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Junction 7 know this will be a new beginning into serving the community with what THEY want. We would like to thank Livin for the amazing partnership we have with them, for the numerous meetings and emails that take place regularly. Communication has been very important.

We would like to thank Andy Coulthard, from Livin, who supported the Fun Day and worked hard along side us all day. Thank you to our brilliant local County Councillors Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper for the funding for the event.

No event would be possible without volunteers and Junction 7 would like to thank the following people for giving up their time to help: Alby Denham, Philip Clark, Kaaren Hendrix, Carol Pain, David Moore, Daniel Robertson, Joanne Howe and Brian Nichol.

We would like to thank George and Jane from 'Jump for Joy' who supplied the bouncy castles. Thank you to Police Sergeant Andy Boyd and Abi Hall who came along on their day off. Thank you to Spitfire Avian Pest Control who brought their amazing birds. Thank you to DFY Party Planning for the face painting and balloon modelling. Thank you to Garry West for being our first aider for the event. Thank you to Aycliffe Radio, Amy, Carrie, Karl, Ellarae and Paul.

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JOINING THE DOTS

In July, Claire Welsh, Macmillan Joining the Dots Facilitator for the Derwent Valley AAP area, was supporting David Costello and his long-term partner Janet in the community. David asked Claire whether she could help him look into arranging a wedding ceremony, so he could marry Janet. Due to David's illness this would need to take place at home. Claire made this happen in a short space of time. She involved Wellbeing for Life and Honey Rose Foundation, who provided support with funding grants so that David and Janet's day could be extra special. Claire also had fantastic support from the community who all pulled together to give them a day to remember: Novo Jewellers, Flower Style, Sara's Kitchen, Lanchester Bridal and local photographer Clive Crumpton. Sadly David passed away, however not before he could say his vows to Janet and they became husband and wife. After the ceremony Janet told Claire that "It wouldn't have happened without you." Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham is a free service for people aged 18 and over who have been diagnosed with cancer. They



also support friends, carers and relatives of any age. The friendly team can support you with many issues and even if you think you don't need help and support right now, will listen to you and make sure that you have the right information and support when you need it. Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham is a partnership between Durham County Council

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Friday 20th - Karaoke & Disco FREE Entry

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Saturday 14th September - "Uncle Gilbert"
Covering tracks by: Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Gary Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, Santana, U.F.O., ZZ Top and much more.

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Junction 7 at The ARK

Junction 7 are to launch new events in the newly named community house, The ARK, in Silverdale.

Monday 9th September from 9.00am until 4.00pm the start of the Community Cafe alongside our first colouring therapy craft group. Everyone is welcome.

We will have new activities soon . . . training courses, youth work, cuppa with a copper, confidence building, Dementia cafe, cooking on a budget, after school club . . . all what the community have asked for.

We have just launched again, for the second time, the NE First Credit Union with Livin, incentive . . . save for ten consecutive weeks and receive £25 . . . for the first 20 new members. Call in and sign up.

Junction 7 will still continue its existing services but now from The ARK. Contact junc7tion@gmail.com

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SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS AT GREENFIELD



Students have been creative at this year's Summer School, hosted by Greenfield Arts. The young people moving from Year 6 into Year 7 at Greenfield had a positive experience learning new skills, meeting new friends and becoming familiar with their new school surroundings and Greenfield staff.

As the new term begins Year 7 students can reflect upon their recent summer experience at Greenfield Community College as they continue their academic journey. A major part of the 'summer' school included working alongside filmmaker Laura Degnan to create their own film about being a 'new starter'. They shared their film with other Year 7 starters this week to



help everyone feel confident and secure about starting secondary school. They shared positive and practical ideas in their film and ways to develop your skills and attributes when starting school. Students were involved in all aspects of the filming process, both in front and behind the camera and the result shows their hard work and creativity.

Greenfield Community College is a Specialist Arts and Science school and is committed to providing opportunities, such as summer school, to support students to reach their full potential. Students returning to school are looking forward to an extended curriculum and KS4 bespoke revision sessions in the lead up to their exams. Parents, teachers and students will be meeting in the first half of term to share the best ways to work together to achieve success.

From summer school to Year 11, students are developing their ability to be self-led learners. Greenfield Community College promotes an inclusive curriculum and a strong student voice, encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience.

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

What's on at PCP this Month

Look no further than the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) and our latest Keep Learning and Get Active Guides for a range of new and exciting community learning opportunities. As the summer holidays come to a close PCP has something for everyone to keep spirits high as we return to school and work! Join us this September to learn a new skill by booking your place on one of the following courses!

KEEP LEARNING: Computers for the Terrified

Starting Wednesday 11th September

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

CV Workshop

Thursday 19th September

Receive guidance and tips on how to craft a well-written CV fit for job applications and begin the process of sending your CV to potential employers. Use your strong points to attract the perfect jobs for you and apply the guidance in the future to expand your CV.

L2 Food Hygiene

Friday 20th September

Are you in the food industry? If you handle food, prepare and serve directly to a customer you need this qualification. Or if you're looking to get involved in the food business gain this professional L2 qualification and get a head start! This is free to those unemployed.

L3 Emergency First Aid

Friday 26th September

Learn the necessary skills to become a first aider through a professional course where you will develop skills of how to deal with CPR, choking and more. This course is free if unemployed.

Introductions to Counselling & Listening Skills

Starting Monday 30th September

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

GET ACTIVE:

Upbeat Chair Aerobics

Starting Thursday 5th September

A Macmillan Coffee Morning by New Friends, New Places will take place on Tuesday 24th September at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way from 1.30 to 4.30pm. All are welcome

Find physical benefits in this low impact class. With constant back and lower body support throughout the class you can find ways to stay active and fit.

Nordic Walking

Starting Thursday 5th September

Enjoy fresh air and meet new people whilst getting fit. Supportive walking poles are provided.

Mixed Crafts

Starting Wednesday 11th September

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

Sewing on a Budget

Starting Thursday 12th September

Learn basic skills such as hemming, hand stitch and appliqué stitch before learning new techniques in embroidery. Create a simple running stitch and pin together a collection of

your own work! Take home unique fabric bunting and cushions or your own tote bag.

Couch to 5K Running Group

Starting Thursday 12th September

Build your fitness and get into running with the new and free couch to 5K group. Meet new people and socialise whilst improving your physical fitness, posture and breathing.

Growing Gurus

Starting Tuesday 17th September

Aimed at children aged 5-11 and explores ways to become more relaxed and build a positive mind-set in our busy world. Children will learn techniques to help reduce stress and improve overall wellbeing through activities which include breathing, guided visualisation, yoga poses and lots of fun games!

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DINOSAUR SAFARI LAUNCHES AT HARDWICK PARK



Visitors to Hardwick Park in Sedgefield can enjoy new and exciting adventures with the launch of an interactive mobile app.

The free Love Exploring mobile app features digital treasure hunts, suitable for all ages. In one of the most popular, families use augmented reality to 'catch' dinosaurs with their camera phone. Once they've found them, there's even an opportunity to take selfies with their new virtual friends.

There's also an interactive map, and quiz trails which bring the park to life, teaching people about its history, ecology, buildings and sculptures. The app also offers run, walk and cycle routes and an easy way to view the wide range of events and activities which take place in the park, from arts and crafts to den building and

story sessions.

Cllr Kevin Shaw, Cabinet member for Strategic Housing and Assets, including parks, said: "Love Exploring is a fantastic, free resource which encourages people to get outside and learn more about their parks and open spaces."

"The technology will help people to discover a whole new side to Hardwick Park and I'm sure families who are looking for new things to do will really enjoy playing with the app's games and quizzes." More digital treasure hunts are set to be developed on the app over the coming months, linked to other popular family themes. The app is available to download for iPhones running iOS 9.3 upwards from the App store, and for smartphones running Android 4.4 upwards from the Google play store.

