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Remarkable Local Shortlisted for Charity Leader of the Year!

Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of award winning health and wellbeing Charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), was overwhelmed and humbled to find out that she has been shortlisted as a finalist for this year's North East Charity Awards, Charity Leader of the Year. An annual event that celebrates the achievements of the regions hard working charities and individual fundraisers, while increasing awareness of the voluntary sector and celebrating those who work tirelessly to support the many good causes in the region. Amongst much subterfuge

Carol was nominated by her fellow Senior Managers and endorsed by members of Options, a Day Service for adults with learning and physical disabilities and local Member of Parliament, Phil Wilson. While coming as a surprise to Carol, those who work with and are supported by Carol were only too happy to share their views, on the tireless work ethic, that not only ensures PCP delivers its mission aims and objectives, 'Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All', but supports the wider community and is an invaluable source of support and information. Comments highlighted,



Carol Gaskarth

Carol's genuine interest in the unique qualities of individuals and how she often spends time connecting with individual PCP staff/staff teams, volunteers and client groups, taking the time to get to know them, understand their needs and helping individuals to achieve their personal best! Carol, from Newton Aycliffe, joined PCP in 2002 as a Project Co-ordinator and progressed due to her to extensive experience, knowledge and passion to the role of Chief Executive in 2013. PCP has benefitted from consistent and clear leadership from a CEO with sound knowledge of the sector, a strong external reputation and a philosophy of partnership which has led to a welcomed period of sustained growth and development for the organisation, which has seen PCP achieve national recognition, including the Queens Awards for Voluntary Service. Upon finding out about that Carol has been shortlisted to the final 3. 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

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Thoughts on Brexit by MP Phil Wilson

Dear Sir,
Everyone is sick to death of Brexit. I know I am. I want Parliament to move on to discuss the NHS, education, jobs and all the things I know concern my constituents deeply. But you can't get away from the fact that Brexit needs to be resolved. Parliament wanted to press ahead with a resolution to Brexit. But, as the Supreme Court has ruled this week, the Prime Minister unlawfully closed down Parliament for 5 of the 8 weeks leading up to the day we are supposed to leave the EU so we could not debate Brexit or any other issue. He misled the Queen in doing so. Boris Johnson cannot be trusted.

The Prime Minister has attempted twice to force a general election in order to avoid parliamentary scrutiny and put off negotiating with the EU, clearing a path for a no-deal Brexit. This is in spite of not supporting a no-deal Brexit during the 2016 referendum campaign. I have voted against holding an early general election at this time because such a move would get in the way of resolving the most significant crisis this country has faced since the second world war. Regardless of who won, we still would not know what Brexit would look like because a deal would still need to be negotiated with the EU. And that's if a party won a majority, what if a general election produced a hung parliament and we found ourselves exactly where we are now.

Brexit is a once in a lifetime decision, and it will affect our country for a generation. A general election sets a programme for a government for a maximum of five years. We cannot put the two together. They are two separate and distinct issues which deserve to be treated as such. It is inevitable that any general election campaign, which ought to be fought on issues like the crisis in our NHS, the cuts to our public services and the under-funding of local schools, will be poisoned by Brexit. That's why I believe Brexit must be resolved before a general election is held. I believe to keep them separate is a principled position to take. Sort Brexit first and then hold a general election second.

The Prime Minister has recently said that Brexit should be put back to the people and I agree. I believe you have the right to a final say on how we resolve the Brexit deadlock. It is clear that Parliament cannot do this alone and nor should MPs be allowed to. If MPs push through a deal without consulting you first, you would have every right to say 'I didn't agree to this' or 'this isn't what I looked like to me'. If we

want to finally resolve Brexit and bring our divided communities and country back together, we must get the sign-off from the people in a final confirmatory referendum.

The Prime Minister has promised the British people a deal and it is time he returned to Brussels and got back to the negotiating table. He should then bring that deal back to Parliament and I hope Parliament will support the Kyle-Wilson compromise, designed by myself and Peter Kyle, the MP for Hove, which calls for any Brexit deal to be returned to the people in a final confirmatory ballot. You should have the right to compare the Brexit facts with the promises made during the 2016 referendum campaign. If they compare favourably and the people vote for the Deal, then fine. The deal will be implemented. On the other hand, the people have the right to change their mind and vote to Remain. Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage both said in the referendum, no-deal was off the table. Now they say it's centre stage. If they have the right to change their minds, so do you. Parliament has returned and MPs can finally get on with their day job of holding the Government to account and resolving the Brexit crisis. We must find a way through this, and I believe the Kyle-Wilson compromise may be the only way. I can't guarantee we will succeed, but what I do know is a Brexit resolution must come first and a general election second.

Phil Wilson, M.P.

Making Roads Safer

Dear Sir,
I simply cannot believe what I read in the newspaper! For a poor Aycliffe citizen to be subjected to a fine, just because they missed no less than seven signs in a public parking space, and one in the café, is beyond belief - and for Costa, a privately owned business with no ties to the parking spaces at all, to say they weren't responsible?

I simply cannot believe it - this blessed soul should take the fight all the way to jail, because then at least our roads will be a little bit safer - if you can't read a road sign and don't know who runs the parking spaces you use, should you really be driving? So now I ask, what is happening to this country? Do we want to live in a town which accommodates this dangerous behaviour? Maybe we need more signs. Name and address supplied

Horndale Community Association October Meeting

Dear Sir,
Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd October starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45 in Greenfield Arts Centre. We will be joined by a representative from Home Group Supported Recovery Service. Home Group are based at the Blue Bell Hub and support people with physical and mental health problems, help with accessing health services and therapies. They also assist with healthy eating, smoking cessation and exercise, support people to engage in local community networks to build self confidence and independence. If you would like to learn more about their services why not join us or visit them at the Blue Bell Hub, Blue Bell Court. We are holding a Charity Race night on the 4th October to raise funds for our Christmas trip. This year we decided to do something different from a Panto so we are going on the Teesside Princess boat where the children will receive a present, goodie bag and photograph from Santa Claus, there will be games, activities and food all while sailing on the river Tees. This trip proved so popular it sold out within a day. Over the coming weeks we will be starting to plan for 2020 and hopefully secure funding to be able to offer more great trips and events for the coming year. Thank you
Philip Clark
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Saturday 28th September - "The Whole Hog"

Gig Pit Review: The Comrades welcomed The Whole Hog back with their eclectic mix of rock that, although you're familiar with, you don't often hear played by local bands. The fact there were members of at least 5 local bands in to see The Hog gives an idea of how highly the band are respected among the local musicians. Kicking off with Fleetwood Mac's 'Oh Well' and running through classics by Family, Jethro Tull, Free, The Climax Blues Band as well as a couple of newer numbers by Joe Bonamassa and The Foo Fighters. The band gave a superb show that was well received by the punters. Rob on vocals and sax is an excellent front-man whose vocal talents and on-stage athletics are a visual focus that other bands could learn from. Twin guitarists whose on stage empathy speaks of long experience of working together are underpinned by a solid rhythm section fronted by John on bass who bounces well off Rob on vocals in giving the appearance of a party on stage. Musicians having a good time whilst playing always carry the crowd with them - we look forward to seeing The Whole Hog later in the year.

Saturday 5th October - "Revenant"

Sam Hauxwell Review: "The blistering set takes in AC/DC, Saxon, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Ozzy, Scorpions, Metallica, Rainbow, Guns 'n' Roses etc etc... not always the usual choices but a mixed bag of METAL mayhem!!!"

Saturday 12th October - "Pistoleros"

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Staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery spent Friday 20th September wearing denim and baking cakes to raise money for Jeans for Genes Day 2019. It is the second year that the surgery has supported this cause and last year they managed to raise over £120. Jeans for Genes encourages people

to wear denim and raise money to help children with genetic disorders. There are around 6000 different genetic disorders and it is estimated that 1 in 25 children is affected by this. Bewick Crescent Surgery wishes to thank everyone who has donated to this brilliant cause so far.

WELLBEING FOR LIFE - BREAST CANCER

Do you know what to look for?

The County Durham Wellbeing for Life service is working in the local community to promote breast screening and encourage women to attend their screening appointments.

Wellbeing for Life are working in local communities to give women in County Durham the opportunity to find out more about breast screening and the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.

1 in 8 women and 1 in 870 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. There were 54,800 new cases of breast cancer in the UK in 2014.

The NHS Breast Screening Programme invites all women aged between 50 and 70 for screening, mammogram, every 3 years. You need to be registered with a GP to receive the invitations. If you are older than 70, you can still have screening every 3 years but you won't automatically be invited. To make an appointment, talk to your GP or your local breast screening unit.

Vicki Moffat, Wellbeing Area Lead, said 'The number of women attending their breast screening appointments has fallen since 2011. Breast Cancer is not just a lump. Going for breast screening can find abnormalities which you wouldn't necessarily be able to feel or see, so

it is really important that you keep your screening appointments.'

Breast screening saves around 1,300 lives every year in the UK. Screening aims to find breast cancers early. Very early breast cancers are usually easier to treat, may need less treatment, and are more likely to be cured. It is important to go for your breast screening whenever you are invited.

It is important to know your body and get checked out if anything changes that is not normal for you. 15,500 breast cancers are diagnosed through screening in the UK each year.

You should see your doctor if you have:

- A change in the size, shape or feel of a breast
- A new lump of thickening in a breast or armpit
- Skin changes such as puckering, dimpling, a rash or redness of the skin
- Fluid leaking from a nipple and you aren't pregnant or breastfeeding
- Changes in the position of a nipple
- Breast pain

If you notice any unusual changes in your breast don't wait until your next mammogram. See your doctor straight away. For further information, please contact Vicki Moffat, Wellbeing for Life Area Lead (East Durham) on 0191 5274150.

