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**Mayor's Civic Service**  
**Sunday 8th September**  
The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, will be holding her Civic Service at St. Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe, on Sunday 8th September 2019 at 10.00am. We would like to invite parishioners and friends to join her on this occasion with refreshments in the church hall after the Service.

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Visitors can marvel at heritage engines and enjoy a host of exciting events along the 18 miles of breathtaking countryside from Grosmont to Whitby, taking in the world-famous North York Moors National Park along the way. Levisham and Goathland Stations will host the Annual Steam Gala Beer Festival and families can enjoy Peter's Railway - Young Engineer's Centre at Pickering, an interactive exhibition for children which brings to life engineering and science through storytelling.

For the first time in the Annual Steam Gala's history North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group (NELPG) will be taking over the event on Thursday 26 September, with a celebration of its locomotives, drivers and cleaners, highlights include: K1 Locomotive 62005, Lambton Colliery No. 29 and LNER Q6 No. 63395 – one of the few remaining Q6 workhorses to survive right up to the end of steam on British Railways. Chris Price, General Manager at NYMR, said: "NELPG was formed in 1966 to preserve examples of the last two remaining classes of North Eastern

Railway (NER) freight locomotives which were then still operating in the North East of England before they were finally withdrawn by BR in September 1967. This was successfully achieved and the locomotives were restored by the charity's volunteers before they went to the NYMR where they continue to operate.

"Like NYMR, NELPG is a registered charity and both organisations charitable aims are to preserve the golden age of steam for all to enjoy. This is a great extension to the Annual

Steam Gala and showcases the stunning engines that have been carefully restored and cared for by the group. This is an event not to be missed."

NELPG Steam Gala Tickets for Thursday 26th September start from just £12.50 for a child and £25.00 for adults. A 2+2 family can take advantage of a bargain busting £52.00 ticket.

For information about NYMR's Annual Steam Gala and ticket details from Friday 27th September to Sunday 29th September see [www.nymr.co.uk](http://www.nymr.co.uk)



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**Saturday 28th** - Two fab solo acts "Katherine Stone" and "Dave Lee Michaels" £3.00 Entry

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FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same wow. The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, ie instead of sticking to 'Sweet Child Of Mine', they did 'Welcome to The Jungle'.  
How long have FM been around now? Many a year, and on this performance, many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome.

**Saturday 7th September - "Fossil"**  
Gig-Pit Review: "Cracking band, really good players and four singers all taking lead vocals! Excellent harmonies, good sound! Loved the set list: Asia, Kansas, Zeppelin, Gary Moore, Yes!"

**Saturday 14th September - "Uncle Gilbert"**  
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# UTC South Durham GCSE Maths Results the Best Ever

UTC South Durham's GCSE Maths results have been the best ever with 70% of the cohort scoring grade 4-9 passes against last year's school national average of 59.8%. This is an outstanding achievement particularly for students aiming to go into a STEM or technical career.

Gaining good grades in formal qualifications is an important start but the purpose of education is to help young people gain the experiences, skills, qualifications and confidence to pursue a meaningful career. We have many exceptional success stories for students at the UTC. For example, Jasmine Starbuck has always had great aspirations to pursue a career in economics and politics and has recently been awarded a scholarship to attend Durham High School Sixth Form to fulfil her ambition. Jasmine achieved outstanding GCSE results including a grade 9 for her English Language. Jasmine said 'I'm so pleased with my GCSE results. I have worked really hard to achieve this and I can't wait to continue to follow my dream of going into politics'. Jasmine has even completed an extended project qualification which



is the equivalent to as A/S Level. Many of the other Year 11 students are coming back to the UTC to carry on with their A-Level and technical studies. They will be able to take advantage of the combination of academic, technical and workplace education which includes project and placements with industrial partners. New facilities at the UTC include a mechatronics lab and additional fabrication and welding equipment. Recent results showed a 100% pass rate at A-level with 90% of students achieving Distinction or better in Tech Level Engineering; these have supported students in achieving outstanding STEM destinations.



Several students have moved on to other positive destinations, including three of the Year 11 students who have been successful in landing Level 3 apprenticeships at Gestamp Tallent. The students went through a challenging recruitment process to achieve the fantastic opportunity and all of the students were thrilled at being offered the position. Joe Howarth, one of the successful candidates, said 'I knew coming to the UTC would help me achieve my ambitions of working for Gestamp as an apprentice. The UTC have not only helped me achieve my GCSE's but also supported me to get the apprenticeship. I can't thank them enough for their support.'

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 coming directly to the UTC. Students and parents can book an appointment to meet senior leaders at [www.utsouthdurham.org/enrol-on-a-course](http://www.utsouthdurham.org/enrol-on-a-course). 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.utsouthdurham.org](http://www.utsouthdurham.org). For additional information call 01325 430250.

# GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR AYCLIFFE COUPLE

John and Pauline Denham celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 16th August 2019. They first met each other in 1967 whilst attending the Teacher Training courses at Neville's Cross College. On completion of their courses, they were married in Elvet Church, Old Elvet, Durham City and honeymooned near Fort William in Scotland. On their return they moved into their first home in Washington Crescent then on to the Woodham area in May 2008.

John was born on 4th November 1946, in Bannockburn near Stirling, Scotland. He briefly lived in Leicester and Darlington after his father was demobbed from the Fleet Air Arm and the family moved onto the new town on the 10th September 1951, when with his parents, Malcolm & Christina and brother Malcolm, they moved into a

new house in Lee Green. Pauline, (nee McLauchlan) was born in Seaham on the 13th March 1947, where she lived with her parents Robert and Elsie.

John and Pauline have three sons, John, born in 1972, Christopher, born in 1976 and Andrew, born in 1979. Each of the boys attended Vane Road Primary School and Woodham Comprehensive, before going on to university. Pauline and John's other interests have included gardening, caravanning, travelling and DIY.

John attended the town's first school, in the Bede Crescent sitting, and can remember sitting in class listening to the funeral of King George VI and watching the 'Blue Bridge' being constructed. He transferred to the new Sugar Hill Infants School and then the Junior School when they were completed.

In September 1958 he started at the Durham Johnston Grammar Technical School, where he also began his great interest and career in Rugby Union and played in each year team and in 1964, was selected for the Durham County Schools Under 19s. Aged 11, he joined the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Cadets which met in the upper room of the building next to the Clarence Hall in Finchale Road. During this time, he attained his Grand Prior's badge, the highest award possible in the cadets and was promoted to sergeant, he also joined the Boys' Club, which was then held in a building where the Magistrates' Court now stands.

Pauline and John each now attend the Xcel Church, which meets on the Aycliffe Business Park.

Teacher Training began in September 1966 at the Neville's Cross College. On qualifying, he began his teaching career in 1969 at the Shildon Boys' Secondary School. In 1971, he moved upstairs to the Junior School. When the Juniors and nearby Infant School were combined to form a primary school in 1982, John was appointed Deputy Headteacher. From 1974 to 1977, John was



secretary of both the Aycliffe Association of the NASUWT and the Newton Aycliffe's Trades Council. John was a Governor of Vane Road Primary School from 1985 till 1989. He also became a Governor of Woodham Academy in 1985, retiring in April 2018.

In 1988, he was appointed Headteacher of Ferryhill Dean Bank Primary School and retired in August 2003. Pauline began teaching at Woodham Burn Junior School. After leaving to have

the children, she taught part time before taking a full-time post at St. Francis' C of E Junior School, from where she retired as Deputy Headteacher in 2002.

At Xcel, Pauline is a leading member of the Reach Out Group which regularly goes into the Bethany Care Home on a Sunday morning to hold services for the residents. Three times a year residents from all the local Care Homes are invited to Xcel for afternoon tea and entertainment.