A History of Newton Aycliffe

PART SEVEN (Final Part)

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 weekend - www.newtonnews.co.uk

Our area's 19th century economic moment ended with the 19th century. In 1896, Middridge Colliery had 432 employees, in 1914, four. It is difficult nowadays to imagine the poverty of those times. Gladys Wheldon, who grew up on Greenfield Farm before the First World War, remembered a child from Riseburn walking to school one icy winter morning without shoes, wearing nothing but three summer frocks, one on top of the other, each more threadbare than the one beneath. In the Depression of the 1930s, nearby Eden Pit was so poor that it was adopted by Bedford philanthropists! Impressed by the spotlessly clean houses and patient endurance amidst the poverty, they sent hampers of food and clothes, and funded workshops and education rooms there. What could be done to help this settlement, wondered Mr Liddle, headteacher of Bedford Modern School ... and he suggested "a high-powered bomb". In a way, he was proven correct – the salvation of our area was the Second World War. "What do you do?" I used to ask my students. "Hitler is bombing the hell out of you, and you need to make the bullets and bombs to fight back." The government's answer was to build a Royal Ordnance Factory here – hidden on a misty, boggy moorland, but close to the Great North Road and the railway system. The ROF employed mainly women – they came to be called the 'Aycliffe Angels', and you

can find a memorial to those heroines of the Home Front outside St Clare's Church.

"And how do you keep the people working for 6 years of hell in those dangerous factories, and fighting and dying in the armed forces?" The government's solution was to ask a chap called Lord Beveridge to devise a 'Welfare State' for after the war ended – a promise to the people of a world worth fighting for. After the War, Beveridge was looking to prove that his Welfare State idea worked, and he saw the now-redundant Ordnance Factory as an opportunity. It was re-imaged as an Industrial Estate and, north of it, 'Newton Aycliffe' was built as a 'new town' – a place for people to live separate from where they worked, not cheek-by-jowl with dirty industry as in the old factory towns. Beveridge wanted Newton Aycliffe to be a perfect town, a classless town where the manager lived next to the mechanic in council housing – a "paradise for housewives", with houses grouped around greens, where children could play safely. For a while, Beveridge himself moved here to guide the new community's early development, and you can still see his house at the top of Pease Way.

The first sod was cut in 1948, and the first inhabitants moved in to 'no gardens, few roads, no shops and surrounded by a sea of mud'. They called themselves 'pioneers', and they worked with pioneering spirit to build the perfect community. The occupants of the first batch

of houses – 40 aluminium prefabs at Clarence Green and Travellers Green – became so fond of them that, when they were scheduled for replacement in 1964, the tenants forced Aycliffe Development Corporation to rebuild them instead.

We still have the social housing, we still value our green spaces, and I meet people every day who still exemplify that wonderful original community spirit. But I have to admit that over the years the Beveridge Vision has faded. In the eighties, Margaret Thatcher decided that the Welfare State was bad for Britain, and the Tories have been dismantling it ever since. Nevertheless, is it not a cause for pride that WE were Beveridge's exemplar, the flag-carrier of a social model that promised 'bread for everyone before jam for anyone'?

INDEED, as you have listened to these seven stories of Aycliffe, have you not been genuinely thrilled by how important our area has been?

12,000 years ago there was nothing here: an area scoured clean and covered with clay. For millennia there was all-but-nothing. But since then this place has played a seminal role in such as: the establishment of Christianity in Britain; the development of modern horse-racing; the first conception of British democracy; the world's first operational steam railway; and the establishing of the Welfare State. In the meantime, we have survived genocide, plague, failed rebellion, Civil War, and economic recession. None of us are indigenous – we are all incomers, or the descendants of incomers. But we are world-changers, we find our strength in our own resources, and we have proved ourselves unbreakable.

If the amazing history of Aycliffe does not make you proud-to-bursting to live in this place, there is something wrong with you.

Town Marks Merchant Navy Day



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, attended the War Memorial outside St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 3rd September and together with Captain John Tarling raised the Red Ensign flag on behalf of the Town to mark Merchant Navy Day.

With local Councillors and veteran Merchant Navy personnel alongside, the Mayor read out a message on behalf of HRH The Earl of Wessex, President of Seafarers UK and Rev. Jeff Anderson followed with a blessing.

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The event took place at the Duke of Scarth Hall in Staindrop and it was the first time the Acorn Ukuleles had played together in front of a large audience, good experience, as we have only been learning for just over a year. Twenty of the members attended the event with 16

playing.

The Acorn Ukuleles meet at the Youth Centre, Newton Aycliffe on a Wednesday from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

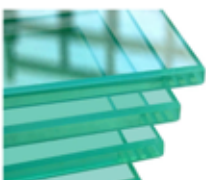
We would like to record our thanks to Councillors Jim Atkinson and Sarah Iveson for their continued support. Our next event will be at the Neville Parade Wives Club on 21st October at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge.

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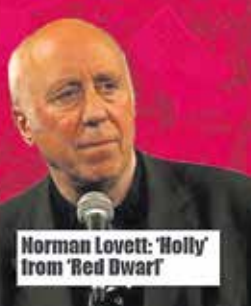
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HELPING AT THE FOODBANK



Volunteering at the local FOODBANK is another way the Parish Youth show their ministry in the community. Helping to restock shelves, weigh in donated food, bag up individual supplies and serving refreshments are just some of the ways they helped.

We then talked about our morning in Middlesbrough at the Knife Angel and how we realised that even though the monument was in another town that our town too has to be mindful of the danger and effects of knife crime and that we have a shared responsibility in educating and supporting Young People.

Flowers and prayers were then laid at OUR towns memorial statue in a mark of support to the Knife Angel Project.



Defending Our Parliamentary Democracy



Dear Sir,
Last Saturday, I attended the rally in Durham against the prorogation of Parliament, and it was my great honour to be asked to speak. When the matter was discussed on the social media, however, I was concerned to note that most people could not stop themselves drifting off the subject of prorogation to start instead talking about Brexit.

About Parliamentary Democracy, Not Brexit.

The prorogation of Parliament is not about Brexit. It is a constitutional crisis of the highest importance.

Brexit is the OCCASION of the crisis ... but it is not the ISSUE.

The issue is that the government is playing fast and loose with our Parliamentary democracy – preventing Parliament speaking – as a tactic to get its policies through, and it is that assault on our Parliament that I was protesting.

Of course, I told the rally, we should not be surprised that

this government is trying to overturn our Parliamentary democracy, because since 2010 they've been systematically dismantling the whole of the State fabric we rely on. Unemployment and disability benefits, rights at work, the NHS, the army, the police, councils, education, pensions have all been underfunded and undermined. So it can come as no surprise that now they have come for our Parliamentary democracy.

THE POINT TO TAKE AWAY

However, evolved over eight centuries, the *institution* of Parliament is absolutely the basis of all our freedoms, all our laws, all our rights – our Britain-as-it-is. NOTHING warrants interfering with our Parliamentary democracy, and we need to be outraged at the slightest attempt.

The point to take away, therefore, is that our Parliamentary Democracy is extremely precious, but it is disturbingly fragile, and it is under attack ... It is our job to defend it.

John D Clare

Citizens Advice County Durham Celebrate 80 Years

On the 13th September, Citizens Advice County Durham is celebrating 80 years of service. A service which delivers free, impartial and confidential advice to everyone in the County. Information and advice is given to clients of all ages on a wide variety of topics such as debt, benefit, housing and employment. The service can be accessed either face to face across 10 offices, or over the phone using Adviceline. In 2018 alone, over 15,000 people were helped.

Citizens Advice was first established in 1939 to meet the needs of the civilian population in war time. "Although times have changed, the majority of topics haven't" says John Scollen, Chair Designate. "Not only are we celebrating years gone by with both colleagues, stakeholders and partners, we are also looking forward at how we can deliver a forward-thinking service to see us through the next 80 years".