Surprise Proposal in Disney World



Tiffany Miller-Alderson turned 21 on 8th September so, after a brilliant weekend celebrating she flew out to Disney World, Florida, for two weeks on the 18th September with Luke Hedley.

After arriving and checking in they got ready and went out for dinner. Luke had booked a horse and carriage ride and during this proposed!

To which she said YES!

Tiffany is a student at Northumbria University studying a dual degree in English Lit and History.

Luke was made redundant from Electrolux and starts a new job with Yes Electrical when he returns from his holiday.

They met through friends and had their first date at Beamish in December 2016 which they have revisited numerous times since.

They both live at home with their parents currently while saving for a house of their own. Tiffany, with her mum, dad and twin brothers, live in Newton Aycliffe where she has lived all her life and Luke with his parents at Durhamgate, Thinford. Luke has an older sister who also lives on the same estate with her fiancée.

They love spending time with each other and family. They also enjoy the cinema and holidaying together.

They are still currently enjoying the break and loving every minute and

have decided they will be getting married in Florida in the next few years.

Appointment of Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, chair of the Police and Crime Panel and Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "The Police and Crime Panel has today considered a request from the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC), Ron Hogg, to appoint an acting commissioner. Legislation requires an acting commissioner to be appointed from within the PCVC's staff. The panel has therefore appointed Steve White as acting PCVC for County Durham and Darlington. On behalf of the panel and the council, I would like to send Ron our best wishes."

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A team of friends will be taking on the 24 hour challenge in aid of Blind Veterans, led by Bill Harrison, who is himself a blind veteran. The team previously played darts for the Turbinia, The Iron Horse and latterly the Round House.

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The activity is free and you can drop in at any time during 10:30 – 15:00 to be part of a brilliant collaboration. Artist Vicky Holbrough will be on hand, with staff from Greenfield Arts, to help families think about their community, notice the beauty in the everyday and be inspired to draw and be part of a much bigger venture.

Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield Arts is thrilled to be part of 'The Big Draw', the world's largest drawing festival. "We are delighted to be part

of this campaign" said Katy "it will be amazing to see the community come together with ideas and drawings that will culminate in a new artwork on the building at Moore Lane Eco Centre. We will be using recycled materials and diachronic film to create a new artwork on the windows of the Eco Centre building. We need lots of hands, lots of creative ideas and input from the extraordinary people in our community".

Greenfield Arts are pleased to be working in partnership with Great Aycliffe Town Council to provide this creative opportunity. If you would like to know more about the many projects and activities at Greenfield Arts check out our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team to sign up for our regular newsletters on 01325 379048.

IS THE BREXIT DIVIDE CLOSING?

Dear Sir,
I never thought that I would ever agree with much in a letter by Cllr. John D. Clare. However, his letter, 'What Do I Believe About Brexit' had a lot of good analysis and sense in it.

I even don't mind that he calls me, "aggressively bilious". One cannot be too aggressive in warning about the present real threat to our democracy, which Cllr. Clare also recognises. However, I do object to being so labelled under the heading of "Vicious Ignorance". This heading more aptly applies to Labour/Momentum Cllr. Beetham's post Referendum illegal Facebook posting calling leave voters 'morons' that should 'all be gassed'. This was for me, and most readers of the Newton News, the first 'viciously ignorant' comment on the Referendum result. Cllr. Clare has gone into print in this paper, and others, in defence of his fellow Labour/Momentum Councillor's abhorrent posting.

Our democratic voting system is a first-past-the-post, winner-takes-all system. You compromise in your manifesto; not after you have won! Any deal negotiated with the E.U. is a compromise by Leavers. We voted to Leave. They don't want to lose our vast contributions and beneficial free trade. They have to compromise! Leavers do

not have to compromise with Remainers. It is Remainers who have to accept that they lost in a democratic vote and to help, not hinder, the country to leave the E.U. The job of the H.M. Opposition in Parliament is to oppose what the people have not voted for, and not to oppose what the people have voted for!

Is that too difficult for you to understand, Mr. Phil Wilson?

I agree with Cllr. Clare on how the 'Yellow Hammer' documents should be viewed. However, is it not ironic that the Green Party have allied with the Illiberal Undemocratic Party to 'outlaw' No-Deal when one of the perceived worst outcomes (if not mitigated) is fuel shortages and the possible close-down of a Refinery? These are the very policies that they would seek to impose on anyone daft enough to elect them!

Cllr. Clare questions whether Boris Johnson is, "A Man of the People". He clearly is; the majority of normal working men and women supported the Brexit campaign which he espoused. Is Phil Wilson, "A Man of the People"? Definitely not! Phil Wilson's opposition to Brexit has meant that Hitachi have lost two potentially lucrative contracts to European competitors. If we had left the E.U. the two competitors may well not have even been on the bidder's list! Now Taxpayer's money, due to be invested in northeast infrastructure, will be spent in Spain! How much better for the region if taxpayer's investment is spent in the region. Better for jobs, better for the local economy, and better for the region's supply chain. If Phil Wilson really wants to protect jobs in the region, and at Hitachi, he should back Brexit and make sure that investment in the region's infrastructure does not pay the wages of Spanish workers in Spain!

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

BEGINNERS BEEKEEPING COURSE

Aycliffe Beekeepers Association is running a beekeeping course for beginners. It will be held at Moore Lane Eco Centre on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th October between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. It covers the history of beekeeping, parts of the hive, the beekeeping year, how to spot and control pests and diseases, swarm control and prevention, and how to access further education and literature. It is open to all ages and costs £50.00 for an individual and £75.00 for a couple. All equipment is provided and we make sure that you have an enjoyable time. To discuss this further and to reserve your place please contact the training officer, Chris Barker on 07421 471581 or email: training.aycliffebka@gmail.com. Further practical training for students from this course, at no additional charge, is offered at the apiary in St Oswald's allotments in the Spring.

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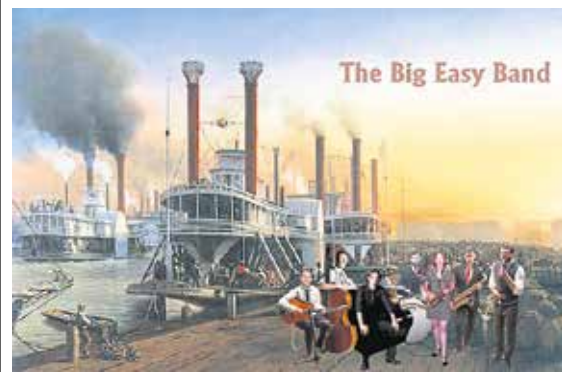
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ON TO THE FINAL AUDITION



My name is Gabrielle Harker and I am a mobile hairdresser from Newton Aycliffe who specialises in hair extensions. I recently applied for a position on the Racoon Artistic Team and after a huge amount of applications nationwide, I have been selected to attend the final audition in London at the start of next month with Racoon Creative Director, Andrew Barton. I have been working with Racoon extensions for the last 15 years, completing my diploma as well as the hair and recovery programme. It's really nice to have been selected and have the opportunity to showcase my skills and passion. Gabrielle Harker

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Temperatures may be dropping as the year moves on - but things will be hotter than ever at Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club when they host two gigs in a row next month.

First up, on Saturday 5 October 2019, is The Big Easy, a brilliant young band from Leeds with a repertoire that showcases their lively and varied performances of the best music of the 20th Century. They exude class - but not at the expense of fun - when they play their brand of early jazz, New Orleans deep-south classics and lively jump-jive.

Their last appearance at the Club was a huge success and their dynamic hot combination of piano, vocals, wind, strings and drums never fails to thrill whenever they play.

And save the date - the following Saturday 12th October sees a new visitor to the club when Edinburgh clarinettist and band leader extraordinaire Hamish McGregor brings his tribute to the big hitters of the British trad jazz revival to Darlington. He'll perform his Ball, Barber and Bilk show on his iconic white clarinet and feature solos from Colin Steele on trumpet and Dave Batchelor on trombone. Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club's world-class

gigs come at a very local price of just £10 per time on the door and there's no charge for young people 15 and under. The Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington, where there's plenty of free onsite parking. Doors open at noon for a 12:30pm start.

If you don't want to drive, the Parish Centre is just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station. For more information go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Upcoming Tree Works

Following an independent tree report on the safety of trees on Town Council land; Great Aycliffe Town Council are required to complete various tree works within two of the town's prominent parks. Eight trees will be felled in Simpature Park and two trees from West Park. The work will be completed throughout the winter months, with replacement trees planted after removal work. More information is available by contacting the Council on 01325 300700.



*** FIRST PRIZE £100 CASH ***

Can you sing, play an instrument, dance or have a talent you would like to share?

**Under 16s competition will take place:
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**We require your: name, address, contact number,
email address, age and
brief description of the act you will perform.**

Closing date for entries is Friday 9th November 2019
Entrants must be 16 years of age or under.

