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ACORN Spooktacular Halloween Party

Local community association ACORN will be holding their annual family Halloween Party in Newton Aycliffe leisure centre on 26th October from 6pm till 10.30pm. Tickets are now available priced at £1 and the event consists of a family disco, a buffet and a free raffle. Places are restricted to 160 so get yours quickly, this is an ideal opportunity for young families to have a fun evening out together. Under 16 year olds must be accompanied by an adult. Feel free to dress up as we also have a prize for the best costume. Tickets available from Ken on 01325 321471.



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Thursday 24th - "Line Dancing" £3.00 Entry, Dave Lisley

Friday 25th - Halloween Party
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Saturday 26th - Fab duo "Hot Wire"
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MP Phil Wilson Putting Brightwater on the Map

If you're sat there asking where is Brightwater and why haven't I heard of it? Well it's probably been beneath your wellies without you realising it! Brightwater stretches north from Darlington and includes the town and villages of Newton Aycliffe, Sedgfield, Bishop Middleham, Fishburn and the Trimdons via Hurworth Burn Reservoir.

Unfortunately we weren't given a catchy name like "The Dales" or "The Lakes" so we've had to make one up. The Skerne was originally named by our Viking ancestors; the word 'skirr' means bright and shining - Discover Brightwater our new catchy name.

Discover Brightwater is a landscape project which has been funded by all of the nice people that play the lottery. The National Lottery Heritage funds together with local councils, Environmental Agencies and others have funded a programme of events, projects and activities over the next few years which will allow us to restore, reveal and celebrate life around the River Skerne.

On the 5th September local MP Phil Wilson attended an end of day adjournment debate in the House of Commons where he told the nation about some of the fantastic things in our patch. To mark the occasion the Discover Brightwater team and MP Phil Wilson took a not-so-mystery tour around Brightwater which was a trip down memory lane whilst stepping into the future of Brightwater. We visited key sites and attractions in the area including Hurworth Burn Reservoir, The Mary Magdalene Church, Fishburn Colliery Pit Wheel, NETPark, Hardwick Country Park, Heighington Station, Hitachi Rail, ROF 59 and Discover Brightwater



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The morning ended with a free business lunch for VIP guests including local businesses, politicians and our partners. Guests learned more about the £3.3 million project funded by the National Lottery players via the Heritage Fund and walked away with a goodie bag and Discover Brightwater beer.

MP Phil Wilson said, "I was delighted to travel through my constituency with Discover Brightwater. This project is about the past by preserving the heritage of our area, the present by revealing the natural environment and the future by developing beautiful walks and hubs for visitors and local people to enjoy." If you would like to find out how the debate went, please visit the website and search

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019

On Saturday 9th November Neville Parade Methodist Church will be holding their Christmas Crafts & Gifts Fair at Neville Parade Methodist Church from 10.00am till 2.00pm.

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Menopause is No Joke

Dear Sir,
There can be few women over the age of 50 unfamiliar with the symptoms of the menopause: hot flushes, mood swings, sleeplessness and vaginal dryness being most common. Given that these symptoms are caused by life-altering changes to women's reproductive systems, it is hardly surprising that going through the menopause can feel at times like an overwhelming and uncontrollable assault on your whole being. While some women might sail through the menopause with few difficulties, others will suffer to a greater degree. Most women, however, will understand the pressures of trying to maintain performance at work while going through these changes, as well as feeling the stigma associated with them.

Employers are under no obligation to consider the specific needs of menopausal women. Under a Labour government, this will change. Large employers will have to provide training for managers to ensure that adjustments to working practices can be made where necessary. These should include flexibility and time off where necessary.

People are having to work longer before they can retire – and remember, if the current government gets its way, that could be up to age 75! It is only right that, when women go through one of the most difficult periods in their lives, they can be assured of supportive treatment at work. Bear in mind also that this will not happen without a Labour government!

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Sam Hauxwell Review: "The blistering set takes in AC/DC, Saxon, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Ozzy, Scorpions, Metallica, Rainbow, Guns 'n' Roses etc . . . not always the usual choices but a mixed bag of METAL mayhem! What makes Revenant stand out from the rest is the years of experience and musicianship put into play during their live performances. Arguably one of the greatest local bands I've ever seen, they never disappoint their audience which is full of bikers and a loyal following. Revenant have a fantastic set list, which is even enjoyed by those that wouldn't consider themselves metal fans. I personally wouldn't have ever thought of myself as a metal fan but coming from the Frigate on Saturday night, I found myself singing their set list long after they'd finished their mind blowing performance. Black Sabbath, Rage Against the Machine and Metallica are just some of the bands they cover songs from, chewing it up into their own sound and spitting it back into the audience's ears as a kick-in-the-balls stamp on their live covers. Wherever they go Revenant create an atmosphere like no other, and it's often hard to find a band with music skills as high as theirs, with the ability to get the audience pumped and feeling like they own the world."

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Geoff Scott from KeepMoat visited Byerley Park Primary School this week to talk about safety on and around the building site near the school at Elder Gardens, off Middridge Road.

The children learnt about how the workforce keep safe on the site and why building sites can be dangerous. They have been challenged to design safety posters that will be displayed around the site, so keep an eye out for their designs!

County Council Secure £5m in Aycliffe Scheme



Durham County Council has agreed to a 30 year head-lease on Merchant Anglo's Station Place phase of the Merchant Park industrial scheme, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. The agreement will enable the developer to secure £5m investment.

The proposals for the development will be submitted to the Council's planning committee for consideration, the proposed head-lease is subject to planning permission being granted. The 2.5 acre site, which adjoins the RICS Award-winning Hitachi Rail Europe plant, itself a Merchant Anglo development, has the potential to deliver 50,000 sq ft in terraced buildings from 3,500 sq ft to 5,000 sq ft in the first instance.

Geoff Hunton, director, Merchant Anglo, says he is delighted to be working with Durham County Council on Station Place.

"The £5m investment allows us to bring forward much-needed industrial space to support new and expanding businesses in Newton Aycliffe," says Mr Hunton.

"Work will start on the first phase early in 2020 for availability by the autumn. Sanderson Weatherall, Newcastle, and CBRE Leeds have been appointed as joint letting agents. The remainder of the Merchant Park, which has the potential to deliver up to a further 667,000 sq ft in building from 25,000 sq ft to 330,000 sq ft buildings will be the subject of future development opportunities." Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration at Durham County Council, said: "The decision by Cabinet will allow the developer to push forward with plans to create new industrial units at Station Place in Newton Aycliffe. The town is already a leading centre for manufacturing and, subject to planning permission, this development will provide even more industrial space, creating new jobs and investment opportunities in the heart of County Durham. "Our aim is to make it as easy as possible for businesses to create jobs in County Durham, and Station Place is a great example

of putting this into reality. We as a council realise the potential of working in partnership with the private sector in ensuring that projects continue to come to fruition. It is wonderful to see public and private sector investment totalling £3.4 billion already paving the way for state-of-the-art new business parks and opportunities right across the county and allowing existing sites like Merchant Park to expand."

The units will be managed by Business Durham, the economic development arm of Durham County Council, Brian Archer, managing director, Business Durham says: "County Durham has a strong manufacturing sector and demand for modern industrial facilities has outstripped supply over recent years. This proposed development at Merchant Park would provide suitable premises for new and growing businesses in the county as well as investors from outside the area."

"Merchant Park will be an exciting addition to the business community at Newton Aycliffe which is already home to more than 500 companies, employing around 10,000 people including many international companies such as Husqvarna, Gestamp Tallent and II-VI."

ACORN Community Association

We will be holding our monthly meeting on Thursday 10th October at 6.00pm in the Phoenix Club (upstairs). Our speaker for the evening will be Katy from the Police Cyber Crime Unit who will no doubt be up to date on the current scams, how to avoid being tricked and how to keep you and your family safe.

We have a few seats left for the trip to Pickering on 12th October (40's weekend). Ring 01325 321471 if you are interested. Tickets for the Halloween Party on Saturday 26th October will also be on sale - cost £1 to include disco, buffet supper, free raffle and games. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

The Residents Association meeting follows on after the Community Association and our local Councillors will attend, if possible, to take away any suggestions or complaints.

Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, tea, coffee and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you then.

REFEREE VISIT CANCELLED

Premier League Referee, Martin Atkinson, was to be guest speaker at the Bishop Auckland Referees' Association this month. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled as Martin is required to attend a meeting at St. George's Park.

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Bloomin' Marvellous County

County Durham continues to blossom as it wows the judges of a prestigious regional gardening competition once again.

The county has won a series of awards in Northumbria in Bloom, including best overall entry for Tanfield, best small city for Durham and best large town for Bishop Auckland.

Chester-le-Street also impressed the judges with its cricket themed floral feature at the entrance to the Riverside Ground for the Cricket World Cup and came in joint second with a silver award in the large town category.

Other successes include Sedgfield scooping the best small-town award and Belmont also claimed best urban community. As well as winning best overall entry, Tanfield claimed victory in the small village category.

Wharton Park was named best park in the region and was described as an ample habitat for wildlife, from the wildflower meadow to the large mature trees and the newly opened community garden which is full of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Pam Phillips, of the Middleton in Teesdale In Bloom group, which received a silver gilt in the village category, was named as one of three community champions for her dedication and commitment to the competition over the last 17 years.

