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## Junction 7 in 'The ARK'

What a great week we have had putting on our first events in the newly named community centre, 'The ARK'.

Monday saw our first Colouring Therapy alongside the Community Cafe. Our pens, that were donated to us by Crafter's Companion, were put to creative use.

The cafe, which is open every Monday and Thursday from 10am-4pm and serves a varied menu, was welcomed into the community, serving homemade apple crumble which was made from the surplus apples we buy from FareShare.

FareShare is a charity aimed at relieving food poverty and reducing food waste in the UK. It does this by rescuing



good quality surplus food that would otherwise have gone to waste and sending it to almost 11,000 charity and

community groups across the United Kingdom.

All profits from the cafe will go back into Newton Aycliffe, either by topping up the foodbank, helping people in crisis or putting on community events as Junction 7 is run totally by volunteers.

Thursday was our first 'Cuppa with a Copper', which runs alongside our Community Cafe.

### Weekly programme

Junction 7 will be putting on the following events and activities every week:

**MONDAY** 10-4pm  
Which will include the Community Cafe, NE First Credit Union collection point, Colouring Therapy and the Foodbank.

**TUESDAY** 1-4pm  
Starting shortly will be Cooking on a Budget.

**WEDNESDAY** 1-5pm  
Confidence Building with Phillip Hawkins 12-2pm, (starts 25th September). After School Club (starting soon).

**THURSDAY** 10-4pm  
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# Celebrating 1st Anniversary Week of Action Targets Empty Homes in County Durham



Jorja's Attic shop are celebrating their first year anniversary on 21st and 22nd September and would like to invite past, present and future customers to join

them. There will be sherry, prosecco and cupcakes to celebrate their success. Many items in the shop will be reduced and there will be 10% off all purchases as

well as a free raffle.

Linda and Lynn have been amazed by the positive response from customers and feel the shop is constantly evolving to meet the varied needs of customers.

The shop sells furniture, home interiors, gifts, wedding accessories (many available to hire), bespoke items and seasonal decorations. Payment plan, gift vouchers and gift wrapping services are also available.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It has been decided to hold this year's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3rd October, 2019, at the Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe commencing 8.00pm before the Monthly Meeting. All members are asked to attend. Those members present at the start of the meeting may be eligible for two pint tokens.

## Maternity Bereavement Unit Appeal

Darlington Memorial Hospital hope to transform facilities for those families, who sadly don't get the chance to take their baby home with them, providing a warm and caring environment, where they can grieve, hold and touch their baby; take photos and create memories before they need to say goodbye to their precious babe. To donate to this appeal please donate via phone to: 01325 743781 or by BACS to: CDDFT Charity Sort Code: 60-70-80 Account: 10011056.

A week of action will take place in County Durham this month as a council continues to crackdown on empty homes.

Durham County Council is taking part in National Empty Homes Week from Monday 23 to Sunday 29 September to raise awareness of the issue and to promote the work it is undertaking to bring vacant properties back into use.

In County Durham, there are more than 6,000 properties that have been empty for six months or more. The council is working with partner organisations, including the police, fire service, housing providers, landlords and community groups, to support the owners of these properties to return them back into use and help meet the local housing need.

Throughout the week, a series of events and walkabouts will take place to help the council's dedicated empty homes team reach out to even more residents, empty home owners and key agencies. It will be an opportunity for residents to highlight problems in their communities and for empty home owners to find out more about the support on offer to revitalise their properties.

Cllr Kevin Shaw, the council's Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "Empty homes are not only a loss of valuable housing, but they can impact on communities by attracting flytipping, anti-social behaviour and crime. They also make neighbourhoods unattractive, which can deter people from buying or renting properties in the area."

"Tackling the problem of long-term empty properties is a key aim of our housing and homelessness strategies. We will continue to work with our partners, including landlords, agents and associates, to address the issue and increase the supply of affordable accommodation across the county. I would encourage people to get involved in National Empty Homes Week to find out about what support we offer and to raise any issues they have."

Events taking place include:

- Tuesday 24 September: An Empty Homes Roadshow for empty home owners at The Durham Centre in Belmont from 2pm until 4.30pm. Presentations will be given on how to keep properties safe and the support available from the council, and home owners will be able to feedback assistance they need from agencies. Booking is required as places are limited.
- Wednesday 25 September: Resident drop-in session at Clayport Library in Millennium Place, Durham, from



9.30am to 12.30pm. Residents can find out about the team's work and how to report an empty home.

• Friday 27 September: Multi-agency walkabout in Dean Bank, Ferryhill, from 2pm.

There will also be awareness sessions for councillors and representatives from a range of partner agencies.

The council's preferred approach of support, education and encouragement. Since 2014, more than 700 properties have been brought back into use through negotiations with their owners.

Financial assistance is also available, and over the past five years, the council has provided £4 million of interest free loans. These have helped 247 people to become home owners and 202 owners to renovate their properties.

The council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme also supports landlords to uphold property standards and provides accommodation for homeless residents. There are currently 150 members who are responsible for more than 3,100 properties across the county.

Meanwhile, a consultation is underway over proposals to increase council tax charges for homes that have been unoccupied for more than two years. The consultation runs until Sunday, 6 October.

www.durham.gov.uk/consultation.

To support or attend a National Empty Homes Week event, contact 03000 260 000 or [privatesectorhousing@durham.gov.uk](mailto:privatesectorhousing@durham.gov.uk)

For more information about how the council and its partners tackles empty homes, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation) or [www.durham.gov.uk/housing](http://www.durham.gov.uk/housing)

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for the local community, with any remaining jobs advertised at greggsfamily.co.uk. As well as freshly baked savouries and sandwiches, customers will be able to enjoy Greggs' new Autumn range, featuring New menu additions such as the Spicy Chicken & Pepperoni Bake, Chipotle Chilli Steak Baguette and the warming Apple & Cinnamon Porridge. Our popular Pumpkin Spice

Latte is also making a return following the successful launch last year. Breakfast will be served until 11am, featuring classics such as bacon rolls, fresh fruit and a full range of freshly ground, Fairtrade coffee. The Balanced Choice range includes a selection of sandwiches, pasta salads, soups, drinks, porridge and fruit - all for fewer than 400 calories. The shop will also have a self-select hot range, including fresh porridge, Southern fried chicken goujons and potato wedges - all perfect for on the go.

Amanda Taylor, shop manager at Aycliffe Business Park said: "We can't wait to open our doors and hear what the local community thinks. We hope customers enjoy the wide range of tasty items we have on offer." Roisin Currie, retail and people director for Greggs, said: "We're delighted to be able to invest in Newton Aycliffe, bringing new jobs to the area and providing both new and existing customers with a modern and convenient new shop." Shop opening times are 6am - 6pm Monday - Saturday and 8am - 3pm on Sunday.

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# GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR



Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School have started the year in celebration after winning the School Games Mark Platinum Award. In doing so, they have proudly become the first school in the Sedgefield Sports Partnership (SSP) to achieve this amazing accreditation. The School Games Mark Platinum Award is the highest accolade in the School Games Mark. It was introduced in 2017 to reward schools who have maintained consistently high standards with their school sport provision. In order to even be considered for the prestigious Platinum Award, schools must first have achieved five successive gold awards. Stephenson Way Academy had to submit detailed case studies to support their application, which was backed up with a supporting reference by the SSP. Miss Whitfield, who leads PE and Sport at Stephenson Way Academy, explained, "This award acknowledges the commitment to sport that we have demonstrated for a long time now. We are proud to provide every child in school with opportunities to develop their sporting ability in a wide range of sporting activities such as football, gymnastics, dance, new age kurling, boccia and swimming to name a few. With a whole host of after school clubs and both competitive and non-competitive festivals to

attend, there truly is a sport where everyone can shine and showcase their talent." On behalf of the Sedgefield Sports Partnership, Sarah Price told us, "We were delighted to support the

platinum application on behalf of Stephenson Way Academy and thrilled to see their hard work and dedication to sport recognised with this award."

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Dear sir,  
I was so pleased to receive a free large glossy sheet of cat litter tray lining through my letter box last week, I knew immediately that it was meant for that purpose, as it was full of “c\*\*p” to start with.

Although my cat, Charlie, was sat cross legged desperately waiting for his new litter tray lining, I did manage to read some of the garbage spouted by Lib ‘Un’democratic campaigner Mick Stead.

I was very annoyed when I read the heading - ‘Tory Councillors Should Resign’. I feel I should point out that it is not unusual or disallowed for someone to serve on two councils at the same time, where as some of our county and town councillors are not even capable of doing a proper job serving one council.

You will find Durham and Darlington Conservative Councillor, Paul Howell, very capable of doing both jobs and very active in our Newton Aycliffe community as well as donating a substantial amount each month from his own money to support my charity (along with Cllr Arun Chandran).

Paul Howell does not seek any publicity or recognition for doing this. I hope he doesn’t mind my expose,

but I think the community should know he is the only councillor that has helped Honest John’s in this way. Thank you Cllr Paul from all supporters of John’s Aycliffe Community Kitty.

I wonder how many other residents noticed that the leaflets were produced in the south of England, so this LOCAL candidate does not even support the local economy and prefers to put work out of the area.

Yours sincerely  
Honest John

*PS: Lib Undemocratic - with their number 1 party policy to scrap Brexit without a referendum are the last bunch you should vote for anywhere at any time.*

## Democracy?

Dear Sir,  
Will someone explain why the Prime Minister should be continually harassed for attempting to carry out the wishes of the electorate in relation to the referendum by an agreed date 31st October, ie, his duty?

Do the objectors to this democratic vote no longer believe in democracy except when it suits them?

P.C.

Name and address supplied



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,  
There has been much change in a short time.

Sadly Parliament, now prorogued, has still failed to fulfil its duty of ensuring the UK leaves the European Union, as was promised and passed to Statute three years ago. It’s failure does however continue to entertain, amuse and simultaneously confound and confuse the civilised world with its incessant convolutions, conspiracies, intrigues and more recently, the nefarious, even disloyal activities of it’s Honourable Members in consort with their European counterparts. With a cast of some 650 and a further supporting troop of some 850 Noble Lords gyrating in the wings it should perhaps be reasonable to expect a stellar performance - for our Country that is, rather than the tawdry, murky underworld it actually presents to incredulous friends and incomprehending Nations. Witness the incredulity of our Australian friends alone. Instead there is a comedy. A black comedy. No ballet depicting the ‘Mother of All Democracies’ in the calm, controlled, image of beautiful swan gliding serenely across the world stage. Rather an image closer to a precocious pre-pubescent adolescent warts and all an image more to be degenerated than admired.