2 winners of £100 each, 1 junior and 1 adult competition
Competition run by Aycliffe Radio and Newton News

Pathways

New Pathways Together, a group for older people who need a friendly place to come to meet people. This group was started and was successful for several years until LIVIN STARTED REFURBISHMENT this is now finished and we hope to welcome you back to The Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place every Wednesday from 9.30am. We welcome, as before, people with Dementia with their carers, people who are lonely or have a long term illness. For the first visits you can be picked up in a vehicle. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

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Two Councillor Issues

Dear Sir, (1) COBBLERS HALL SUDS NATURE RESERVE VIEWING PLATFORM

The idea for a viewing platform onto the Cobblers Hall Suds Nature Reserve was first suggested in 2016, when the three County Councillors for the area were Mike Dixon, Joan Gray and myself. After the 2017 elections, although two new Councillors (Paul Howell and Scott Durham) were elected, they very kindly agreed to support the proposal. However, due to an omission in the spec, the platform was built with no wire fencing attached to the wooden structure as we had wanted, and therefore offered almost open access into the Nature Reserve. I therefore gave instructions for Heras fencing to be secured across the mouth of the viewing area.

Since then, discussions have taken place between three DCC departments about how the platform might best be made safe, and who should pay for the work. These discussions dragged on unacceptably long, so, on 5 September, I arranged a meeting between myself, DCC officers and Cllr Paul Howell. There it was agreed what work was needed (a wire fence attached to the inside of the platform), and the three councillors offered to meet the cost out of our local grants budgets.

We have received an acceptable estimate, and are asking that the work be done as quickly as possible when the grant has been authorised.

(2) MIDDRIDGE LANE ROAD CLOSURE

I, and a number of my County Councillor colleagues, tried to get this road closure changed, and I have spoken out in the press against its damaging effects, particularly for the people of Middridge.

DCC is offering a replacement taxi service (details here: bit.ly/ROADWORKS), so well done DCC, but this really should never have happened, and I have registered a complaint with the officers. The problem has been significantly worsened by the fact that Darlington Council has allowed roadworks on School Aycliffe Lane at the same time.

DCC is currently consulting on a Street Works Permit Scheme, which will require developers to seek permission and pay a fee before they can begin roadworks, and which will allow the authority to apply conditions, and tough penalties if the conditions are not met.

I would encourage everyone to respond to the consultation, if only to email streetworkspersmitscheme@durham.gov.uk and say "I agree".

Cllr John D Clare
(Aycliffe North & Middridge)

African Team Visit Newton Aycliffe



Parishioners at St Mary's R.C. Church in Newton Aycliffe welcomed a medical team from Ghana to a Thanksgiving Service recently.

The team, which includes Thoracic Surgeons, Cardiologists, Intensive Care Nurses, Theatre staff and a Pharmacist are from Kumasi but are currently based at James Cook Hospital for four weeks, learning new skills working alongside the resident Cardiothoracic team.

Parish Priest Fr. Anthony Cornforth led the Service, with the Gospel being read by one of the African medical team. In good African tradition, refreshments were served afterwards.

The medical team were keen to meet Fr. Dominic Asare (pictured), who is living in Aycliffe at the moment, helping out at St. Mary's Church. By an amazing coincidence, he is familiar with the hospital in Kumasi, as he comes from the local area.

The team commented on the warm welcome they have received everywhere and the help they are getting from James Cook Hospital, whose cardiac team are planning to return to Ghana on 19th October to perform life-saving surgery during their one week stay.

Many young people in Africa are affected by rheumatic fever, which destroys heart valves. The team hope to carry out valve replacement surgery, as well as implanting pacemaker devices. The James Cook Team have a long term goal to enable the African hospital to become self-sufficient, by providing ongoing training and support.

The Parishioners at St. Mary's chose this charity as their 2019 Parish Project and have supported it financially. Should anyone wish to donate to this cause, cheques can be sent to Mr. K. Robson, Secretary of The South Cleveland Heart Fund, 117 Roman Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 5QB made out to the South Cleveland Heart Fund but clearly marked "Ghana Mission" or to St. Mary's Church, 1 Burn Lane, DL5 4HT.

Lettings Boards Restrictions for Durham City

Restrictions on lettings boards advertisements in Durham City will come into force next month.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has endorsed Durham County Council's proposal to restrict and control the display of To Let boards, within the Durham City Conservation Area.

Advertisers will now be required to submit an application to the council for consent if they wish to erect lettings boards in the area.

The regulation will come into force on Thursday, 17 October and will last for five years.

Stephen Reed, Durham County Council's planning development manager, said: "We are pleased that the Secretary of State has endorsed our proposals to introduce this measure to further improve the city's environment."

"Members of the public and businesses had raised significant concerns regarding the visual and environmental impact of lettings boards on the historic heart of Durham City. Now these new control powers are going to improve the visual amenity of the area."

"We will be working closely with landlords to ensure the rules are adhered to."

The council had previously implemented a voluntary code for advertisers, which asked letting agents and landlords to control the display of lettings boards and limit the number of them.

However, it became clear that the voluntary approach was not working, and a more formal method was needed. The proposals were strongly supported when the local authority consulted on the proposals in 2017.

The maps defining the areas subject to the restrictions are available for inspection at County Hall from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, and will be available soon on the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk

33rd Shildon Model Railway Exhibition



Shildon Model Railway Club is proud to announce that their 33rd show will be staged at Shildon's Locomotion Museum on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of October. The show invites visitors from throughout the region to view over 25 layouts that have exhibitors travelling from London, Liverpool, Derby and Blackpool, as well as many regional and local exhibitors.

The museum building will also play host to over 30 stalls selling all the accessories for your perfect model construction from Ballast to Bridges, Tacks to Trees with a chance to

purchase all those must-have items in order to create your own unique layout no matter what gauge or scale. Earlier this year the club saw over 5,000 visitors at their Spring show in Locomotion.

With free parking and free entry on both days it really is an ultimate day out for all the family. Doors open at 10.00 am until 4.30pm. Modelling advice will be available throughout the weekend from club members.

New members are always made welcome; for more details contact our secretary via email Email smrc_liz@yahoo.com



Green Links

A programme of outdoor activities
for those living with Dementia in County Durham.

Our award winning Green Links programme offers outdoor activities, in a friendly setting, where people living with Dementia and memory loss (and their carers) can socialise and take part in fun, meaningful activities.

Sessions run every Thursday
between 2pm until 4pm

At the Newton Aycliffe Pioneering Care Centre

Whatever the weather don't let it stop you from attending, we have a indoor area and we provide refreshments!

Please contact us prior to sessions so we can give you further details and directions

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Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Some important meetings this week, and the all-important Climate Change consultation, plus some interesting events next weekend.

Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB130

AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 11 September (County Durham Vision; Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting; Performance Management; C&YP Commissioning; Council Activity; DCC's Digital Strategy).
- DCC Full Council meeting, Wednesday 18 September (Leader's Report; Weardale AAP; Cabinet Report; Audit Committee; Parental Leave motion).
- DCC Economy Scrutiny meeting, Tuesday 24 September (North East Local Industrial Strategy; Selective licensing; EVs; Performance Management).
- DCC's Climate Change consultation.
- GAMP Board meeting, Tuesday 24 September (Neighbourhood Policing; Education Services Update).

- GAMP funding available: welfare (£10,000), youth (£9,902), social isolation (£25,000).
- PREVENT – Countering Far-Right extremism.
- Climate Strike, Friday 20 September.
- Aycliffe Business Park News and Networking, Friday 20 September.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

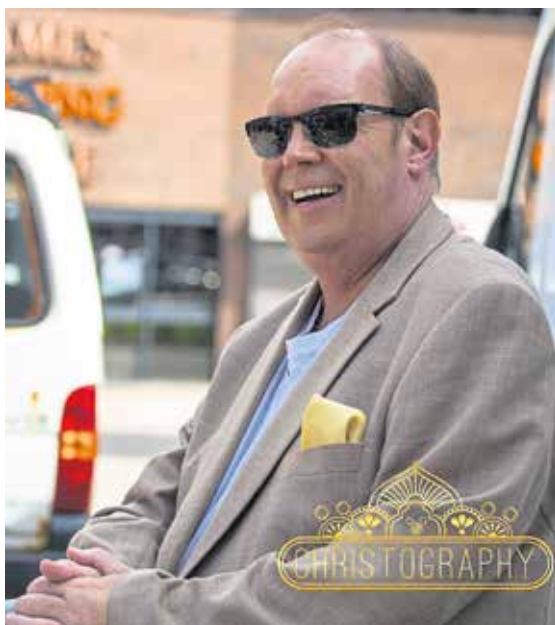
- 'Lord of the Flies', Gala Theatre Durham, 30 September-5 October (various times and prices).
- Shildon Model Railway Club Exhibition, Locomotion Museum, 10am-5pm 5-6 October, FREE.
- Dark Skies, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 7pm Sunday 6 October, £5, book on 0191 584 3112.

AYCLIFFE RADIO

- The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 29 September will be 'The Labour Party Conference' with conference attendees Laura Daly, Brenda Stephenson and Michael Priestley, and listener-guest Donna Timmiss: bit.ly/ARLIVE



BRYAN HALDANE



Bryan Haldane sadly passed away on 9th September after a short illness. Bryan who was aged 60 years and will be fondly remembered as the Town Centre Manager of Newton Aycliffe.

Bryan was a loving Dad to Paul and a dear Father-in-Law to Steph; special Grandad to Isabella; a dear Brother and a special friend to Jean and Alan.

The Funeral Service took place on Wednesday 25th September at 3.45pm at Darlington Crematorium.

Bryan was manager of the Aycliffe Town Centre for nearly 20 years and was very proud of the town and the shops he had come to work alongside and represent.

The town centre was awarded as the winner of the BCSC most improved centre refurbishment under £5 million category in 2014 and was shortlisted for the RICS commercial award (north east) in 2015 to which Bryan was very proud of.