Durham City, Wharton Park and Chester-le-Street were submitted by Durham County Council with the others put forward by either



town or parish councils, or local 'In Bloom' groups.

Judges visited Durham in the height of summer and were shown the best flourishing floral displays on the city's roundabouts, which also bared mining memorabilia, including giant miners' lamps, all in honour of the Durham Miners' Association's 150th anniversary.

They said of Durham's best small city success: "Durham's World Heritage status confirms its international importance, but the local partnerships produce a beautiful, welcoming, vibrant city. The magnificent architecture is softened by abundant floral displays and the mature trees in the parks, gardens and colleges suggest a calm green woodland in the city. The move to wildflower planting and the wildlife corridor along the riverbanks benefit the natural world, and trails of battery powered tools and vehicles demonstrates a commitment to the future. Durham does not fail to impress."

In giving Tanfield the Percy Boydell Award for best overall entry, judges said: "Tanfield is a small rural village in County Durham of around 100 households on a steep hillside with a history dating to Saxon times. It has a strong sense of identity in its modern role as an attractive, colourful commuter village through its widespread enthusiasm,

passion, people and flower power which are its major strengths."

Judges who visited Sedgfield said: "From past performance Sedgfield has a very high reputation to maintain and they certainly live up to that. With their professionalism and strong core team they have confidence in their ability to execute the plans they make for the year. They ensure inclusion of the residents and children in their work. The Bloom group's influence and commitment to maintaining the high standards of the town is evident in every aspect and their strong relationship with the local council is a great benefit to the town."

And of Belmont, they added: "An urban community with many attractive private gardens and many outstanding community projects within its boundaries. The group are very aware of current environmental thinking as shown in the "Scrambles", and its allotment site and school garden. It provides attractive seasonal bedding for both Spring and Summer, as well as permanent planting areas."

Northumbria In Bloom is part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom, a yearly nationwide gardening competition. Durham City and Tanfield are also hoping for a top prize in this year's national awards, which will be announced on Friday, 25 October.

Thousands Enjoy Bishop Celebrating Together

Bishop Celebrating

Together took place last weekend where thousands of people enjoyed the entertainment, performances and activities. The weekend kicked off on Friday night with the Full Moon Street Food Market where hundreds of people enjoyed the very best street food along with some live music. On Saturday there was a variety of local singers and entertainment on the main stage along with food stalls, traders and community groups.

Clive Auld, Chair of the Events Team, said: "This is one of our biggest events and we were pleased the rain stayed away and the towns people turned out. The singers were all brilliant and some of the highlights included Jack Drum Arts who brought the carnival atmosphere into

the market place with their popular 'Runaway Samba'. The Sandra Welsh School of Dance performed three impressive dance routines and Innovations who the crowds absolutely loved."

Lee Brownson added: "We were so pleased the turnout from the public and many shops and business reported they had record sales. The weekend is all about celebrating everything about the town with live music, entertainment, great food, activities and people having lots of fun!"

The annual event began in 2017 and is organised by the Bishop Auckland Town Team volunteers and supported by Bishop Auckland Town Council.

The next Town Team event is Monster Saturday taking place on Saturday 26th October.

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Over the last three weeks, Vane Road's Cross Country team took part in the SSP Cross Country League against three other schools. Competing in a variety of weather conditions, our running superstars braved and battled the elements to finish in 1st place, collecting gold medals! All children showed great grit and determination throughout the competition but there were some outstanding individual performances from Jackson, Courtney, Clayton, Hannah and Sam.

Well done to all of those children who were involved.

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PCP Marks World Mental Health Day!

Leading North East health and wellbeing charity, Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is marking World Mental Health Day by hosting an event open to the whole community at the Pioneering Care Centre, Thursday 10th October, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

The Garden Kitchen

PCP's coffee shop, will be hosting a "Tea and Talk" event to tackle the stigma and discrimination regarding mental health. There will be a range of special deals on drinks and homemade cakes. The event will be supported by PCP's health advocates, who will be on hand to keep the conversation going and provide information and support. Throughout the day there will be a number of activities including:

Nordic Walking:

9.30 – 10.30 am

Get to know the local area with Liz Jolly Fitness Nordic walking group. With walking poles provided, improve your fitness and have fun in a social exercise group.

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Health Walk:

9.30 – 10.30 am

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Cost: Free

Upbeat Chair Aerobics:

11.30 – 12.30 pm



Get fit in this low impact class using a chair as a prop. Cost: £4.00

Computer Suite:

10.00 – 1.00 pm

Will be open for people to use and access social media and to connect with people online in a safe space.

Cost: Free

Outdoor Gym Sessions

Alison will be on hand to deliver sessions to support people who are interested in using our PCP's community gym but are not sure where to start.

Cost: Free

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, said "PCP are hoping the event will help break the stigma around mental health and get people talking. Too often we hide how we are truly feeling and cover up emotions with a smile and telling people we're "fine" when we aren't! PCP want to show people it's okay not to be okay and a conversation can really help!"

To find out more about other events PCP are planning please follow PCP on Twitter @PioneeringCare, Facebook @PCPandCentre or Instagram @pioneeringcare

Are You Ready To Move It, Move It?



The smash-hit musical Madagascar is dropping in to Darlington for a limited run from Wednesday 9 to Sunday 13 October.

Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – The Musical, follows all of your favourite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins – to explore the world.

This wacky adventure for the whole family is directed by award winning Kirk Jameson with choreography from Fabian Aloise. Designed by Tom Rogers, with Lighting Design by Howard Hudson, Sound Design by Chris Whybrow, Musical Supervision from Mark Crossland, Puppet Design by Max Humphries and Puppet Direction from Emma Brunton.

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, you'll have no choice but to "Move It, Move It!"

Madagascar is at Darlington Hippodrome from Wednesday 9 to Sunday 13 October. For more information or to book call 01325 405405 or visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

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Make Christmas come early for one special dog Maggie, a Blue Greyhound, aged 3 years. She is with NASSL being looked after for a long time and needs a home to call her own. Maggie needs to be the only dog due to her past life and requires lots of love. She does not like cats or other small animals. She needs to be with an older family, this is due to her playing a lot like a puppy still, due to her past life. She will need ongoing training till she has gained all her skills. Please, let's help get Maggie a home for herself.

Home check:

Ongoing support from the NASSL support team.

Please share this information to help get Maggie a new home. Please Telephone NASSL 01325 321855, ask for Pauline.

Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking, From Despair to Dignity



on FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2019
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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

AFTERNOON PRESENTATION: 12.30 to 3.00pm

(Free admission - Refreshments available)

Presentations and Guest Speakers with representations from Junction 7, Durham Constabulary, Durham Police Crime and Victims Commissioner's Office, Gang Masters Labour Licensing Authority and Samantha Poling BBC Panorama.

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:
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PIANIST RECITAL

Recital by Martin Roscoe

Sunday, 20th October, 3pm

Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Darlington

For the opening recital of what promises to be a wonderful 2019 – 20 season, the Piano Society welcomes Martin Roscoe, one of Britain's foremost pianists. Martin opened the 2017 season and attracted one of the largest audiences ever and his return is, therefore, much anticipated.

With an extraordinary career spanning over four decades, Martin Roscoe is renowned for his versatility at the keyboard and is equally at home in concerto, recital and chamber performances. With a repertoire of over 100 concertos, Martin works regularly with many of the UK's leading orchestras and has partnered eminent conductors such as Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Mark Elder and Christoph von Dohnányi. His chamber music partnerships include long-standing associations with fellow pianists Peter Donohoe, Kathryn Stott, violinists Tasmin Little and Jennifer Pike and many of the country's leading string quartets.

Recent concerto highlights include appearances with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales and BBC Symphony



Orchestra and, having had over 600 broadcasts, including seven BBC Prom appearances, Martin is one of the most regularly played pianists on BBC Radio 3. His programme includes a first half of classical sonatas by Haydn and Schubert and a second half of works by Debussy, Ravel and Liszt, evocative of France and Spain.

Greg Johnson, the Society's chairman, said "to have Martin to begin our season for a second time is a real coup as he is one of the country's finest pianists and is in great demand with a busy schedule throughout the UK. His programme is of universal appeal and our audience will enjoy performances of the highest quality from a consummate performer".

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Consultations on Climate Change and Roadworks (if you have not already responded), plus some thought-provoking issues to consider.

Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNBI31

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Climate Emergency consultation.
- DCC Street Work Permit Scheme consultation.
- DCC head-lease enables £5 million Station Place development on Aycliffe Business Park.
- DEI Annual Research Symposium, Wednesday 25 September.
- Durham University to lead £1million research project into hydrogen-fuelled transport.
- Aycliffe Anti-Social Behaviour Group, Thursday 26 September.
- On 27 September, the Friends of the S&DR celebrated the 194th Anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.
- Brightwater River Skerne launch event, Monday 30 September.
- Healthwatch County Durham October newsletter (including: Mental health and

the journey to parenthood; Public consultation for stroke rehabilitation services; Ward 6 Bishop Auckland General Hospital; Could you be a "Sighted Guide"?)