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A kooky romantic comedy about love, jealousy and mix ups; a delightful feel-good film for all. 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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# COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO FIGHT HOLIDAY HUNGER

A County Durham charity has joined forces with community groups and organisations across Bishop Auckland to provide more than 6,000 free meals to young people and their families.

A report from the All Party Parliamentary Group for Hunger estimates that up to 3m children are at risk of going hungry during the school holidays.

To help combat this, a team of chefs and volunteers at regional charity The Auckland Project have been preparing and cooking hundreds of healthy and fresh meals, to be distributed via 14 different

holiday and youth clubs in the local area.

The project has run, in partnership with Incredible Edible Bishop Auckland, for the duration of the school summer holidays and by the end of the break it is estimated that 6,085 meals will have been distributed. Food suppliers, including DeliFresh, Bidfood's Gateshead depot and Darlington-based Acorn Dairy, donated vegetables, fruit, milk, cream and cupboard staples to help create the meals throughout the six-week period.

Durham County Council Councillors, Shirley Quinn, Christine Wilson, Tanya Tucker and Joy Allen also supported the project, contributing from their Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership neighbourhood budgets.

Volunteer drivers from The Auckland Project delivered the prepared meals to youth clubs, holiday clubs, church groups and school-based transition days across the Bishop Auckland area to be provided for free to children aged from 0 to 16 taking part in holiday activities.

A number of community organisations joined the initiative and distributed the free meals to local communities via various holiday activity clubs. These were, holiday activity clubs at the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches, Time for Toddlers, Auckland Youth and Community Centre, Wear Valley Christian Church Summer School, Shildon Alive, St John's Church Summer Activity Club, St Anne's Cinema Club, Incredible Edible Activity Day and Feeding Families.

Meals were also given out at King James I Academy Summer School, the Summer School at St. John's School and Sixth Form Centre and Bishop Barrington School Summer School.

And The Auckland Project's Learning and Engagement Team established its own Holiday Club which met weekly at Henknowle Community Centre for a range of fun and creative activities. Parents attending the sessions were also invited to stay and enjoy the activities so families could have a meal together.

Charlotte Walton, Food Project Co-ordinator at The Auckland Project, said: "Reports have found that Holiday Hunger can be big issue, especially during the long summer holidays, and it is something that can affect so many people.

"We wanted to do something to help and it has been a real team effort. It would not have been possible to deliver more than 6,000

meals without the input of everyone involved.

"And working with so many different community groups, businesses and organisations from across the Bishop Auckland area has been really rewarding."

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services at Durham County Council, added: "We know that school holidays can be a challenging time for families, with parents and carers facing the additional expense of keeping youngsters entertained and fed throughout the day.

"We really welcome this local partnership project which has provided meals for a lot of children in the area over the summer."

Susan Justice, Head of Business Development, North East at Bidfood, said: "Bidfood took no persuading to get involved with this amazing initiative run by The Auckland Project.

"Holiday Hunger is a cause very close to our hearts in Bidfood and our hope is that one day all children will have access to good, nutritional food in the school holidays.

"Until then we will work with The Auckland Project and their dedicated team to ensure we reach as many children as possible, and help make the school holidays a time to look forward to."

The Auckland Project is a regeneration charity with an aim to create positive change in Bishop Auckland. The Holiday Hunger project is one of a number of community-based initiatives being run in the town. Other schemes include the Friendly Heritage Group, weekly sessions combining local heritage with dementia friendly activities, and Blooming Bishop Auckland, which supports horticultural and environmental projects in the local area.

For more information about The Auckland Project's work in the community, visit [www.aucklandproject.org/community](http://www.aucklandproject.org/community). And to stay up to date with The Auckland Project follow The Auckland Project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Some of the organisations and businesses from across the region who have worked together to provide and distribute over 6,000 meals to young people and their families during the summer holidays. L-R, back row: Paul Marshall from DeliFresh, Sheilah Metcalfe from Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership, Shildon Town Mayor Peter Quinn, Durham County Councillor, Tanya Tucker and Susan Justice, Head of Business Development North East at Bidfood.

L-R, front row: June Howarth from Bidfood, Charlotte Walton, Food Project Co-ordinator at The Auckland Project, Katherine Hinds, Chef at The Auckland Project and Durham County Councillor, Shirley Quinn.

Photo: Jamie Sproates, courtesy of The Auckland Project.



On Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Aycliffe Village History Society present Lee Brownson, who will give a talk entitled 'The Auckland Project'. All welcome, members £1.00, non members £3.00, includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Enquiries 01325 301093.



## THE HUB OF WISHES

The Annual General Meeting of the Hub of Wishes will take place on Thursday 19th September at 1.00pm at 10-11 Silverdale House, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7DZ. ALL WELCOME.

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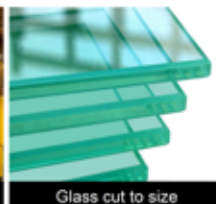


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# Great Result for Greenfield Class of 2019



The Greenfield Community College 'Class of 2019' have so much to celebrate. This year group have demonstrated huge maturity, creativity and collaboration in their work together. Their 'success' story continues with well-deserved examination results this summer, sustaining the school's reputation for high academic achievement alongside strong commitment to personal development. Executive Headteacher David Priestley acknowledged the hard work of both students and our staff. "We are proud of each and every one of our students who have benefitted from the quality teaching and support of our expert staff team as well as support from our wider school community including parents/carers. We wish all our students huge success in their next steps as they continue their learning and development beyond Greenfield."

Leader for English, Mr Smith, was delighted as a large proportion of his students achieved grades 8 and 9. Mrs Middleton, Subject Leader for Maths, was thrilled to celebrate the success of her students. PE specialist Mr Allison said, "what fabulous results with 80% of my students achieving at least a Level 2 Merit (Grade 6) or better!" Greenfield Community College Chair of Governors, Ian Dennis, added "I am delighted to acknowledge the huge team effort from everyone involved with the school. The governing body appreciates all the hard work of staff and students as well as the support of our families and community across Newton Aycliffe and Shildon in our continuous journey of improving results. We wish them all every success in the future." To find out more about our school 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](mailto:contact@greenfieldschool.net)



# Greenfield Arts Celebrate Cornish Centenary

Greenfield Arts are looking forward to hosting an exhibition by a renowned and well-loved local artist. 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny' will run from Thursday 10th October – Wednesday 11th December and chronicles the great determination and resilience he showed to become a professional artist.

The exhibition forms part of the Norman Cornish Centenary celebrations which is a year long celebration of his life and work. The artist's family, in collaboration with galleries across the north east, have curated a series of exhibitions and events to take place throughout 2019 that focus on Norman's life and work and how he captured the beauty in the everyday.

"Many of the ordinary but fascinating people who frequented these places are gone. However, in my memory, and I hope in my drawings, they live on. I simply close my eyes and they all spring to life". Norman Cornish.

Norman Cornish was born on the 18th of November 1919 in the small town of Spennymoor. At the age of just 14, Norman left school and began work as a coal miner. From a very young age, Norman had always been passionate about drawing and painting and he soon became aware of the sketching club at the Spennymoor Settlement. Norman was accepted as a member at the age of 15, giving him the opportunity to meet other like-minded artists and ultimately offering him the opportunity to exhibit his work.

The Centenary has offered the opportunity and privilege to celebrate Norman's life and work, the exhibition features personal quotes from Cornish and an interesting narrative that highlights key moments of his career and showcases work that was



produced when materials or conditions were not always optimal.