Bryan worked tirelessly with local organisations, charities and the police and had recently partnered with Aycliffe Radio to help with the promotion of the town centre. This included the organising of the Live Music Festival for the last two years, the Xmas Celebrations, Fairgrounds, Emergency Services Day, Beamish Museum's 1950s Display, a Cop Shop for police and numerous other initiatives which all helped promote the town centre and the shops in it.

PREMIER LEAGUE REFEREE TO SPEAK

Premier League Referee, Martin Atkinson will be guest speaker at the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association next month. Martin, from West Yorkshire

has been a Premier League referee since 2004. He has officiated in over 350 Premier League matches and is a former FIFA Referee, taking part in the European Championships in 2012.

Martin will visit the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association Meeting on Thursday 17 October 2019 which will take place at The Manor public house, Cornwall Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6UR starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Anyone interested in attending is asked to confirm via email with Secretary, Simon Clayton on claytonsimon@sky.com to book their place. Terry Farley MBE, President of Bishop Auckland Referees' Association, said: "Martin is a vastly experienced referee, one of the top referees this country has produced and it is fantastic to welcome him back to Bishop Auckland as our guest speaker."

15th BIRTHDAY GALA DRAWS CROWDS TO LOCOMOTION

More than 3,500 people visited a special gala event at Locomotion in Shildon last weekend to mark the museum's 15th birthday. Visitors were able to ride on a replica of Stephenson's Rocket and explore the museum with free activities and demonstrations.

One of the highlights was a ceremony where a GB Railfreight (GBRf) class 66 diesel engine was named 'Locomotion 15' in the museum's honour. The locomotive was chosen to celebrate the historical importance of freight traffic to the region and recognised the museum's ongoing role in educating and inspiring visitors.

A special surprise guest at the event was HST class 43, power car no.43002 Sir Kenneth Grange. Also known as the Intercity 125, the HST was Britain's answer to the Japanese Bullet Train and still holds the world diesel speed record of 148 mph.

Appearing at the Gala before going on permanent display at the National Railway Museum in York, the HST power car is one of the UK's most influential trains having served across the UK for more than 40 years and helping rejuvenate rail travel.

Visitors to the gala were also able to ride on a miniature railway provided by South Durham Model Engineers



and access the cabs of many of the museum's 70 rail vehicles.

To help celebrate the anniversary, school children from the area also designed a birthday card for the museum and created a poster display which showed how people might travel in the future.

Dr Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion, said: "I would like to thank everyone who attended our 15th birthday event and GBRf for the honour of naming 'Locomotion 15' after the museum. We have ambitious plans to continue to improve and expand Locomotion which I look forward to sharing with our visitors in the coming years."

Locomotion was first opened by then Prime Minister Tony Blair in 2004, as a partnership between Sedgefield Borough Council and the National

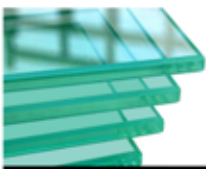
Railway Museum, with funding from both partners and the Heritage Lottery Fund. In the first 12 months of operation, the new museum welcomed 210,000 visitors—considerably more than the 60,000 anticipated. Since opening, the museum has displayed engines from six different countries and welcomed 70 guest locomotives including world famous engine no. 60103 Flying Scotsman. Locomotion remains a partnership with Durham County Council and is a part of the Science Museum Group, displaying highlights from the national collection of rail vehicles.



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Sun Shines on Rotary Charity Golf Day



Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club was blessed with excellent weather on Friday 20th September when it held its annual charity golf event at Woodham Golf and Country Club.

A hundred golfers took part in this annual event which organisers say will have raised in the region of £5000 to be divided between Cancer Research for Cervical Cancer, Macmillan Cancer Support and Rotary Charities.

The event was won by Hewitts Plumbing Heating and Electrical and three of the team are pictured above being presented with the Rotary David Thompson Memorial Trophy from President Jean Thompson (right) supported by joint organiser Rotarian David Hogg (left).

Thank you Alison

My wife and I attended our first meeting of the Aycliffe Cancer Support Group at the NAYC. This group has helped me and my wife over a number of weeks, taking me to James Cook Hospital for my treatment waiting until my treatment has finished even waiting extra time when things have taken longer than expected. I can not thank them enough for their kindness, help and support. A truly great charity run by Alison White and really caring people working with her. Many thanks
Yours sincerely,
A Tomlin (Tom)

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Are you part of a group that works in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area? Do you have a project idea that requires funding?

Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership has three funding streams available for projects within the Great Aycliffe and Middridge village areas. There is £10,000 available for schemes which respond to local needs and circumstances resulting from welfare reform/employability or poverty type issues.

We have £9,902 available for schemes which provide youth activities for 11-19 year olds in the GAMP area (or up to 25 years for those with special educational needs or disability).

Lastly, we have an older persons social isolation fund allocation of £25,000, for projects which help improve outcomes for older people who are socially isolated.

How to apply: Please contact the GAMP Team for further information and an Expression of Interest form in the first instance. All completed expressions of interest must be returned to the GAMP Office by Tuesday 5 November 2019.

Potential projects should have a start date no earlier than March 2020. For further information, please contact the GAMP Team: Email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk - Telephone: 01325 327441

REJUVEN8 EXPAND INTO AYCLIFFE



Rejuven8 Aesthetics is a new clinic which opened in Newton Aycliffe town centre in August this year. The clinic is managed by Anne, a qualified, prescribing nurse with 19 years experience in acute, urgent and primary care settings; 3 years in aesthetics - after completing extensive further training.

The clinic offers a range of skin care treatments, including dermaplaning, microneedling and peels as well as aesthetic procedures including anti-wrinkle

injections and dermal fillers, applied to a variety of areas to enhance features and give a more youthful appearance.

The most recent addition to the treatments offered is blemish removal, treating skin tags, thread veins, milia, age spots and keratosis etc.

Gift vouchers and saving plans available. Further information can be found on our Facebook page or by contacting Anne directly to arrange a free, no obligation consultation.



Parish Youth Big Breakfast for Harvest



On Saturday 5th October, Parish Youth are hosting a BIG BREAKFAST event at St Clare's Church from 9.30am till noon, to raise vital funds for their Harvest charity Water Aid!

They will be serving everything you could wish for, from a simple bacon buttie to a full English Breakfast!

Maybe yoghurt, fruit and granola are more your

thing! There will also be tasty toasted tea cakes and pastries available, along with tea, coffee and a selection of juices. A range of morning papers will also be available for you to peruse. So, whatever your appetite, come along and join us as we raise money for WaterAid.

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SATURDAY

11-2pm	Moderation	Jack & Daz
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility		
10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan	
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
• 29th Sept: Laura Daly, Lynne Gibson, Wendy Hillary and Brenda Stephenson		
8-10pm	Sunday Setlist	Sean Lawless
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
5-6pm	Teenage Tunes	Ellarae Bower

"Through the Decades" Sponsored by Woodham Golf & Country Club

6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	CAD
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

TUESDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
• 1st Oct - Scarlett & Harrison Dunn (Team Amaron Karts)		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
Community Connect sponsored by ROF59		
5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
6.30-8pm	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	POLITICAL (R)	John D. Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

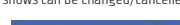
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4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D. Clare
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
• 4th Oct - Nathan Abbott with Dave Bell & Mark Harker		

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This event is organised by Junction 7 and sponsored by the Durham Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner.

- How to spot the signs of modern day slavery and trafficking,
- How partners can work together
- How to ensure victims are supported and recover from their experiences

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EVENING PRESENTATION: 6.00pm to 11.30pm
3 Course Meal with Live Band and DJ.

Charity Auction hosted by Ron Hogg
Special Guest Appearance by Samantha Poling (BBC Panorama)
Tickets for the evening Event are £25.00 per person

For more information or to book a place contact:
junc7tion@gmail.com or call 07783 539167

Lost The Way

Dear Hoomans,
As I perused my copy of the Newton News last week, I saw my own contribution was buried under a mountain of shouty letters about 'Rex-sit'. It seems some hoomans want Rex to sit inside, and some want him to sit outside. Personally, I think it's up to Rex where he sits.

It reminded me of my great Uncle Rex. Uncle Rex travelled around Europe with a circus, he was a clever fella, he was the first dog ever to ride a unicycle, but he really got the job on account of having two heads.

Mostly his heads got on with each other, but there was one time when he'd been out for the night and was making his way back to the circus and he came to a point in the road which branched off three different ways. One of his heads wanted to take the road to the right, the other wanted to take the road to the left and neither would give in.

Uncle Rex sat there arguing with himself till sunset, by which time he was hungry, thirsty and very cross. Both heads realized that to get home in time for dinner they would have to compromise, so they finally agreed to be adult about it and take the middle road, so he did, and made his way home. Neither head was happy, but they knew they were both part of the same dog and had to find a way forward together.

I told 'Herself' the story and she said it pretty much sums up the Rex-sit issue, and hoomans need to find a way forward that will do the least harm and move forward together. 'Herself' says the only party offering a compromise which is best for everyone is this 'Labour Party'.

So, I reckon, if this other Rex wants to get home for his dinner, he should support this 'Labour Party', so all you hooman beens can all get along with each other again.

Also, if anyone finds a red rubber bone, its mine.

Mr Teddy Walter Moon.

A Dog of this Parish.

(address supplied)

It's Time for Change

Dear Sir,
I applaud Honest John for his humour and recycling skills (letter of the 20th September).

We have now finished delivering our 12500 Lib Dem leaflets across Newton Aycliffe and urge residents to join us to end years of Labour failure.

Honest John's support for the Tories isn't to be applauded though. Tory failure, both nationally and locally, has let down Newton Aycliffe.

Under-investment in public services like the NHS and our schools is serious.