- Ron Hogg has opened up a debate on assisted dying.
- Event: Modern Day Slavery & Human Trafficking, Woodham Golf Club, Friday 18 October – 12:30pm FREE afternoon presentation; 6pm evening meal and presentation, £25. Phone 07783 539167.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Durham Book Festival, 5-13 October.
- October History Walk, Durham Cathedral, meet 10:30am Saturday 12 October, Adults £5, Children free.
- Wildlife Watch (4-11s), Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am-noon Saturday 12 October, £1, phone 01388 718606 to book.
- Indian herbs & spices (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm Saturday 12 October, FREE.
- Aycliffe Radio
- The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 6 October will be 'The Conservative Party Conference': bit.ly/ARLIVE

Fuelling Kids Educational Growth



Waste recycling and sustainability firm, Warrens Group, has teamed up with The Greggs Foundation for a trek to raise awareness of the issues around food poverty and children's health.

Members of the Newton Aycliffe team joined more than 80 walkers for a 19-mile walk along Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland earlier this month to raise cash for the Greggs' Breakfast Club Programme.

The family business, which is headed up by brothers and directors Adam and Antony Warren, has worked with Greggs for over 14 years which has led to the firm partnering with the Greggs Foundation. Since the relationship with the charity began, the firm has been working on areas such as the Greggs Foundation breakfast clubs and Hardship Fund Programme.

Alongside sponsorship, Warrens supports St Andrew's Primary School in Bishop Auckland and Marchbank Free School in Darlington, to forge relationships with the staff and help families fund new school uniforms and footwear.

Warrens Group helps businesses reduce the amount of food waste

they send to landfill and incineration across the region by turning it into 'good' energy for local communities.

"Our work with the Greggs Foundation is an extension of what we do every day as a business. We are committed to giving back to the community and the breakfast clubs are a fantastic way to ensure children get the nutrition they need to aid their concentration and fuel their imaginations for the day ahead."

Alongside its work with The Greggs Foundation, Warrens has also raised around £2,000 by taking part in a nine-mile walk along Cleveland Way to raise money for mental health charity, the Samaritans.

Three generations of the Warren family took part in the walk, with Adam being joined by his daughter Isabel aged 11 and father John.



MIDDRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Thomas Sharp, and his plans for Durham City in the 1940s.

The New Season begins on Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in Midldridge Village Hall.

Dorothy Hamilton will give an intriguing insight into a man, born in Bishop Auckland, who was to become famous as a major national influence on the development of ideas of townscapes, as well as being the most widely read author on the subject of town planning.

His plan for Durham City is very interesting in the light of what is happening at present.

Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October 2019

Here at The Hub of Wishes we will be spending 10th October, which is World Mental Health Day, with members getting together in the morning, catching up, and having a slideshow of Stewart's recent HOW photos. This is always a laugh as Stewart takes many "natural" photos alongside the posed ones. Thanks Stewart – smiley face!

At lunchtime everyone will enjoy a home cooked lunch, (thanks to the staff); followed by a fun (or rather funny) game of bingo.

Afterwards everyone has a cuppa before they leave at 4pm. Simple – yes, but . . . the element here is togetherness - supporting each other, encouraging everyone to join in, and an easy atmosphere where everyone feels safe to talk, listen and help.

Along with togetherness there is kindness, it costs nothing to be kind and try to understand others. Add to that light-hearted fun - for it is said laughter is the best remedy. We try to see the funny side. We laugh at ourselves and then we big ourselves up in a fun way. This is a group of people combating loneliness and feeling low, this is improving their wellbeing. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, and offer daily activities including:

Monday

10.30am Gentle Exercise
11-12.30 Hubsters Singing Group

1-3pm – Art Group

Tuesday

10.30am Gentle Exercise
12noon Lunch Club
1.30pm Bingo

Wednesday

11am Colour Me Calm
1pm Movie Club
(also our therapy day)

Thursday

10.30am Gentle Exercise
12noon Lunch Club
1.30pm Bingo

Friday - All day

Healthy Body & Healthy Mind – activities can vary,

ie: dance based exercise, boxercise, health walks, Tai Chi.

If you would like to visit our centre but feel nervous, please telephone Vicki or Joanne first for a chat. If you have any queries or require further information please contact us by telephone or email.

Tel: 01325 300121
Email thehubofwishes@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook and YouTube too!

PLEASE NOTE

Our website is www.hubofwishes.co.uk (there is no "the" before hub).

Can You Help NASSL?

NASSL have been busy placing more pet food collection bins in smaller shops to try and boost our food supplies to keep up with the demand of feeding animals coming into our care.

This size bin is a smaller version of the larger food bins we have in various supermarkets, and are more suited to small outlets. A massive thank you must go to Grannies Choice and Julies Pet Shop, both in Newton Aycliffe for taking a bin.

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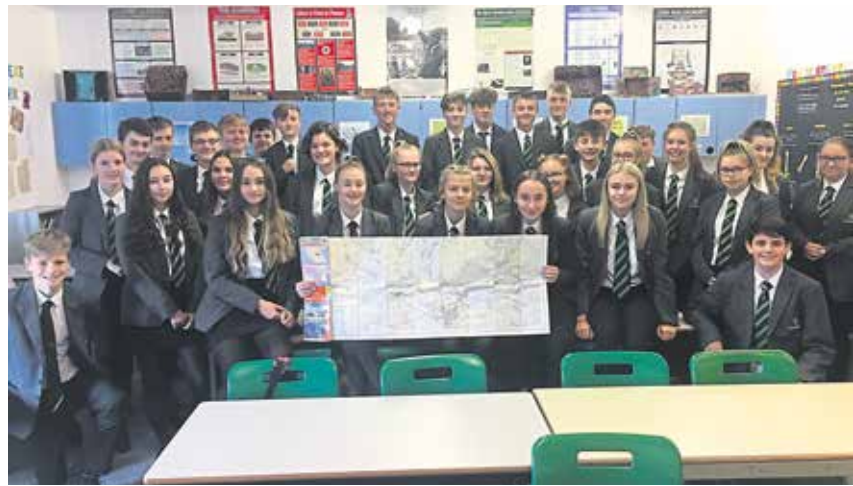


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Duke of Edinburgh Awards 2019



Woodham Academy are very proud to be a licensed premise of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Currently, over 60 students from Y10 and Y11 have signed up to complete the Bronze Award, which focuses on the wider, holistic school environment whilst helping to secure educational outcomes. The Duke of Edinburgh Award includes the key components of leadership, encompassing skills

far more than simply leading a group; it is about working collaboratively, fostering perseverance, determination and resilience. This award is recognised nationally and internationally by universities and employers, helping to encourage students to raise their aspirations and become future leaders. For the Bronze Award, our students are taking part in a variety of activities to fulfil the four components of this section. For example, students are completing volunteer work in a local care home, coaching younger students in sport and learning a different language. The final section of the Bronze Award is an expedition which will be completed in the summer term. The Duke of Edinburgh Award offers students a variety of opportunities to try something new and engage in the local community. We wish all our students every success in completing this award.

Continued Investment at Ebac after Annual Results



Ebac, the County Durham-based electrical goods manufacturer, the only British company to produce washing machines, dehumidifiers & water coolers in the UK, has released its financial results for 2018. The figures reflect investment and development costs in new products and markets. Turnover fell slightly to £16.2 million, with mild weather conditions meaning sales of dehumidifiers remained static. Sales of washing machines were in line with forecast, with unit volumes 13% up on 2017. The company posted an anticipated loss of £1.2 million, which included the impact of development costs relating to a new watercooler product for the US market, continued investment in its washing machine production and investment in technology and logistics to facilitate more direct sales. John Elliott, chairman of Ebac Limited, said: "2018 was a difficult year, but because there are no private shareholders it enables us to take a long-term view and continue to invest for the future. I am confident that the business will return to

profit in 2019 and by 2020 will be reaping the reward of the investment in research and development of new products and markets."

Film Show

"A Wrinkle in Time"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 8th October features the 2018 Disney magical adventure "A WRINKLE IN TIME", telling the story of an ordinary girl's epic adventure and brave journey home. Starring Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling and Storm Reid. Everyone is welcome, please come along and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2.00 admission. The film starts at 1.15pm and a variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

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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	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
• 6th Oct: Paul Howell		
• 13th Oct: Pre-recorded interview with MP Phil Wilson		
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
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6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
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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
• 8th Oct - Simon Clayton (Football Referee)		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D. Clare
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
• 11th Oct - Andy Little from CentralFM, Spain (80s Classics)		

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Why Are We Being Treated Like Morons?