Parliamentary democracy was a virtue which has been regularly eroded by successive Governments for years - at least the last 50 years to my knowledge. Deceit has been a habit for far longer. The antics of the last three years could well be sounding if not the death knell of democracy, then at the very least that of any remnant of faith the British people have left in our MP’s and our Parliamentary system. A system which is in dire need of reform; as probably is also the Party system and without any shadow of doubt in our MP’s, where public opinion at already at rock bottom. These latter have brought it on themselves. They must relearn the mantra that it is ‘the people who are sovereign’ - not our local rep, not their party, not Parliament. Until that is accepted there will not be, cannot be, any possibility of democracy in Westminster. It will remain an old building of scheming men and women at odds with the modern world, chuntering away wasting time, money, years and precious opportunities on scoring Pyrrhic victories off each other. In venting their venom on each other they - our MP’s - have themselves created public bewilderment, confusion and above all distrust. The business world and our street wise were baffled when Teresa May tentatively took No Deal off the table. They were dismayed now our Representatives plotted to finally remove it, and so ceding control of negotiation to Brussels. It is unheard of in any negotiations to throw away any advantage in advance of an amiable agreement being reached - even if there is/was no

intention to actually use it. Those decisions have cost our Country and our upcoming generations dearly. Parliament’s head for business is on a par with Government’s skill with money.

If that is the set way of Politicians we will be clearly better off homing them on an isolated island, remote from the real world. In that way we may achieve the reforms essential to regaining stability and a proper, real, democracy cleansed of all the contaminants - at least for a time.

In the meanwhile there is wreckage to be cleared. Massive wreckage. The people decided that Britain would leave the EU. It was promised and passed in statute, Although no specifics were written down it remains fact that leave means not tied down to foreign control - ie to leave, to be free, in rule, in law, in decision making. Having made a botch of the job, sadly, it still leaves only our discredited Parliament to resume this interesting conundrum. At this time we have debarred ourselves from Leaving No Deal, we cannot stay with ties (a democratic decision) and the EU refuse to let us leave without ties. A fine Parliamentary pickle! A Gordian knot! Parliament cannot unpick it - it needs a sharp sword.

Personally, I think if they fail that will be the absolute end to democratic faith in our Parliamentary system as it now exists. Let’s see just how good they are - perhaps. One further thought strikes me. Mr Speaker last week likened himself to an Umpire - Dictionary definition “an official who supervises a game to ensure the players keep to the rules and who settles disputes arising from play”. However this ‘Umpire’ last week publically declared he is prepared to break the rules. This calls into serious question how much or how little reliance can be entrusted to any rulings made. Which will be fair impartial; based on rules or broken rules? And with what recourse? I recall a number of recent Parliamentary challenges to the Speaker’s rulings but none were amended. In a case of such supreme importance as will shortly be affecting Great Britain - and us all - it is not good enough to entrust such adjudication to anyone, anyone who has already pronounced a preparedness to abandon the rule book, our great Nation and the great people who made it so, deserve the absolute right that this possibility be removed, absolutely. This possibility must be removed if the Nation is to be satisfied.

Dear Sir, if space will permit, I would like to tender my appreciation of the Parliamentary Labour Party’s indoor version of the traditional Elton Wall Game as demonstrated at the prorogation of Parliament. The adult version was a more educational and entertaining alternative to the juvenile outdoor version. I trust the team suffered no ill after-effects.

Yours faithfully

Douglas Whittaker

# What Do I Believe About Brexit?

Dear Sir,  
Last week two letters in the Newton News told me – incorrectly – what I believe about Brexit, so I reckoned that maybe it was time to tell you myself.

## A COLLECTIVE IRRATIONALITY

My view on Brexit is that Britain has been seized by a collective irrationality, where for more than three years large numbers of people have neglected what they should have been worrying about - business investment, schools, mental health, Bishop Auckland hospital etc. – in order to shout at each other about Brexit.

When Leave won the referendum, I genuinely hoped for a negotiated settlement (such as the Labour Party wanted), whereby we could leave the institution whilst keeping some sort of trading arrangement. Surely, with give and take, we could have agreed something that satisfied both sides? Not a bit of it, as any voices for compromise were drowned out by shouting and vitriol.

## VICIOUS IGNORANCE

FIRST, I have been amazed at the viciousness on both sides – for three years Leavers and Remainers have just been yelling the same worthless slogans at each other.

The recent release of the Operation Yellowhammer papers has been typical. Here we have a report, commissioned by the government, about the dangers of a no deal Brexit. Are we analysing it and making suitable preparations? No!! Remainers are simply screaming “Apocalypse!” to which the Leavers’ response is merely “Operation Fear!” Alistair PG Welsh has been aggressively bilious for three years! Indeed, one has to be impressed by the way he has managed week after week to write essentially the same angry letter to the Newton News in different ways. The rancour on social media has reached fever pitch, with people – otherwise kind neighbours and good parents – happily sharing lists of ‘traitors’ who need executing. In some ways the country seems to be in the grip of a mania equivalent to the ‘Red Scare’ of the 1950s.

SECONDLY, I have been appalled by the level of ignorance shown by people who nevertheless have not hesitated to vent their spleen in public. I had one chap playing hell with me thinking I was the MP – that was the level of his knowledge about politics. Social media is infested with memes, every line of which is either factually incorrect or logically inconsistent. It appears that knowing what you are talking about is unnecessary to form a violent sentiment either way about Brexit.

**THE IRONY OF BREXIT**  
And when I hear ordinary working class men and women telling me that Boris Johnson is a ‘man of the people’ who of all the

politicians out there most has their interests at heart, I realise that numbers of people have collectively abandoned all common sense in this matter.

The irony of Brexit is that – despite the expectation of ‘sovereignty’ – the everyday experience of government for most people will be changed not a jot by Brexit. The Council will still collect their bins. The same PCSO will come round to investigate anti-social behaviour. HMRC will still collect our taxes, the DWP will still organise our welfare benefits.

The EU is not the paradise of safety of the Remainers’ literature – it is a ruthless neoliberal organisation and Remainers seem to have forgotten that, before Brexit, we were all fighting to stop TTIP. Neither is Brexit the land of milk and honey in the Leavers’ dreams – I fear, given the people driving the issue, that it will merely be the start of a right-wing assault upon our freedoms and rights.

## WHAT DO I BELIEVE ABOUT BREXIT?

HOWEVER, I am reaching the point where I wonder whether ANY conclusion – however awful – could possibly do more damage to the country than the Brexit process is doing to us at the moment. Brexit is already damaging the economy. As I wrote a fortnight ago, it is also undermining our parliamentary democracy. It has polarised society and set people at each other’s throats. And when I read that people are withdrawing funding from the RNLI because the Daily Mail says that it spends 2% of its budget on work overseas I seriously fear that the country which invented Live Aid has lost its moral compass.

I believe that the main problem facing Newton Aycliffe is not whether we leave or remain, but that County Durham is one of

the poorest counties in one of the poorest regions in Western Europe.

And as for Brexit itself, the ‘guest’s choice’ song by Taylor Swift on this week’s edition of my political discussion show on Aycliffe Radio was spot on appropriate: ‘You need to calm down’.

John D. Clare

## A Lesson in Democracy

Dear Sir,  
My wife and I both voted for Brexit. Which, presumably, we all know is a democratic process. However, since that time, all we have had from many members of parliament is a continual barrage of wrangling, heckling or hurling insults at each other. Which is invariably, accompanied by bringing personalities into it. Their behaviour, which we’ve often seen in Parliament, is at times, nothing more than infantile in it’s content, which you wouldn’t normally expect from adults, least of all MPs who are, after all, supposed to be running a country.

If young people behaved this way, we would, no doubt, be punished - the politics in this country is now in complete disarray and shambles. If politicians would just stop all this nonsense and realise, no matter what, that democratically people voted to come out and not stay in the EU.

Incidentally, we knew why we wanted to leave. In democracy, you are expected to recognise and respect the wishes of the people and that’s what ALL MPs should be doing, no matter what their personal views. So, come on, stop squabbling like children and act in an adult manner to resolve this important issue.

That is how democracy is supposed to work.

J & R McNeal

# Statement From the Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner

*This statement comes from the Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims’ Commissioner*

The Police, Crime and Victims’ Commissioner (PCVC) for County Durham and Darlington, Ron Hogg, is unwell. He has therefore written to the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel to ask that the Panel consider appointing an acting Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that the functions of the PCVC will continue to operate across County Durham and Darlington, at a crucial time for policing.

The Police and Crime Panel will meet today (20th September 2019) to consider the request.

Ron has received good wishes from a large number of people recently, and he wishes to express his thanks.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THIS COUNTRY?

Dear Sir,  
What is happening in this country? - How can one be fined for enjoying leisure time, having a coffee with a friend - in an underused cafe, with no pressure on it’s car park?

On June 25th - I met a friend that I hadn’t seen for some time, at the relatively new Costa Coffee cafe in Newton Aycliffe.

I am in my eighth decade and totally unused to getting out of my car to look skywards for penalty notices! I admit that I did not see any notice outside or inside the cafe.

We enjoyed a couple of coffee’s/cake and a good catch-up talk, it was lovely to relax and enjoy this leisure time.

We left after two hours and four minutes - totally

unaware that there was a time limit of ninety minutes. I duly received a ‘Parking Notice Charge’ from Civil Enforcement Ltd, a fine for £100 or £60 if paid within 14 days. To say that I was shocked and incensed would be an understatement.

I appealed to this company and to Costa (who declined all responsibility) and then to POPLA (Parking On Private Land Appeals) all to no avail.

My natural inclination would be to let them take me to court/jail - but I fear that again would fail and I would be responsible for their additional costs.

Big Brother has certainly arrived, again I ask, “What is happening to this country?”