Citizens Advice County Durham could not deliver the service without the passion and dedicated support of its staff and volunteers, with

the service being made up of 60% volunteers. The demand on the service is ever-increasing and therefore, the need to continuously recruit volunteers is essential. "It's this kind of hard work and dedication that's got us where we are now" continues John "Not many organisations reach this milestone. Celebrating 80 years of dedicated service matters, because it shows clients they can depend on us time and time again".

Problems with the introduction of Universal Credit serve as a timely reminder that in difficult times, support for compassionate organisations and campaigning for current and future generations is more important than ever. With an active and passionate research and campaigns department, Citizens Advice County Durham have made an impressive impact on Government policies over the years, from influencing rationing in wartime and providing extra clothing coupons for pregnant women, to the more recent reforms in the private rental sector.

For more information, visit www.citizensadvicecd.org.uk

Film Show

"DAVID AND LISA"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 10th September features the romantic comedy "David and Lisa" Starring Sidney Poitier, Brittany Murphy and Lukas Haas.

Two young people in a mental health facility; David ... obsessive and fears touch; Lisa acts childishly, talks only in rhymes. Both know loneliness and terror. Not a romantic comedy; but moving, tender and heart-rending and beautiful. 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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Kids' Theatre Fun With Animals

A popular children's book takes to the stage, bringing little animal-lovers all the familiar inhabitants of the zoo.

After a successful debut tour, the timeless children's classic Dear Zoo comes to the Gala Theatre on Wednesday 11 September. Rod Campbell's best-selling lift the flap book has delighted generations of readers since it was first published in 1982, and has sold more than eight million copies worldwide.

This production will delight all those who have read the book, both young and old, as it unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

Robin Byers, service manager for the Gala Theatre, said: "Dear Zoo offers a lively and imaginative theatre trip out, and we know little-ones will love joining in with the story. With glowing reviews, the show promises roaring fun for the whole family."

Show times are 2pm and 4.30pm. Tickets cost £12.50 or £46 for a family ticket. Book at www.galadurham.co.uk/ or call 03000 266 000.

Police Appeal

Officers investigating a robbery in Newton Aycliffe have released an e-fit of one of the suspects. A 32-year-old man was walking along the old railway line when he was attacked by two men at the crossroads with Groat Drive and Clarence Green. The suspects made off with a quantity of cash and the victim's mobile phone. The man was not injured but has been left shaken by the incident, which happened between 6.30pm and 7pm on Friday (August 30). One of the suspects is described as being around 40, white and 6ft 2in tall. He is of medium build with very short, greying hair, stubble and shadows around his eyes. He was wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. A Durham Constabulary spokesman said: "We would like to speak to



anyone who recognises this man, or was in the area at the time of the incident." Please call Durham Constabulary on 101 and ask to speak to South Durham CID, quoting incident number 423 of August 30. Information can also be passed on to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORTHCOMING PROROGUE

Dear Sir,
544 MPs delegated the referendum decision to the people, then 496 (76%) of them voted to invoke Article 50 - without conditions. Over 80% of them were elected on a Manifesto which promised to respect the referendum outcome. By misusing their democratic privileges to leave us half in/half out of the EU they are the very antithesis of democracy. Firstly, Boris is NOT a dictator - Theresa May was "unelected" - John Major was "unelected" - Gordon Brown was "unelected" and David Cameron was "unelected" first time round. Unelected in the sense that when the Government went to the polls in a GE, none of these people was the sitting PM. Secondly, people may want to try to understand the basic Constitution of our land. Parliament is NOT Sovereign. The Queen is NOT Sovereign. Only the people are Sovereign. The People "lend" the Sovereignty to both the latter to implement their wishes. To say Boris has "no mandate" for a clean Brexit is total rubbish. Read the Tory Manifesto on which the last Tory Government was elected. Back to the British Constitution..... When we say "SOVEREIGN" we are talking about the power to give the governance of this country to another power (in this case 27 other EU member countries) unless we have been defeated in war.

If the Queen was guilty of this, the Parliament would have the power to remove her. Similarly, if the Parliament is guilty of this, the Queen has the power to either prorogue or dissolve Parliament completely. This is part of the Oath she swore at her Coronation. It is actually her duty, in the protection of her country, to prorogue Parliament. There are elements of Parliament who have banded together and openly declare this is for the purpose of Stopping Brexit altogether. Their plans have included, taking over Parliament, Revoking Article 50, using Legislation to stop Brexit altogether and using legislation to stop a "no deal" Brexit - I need hardly say that the two latter are the same since Brexit is "no deal".

All these actions according to our Constitution are treasonous and anti-democratic because they seek to thwart the will of the Sovereign People and because they seek to give the whole and complete power and governance of this country to 27 other countries whilst having absolutely no influence or say over what laws, what taxes, what defence policies, what immigration policies,

what judicial policies, what system of basic law is used in this country, the limits of our international fishing waters, our agricultural policies, our education system and its curriculum, who we can trade with and who we can't and what tariffs and charges are set etc how much money we have to pay them and when. In fact, every single thing that happens in this country will be decided by 27 other countries and we will have NO SAY WHATSOEVER. It will also hand over the control and command of our armed forces in total plus our nuclear capability and weapons to these 27 other countries to decide how they are used and for what. Most elected MP's are, in the main, clueless about most of this. The ones at the top, agitating for the surrender of this country to 27 others, are NOT... like Phil Wilson for example. They know exactly what they are doing and if you want to know why, just follow the money. . . Look at how they have already profited from our membership of the EU and how the gap between rich and poor has now become absolutely ludicrous. Clive Taylor-Sholl

Kev's Mud Kitchens

A recently formed business named Kev's Mud Kitchens has grown considerably since its fresh June opening earlier this year. Local to the Newton Aycliffe area, Keven Ward's business offers newly hand-made Mud Kitchens designed for young children's indoor and outdoor play.

Starting out as a hobby catered to friends and family gifts, the craft has surely taken off as a profitable business which has grown to over 500 likes on Facebook in response to public demand. As business needs have increased over time, Kevin's need for more work space has as well, with his design space swiftly upgrading from his own garden at home, to the more spacious business premises found at 10e Dabble Duck in Shildon.

Made using the highest quality fence boards supplied by Newton Aycliffe's Supreme fencing, different size designs and styles are created by Kev to cater to the various different desires clients children have. All products are carefully sanded before distribution, providing a smooth splinter free touch, safe for children's play. These treated wood mud kitchens vary in price from £75 to £110 depending on the qualities added to fit customer needs. Additional features like water

protection can be installed for an extra £10, where as stylistic choices like painted colour coating can be added for £35. The later additional cost can be done in any colour a client wishes, helping these products pop when compared to normal wooden tones.

With the weather beginning to transcend into the chillier fall and winter, Kevin has begun to brainstorm Christmas ideas. Whilst continuing on with the in demand Mud Kitchens, newer products like Toy Boxes and Tool Stations will be drafted, appealing more to the younger boy side of the market.

Kevin's client rosta has spread out all across the North East, covering nearly every area from Newcastle to Richmond. From birthday gifts to nursery and playgroup demands, Mud Kitchens seem to be rising as the next 'must have' gift children are enjoying. What originally started out as a useful hobby to gift to family and friends has surely taken off as a business in demand, filling a gap in the market where children can have something that fuels both their imagination and creativity, whenever it takes place, inside or out. If you'd like more information, visit Kev's Mud Kitchens Facebook Page @kevsmudkitchens
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Supporting Suicide Prevention

The County Durham Wellbeing for Life service is working in the local communities to support the prevention of suicide and raise awareness of the importance of talking to someone.

The Wellbeing for Life Service will start their campaign on Tuesday 10 September, which is World Suicide Prevention Day. In 2017 5,821 suicides were registered in the UK alone and men are three times as likely to take their own lives as women.