A failure to make sure our armed forces personnel have decent equipment to keep them safe is shocking.

The cutting of 20,000 police officers followed by a commitment to recruit 20,000 is a cynical attack on our intelligence.

On Durham County Council it is Lib Dem councillors leading the fight against Labour waste and incompetence like Labour's building of a £50 million HQ on a flood plain.

It's the Lib Dems challenging Labour's failure to bring in 2030 climate change targets. It is the Lib Dems demanding Labour invest some of the £224 million of reserves in frontline services.

The reality is that the Tories are an irrelevance in County Durham and are now a far right party intent on selling out the NHS to the private sector.

Whilst Labour are in danger of becoming the communist party under Corbyn, hell bent on dragging us back to a 1970s economic catastrophe.

Only the Lib Dems, with their leader Jo Swinson, have the policies, both locally and nationally, to protect our public services and renew our economy for the future. It's time for change. It's time to vote Lib Dem.

Kind regards

Michael Stead

Liberal Democrat

County Councillors Working Together

Dear Sir,

I should like to reply to the letter from Honest John in the Newton News of 20th September.

Thanks John for your kind words in representing the people of Aycliffe North and Middridge ward, I try to employee party politics only when appropriate. I think it is worth reminding people of exactly what a County Councillor can do. We operate at three distinct levels, firstly we are servants of our constituents in their today matters affecting council business, secondly we represent them in the operations of Durham County Council and finally we can make representations on their behalf through our political parties.

By far and away the most important of these is the first one, it is absolutely imperative that the seven County Councillors in Newton Aycliffe are able to work together and, over the last two and a bit years, co-operation between all seven of us has been very good. As regards operations at County Hall then there are significant differences between the Labour members and the Conservative members in particular, an example would be the new County Hall being built in Durham on the sands. Whilst the Labour members clearly support this we have been opposed and indeed I have stood on the protest line at County Hall alongside the Liberal Democrats.

When it comes to representations through our political parties then clearly this is where more national issues become relevant but our influence is significantly less.

When considering what to comment on regarding the performance of a County Councillor, I would ask readers to bear the above in mind.

Cllr Paul Howell

Aycliffe North & Middridge Division

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN FOR VOTES!

At the last general election, the largest percentage of women votes went to Labour. Why? Well, the group hardest hit by the governments cuts to funding are women; in fact, 86% of these cuts have had a direct negative impact specifically on women.

From the turning off of street lighting to the two child limit to benefits; from the 'rape' clause to the theft of pensions from 3.4 million women born in the 1950's; from the cuts in domestic abuse services (which have now seen deaths from domestic abuse climb to a five year high with an estimated 200 women, and children being turned away from emergency refuge accommodation every day) to the huge rise in survival sex work, which the government itself admits is down to the roll out of Universal Credit, yet they have done nothing to stop this.

There has been a 74% increase in underemployment for women; ¾ of local council jobs are taken by women, and cuts to those jobs have affected them most. 92% of lone parents are female, and they have seen an 18% drop in their incomes and childcare costs rise, making working more hours unviable.

The UK has fallen to 26th in the world for its widening gender inequality gap, which is lower than poorer countries such as the Philippines; and there has been a threefold increase in women becoming homeless. Prof Danny Dorling from Oxford University, whose work includes research on inequality, said: "The pain has not been spread evenly and the pain to come will not be. Women suffer disproportionately from

the way the cuts have been chosen. Other choices could have been made and still could be made."

Is it any wonder that more women voted Labour than for any other party? Labour plans to extend current free childcare provision and lower the costs for those who pay; and they plan to stop the roll out of Universal Credit on day one in government. Labour will negate the pension impact on the 3.4 million WASPI women, scrap the bedroom tax and have an impact assessment done on every policy it brings in to ensure they do not impact unfairly on one gender.

With Labour's long history of delivering on such things as equal pay, sexual discrimination, minimum wage, child benefit, sure start centres, maternity laws, parental leave - in fact every progressive piece of gender equality legislation has been delivered by Labour - women know that the Labour party has always had their back.

The issue of Brexit will eventually conclude but, however it is resolved, the issues that women up and down the country face, as they struggle with the havoc and pain Tory 'Austerity' has caused to them and their families, will not go away. Labour can only stop this governmental abuse perpetrated across the board, but disproportionately affecting women most harshly, if women go out and vote for Labour at the next election. So please make sure you register to vote and help us improve things for the many, not the few.

(All stats are from verified government or official independent sources)

Sedgefield Labour Women's Forum

"THE ONLY SENSIBLE WAY FORWARD"

Dear Sir,
I just received an unsolicited error-strewn flyer from the Lib Dems highlighting their big issues for the town: speeding on the A167 and litter! Not the political crisis, climate change, over-development, unwanted immigration, congestion, pollution, the economy, Brexit, rain forest removal, the overstretched NHS etc. One bigger issue locally and nationally is elected politicians acting against the wishes of the majority of the electorate, cocksure they know what's best.

We have a political crisis caused by MPs failing in their promises to the electorate, and the only way out appears to be a decisive General Election.

Too many politicians have an agenda for political correctness rather than common sense and pragmatism.

People listen to an angry autistic 16 year old schoolgirl, who refuses to go to school, snarling through a menacing speech telling the UN she and her generation blames them and us for destroying the planet. There is no veil to her threats - 'we will never forgive you!' We already have had civil disruption, supposedly organised by children, but with a strong left wing anarchic undercurrent. Worrying times.

The assertion that mankind is primarily responsible for climate change is just not true, and even if it wasn't, most people on the planet believe in some form of God - how can anyone convince them their God isn't determining the climate and get them to act to stop climate change? Politicians want us to set an example, so we suffer while the rest of the world carries on regardless, as does climate change.

Meanwhile our local planners promote urban sprawl - more and more development, destroying green spaces, while declaring a climate emergency, saying we need to reduce our carbon footprint, rather like the

Duke of Sussex jetting off all over the world in his private jet to promote carbon reduction! Marsh land is a major store of carbon, so how does building on it sit alongside a climate emergency?

No doubt humans are damaging the planet, but there are serious questions over the desirability and potential effectiveness of the actions proposed to address this, and big questions over the coherence of some decisions being taken.

There will soon be a General Election. The Lib Dems and Labour Party are obsessed with 'equality', which can never exist, and 'diversity', promoting people they ironically, condescendingly regard as inferior and incapable, including the likes of Greta Thunberg. The Labour Party now wants a 4 day week! Vote for them, bankrupt the country and watch them strip you of your assets. This is the party which brought in a 98% marginal tax rate under Harold Wilson, prompting an exodus of wealth creators to the detriment of everyone.

Vote Lib Dem and they will annul the referendum result, successfully and disgracefully thwarting Brexit. Vote Labour and they will negotiate a deal with the EU which is so close to being in the EU that nobody will notice the difference, and they will offer the chance of this or actually remaining. The EU will aim to offer the worst possible deal, so we vote to remain, so a Labour vote is also a vote to thwart Brexit. A Conservative vote is the only viable route to secure the Brexit the electorate voted for. A Brexit Party vote will simply dilute the Conservative vote and thwart Brexit. A Conservative overall majority is the way to secure a clean and decisive Brexit and avert the huge risks of a neo-Marxist Labour government led by a very dangerous extremist backed by bullies from the extreme left Momentum group. I am backing Boris. It is the only sensible way forward.

John Snowball

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Wonderful Coffee Morning "In Aid of Macmillan"

Many thanks to everyone including our Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton and Consort Councillor Mrs Val Raw, who came to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning, it was a fantastic event, which was held inside Bethany Court on Friday 20th September 2019.

The cakes were amazing and tasted delicious! The tombola was fun! All raffle prizes were claimed on the day.

We couldn't have done it without all those who organised and dedicated

their time, including the many bakers, who filled the tables with decorated cakes, savoury pies, quiches, sausage rolls and freshly made bread buns as well as preparing and serving hot drinks.

You were all fabulous! Special thanks to the residents living at Bethany House Nursing Home for preparing the tombola prizes.

Throughout 2019, we have held several events for this worthy cause and in total we have raised £1125.00.

Thanks Again.

See you all next year.

Coffee Morning Raised £637 for Macmillan



A fantastic afternoon at the Navy Club with the New Friends, New Places members, who held a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan. Lots of baking by members, delicious savouries and the cakes were scrumptious. Walkers the Butchers supplied us with some lovely cakes and savouries at a very reasonable price and Petals supplied us with wrapping paper. Not forgetting the two barmaids, Pauline and

Sally, for all there help. The event was also attended by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Mary Dalton and her consort, Val Rawe. The members of NFPN held Bric-a-Brac sales to start the fund, and after the event a total of £637.41 was raised for Macmillan. A very big thank you to all the members of New Friends, New Places for all there help and support for making this event a great success.

THANK YOU

NASSL would like to thank Tesco, Honest John, Grannies Choice and Julies Pet Shop for supporting us with the Animal Food Bins for urgently needed wet cat food, wet dog food and cat litter. We urgently require more food and cat litter to help support the great work we do with lots of unwanted animals who require around the clock care and good food. A big thank you to all those who support our work. NASSL.

Competition Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners of the various competitions in the Newton News. The first winners of the Vue Cinema tickets were Mrs Eleanor West and Tanya Stifman. The winner of the IT CHAPTER TWO goodies and two tickets to Vue Cinema was Karen Goldberg. Watch out for more competitions and great prizes coming up shortly.

