in County Durham."

"To have support directly into schools will make such a huge

difference for the children, school staff and families. This is coupled with being able to access an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, which will be available for the new school term in September.

"This demonstrates our continued system wide focus to invest in emotional and well-being for our children of County Durham."

The teams are in the first wave of 123 being rolled out nationally during the course of next year.

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Racing this last week on Wednesday with a fantastic turnout for the Darlington Rocket run which is part of the Darlington Trail Series. This race takes place in Middleton St George and offers a mix of terrain from tarmac to woodland. The start and finish is fast and flat but the middle 1.25 miles is 2 laps of an uneven field section which makes it tougher and more of a challenge.

Richard Holland was first home for ARC in 20.49, followed by Mark Bainbridge 22.18, Dave Blewitt 22.45, John Burnside 23.40, Sue Milburn 25.56, Heather Morgan 26.03, John Heywood 26.26, Trish Kay 26.42, John Richardson 27.24, Rob Nicholson 27.38, Sarah Gill 28.33, Mandy Heywood 29.52, Melanie Rowland 31.42, Sam Elwell 32.29, Jane Burnside 34.12, Susan Clark 34.47, Eve Doe 37.13 and Jan McLuckie 37.14.

On Saturday night 5 members travelled to Lancashire to take part in Run the Lights in Blackpool. These races were 5k and 10k (out and back) commencing at 9pm and saw the runners run the promenade under the illuminations. In the 5k race, Nicola Ingman finished in 29.44 followed by Sam Baronowski in 34.19. In the 10k races Mark Bainbridge was first home in 43.32, followed by Heather Morgan in 49.45 and John Richardson in 53.11.

On Sunday we had one member take the trip to the eastern coast for the Branches and Bays 10k part of the Trail Outlaws Series. Starting in the local village of Hawthorn, the route takes you through the Durham Wildlife Trust and National Trust managed woodland of Hawthorn Dene. Then the running of the Bays of Hawthorn Hive and The Blast Beach. Carley Gibson completed this in 1.21.19.

Finally on Sunday three of our members took part in the 10k at Dalton Park. This race takes in the shopping outlet there and the surrounding areas. Most of this race is on road but there are short sections on trail and grass. Although it was dry it was very windy which made conditions difficult. First home for ARC was Trish Kay in 51.19. Trish finished 7th lady overall and first in her age category. She was followed by Lisa Dowell in 1.13.39 and Jan McLuckie in 1.13.40.



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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Residents should put their bins out for collection by 7am on their normal collection day.

Those who are unsure of their collection day can download a bin collection calendar by entering their postcode and house number into the MyDurham section of the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk

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Online services will still be accessible over the Bank Holiday but requests will not be processed until council offices reopen on Tuesday.

How Many People With Disabilities Can You Spot in This Picture?



You do not have to be confined to a wheelchair to be classified as being disabled. There are nearly 14 million people in our country with one or more disabilities. The majority of able-bodied UK citizens – to some degree – believe that you are 'disabled' only if THEY can see physical signs of a disability. Yet (only) about 8% of the disabled rely on a wheelchair or other mobility aid, as a means of getting out-and-about. The rapid increase in mobility vehicle ownership, has loosened the shackles – be they real or psychological – that still bind the disabled to their home. During our lives, about 1 in 4 of us will suffer from some form of Depression, anxiety or mental illness; a yoke that I struggled to lift from my shoulders. Hidden disabilities are often multifactorial. They include, Neurological, psychological and such as diabetes, learning difficulties, PTSD, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Epilepsy, Cystic Fibrosis and P-ND. They are the hidden or 'invisible disabilities'. We are PEOPLE with disabilities only asking that the 'reasonable adjustments'

stated in the legally-binding Equality Act (2010) be enforced and be woven immutably into the social model; not the milk of

human sympathy, rather a level playing field. A Scope study into attitudes of the able-bodied, towards types and degrees of disability, found that over 90% of those asked questions relating to everyday scenarios, felt comfortable interacting with those with sensory or physical disabilities. However, there was real unease – and a patent lack of understanding and empathy – about interacting with those with perceived mental or psychological issues. In

conclusion, about 8% of UK children have a disability. Susan Hampshire, actress from the 1960's onwards is dyslexic. This is a hidden disability under the terms of the 2010 Act. She wrote: "It is a lonely existence to be a child with a disability which no-one can see or understand, you exasperate your teachers, you disappoint your parents, and worst of all you know that you are not just stupid". About 45% of pensioners suffer from a disability. Our wonderful NHS is able to

patch up us 'Old Codgers' on a regular basis and keep us on this side of the mortal coil. In the Newton News, you find many voluntary organisations, giving of their time and energy, making 'reasonable adjustments' to assist the less fortunate. Not everyone is able to volunteer. But everyone can show a little more patience and understanding to those around them. Derek G Atkinson Disability Officer Sedgefield CLP

In Memoriam

Mark Fletcher



21st August 2012

Can't believe it is seven years. Miss your daft jokes and your crazy smile. Always in my thoughts. Paul, and all at Oswald House.