There is no simple explanation for why someone chooses to die by suicide and it is rarely due to a particular factor. There are a huge amount of complex issues which can contribute to thoughts of suicide, including money worries, family relationships and employment. Wellbeing for Life are encouraging people to seek help and talk to someone.

Marnie Ramsey, Wellbeing Capacity Building and Volunteer Lead, said "If you feel that things are getting to you, please talk to someone. It could be your neighbour, a family member, a friend or work colleague or you can phone the Samaritans, free on 116 123. The Samaritans are available round the clock, every single day of the year; whoever you are and however you feel. It's OK, not to be OK."

Wellbeing for Life will be running their Suicide Prevention campaign until Thursday 10 October which is World Mental Health Awareness Day. For further information about this campaign, please contact Marnie Ramsey on 0800 8766887.

PARISH YOUTH VISIT KNIFE ANGEL



Aycliffe Parish Youth visited the Knife Angel Monument in Middlesbrough during the last few days of the holidays. We were met by Theresa Cave who spoke about the Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife project that surrounds the development of the angel. She gave us all the facts - 27 feet tall, made from 100,000 discarded knives, swords and blades, taking 4 years to clean and blunt them all, sculptor Alfie Bradley started in 2014 and all 43 Police Forces were involved.

Then Theresa told us HER story, HER 17 year old son Chris was killed by a single knife wound in 2003 in Redcar as he would not let a group of young people into the bedsit he shared with his pregnant girlfriend. The knife used to kill HER son was visible on one of the angels wings with his name engraved on. Suddenly it was real. HER story reduced many of us to tears and certainly brought the message home. This inspirational mother believes that there are no bad kids - but that fear leads them to make bad choices- she is remarkable!

Our Youth paid their respects by leaving flowers and prayers ahead of that evenings Angel Vigil.

#putdowntheknife
Helen McCormick

Healthwatch Gives You a Say on the Future of NHS

Thousands of people in the North East and North Yorkshire have had a say on the future of NHS services where they live thanks to the Healthwatch #WhatWouldYouDo campaign.

People in County Durham, together with residents from Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby, said what they needed most to help them live healthy lives was "access to help and the treatment I need when I want it". "Professionals that listen to me when I speak about my concerns" often came a close second in people's wishes for an effective future NHS.

Thirteen local Healthwatch teams worked together to give people a voice across the region on how the NHS long-term plan should be implemented locally, collecting and analysing 2,480 surveys and meeting around 300 people in focus groups. Mental health, long-term conditions, cancer services and access to GPs, were among respondent's top priorities.

A reoccurring theme in the feedback given to Healthwatch County Durham was the importance of "easy access to services which promote a healthy life". People wanted more options to be available in their local and immediate areas that didn't require excessive travel or unreasonable delays. Issues with patient transport and parking difficulties were also highlighted as impacting on easy access. Some residents also noted the importance of maintaining traditional ways of contacting services, eg by telephone, alongside newer technologies, to ensure access for all.

Many people wanted better access to services that promote a healthy lifestyle. People in County Durham noted the benefits social activities can have on reducing social isolation, particularly in rural areas. The views shared with Healthwatch County Durham and the region's other Healthwatch teams have been summarised in two reports (see below) and will be used by the NHS to help develop local services for the future.

• NORTH report: Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham
• SOUTH report: County Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby
Michelle Thompson BEM, Chief Executive Officer of Healthwatch Darlington which led the research, said: "At a time of increasing pressure on NHS services and financial budgets, this research highlights how people want

to be more involved in the management of their care and to make joint decisions with professionals. To do this they want better knowledge through well-communicated information and more options through better access to primary care and more joined-up services."

Mark Adams, Ken Bremner MBE and Dr Neil O'Brien, of the North, Central and South Integrated Care Partnerships, said: "Our ambition is to develop an outstanding Integrated Care System, which is continuously improving health and care outcomes and delivering safe and sustainable services. We will take forward the report findings, which demonstrate that we have been able to involve patients and communities at the earliest stage possible when we talk about our plans and priorities. We will build upon Healthwatch's sound approach in seeking out and hearing the patient's voice, and working with a range of hard-to-reach and diverse groups."

Nationally, more than 30,000 people shared their views online about how the NHS could better support their overall health in future and how it could improve care for specific conditions. Staff and volunteers from all 151 Healthwatch organisations around England also ran more than 500 focus groups from March to May, bringing together people from all sections of the community to share how they would improve local NHS.

For more information on this story contact Julia Catherall, Healthwatch County Durham, on 0191 378 1037.

For more general information about Healthwatch County Durham visit healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk

ALL SORTS RAFFLE RESULTS

Godfrey would like to thank everyone who supported the raffle which was drawn on 31st August.

Winning numbers on pink tickets (with serial number S/ND56BAP6Z); 1st 81, 2nd 134; 3rd 272; 4th 61; 5th 30. Winners can collect prizes from the shop at the side of St. Clare's Church any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

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SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility		
10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
Guests 8th:	Mike Dixon, Russ Gibson, Paul	Howell
8-10pm	Sunday Setlist	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
• 10th Sept	John Burnside & Ian Baronowski	
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	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
• 13th Sept	Andy Little (80s Classics)	

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ACORN Community Association

Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 12th September in the Phoenix Club (upstairs) at 6.00pm. Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm.

We will be taking names for our next trip on Saturday 12th October to Pickering for the 1940's weekend. The cost will be £5.00 per person and we have been assured by the coach company that the correct coach will be sent for this trip.

Tickets for our annual Halloween Extravaganza on Saturday 26th October will be on sale. The cost is £1.00 per person which includes disco, buffet and free raffle. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Both occasions will give you the opportunity to dress up!

Our speaker for the evening will be from the Stockton & Darlington Railway Society. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us at our meetings and to have a chat and a cuppa.

Coach Trips People with Hidden Disabilities can now Access Blue Badges

New Friends, New Places invite you to join them on a trip to Scarborough on Wednesday 11th September, £5.00 per person.

The coach will leave Wilko's bus stop at 8.30am, Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop at 8.40am.

On Sunday 15th September a trip to Redcar Thrift Market is planned, times to be confirmed.

Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 to reserve your seat.

- Extension to Blue Badge scheme comes into force in England for people who have non-visible disabilities, making travel easier;
- New online eligibility check launched to make it simpler for people applying for the badges;
- The biggest change to the scheme in nearly 50 years.

People with hidden disabilities, including anxiety disorders or a brain injury, can apply for a Blue Badge for the first time. The Department for Transport has issued new guidance to councils in England on Blue Badge parking permit eligibility, along with a new online eligibility checker to make the scheme clearer for people before they apply.

In the biggest change to Blue Badges since the 1970s, the DfT has been working with specialists to expand the eligibility criteria for the badges, which now includes people who cannot walk as part of a journey without considerable psychological distress or the risk of serious harm.

The Government's ambitious Inclusive Transport Strategy, changes

to the Blue Badge scheme and the Access for All programme will continue the UK's internationally-leading plans for fully-accessible transport.

The Blue Badge scheme already means people with physical disabilities can park closer to their destination than other drivers, as they are less able to take public transport or walk longer distances. Plans to extend the scheme to those with non-visible conditions were announced last summer following an eight-week consultation. It is an important part of the Government's drive for greater parity between physical and mental health. It will offer a lifeline to people who often find road travel difficult by providing better access to work and other amenities, while also helping combat loneliness by helping them stay connected to family and friends.

To help councils with the expected increase in applications, the department has agreed with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to provide £1.7 million in the first year of the programme.

The expanded scheme coincides with the launch of a review intended to improve enforcement, and help councils tackle fraudulent use of the badges. At the end of 2018, the Local Government Association estimated that the theft of Blue Badges had risen by 45 per cent in 12 months and was up six-fold since 2013.

The review will look at ensuring Blue Badges are used correctly and improving public understanding so that those with non-visible disabilities can use the badges with confidence.

A task group will also be set up with key organisations to gather ideas and evidence on how to improve the consistency of council enforcement to tackle fraud and misuse.