Dear Sir,
Post Referendum Cllr. Beetham posted on Facebook that all Leavers are 'Morons' and 'should all be gassed'. In his latest, 'thoughts on Brexit', our MP. Phil Wilson, who promised to respect our Brexit, suggests that Labour should negotiate a deal and then hold another Referendum with the choice being 'BAD DEAL or REMAIN!' Clearly, he too thinks that the 60% of his electorate who voted Leave, are morons. There cannot, and must not, be another In/Out Referendum until the result of the first one has been implemented. Remain as an option was

Europeans Want Out Too

Dear Sir,
As your readers will no doubt recall, I submitted a letter to the Newton News a couple of weeks ago, in which I stated that my wife and I had voted for Brexit. I wonder if people in this country realise, why so many did?
A few weeks ago I was speaking to an English business man who conducted business, in particular with German companies and had resided there for some years. Many of these companies were disenchanted more and more with the concept of the European Community, with its stringent policies and its rules and regulations. Apparently, many ordinary German citizens feel exactly the same way. This is also felt strongly by other countries within the European Community, such as France. As far as I could gather, their main gripe is being dictated to by unelected bureaucrats in Brussels. This is precisely why so many people here in the UK for to LEAVE. I also feel as a Brexiteer that we will survive when we leave. After all we have overcome many problems in our past history and we are a determined and resilient country.
R. McNeal

rejected. It is as dead as the Norwegian Blue Parrot in Monty Python! Remember, Phil Wilson also told us that, if standing up for our Brexit meant opposing Corbyn; he would. He will also break this promise if he votes down the Government in a confidence vote and then proposes Corbyn as interim Prime Minister. I for one, will be much displeased should he even think about now supporting the anti-Semitic Corbyn. His argument appears to be that after 3 years of obstruction by the EU, Remainers, the Establishment, the Speaker and the Courts, Leave voters will have changed their minds. He has another thought coming. It is not just Brexit that is at stake now; it is our DEMOCRACY. In the meantime, it appears that another Labour/Momentum stalwart in the Local Party is drip feeding us left-wing propaganda under various 'aliases'. "Lilith Mooney", "Teddy Walter Moon" (the writing dog, or should it be bitch, since she is female) and Cllr. Beetham are all one and the same person / thing. Personally, I think it only proper that Councillors who write letters in support of their politics do so under their own hand. Further, it is devious, underhand and sinister for this Councillor to be a guest on "Aycliffe Radio – Political programme" (Hosted by Labour Councillor John. D. Clare) using her doggy alias. Is she banned under her own name?
It is against Facebook's policy to have a page using an alias. Cllr. Beetham has TWO. Voters in Sedgefield Constituency should be fully aware of the views of those who want to represent them on the Council and in Parliament. The local Labour / Momentum party continue to use subterfuge and aliases to hide their sinister side from public scrutiny. If you 'Crimewatch' you will note that the 'Most Wanted' criminals all have aliases. Why is Cllr. Beetham so coy? What has she to hide? (Apart from her pathological hatred for the 60% of the Sedgefield Constituency who voted Leave).
Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

White Stick Parliament

Dear Sir,
I beg forgiveness if I sound brusque but my space is restricted and there is much to cover arising from the letter 'Thoughts on Brexit' 1 - Parliament was to close for Conferences anyway and in preparation for the Queen's Speech. 4 - 5 days were allowed for debate. The argument that five weeks were essential is spurious. That the Benn Surrender Bill could pass into law in two days shows what could be quickly achieved - given the will, proving Parliament wasted 5+ years.
2 - True, PM Johnson was judged to have misled the Queen but the conversation is unknown even to the Judges of the Supreme Court which controversially strayed from Law into Political waters earlier ruled unsafe by the most senior Judge in England and Wales, thereby appearing to compromise our Constitution. A unanimous verdict in such a controversial case with previous conflicting results remains a surprise. Yet our Parliament ignored the Constitutional implications preferring to vent vile behaviour.
3 - We all have the right to a change of our mind but not the right to change an election result nor that of any democratic vote. We choose our path - and it's consequences - as my MP has chosen to divert from that of his electorate must accept. His web states he "did not go into politics to make people poorer". He has an infallible crystal ball? One which conflicts with the opinions of Lord King, ex Governor of the BofE, (leave); Daniel Hannan, ex EU Commissioner 12 years (leave); Bernard Connelly, ex EU former Head of the EMU (leave). All have vast knowledge, experience and are world recognised authorities. I add Nigel

Farage who, in correction, has never changed his pursuit of a clean break. To Leave is to Leave. As voted for, as Parliament promised. To Leave with ties is to not Leave. All the above are on You Tube so we can all judge for ourselves. My MP does not have the right to change my mind.
4 - The argument against leaving is almost always pitched in economic/money/jobs terms, although there are other values. Economically GB is better placed than almost every Nation in the EU. Briefly Germany, France, Spain, Italy, the four greatest economies, are in difficulties ranging from tough to desperate and covering their economy, manufacturing, unemployment (especially the young), dodgy banking systems and debt - mountains of debt. Years ago the EU had a debt mountain of one trillion Euros (and growing). It looks like this; 1,000,000,000,000. The EU can never pay that off. On falling economies the EU continues to build a new "Empire". The increasing debt is passed on to our children and our children's children and their children. We hear the cry "I'm concerned for my family, for my kids". Dead right; we should be more than concerned. There lies little work and big ills. The United States of Europe is a pipe dream. It will not happen. The USA is founded on Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness, with power granted by the people and devolving back to the people. It is enshrined in 72,000 words. The EU (actually founded in deceit) concentrates power unto itself and does not return it to the people. It's Charter of Fundamental Rights exceeds 150,000 words designed to impose it's will on all member States. It compelled Ireland, Netherlands and France to repeat referendums until it got the results it wanted. This Charter will next year, be the fully enforced "Lisbon Treaty". Even more binding. And we worry for the future of our kids, and theirs, and theirs. Quite right. But, a huge but - our myopic politicians cannot see beyond money, jobs, votes and refuse to open up the debate on the real treasure we leave for our children. Their crystal balls lack lustre - should be exchanged for a white stick. Parliament, the much vaunted guardian of the people against Government, is unfit for purpose. An anachronism. Has been for years.
Yours faithfully,
Douglas Whittaker

Making a Mockery of Referendums

Dear Sir,
Phil Wilson MP's position on Brexit is to continue the uncertainty and ongoing frustration. He says he wants to move on but then discusses why we can't and why he wants another vote, presumably in the hope of overturning the original one. I personally voted Remain but I believe very strongly that not delivering Brexit is an affront to our democracy and that it now requires delivery. We were all told this was a one off vote and everyone voted accordingly. It is beyond patronising for the Remainers to say that the Leavers didn't know what they were doing and need to be better informed. Brexit needs to be delivered and it is only the Conservatives that will do that. We have a plan to deliver Brexit and, as importantly, a plan for what happens afterwards. Unfortunately Labour continue to sit on the fence looking for a politically opportunistic wind to attach themselves to and given Phil Wilson has been so openly critical of Labour leadership and a reselection contest has now been triggered for Dame Margaret Hodge MP, I wonder whether he will be next and therefore not even be standing in the next election, maybe that's the real reason he is voting against one! The Liberal Democrat's have at least been clear in their position, but to cancel Brexit and completely ignore the 2016 vote is incomprehensible. Does Michael Stead support that position? Whilst the Brexit party would claim to deliver Brexit it is extraordinarily unlikely they would be able to deliver enough MP's to enable that, which just reaffirms that the only way to deliver the democratic Brexit vote is through the Conservative Party.
Cllr Paul Howell
Aycliffe North & Middridge Division
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Don't Say 'Climate Change' Say 'Pollution'

Dear Sir,
I am aware that the idea of 'climate change' is controversial. However, what strikes me is that - in our understandable search for comfort and wealth - we have managed to create an economic system which ransacks the earth for resources at one end, produces goods with varying degrees of irresponsibility, and then casts them away quickly and thoughtlessly at the other. The whole process pollutes and damages the environment at every stage.
POLLUTING THE ATMOSPHERE
One aspect of this eco-irresponsibility is that - in the last 200 years - we have dug up and used eons'-worth of captured carbon (stored in the form of coal, oil and gas) and pumped it back out into the atmosphere ... whilst at the same time chopping down and concreting vast swathes of the vegetation which might have reabsorbed it. Surely even the most hardened climate change sceptic accepts that this is a system which has no sense in the long-term, and which we need to adapt and constrain. It was this emergency that in February the County Council voted to address, and for which it gave me the title 'Climate Change Champion' and the political oversight.
THE SCALE OF CHANGE
Many people are telling me that we need to set the date for change to 2030, or we will unlock climate loopback systems which will run out of control. The aspiration is monumental, for which the Council does not yet have the legislative frameworks, the enforcement powers, or the funding. The Council alone needs to shed or offset 60,000 TONNES of carbon dioxide gas a year. For County Durham as a whole, the figure is 2.5 MILLION tonnes. We

are going to have to retrofit all our domestic and business heating systems, replace and reinvent a bi-directional national grid, abandon the internal combustion engine, reskill our workforce and make (and store) our energy in completely different ways. And we need to achieve this without losing jobs or impoverishing our residents. We are talking about SYSTEMIC CHANGE across economy and society.
ADDRESSING THE ISSUE
For the moment, the question is where to start. Durham County Council is making determined efforts across a number of areas, and is recognised by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy as one of the exemplar Local Authorities in the country. Recently, DCC launched its Climate Emergency consultation: bit.ly/DCCCEC. I would urge everyone to read it and to respond to ClimateEmergency@durham.gov.uk. The consultation has a large number of questions but, if you find that overwhelming, we still want you to view the Summary Report (bit.ly/DCCSR) and share your feelings about these life-changing proposals - the consultation amounts to three questions:
(1) what changes do you support?
(2) what changes would you find most difficult?
(3) what can County Durham residents themselves do - at home, work or as citizens?
I CAN EXPLAIN
Meanwhile, I am being asked to speak all over the country on this. If any local group wants me to come and talk to them about this issue, please contact me at john.clare@durham.gov.uk
Cllr John D Clare
(DCC Climate Change Champion)