Alongside the exhibition, events at Greenfield Arts include an Illustrated talk by Norman's son-in-law Mike Thornton, Primary School workshops with daughter-in-law Dorothy Cornish, an artist in residence programme, a visual arts project, and sketchbook workshops inspired by his work. The exhibition will culminate in an exhibition response titled 'Inspired by Cornish' which will include a spoken word performance

by poet Tony Gadd on 16th December 2019 at 13:00, the exhibition response will run until 20th December 2019. This exhibition is part of the centenary programme. Other exhibitions and events are programmed throughout the year, please see [normancornish.com](http://normancornish.com) for more information. To find out more about 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny' please see our website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or contact our friendly team at [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or call us on 01325 379048



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## GCSE Success Celebrated Across County Durham

Pupils have been praised for their GCSE results, as County Durham continues to perform strongly in the face of major changes to the exam system.

Schools across the county have maintained their success from last year and there has been significant improvements in the academic performance of disadvantaged pupils.

The results are set against ongoing reforms to the GCSE system, with the majority of GCSE courses now giving pupils a 1-9 grade. A level 4 is deemed as a 'pass' which is similar to the old 'C' grade and level 5 as a 'good pass'. There has also been a shift away from coursework, meaning more weight is given to the final exams.

Results across England have been in a state of flux since the first wave of reforms, and grades for all regions took a dip in 2017 when the new maths and English qualifications were introduced.

In County Durham, the proportion of pupils achieving success at grade 4 and above in both English and maths is 60 per cent. This matches last year's performance, which was a significant improvement from 56 per cent in 2017. The average attainment score for both subjects has also increased.

The overall attainment 8 score for pupils, meanwhile,

has risen again to 44.7 from 44.4 last year. This is a measure of a pupil's average grade across a set of eight subjects.

Disadvantaged attainment 8 has significantly improved to 40.4 compared to 35.5 in 2018.

CLr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children and young people's services at Durham County Council, said: "We are delighted our young people have achieved such good results. The system has been changed significantly in recent years, with the removal of coursework and more difficult questions increasing the pressure on pupils during the exam period."

"These results are testament to how hard our young people have worked. They also reflect the commitment of our teaching staff and the invaluable support provided by parents, carers and other family members."

"GCSEs are important but if you did not get the results you want, please do not worry. There are many paths to success and support is available, so make sure you seek advice and access the help on offer."

Pupils who did not receive the grades they hoped for and those looking for careers advice can visit [www.durhamworks.info](http://www.durhamworks.info) where they will find information on apprenticeships, recruitment and training for 16 to 24-year-olds across the county.

## Eight Year Old Issues Water Vole Plea to PM



An eight-year-old girl from County Durham has written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson to appeal for help in saving the water vole. Wildlife enthusiast Beth Hartman-Andersen, from Bishop Auckland, compiled her ten reasons for help in saving the mammal, which is suffering from a significant decline in population, after attending a conservation event run by Durham Wildlife Trust.

During the event, Beth met Kirsty Pollard, who is working across Northumberland, Durham and Tees Valley Wildlife Trust regions to develop a project called Naturally Native, and was so inspired by what she heard that she felt compelled to take action.

Beth said: "I have always

loved wildlife and am hoping that when I grow up I can work with animals. I really enjoyed the water vole event with Kirsty. We learnt all about the species and made some fun vole masks. I was shocked when Kirsty explained that water voles will disappear altogether if we don't do something to stop it and so I wanted to do something to help Kirsty's campaign to save them. I hope that Mr Johnson reads my letter and that he helps in the campaign to save them."

Laura Younger, Beth's mum, said: "When Beth got home from the event she immediately began researching the water voles. Kirsty had explained during the event that, although once common across the North East, water voles are now Britain's fastest declining mammal and that without action they will disappear altogether so Beth decided to compile her top ten reasons for making sure that doesn't happen and send them to parliament. I am so proud of her actions and I hope that the letter helps in the campaign to save them."

Kirsty Pollard, Naturally Native Development Manager, said: "I was really touched when Beth's mum got in contact to let me know about her letter. Water voles face a desperate future if we don't take action now: their habitat is becoming more and more reduced and fragmented leaving populations vulnerable to being wiped out by American mink, a non-native predator that they struggle to escape from."

"Our Naturally Native project is researching the current locations of both water voles and American mink so we can understand clearly the situation we face in the North East and this information will form the basis of a plan to try to save the population in this area but more needs to be done to secure the future for the water vole. Beth's letter is a great opportunity to widen the reach of our campaign and I look forward to hearing if she receives a response."

The Naturally Native project runs regular events to encourage people to get involved in surveying and identifying water voles and other wetland mammals, details of which can be found on the Durham Wildlife Trust website ([www.durhamwt.co.uk](http://www.durhamwt.co.uk)).

## Durham Greenpeace Rallies for Allies to Join Global Climate Strike

Saturday 24th August 2019

Durham Greenpeace Group rallied for allies at Durham Market Place on Saturday 24th August for the Global Climate Strike on Friday 20th September.

Inspired by Greta Thunberg's strikes, which has seen school children and young people around the world staging monthly protests for radical climate action, the Global Climate Strike is a global response by a coalition of NGOs, unions and social movements to the young people's call to action.

The strike will see millions of protesters around the world walk out of our workplaces and homes to join young climate strikers on the streets and demand an end to the age of fossil fuels.

Pauline Hall, Group-Coordinator for Durham Greenpeace, is on a mission to mobilise Durham residents to join the global action. Pauline said: "On Friday 20 September, Greta Thunberg and young people across the world are striking to demand urgent action to prevent the climate crisis - but they can't do it alone. Whatever your age, everyone from in and around Durham is needed to join the Global Climate Strike and get our



government to declare a climate emergency."

Durham Greenpeace will be joined by the Durham Climate Choir to inspire passers-by with thought provoking lyrics, including climate-change anthem 'Sing for the Climate' by Just Earth and Neil Young's 'Natural Anthem'. Lyrics will be provided by the choir on the day so members of the public can join in the protest.

Susan Wesley, Member of Transition Durham and Coordinator of Durham Climate Choir, said: "The climate crisis is an emergency — we want everyone to start acting like it. If we don't transition away from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy, the injustice of the climate

crisis will only get worse. We'll be singing loud and proud to make sure the government hears us!"

*Photo: Group Coordinator, Pauline Hall, encouraging members of the public to join the group for the Global Climate Strike.*



St. Elizabeth's monthly Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th September from 10.00am to 11.15am (for this month only).

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# First Force in Country to Use Specialist ANPR Technology

The idea for a unique Speedwatch van was born when officers within the Crook Neighbourhood Police Team were brainstorming on how to improve the volunteer-led service last March.

The traditional Speedwatch scheme sees volunteers use a speed matrix to manually record speeding drivers who pass them. However, this involves relying on the accuracy of the volunteers' eye and multiple vehicles can be difficult to register all at once, especially in harsh weather conditions.

But after teaming up with the 3 Towns Area Action Partnership (3 Towns AAP) and speciality traffic sign firm, Westcotec, officers were able to design their own Speedwatch van which is the first of its kind in the UK.

Utilising the latest intelligent radar technology, an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera and a Speed Indicator Display (SID) with safety camera warning legend beneath, the equipment works together to clock speeding vehicles. If above the speed limit, the sign will flash in warning as the driver approaches and if the driver continues to speed, the camera will capture the registration of the vehicle along with its

speed.

The camera can also register multiple vehicles at a time, making results much more reliable and these are sent straight through to a laptop operated by volunteers in the front cabin meaning they will also be protected from the elements.

PC Ellis Hutchinson, who led the project, said he was delighted the van was finally ready and had been worth the wait.

He said: "This van has allowed us to enhance the capability of our volunteers and our data quality while we have also achieved our aim to support the volunteers' hard work whilst having an impact on driver behaviour."

"We are confident this will contribute to reducing casualties and educate drivers on the importance of sticking to the speed limit."

"Of course we are always looking for more Speedwatch volunteers too and hope the chance to operate this state-of-the-art technology will encourage more residents to come forward to help keep their communities safe."

"We would also like to thank the councillors who have contributed to this invaluable project."