While the new criteria will give clear and consistent guidelines on Blue Badge eligibility for the whole of England, not everyone with non-visible disabilities will qualify for a badge. It will be up to the relevant local authority to decide if an applicant meets the eligibility criteria, as is currently the case.

Councils may need to review parking provision to increase the number of spaces, both in terms of the availability of disabled parking, and the overall number of parking spaces if disabled spaces take up other existing parking spaces.

Last year, the Government set out its plans to improve accessibility across all modes of transport in the Inclusive Transport Strategy, which aims to make the UK's transport network fully inclusive by 2030.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Throughout the year I have been taking my children, including my then six year old daughter, on walks. These walks have included Blencathara and Skiddaw in the Lake District.

Seeing at what ease she seemed to be walking these mountains and having walked Ben Nevis myself, I thought she would be up to the challenge.

On Wednesday 28th August at 8.15am, myself, Erinn, a pupil at Sugar Hill School, along with her thirteen year old brother Harris and twelve year old sister Jessie, who both attend Woodham Academy, set off to climb Ben Nevis. Things were going fantastic until we reached the top quarter of the mountain, where wind speeds picked up to 41 mph, visibility was around 20ft and sheet sideways rain soaked us completely to the bone. This was certainly no place for

a little girl who had just turned 7 on the 19th August. Nevertheless we reached the summit around 12.30pm and made a swift about turn.

The descent from the summit was quite miserable and hard to keep a 7 year old girls' moral up, given that you could ring out every item of clothing she was wearing with ice cold water. Somehow, about half way down, her spirits returned and she kept us all upbeat with her humour. We got back to the car at 3.30pm, which Erinn somehow found the energy to skip to, so the whole walk took us seven and a quarter hours. I don't think I could have remained as positive as Erinn at her age and managed without one twist or moan (given the conditions). I think it's an amazing achievement for someone her age.

Ian Gibson

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The club meets at Etherley Methodist Church Hall, South Road, High Etherley, DL14 0HZ and membership is £25.00 for the year which includes light refreshments. Non-members are always welcome for a cover charge of £2.00.

Further details from the Secretary John Morris on 07753 178682.

FIVE STAR REVIEWS FOR KYNREN

"Wow, Wow, Wow... Just WOW! This is one of THE best things we've ever seen. The reviews don't do it justice." *CockneyBrum from Worcestershire TripAdvisor 5* Review.*

"A must see!! Something totally unexpected to find in the north east, you have to see it to believe it!! The show is just magnificent, fast paced, engaging and totally spectacular." *TheMalkins2019 from Wolsingham TripAdvisor 5* Review.*

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"We were transfixed from the beginning to the end of this spectacular performance. There was so much to see, hear and experience that you didn't know where to look next. I cannot recommend this highly enough. From arriving at the well organised car park to walking into the Viking village and then to the actual performance itself... High standards abounded! Costumes, sound, special effects and so very much more. Thanks for one of the best experiences of our lives." *B5231DUchrisw from Congleton TripAdvisor 5* Review.*

The award-winning Kynren – An Epic Tale of England is again proving to be a huge hit with critics and visitors alike. More than 95 per cent of TripAdvisor reviews for this year's show rate it as either 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'. The epic live outdoor show is such a must-see event that it is also ranked among the Top 5 Performances to see in the UK by TripAdvisor.

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Get up close to Kynren's animal cast with giant percherons, a gaggle of geese and flock of sheep and discover the hill houses that Vikings families would have lived in.

Other pre-show attractions include the Food Village featuring local, high quality suppliers and a new 1940's Bar with a street party vibe.

For more information and to book tickets go to www.kynren.com. Adults from £25, Under 18 from £15, Under 4s are Free.

WEST AUCKLAND BLOSSOMING THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

A newly established green group is already making an impact in its area thanks to additional funding.

The West Auckland in Bloom Group, made up of local residents and volunteers, blossomed with the main aim of sprucing up the village.

As part of the team's improvements, ten planters featuring attractive floral displays are in full bloom and recently contributed to its entry in the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) competition.

Cllr Rob Yorke and Cllr Christine Wilson offered financial support, contributing £2,000 from their Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership (AAP) Neighbourhood Budget towards the cost of environmental improvements.

This was boosted by a £500 grant from Durham County Council's civic pride team, as part of the RHS IYN campaign.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said:

"Volunteer groups like West Auckland in Bloom, which offer their free time, make such a difference to their communities. Green spaces and colourful flowers not only make a place more attractive but bring people together and create a sense of pride of place."

Volunteer Audrey Beck, a member of the group, said "The improvements to the area have made people happy and have really brought the community together."

Pauline Walker, senior civic pride officer at Durham County Council, said:

"Each year, as part of the RHS IYN competition, we offer up to £500 worth of funding, to a maximum of 15 groups, in an effort to encourage volunteer-led environmental improvement projects.

"It is a great opportunity for people to get together and make a positive contribution to brighten up their local neighbourhoods and help County Durham shine."

Cllr Rob Yorke also used AAP Neighbourhood Budget to contribute towards the World Cup Centenary Sculpture that is located on the village green.



(MIDDRIDGE ROAD, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 120m of Middridge Rd, Newton Aycliffe from junction with Greenfield Way south westerly to enable realignment works to be undertaken. The alt route for vehicular traffic is from the south western point of closure on Middridge Rd, westerly on Middridge Lane, then northerly on Unc 42.9 to Old Eldon, then east on Moor Ln to Middridge Rd and the north eastern point of closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 23/9/2019 and are anticipated to be completed in 2 weeks. 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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Great Tri Club Summer

Another amazing month for ATC in August saw some brilliant performances in local triathlon events. Kicking off the month on 3rd August were Ian Readman, Brett Lambert and Ryan Pearson who took on the Cleveland Steelman Middle Distance Triathlon. This was a 2km Open Water swim in Ellerton Lake, a 58 mile bike topped off with a half marathon run. The heat made the run very difficult but all three managed to get round in impressive times. Ian completed in a time of 5:37:22, Brett finished in 6:04:19 and Ryan in 6:34:18, awesome!

The following week saw some great achievements at the Try on the Tyne multisport festival on 10th August. In the 5km run along the river Charlotte Howell finished in a time of 43:30 and in the Sprint Duathlon, a 5km Run, 20km Bike, 2.5km Run, we had 3 club members participating. Tony Williams finished in a time of 1:22:37, Alan Kellett in a time of 1:26:51 and Anne Kellett finished in 1:47:04. Dan Lewis was also competing in the Standard Distance Duathlon, a 10km Run, 40km Bike, followed by a 5km Run finishing in 2:40:31. Great results and fantastic to see the club represented.

Well done everyone.

Next up on the 14th August, whilst not triathlon related, we had a team of ATC's finest taking on a quiz night in Ferryhill. All club members gave their all in this event, only just missing out on a podium position, finishing 4th. Better luck next time guys.

The 18th August saw ATC in action again at the Hartlepool Big Lime Sprint Triathlon. That's a 750m Open Water Swim, 20km Bike followed by a 5km Run. Our very own Flying Scotsman Mick Casey came



in first in his age group with a time of 1:29:43 followed by Jim Wilson who was 5th in the same category with a time of 1:36:36. Tracey Rimmer just missed out on a podium position coming in 4th in her category with a time of 1:37:11. The V40-45 category saw Danny Shoulder finish 10th in 1:23:06 and Dan Lewis 11th in 1:29:26. Last but not least Chris Burtenshaw in the Senior Men finished 9th in a time of 1:20:59. Amazing results by everyone with fantastic support.