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# Free Dog Welfare Workshops Thanks To Dogs Trust

With schools now back after the summer holidays, Dogs Trust is promoting its education programme; and is encouraging schools to take advantage of beneficial dog safety and responsible dog ownership lessons for their students. Their free dog welfare workshops, delivered as part of the Charity's 'Be Dog Smart' campaign, enhance the National Curriculum and seek to provide children between the ages of 7-11 with the knowledge and understanding they need to act responsibly and safely around dogs in their homes and those they may see out and about. Each workshop benefits pupils by involving a pretend dog as its focus, with the aim of developing compassion and consideration for all living beings. Not only do children learn how to behave safely around dogs,



they also learn all about the commitment involved in owning a dog through a creative and interactive learning experience. Last year, Katie Chapel, Dogs Trust's Education and Community Officer in North East England delivered workshops to 17,623 children; an increase of more than 15% from 2017 (14,045 children). This year they are on track to improve on

this number yet again. With the growing success of the 'Be Dog Smart' campaign, Dogs Trust now employs 27 education and community officers across the UK to provide workshops in their designated regions.

Katie Chapel, Education and Community Officer for Dogs Trust in North East England, said:

"Through debate and discussion, our responsible dog ownership workshops encourage learners to embody important values around dog ownership such as choosing the right breed or type of dog for your life style, as well as understanding that dogs are a lifelong commitment and not a disposable commodity"

"I would welcome the opportunity to work with schools in the area and encourage them to get in touch, as pupils really do get a lot out of the workshops; as do their dogs."

Whether children own dogs or not, it is important they learn how to interact with dogs in the correct way, learn what to do if they are scared and develop respect and compassion for dogs they know and live with. For more information about 'Be Dog Smart' please visit [www.bedogsmart.org.uk](http://www.bedogsmart.org.uk) for more information.

To book a 'Be Dog Smart' workshop, please contact Katie Chapel on 01325 331451 or email [katie.chapel@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:katie.chapel@dogstrust.org.uk)

# County Care Leavers Outperforming National Average

Care leavers in County Durham are bettering the national average in finding education, work or training, councillors will hear next week.

Durham County Council's Cabinet received the annual report of the authority's Corporate Parenting Panel for 2018/19 at its meeting held on Wednesday 11th September.

The report is the second produced by the panel and like the first was put together with the help of young people from the local authority's Children in Care Council.

It sets out how in 2017/18 82 per cent of County Durham care leavers aged 17 to 18 were in education, employment and training (EET), in comparison to the England average of 64 per cent and the statistical neighbour rates of 64 per cent.

For care leavers aged 19 to 21, 59 per cent were in EET, compared to the England average of 51 per cent and the statistical neighbour rates of 58 per cent.

The report also sets out how 96 per cent of care leavers aged 17 to 18 were in suitable accommodation, above the national rate of 84 per cent and the statistical neighbour rates of 89 per cent.

By March of this year 94 per cent of care leavers aged 19 to 21 were in suitable accommodation, above the national rate of 84 per cent and the statistical neighbour rates of 89 per cent.

As of the end of March this year, the council was keeping in touch with 100 per cent of 17 to 18 year old care leavers and 95 per cent of 19 to 21 year olds.

The report also sets out how at the end of March this year, 79 per cent of the council's looked after children were in foster care rather than in other types of accommodation.

In 2017-2018 the authority approved 26 new foster carers.

The panel's report also reveals how 92 per cent of young people were found placements within County Durham at the end of last year. By the end of March this year, 86.6 per cent of looked after children under the age of 16 were living in the same placement for at least two years.

The report also sets out how the council's Drive Project provides funding for driving lessons, a theory and practical test for looked after young people over the age of 17 and care leavers for whom the authority is responsible. Ten young people taking part passed their theory test and six their practical test.

Furthermore, it tells how the council's Supporting Solutions service worked with 107 young people 'on the edge of care' and as a result of offering crisis and intensive interventions, 100 young people remained in their family/living arrangements. The report also reveals how 92.5 per cent of parents answered 'great' or 'good' when asked how well the council's Aycliffe Secure Centre was looking after

their child.

One hundred per cent of parents/carers stated that they had noticed positive changes in their child since coming to Aycliffe.

The Corporate Parenting Panel's role is to:

- Ensure the council acts as a good corporate parent to children and young people in care and care leavers.

- Engage and listen to the views of children, young people and their carers for whom the council is the parent.

- Work in partnership with other statutory agencies to drive forward improvements in care.

- Act as the governing body for the Virtual School for looked after children and young people.

- Act as the governing body for Aycliffe Secure Services, monitoring and ensuring the quality of secure accommodation.

As well as outlining achievements and key performance data, the annual report details priorities for 2019/20 and changes made as a result of the 'You Said - We Did' consultation with young people.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, the council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We are so proud of the children in our

care and our care leavers, in terms of everything they achieve.

"It is brilliant to hear so many success stories across the services we deliver, be that our care leavers performing above the national average in terms of being in education, employment and training or our success in finding foster care places for almost 80 per cent of children.

"The fact 100 per cent of parents and guardians at Aycliffe Secure Centre noticed positive changes in their children is also proof that the hard work and dedication of management and staff there really is paying off."

Cllr Peter Brookes, chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel, said: "We take our role as a corporate parent, looking after the children and young people in our care, extremely seriously.

"We are furthermore delighted to have once again worked with the young people from the Children in Care Council to prepare our annual report, following the positive feedback to their involvement last year.

"Their input really is all about making sure the child's voice is reflected in the panel's work and I'd like to thank them for their passionate contributions."

# SILVERDALE ACTIVITIES

**Toddlers Group:** Tuesday and Friday morning 9.30am until 1.00pm. Just drop in to the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place, mothers/fathers/grandparents are welcome to bring their young children to play whilst the adults can have a chat, a cup of tea and the toddlers can meet new friends. We also have a Children's Disco Friday nights from 4.30pm until 8.00pm.

**New Pathways Together.** Following on from our 11 year old, 'New Friends New Places' group success, we would like to welcome older gentlemen to a weekly club to meet other people. Loneliness is a very difficult situation to be in for whatever reason so please take the first steps to overcome this.

For the first visits we can pick you up. We also welcome people with long term illnesses such as Dementia, MS, etc. to come with their carers and enjoy a chat and a cup of tea.

This group was activated in 2015 and was successful but because of refurbishment to the centre by livin we had to wait to start again. A big return welcome to you all. For further details ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.



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We have no idea how life or the universe works. We think we do, we have scientific principles and theories but most of it is guess work. We take comfort in what we hold to be true, no matter how strange it may be. We look at things and put labels on them, then say this is what this is. We say it so many times it becomes established as tradition and in that moment we stop searching for the truth and accept the story we have written as gospel.

We need to believe there is a greater purpose in life other than being alive and living life simply, so we create stories with mythical characters. We are taught God is good and all good people are Godly, we then create Gods in our own image and then use them to justify our actions no matter how cruel and barbaric. We use the principle of turning the other cheek in order to look the other way and claim ignorance of another's

oppression, and in doing so we become their oppressor. We look to others to love and care for us, and neglect ourselves in the process. We hope for the best while making ourselves open to any offer at any price, no matter how low, and in doing so settle for whatever we can get. We struggle to ask for love and respect not realising if it has been asked for they are not the one to give it.

We create rituals to help us live life to the full, but spend so much time on the theory we forget to put it into practice and life goes un-lived, un-loved and unfulfilled. We wait patiently for a special moment to arrive, not realising every moment is special, just waiting for us to make it so. Distracted by a life time of do's and don'ts the opportunities are lost and we end up none the wiser with the special moments few and far between, lost among the remnants of the what if's, and if only's.

## AUDIOLOGISTS TO HOLD OPEN EVENT



The audiology team at Darlington Memorial Hospital is holding an open day for anyone to come along and find out more about the support and services available for people experiencing hearing loss or associated problems – and there's much more than many people realise.

Joanne Close, audiology services manager, at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "Around 40% of people over 50 in the UK have some kind of hearing loss which can affect their daily lives, their ability to interact and even, potentially, their ability to keep themselves safe."

"As with many of the services offered across the Trust, the kind of support and care audiologists can offer improves and changes all the time as new products and technologies and treatment options become available. Our open event is an opportunity for people to come and find out what's available and to discuss concerns they have about hearing problems or dizziness. Audiologists can also do balance assessments, which not everyone realises. We'll be happy to talk to them about some of the options to further investigate symptoms through our own or other clinics, following a referral from their GP."

"We can also offer advice about accessories, including NHS hearing aids and conditions such as tinnitus."

"Everyone is welcome to come and chat with us on Friday 4th October, 2019, at any time between 11.00am – 2.00pm. We'll be in Hollies Restaurant, on the lower ground floor at Darlington Memorial Hospital."

## 'WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING' AT PCP

Have your cake and eat it! Join PCP and be part of the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27th September from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

The Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe will be filled with a range of freshly prepared tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits with plenty of room to mingle in the Garden Kitchen coffee shop; cake tastes sweeter with friends! As well as tasty treats, people will be showing support with a wonderful selection of craft and gift stalls selling handcrafted items. Be part of this nationwide get together, have a nibble and a natter to help families affected by cancer.

Carl Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive said "Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event is the annual coffee morning. We will all know someone who has been affected by cancer. There are around 363,000 new cancer cases in the UK every year, that's one person diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes. PCP hears many stories from the people we support about the excellent help and care Macmillan provides and we are proud to support this very worthy cause. Come along, sample some cakes, enjoy a cuppa and help us to raise funds for Macmillan."

PCP's Cancer Awareness Team will be on hand to provide information and advice on the signs and symptoms of common cancers and the Macmillan Joining the Dots Team, which provides free, personal support for people aged 18 and over who have been diagnosed with cancer and their friends, carers and relatives.

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

## Pop-Up Café Events for Families



Back to school at last! Thank goodness for Free School Meals. Some families find it difficult to afford additional food during the long summer holiday. Working parents may have increased costs linked to child care arrangements. In summer holidays there are so many 'extras' to find the money for including new uniforms, coats and shoes as the children grow.

An information event about the local PLAY CAFÉ project will be held on Monday 23rd September, 1.00 – 2.00pm in The Big Club, Newton Aycliffe.