In further planned developments, warning letters will be automatically

generated by the van's system and sent to the driver, while further action can also be taken if they are caught multiple times.

Chris Spinks, managing director of Westcotec, said the team were really excited to work with officers on the project.

Mr Spinks, who is a former chief inspector with Norfolk Police, said the company always invited input from their customers and knew the Speedwatch van would be a particularly good idea when PC Hutchinson suggested it.

"We started looking at ways to have an automated Speedwatch team and that's when the Crook team suggested the device in a van," he said. "It's a really clear and visible deterrent to slow people down and means people can have that choice to slow down before they get clocked."

He added: "It's been great to work on as I have an understanding of the issues and challenges the police face around this issue."

"Westcotec is all about educating the driver and providing them with more information so they can make a better decision and alter their behaviour."

"We want to thank Durham Police for the opportunity to work with them to produce something to make a real difference."

The van was manufactured in France and was made possible thanks to funding from several 3 Towns AAP councillors who collectively contributed £25,395.

The councillors are Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cllr Patricia Jopling, Cllr Richard Manchester, Cllr Andrea Patterson, Cllr Anne Reed and Cllr Fraser Tinsley.

It has even inspired bosses at Heathrow Airport who have also now adopted the same technology in their carparks.

Sandy Denney, 3 Towns Area Action Partnership co-ordinator, said:

"Community safety is a key priority for us and a concern for residents so we are delighted all of our local councillors chose to support this innovative scheme with their 3 Towns Partnership AAP neighbourhood budgets. This project is a first not only for County Durham but for the country. "Speeding vehicles pose a serious threat to pedestrians and other road users so it is important we support the police."

"This van will build upon the fantastic work already being carried out by Speedwatch volunteers and sends out a strong message that speeding will not be tolerated in County Durham."

The van will be launched on Friday, August 30, at a special event at Crook Council offices at 10am.

To volunteer for Speedwatch or for more information call 101 and ask to speak to Crook Police Team.

# Nurse & Patient Take Up the Challenge



On Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October the Stampede event will take place at Newcastle Racecourse.

This challenging but fun cross-country assault course challenges the fitness levels of all involved, but is a fantastic event to get involved in.

Macmillan Nurse, Yvonne Anderson and one of her former patients, Sue Brierley are taking on that challenge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sue began supporting Macmillan in 2012 when she took part in a walk for Macmillan in memory of her dad. Little did she know a few years later she herself would be diagnosed with breast cancer which is when she was first introduced to her Macmillan nurse Yvonne, who has been an integral part of Sue's life since.

Sue said "I don't know how I would have coped without Yvonne. She's supported me in so many ways. Not only helping me deal with the side effects of my treatment, which I found incredibly hard, but also being a listening ear when my diagnosis started

to have a huge impact on my work. She was able to offer me advice and support on how to manage the difficulties I was having and has ultimately given me the confidence to set up my own business, The Gables-podcamping which a few years ago I would never have been able to even contemplate"

Sue is now in remission with yearly checks however Yvonne is still a big part of her life. When Sue mentioned she was signing up for the stampede to raise money and give something back to Macmillan for the support she'd received, Yvonne didn't hesitate in suggesting she would sign up herself!

Sue and Yvonne will be taking part in the Stampede at Newcastle Racecourse, together they will run, walk and crawl through what could be a very muddy course! Sue said, "nothing will be as bad as what I have been through".

To sign up for the Stampede and raise money to help people affected by cancer visit [Newcastle-racecourse.co.uk/Newcastle-stampede](http://Newcastle-racecourse.co.uk/Newcastle-stampede) <https://www.thegables-podcamping.co.uk>

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

The Council on 23/8/19 made the above 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.

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6-7.30pm Sports Round Up Darren & Lee  
• 3rd Sept - Ben Potts (Football)  
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## School Nurse & Health Visiting Services Consultation

Views are needed to help shape the future of County Durham's health visiting and school nursing services. Durham County Council's public health team is seeking feedback on the health visiting and school nurse services as it looks to improve the effectiveness and quality of Growing Healthy County Durham.

This is a service that supports families, children and young people across the county in their homes and within communities and education settings, helping them to live as healthy lives as possible.

Amanda Healy, Durham County Council's director of public health, said: "Feedback from this consultation will help shape the future of the vitally important health visitor and school nursing services."

"Ensuring children have the best possible start in life and continuing to support families to improve their health outcomes is a high priority for us at Durham County Council."

"We want to make sure the new service meets the needs of families and children and young people in the county, so your views are important to us."

To find out more and to fill in the survey visit [www.durham.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultations)

The consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday, 18 September. If a paper copy of the survey is required, please contact public health on 03000 267 687.

## SHINE CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS



SHINE Choir is a popular children's community choir which meets every Monday 5-6pm at St. Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe. We begin a new term on Monday 9th September at 5pm. The choir is open to all boys and girls from 5 years of age, we currently have 35 young people aged between 5 and 13 years of age and have space for 10 more!

Singing in a choir has all sorts of proven benefits - aiding speech and language, improving wellbeing and developing confidence are just some reasons to join. Another big one of course is it's great fun!!! FREE to join, with juice and biscuits kindly provided by parents keep us going.

We learn a wide variety of songs and occasionally use sign language also.

This choir is grateful to all the support it receives from the local community and we like to support community events too - the children love to perform. All children who wish to, will be able to take part in a Christmas Production planned for two dates in December.

So please come along and give it a try, the choir team are all DBS checked, friendly and welcoming. Look up Shine Children's Choir on Facebook for a selection of video clips and more details about us or contact Helen on 07716 801262.

Helen McCormick

## Horndale Community Association September Meeting



Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 4th September at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6.00pm, with refreshments at 5.45pm.

We will be discussing our fantastic Community Fun Day held earlier this month and look forward toward our autumn plans. Apologies to a lovely lady called Theresa who I missed out in the people to thank in last week's article covering the Fun Day. Theresa kindly made a fantastic cake with our logo on, to raffle on the day. The winner, a lady from Darlington, was over the moon with it, thank you Theresa.

Over the coming months we will have the return of guest speakers covering many different subjects.

Thank you

Philip Clark

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## Mums-To-Be, Try Aqua Natal For Free

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Aqua natal is available at:

- Chester-le-Street Leisure Centre, Wednesday, 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

- Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Thursday 11.15am to 12 noon.

- Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, a new session on Saturday, 3.05pm to 3.50pm. Free one day passes are available to new customers and can be claimed by contacting the leisure centre.

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## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 11th September 2019 - 7.15pm**  
**Policy & Resources Meeting**

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# A History of Newton Aycliffe

## PART SIX

*Newton News are running a seven week series on the history of Newton Aycliffe, written by Town & 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 the whole series on our website from this next weekend after the final instalment - [www.newtonnews.co.uk](http://www.newtonnews.co.uk)*

On 16th September 1825, a number of heavy wagons left the Stephenson Works in Newcastle and trundled 32 miles southwards down the Great North Road. When they reached Aycliffe – perhaps some 4 or 5 days later, such was the pace of transport in those pre-railway days – they turned westward up Heighington Lane, until they reached the new railway line which the Stockton & Darlington Railway Company had been building for the past three years. There, at what is now the level crossing at Heighington Station, the first public passenger steam locomotive in the world was assembled and placed onto the rails of the first public passenger steam railway in the world. At the time the locomotive was named ‘Active’ but, because the Company had ordered three more locomotives for their fleet, it soon became, simply, ‘Locomotion No.1’. The new company quickly developed all the infrastructure to run a modern steam railway, including signals, a timetable, branch lines, the first railway suspension bridge, repair yards etc. The crossing at Heighington Lane became first a halt, then they built a tavern there for people waiting, then they started selling tickets there ... and what we know as the Locomotion Pub became at least one of the first railway stations in the world. The original platform is still there, suitably hidden. People fight about which was ‘the first railway in the world’. There certainly had been wagonways using steam locomotives in collieries, and railways with horse-pulled passenger

carriages, all well before the Stockton & Darlington Railway. And the proponents of the Liverpool to Manchester Railway (1830) argue that the S&DR was in fact only ‘the last wagonway’, and that it was the L&MR which was ‘the first railway’. But, as they do new research for the bicentenary in 2025, the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway are proving beyond doubt that in fact, not only was the S&DR the first company to put all the elements of a modern steam railway together into a working whole, but that they made it commercially viable ... and as a result, people from all over the world copied it (including Germany and America ... and, yes, the Liverpool and Manchester Railway).