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Discredited Parliament

Dear Sir,
Typically the fast moving world of domestic politics simply revolves in ever decreasing circles so revealing only the worst possible view of a totally dysfunctional Parliament. A Parliament, from Speaker to the most junior member, unfit to guide anything whatsoever beyond a plastic duck around an infants paddling pool. Totally discredited, internationally lampooned, only fit to be put down humanely. Dissolved. Unless our politicians who can agree on nothing, do accept this there is only one person who can. And if I read him correctly Dr David Starkey, infinitely more knowledgeable than me, has suggested this. Only then might an entire Nation held in limbo just possibly be allowed to exercise the freedom we have treasured for centuries, now being sabotaged by our Elected Representatives - currently not representing but pursuing their own agendas. The truth remains. There was a democratic vote which received the blessings of our ruling classes together the benefit of Statute. It is simple. To Leave means to Leave. To remain tied - in any way - means to not Leave. There is no problem except that invented by our discredited Parliament. Any subsidiary decisions will follow after the primary decision is implemented. Minds will focus more clearly.
Yours faithfully
(J) Douglas Whittaker
The Bridle

Stronger Leave Vote

Dear Sir,
After reading the inspirational letter "The only sensible way forward" from John Snowball in last week's Newton News, it has inspired me to follow his lead to write regarding our MP Phil Wilson's recent letter attempting to explain his contempt for his Constituents decision in the 2016 Referendum result. There are many examples where the government has vandalised the constitution and are actively moving against the people who elected them. Mr Wilson MP obviously believes overturning of the Government's prorogation of Parliament merely means Labour and their new found friend's the Lib/Dems, Greens and SNP can continue to ignore our democratic Referendum result, by refusing to accept the decision of the people, and then also refuse to face an Election, they disenfranchise us, they coerce and take their orders from a foreign power, they rip our constitution apart, they smear us for three years with lies, they stoke hysteria and fear with insane predictions of apocalypse, they abuse the powers of the speakership, they seize the powers of government, they turn the courts into a corrupt sewer as patently disgusting as themselves, and are the most venal, self serving, illegitimate, dishonest, rancid, anti democratic, corrupt and evil Rotten Parliament in all our history,

and then claim only they are standing up for our votes, and our history, and our freedom. Their determination to see us in chains, forever bowing before the Federal EU dictatorship of their beloved masters is their only goal and objective. No Mr Wilson, your determination to tell us, only your Opposition Pact know best, has made the Leave Vote stronger and STILL you do not understand the anger of the voting public, but you will when the General Election is announced and the results are known.
Kind Regards
Clive Taylor-Sholl
Cumby Road

LET'S SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Dear Sir
I would like to reply to John Snowball's letter 'The only sensible way forward', Newton News 27.9.19. While I am no 'political animal', I would like to draw attention to Mr. Snowball's use of language during a (bamboozling) attack on the climate activist Greta Thunberg. As a parent of a child with profound autism, his use of the word 'autistic' in this piece was frankly unacceptable. I would be horrified if

my wonderful son was to be described as 'autistic' in the same sentence as 'angry', 'refuses', 'snarling', 'menacing', 'blames' and 'threats'.

I am sure Mr. Snowball would like to apologise when he looks back at the content of his letter and I am certain he will understand the upset this kind of interpretation could cause. I would guess these kind of assumptions come from a place of ignorance rather than malice and I invite Mr. Snowball to accept this error and set the record straight.
GS (Woodham)

Scarlet Masters The Rain



School Aycliffe's Scarlet Dunn took her first win last weekend in torrential rain conditions at Teesside Karting, Middlesbrough.

After a good practice session on Saturday, Scarlet converted her confidence to run at the front in Free Practice.

On a weekend when brother Harrison was making his debut, Scarlet then took Pole Position in her Comer class Wright Bambino chassis. As the conditions worsened she increased her pace winning by 6.5 seconds in Heat One and extended the gap to her rivals by 16.5 seconds, lapping nearly a second a lap faster than the next competitor to take another win in Heat Two.

Unfortunately, the conditions became unsafe to continue the event and the final was not run. Instead the event will be finished on the Saturday of the next Teesside Karting 'Owner

Driver Sprint' races on 26/27th October.

"We're so happy for her get a win under her belt - and not one, but two!" said Mam Amanda - a former champion racer herself. "She has come close on a number of occasions. She really enjoys driving in the wet - her first ever race was in the pouring rain - and she has a very smooth style in these conditions".

Scarlet next races on 5th & 6th October at Rowrah in Cumbria. Scarlet, brother Harrison and Mam Amanda also appeared on Aycliffe Radio on Tuesday 1st October on Daz's & Lee's Sports Show. To listen again tune in from Sunday at 12noon.

For more information on Scarlet, or to support her racing as a sponsor, visit www.ScarletDunnRacing.com

Photo: Gordon Welsh

We Voted To Leave!

Dear Sir,
What is it that our M.P. Phil Wilson doesn't understand about Brexit?

In 2016 we were given a very clear, straightforward vote - do you wish to leave or stay in - no ifs, no buts.

We voted to leave!

M.P.s of all parties promised to honour this 'once in a lifetime' decision but they have done just the opposite.

They have behaved like spoilt brats, having tantrums, all because the vote didn't go the way THEY wanted.

If every sports result had to be replayed until the side that lost, won, then heaven help us - talk about being a laughing stock. One just gets on with it and so it should be with Brexit. The only person in Parliament who is doing their job is Boris Johnson. Our disgraceful MPs are trying to thwart him all the way, even referring to his private life which is his business, not theirs - or ours. It is not him that has stymied Parliament doing its job, as they keep saying, but just the reverse.

We survived when we went into Europe, despite protestations; we will survive when we leave.

Name and address supplied

MEETING

Williamfield Residents Association meeting on Wednesday 9th October at 2pm at Community Centre, 8/9 Silverdale Place.

We are hoping to decide if this meeting should be afternoon 2pm or evening 5.30pm until 6.30pm.

This will mean if it is held on an evening Town Councillors will be able to finish any business and then attend the Town Council meeting.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT



Saturday 28 September Ebac Northern League Division One Newton Aycliffe 2 v Whitley Bay 1

In a game, in which Newton Aycliffe dominated possession for the majority, they found themselves a goal behind having created plenty of chances without having the final touch in front of goal. Whitley Bay defended in numbers as Aycliffe played flowing football in the first half without troubling their goalkeeper as much as they could have done.

At the start of the second half Aycliffe took their time to find their stride again. Although they were having the possession the home side found themselves a goal behind after a long ball from the Whitley Bay defence ended up in Aycliffe's net seconds after they were looking likely to get the ball in the visitors' box.

But, as it's been this season, going a goal behind appears to encourage Col Stromsoy's side to step up a gear and after some changes in personnel Aycliffe looked a more attacking threat. A ball whipped in from the right wasn't cleared and it landed at the feet of substitute Sam Read who controlled it before smashing it home to draw level.

While the visitors had a couple of chances in the

second half, which drew saves from Adam Pickford, Aycliffe continued to apply the pressure and three minutes into the five added on they got the breakthrough they deserved. Dean Thexton broke inside the area but was brought down in an inexplicable challenge which gave the referee no choice but to point to the spot. The top scorer picked himself up to take the spot kick and sent the keeper the wrong way to bag all 3 points and to lift Aycliffe into 5th place in the league. Next match was on Tuesday 1st October when Sunderland Ryhope Colliery Welfare visited the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium in what was the first of nine fixtures during October. Aycliffe visit league leaders Hebburn on Saturday 5 October. Meanwhile, two games have been added to the fixture list. Aycliffe travel to Brandon in the Durham Challenge Cup on Wednesday 23 October while the postponed League Cup game against Northallerton Town will now be played on Tuesday 29 October.

Photo: Dean Thexton scores from the penalty spot in the 93rd minute (photo courtesy of Paul Trippett)

Report: Andy Macfarlane

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The first race of this week saw the start of the Cross Country season get underway. ARC compete in two cross country leagues and this race was in the Start Fitness Harrier League and took place at Wrekenton, Gateshead. In this series the ladies run approximately 4 miles and the men approximately 6 miles. Due to other racing taking place this weekend we only had two members attend this first fixture. Mark Wade completed his race in 38.33 with Michelle Jane completing hers in 31.20.

The first set of races on Sunday was the Redcar Running Festival and ARC had members running in three different distances all along the front of Redcar taking on out and back routes with the half marathon consisting of two out and backs in opposite directions. First up was the Beacon 5k. In this race we had husband and wife John and Jane Burnside. John finished this race in 22.49 and Jane in 30.40.

Next up was the Zetland 10k. First home for ARC was Mark Bainbridge in 41.56 followed by Heather Morgan in 46.04, John Richardson in 52.19, Nici Ingman in 1.04.35 and Paula Lambert in 1.05.54. The last race was of course the half marathon in which Andy Talbot was first home for the club in 1.27.11 (3rd in age category), followed by Richard Holland in 1.32.58, Dave Blewitt 1.54.32, David Stothard 2.11.14, Susan Clark 2.28.52, Lisa Dowell 2.43.19, Jan McLuckie 2.43.52 and Penny Johnson in 2.43.55.

Slightly further away, but again on the coast, we had 5 members taking places in the Yorkshire Coast 10k at Scarborough. Again it was very wet but, apparently, once you got running the conditions didn't seem so bad! First home for the club was John Surtees in 35.01, followed by Paul Dalton 36.33, Corey Horn 41.39, Tracey Surtees 48.31 and Trish Kay 49.37.