Thanks to The Big Club for use of a room. Families wanting to know more about

the project are particularly welcome. It is FREE.

Schools and other organisations are invited to send a representative along too.

If you want to know more about the support we offer in school holidays, for yourself or for someone you know, come along to find out more over a cuppa and biscuits.

PLAY CAFÉ is supported by GAMP Funding from our seven County Councillors, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, County Durham Food Bank, Tesco and The Big Club.

Got a question? Email aycliffeplaycafe@gmail.com or text 07565 134194.

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## COMPLETION OF AUDIT

### Notice of the Completion of the Audit of the Annual Return for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2019

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014  
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. In accordance with Regulation 13 and 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, notice is hereby given that the audit of the Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 has been concluded and the audited Annual Return has now been published.

2. Section 25 of The Local Audit and Accountability Act sets out the following rights of local government electors in relation to the inspection of the statements of accounts and auditors' reports of local authorities:-

A local government elector for the area of a body subject to audit, other than a health service body, may inspect and make copies of:-

- the statement of accounts prepared by the Council;
- the auditor's certificate that the audit of the Council's accounts, including that statement, has been completed;
- the auditor's opinion on the statement of accounts;
- any public interest report relating to the authority or an entity connected with it;
- any recommendation relating to the authority or an entity connected with it.

3. A copy of the audited Annual Return has been made available for inspection on the Finance Section of the Council's website at [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk).

4. The audited Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the parish of Great Aycliffe.

5. Any elector wishing to inspect the Accounts should make an appointment with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at [Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk). Appointments are available at the Council Offices between the hours of 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

6. Copies will also be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1 for each copy of the Annual Return.

Announcement made by: Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A, Finance Manager

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Little County News to tell you this week – mainly to publicise Empty Homes Week, and to remind you about three important DCC consultations. Next week sees the S&DR Anniversary and the start of the Sedgefield Literary and Arts Festival.

Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB129

#### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC is taking part in National Empty Homes Week to promote the work it is undertaking to bring vacant properties back into use.
- Congratulations to DCC, winners of the APSE 'Service Team of the year' award.

- DCC consultation – Health Visiting and School Nursing Service.
- DCC consultation – Street Work Permit Scheme.

- DCC consultation – Long Term Empty Property Council Tax Premium.
- Due to illness, Ron Hogg, PCVC has asked the

Police and Crime Panel to appoint an acting Police and Crime Commissioner.

#### THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Green Teen: Managing a Nature Reserve (14+), Low Barns Nature Reserve, sessions 10am-12pm, 1-3pm, or stay all day (bring a packed lunch), Saturday 28 September, FREE (booking essential).

- Sedgefield Literary & Arts Festival, Ceddeshfield Hall, Saturday 28 September to 19 October.

- Events to mark the 194th Anniversary of the S&DR, Locomotion Museum, 10am-5pm Sunday 29 September 2019, FREE.

#### AYCLIFFE RADIO

- The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 22 September will be 'The S&DR 194th Anniversary' with Friends of the S&DR Chair Trish Pemberton, Shildon councillor Samantha Townsend, and listener-guest Harley Balmer-Howieson: bit.ly/ARLIVE

## MP to Debate Brightwater Project at Commons

Phil Wilson MP secured a debate in the House of Commons to showcase the £3.3 million Brightwater Project. The Brightwater Project will improve the river environment using its heritage to involve local people and to attract visitors to the area. FIFTY acres of fenland are to be created in the heart of County Durham as part of the Brightwater scheme, it will revitalise the banks of what was once one of Europe's most polluted rivers. Mr Wilson told the House that the River Skerne flows through the length of the Sedgefield constituency before reaching the River Tees after flowing through Darlington on the way. Unlike the vast majority of rivers, instead of running to the sea, it actually flows inland. The Skerne is the only river to appear on the back of the £5 note. The £5 note in question was issued in 1993 to celebrate the success of the railway pioneer, George Stephenson and includes an image of Locomotion No 1 travelling over the River Skerne.

Mr Wilson went on to say: "On the very edge of the Business Park, now the largest in the North East, sits Heighington Crossing and beside it a building which was once a pub called The Locomotion, now closed for several years. The pub is called the Locomotion to commemorate the fact that it was at Heighington Crossing in September 1825 where George Stephenson assembled Locomotion No 1 to enter service on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. The route would eventually take the latest invention over the Skerne Bridge over the Skerne River marking the start of the Railway Age which would eventually be celebrated on the reverse of the £5 note. The pub, the Locomotion, is the original ticket office and waiting room. The original, very short platform, is still there today. The route of the railway line from Heighington down into Darlington is still used today. And on the other side of the railway line, Hitachi has built

its new train manufacturing facility. From the original Locomotion No 1 to the latest high speed intercity Azuma train, train manufacturing has come full circle, back to the birthplace of the railways."

"The project is not only about the past," said Mr Wilson. "It is about the present and revealing the natural environment and heritage for residents living in this part of south-east Durham, and it is about the future. It is about making south-east Durham a place to visit. There is so much to see and enjoy but, at present, so much remains hidden, with so many stories untold."

Paul Black, Brightwater partnership manager, said: "We're delighted that Phil Wilson, who is as passionate about his home area as we are, has taken the opportunity to help a wider audience discover Brightwater. This is an important project funded by the National Lottery, and it helps us connect ourselves with our landscape and our heritage."

## 'LORD OF THE FLIES' BROUGHT TO LIFE AT GALA THEATRE



Audiences will embark on a desert island adventure with a chilling twist when Lord of the Flies is brought to the stage in County Durham. The Gala Theatre in Durham has teamed up with Durham University Student Theatre, and the collaboration is proving fruitful for both sides.

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11-2pm	Moderation	Jack & Daz
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant</b>		
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
<b>Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility</b>		
10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
• 22nd Sept:	Trish Pemberton, Samantha Townsend and Harley Balmer-Howieson	

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
<b>Sports Show sponsored by Honest John</b>		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
• 24th Sept - Terry Farley (Football Referee)		
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
<b>Community Connect sponsored by ROF59</b>		
5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
6.30-8pm	Independent Music 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	
• 27th Sept - Pauly Mac (Rare Vinyl Mix) from Australia		

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## FUTURE LEADERS DAY @ XCEL

The 19 Project is all about raising & resourcing the next generation of young leaders and is hosting an event at the Xcel Centre on Saturday 28th September.

A one-day conference for young leaders aged 16-30, the day is especially designed with a young leaders leadership journey in mind. Each day will focus on a specific topic, with this Future Leaders Day being about how to become a better relational leader, and will bring contributions from a number of high quality leaders from across the globe. The days will be interactive, creative and full of opportunities for conversation.

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**Pastor Miles Welch**

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**Jamie Daniels**

North East Youth For Christ

**Joel Bagnall**

Lift Leaders, Denmark

You can register via [www.the19project.com](http://www.the19project.com) or via their Facebook page @thenineteenproject

Special thanks to Newton News for their help and support with this event and making an investment in the next generation of young leaders.

# In Support of The British Legion

Nigel Blackburn was fortunate enough to participate in the Pedal to Paris cycle ride in 2018 in support of The Royal British Legion. The Pedal to Paris is a ride from Central London to Paris, a total of 460 kms over 4 days, which culminates with an epic finish on closed roads through France at the Arc de Triomphe. In 2018, over 280 cyclists participated not only raising awareness for the Legion but much needed funds as well. These funds go on to support initiatives such as the Battle Back programme and other rehabilitation and wellbeing activities.

So inspired with his ride in 2018, Nigel and another ex-Army friend volunteered to run the Baggage Truck for 2019. Having just returned from Paris Nigel said: "To see the other side and the immense organisation and planning that goes into the annual event is amazing. All the cyclists are communicated with, mentored and inspired by



the Legion staff from the day they enter the event. Throughout the event they are extremely well looked after with the Legion providing, food, transport, overnight accommodation, cycle mechanics, medics and even masseurs for those tied legs on route to Paris!"

"I have already signed up for the 25th Anniversary Ride from 3-7 September 2020. Coming from an ex-Army

background I know what phenomenal work the Legion does to support the ex-Service and serving military community and families, a lot of which live in and around Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas".

If, like Nigel, you are inspired or want to take advantage of a Discount Code to enter for the 2020 ride you can at [www.rbl.org.uk/PS22020](http://www.rbl.org.uk/PS22020) and use LEGEND50. Nigel is of course trying to raise his own sponsorship for 2020 and would welcome any kind donations and indeed any Corporate Sponsorship for this worthwhile charity at [www.justgiving/fundraising/pedaltoparis2020-nigelblackburn](http://www.justgiving/fundraising/pedaltoparis2020-nigelblackburn)

If you are a local business and would like to support The Royal British Legion get in touch with Nigel Blackburn.

## Housing Support for Armed Forces in County Durham



Outreach workers Spencer Wiggins and Steve Winter.

Armed forces personnel, both serving and retired, can now access extra support through their social landlords, thanks to an outreach project in County Durham.

The Armed Forces Outreach Service (AFOS) is a local authority partnership which Durham County Council has been a part of since 2017. It was created to support servicemen and women, reservists, veterans and their families with issues such as housing, benefits, employment, finances and health and well-being. Thanks to initial funding from the Armed Forces Community Covenant the council has now committed to continue to host two outreach workers to be based between the authority's housing solutions team and the partners of Durham Key Options, which includes housing providers such as believe housing, Karbon Homes, Livin and North Star, until April 2020.

The outreach workers, who are ex-service personnel, work closely with clients to help them get access to the services they need. They carry out various duties, including conducting assessments and arranging meetings, all with the aim of helping individuals and families find support for many issues, such as financial concerns, health problems, and housing.

RAF veteran, Jeffery Davidson, served in the forces for 23 years. When his partner passed away a few years ago he was referred into the outreach service. The 61-year-old, from Brandon, said: "I have been in a very dark place since the death of my fiancé four years ago. However, with the help of AFOS giving me something to focus on and a belief in life, I now feel there is a life

worth living, if just for my kids."

Fifty-two-year-old Keith Hopkins, from Easington Village, spent 10 years serving in the Royal Artillery. He was feeling uneasy in a privately rented home due to some incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area.