The final Triology Super Sprint event on 18th August had 6 ATC members making the short trip to Ellerton to compete in this award winning event. Due to road closures the bike leg of the course had been changed to cause some last minute anxieties though everyone adapted well to this. The triathlon consisted of a 400m Open Water Swim, a 10km Bike and a 2.2km Mixed Terrain Run. The event was an important one for a number of reasons, firstly some friendly rivalry and bragging rights at stake between three of our members Danny, Ian & Chris. Also podium positions up for grabs in the Regional Grand Prix for Mick Casey who's closest rival was also competing. Finally, an inspirational return to triathlon for Penny Johnson following a long recovery from injury, the event was exactly five years since making her triathlon debut at the same event!

The race got off to a flying start with all ATC members getting out of the water and through transition to the bike extremely fast. They all looked strong on the bike leg with Chris, Danny & Ian coming into transition almost at the same time. Jim, Mick and Penny also coming in strong within a few minutes of each other. Taking 1st again in the V60 category was Mick Casey (beating his rival in the grand prix stakes) in a time of 42:02.2, Jim Wilson came in an impressive 4th position in the same category with a time of 44:25.3. Penny Johnson finished strong in an amazing 9th position in her category with a time of 48:32.1 showing her true grit and determination that is characteristic of her. Ian Readman and Danny Shoulder were both strong in the V40 category with Ian finishing in 5th position with a time of 36:19.8 and Danny in 10th position with a time of 37:33.8. In the Senior category Chris Burtenshaw finished in a time of 37:56.9 in 12th position. A great event with a fantastic atmosphere, all ATC members put in fantastic performances. Coming up on September 11th is the return of our GoTri swim/run multi sport event. This is suitable for complete beginners, held at Woodham Academy. This is a 200m pool swim followed by a 2km run. Visit GoTri.org to book your place.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was another midweek start for the runners this week with the first race taking place on Wednesday. Only Peter Smith attended at Newham Grange for the next 5k race in the summer Tees Trail series. He completed this in 21.23 and was first in his age category. On Thursday the second relay meeting of the year took place at Stewart Park. The Tom Wall Relays are a popular race and we were able to field 5 teams for this. There are four runners per team with each runner running a mile leg on a course that starts down hill with a few twists and then a climb to the finish.

Results for this were in the following order :-

Team A – John Surtees (4.59), Andy Talbot (6.06), Richard Campbell (5.40) and Richard Holland (5.53).

Team B – Mark Bainbridge (5.48), Peter Smith (6.28) Jason Dixon (6.30) and Trevor Needham (6.35).

Team C – Heather Morgan (6.57), Michelle Scott (6.36), Sarah Jayne Gill (7.41) Sarah Dixon (7.16).

Team E – Kelly Thompson (7.44), Sandra Collins (7.16), Tracey Pickering (9.13), John Surtees (5.34)

Team D – David Stothard (7.16), Jane Burnside (9.46), Rob Nicholson (8.28) and Jan McLuckie (10.23).

Following that, on Saturday, was the ever popular parkruns with many taking part in the various venues over in the area. Tracey Pickering managed to secure a PB at Shildon Parkrun in a time of 29.35.

On Sunday it was time for the popular Middlesbrough 10k. This starts at Acklam Hall and is a fast and relatively flat course of one loop. It is a popular race with almost 2000 taking part in total.

ARC had a good turn out from the club with Richard Campbell first home in 38.59 followed by Mark Wade 40.35, Peter Smith 45.29, Trish Kay 49.56, David Stothard 56.51, Heather Fenwick 56.52, Denise Evans 58.21, Lindsey Brown 58.56, Susan Clark 1.05.24, Eve Doe



1.08.17 and Jan McLuckie 1.15.35.

Two second claim members also took part in this both running for their first club, Quakers. Their times were as follows. Paul Dalton 37.01 and Corey Horn 42.05.

Also on Sunday father and son team, John and Rob Young, travelled to North Yorkshire to take part in the Tholthorpe 10k race promoted by Easingwold Running Club. The attractive course passes through local countryside and finishes on the Village Green by the duck pond. Rob Young finished this in 44.24 followed by his dad in 55.27.

Finally, we had one member take part in a 20 mile race as part of his marathon training. Andy Talbot travelled to Lancaster to take part in the Lancaster Golden Balls 20 mile race, a flat two lap course. Andy had a good race completing this in a time of 2 hours 23 mins and 53 seconds beating the club's previous V55 record for 20 miles, a record which was held for 24 years.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30p.m., Tuesday is endurance/speed session from 7.00 p.m., and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.



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U9 Eagles in Champions League



Newton Aycliffe U9 Eagles took part in the Champion League Tournament at Redcar. We were paired with

Skelton, Stokesley, Saltburn, South Park Rangers and Cargo Fleet. The boys acquitted themselves very

well and played some really good football.

First game we played Stokesley FC. In a game of few chances, the boys defended very well and limited Stokesley to a couple half chances. Stokesley also defended well and kept us at bay. Full time 0-0.

2nd game we played Skelton. Another 0-0 draw but the lads attacked well and we should have been rewarded with a penalty when James was brought down in the area but the ref allowed play to continue.

3rd game we played South Park Rangers. After a bad decision we found ourselves 1 down at half time. 2nd half we were on the front foot, James hit the bar and was then brought down for a penalty, which Evan smashed home. A couple of chances came and went and our 3rd draw 1-1.

4th game we played group leaders Cargo Fleet. Again we found ourselves 1 down at half time after an unstoppable effort found the top corner. Charlie made a couple of good saves to keep us in the game. Again 2nd half we battled back into the game and found a well deserved equaliser late in the game through James. Full time 1-1.

5th game v Saltburn we dominated the possession and created a number of chances. We were very unlucky in front of goal but eventually our dominance paid off when James scored with the last kick of the game. Full time 1-0 win. The boys finished 3rd in the group and just missed out on a place in the semi-final by 1 point. The team played some really good football today and I was really pleased coming away unbeaten. 3 clean sheets shows we are improving and all our defenders today deserve praise. Charlie in goal making some good saves, Dylan, Nathan, Krystian, Brandon and Jayden all working hard in defence. James, Dan, Riley, Evan, Jayden and Krystian when needed, also were very dangerous in attack. Onwards and upwards now boys. Good luck in the upcoming season.

RUGBY UPDATE

Newton Aycliffe RUFC 1st XV travelled to South Shields for a curtain raiser Durham County Plate match on Saturday with anticipation of a hard match against a team who were strong last season. Aycliffe's pre-season squad build up has come on leaps and bounds with an influx of new signings of raw young talent. Following last weeks mix code training match against local Rugby League club Durham Tigers, several of the Tigers players are starting to sign over to Aycliffe union side as their league season concludes. The apparent bond that has been forged with these players will boost Aycliffe's league chances this coming season.

With 6 substitutes allowed in the cup game Aycliffe took advantage of the influx of available players with 21 players stripped and ready to take on Shields.

At first glance it looked like Shields were a big set of players ready for business, however as the game unfolded it turned out Aycliffe's forward technical training and the immense speed of the back line paid dividends.

Aycliffe supporters were rewarded with a great display of rugby with some brilliant defensive tackling and great lines of running from all angles. Centre James Thacker opened the account with his first try after 8 mins. Unsuccessfully converted due to a very stiff cross field wind. Captain Luke Harty helped himself to Aycliffe's second try (16 mins) this time converted by Nathan Acuna. Within minutes Acuna himself bags himself a try but sadly missed his own conversion. (20 mins). When Shields took possession at times they were met by ferocious tackling from Aycliffe's forwards and backs, one of the hallmarks of the game. The big Shields players were worn down rapidly. Aycliffe's stand in scrum half, Aiden Ryans, scored a brilliant individual try using his pace, conversion

missed (40 mins) Half time score 0 - 22.