For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of

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

5 YEAR OLD DEBUTS AT TEESSIDE



5 year old Harrison Dunn from School Aycliffe made his competitive debut at Teesside Karting, Middlesbrough last

weekend in the Bambino Comer karting class.

The budding racer has been testing at the circuit and also Rowrah in Cumbria leading up to the event and it was also Harrison's first time in wet conditions. He was driving Amaron Racing's Birel chassis - the same one that sister Scarlet also made her debut on last year!

"He drove brilliantly all weekend", said Mam Amanda. "The weather conditions were far from ideal but Harrison showed maturity to tackle, not only what is expected from a race weekend, but also the concentration required to deal with the extremely bad conditions. He went faster in every session, even as the rain came down harder. We're all so proud of him!"

His next outing is at Rowrah next weekend. Harrison, sister Scarlet & Mam Amanda also appeared on Aycliffe Radio on Tuesday 1st October on Daz's & Lee's Sports Show. To listen again tune in from Sunday at 12noon.

For more information on Harrison visit HarrisonDunnRacing.com

Photo: Gordon Welsh

RUGBY UPDATE

Thacker 4 Tries Help Aycliffe Win Thriller

Aycliffe played host to mid table Prudhoe and Stocksfield and the promised thriller was delivered to the supporters that are increasing in numbers every week. A final tribute from both teams was appreciated in memory of Rodney 'Shep' Shepherd, Aycliffe's club president who sadly passed away recently, by a standing minutes silence.

With 2 wins under the belt and lying joint top in Durham and Northumberland division 3, Aycliffe had to prepare well against a very good team.

From kick off both teams showed their attacking intentions, but Aycliffe benefited from an early infringement by the visitors in their half and wingman Euan Kitching claimed the first points from a well struck penalty. 3 - 0 (9mins). It wasn't long before Prudhoe claimed the first converted try 3 - 7 (12 mins). This was by no means going to be an easy match. Aycliffe soon got their eye in, and with some good forward play, started to win plenty of good ball and hooker Karl Chapman crashed over to score but the conversion was missed. 8 - 7 (15 mins). This steadied the large throng of supporters who sensed this was going to be a tight game. Over the next few minutes they were treated to some fantastic rugby by Aycliffe when centre James Thacker ran though the Prudhoe defence and claimed his first try converted by Kitching. 15- 7 (23 mins). A rare mistake by Aycliffe awarded Prudhoe a penalty but the kickers effort hit the post. (26 mins).

Both sides created good passages of play but Aycliffe's defence tightened up and denied the visitors much ground. Forward Neil Anderson, defended like a demon and Lock, Jeff Hodgson, used his strength and power to steady the scrummaging and his ball carrying was in fine form. Thacker capitalised on this possession and went over for his 2nd try, again converted by kicking maestro Kitching. 22 - 7 (38 mins). After an injury intervention with the referee stating 'time off' Prudhoe launched an attack whilst Aycliffe were reforming and scored on the stroke of half time. 22-14 (40 mins)

After the half time team talks Prudhoe launched another attack from a misjudged Aycliffe line-out that allowed them to score early in the half. 22-21 (45 mins). Aycliffe supporters were once again seeing a tense match. A familiar theme that has thwarted Aycliffe this season thus far. After ten minutes of both teams playing good defensive rugby the stalemate was broken by substitute scrum half Warren Parsonage who took a quick

tap penalty 10 metres from the Prudhoe line and fast hands through the Aycliffe players allowed winger Kitching to touch down and convert his own try. 29-21 (55 mins). Aycliffe were on the ascendancy and some great angles of running split the Prudhoe line once again when Thacker threw himself forward in order to make a finger-tip catch from a pass and his momentum took him over the line to score a magnificent try under the posts. The supporters were jubilant and mesmerised by the amazing feat. Once more converted by Kitching. 36-21 (65 mins).

As predicted Prudhoe countered quickly and scored another try but, for the second time, the conversion attempt hit the post. 36-26 (67 mins). Prudhoe were on the ascendancy as Aycliffe were struggling to maintain their defence at times. Stuck in their own 22 only 5 meters from the posts fly half, Gareth Parsonage, was alleged to have made a high tackle and yellow carded with only 10 mins to go. Down to 14 men made it more difficult to defend and Prudhoe took advantage with another try, this time the conversion attempt went over despite striking the crossbar. 36-33 (72 mins). The supporters are on edge once more. That was until Thacker found a gap from some superb interplay amongst Aycliffe backs and stretched Aycliffe's lead again with his fourth try of the match. 41-33 (76 mins). Frustration started amongst the visitors and the referee was subjected to some verbal comments so decided to award Aycliffe with a double restart penalty which gave Aycliffe a 10m advantage. Prudhoe were punished by a well struck penalty by Luke Tinkler. 44-33 (78 mins). Aycliffe were guilty of resting on their laurels when the ref kept the timer running and Prudhoe had the final say in the match with a 2 points bonus try. Final score 44 - 38 (80 mins).

Aycliffe earned themselves 5 points including a bonus point to launch themselves to the top of the table with Redcar laying second. Redcar are next weeks opponents away. Aycliffe would like to thank sponsors Hoggart Haulage for their continued support. Follow Newton Aycliffe Rugby on Facebook.

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Youthy Football Round Up



Aycliffe Angels U9 and U10 Angels Yellow all signed contracts with NAYFC last week.



As well as the U10 Angels Blue. We only do positive!

Shincliffe Girls 1 NAYFC U15 Girls 2

After 3 tough games, today the girls needed to get some points on the board as we travelled to play Shincliffe. We reminded the girls the importance of closing down, high work rate and keeping their shape - today they did this and got their reward. First half against the wind kept the defence on their toes, we were coping well until a low skidding free kick from 25 yards beat Faith and finds the bottom corner. The girls then upped their game, Kally steals the ball out wide, finds Olivia who sends a low cross to Kate, one touch and smashes the ball past the keeper. A couple of scares in our box but Faith was doing her job taking HT to 1-1.

Second half with the wind, as a team they were brilliant but needed some reward for their dominance. Midway through the half, Jess slides a ball to Alex who drives into the box and lashes a shot goal bound, a defender sticks out a leg and it ends up spinning over the line. From that point the girls had the better chances, and a good shout for a penalty, but secured the first 3 pts of the season.

NAYFC Angels Blue Win Against Pools Youth

An outstanding game of football and a brilliant performance from the U10 Blues. It was their toughest test so far this season and they saved their best for it. We played out a tight 0-0 draw with Pools Youth in the cup last season, and so expected another close one. We had 8 players today, with two unavailable which meant lots of energy was required. All 8 responded brilliantly. Every player on that pitch should be proud again today. The way in which this team play remains a special sight to behold. The Pools team were physical and were also generally taller. This didn't phase our players. They held their own and came out on top from most challenges. Star player: Sophie who put in a high energy performance. She broke down numerous attacks and started loads of ours. An all round top performance.

Norton & Stockton 3 NAYFC U16 Eagles 12

Another fantastic performance on Sunday in the rain. Absolutely lovely surface to play on and because of that the Eagles were outstanding. 8 nil up at half time. Goals from Adam Lowe x4, James Hodgson x4, Evan Thompson x2, Kian Cook x1 and Dylan Bowater x1. Man of the Match: Kian Cook.

NAYFC Match Roundup CLS Waldrige Park 0 Newton Aycliffe Women 3

Ousten 1 NAYFC U13 Girls 1

Aycliffe Angels U9 win against Chester Town

NAYFC U8 Boys win against Hartlepool St Francis

NAYFC U8 Wildcats lose a tight game against Boldon Girls

NAYFC U10 Boys draw against Willington Youth

Juniors Football Report



It was an unusually quiet weekend for the Juniors due to the weather resulting in many games getting cancelled and postponed however, for the games that were on, it was another round of league games.

Our **Under 8 Whites** travelled to Farrington to play a very good Hetton side. Goals from Jonah, Joel and a hat-trick from Jack rounded off a good performance. Joel walked away with the MOTM from this one.

The **Under 8 Blacks** were up against Ryhope in the horrible conditions. The lads started slow and although they started to play some much better football in the second half, it ended up a hard match for a team who'll be looking to bounce back next week in, hopefully, some better weather. The Man of the match was Benjamin after a good effort.

Our **Under 9's** travelled to play Spraire Lads. In what was a tight game, Tyler scored for the Juniors. The man of the match award went to Harry for what was a great effort and some good passing and movement.

The **Under 12's Whites** were against Billingham, who were top of the league, on a very wet Woodham pitch. This didn't affect the team with Niall grabbing a hat-trick, Tyler and Dom getting 2 goals and Jayden, Brad and Jack all getting a goal apiece too. The man of the match was awarded to Harvey, it was a great performance from all the kids and a great effort from the dedicated coaches in the club to be able to get this game playable.

Our **Under 11's Clarets** were away at Hartlepool St Francis, a team who beat them twice last season. The pitch was a lot smaller than they were used to but that didn't phase the players at all. Another strong performance, with Aycliffe showing their flare by playing through from the back. Goals from Alex, Ashton, Kai, Harry, Jayden and Danny, all from fast attacking football, gave the home team a lot to contend with. Another spirited, quality performance. MoM was Kai who was a threat on the left wing all the way through the game.