Keith said: "I was referred to the Armed Forces Outreach Service by a housing provider. Steve of the Armed Forces Outreach Service and Janice of Believe Housing quickly found me a suitable property and I had moved in a fortnight later."

"I am now settled in a nice property in Easington Village and would like to thank all staff involved for their help."

CLL Kevin Shaw, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "No member of the armed forces community should ever face disadvantage and we have a good understanding of some of the barriers that the armed forces personnel and their families could face when trying to secure a home. "We would like to encourage people to get in contact with our outreach service to find out more about what support is on offer."

In the last 12 months, the service has helped over 100 former service personnel and their families in County Durham.

Referrals can be made either through a tenant's social landlord (if with Karbon Homes, Believe Housing, Livin or North Star) and via Durham County Council's housing advice line on 03000 268 000 or by emailing [armedforcesoutreachworker@durham.gov.uk](mailto:armedforcesoutreachworker@durham.gov.uk).

For more information visit <https://www.durham.gov.uk/armedforces>

## From a Dog of this Parish

Dear Hoomans,  
I have been a resident of Aycliffe for seven years, and I would like to express me appreciation for all the green open spaces provided for me and my furry comrades.

I spend me evenings lying on me bed next to the recycling box in the kitchen, listening to Aycliffe Radio which 'herself' leaves on for the company, and I often drag the latest copy of the Newton News from the box and catch up with local going on's.

As a dog with his nose on the button of current affairs, I have taken a specific interest in the issues which affect me and me animal friends, and to be frank, it's depressing. Sometimes I've been quite put off me dinner.

It seems that the pack leaders of this country have been doing unspeakable acts against us animals. Despite all the scientific evidence being against it, these 'Tories' have continued to roll out the cruel and unnecessary Badger 'cull' across the UK. These symbolic icons of British identity are being slaughtered, with some experts saying, if it continues, Badgers will become extinct in our countryside!

Although illegal, the laws are so lax that hunting with hounds is still being practiced across our county. I'm all for chasing the odd squirrel up a tree, but there are limits to what is a bit of fun, compared to the cruelty and violence of a hunting pack!

And then, this week, I discovered that animals are being used to experiment on! Even though there are other more effective ways of testing medicines! And then... then... I discover the very leader himself, a man called 'Boris' thinks bullfighting is a good thing!



I've been so despondent over these things, I almost lost me faith in the goodness of hooman beens and took to chewing me paws. But then 'herself' who is into the Polotixs, told me there was hope. Apparently, hoomans can change their pack leaders, through something called 'voting'. She said that there is another group of hoomans that are called 'The Labour Party' and if enough hoomans vote for them they will stop the Badger cull, strengthen the hunting bill and phase out animal testing. Apparently, they will also ban trophy hunting and increase sentencing for people who abuse animals. In fact, 'herself' showed me the long comprehensive list of changes Labour would make to protect both wild and domestic animals in the UK, on the puter, at [labour.org.uk](http://labour.org.uk).

I now feel much more hopeful, I have me appetite back and have stopped chewing me paw's, because I have faith in the best of hooman nature and trust them to make the right voting decision for those that, unlike me, are unable to speak for themselves. So please vote Labour to protect your furry friends. Also, while I'm here... what's with the obsession with putting our poop into little bags? Is it worth money?

Mr Teddy Walter Moon.  
(Dog of this parish, address supplied)

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Wednesday 16th October 2019 - 7.15pm**  
**Environment & Recreation Meetings**

NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

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### (MIDDLEDGE ROAD, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2019

The Council on 12/9/2019 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 120m of Middledge 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 Middledge Rd, westerly on Middledge Lane, then northerly on Unc 42.9 to Old Eldon, then east on Moor Ln to Middledge 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.

Dated: 20/9/2019



Helen Lynch  
Head of Legal & Democratic Services  
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL



## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Jacquie sent in the above photos of her welcome home from holiday flowers. Her first ever sunflower complete with a painted lady butterfly, and the last of our sunshiney gazanias.

Send your photo to paul@newtonnews.co.uk. Don't forget to take your Newton News on holiday and take a selfie in a landmark location.

## Autumn in Aycliffe

### Nature Round up for September

One of the great benefits of living in Newton Aycliffe is the abundance of wildlife and greenery surrounding the town and the nearby areas of Aycliffe Village, Heighington and beyond. There are so many places to explore, whether by taking a stroll in the woods or simply walking around the many greens and parks on residents' doorsteps (no doubt reflecting the vision of founding father Lord Beveridge, mentioned in John D Clare's fascinating history series last week).

Everyday miracles of nature can often get overlooked in the rush of modern life and the cynicism which seems to cast a shadow over the whole country at the moment so perhaps it is time to focus on the abundance which exists right under our noses.

The benefits of getting out and about in the natural environment are well documented, in fact the Japanese actually have a phrase for it: 'shinrin-yoku' meaning 'forest bath'. It encourages people to 'take in the forest atmosphere' in order to reduce stress through the therapeutic effects of nature. There is actually some scientific research being done into the natural chemicals secreted by some trees (phytoncides) which are anti-microbial and may boost the immune

system. This is in addition to the obvious psychological and physical benefits of taking a walk in the woods. The good news is that it is free and you don't need to hug a tree, you just need to awaken your senses to what is happening around you – look up into the boughs, listen to the sounds and smell the fresh air... and September in Aycliffe has a feast waiting for your senses...so why not dive in? **This month...**

- Look out for the developing horse chestnuts appearing all over the town, with particularly impressive examples on Middridge village green. Years ago, everyone seemed to have a special way of preparing 'conkers' to take to their playground championships. Perhaps readers could share some memories?

- There are brambles (blackberries) in the hedgerows, unfortunately it is a poor crop this year with many small, green and unripe berries (wonder what the old farmers would say this would predict for the winter ahead)?

- There's lots of ripening rosehips on Woodham Way, just past the new Eden Field housing development and in many other places on the town. Rosehips, traditionally used in a syrup or jam, are full of vitamin C and antioxidants, although, as many will remember, the seeds are very much an irritant and provided many a child with the original 'itching powder' of the school playground ... (of course, it has to be said nowadays - do not eat anything directly from a hedgerow as many species can look confusingly similar – consult an expert or take a foraging course, also don't consume anything at 'dog watering' height, no matter how tempting. Similarly, be cautious of pollution and traffic near busy roads).

- Around Heighington and Redworth, look out for buzzards, circling up high, their single repetitive call can sound like a cat mewing. If you are very lucky and are out at dusk, you may hear an owl or see lots of rabbits pop in and out of their burrows along Highside road.

The church at Heighington is dedicated to St Michael the Archangel and the end of the month traditionally marks the feast of Michael and All Angels on 29th September (or 'Michaelmas' as it is known), symbolising a time for new beginnings. It traditionally marked the end of harvest and the start of a new farming cycle. In weather lore it is said that; "If Michaelmas brings many acorns, Christmas will cover the fields with snow..."

Oak trees are plentiful in Aycliffe as the name of the town suggests; keep your eyes peeled and you might end up being more accurate than the Met office this winter. This September is the perfect time to get out and explore all the good things in our surrounding area.

## BUILDING ON WHEELIE GOOD REPUTATION



Newton Aycliffe based bike shop, Cycleways, are looking to build on their outstanding reputation and provide their services throughout the town and beyond.

Cycleways are owned by local husband and wife, Colin and Sharron Bell, and have been situated in the heart of the community since 1997 at Neville Parade. Colin has over 20 years' experience as a bike mechanic. His shop stocks everything a cyclist needs from road bikes to E-bikes, mountain bikes to children's bikes and everything in between.

Colin said, "I love being able to share my passion for cycling with others in the area through the Cycleways shop. I take great pleasure in getting a bike back into action or simply making it ride faster and smoother." Cycleways specialises in providing bespoke mechanical servicing

to cyclists with very competitive rates and a fast turnaround. Colin is more than happy to share his

wealth of knowledge with his customers and help them navigate through the often complicated world of bikes. Local competitive cyclist Wilson said, "Thank you to Colin at Cycleways for the first class service he has provided for me. Cycleways have done a number of repairs and upgrades to my bikes. They always provide a very speedy service and very competitive prices for quality work."

The Cycleways shop is open from Monday to Saturday and are offering a special "Talk of the Town" special offer to all Newton Aycliffe residents on bike servicing. Call in store or have a look on their Facebook page for more information.

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Henry Ford

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10.00am - Registration  
10.20am - Musical Sits  
10.40am - Best Jr Handler  
11.00am - Best Condition  
11.20am - Waggiest Tail  
11.40am - Best Trick  
12:00 - BREAK  
Demonstration from the all weather dogs  
12.30pm - Fancy Dress (dog)  
1.00pm - Best Puppy (under 12 months)  
1.20pm - Gorgeous Golden Oldie 7+  
1.40pm - Loveliest Lady  
2.00pm - Most Fabulous Fella.

There will also be loads of craft stall's including the Dogs Trust, the Medical Detection Dogs and Bliss will be in attendance.

All proceeds are going to support a local lady who rehomes Newfoundland dogs in this area (50 dogs a year).



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For any information or an application pack please contact Chloe Taylor, HR Co-ordinator on 01325 300378 or email chloe.taylor@greenfieldschool.net

Only applications submitted on the school's application forms and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

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**Closing Date: Monday 30th September, 12 noon**  
Interviews to be held later that week.  
All appointments are subject to appropriate pre-employment checks.

Your place of work will be Greenfield Community College which has two sites, one in Newton Aycliffe and one in Shildon. You may be required to work in any of the two school sites.



# Aycliffe Youth FC Lovin It

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC U11's Eagles 'lovin it' at McDonald's.

The team were invited to have a meal with their sponsor McDonald's in Newton Aycliffe following their match on Saturday, and had a fantastic time. McDonald's have sponsored the team since these lads formed as under 7's. They have provided kits and equipment and their support has been invaluable. As a community club, Newton Aycliffe Youth FC rely on money from subs and fundraising to provide for the players, however McDonald's have always been available to help out when we have needed anything and we couldn't appreciate their support more. Special thanks to Christie, the restaurant manager, (pictured with the team) for inviting the boys and for her continued support.