DON'T LOSE OUT ON YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

As part of County Durham's electoral register update, canvassers will be visiting households that have not yet responded to the annual request for information. Earlier this year, Durham County Council sent letters to all homes in the county asking residents to confirm their voter information and inform the local authority of any changes. The council needs to know the details it holds are correct to ensure residents are included on the 2020 electoral register. This enables people to vote in local and national elections and can also improve an individual's credit rating. From today (Monday 23 September) canvassers will be delivering final forms to households who have not replied. If the resident is in, canvassers will be able to assist with the completion of the form. Canvassers will all be wearing Durham County Council identification badges, which should be visible at all times. David Collingwood, electoral services manager at Durham County Council, said: "It's extremely important to respond to the annual electoral register update form because if you don't, you won't be able to vote. Even if your details are the same, we need to know about it, so I would encourage people to respond to us as soon as possible." For more information, call 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

A Programme of Outdoor Activities for Dementia Patients



Green Links is an exciting new project that Groundwork NE & Cumbria are delivering with funding secured through Great Aycliffe Middridge Partnership. Our award winning Green Links programme offers outdoor activities, in a friendly setting, where people living with Dementia and memory loss (and their carers) can socialise and take part in fun, meaningful activities. A range of outdoor and indoor activities will be provided as well as a very popular garden centre trip and a Christmas meal. Sessions run every Thursday between 2pm until 4pm, at the Newton Aycliffe Pioneering Care Centre whatever the weather don't let it stop you from attending, we have an indoor area and we provide refreshments! Please contact us prior to sessions so we can give you further details and directions. To register or for more information please contact Natalie Whitworth on 01325 464270 or email at Natalie.whitworth@groundwork.org.uk "The Green Links project will be invaluable for our vulnerable residents and the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Board fully supports this project". Brian Riley (GAMP Coordinator)

Have Your Say on Tackling the Climate Emergency



Exploring ways to tackle climate change in County Durham is the purpose of a new consultation that has been launched on Thursday 19 September. Durham County Council declared a climate emergency earlier this year and set itself a target of reducing its own carbon emissions by 60 per cent by 2030 and for the county as a whole to be 100 per cent carbon neutral by 2050. And to help it reach these targets, the council is seeking the public's views on ways to reduce carbon emissions across the county. The consultation coincided with the Global Climate Strike, a nationwide week of action which took place from Friday 20 to Friday 27 September. It saw campaigners urge decision makers to end the fossil fuels age and take immediate action to tackle climate change. Cllr John Clare, Durham County Council's climate change champion, said: "Since declaring a climate emergency earlier this year, we have been working hard

with partner agencies to identify opportunities to reduce the council's and the county's CO2 emissions. Now, however, we need the public to make this initiative their own, and to tell us their ideas and how they can help – so if you live in, work in, shop in or visit County Durham, we want to hear from you." Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, added: "We are committed to developing clean industries and promoting a green economy here in County Durham. However, we need to ensure the county has the right infrastructure in place to cope with these changes and we want people's views as to how best to achieve this." Those who take part in the consultation will be asked their opinions on topics including heating, transport and electricity. All information submitted will be used to inform future policies. The consultation runs until Thursday 31 October. To take part, visit durham.gov.uk/consultation

MP Urges Government to Address Nursing Shortages

Local MP, Phil Wilson, has urged the government to immediately address nursing shortages in England. Writing to Matt Hancock the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Mr Wilson acknowledges the 'brilliant job' nurses do in 'difficult circumstances' but stressed that hospitals need to be staffed to safe levels and the government should enshrine this in legislation. This is also an issue being raised by the Royal College of Nursing, and Mr Wilson has joined them in asking the Government to introduce - Legislation to ensure accountability for safe nurse staffing at all levels of health and care services in England, I understand the equivalent law has been introduced in Scotland and Wales. - Ensure that a statutory body has responsibility for future nurse force planning. - Invest at least £1 billion in nurse higher education in order to reverse the reduction in the number of students both applying to and taking up places in Nursing degree courses. Mr Wilson has said "Whilst nurses do a fantastic job, the 40,000 vacant nurse posts in the NHS in England means that wards can often be understaffed and nurses find themselves under increasing pressure and strain whilst trying to do the best for the patients in their care. I hope the government do what is right for both patients and nurses, by introducing legislation which ensures our hospitals are safely staffed."

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

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

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Holiday Snaps



Bob and Angela Stephenson recently returned from a holiday in Altinkum on the Aegean Coast of Western Turkey and they didn't forget to take their Newton News with them! Send your holiday Newton News photos to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

REME Association Visits Eden Camp



SWD REME held their annual pilgrimage to Eden Camp on Sunday 8th September. It was really a great day out, meeting other professional soldiers from a multitude of corps, both regular and TA. This year was really good as we had magnificent weather, unlike some previous years.

Eden Camp is a modern history theme museum at Malton, North Yorkshire, it holds an all forces Remembrance day service and parade in September each year with over 60 Standards on parade this year. The camp has 29 wartime huts, housed in the original Prisoner of War camp, each one contains a different theme, all relating to various aspects of the WW2. Once again it was a great day out with a reasonably priced restaurant and bar on site.

If you would like to be a member of the South West Durham REME Association why don't you come along, the Branch meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in the Scout

Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe.

KIDZ FLIX

New Release "Secret Life of Pets 2" at St. Clare's Kidz Flix on Saturday 5th October at 2pm! £1 entry per person.

Come along and watch as Max faces some major changes after his owner Katie gets married and has a child. On a family trip to the countryside, Max meets a farm dog called Rooster, and both attempt to overcome his fears. Meanwhile, Gidget tries to rescue Max's favourite toy from a cat-packed apartment, and Snowball sets on a mission to free a white tiger named Hu from a circus.

As always there will be a fully stocked tuck shop, selling sweets, crisps, drinks etc... for you to purchase. At half time, the hatch will open for ice cream and ice lolly sales all at an affordable cost of 50p! Everyone welcome!

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was another mid week start for the members of ARC with the first race taking place on Wednesday. This was the 6th race in the Darlington Trail Series and this one was at Baydale Beck. We had a good turn out of runners with Richard Holland first home for ARC in 20.55. He was followed by Mark Bainbridge 21.14, Dave Blewitt 23.31, John Burnside 23.46, Heather Morgan 24.39, John Heywood 25.42, Sue Milburn 26.02, John Richardson 26.33, Sarah Gill 27.02, David Stothard 27.36, Mandy Heywood 29.22, Tracey Pickering 31.03, Richard Tonge 31.24, Sam Elwell 32.47, Jane Burnside 32.51, Susan Clark 33.30, Cliff Pickering 35.20 and Jan McLuckie 37.57.

On Saturday the day began with parkruns and we had one member, Andy Talbot, achieve a PB for the course at Darlington. Andy completed this in 18.51. Also on Saturday, Paul Dalton took part in the Snape 10k where he came third place overall in a time of 38.06. Finally on Saturday Alan Wilks took part in the 10k track championships. Alan had a fantastic race completing the distance in 47.40 and walking away with gold medal for the North East Masters and Bronze medal in the British Masters for his o/70 age category. On Sunday John Heywood

took part in the Spadeadam Half Marathon organised by Trail Outlaws in association with the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. The event takes place at RAF Spadeadam where the course takes you around the historic base that was part of the UK's missile project during the cold war. There are numerous RAF practice targets and tanks along the course with views across the Lake District and Hadrian's Wall. John completed this in 2.20.19.

Also on Sunday there was a good turnout of runners for the Coxhoe Trail Race. This takes place in the trails around Coxhoe (very local) and is around 6 miles long. It has been a popular race with ARC for a number of years. First home for ARC was Andy Talbot in 41.59 followed by Richard Holland in 44.11, Katie Dodds in 46.10, Shaun Dodds in 50.34, Kev Wilson in 52.06, Trish Kay in 53.33, Julie Nisbet in 58.23, David Stothard in 59.16, Bev Phillippo in 1.00.58, Michaela Kerr in 1.01.02, Kelly Dickinson in 1.01.07, Susan Clark in 1.07.44, Craig Robinson in 1.12.22 and Eve Doe in 1.15.01.

Junior Report

Also on Sunday at Junior parkrun Sedgefield our youngest member Elijah (aged 5) completed his 50th parkrun achieving a PB at the same time. A great achievement for someone so young.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30p.m., Tuesday is endurance/speed



session from 7.00 p.m., and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.

Community Spirit Newton Aycliffe

Are supporting Macmillan Cancer Support this year by hosting a

Coffee Morning The Big Club Saturday 28th September

The event will run from 9.30am to 11.30am and all proceeds will go to Macmillan.

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Juniors Football Report

With the new season now well under way all of the Juniors teams were in action over the sunny weekend in another set of league matches. It was a great effort by all teams who were pushing to climb their respective league tables.

Our **U7 Blacks** travelled to Stockton for their first league game with a great team effort that included plenty of passing and brilliant individual work. Goal scorers were Regan, Harry and William. Man of the match went to William for a great attitude, teamwork and goal scoring. The **U7s Whites** were up against Deerness Valley Thunder at New Ferens Park in Durham. The newly formed team scored their first league goal and are starting to show a massive improvement in their passing. A big well done to William W who was man of the match.

Our **U8 Whites** played two games at the Russell Foster Centre. Their first game against Bishop saw goals from Jack and Tyler. Man of the match went to Joel. In the second game they faced Spennymoor Town however goals from Jack and Sammy were not enough to prevent a loss. The man of the match award went to Jack.

The **Under 8 Juniors** met Bishop St Mary's at home. After a great game of football, goals from Alfie, Jack & Daniel still couldn't get the Juniors the win. Man of the Match for this game went to Jack for a great performance.