There was a period after the start of the second half where both teams cancelled each other out when Shields got themselves sorted. However, Aycliffe's defence held out before the stalemate was broken by a try from Richie Hackett, (61 mins) an old boy who returned and resigned after several years playing in southern England. He showed he had not lost his class and promises to be a great asset to Aycliffe. Conversion was missed as the wind continued to hamper the kicking. The try of the match must go to Adam Winterburn who played his first ever competitive rugby match at senior level and stole the show with a mesmerising 60 metre run from the Aycliffe half to touch down between the posts. (63 mins) A fantastic new signing from a former basketball player. One to watch in the coming matches. Paul Richardson got himself on the score sheet converting from in front of the posts.

The final points came from Thacker's second try to end the score at 0 - 39. (70 mins) An outstanding performance from a squad of experience and fresh talent. The club are still interested in anyone wanting to play rugby. Just turn up for training Tuesday or Thursday evenings or come down and watch the matches and introduce yourselves. Next Saturday the decision was to hold a squad selection game with both sides made up of Aycliffe players. Such is the influx of players the coaching staff will have a headache selecting the starting XV for the match the following week which is a Northumberland and Durham division 3 league game at home to Houghton Le Spring. It promises to be a great clash, and all spectators are welcome, free of charge, to watch the match and use the facilities of Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane. KO 3pm.



CRICKET SCOREBOARD



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, travelled to relegation threatened Redcar 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division and came away with a draw in another high scoring game. Aycliffe chose to bat first and scored an impressive 260 all out after 49 overs thanks mainly to Adam Randall (sponsored by DTS Joinery), who scored a fantastic 130 runs from 117 balls faced. His outstanding innings also included 15 boundaries and seven huge sixes. Adam Gittins also batted well scoring 51 from 73 balls with eight boundaries and Chris Palmer chipped in with 17 from 26 balls and he hit four boundaries.

In reply the home side batted through their allotted 51 overs and finished on 199 for 6 despite some good bowling from Patrick Howe (4 for 55) and a wicket each for both Michael Howe and Jack Slatcher. The second team finished their season in style with a comprehensive 162 run victory at home to Northallerton 2nds in the NYSD 4th division. Aycliffe won the toss and decided to bat first and piled up a huge score of 256 for 3 declared after 35 overs. Captain Joe Haines (sponsored by Phoenix Energy) batted

superbly scoring his maiden century and was finally dismissed for 121 from 104 balls faced and his innings included twenty boundaries and a six. It was the first league century by a second team batsman for 19 years and only the sixth in all second team competitions in the history of the club. Opener Haines and David Robinson (35 not out) also set a new second team club record putting on 165 for their third wicket partnership. Dan Bowmer (15 runs) and Jak Kennedy (13 not out) also chipped in late in the innings with some valuable runs.

In reply the visitors were blown away by some excellent bowling by 15 year old Iain Robson, who finished with career best figures of 4 for 30. Jak Kennedy (2 for 6) and Matty Greaves (1 for 15) also bowled well as Northallerton were bowled out for 94 after 17.2 overs. Aycliffe's second team finished a creditable 7th place in the NYSD fourth division table with a final playing record which read, played 18, won 4, lost 5, drew 4 and five games lost due to the weather and with a final points tally of 161.

Photo: Adam Randall who scored a breathtaking 130 for the first team away at Redcar 1sts.

Sportsman's Evening

an evening with "Jon Parkin"
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Jon Parkin is a former professional footballer, while never quite making it to the Premier League, Jon played in ALL football league divisions for teams such as York City, Macclesfield Town, Preston North End, Cardiff City and Fleetwood Town as well as over 50 appearances for non-league Forest Green Rovers.

Jon is fairly new to the after dinner speaking circuit, but can be regularly seen in the hilarious podcast "undr the Cosh". Jon will also be supported by comedian Austin Knight.

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£20,000 Worth of Sports Equipment for Schools

Aldi is offering 20 schools across the UK the chance to win £20,000 each through its new Kit For Schools campaign.

The promotion, which is part of Aldi's long-standing partnership with Team GB, will see cash prizes donated to twenty schools across the country to invest in equipment for a healthy legacy. Aldi will also be offering a sports kit to all schools who complete a poster, which includes, relay batons, cones and bibs. From 6th September, Aldi shoppers in Newton Aycliffe will receive stickers every time they spend £30 or more

in store, which can be taken into schools and added to their sticker chart.

Every UK school that signs up to the initiative will receive a sticker chart and for each completed chart, they will receive one entry into the final prize draw to win £20,000 of equipment for a healthy legacy.

All UK primary schools are eligible to take part and can sign up at <https://getsetatfresh.co.uk/kitsforschools>.

The campaign follows a recent report by Sport England which shows that one third of UK children take part in less than the recommended minimum of thirty minutes of physical activity a day* and the Kits for Schools campaign is part of Aldi and Team GB's long-standing efforts to get young people active and eating well ahead of Tokyo 2020.

Sean McGinty, Marketing Director at Aldi UK, said: "We are committed to working with Team GB to inspire young people in the North East to eat well and

move more. Being active at school is incredibly important, and our Kit for Schools initiative will give young people the chance to take part in additional sports activities.

"We will continue to work with schools across the UK in the run-up to Tokyo 2020 in an effort to encourage children to enjoy a healthy lifestyle."

Tim Ellerton, Commercial Director at Team GB, said: "Aldi's Kit for Schools initiative will open up a whole range of new opportunities for local school pupils to get involved in sport with good quality equipment across a range of sports and help drive enjoyment and activity as we look ahead to Tokyo 2020 in just under a year's time."

Aldi has worked with schools up and down the country since 2015 as part of its partnership with Team GB through its 'Get Set to Eat Fresh' initiative, which teaches young people about eating well and gives them the skills and confidence to cook fresh, healthy meals.

Aldi has already worked with more than 1 million young people, aged between 5 - 14, as part of the Get Set to Eat Fresh campaign, and plans to work with 1.2 million children before Tokyo 2020. Aldi has extended the initiative to run until Paris

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Applications Open for 2020/21 School Year

Parents whose children are due to start primary or secondary school next year can start applying for a place from next week.

Durham County Council will be accepting applications for the 2020/21 school year from Thursday, 12 September 2019.

Graeme Plews, school places and admissions manager, said: "We strongly

encourage parents to apply in good time, and online if possible, to reduce the number of late applications and to help parents get their preferred school."

For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, parents need to complete an application form stating which primary school they would like their child to attend.

Families will still need to apply even if they have an older child attending the same school. They must also complete an application form for older children wishing to attend a junior school from September 2020.

The deadline for applications for primary and junior schools is midnight on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.

For children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009, parents need to complete an application form stating

which secondary school they would like their child to attend.

The deadline for secondary school applications is midnight on Thursday 31 October 2019.

Application forms are available at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, where parents will also find essential advice to help with their application.

Paper applications are also available on request by contacting Durham County Council's school admissions team on 03000 265 896.

Are Lib Dems The Way To Go?

Dear Sir,
Today I received a pamphlet from Michael Stead, a Liberal Democrat, someone I have never heard of, claiming that they are the main opposition to the Labour party.

Some of the points he states regarding the attitude of how Labour runs local and Durham Councils, such as not listening to the public and doing what suits them is correct. They say they are different and want to put the people first.

How can a political party such as the Lib Dems be believed when their policy on Brexit is no matter if the country decide to leave they will fight to stay, remember most people in the County Durham area voted to leave. So how can we trust the Lib Dems when they don't listen to the public? It is a case of out of the fire into the frying pan.

It would pay to vote Conservative or Independent, as yes we do need changes after the last ten years of the same hierarchy is not acceptable, especially when they are not voted for by the people. Maybe we should be allowed every three years to vote for the council and local council leader before complacency sets in? John Armstrong Defoe Crescent

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September Jazz Specials

September's going to be a great month for regulars – and new faces – at Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club's lunchtime gigs

First up, international reedsman and all-time favourite John Hallam just can't keep away. He's back at the club on Saturday 7 September, following his two visits in August. This time he's teaming up with the always-popular Jeff Barnhart's Mr Men band. Jeff will have people on the edge of their seats as he brings his larger-than-life personality to performances of tunes familiar and obscure. He'll be performing along with the other members of the Mr Men Quartet – John, Keith Stephen and Bruce Rollo.