The **Juniors Under 13's** welcomed neighbours

Newton Aycliffe Youthy at a rain-soaked Woodham. The Juniors were up for the Derby from the off and raced into an early lead with headers from Lewis & Joe. An unfortunate own goal got the visitors back into the game before Dan H made it 3-1 to The Juniors. We sloppily conceded immediately to make it 3-2 before an own goal at the other end gave the Juniors a 4-2 lead at half time. After a sloppy first half, a change in formation and personnel gave the Juniors the motivation to go on and finish off the opposition. Dan H grabbed his second to make it 5-2 before Zak grabbed 5 superb second half goals against his former

team to make it 10-2 at full time.

It was 1st v 2nd today for our **Under 15's** as they hosted Bedale. Unfortunately, they were second best on the day and lost against a strong side, they are looking for a good response next week and to bounce back with a win. Ben H was awarded man of the match from this fixture.

As always, it was a great effort from all our teams, however, especially this week, we'd like to thank all our managers and coaches who managed to get their games on and the supporting parents who came and showed their support on a weekend where the weather left a lot to be desired.

LETTER

Thank You for Your Help

Dear Sir,
Last Tuesday, 1st October, I was walking along Defoe Crescent with my husband when I tripped and had a nasty fall.

There were 5 boys across the road walking home from Woodham Academy. They were messing about, having a laugh as kids do, but stopped immediately and ran over to help.

They asked what they could do, even offering to carry our shopping home. They were lovely.

Then a lady in a white Audi, with her daughter I think, stopped to ask if she could take us home, which she did. I'd like to thank her for her kindness through the Newton News, as I don't know who she is. Likewise I'd like to thank the boys who ran to help so quickly. I was lucky I was with my husband but if I'd been alone it's comforting to know there are still lovely, caring adults and children around.

Kids get bad press, as we only hear of the naughty ones, so I just wanted to express my gratitude to all who helped me. These boys are a credit to their parents and the school.

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EUGENICS - THE 'UNFIT' AND THE DISABLED

Dear Sir,
Helen Keller was both deaf and blind, yet she was one! Marie Stopes disinherited her son for marrying a 'short-sighted' bride. Stopes was one, too! As

were H.G.Wells, Winston Churchill, George Bernard Shaw, Adolf Hitler and William Beveridge. They were firm supporters of the Eugenics Movement. Keller's opinion being that:

A panel of doctors should decide whether or not a 'defective' baby should live or be killed. Most of us would recoil in horror at this. From 1883, Francis Galton

focussed minds on the practicalities of 'eugenics'. Worldwide, millions of people, many in positions of power and influence, coalesced around the rebranding of old ideas and latent prejudices, bringing practical eugenics into the mainstream. The ethos of eugenics was, to improve the quality of the human species by encouraging those deemed to be healthy in mind and body to

have many children and discourage or prevent those categorised as being 'poor, mentally ill, blind, deaf, developmentally disabled, promiscuous women, homosexuals, and racial groups (such as the Roma and Jews in Nazi Germany) as 'degenerate' or 'unfit', from reproducing. In countries large and small, from about 1880 until 1945, the disabled - mentally, physically and with learning

difficulties - were treated as sub-human, persecuted and institutionalised. The Fabian Society was a socialist, left-leaning movement, it promoted democratic socialism. It too succumbed to some of the principles of eugenics. By 1907, the forced sterilisation of women from the lower social classes was lawful in 30 American states. Organised eugenics swept the globe. It reached its high watermark in about 1940. In America, the final forced sterilisation took place in 1981.

William Beveridge was one of my heroes. His 1942 Report, led to the foundation of the Welfare State. A man of the people and living for a time in Newton Aycliffe. He was one of ours! Popm went that bubble upon learning that he was a lifelong proponent of eugenics. He said: 'Those men who through general defects... (become)... dependents of the State... (should have)... complete and permanent loss of all citizen rights - including not only the franchise but civil freedom

and fatherhood'.

On the evening that the Commons were debating his recommendations (in the Lords' Chamber) that would become known as the Beveridge Report, he sat listening to the debate. Right? Wrong! He slipped nervously out of Parliament to address eugenicists at The Mansion House. His recommendation that the new 'Family Allowance' be graduated - giving MORE to middle-class families and LESS to poorer families - had been amended so that all got a flat rate. Somewhat deflated, he told his fellow eugenicists that this would still favour the middle-classes. Many were far from convinced. In conclusion, the disabled, as with other highlighted groups, are notionally legally protected by the 2010 Equality Act. But can the shadow of Eugenics ever be far away, when the legal rights enshrined within the 2010 Equality Act are on a daily basis flouted or ignored?

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prepare for a spooky family fun day!
Frightening Free Family Fun Day
Join us for our Free Family Fun Day, Thursday 31 October 2019, 10.00 to 14.00. We will have lots of family friendly activities to enjoy and take part, including pumpkin carving, crafts, stalls, Punch and Judy and magician.

Memory Gardening / Café
Do you have dementia or know someone with dementia? Join this weekly group that alternates weekly between a Memory Café and Memory Gardening every Monday. Enjoy the benefits of both indoor and outdoor activities, while meeting new people in a relaxing social group for those with memory problems and their carers. The Memory Garden group also meet every Wednesday.

Pilates Guru
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The event was well attended and everyone was spoilt for choice at the amazing stalls in the centre, ranging from body shop and self-care to beautiful Christmas decorations and hand crafted wooden furnishings. Both PCP staff and members of Options day service cooked up a storm to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth; from crispy cakes, angel slices, cherry Bakewells, flapjacks,

scones and cakes of all different sizes and flavours - including a range of 'free from' products - nothing stayed on the table for long!

Carol Gaskarth said "PCP would like to thank the stall holders and everyone who baked, faked and/or donated to this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning, your generous donations help to support an amazing charity." To find out about upcoming events 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



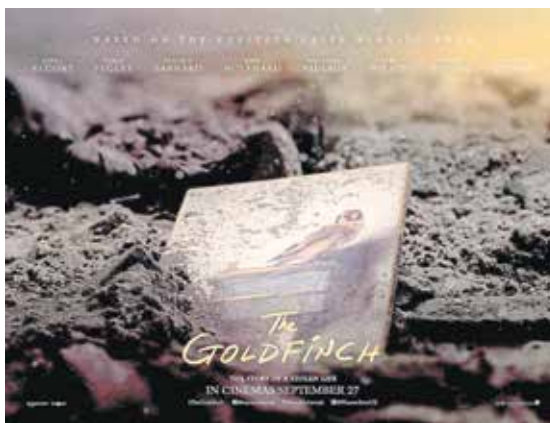
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Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 - 7.15pm
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NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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To celebrate the release of 'The Goldfinch', which won a Pulitzer Prize, released in cinemas on 27th September, Warner Bros. Pictures and Newton News offer you the chance to win a selection of movie merchandise from the film including leather pouch, fleece, T-shirt, beanie, pen and vacuum insulated tumbler, as well as two tickets to Vue Cinema in Darlington.

Theodore "Theo" Decker was 13 years old when his mother was killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The tragedy changes the course of his life, sending him on a stirring odyssey of grief and guilt, reinvention and redemption, and even love. Through it all, he holds on to one tangible piece of hope from that terrible day... a painting of a tiny bird chained to its perch. The Goldfinch.

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To be in with a chance to win this selection of merchandise, answer the following simple question and send your answer to paul@newtonnews.co.uk:

• *The Goldfinch* is based on a novel of the same name, which received a prestigious award in 2014. What was the award?

Closing date for entries is Sunday 13th October 2019

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Modern Media Centre Opens its Doors



Congratulations

Colin & Valerie Chape

3rd October 2019

Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary

Lots of love from
Colin, Julie Ann & Zach
xxxxxxx

Nathan Bell

6th October



Happy 13th Birthday

Lots of love always
Mam, Dad,
Griegan and Xander
xxxxxxxxx

Nathan Bell

6th October



Happy 13th Birthday

Lots of love
Grandma, Granda
and all the family
xxxxxxxxx

A new multi-million-pound digital media centre in the heart of Durham City has successfully opened.

Durham County Council's building and facilities maintenance team was responsible for the construction of the £3.4 million project at Durham Sixth Form Centre, which welcomed its first students to the media complex earlier in the month.

The new state of the art facility includes a high-tech IT hub; a multimedia room; TV studio; cinema; conference and event room and 13 classrooms. As well as this, students can enjoy a new games room and have a bite to eat in the building's café.

Sixty-three highly skilled workers and 13 locally sourced sub-contractors worked tirelessly to ensure the project was completed on time for the beginning of the new term in September, despite meeting some challenging ground conditions and weather along the way.

Paul Burr, Durham County Council's building and facilities maintenance manager, said: "We're pleased that the project was completed on time and that the new and returning sixth form students can enjoy the outstanding facilities."

Ellen Beveridge, the headteacher, said: "We have enrolled over 900 students into year 12. Our highest number ever. I am so proud and delighted to see them walk into the new digital media centre, it's amazing and we are so happy."

For more information on the building and facilities maintenance service visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/buildingandfacilities>



Suicide Prevention

Dear Sir,
World Mental Health Day on the 10th October sets me thinking again. The focus this year is on suicide prevention. Raising awareness of this issue is a positive action but I have always been concerned about 'what happens next'. Suicide can be the end result of despair, addiction, or untreated mental illness to name but a few. When people attempt suicide, and survive, what is there in store for them? NHS resources for mental health care are still in short supply, with many admirable third sector organisations filling in the gaps.