## Under 12 Girls 4 - 1 Hebburn

First home game of the season for the under 12 girls saw us host Hebburn with a full squad of 13 girls. A solid start saw the team working hard for one another and playing good football all over the pitch. Organised throughout, Hebburn chances were restricted to a minimum as the defence stood strong. Creativity, going forward with a determined resilience saw us create plenty of chances and mid way through the first half saw us take the lead through Imogen Milburn. Shortly afterwards a penalty was awarded after a Hebburn hand ball, up stepped newly appointed penalty taker Jasmin Knights who made no mistake in finding the back of the net. HT 2-0. A couple of changes were



U11 Eagles

made bringing on fresh legs to keep the tempo up with Ebony Newman thriving up front after a switch from midfield. Ebony led the line well and, some would say, bullied the Hebburn defence on her way to scoring 2 goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half to give us a 4 goal cushion. A couple

more changes were made to the team to ensure all girls played their part with all 13 contributing massively in their own way. Hebburn caught us on the break and managed to grab themselves a consolation with the final score finishing 4-1. Resilient performance from the girls against a strong team.



U12 Girls

## Youthy round up from the weekend :

**U11 Wildcats** narrowly lost to Lumley Ladies after a very exciting end to end match.

**U15 Girls** lost a tough match to Redcar Warriors

**U10 Angels Blue** won against Velocity Diamonds following a well contested match.

**U11 Eagles** took a narrow loss to Wear Utd, a great game that saw lots of great teamwork.

**NAYFC Women** had a convincing win against Craghead Ladies.

**U8 Boys** had their first game of the season, showing great improvement and playing immensely well.

# Coates on Top After Knockhill Races

The Renault UK Clio Cup made it's first trip to Knockhill in four years as Scorton's Max Coates took to the track leading the championship by 6 points. He had a successful weekend lifting trophies in both races.

The Primex Plastics backed driver took pole position for the weekends first race in a frantic qualifying session which was interrupted by a rain shower. Coates had posted the fastest time of the session when the rain fell which meant both he, and everyone else, couldn't go faster. The rain came about 10 seconds too early for Coates who was on a lap capable of race two pole as well, but couldn't make his normal braking at the final corner.

In race one the RPC bpi PLASgran car got away well and built up a comfortable lead on the opening lap before a safety car effectively restarted the race. Under pressure from his main championship rival, the Polydist sponsored driver remained calm and never put a wheel out of line to come home the winner by 6 tenths of a second.

In race two, which was screened live on ITV4, Max in the Harron Homes backed car didn't make the best of starts and immediately came under

pressure for 2nd place. On lap four he dropped a wheel on the gravel and lost his position, falling back to 3rd. Two laps later a tap into turn one sent him straight on and fortunately he held control and re-joined, still in 3rd place. He then began a charge back. The car in front made an error, as Max caught him in the RMB Automotive and Bennett Renault backed car, this put Max back into the runner up spot. Max tried what he could in the final stages to regain the lost time to the leader but couldn't make it back up, instead having to settle for 2nd.

Afterwards Coates said, "Qualifying and race one was brilliant and really showed our abilities to the full. The lap in qualifying felt great and I carried that pace and consistency over into race one. Despite the pressure I kept it smooth and was really happy with my performance. Race two didn't got to plan, my reaction to the lights was slow and it allowed Jack to get a gap. The race didn't really pan out for me from there so a second place was a good result. The Team HARD Racing guys have done a great job this weekend and I'd like to thank my sponsors for the continued support in pursuit of the Renault UK Clio Cup

title."

Knockhill's races can be watched back via the BTCC ITV Motorsport website; <https://www.itv.com/btcc/races/btcc-2019-knockhill-race-action>. The Clio Cup will continue at Silverstone, Northamptonshire on the 28th and 29th of September. Coates will qualify on the

Saturday before round fifteen takes place on Saturday afternoon, both sessions can be followed via TSL Live Timing. The second race of the weekend, round sixteen, will be screened live on ITV4, at 13:40 on the Sunday afternoon.

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## RUGBY UPDATE

## Aycliffe Dedicate Win to Honour Club President



Newton Aycliffe 1st XV and supporters turned out to honour their club president Mr Rodney Shepherd, affectionately known as Shep. Who sadly passed away recently following a lengthy illness.

A minute silence was observed by both teams and supporters prior to kick off for a great man who was a longstanding servant to the club. RIP Shep. He will be forever missed at Aycliffe rugby.

Aycliffe were full of optimism about this match against great rivals Houghton. Two clubs bonded by loss of life over recent years, that has created friendship in rugby and comradeship in sport.

From kick off those sentiments were put to one side temporarily during the next 80 minutes with what turned out to be an enthralling match. Centre James Thacker opened Aycliffe's account with his first try from a powerful run duly converted by Tom Prior. (7 - 0). However, Houghton hit back with an unconverted try of their own. (7 - 5). These were the first signs of what was to become a very tense first half. Both teams exploiting some good passages of play but both defensively cancelling each other out. Houghton struck again with their 2nd unconverted try. (7 - 10). Determined not to be behind by half time, Nr 8 Warren Parsonage powered over to re-establish Aycliffe's lead (12 - 10) before the whistle blew to end the half.

The large crowd of supporters were clearly feeling the tension as it was difficult to split the two teams in terms of firepower. Their nerves were more unsettled when

Houghton were first to score in the second half putting them back in the lead. (12 - 15). Aycliffe winger Sam McIvor showed his pace and scored an excellent try with some brilliant moves combining with Thacker midfield to lift Aycliffe's spirits. Euan Kitching took over the kicking duties and converted. (19 - 15). A lapse in concentration from Aycliffe created an infringement and the Referee awarded Houghton a penalty from which they converted for the 3 points. (19 - 18). The crowd were really beginning to bite their nails as the clock was ticking down. The slight lead seemed to spur Aycliffe on from this point as their fitness began to pay off against the tiring visitors. Hooker Karl Chapman drove over for a punishing try converted by Kitching. (26 - 18). The final honour went to Thacker who spurred everyone on with his immense tackling in defence and leggy powerful running which allowed him to score his brace of tries converted by Kitching final score (33 - 18). Man of the match Neil Anderson proved worthy of the accolade for his tenacity in his defensive tackling and ball turnovers to help Aycliffe to victory in this season's curtain raiser. A crowd-pleasing effort in the end. The tensions eventually evaporated, and the anticipation of more victories awaits. A big thanks to club sponsors Carmel Safety Training. Your support is very much appreciated.

Next week Aycliffe travel to Hartlepool TDSOB. KO 3pm. All support is welcome both away and at home at Moore Lane. Follow Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club on Facebook.

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# Juniors Football Report



Into the second week of the new 2019/2020 season games were coming thick and fast for our Junior teams with both league and cup games being played.

Our **Under 7 Blacks** squad hosted Cleveland Juniors Reds in the first round of the TJFA league cup. It was a brilliant game and MOTM Ryan C netted for the Aycliffe side, however this couldn't send them through to the next round of the cup. Our **Under 7 Whites** were at Durham in their RFYL fixture against Chester Town Whites. Unfortunately, the lads great passing and movement wasn't enough to get them a goal. The whole team are improving week on week and MOTM went to Oscar. The **Under 8 Whites** were in action at Farringdon playing Tekkerz North East. Jack and Joel got the goals for the Juniors in a closely battled game. Goalkeeper Jensen won the MOTM award for pulling off some brilliant saves.

The **Under 8 Juniors** hosted neighbours Aycliffe Youth Club for their first league cup game of the campaign. Both teams played brilliantly and there were some great goals scored. Marley, Jonah and Jack all netted 2 goals each with Daniel also scoring to send the Juniors through to the next round. MOTM went to Mason for a brilliant defensive performance. Our **Under 8's Blacks**

travelled to Durham to face Spennymoor Town Castles. There was an excellent start from the Aycliffe side with Max grabbing himself two goals, however their opposition came back a different team in the second half. Max was also named MOTM for his two goals.

The **Under 9's** squad played host to Leven Royals in the league cup. It was an incredible performance from the Juniors and a Tyler goal saw them through to the next round and saw him win the MOTM award. The **Under 10's** travelled to play Marton Blues. It was a tough game for the Aycliffe team who were up against a side who won the League last year with an unbeaten campaign. Nonetheless it was a good game with both teams putting in a lot of effort. MOTM went to Jamie.

Our **Under 11 Whites** travelled to play Billingham Juniors in the league cup. The Juniors kept a positive attitude in both halves and every player gave their all for the duration of the match. Goals from Jack, Ethan and debutant Daniel were not enough to advance to the next round. Jack walked away with the MOTM award.

The **Under 11 Blacks** played their first home game against Hebburn Town Blues, with an excellent effort from every player. Keaton, Jayden, Alex and Lewis all grabbed

themselves a goal in what was a great match for the Aycliffe side. Jayden W won the MOTM award.

The **Under 12 Whites** faced Spaire Lads in the first round of their league cup campaign. Aidan and Tyler both got themselves a hatrick with Jayden scoring a brace and Niall scoring a brilliant goal as well. Jack was named MOTM for an inspiring midfield performance.

Our **Under 13's** were away to Darlington R.A on Sunday. Zak scored a brilliant goal, however it turned out it just wasn't to be their day. The lads started the season in fine form last week and will be looking to get back to winning ways in style their next time out.

The **Under 14s** played their first home game of the new campaign against Gateshead Redheugh Blacks. The Aycliffe side were up against it, only having the bare minimum of 11 players, however this didn't affect them as a great team effort got them a deserved 3 points. Louis, Charlie, Bo and Sam all grabbed themselves a goal with debutant Shae being handed the MOTM award for a solid performance in positions all over the pitch. A big well done to every team involved over the busy weekend and we wish all our teams the best of luck for their upcoming fixtures next week.

## N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 14th September  
Buildbase FA Vase  
Jarrow 2

v  
Newton Aycliffe 1

Newton Aycliffe were knocked out of the FA Vase away to second division Jarrow. Although not at their best in the windy conditions, Aycliffe had plenty of good chances to win the game, but went out of the competition with a 2-1 loss.