At the time, I suspect the people involved in that epoch-creating event on Heighington Lane were unaware of how momentous a moment it was. Having delivered the locomotive, it was discovered that no one had a tinder-box (and of course there were no matches in those days), so no one could light the boiler. A boy was sent to the local pub for some fire, but he went and never returned. In the end, it being a sunny afternoon, one of the navigators – a man named Robert Metcalf – lit a fire with the magnifying glass he used to light his pipe. And the world steamed off into our future. I mean ... it's exciting, isn't it! The new railway carried freight, goods and passengers. Local farmers sent their produce to market by train. A mine at Middridge was just one of

many collieries which used the S&DR, and you can still trace the wagonway which took its coal down to the line. Small villages grew up beside the railway at the bottom of Walker's Lane – Riseburn to the south and Eden Pit to the north – and commercial quarries were established there too. A rival company built a better route from Aycliffe to Stockton but, because it still had to join onto the S&DR at Simpasture, the Stockton & Darlington Company was able to drive it into bankruptcy, and to take over the line.

I don't know whether you imagined 19th century Aycliffe and Middridge as sleepy, Lark-Rise-to-Candleford rural villages, but they were anything but. 853 people lived in Middridge in 1890 (compared to 300 today) and the population of Aycliffe in 1879 included, stunningly, not just the expected farmers, market gardeners, cattle dealers and hay sellers etc., but also: a plasterer, 3 butchers, a coalman, 6 shopkeepers, a tanner, 3 shoemakers, a beer seller, 2 tailors, a baker, 2 joiners, 3 pubs and 2 hotels, 2 blacksmiths, a miller, a builder, a greengrocer, a cartwright, a school, the church and two Methodist Chapels, a railway station and a saw mill. 150 years ago, our area was economically-dynamic, and socially bustling. Of the 146 people over the age of 16 living in Middridge in 1851, just 33 had been born in the village. When I was a teacher, it took an hour's lesson and a homework to teach the students all the economic and social consequences of the railways. How amazing is it to think that it ALL started at that one point in time and place ... which we now know as Heighington Station. In this series, we have heard that a man from Thicky invented our democracy, and that a stallion from Middridge Grange transformed horse-racing. But this was the moment when an event in Great Aycliffe went on to change the world.

## HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

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

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# Follow the Branches to Find Your Family Roots

A series of family history courses invite new and experienced heritage-seekers to find out about their past. Who knows what you could find if you dig deeper into your family roots?

Durham County Record Office is offering the public the chance to explore that question.

The Family History Course for Beginners is the first step towards discovery, guiding attendees through the basics in research including civil registration, the census and parish registers.

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist at Durham County Record Office, said: “The course is a fun introduction to help people start their journey into the past. Newcomers can learn how to best use the rich archive at the Record Office, see examples of fascinating research in action, as well as get involved in interactive activities.

“Previous participants have found it the ideal starting point, and really benefitted from having an archivist on

hand.”

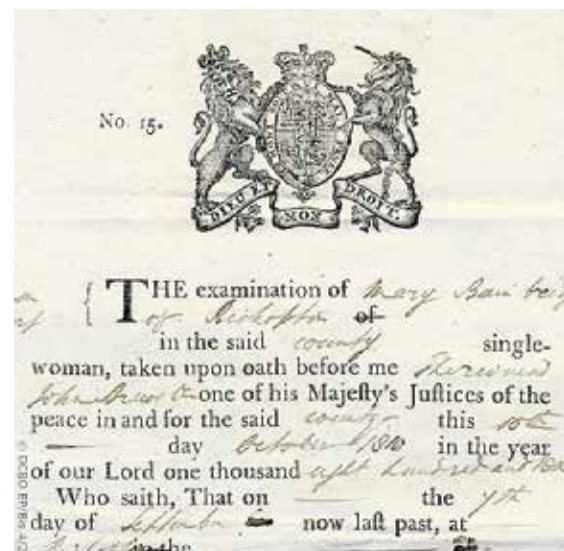
The course lasts for three weeks and runs on Thursday evenings, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on the 12th, 19th and 26th September and Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon on the 13th, 20th and 27th September.

Each three-week course costs £30 per person.

For those who are looking to move beyond basic research skills, the Branching Out course offers an opportunity to dig a little further. The next talk in the series is titled Illegitimacy, Divorce and Adoption.

Dawn Layland said: “Our ancestors lived in a world with very different laws around marriage and family. Children born out of wedlock faced a lifetime of stigma and couples whose marriage had broken down were often unable to separate without heavy legal costs, if at all.

“We will look at the social climate of the time, what records survive and how we can use them to find out more.” There will be an hour after the talk to browse and use



our research facilities, with support from an archivist.

The session runs twice, on Monday 23rd September, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and Thursday 26th September, 10.00am to 12 noon. Tickets must be booked in

advance and are priced at £10 per person.

To find out more or to book a course at Durham County Record Office, call 03000 267626 or visit <https://recordofficeshop.durham.gov.uk/pgEventResult>

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# New Regulations Protect Renters Living in Poorly Insulated Homes

Renters in County Durham living in cold homes with high energy bills have been given new protection rights with landlords now required to ensure their property meets a minimum energy efficiency standard as part of a series of new regulations. The changes will help households who live in poorly insulated homes with outdated heating systems which are often difficult and expensive to heat effectively. Since 2018, all private rented properties have had to meet a minimum energy performance rating of Band E before they can be let to a new tenant or a

tenancy is renewed. Recent updates to these rules now mean landlords must pay up to £3,500 towards the cost of energy efficiency improvements in sub-standard rental homes\*.

From April next year, more stringent regulations will require landlords to improve properties with the lowest energy performance ratings, even when occupied with existing tenants, or face significant financial penalties.

Since 2002 the private rental sector has doubled in size and now accounts for nearly a quarter of UK households. However, 25% of these properties don't meet basic energy efficiency standards.

Rural renters, including many in County Durham, are some of the worst affected, with data showing some 97% of oil using homes in the UK are currently rated Band D or below, despite oil being amongst the cheapest of all heating fuel options for off-grid homes.

Malcolm Farrow from OFTEC, which represents the oil heating industry, commented: "With quality, affordable rented housing in short supply, many may feel compelled to move into a property without

first checking how energy efficient it is, despite fuel bills being one of the biggest household expenditures. These new rules will put the onus on landlords to ensure that all properties they let meet a minimum standard which should provide welcome relief to many renters, particularly those living in fuel poverty and struggling to pay their energy bills."

Tenants are also being reminded to check with their landlord that the heating system has been recently serviced by an OFTEC (for oil) or GasSafe (for mains gas) registered technician to make sure it is working correctly and efficiently.

Malcolm added: "As well as providing a better deal for tenants, these updated regulations are designed to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging landlords to install modern and more efficient heating systems as well as reducing unnecessary heat usage due to draughty walls and windows. The government has set a target to upgrade as many homes as possible to EPC band C by 2035."

For further advice and information, visit [www.oftec.org](http://www.oftec.org)

# Care Academy to be Launched

Care providers and those wishing to pursue a career in the sector can access free training at a new academy launching next month.