Tony Brewer

24th August 2018

Greatly loved and dearly missing you every step of the way. Never forgotten by Wife Ann, Vicky, Conrad, Bas, Eileen and families.

Iris Angus

23rd August 2014

Loving memories of a dear Sister-in-Law. God Bless. Ann, Neil and family

Ronny Mayoh

on 25th August it will be 7 years since you were taken away from us and every day you are missed more and more.

Love from Rose, Maria, Christine, Ian, Anita and Granddaughter Kimberley.

Ronnie Kipling



In loving memory of Ronnie Kipling, an amazing Husband, Dad, Granda and Great Granda who will always be in our hearts and thoughts.

I sat with you today you know, I sat right in your chair. I know I could not see you, but I knew that you were there.

I often feel you touch my face, or think I feel you near. But when I try to see you, it's like you just disappear.

I sat with you today you know, I'm sure that was your scent. I cannot understand it though, how you suddenly just went. I'll sit with you tomorrow, If that's OK with you. Sometimes it feels the only thing, I still know what to do.

We'll love you always. Mary, Julie, Steve, Sharon, James, Paula, Simon, Amy, Sean, Liam, Thomas, Haydn and Alfie.

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Laraine Wheatley

15th August

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Happy 60th Lal

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Happy 60th Birthday Lal

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

Anthony Dolphin

Happy 50th Birthday

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Obituary

Paul Ross

9th August

Died at home, 61 years old. Beloved Son of Kathleen; Beloved Father of Danielle and Nikki; Nephew, Uncle and Grandad. Funeral at Stephenson Way Cemetery on Wednesday 28th August at 11am. Floral tributes will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Directors.

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How to Care for Historic Treasures

Professional conservators will describe how they protect, preserve and repair historical archives in a talk at Durham County Record Office next month. In 'An Introduction to Archive Conservation', conservators Lindsey Gibson and Zoe Ross will explain the processes they use to assess and preserve

the range of items in the record office's collection. The talk, on Thursday 19 September, from 12.30pm to 1.15pm, will provide an overview of the causes of damage and deterioration of archives, and explain the conservation methods used to treat and repair items, with examples. As well as learning about



archive conservation processes, visitors are invited to bring their own treasured records for free conservation advice. Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist, said: "Our collection spans 900 years, occupies five miles of shelving and includes a wide range of material, from manuscripts and paper documents, to seals, maps and photographs. "We keep as much of our archive as we can available to the public and, as our records are often delicate and fragile, our conservators play a

major role in making items accessible by identifying and treating damaged materials. During this talk, Lindsey and Zoe will describe some of the fascinating methods they use to preserve the county's history for future generations." The event, which is the latest in a programme of monthly 'Third Thursday Talks', is free to attend, although donations are welcome on the day. Booking is essential and spaces must be reserved in advance from <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgEventResult>

Thank You

Linda Lynn

Jean, Miriam, Mac and Joe, and all the Family would like to gratefully thank all our friends and relatives, who joined us at the very sad Funeral of our Mam Linda. We thank you for all your kindness shown, support, cards, donations, flowers and for wearing "something red" at Mam's Funeral (her favourite colour).

Special thanks also to each and every member of staff in Rose Lodge Care Home, where Mam was loved and cared for in every way for 13 years. The staff are a tribute to the words "caring" and "loving" and they could not do enough for Linda, ourselves, or any member of the family. They have been our friends as well as Mam's.

Also thanks to every family relative who made the journey from a long distance, to remember Mam personally on the day. She would have been SO proud of you all!

Also to Bryan from Whitehouse Funeral Directors, for his help and guidance; Pam Loveless (Funeral Minister) for her really kind words and to Mandy & John for the beautiful reception at The Bay Horse, Middridge.

WOODHAM GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION



We are not the largest Ladies Section in the County but we have a number of good players who consistently perform very well. This year the Section's Team Squad who are kindly sponsored by the course owners Hall Construction, have again been playing in a series of matches against other clubs in Division Three of the County Leagues and I am pleased to say that we have won our Division meaning promotion again next year for the third year running to Division Two of the Leagues. We are absolutely delighted to have performed so well again this year in what is such a remarkable achievement for the Club.

The section caters for all playing abilities however, and we would love to see more Ladies joining and playing golf. There are some really good opportunities to learn if you are thinking of taking up the game so please contact our Golf Pro Ernie Wilson at the Club for more details.

Photo left to right: Pat Usher Ladies Section Captain, Tracey Hahn, Maggie Brown, Linda Luke, Anita Maxwell, Chris Quinn, Steph Storry, Liz Nelson, Janice Blakey and Linda Knight Team Captain.