Jarrow started brightly with their centre forward McBryde spurning a couple of half chances. Aycliffe came into the game and fashioned a good move on 14 minutes, which earned them a corner. A minute later, Dean Thexton headed a cross back into the danger area, but no Aycliffe player was there to finish it off. Then Thexton had an overhead kick that went just wide. Jarrow responded and McBryde flashed a shot just past the far post. Aycliffe went ahead on 39 minutes when Johnson Ballan robbed a defender on the edge of the penalty area and slotted the ball low into the corner of the goal.

Early in the second half both sides traded shots. Then Jarrow got an equaliser. A long, high punt forward led to Nick Green misjudging the header and it fell straight to McBryde, who beat Adam Pickford in the Aycliffe goal. Aycliffe then had two good chances to go ahead, but Ballan put a header over the bar, and Thexton lobbed the keeper but put it wide. Jarrow made Aycliffe pay in the 65th minute when a cross was headed back across the box and McBryde got there first to score his and Jarrow's second. Aycliffe were then denied an equaliser by a fantastic triple save from Jarrow keeper Wells. Then Ballan put a great chance just wide of the post. Aycliffe kept pressing, with man-of-the-match Lewis Walton prompting many attacks. But the Aycliffe fans sensed that it wasn't their team's day, and so it proved, as Jarrow held on to progress to the next round. Next match is away at Seaham Red Star on Saturday 21st September at 3pm.

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Racing for ARC again began midweek with the Preston Park Trail Race on 11th September. It was an all male turnout for this event with Richard Holland first home for the club in 20.58 followed by Peter Milburn in 22.09, Peter Smith in 22.49, David Stothard in 26.43 and Ray Todd in 40.30.

On Saturday ARC made the journey to the North Yorkshire Moors where numerous members participated in the Castleton Show Run. This was also a social event with a bus hired to get members there early enough to look round Castleton Show before the race and then having a social get together afterwards.

This race was a first for many members with most describing this as the hardest 6 mile race they have done. The race starts on the showground before climbing out of the village onto country roads. Thereafter there are more climbs, cattle grids, a ford and stream crossing to contend with.

Paul Dalton was first home in 39.22 (2nd in his age), followed by Richard Campbell in 43.20, Andy Talbot in 44.15, Lee Wren



46.30, Martyn Knox 48.40, Susan Cranswick 48.55 (1st in age), Mark Bainbridge 50.06, Heather Morgan 52.33, Trish Kay 54.30 (2nd in age), John Richardson 59.45, Michelle Dixon 60.51, Sarah Dixon 60.51, Bev Phillippo 65.09, Ian Baronowski 67.01, Jane Burnside 67.51 (2nd in age), Tracey Pickering 70.08, Sam Baronowski 88.34, Jan McLuckie 88.34. On Sunday a few of our members took part in the Sedgefield Serpentine 10k.

This is a 10k trail race around the Hardwick and Bishop Middleham areas. First home for ARC was Mark Wade in 40.32 followed by Richard Holland 44.57, Dave

Blewitt 51.24, David Stothard 58.43, John Heywood 60.36, Mandy Heywood 60.37, Kathleen Tonge 65.17, Richard Tonge 66.44.

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.

## Film Show

### "The House with a Clock in it's Walls"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 24th September features the 2018 magical adventure "THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS" starring Cate Blanchett, Jack Black and Kyle MacLachlan.

Ten year old Lewis goes to live with his Uncle in a creepy house; and finds that everything is creepy, and magical and dangerous!! Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm which is 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.

## Zanshin Karate Club Recent Gradings

Zanshin Kai Karate, based at Woodham Community Centre, recently held the second club grading of the year for both their Red Dragons Cadets class & the Zanshin Kai Senior class, all of the students who graded demonstrated skill, hard work and great spirit, leading to them all successfully gaining their new belts.

### Senior class:

Shaun James, Angel James, Summer James, Joshua Joice and Jacob Dobie - 7th Kyu Orange Belt  
Joey Collins - 6th Kyu Green Belt and Julia Quinonez - 5th Kyu Blue Belt.

### Red Dragons Cadets:

Macey Maclean, Posi Ashiru, Finley Cochrane - 7th Mon Orange Belt.  
Martha Noble, Lola

Giudice, Adam Smith, Emma Smith and Erin Sutherland - 1st Mon Brown Belt (9th Kyu Red Belt). Special congratulations to these five students who completed our Cadets programme and graduated into the Senior class.

If you have always wanted to try karate, then we would like to invite you to come and join us, all newcomers get four weeks free trial classes.

Classes are Thursdays 6 to 7pm Red Dragons (Cadets) Sunday 4 to 6pm Juniors and Adults  
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# STARS SHINE AT THE HIPPODROME

To celebrate their 112th birthday, Darlington Hippodrome has unwrapped some special presents for the Autumn 2019 theatre season.

With the theatre celebrating its 112th birthday on Monday 2 September, there is a new autumn season brochure available including some thrilling drama, a hand-picked selection of the world's most dazzling musicals and some truly magical family shows, alongside some huge household names to grace the Hippodrome stage.

For those who like a really chilling night at the theatre The Woman in Black returns to Darlington (November 18-23). Kay Mellor's smash hit TV drama Band of Gold has been adapted for the stage and stars Gaynor Faye and Shayne Ward (Jan 27 - February 1). National treasure Gwen Taylor stars in The Croft (February 11-15) a thriller by Ali Miles and we welcome back our pantomime dame Eric Potts but this time in a more serious role in By The Waters of Liverpool (April

9-11). Completing the season of drama is The Kite Runner (May 12-16) There are gifts galore for musical theatre fans too. Celebrating 30 terrific years, Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story will have you dancing in the aisles (September 17 - 21). The entire family will simply love Madagascar The Musical (October 9 - 13) and there will be chills abound when DarlingtonOS presents Jekyll & Hyde The Musical (October 23 - November 2). Jason Manford heads a

star-studded cast of West End theatre performers in the musical comedy / murder mystery Curtains (November 12 - 16). Joining Jason will be Carley Stenson, Rebecca Lock, Samuel Holmes, Leah West and Alan Burkitt. Catch up with 'the girls' as Menopause The Musical 2 stops off in Darlington (February 5-7). For younger visitors and families there is a whole host of goodies.

A brand new stage show of In The Night Garden will enthrall young visitors to the Hippodrome (September 28 & 29) and the David Walliams classic story Billionaire Boy will hit the stage later in the year (November 6 - 10). The annual festive family pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk stars Strictly Come Dancing head judge Shirley Ballas alongside dancing sensation George Sampson and comedian Phil Walker. Operetta and Song &

Dance fans have a selection of productions which will appeal to all tastes and ages.

The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia present four spectacular ballets with Coppelia, Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake and The Nutcracker (January 23-26) and the spellbinding BalletBoyz return to Darlington with their new show Deluxe (March 5). In the autumn season, Darlington audiences will also be entertained by The English Youth Ballet, balletLorent, The Halle Orchestra, The London Mozart Players, The K&K Philharmonic and the Russian State Opera.

There will be a number of fabulous 'one night only' appearances by some of the biggest names in entertainment including Frank Skinner (October 6), Alexander Armstrong (November 4), Alan Titchmarsh (January 8), Sir Michael Parkinson (February 9) and Jools

Holland (May 23).

This is just a selection of the shows currently on offer at Darlington Hippodrome, additional shows are regularly being added to the schedule. To ensure you get the latest news visit the website and sign up to receive regular updates.

Pick up one of the new Autumn 2019 season brochures and see for yourself what delights are in store at Darlington Hippodrome.

For further information and to book contact the box office on 01325 405405, or visit [www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk) to choose your own seats online. Follow the theatre on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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# Funding Available For Mental Health Awareness Projects

Individuals with personal experience of a mental health problem are encouraged to apply for a share of £10,000 to run stigma busting events and activities.

Earlier this year County Durham was one of eight areas selected to become a Time to Change Hub and was awarded funding to help tackle mental health

stigma locally.

People across the county have until Tuesday 1 October to apply for a grant of up to £500, to help educate their local community about mental health issues.

The Time to Change Champions Fund will be co-ordinated by Investing in Children, a children's human rights organisation,

in partnership with Durham County Council and a number of voluntary and community sector organisations.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels MBE, the council's mental health champion and Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "One in four people will experience a mental health problem in any given year, so it's essential that we raise awareness of this important issue. Mental health is an often-misunderstood topic, but a person's attitude to mental health could be life changing for someone."

"We want to hear from people over the age of 18, who have personal experience of a mental health problem, who could run an event or activities which could help to change people's attitudes and behaviour around mental health. We don't need them to provide evidence or details and they don't have to have a current mental health problem, but their experience of a mental health problem at some point in their life could help us to end mental health discrimination in County Durham."

The Champions Fund aims to empower people with lived experience of mental health problems to have conversations with those

who do not have experience of mental health problems, with a view to eliminating the stigma surrounding them. The fund can be used to develop and deliver an activity or an event, including those delivered as part of a wider event where there will already be a crowd.

Chris Affleck, Hub coordinator from Investing in Children, said: "We want to fund activity that encourages people with experience of mental health problems to talk to people who wouldn't necessarily attend a traditional mental health related event."

"When people talk to each other and establish common ground, it can often lead to a change in people's attitudes. We're keen to hear from anyone who is interested in helping to challenge the prejudices and assumptions that people often make and replacing them with mutual understanding and respect. "The fund offers us a really exciting opportunity to change the way people in County Durham think about mental health issues and we can help people at all stages to apply for funding and organise their event."

Grants can be used to pay for a range of items including venue hire, food and refreshments, equipment hire, printing costs, and



travel reimbursement for volunteers, and can also be used to pay for services such as hiring an entertainer, masseur, public speaker, crèche worker or caterer. The funding can not be used to purchase items such as cameras and computers or to cover the cost of training courses or salaries.

To launch the fund, an information event has been organised, where people can find out more about the Champions Fund and receive support to apply for a grant.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the fund can contact Investing in Children by calling 0191 307 7030, by emailing [chris.affleck@investinginchildren.net](mailto:chris.affleck@investinginchildren.net) or by visiting <https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/become-time-change-hub/the-champions-fund>.