Durham County Council has set up the County Durham Care Academy to improve skills and resilience within the care sector, offering support across a range of areas including recruitment and retention of staff, training, technology and service delivery.

It is part of a broader programme of work aimed at supporting independent adult social care providers across the county.

And on Tuesday 3rd September a special launch event will take place at Durham Masonic Hall in Old Elvet, Durham City, with the public encouraged to come along between 1.00pm and 3.00pm to find out more about careers within the care sector and the training on offer.

In County Durham, there are more than 100 independent care providers whose teams of care workers support adults with social and physical activities including household tasks, personal care and attending appointments.

Adult health and social care roles make up a large proportion of the

county's employment opportunities. According to the independent charity Skills for Care, 10.3 per cent of adult social care roles are vacant in County Durham, which equates to about 1,400 vacancies at any one time.

The average age of a care worker, meanwhile, is 44, with 25 per cent of the workforce aged over 55 and due to reach retirement age in the next ten years. This is set against increasing demand for care, as the aged population continues to grow.

To help providers meet this need, the Care Academy has developed the Routeway into Adult Health and Social Care course which starts this September. Just one of a broad range of training opportunities on offer at the academy, the free six-week accredited programme has been developed with employers and is aimed at those who wish to start a career in the care industry.

Anybody can apply and its approved by Job Centre Plus as a routeway to work with guaranteed interviews at the end.

There is also a programme for people who are specifically interested in working as personal assistants, supporting



people with day to day tasks at home and within the community. The free two-day course will be delivered in venues across the county and covers topics such as safeguarding, infection control, emergency first aid and food safety. Participants will also receive a free DBS check and can register as a personal assistant and access current job opportunities.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Cabinet member for adult and health services at Durham County Council, said: "Adult social care providers are under increasing pressure to recruit and retain staff to meet demand for services. As a council we are committed to ensuring that our providers are supported

effectively so that we can continue to improve care in County Durham.

"The Academy is a small but vital part of a much larger programme of work that aims to transform how we deliver services to our residents."

For more information about the academy and the opportunities available, visit: [www.durham.gov.uk/careacademy](http://www.durham.gov.uk/careacademy)

## Crazy Whist

The return of a favourite event at St. Elizabeth's of fun and laughter a 'Crazy Whist & Supper Evening' on Thursday 12th September at 7.00pm.

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## CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, travelled to bottom of the table Maltby 1st XI and came away with a frustrating draw in their NYSD 2nd division clash. The highlight of the match was a brilliant career best innings by Luke Telford (sponsored by Dr Subhan Christudas) who was desperately unlucky to be dismissed just one run short of a thoroughly deserved maiden century. Luke faced 101 balls in his memorable innings and he hit 18 boundaries. Other contributions came from Ryan Patrick (24 runs) and Adam Randall (22 runs) as Aycliffe scored a season's best total of 222 all out from 47.1 overs. In reply, despite four wickets from Jack Slatcher and a couple from Michael Howe, Aycliffe were unable to take the ten wickets needed for victory as the home side held out at

stumps on 214 for 7 from 52 overs. However Aycliffe had better luck on the bank holiday Monday when they defeated bogey team Barnard Castle 2nd XI by 53 runs in the NYSD 2nd division. Adam Gittins (sponsored by Phoenix Energy and Jack and Jake Connors) lead the way with a superb innings of 63 and with Adam Randall scoring 43 and Michael Howe chipping in with 27, Aycliffe totalled a par score of 165 all out after 47.5 overs. In reply the visitors were bowled out for 112 after 34.1 overs thanks to good bowling from George Slatcher (4 for 16), Michael Howe (3 for 31) and James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 23). Over the weekend Aycliffe picked up 37 points which leaves them in third place in the 2nd division table and only three games left to play. A weakened second team travelled to Bedale 2nd XI

in the NYSD 4th division and were comprehensively beaten by 176 runs. The home side chose to bat first and scored a huge 260 for 4 declared from 36 overs. In reply only captain Joe Haines with 22 runs and Matty Greaves with 10 runs, reached double figures as Aycliffe were dismissed for 84 after 35.2 overs.

A very under strength 2nd team travelled to Sedgefield seconds on bank holiday Monday and were well beaten by 146 runs in their NYSD 4th division match. The home side batted first and finished their allotted 40 overs on 234 for 8. Leo Mercy was the pick of the bowlers with his best ever figures in senior cricket of 4 for 35 and he was supported well by Joe Haines (sponsored by Phoenix Energy) (2 for 40) and Iain Robson (1 for 39). In reply Ben Nicholson top scored with 32 and other contributions from Trevor Shingler (15 runs) and Joe Haines (14 runs) couldn't stop Aycliffe from being bowled out for just 88 from 29.3 overs.

Special mention must go to 17 year old Alex Paterson who made her debut for Aycliffe and became only the second female to represent the club at senior level and performed with credit in difficult circumstances. *Photo: Luke Telford who scored 99 runs for the first team away at Maltby 1sts on Saturday.*

# Challenge Espana for King James Students



Twelve students in Years 10 and 11 at King James I Academy have recently returned from a unique trip to Spain, which allowed them to experience the sights, cuisine and culture of both Madrid and Barcelona. The six-day 'Challenge Espana' experience was designed as a reward trip for selected students who had demonstrated an excellent attitude to their studies and showed a high level of

commitment to maintaining outstanding behaviour and attendance throughout the academic year. Six Year 10 students and six Year 11s were selected to attend the trip; they experienced the sights and culture of each city by completing a series of organised challenges issued to them each morning by Headteacher, Nick Grieveson. Prior to departure, the

group was divided into four teams of three, and although each was accompanied by a member of staff, students took full control of solving clues and earning points for their team. In addition to this, each team was given a budget of €100 per day for food and travel expenses; this offered an opportunity to develop skills in effective money management and mental maths. The group first travelled to Liverpool for an overnight stay before their early morning flight. In Madrid, they travelled via the Madrid Metro and visited the Plaza de Toros de Las Ventas and the Plaza Mayor, the main public square which dates back to the 15th century. For one of the challenges, teams made their way to the Palacio Real de Madrid, the official residence of the Spanish Royal family and the Bernabau Football Stadium; they also visited

Retiro Park, which is home to the Palacio de Cristal. After three days in Madrid, the group travelled to Barcelona on the AVE high-speed train, which travelled at 205mph and completed the 310-mile journey in just 2 hours 30 minutes. In Barcelona, students were able to visit La Sagrada Familia, the Arco de Triunfo, the Olympic Stadium and the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya. They also rode the Teleférico de Barcelona cable car over the city. Those who participated in Challenge Espana will now share their experience by organising and leading a series of 'mini-challenge' events in our local area and further afield in the UK, for students in younger year groups, including local primary pupils. *Photo caption: Year 11 participants pictured here at Palacio Real de Madrid.*

## King James 1 Academy Class of 2019



We would like to congratulate our students for achieving another positive set of results and for all of the hard work they invested in their studies in Year 10 and Year 11. Yet again, all students achieved a Grade 4 or higher (Grade C+) across a range of subjects including the following: GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry, GCSE French, GCSE Spanish, CNAT Sports Science, GCSE Art & Design – Photography, GCSE Art & Design – Fine Art, GCSE – Art Craft & Design, GCSE Physical Education, BTEC Business, Certificate in Financial Education, V-Cert Food & Cookery. Well done to the following elite group of students who, on average, achieved at least a grade higher than their target across each of their chosen subjects: Rebecca Howarth, Mike Dodds, Jessica Baronowski, Antonia

Cummings, Lia Banks, Neve Mills, Tegan Gwynn, Rebecca Collier, Courtney Smith, Sammy Hobbs, Eleanor Ridley, Ruth Walton, Marshal Wood and Amy Keith. We would also like to celebrate the success of a particular group of students who all managed to achieve an average Grade 7 (A grade) or higher across their counting eight qualifications. Well done to: Emily Richards, Rebecca Howarth, Courtney Smith and James Graham. Congratulations to all of our students, and thank you to their parents and carers, for their support and hard work across many years. We will look forward to following our former students' careers in the years to come and, more immediately, to supporting their success in our Sixth Form.