I wish to share information about my book, 'Not Just an Alcoholic', published by Chipmunka Publishing. The aim of the memoir is to allow my son, Steven, to have his voice heard and to attempt to promote awareness of the need for improved mental health care for young people. Steven's story is true, as far as memory allows, and illustrates the difficulties our family contended with, in a bid to live well with a mental health illness. My son was an intelligent and unique boy who grew into an anxious teenager and a mentally distressed man.

The many labels given to him - Aspergers, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Bipolar, Personality Disorder and 'just an alcoholic', illustrate our battle for consistent effective and holistic care.

You can read extracts of the book on the Facebook page, 'Not Just an Alcoholic', and on Amazon where the book is for sale. It can also be purchased directly from me for £13.00.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Not-just-alcoholic-Steven-Midgley/dp/1783824247/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1538384067&sr=1-1&keywords=not%20just%20an%20alcoholic I welcome comments, via Facebook or reviews on Facebook and Amazon. As an author, I am available for talks and events relating to promoting good mental health. Please help me get Steven's voice heard at last.

Thank You

Brian & Jackie Sowerby

We would like to thank everyone who came to our 30th Wedding Anniversary Do on the 28th September, and for all those who didn't come, well you missed out on a great Do. Thanks also to Don Walkers Butchers, Love Thy Cup Cake, Pauline Icton and a special thank you to Chris "sapper" Sowerby who made the most amazing cake, of which I am sure my blood sugars are going to suffer. Brian & Jackie.

Greenfield Welcome 'Take Off' Festival

Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome Theatre Hullabaloo's 'Take Off' Festival this season. There will be a range of performances for students at Greenfield Community College and primary schools in the area. Productions include 'My Friend Selma' and the story of Macbeth 'Is This a Dagger'. There is an opportunity for the public to come along to a community production

of 'My Friend Selma' at Greenfield Community College Shildon on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 18:00. Greenfield Arts are delighted to continue to bring high quality and innovative performances to Greenfield Community College and local primary schools. For further information and to book please contact Theatre Hullabaloo direct on 01325 405 680 or via takeofffestival.org.uk



Birthday Remembrance

Andy Woodhead

4th October

Brother, you went away so suddenly. No time to say goodbye. But Brothers can't be parted. Precious memories never die.

Happy Birthday.
Love, Gary xx

Andy Woodhead

4th October

You're the lovely brother I've adored since I was small. And for me the day you left us, was the saddest time of all.

Happy birthday.
Love, Mandy & John xxx

Andy Woodhead

4th October

If tears could build a stairway, and memories could make a lane. Then I would march right up to Heaven, and take you home again.

Happy Birthday Son.
Love, Dad xxx

Fiona McKenzie Laycock

(nee Fraser)

4th October

There is a place in our hearts that no other may own. With your love, care and kindness you made that your own.

But the heartaches, the heart breaks and tears unbidden still flow, for family and friends love you and miss you and will do ever so, and the raw pain of losing you so tragically, only they will truly know.

"Beannachd Leat Mho Graidgh".

A devastated Dad and family

Graeme Cooper

4th October 1965

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, we'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again.

Happy birthday Brother and Son.
Love always,
Clive, Grace,
Mam and Dad
xxxxxxxxx

Obituary

Obituary

Alan Blacklock

20th November 1934 to 29th September 2019

After bravely and quietly fighting COPD and Pulmonary Fibrosis for over a year, sadly passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 84.

Dearly loved Husband of Margaret; Father of Ian and Joanne; Father-in-Law to Stuart; Grandad to Adam and Alex. A quiet, peaceful, true gentleman, he will be missed greatly by many.

Please join us to celebrate Alan's life on Wednesday 9th October at 11.30am at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon and afterwards at Woodham Golf Club.

Family flowers only please, donations may be made in lieu to the British Lung Foundation.

In Memoriam

Valerie Denham

8th October 1999



You were gentle, unselfish, loving and true. You were the best Mam and we all really miss you. Shirley, Connie, Keith, Paul and all the family xxx

Graeme Cooper

4th October 1965

to 6th October 2006

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Miss you smiler. Love from Clive, Grace, Mam and Dad

Avril Alderson

3rd October 2013

Wonderful memories of a dear Sister, Sister-in-Law and Aunt. Neil, Ann and family xxxxxxxx

William Swinburne

(Billy)

27th September 2019, peacefully at home, aged 73 years.

Much loved partner of Joyce; beloved Dad of Will and Father-in-Law of Tracy; also dearly loved by Lisa, Kirsty, Lucie, Renie, Henry, John and Annalise. Family flowers only please. Donations, if so desired, to St. Teresa's Hospice.

For funeral details please contact Seaton Leng on 01325 465647.

Elizabeth Smithson

1918 to 2019

Passed away peacefully on 27th September in Lindsfarne Care Home.

Loving Wife of the late Joseph; a much loved Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Will be sadly missed by all the family.

Funeral Service to take place on Wednesday 9th October at Wear Valley Crematorium at 3.30pm

Raymond Bell

(Ray)

of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 24th September, aged 86 years. Dearly beloved Husband of Joyce; a much loved Dad to Judith and the late Neil; a dear Father-in-Law to Ann and John; a treasured Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday 9th October at 2.30pm.

Close family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

Following the Service refreshments will be provided at the Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe.

Joan Bowron

Newton Aycliffe

Peacefully in hospital after a short illness surrounded by all her loving family on 25th September, aged 82 years.

Joan a beloved Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 7th October at 11.30am.

Family flowers only, donations if so desired, to the Dementia Society.

Any enquiries to G. T. Worthy Funeral Service, Tel: 01388 835713.

Joan will be sadly missed by all her loving friends and family xxx

Phyllis Johnson

(nee Robinson)

Peacefully in hospital on 23rd September, surrounded by her loving family, Phyllis, aged 82 years.

Much loved Wife of the late Bill; treasured Mam of Susan and Ann; Mother-in-Law to Mark; much loved and devoted little Nana to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 8th October at St. Clare's Church at 9.30am.

Friends please meet at the church. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Dementia UK.

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Sedgefield 75 Swim Gala CROSSFIT ALL OUT COMPETE AT THE CASTLE GAMES



Sedgefield 75 swimming club kicked off the new swimming season at the Richmonddales swimming club "Back to Pool" gala held at the Neptune Centre in Middlesbrough. Nine swimmers tested themselves for the first time

after the summer break and produced some stunning results, bringing back 24 personal best times and 18 medals collectively. Mateusz Wilczynski got through an impressive 11 races, improving his best times in 7 of them and

winning a silver and five bronze medals. Younger brother Filip managed significant improvements in all five of his events, taking home two silver and a bronze. Charlie McEwan achieved three PBs in his five races including a big improvement at 100m backstroke and Katelyn Craig took a PB and county championships qualifying time in the 200m butterfly event. Kathryn and Charlotte Lee competed in five and four events respectively and James Hodgson swam 400m freestyle and earned a PB. Emma Price set new bests in all seven of her events and also won six gold and one silver medal. Matthew Wimbury took home silver in both of his breaststroke races.

On the 21st September 14 members and a group of supporters from CrossFit All Out headed up to Middlesbrough Sports Village to compete in a local CrossFit event, The Castle Games. This was a same sex pairs event with numerous categories and

was a successful weekend for All Out; the results are as follows:
MALE U35 RX TEAM CROSSFIT ALL OUT - Paul Hilder and Terry Anderson - 11th Place overall with a best place finish of 5th in WOD 4 - they achieved a combined total

of 230KG in a weightlifting complex.

TEAM FULL SEND - Matthew Taylor and Tom Morgan - 19th Place overall with a best place finish of 3rd in WOD 3 - they achieved a combined time of 1:59 in a 2 x 400m relay.
TEAM DUMB AND DUMBER - Allen McGee and Chris McGeevor - 29th Place overall with a best place finish of 2nd in WOD 4 - they achieved a combined total of 240KG in a weightlifting complex.

FEMALE U35 RX TEAM BEHAVE...JUST ONE MORE - Becky Auton and Carol Mohan - 10th Place overall with a best place finish of 10th in event 2 and 3 - they achieved a time of 2:26 in a 2 x 400m relay.

TEAM BICEPS AND CURLS - Bex Shaw and Leigh Ann Bennett - 20th Place overall and a best place finish of 19th in event one with a score of 371.

MASTERS MEN 35-44 TEAM LITTLE PIGGIES - Alex Armstrong and Dave Little - 11th Place overall

with a best place finish off 3rd in event 4 - they achieved a combined total of 200KG in the weightlifting complex.

MALE VETS TEAM STRANGER THINGS - Kenneth Storey and Rod Farrow - they finished in 9th place overall however, Rod picked up a back injury in the first event therefore he could not continue. Kenny completed 2 of the events on his own despite knowing they would not count towards their score.

Head Coach Terry Anderson said, "I was so proud to see the high standards our athletes are bringing to the CrossFit sporting arena, showing strong skill sets and integrity with high quality technique and solid reps throughout. It was great to take part with my teammate Paul Hilder, alongside our other members, at this event and the atmosphere was fantastic with everyone celebrating each other's successes on the day. Well done teams!"

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Alex Armstrong



Coach Allen McGee



Head Coach Terry Anderson and Paul Hilder



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