Grant applications close at 12 noon on Tuesday 1 October and successful applications will be announced on Thursday 10 October to coincide with World Mental Health Day.

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## Council's Team Are Super Energy Savers

Reducing carbon emissions and saving millions of pounds a year has earned the North East's largest authority the title of super energy savers.

Durham County Council's low carbon economy team has been praised by Interreg Europe for its use of energy monitoring software.

The software was introduced to the team in 2011 and since then careful use of half hourly monitoring data has saved gas, electricity and water that would otherwise have been wasted across the council's 800 buildings, in turn saving around £10 million.

As part of the LOCARBO project, which is funded by Interreg Europe, the council's low carbon economy team, was asked to produce examples of good practice to be shared amongst local authorities in partner countries.

Simon Hunkin, thematic policy expert at Interreg Europe, said: "Measuring and recording energy usage is a vital step in the elaboration of an effective energy efficiency strategy. "An initially high investment costs can be off-putting for some local authorities, but the case needs to be made that in the long-run, cost, energy and effort savings can be achieved."

The team has also been sharing good practice from its Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) with authorities across Europe, as so far it has helped over 200 local businesses improve their energy performance and save money.

Now, based on its success with BEEP the council has been accepted as part of Interreg Europe's SME Power, a European Union-funded project that helps small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) change their energy behaviour, reduce operational costs and cut carbon emissions. It will receive £160,000 from the fund, which supports projects running from now until July 2022.

Cllr John Clare, Durham County Council's climate change champion, said: "For many years our dedicated low carbon economy team have been exploring the ways in which we can lower our carbon emissions. In February, we declared a climate emergency and have set ourselves a new target of reducing our emissions by 60 per cent by 2030 and to make County Durham carbon neutral by 2050. To achieve these new ambitious targets, we will continue to pursue greener technologies and keep climate change at the forefront of everything we do."

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## Camera Deployed To Tackle Bus Lane Misuse In County Durham

From Monday 16 September, Durham County Council will take over responsibility for the enforcement of bus lane contraventions from Durham Constabulary.

And to help officers ensure bus lanes are being used appropriately, a portable enforcement camera will be deployed to sites across the county, starting with North Road in Durham City. The council regularly receives complaints about contraventions and lack of enforcement of bus lanes, particularly North Road, from local councillors, residents, bus companies, taxi drivers and the Durham Licenced Taxi Association.

In July last year, CCTV coverage of the road was monitored and show 66 contraventions in a nine-hour period.

Durham Constabulary also receives complaints about contraventions of bus lanes and other locations where No Entry Except Buses signs are in place. However, demands on officers' time reduces their availability to carry out enforcement. By assuming responsibility for enforcement, the council is freeing up police officers for their core duties.

The new camera will work



through a system of automatic number plate recognition. For the first two weeks, those caught misusing the bus lanes will be sent a warning letter. From Monday 30 September, they will be issued with a £60 penalty charge notice, which will be reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days. The money raised through the charges will be invested back into managing the road network in County Durham.

Dave Wafer, the council's strategic traffic manager, said: "Bus lane restrictions are important and we want drivers to know that there are consequences to breaching them."

"When motorists use bus lanes as a shortcut or to bypass queuing traffic, it not only effects the reliability of the bus network, but it can impact on road safety and traffic flow, including cyclists and pedestrians."

"We hope the enforcement camera will make motorists think twice before misusing bus lanes in the future, and the public will support us in ensuring County Durham's roads are safe for all."

To find out more about bus lanes in County Durham, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/Bus-lanes-and-bus-stops](http://www.durham.gov.uk/Bus-lanes-and-bus-stops)



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## Creativity for Men's Cree at Greenfield Arts



The Men's Cree at Greenfield Arts are looking forward to a creative season. The group have been offered the opportunity to work alongside artists and practitioners to learn new skills and be inspired by the extraordinary in the everyday.

Most recently the group have had the chance to explore cyanotype with professional artist and photographer Elaine Vizor, a cameraless photographic process using chemicals and light which is thought to be the very first type of photograph. The group enjoyed creating some wonderful artwork from everyday items.

The four-week photography workshop sessions have given the Cree men some insight and experience to help with their new project. The Cree will be part of our 'Inspired by Cornish' programme. They will work with artists Tony Gadd and Richard Bliss to respond to the 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny' exhibition which runs in The Greenfield Gallery from Thursday 10th October to Wednesday 11th December 2019.

The Cree alongside KS4 students from Greenfield Community College will explore the work of artist Norman Cornish to create their own modern-day contemporary response. This will result in a public exhibition at The Greenfield Gallery running from Monday 16th December for a week.

The Men's Cree continues to meet Mondays 10:30 - 12:30 and is involved in a range of projects and activity. If you would like to know more about the Cree group

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18th September 2019

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## In Memoriam

**Jessie Wharton**  
25th September 2016

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God bless.  
Vikki, Terry, Ashton and Aiden xxxx

**Jessie Wharton**  
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Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure. Loving you always, forgetting you never. Love, Dave, Sue, Jessica and Layla

**Jessie Wharton**  
25th September 2016

You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and although we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Love always, Mark and the tribe xxxxx

**Jennifer Murray**  
25/7/1946 - 20/9/2015

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday, and the days before that too. I think about you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have is memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. Our Lord has you in his keeping, but I have you in my heart. Love you always  
Craig, Lisa and family

**Maria Mears**  
26th September 2017

Forever in our thoughts.

Love from  
Steve, Andrew, Wayne and Andrea xxxxxx



## Obituary

**Ronald Pinkney**

of Newton Aycliffe, suddenly at home on 5th September, aged 87 years. Husband to the late Doreen Pinkney, much loved partner to Dot, also a dear Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday 24th September at 11.30am.

**Rosalind Woodward**

of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on 11th September. A much loved Wife, Mum, Mother-in-Law, Nana, Great Nana and Sister. Family and friends please meet for a Funeral Service at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday 25th September at 10.45am. Bright colours please at the family's request.

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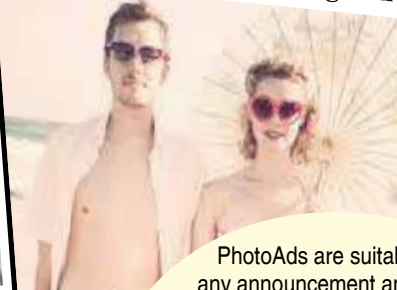
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## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, finished their season off in style with an easy nine wicket victory at home to Redcar firsts in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors needing a maximum 25 point victory to have any chance of avoiding relegation unsurprisingly chose to bat first after winning the toss. However the visiting batsmen were no match for Aycliffe's bowling attack and they were skittled for just 80 runs after 32.2 overs. Aycliffe's Jack Slatcliff finished with 3 for 7, Patrick Howe took 2 for 2 and James Layfield-Carroll took 2 for 14 in an impressive display by the homeside bowlers. Special mention must go to Aycliffe all rounder Michael Howe who took two wickets in the Redcar innings and the

first of which gave him the notable double of 50 wickets and 500 runs in a season for the second consecutive year. In reply, openers Luke Telford (sponsored by Dr Subhan Christudas), who top scored with an unbeaten 31 and Chris Palmer (26 runs) got Aycliffe off to a flying start with a first wicket partnership of 54. When Palmer was dismissed, Adam Gittins continued the good work scoring an unbeaten 13 as Aycliffe romped to victory after just 13.4 overs for the loss of just one wicket. Aycliffe's convincing victory condemned Redcar to relegation to division 3 for the first time in their illustrious history, whereas the homeside finished in a very commendable third place in the table for the second consecutive season.

# Crossfit All Out Take Glacier Games Gold

On Saturday 31st August, 24 athletes from Crossfit All Out, travelled to Gateshead International Stadium to compete in the Glacier Games Team Series.

This competition was same sex teams of 3, which included several different categories to compete in. All teams who had landed a spot at this competition had to participate in three qualifying workouts beforehand in order to make it to the finals. With three workouts to complete on the day, including a partner deadlift and max power output workout, an amrap (as many rounds/reps as possible) consisting of rowing, rope climbs and sandbag over the shoulder, and a final workout including a bike erg, thrusters and bar muscle

ups, the results were as follows:

### RX Category (female):

• Team No Half Reps Here – Becky Auton, Carol Mohan & Vicki Finn Smith – 1st place overall with a best finish of 1st in wod 2 & 3.

• Team So Sorry Crew – Bex Shaw, Claire Dale & Courtine Mills – 4th place overall with a best finish of 3rd in wod 1b and wod 2.

### RX Category (male):

• Team Brains, Brawn & Brexit – Chris Knight, Colin Wooster & Paul Hilder – 15th place overall with a best finish of 8th in wod 1a.

• Team Bromosapians – Chris McGeevor, Denis Thompson & Phil Brown – 17th place overall with a

best finish of 7th in wod 1a.

• Team Black Beetlejuice – Frazer Macintosh, Michael Couch & Tom Johnson – 18th place overall with a best finish of 6th in wod 1a.

### Scaled 1 Category (male):

• Team Crossfit Friends – Alex Armstrong, Josh Burlison & Stewart Smith – 19th place overall with a best finish of 11th in wod 1b.

• Team Sandbaggers – Adam Innes, Leigh Walton & Phil McAlpine – 28th position overall with a best finish of 22nd in wod 1b and wod 3.

### Scaled 2 Category (male):

• Team All Out TDI – Dave Cooke, Ian Tutty & Troy Hemmings – 3rd position overall with a best finish of 1st in wod 1a.

Troy Hemmings said “we had an absolutely awesome day yesterday competing with the Crossfit All Out family, it's amazing how people come together from all different backgrounds and walks of life to support and encourage you on. Big shout out to my team mates Ian and Dave, we worked fantastic together and finished in 3rd place in our category!”

Head coach Terry Anderson said, “we have such a wide range of athletes taking part in competitions now and it's great to see the support for each other, no matter the goal or placings. These comps really do

bring the community together and we are really pleased to see so much hard work in and outside of the box, with a great attitude alongside it! To have 2 teams achieve 1st and 3rd place in their categories was such an achievement, so congratulations to those athletes as well as everyone else who took part and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone.”



First Place Team  
Carol Mahon, Becky Auton & Vicki Finn-Smith



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