Well done to the 'Class of 2019'

## SYD HOWARTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**NOMINATE A COMMUNITY MINDED  
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The Howarth family, in memory of Syd Howarth, MBE, are offering the residents of Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to nominate an individual or organisation, who have excelled over the last year. The nominees must be from Newton Aycliffe and the winner will receive a plaque and £250 to go towards their own or another local charity. Those nominating must give the name and address of the nominee along with reasons why this individual or organisation should win (up to 250 words). Closing date for nominations will be 31st August 2019 at which time those that were nominated will be published in the Newton News and the Howarth family will choose the winner. The winner will be awarded the prize on Monday 21st October 2019 (Syd's birthday).

**Entries to be sent via email to:**  
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The nation's favourite motorbike-riding chefs, the Hairy Bikers, are fronting the MS Society's sweetest fundraiser of the year. Down-to-earth duo Dave Myers and Si King are challenging people in the North East to host a Cake Break and raise vital funds for people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS) on Friday 4 October, or a different date that works for you. Over 100,000 people live with MS in the UK, with a further one in four likely to know someone affected. The condition damages nerves in your body and makes it

harder to do everyday things, like walk, talk, eat and think. Whether you're an expert baker or planning to pop to the supermarket for some ready-made treats, raising any kind of dough could make a big difference – it doesn't even need to be on the 4th October. And, once you've signed up, you'll be sent a flav-tastic Cake Break fundraising pack. Inside you'll find exclusive recipes from the Hairy...Bakers, as well as decorations, a collection box and cake-inspired games to help you spread the word – just don't forget to share your Cake Breaks using

#CakeBreak2019. Nick Moberly, Chief Executive of the MS Society, says: "We're incredibly honoured to have the Hairy Bikers supporting this year's Cake Break, and have no doubt they will inspire bikers, bakers and novices everywhere to host their own Cake Breaks across the country. "By organising a Cake Break you'll be raising vital funds for everyone affected by the condition. We believe we can stop MS, but we can't do it without you." Register for a MS Society Cake Break fundraising pack at cakebreak.org.uk



A Cream Tea in a Café was the perfect setting to say 'Thank You' to Val Fawcett, a founder member and retiring trustee of the PLAY CAFÉ project. Val helped set up the local charity which addresses the issues of possible holiday hunger and social isolation in the long school holidays. Val is pictured on the right with Kath, another Play Café trustee. Feet up for Val?

Certainly not, as she will now have the time needed for her other charitable work, organising the AARMS Group which meets in the town. A major fundraising event for AARMS is to be held on Tuesday 10th September, 7.00pm in The Phoenix Club. It is a Spiritual / Medium night and tickets are £5, available on the door that night or in advance from Love Thy Cupcake, Aycliffe Framers and The Phoenix Club.

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# New Friends, New Places

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Our first trip on Wednesday 11th September, departs at 8.30am to Scarborough, followed by Sunday 15th September, departing at 9.30am to Redcar Thrift Market. If you do not want to go to the market, drop off and pick up in Redcar. Sunday 29th September, departing 8.30am to Bamburgh and Seahouses and you can take a trip to the Farne Islands.

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campaign 'Dive In!' When Donna Kelly, Senior Wellbeing Practitioner of Wellbeing for Life, floated the idea with her colleagues, earlier this year, none of them could predict the weather, however the team pulled together and completed the walk in under 12 hours, despite the downpour. The team have raised an amazing £496.57 so far.

Donna said: "This challenge was a lot harder than we all thought! But we prepared well and were really excited. We worked as a team and supported each other so much and making each other laugh even when we were struggling for breath! It was a massive accomplishment for all of us!" Carol Gaskarth said: "We are thrilled that the team completed this challenge on behalf of the Dive In Campaign. It has been amazing to see how our staff have come together to raise awareness and fundraise on behalf of PCP. Our hydrotherapy

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## Obituary

### Marjorie Smith

25th August, peacefully, Marjorie (nee Lockhead), aged 88 years of Newton Aycliffe. Loving Wife of the late Ken, dearly loved Mother of Christine, Howard, Alan, Carolyn and the late Neville; a devoted Nana and a much loved Sister. Will friends please meet for Service in St. Clare's Church on Thursday 5th September at 2.45pm. Followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon.

### Henry Stewart

(Harry) aged 80 of Newton Aycliffe. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harry Stewart, who died peacefully at Darlington Memorial Hospital on 17th August 2019 with his devoted and loving Wife Barbara by his side. Much loved Dad to Anne, Steve, Valerie and Step Dad to Lee, Dawn, Cheryl and Sean and a proud Grandad, Great Grandad and Brother.

### Barbara Stewart

(Babs) aged 78 of Newton Aycliffe. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Babs Stewart, who died peacefully at Darlington Memorial Hospital on 26th August 2019 with her loving family by her side. Beloved Wife of the late Harry, much loved Mother to Lee, Dawn, Cheryl and Sean; Step Mam to Anne, Steve and Valerie and a proud Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Sister to Kevin and Roy. They will both be very sadly missed by all their family and friends. Their joint funeral will be held at Wear Valley Crematorium at 1.30pm on Wednesday 4th September 2019. All are welcome to the Service and for refreshments afterwards at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club. The family are happy for people who are attending the funeral, to wear either bright colours or the traditional black.

## Births

### Kirsty & Andy

**Congratulations**  
on the safe arrival of your beautiful baby Daughter. With lots of love from Mam, Dad, Louise, Peter, Jordan and Alannah xxxx

### Beth & Dan

**Congratulations**  
on the safe arrival of "Hollie". Love from S.J., Craig, Madison, Mackenzie and Cayden xxxx

## Sudoku (Easy, difficulty rating 0.37)

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## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

This week's racing began with Parkrun for many of our members with Mark Bainbridge achieving a PB for the course at South Park, Darlington in a time of 20.39. On Sunday 25th August 2019 two of our members went international and partook in the Chantilly Half Marathon in France. The race was run in very hot conditions with the temperature around 32 degrees. Simon Matthew Turner and Lindsey Brown completed this in times of 2.27.03 and 2.27.04 respectively.

Also on Sunday in conditions that were only slightly cooler ARC had a good turnout for the 5 mile trail race at Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland. First home for the club, in what is not an easy run, was Andy Talbot in 39.55, followed by Dave Blewitt 44.59, Mark Bainbridge 48.14, Brett Lambert 49.08, Heather Morgan 49.46, Sandra Collins 51.14, John Burnside 52.07, Trish Kay 53.00, David Stothard 54.28, Bev Phillippo 55.55, John Richardson 56.08, Rob Nicholson 56.13, Ian Baronowski 57.34, Sam Elwell 1.01.54, Tracey Pickering 1.09.07, Eve Doe 1.10.00, Paula Lambert 1.12.03, Susan Clark 1.12.03, Jane Burnside 1.12.03,



Carley Gibson 1.15.07, Jan McLuckie 1.20.49.

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.

## Slimmers Donate to Junction 7

Local Slimming World Consultants donated food and drinks from local store Aldi to local charity Junction 7 recently. With the obesity crisis at an all time high, they wanted to raise awareness that no matter what a families income is, healthy living is absolutely possible at a low cost. Jane and Simon who received the goods on behalf of Junction were extremely grateful and said they will go down really well when distributed. The Consultant also wanted to thank Aldi who allowed the team to use the store over the bank holiday weekend to talk to members of the public about how the plan works and the phenomenal results you can get from it. For more details on the plan and times for all the local groups - please contact Nicola on 07791 909376.