And keeping the theme of great return visitors going, Jeff is back at the Club on Saturday 21 September with his unique take on the great black and white silent movies of cinema's early days – a treasure trove of stories, songs and theme tunes whilst footage from some of those wonderful silent comedy films rolls out on the large screen above him. He'll play piano and weave his musical magic from scene to scene whilst Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd and Fatty Arbuckle entertain with romps through car chases, stunts, suspense and romance. The session proved a huge audience hit when he brought it to Darlington last year, so this year's version is bound to go every bit as well.

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Hollie's Wish Comes True

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"We are so proud of Hollie, she just needs confidence. She sings, plays ukulele and bass guitar. The school have supported Hollie and given her incredible opportunities to boost her confidence, which she needs. Hollie is an exceptional student who never complains about her pain, she goes to school and gets on with it. Sometimes people forget how Hollie is and how she's feeling because Cystic Fibrosis is a life-limiting condition with a daily routine which is awful. My wish is for more to be known and people to stop being ignorant to Cystic Fibrosis. We are very proud of Hollie, she's our Ray of Sunshine who lives life to the full", said Mother Angie.



Thank You

Fiona McKenzie Laycock

I would like to thank all family, relatives, friends and neighbours who joined me at Fiona's very sad funeral. It was a lovely Service as was the weather. I thank you all for your kindness, support, cards and very generous donations to St. Cuthbert's Hospice and Cancer Research. Thanks again Dave Laycock

Obituary

Ryan Peter

Peacefully on 23rd August surrounded by his loving family, aged 88 years.

Beloved Husband to the late Dinah; devoted Father of John, Catherine, Billy, Mary, Paul, Hilda, Theresa and Peter; dearly loved Father-in-Law, Brother, Grandad and Great Grandad.

Funeral Service to be held in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 9th September at 11.45am, followed by Committal at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon).

Family and friends please meet at the Church. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Dementia UK and Cancer Research.



Hazel Margaret Young

22nd August 2019

Hazel died peacefully at home aged 87 years.

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Jean Jamieson

of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 23rd August.

Beloved Wife of Brian; much loved by Denise, Gareth, Megan, Rosie and Gypsy.

A private Funeral took place on Wednesday 4th September at Wear Valley Crematorium.

Birthday Remembrance

David Atkins

(Aky) - 12th September

I am still with you every step of the way. Happy Birthday Kidda. Loved always. Brother Paul

David Atkins

(Aky) - 12th September 1977 to 2017

A loving Son, sadly missed not only on your birthday, but forever. All my love, Harry

David Atkins

12th September

Happy birthday Daddy. I love you and miss you always. Jonathan Kraig

David Atkins

12th September

Thinking of you today on your birthday, with love from Auntie Karen, Danielle, John, Tony, Evie and Harry xxx

Frances Woodhead

9th September

Heaven holds my Wife, On this her special day. Lord, I ask this of you. To give her a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Please tell her "I will love her to eternity". Love, Peter xxx

Frances Woodhead

9th September

May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how much we love and miss you and wish that you were here. Happy 80th Birthday Mum Love, Mandy & John xxx

Frances Woodhead

9th September

Happy 80th birthday in heaven Mum. Not a day goes by when I don't think of you and thank God I was blessed to be your Son. Love, Gary xxx

Lee Smith

7th September



Another year without you Lee. Another birthday to miss you.

Happy birthday sweetheart. Party with the angels. We will love you and miss you forever. Mam and Dad

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UNBEATEN START FOR SPORTS CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC maintained their unbeaten start to the 2019/20 Season with a comfortable 6-1 win over Darlington Mowden Model T in the Durham Challenge Sunday County Cup. The Sportsy carried their form from the league, which started with a 1-1 draw against North Bitchburn, a 7-1 win over local rivals The Gretna and a 4-1 win over Wearhead United. Playing on the Northern League pitch looked like it may have been a leveller for the two team. A tight first half saw David Teder grab a brace, the first a neat finish from a Darren Bosomworth cross and the second screamer from outside of the box. The away side had some good chances too, smashing the cross bar from long range and also missing a penalty. Their perseverance paid off just before half time putting the



home side under pressure leading to a stray back pass from defender Mason Patterson wrong footing his goalkeeper as the ball trickled into an empty net. In the second half, The Sports Club looked the stronger and fitter of the two sides and last seasons top goal scorer Kieron Jordan made it 3-1 on the hour mark. Darren

Bosomworth then scored the fourth shortly after and a then sublime chip from

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midfielder David Neale from outside the box made it 5-1. Kyle Allen wrapped up the scoring for the day to make it 6-1 and gain another home draw in the county cup with Peterlee and District team Easington South Side FC next up at Moore Lane.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's Training Tops Sponsor Elite Sheet (pictured is Dan Robinson - owner of Elite Sheet, with Team Captain Will Kelly and Manager Darren Griffiths). We would also like to thank The Big Boys Charity section who have again funded the club and helped purchase the new Polo Shirts. All kit was purchased from MySportsWear situated in Darlington, who provided a very quick and efficient service.

Ineos Golf Club in Clark Cup



Ineos Golf Club faced a formidable opposition and previous winners Heworth Golf Club in the Clark Cup last weekend at Haughton-le-Spring Golf Club. Although beaten 4 - 1 they put up a brave effort and did themselves proud. The five man team included brothers Michael and Stephen Howlett, Sam and Liam Telford and last but not least



Shaun Collier who is the most experienced player and head Green Keeper at Ineos Golf Club. Captain Pat Montgomery was extremely proud of the players and thanked

everyone involved in getting this far. He would also like to thank the organisers and supporters who made the day a one to remember. Words and images Gary Howlett GTHpicsnaps

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe made it through to the Second Qualifying Round of the Buildbase FA Vase with a win against Silsden AFC on Saturday. The Northern Counties East side made their first ever trip to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium but lost out 2-1 to Colin Stromsoy's Aycliffe team.

Aycliffe had come from two hard fought local derbies which saw a win & a draw against West Auckland & Shildon over the Bank Holiday weekend. By contrast Silsden had an 11 day break since their last match.

Aycliffe's match practice seemed to benefit them & on 24 minutes when Johnson Ballan dispossessed an opponent & whipped in a cross from the right which a defender headed past his own keeper.

The home side suffered a blow just before half-time when midfielder Marc Costello took a knock which caused him to be substituted. Despite this setback Aycliffe started the second half positively and went 2-0 up after 47 minutes. Shaun Ryder slid a perfect pass between two defenders to Dean Thexton. The centre forward calmly chipped the keeper to find the net.

The visitors pulled a goal back on 66 minutes leaving the home supporters to nervously wish for the



final whistle as Aycliffe desperately defended their lead. To make matters worse Aycliffe defender Mattie Lowrie was shown a red card in the last few minutes for a dangerous tackle. However Aycliffe managed to hang on & earn the win which sees them travel to Jarrow FC on Saturday 14 September.

It's going to be a busy month for Aycliffe with seven games scheduled, the next five of them away. This week sees two tough games with visits to Stockton on Wednesday 4 September & Consett on Saturday 7 September. Stockton are currently second to Hebburn but have three games in hand & are the only team in the Ebac Northern League with a 100% record so far this season. Meanwhile Consett sit third with 12 points from 7 games. Aycliffe are currently 9th with 10 points from 5 games.

Photo Aycliffe goalscorer Dean Thexton

SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

Ebac Northern League Division One

Wednesday 4th September - KO 7.45pm

Stockton Town v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 7th September - KO 3.00pm

Consett v Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday 10th September - KO 7.30pm

West Auckland v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 14th September - KO 3.00pm

Jarrow v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 21st September - KO 3.00pm

Seaham Red Star v Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday 24th September - KO 7.45pm

Newton Aycliffe v Northallerton Town

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