There was a much-improved performance from the **U8 Blacks** with two goals from Rhys, one from Max and one from Charlie. There was some great passing through the opposition and some brilliant goals scored. Well done to Rhys who was man of the match.

Our **U9's** were host to Darlington 21st Allstars



in a very good game. Alfie R was awarded man of the match after a well fought draw.

The **U10s** bounced back from their away cup defeat last week with an outstanding away game vs Billingham Whites. The game saw George get a fantastic hat-trick and Jack keeping them in the game with some outstanding saves and later Callum put away a penalty with Thomas making it 5 with a very clever chip finish. Motm went to goalkeeper Jack for a dominating goalkeeping performance.

There was a great home performance for the **U11 Blacks** against Birtley. Goals came from Alex, Leon, Jayden W and Danny. Overall it was another great effort for a team who are excelling themselves in the early parts of this campaign. Alex earned himself a motm for this game.

U11 Whites were away to Linthorpe Academicals. Aycliffe dominated the first half and kept Linthorpe pegged back. A quality free kick from Jake meant they went in at half time 1-0 up. Linthorpe were quick out the second half and grabbed an equaliser. Henry was able to get onto a rebound to score, James also scored and another fine solo run

from Ethan found him on the score sheet also.

U11 Clarets played their first game at home against Darlington RA Locomotives. Aycliffe started well and got into the game very quickly.

Some great individual performances and link up play showed how far they'd come over the season break. Ashton, Kai, Alex & Jayden were on the scoresheet and the man of the match for this one was Harry.

U12 Blacks played their first game of the season at home to Hartlepool St Francis Royals. Aycliffe played well in the first half having most of the possession. Into the second half and the Juniors soon found themselves behind however they kept their composure and goals from Jake and Rhys did enough to grab all 3 points. The man of the match for this game was goalkeeper Lucas who pulled off some tremendous saves throughout the game. The **Under 12 Whites** travelled to Stockton Town. In what was quite a quiet game for the Juniors, man of the match was given to Jack for keeping a clean sheet in goal, in what ended as a 0-0 draw.

Our **U13** squad travelled to meet unbeaten North Ormesby for their third away game of the season so far. It proved to be a nail biting second half after the Juniors went from 2-0 up to 3-2 down. Goals from Daniel H, Zak and the all important equaliser from Joe earned the Juniors a well deserved draw.

The **Under 14s** faced Seaham where after a hard game it was apparent it wasn't Aycliffe's day. However, Archie grabbed himself a goal and the team are looking to bounce back in their next fixture.

Our **U15** squad continued their fine form with another great win on Sunday, this time at home as hosts to Linthorpe Academicals. Leon with a hat-trick, Lewis with two goals, Dylan, Brandon and Jake Watson all grabbing them a goal each gave the Juniors an impressive 8-1 result! Man of the match was joint for Leon and Lewis, both with great performances during the game.

Well done to all involved in a busy weekend of junior football! #juniorfootball

Aycliffe striker, Dean Thexton, enjoyed his day out at sunny Seaham scoring four of Aycliffe's five goals on Saturday. It was an excellent return to form for the Newtonians having been unceremoniously dumped out of the FA Vase a week earlier at Jarrow. This week, however, Aycliffe looked from the start that they meant business & the first 15 minutes saw plenty of attacking play, all too often thwarted by an offside flag.

The first meaningful opportunity came on 9 minutes but Shaun Ryder's shot flew high & wide. The failure to make the most of the overwhelming possession might have been punished when the hosts squandered two opportunities in quick succession. The first shot was comfortably taken by Aycliffe keeper Adam Pickford while the second was off target.

The scare seemed to spur Aycliffe on & after 22 minutes they made the breakthrough. A good ball through the defence, from recent signing Lewis Walton, found Thexton who calmly slotted the ball past the Red Star keeper. Seaham had a chance to level on the half hour but Dan Wilson's shot was blocked by Pickford.

After 35 minutes Aycliffe were on the attack again with a long ball from Liam McNamara beating the Seaham defence & into the path of Thexton whose first time low shot made it 2-0. The visitors pressure continued with both Ryder & Gez Richardson coming close just before half time. The second half continued as the first left off with Thexton almost completing his hat-trick on 47 minutes but saw a powerful header hit the post. As the hour approached Seaham put in a good spell forcing a flying save from Pickford then catching Aycliffe on the break before putting another shot over the bar. From that point it was all Aycliffe. On 62 minutes Ethan Wood jinked into the box before seeing his shot saved for a corner. A few minutes later a Richardson cross was almost turned into the net by a home defender. On 67 minutes Richardson got his reward with the last touch in a scramble which ended with Aycliffe's third goal. Just four minutes later Thexton completed his hat-trick with another clinical finish. Aycliffe's last goal came from the penalty spot on 75 minutes. A run from Ryan Redford ended when he was tripped in the box. Thexton stepped up to claim his fourth and Aycliffe's fifth of the day.

The convincing win puts Aycliffe in 7th place in the Ebac Northern League Division One with a game in hand on the three teams immediately above them. Attention now turns to the Mitre Brooks Miles Northern League Cup. The group stages continue

this week and on Tuesday Aycliffe welcomed Northallerton Town to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium.

This will be the third encounter between the two sides in three competitions so far this season with honours even at one win each.

Aycliffe then remain home for their next two games, both in the League. Whitley Bay visit on Saturday 28th September (kick off 3:00pm) followed by Ryhope CW on Tuesday 1st October (kick off 7:45pm).



Photo: Aycliffe's Dean Thexton completes his hat-trick with Aycliffe's fourth goal.

AYCLIFFE GO JOINT TOP

Newton Aycliffe RUFC 1st XV continued their winning streak when they travelled to Hartlepool TDSOB with a well fought victory that sees them joint top of Durham Northumberland Division 3 with Wallsend and Yarm. It's early days but the prospects are looking favourable as the squad gets stronger and stronger every week.

Whilst Aycliffe accustomed themselves to the pitch conditions TDSOB caught the visitors napping with a converted try (9 mins) from kick off. 7-0. Aycliffe were still adjusting with some players coming in for their first outings of the season when a lack of concentration gave away a penalty to the home side who took advantage to gain the extra 3 points. (13 mins) 10-0. Eventually Aycliffe settled down and countered at the first opportunity with a try from outside centre Euan Kitching who has quickly become the first-choice kicker for the team. It was fitting therefore he converted his own try. (18 mins) 10-7. Following some good possession from Aycliffe's forwards the ball was shipped out to try scoring machine inside centre James Thacker who powered over for his first try of the match. (24 mins) 10-12.

TDSOB were still up for the fight and soon scored to retake the lead (28 mins) 15-12. The crowd were well entertained with some end to end quality rugby. A lull entered the play as both teams battled hard to gain ground until Aycliffe's wing sensation Nathan Acuna Ocana touched down after a fast finish, converted by Kitching to end the first half in front (40 mins) 15-19. It didn't take Aycliffe long from the restart to continue with the momentum when nr 8 Ben Hoggart helped himself to a try in the early stage of the 2nd half. Converted by Kitching. (47 mins) 15-26. Soon after the crowd were enthralled by a superb 70 metre attacking solo run by Thacker to score his 2nd brace of the season. The conversion was missed but the points created a clear gap between the two sides. (55 mins) 15-31. Aycliffe took their foot off the gas a

little bit, perhaps resting on their laurels a bit too much when TDSOB exploited a gap to come back with a converted try. (60 mins) 22-31. From that moment on the intensity of this running game slowed as both teams reverted to defensive tactics for the final 20 mins. The score remained 22-31 at the final whistle.

A deserved victory for Aycliffe who continue to go from strength to strength. There is always room for more players. Any player wishing to add themselves to this fantastic club please come forward on Tuesday or Thursday evening at Moore Lane 7pm and introduce yourself.

A huge thanks to our main sponsor for the match The Mortgage Advice Centre. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. This coming Saturday 28th September, Aycliffe are at home to Prudhoe and Stocksfield RUFC. A match that promises to be a thriller. All support is welcome at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane, where you will be made most welcome and you can enjoy the bar and facilities of this great local club. The club are open early for the forthcoming England World Cup games. Check the sports club website for details. Follow Aycliffe Rugby on Facebook.



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The validation by the Open University means, for the first time, learners can complete their full degree at the college without having to travel to university for a final 'top-up' year of study. The many advantages include significant financial savings; the £7,500 annual course fee is well below the average university fee of £9,250. Learners will also receive £500 cashback each year to

help with the purchase of books and to pay for student membership of the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy.

A further £500 per student per year will be paid by the college into a learning fund to resource masterclasses, off-site events and visiting lecturers and speakers. Student loans and maintenance loans will also be available to assist with costs.

Eighteen students have enrolled on the new counselling degree course. Others, including Emma Taylor, have enrolled on the final top-up year of the counselling degree course, having already completed their Foundation Degree.

Emma, 36, of Bishop Auckland, said: "As a working mum, having the privilege to study towards a full honours degree in my home town will provide the opportunity to reach my potential. I have thrived at Bishop Auckland College over the past three years progressing from an introductory level right through to achieving Distinction at Foundation Degree."

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"The Open University's validation panel, who visited the college earlier this year, praised the excellent industry links involved in developing the degree course and the opportunities that it will offer in terms of progression and widening participation to our students. We look forward to welcoming our first undergraduates."