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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store recorded their sixth victory out of the last seven games played as they impressively defeated Northallerton 1st team at home by 86 runs in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first Aycliffe scored a very challenging 221 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs. Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood) top scored with 47 and there were other notable contributions from captain Sam Telford (43 runs), George Slatcher (32 runs) and Adam Gittins with 27 runs. In reply the visitors



were bowled out for 135 after 46 overs with Patrick Howe the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 36 and he was supported well by his older brother Michael (2 for 26) and James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 32). Special mention must also go to opening bowler Jack Slatcher who also chipped in with a wicket during the visitor's innings, taking him to a very notable landmark of fifty first team wickets this season. Newton Aycliffe's 2nd team had a comfortable five wicket away victory to complete a league double against Maltby 2nds in the NYSD 4th division. The home team were asked to bat first and found Aycliffe

slow bowler Lewis Gimple (sponsored by Beaumont Ground Maintenance) in inspired form taking a career best eight wickets for just seven runs from 9.4 overs and with Dan Weldon chipping in with 1 for 9 from 7 overs, Maltby were skittled for just 43 after 19.4 overs. In reply Aycliffe reversed their batting order and still fairly easily knocked off the required runs for the loss of five wickets after just 11.5 overs thanks to Jak Kennedy (10 not out) and Dan Craggs (10 runs).

Photo: Aycliffe batsman Michael Howe, who top scored in Aycliffe's impressive victory v Northallerton.

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe return to action this week after a short break. On Tuesday they travel to Thornaby while we have a derby double bill on the Bank Holiday weekend. On Saturday 24 August West Auckland Town will be the visitors to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium at Moore Lane. West have some new faces this season including former Aycliffe skipper Dan Mitton. Kick off is 3.00pm. Aycliffe will also be at home to local rivals Shildon on Bank Holiday Monday. Like West, Shildon have a former Aycliffe player among their ranks with Kurt Matthews having signed during the close season. That game kicks off at 1.00pm. For both games admission is £6 adults, £4 concessions with accompanied under 12s free.

The Newtonians will be looking to put the disappointment of their FA Cup exit behind them. Newton Aycliffe went out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle, losing 2-0 at home to Northallerton Town. They started positively, and had Northallerton pinned in their own half for most of the first half hour. Dean Thexton put a header wide five minutes in, and Kevin Carr had a low shot saved by Dawson in the Northallerton goal. Johnson Ballan made

great run, dribbling past four players before putting his shot over the bar. Northallerton had their first chance on the half hour, but Graeme Pickering in the Aycliffe goal made a good save. A minute later Proctor missed a good chance for the visitors when he headed wide. Aycliffe came back but still couldn't keep their shots down, as Barnes, Carr and Thexton all shot over the bar from good positions. Northallerton took the lead on 58 minutes when a very long kick from their keeper led to a mixup in the Aycliffe defence, and Hudson snook in for a gift of a goal. Aycliffe didn't recover from that shock, and never looked like breaking down the packed Northallerton defence after that. To make matters worse, the visitors broke out and counterattacked in injury time, with Blackburn getting their second goal, leaving Aycliffe to regret their wayward shooting.

Next games:
Ebac Northern League Division One:
Saturday 24th August (KO 3.00pm)
Newton Aycliffe v West Auckland Town

Monday 26th August (KO 1.00pm)
Newton Aycliffe v Shildon

Darlington Football Club Foundation Launched

Darlington FC last week launched the Darlington Football Club Foundation, which will be their new official charity partner. The aim of the Foundation is to improve the lives of people in Darlington and surrounding areas, especially their health, by promoting positive activity and lifestyles through education and engagement of young people and their families for the benefit of the whole community.

The specific principal objects are to encourage and advance the education of children and adults within the community with the purpose of promoting a healthy lifestyle; and to promote community involvement in healthy recreation by improving facilities and education in their use for the playing of sports, especially to people and communities who have limited access to such places.

Darlington Chief Executive Officer David Johnston said; "Darlington Football Club, through its Foundation, is delighted to undertake an innovative and forward-thinking project with our partners in the town of Darlington and surrounding communities."

"The football club wants to take a strong lead in promoting a healthy and beneficial lifestyle for everyone and cement our place in the centre of the community."

The Foundation will be chaired by Steve Rose, who is the CEO of Catalyst, Stockton-on-Tees Limited and a Rotarian. He brings a wealth of experience in the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector and said; "It is a great pleasure to be associated with the new Darlington FC Foundation and we are looking forward to improving lives within communities that are served

by the Football Club." The Foundation through its delivery partner, Sporting Futures, will be working with schools within the town and surrounding areas to deliver football coaching and other sporting activities. The Foundation will also be taking over the responsibility from the Football Club for running the successful 'Football in the Community' holiday soccer camps.

The Foundation is working on opportunities to collaborate with other organisations in the area to deliver community projects that will deliver outcomes that are consistent with the objects of the Foundation. Funding for the Foundation is expected to come from surpluses arising from the coaching and soccer camps, grant funding from the National League Trust and donations from the business community.

Whilst Darlington FC Supporters Group, as a Community Benefit Society, and Darlington Football Club each have constitutional obligations to engage with and to benefit the local community, it was felt that the creation of a dedicated charitable foundation would be far more effective in being able to meet those obligations, both from an operational and funding perspective.

The Foundation's first event will take place on Saturday 14th September (the day of our home match with York City) and all Darlington FC fans will be invited to take part. Further announcements will be made shortly.



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