## In Memoriam

### Elsie Hall

Sadly missed by Ian and family. Never a day goes by... Till we meet again in Heaven.

### Ken Innes

Passed away  
28th August 2006

Forever in our hearts, all our love your loving wife Brenda and all the family xxx

### John Biro

30th August 2018

There's not a day goes by we don't think or talk about you, a good friend of many, sadly missed by us all.  
Dave and Jane,  
Chris and Jackie,  
Gary and Rita

### Cathie Gallagher

Dementia & Alzheimers

What do you see when you look at me? What do you see? Who do you see? Are you thinking when you look at me, a crabbit old woman, not very wise, uncertain of habit with faraway eyes. Who seems not to notice the things you do and always losing a stocking or shoe? Is that what you're thinking? Is that who you see? Then open your eyes, you're not seeing me. I'll say who I am, as I sit here so still, as I move at your bidding, and eat at your will. Inside this carcase, a young girl still dwells, I remember the joys, I remember the pain and I am loving and living life over again. I think of the years, all too few gone too fast. So open your eyes and see, not a crabbit old woman, look closer - SEE ME!



## Thank You

### Cathie

Jim and family would like to thank all friends, neighbours and relatives who joined us at the very sad funeral for Cathie. We thank you all for your kindness, support, cards and generous donations to Alzheimers Society.

## Birthday Remembrance

### Margaret Rose Thompson

27th August 2019

### Happy 80th Birthday Mam

Not a day goes by that we will not think of you. We really miss you and our life has been empty since the day you passed away.  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Congratulations

### Kattie May Parsonage

### Happy Birthday

28th August  
Best wishes. Love from Nana Jane and Grandad Bryan Parsonage

### Bryan Parsonage

### Happy Birthday

28th August  
Love from Jane xx

### Laura McGrath

### Happy Birthday

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From Jane and Bryan Parsonage

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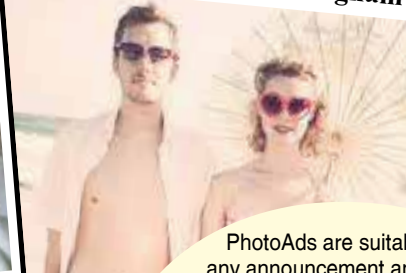
### Alice Springs



### Happy 21st Birthday

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to our beautiful Daughter on your 21st birthday. Lots of love from Mam & Dad xxx

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## STILL FLYING HIGH

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, celebrate 30 years of successfully developing young footballers as an FA Charter Standard Community Club. The Football Club was established in 1989 by a group of enthusiastic parents setting up a single boy's team to play in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance. The club has grown in those 30 years but the approach to football, and the club ideals, have not. The club have received FA Local and Regional recognition for the work our coaches have done over many years. Awards have been many but our main award has been the hundreds of boys and girls who have enjoyed learning the game and playing football each season, some of whom have gone on to play professional football.

To celebrate the 30 years, the

club will have a Marathon weekend of football, all in aid of local charities. All 22 boys, girls, women and men's teams will play opposition from across the County, over the weekend of 31st August and 1st September at the Oakleaf. One of the highlights will be our Under 23's men's team v Coaches and ex-players, who will be managed by ex-Chairman Joe Blackett, Saturday 31st August, KO 1.30pm. Berni Borsberry, Secretary, commented "Reaching this milestone is a superb achievement. The committee were determined to mark this event and they have worked hard to get this weekend arranged. Added to this, local charities will benefit from any money we raise. We hope to organise more events throughout the season, to make this a memorable year".



## COATES STARS IN THRUXTON THRILLERS



Max Coates went into event number six of the Renault UK Clio Cup with a six point championship advantage and left with exactly the same gap, however every lap at the UK's fastest motor racing venue was full of action.

The Primex Plastics backed driver showed his pace in qualifying, taking 2nd on the grid for race one and pole for race two.

In race one the RPC bpi PLASgran car was embroiled in a five way tussle for the lead with positions swapped at almost every corner. Coates crossed the line in second but was initially promoted to 1st due to a jump start penalty for the winner on the road. Subsequently Coates was given a 0.1

second penalty for cutting the chicane and gaining an unfair advantage, meaning he took 2nd place.

Race two, live on ITV4, continued in a similar fashion with more wheel to wheel racing, the Clio Cup action ranking among the best of the BTCC event renowned for its close racing. Coates, starting from pole position in his Harron Homes and Polydist sponsored car, was the early race leader which swapped between himself, championship rival Jack Young and Ben Colburn. The rest of the field were in hot pursuit and with two laps remaining any one of five cars were in a position to take the win. Coates in the RMB Automotive car lead into the last lap and final chicane but a clash sent him spinning through the foam barriers into retirement, just a short run from the finish line. Coates car wasn't able to move and unfortunately, he had to watch the win slip away.

After post-race penalties Coates' Team HARD Racing stablemate Ethan Hammerton took his first race win.

Afterwards Coates said, "I'm gutted not to have taken a win this weekend after showing such good speed in practice, qualifying and both races, especially after leading to the final corner in race two. The two races this weekend have been first draw entertainment for the drivers, teams and fans, it's just a shame I wasn't able to lift a first place trophy at the end."

ThruXTon's races can be watched back via the BTCC ITV Motorsport website; <https://www.itv.com/btcc/races/btcc-2019-thruXTon-race-action>. The Clio Cup will continue at Knockhill, Fife on the 14th and 15th of September, a new circuit to the championship after several seasons missing the popular Scottish venue. Coates will qualify on the Saturday before round thirteen takes place on Saturday afternoon, both sessions can be followed via TSL Live Timing. The second race of the weekend, round fourteen, will be screened live on ITV4, at 2:55pm on the Sunday afternoon.

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## N.A.F.C. REPORT



Newton Aycliffe had a busy Bank Holiday weekend with a win against West Auckland & draw with Shildon.

Two local derbies in three days at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium kept the supporters entertained. Attention now turns from League to Cup. Silsden, from the Northern Counties East League, will be the visitors on Saturday 31 August (kick off 3pm) when the Buildbase FA Vase gets underway. There are 667 teams entered into this year's competition each vying for a place in the final at Wembley in May.

Please come along & support our town's team. Admission is £6 adults & £4 concessions

Newton Aycliffe came back from being 2-0 down to win 3-2 against West Auckland last Saturday. The early exchanges were even, but West Auckland then stunned Aycliffe with two goals in the 12th and 16th minutes. Burnicle hit a good shot across home keeper Adam Pickford for the first, and then Amar Purewal headed in a cross. Aycliffe steadied themselves and were rewarded on 28 minutes when a good team move led to Gez Richardson crossing to Dean Thexton, who shimmied past his marker and gave West keeper Flynn no chance for 2-1. Aycliffe pressed for the remainder of the half, but couldn't find a way through.

Aycliffe continued to play their football in the second half, and started to boss the game. They got themselves onto level terms on 57 minutes. Shaun Ryder worked hard to keep the ball in play wide out on the left, and when the cross came into the box Johnson Ballan controlled it well, turned his marker and fired the ball low into the corner of the net. Aycliffe got in front on 68 minutes when

man-of-the match Thexton wriggled past two defenders before flicking the ball to Ryder, who chipped the ball over the keeper. In the next minute, Francis was sent off for West Auckland for a bad tackle on Ballan, who had to be substituted. Aycliffe easily saw out time, and sent their fans home happy. MOTM: Thexton. Attendance: 136.

On Bank Holiday Monday

a crowd of 315 were entertained to a 2-2 draw with Shildon. Goals from Shaun Ryder & Dean Thexton looked to have given Aycliffe the victory but a 94th minute own-goal salvaged a point for the Railwaymen.

MOTM: Ryder. Attendance: 315

Photo: Shaun Ryder scoring Aycliffe's winning goal against West Auckland

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