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Woodham Academy Students Coach Trip Thailand Experience



This summer, 14 students from Woodham Academy went on a life changing trip to Thailand. Woodham's Thailand Experience was set up in June 2018, where KS4 students were selected for a place via a formal interview, including how they planned to fundraise over a one year period. In addition to working on an elephant sanctuary for 6 days, students also visited Bangkok city, Benchasiri Park, known for its art sculptures and small lake, Chiang Mai, Tha Phae Gate and Kanchanaburi, which included a boat trip down the River Kwai. The elephant sanctuary stunned the students! This was very much the highlight of the trip, however during their stay, they were educated on the Thai culture and how elephants play a huge part in a range of ceremonies and livelihoods. All of the animals in the sanctuary had been rescued from poor treatment in Thailand. Working at the sanctuary, students were hands on with the animals and in their enclosures, which was challenging considering the 35 degree temperatures. The students were able to be involved in many cultural experiences including a blessing, Thai dance and a lesson in speaking Thai. Woodham has already selected 14 KS4 students that will be travelling to Thailand in the Summer of 2020. Fundraising has already begun and we look forward to keeping you updated on their journey. To see what the students have experienced or to follow their journey please follow their Facebook page - @woodhamthailandexperience

New Friends New Places welcome you to join them on their coach trips. Bamburgh and Seahouses Sunday 29th September, cost £5. Leaving Wilkos bus stop 9.00am and Stephenson Way Cemetery at 9.10am. Saturday 5th October trip to Northallerton and Thirsk Markets, cost £5. Leaving Wilkos bus stop 9.30am and Stephenson Way cemetery bus stop at 9.40am. Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477. *Gamp has given a grant towards these trips.*

Obituary

Michael John Taylor



In loving memory of Michael John Taylor who sadly passed away peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer, on 21st September 2019. A loving Husband of Angela; devoted Father to Debbie and adored Grandad of Chelsea and Luke. Funeral to be held at St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 2nd October at 10.00am with private burial to follow. The family would like to thank Macmillan Nurses, District Nurses, Marie Curie Nurses, Nightingale Care, Dr. Scott and staff at Peaseway and John Meynell Funeral Directors. Donations to Cancer Research in lieu of flowers.

Mark Robinson

Passed peacefully on the morning of Sunday 22nd September, aged 55. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mark's life at Wear Valley Crematorium at 3.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. Wake to follow at The Big Club, Newton Aycliffe. Family flowers only. Any donations will be given to St. Teresa's Hospice, Darlington.

Angus Hewitt

Died peacefully at home on 19th September, aged 68 years. A dear Dad, Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. Will never be forgotten. Funeral to be held at West Cemetery, School Aycliffe on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 1.30pm.

Thank You

Thank You

Tricia would like to thank everyone who came to her 80th birthday party and a special thank you to my Daughter Linda who did all the catering and organised everything. A great time was had by all. Thanks to John Melvin Disco and Karaoke.

In Memoriam

Patricia Wiegold

2nd October 2018



Thinking of you today Mam, but that is nothing new, for no day dawns and no day ends without a thought of you. Love, Francesca, Ronnie, Fiona, Mark, all Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Leo Radley

28th September 2018

A good friend to many. Can't believe it's been a year already, sadly missed by Dave and Jane, Chris and Jackie, Gary and Rita

Avril Alderson

05/04/1939 - 03/10/2013

Treasured memories of a much loved and missed Wife, Mam and Nanna. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Jimmy, Michelle, Laurence, Thomas and Katherine xxxxx

Congratulations

Congratulations

Rose Mayoh

Happy 74th Birthday
27th September 2019

To a wonderful and helpful Mam and Grandma from Maria, Christine, Ian, Anita and Granddaughter Kimberly

John-Paul Howarth

30th September 2019

Happy Birthday John-Paul. Have a great weekend. Love from Dad, Bev, and all the family.

John-Paul Howarth



30th September

Have a fab weekend. All my love, Lisa
Happy Birthday to our amazing Dad and Stepdad. Lots of love from Dylan, Kameron, Loren and Aimee xxxx
Happy Birthday JP
Love from all the family

Loren Olivia Ballantyne



30th September
Happy 16th Birthday Princess

Have an amazing weekend. All our love, Mam and John-Paul xx
Happy 16th Birthday to a special Sister. Love from Aimee, Dylan and Kameron xxx
Happy 16th Birthday
Love from all the family

Congratulations to Brian & Jackie Sowerby



On your 30th Wedding Anniversary on 30th September 1989. Party at the Scout Hall, Newton Aycliffe on 28th September from 6.00pm until 11.00pm. All those invited, please arrive early as Brian would like a group photo (before everyone gets bladdered!!)

Raymond and Marie Ellis



26th September 2019

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary

Lots of love from Darren, Jennifer and Courtney

Carl Natrass



Happy 21st Birthday
Love from Mum, Dad and Stacey

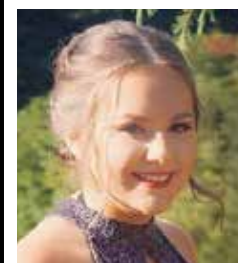
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30th September

Oh dear, Oh dear "Mr Newton News" is turning 44. Happy birthday from the Press Gang

Emily Haigh



Happy 18th Birthday

We are so proud of you. Love from Mam, Dad, Elisha and Alaya. Also, best wishes. Love, Momma and Grandpa xx

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SCARLET READY FOR TEESSIDE



School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn looks forward to this weekend when she competes in the Bambino Championship at Teesside Karting.

She practised at the circuit last weekend when she did a total of 90 laps, driving both her Comer and IAME powered karts and she set her fastest laps to date on both, including some very fast 58 second lap times on the Comer!

"She can't wait to get out on the kart every time - she wants to race every

weekend. She really loves it!" said Mam Amanda. She currently lies 4th in the Teesside Bambino Comer club championship.

She will be driving alongside brother Harrison who will be making his competitive debut on Sunday. The weekend will be streamed live here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgaUr8EdUCo> For more information on Scarlet or to support her racing as a sponsor visit www.ScarletDunnRacing.com

Youthy Football Round Up



NAYFC U8 Eagles

Newton Aycliffe U9 Eagles played Greatham Whites and came out on top in an end to end game. Both teams started well and both keepers were forced into early saves. Greatham took an early lead but the Eagles levelled the score when Jayden fired a shot into the top bin. Aycliffe took control of the game and worked some really good opportunities to put them ahead. A good battling performance making 2 wins out of 2 for the season.

Durham Utd Tigers 1 - 9 NAYFC U12 Falcons

The score line opened after a missed penalty resulted in a follow up ball, with a tap in off Issac. The lads seemed to be pressing well but couldn't seem to score, hitting the post, cross bar



NAYFC U10 Angels Yellow

and getting cleared off the line several times. You could see their frustration when Durham equalised. At HT Falcons were winning 3-1 and following a half time talks, they came out on fire; passing the ball, moving, receiving and creating some great openings. Issac and Moore doing some lovely one twos and some great running down the left of Will who was always a threat. Our defence was solid with Leo, Fin and Tyler. Great all round performance. Goals: Will 5, Moore 2, Issac 1, Logan 1.

Aycliffe Angels had a run of games today, with the U9 Angels and U10 Angels Yellow having to

amend their plans due to oppositions turning up with only 5 players. To ensure fair play, and in the spirit of grassroots, we matched their opposition numbers and despite a rocky start (having never played 5-a-side) the girls settled into their games with energy, hard work and smiles. A win came for U9 Angels against Thornaby Town. The best game yet for the Yellows led to a well contested loss against CLS Amazon Avengers, along with a goal from new Angel Amy. The U10 Angels Blue took a convincing win against newly formed Stockton Town and played with spirit, control and respect.

Well done Angels.

Weekend Roundup:

NAYFC U8 Wildcats won against CLS Amazon Aztecs. NAYFC U11 Boys held a comfortable win against Darlington Mount Pleasant. NAYFC U11 Eagles draw away to Crookhall Beck Blues. NAYFC U11 Wildcats lost in a well played match against Norton & Stockton. NAYFC U15 Girls took a loss to Washington in a game that sadly didn't reflect the score. NAYFC U13 Girls has their first game of the season to Durham Utd and lost in an exciting match. NAYFC U16 Eagles 11 - 3 Redcar Town Blues. U13 Falcons 7 - 1 Hurworth Albion. CLS Waldrige Park 0 v 3 Newton Aycliffe Women.

Want To Play Squash?

To promote and develop squash, in and around the town, Aycliffe Squash Club, in partnership with the OakLeaf Sports Complex, will be running drop in sessions for anyone aged over 16 on Saturdays from 4pm to 5.30pm, starting on Saturday 5th October.

They will be led by experienced club players, catering for beginners, improvers and club players, offering advice, assessment, guidance and practice. There will be a nominal charge of £2.00 towards the cost of the courts.

Anyone interested in getting into squash or already playing, but wanting to get better, should come along. No booking required. For further information, call the Oak Leaf on 01325 300600 or visit aycliffesquash.co.uk

COMPETITION DEBUT AT TEESSIDE



School Aycliffe's young budding racer, 5 year old Harrison Dunn, lines up this weekend to make his motorsport competition debut.

He is due to compete at local track Teesside Karting, Middlesbrough, where he was testing again on his Birel Bambino Comer Kart last weekend, setting his best lap times to date & clocking up over 70 laps in the process.

Harrison is the younger brother of Scarlet Dunn who has been successful in Bambino Comer and IAME karting.

Their team, Amaron racing, will be supporting them for the weekend. The team is made up of 3 generations of family racers; Grandad Ron, Mam Amanda & Scarlet & Harrison.

"Harrison is really looking forward to this event and also to see his karting friends again!" said Mam. The event is free for spectators to attend and is also streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCX6op3KzOY> For more information on Harrison visit HarrisonDunnRacing.com

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