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Qualification Success for South Durham School of Dance



South Durham School of Dance students have qualified to take part in the IDTA Nationwide Finals for Freestyle and Rock 'n' Roll in November at The Winter

Gardens in Blackpool and will be representing the IDTA North East Area at these Nationwide Finals. Students have also qualified, in another separate competition, to take part in the IDTA Nationwide Street Dance Finals, representing the IDTA North East Area at these Nationwide Street Dance Finals in Stoke in March next year. Students recently took part in the Regional Nationwide Qualifying Competitions, where they danced in some very large sections against other dancers in their age category, with some sections including more than 70 dancers. The North East Area is an incredibly hard area to compete in and to qualify for the Nationwide Finals each dancer had to be amongst the final 12 dancers in each age category and some of these went on to place in the Finals.

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My interest in the music of the 1930s to 1960s was nurtured by the fact that my father was a fan of the music from the era preceeding those years, ie: Crosby, Mills Brothers and Paul Robeson to

name a few and who, I hasten to add, can still be heard on various programmes today. A man by the name of Frankie Dee, who lived in Costa Mesa in California was running a station (GMMY Radio) that played my kind of music so I sent him a demo disc, only to find he was playing it nearly every night. Shortly after he contacted me and said that what I had sent him was exactly what he was looking for and from then on my programmes went out every night for 14 years. I visited Costa Mesa and was interviewed by Frankie, who was one of the nicest and most sincere gentleman in the broadcasting industry, unfortunately he passed away earlier this year and the station closed.

Elvis Lives

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are pleased to announce that a charity entertainment evening, is to be held on Friday 8th November 2019. All proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Club's nominated benefactors. The Rotary Club's venue of choice is the Newton Aycliffe WMC, better known as The Big Club. The evenings entertainment headline act is Eddy Popescu's multi award winning tribute act to Elvis Presley. Eddy will present his FOREVER ELVIS SHOW. Starlight Disco will provide quality supporting music with a playlist to compliment the evenings headline act.

In addition, there be a raffle offering the chance to win a range of superb prizes. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale at £4 each and are available for purchase at the Big Club. Simply call in at the Big Club or telephone 01325 312949 to reserve and collect. Tickets are selling fast so please hurry to avoid disappointment and book your place for a tremendous night of entertainment in aid of the charities supported by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe.

My show is now broadcast on Aycliffe Radio every Sunday morning from 10.00am to 11.00am and all the records I play are from my own personal collection (around 5000 albums). I still own the first 78rpm I bought in late 1944 by Perry Como - it has turned into a life time hobby! There are certain artists I do not have in my collection, purely and simply because they do not fit into the envelope of my type of singers.

I have been fortunate enough to have broadcast over Daytona Beach Radio and to have excerpts of my programmes played on Dick Robinsons American Standards By The Sea programme. I have also been fortunate enough to have had top artistes as guests on my programmes, such as Steve Lawrence, Edy Gorme, Don Cherry, Michael

Lund, Ron Della Chiesa and Jonathan Schwartz - I was also lucky enough to have had singer, Vic Damone do station checks for me, so all in all, for a presenter that never professed to be a professional I am pleased with the way the listeners have received me.

The late Alan Dell, in one of his programmes did a segment where he spotlighted me and my interest in fine American singer (who was a friend of mine also), by the name of Tommy Leonetti; David Jacobs has played certain records that I had sent him on occasions.

Even at my age, I will be 90 on my next birthday, I hope to be airing the type of music that made the GAS (Great American Songbook) and the GBS (Great British Songbook) so popular worldwide.

Alan Brown

Catch Alan's "Yesterday's Music Today" show on Aycliffe Radio every Sunday morning from 10.00am.

Aycliffe Radio have a diverse range of over 40 presenters aged from 15 to 90, visit www.ayclifferadio.co.uk for more details.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 30th October 2019 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME are welcome. "Arte et Marte".

Jazz & Blues Guaranteed to Delight

The one and only Mr TJ Johnson is on his way again to Darlington New Orleans Jazz club for its 2nd November gig – and it's going to be a hot one.

Pianist and jazz & blues singer TJ Johnson and his band always put on a brilliant show that blends jazz, blues, soul, country and gospel. It's a true reflection of their appreciation of the music of Ray Charles, Dr John, Louis Armstrong, Johnny Cash, BB King, Nina Simone, Alberta Hunter, Jimmy Witherspoon and many more.

TJ will be supported by regular tenor sax virtuoso Al Nicholls, with Jack Cotterill on drums, while two outstanding young talents will complete the band's line-up at St Augustine's: guitarist Kourosh Kanani and bassist Simon Read.

A great afternoon of world class music is guaranteed and Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club's gigs are only £10 per time on the door. There's no charge for young people 15 and under. The Club meets at St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington, where there's plenty of free onsite parking. Doors open at noon for a 12:30pm start.

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



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Saturday 2nd November - "1 0 1"

Davys Rock Page review: "All in all, a great night with a great atmosphere and a lot of people dancing, so if you want to hear newer covers with a good mix of older rock, 101 deliver."

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ISAAC, YOUNG LOCAL FUNDRAISER RECOGNISED



Twenty six inspiring youngsters from across the UK were recognised at this year's British Citizen Youth Award (BCyA) for their extraordinary contribution to society, charities and good causes.

Isaac Mendelsohn from Durham was honoured for his efforts at a formal presentation held at the Palace of Westminster on Wednesday 16th October, attended by 120 guests including host, Rt. Hon. Lord Blunkett, patrons Dame Mary Perkins, Nicky Cox MBE and presenter Kimberly Wyatt.

Now in its fourth year, the BCyA, in association with Specsavers, highlights individual acts of bravery,

kindness and compassion from young people under the age of 18 across the UK.

Incredible stories Isaac's older brother Jake received a BCyA in 2017 and Isaac was there to witness him being awarded his BCyA Medal. Looking around the ceremony at the other children Isaac asked his mum what he could do to make a difference. The award for his brother has done exactly what it is intended to do – inspire Isaac to go on and serve the community.

At only 10 years old, Isaac decided he wanted to fundraise for Brain Tumour Research. A close relation of his best friend died at the young age of 25 due to this disease and Isaac watched his young friend go through diagnosis to death in just 18 months. Prior to her death Isaac witnessed how determined the lady was to raise money and awareness for the charity and what it does which was his inspiration.

Isaac also raised funds for Alzheimer's Awareness after his grandad was diagnosed. His grandfather was also an inspiration, himself having worked tirelessly his entire life raising money for charity, receiving an MBE at the age of 78.

Isaac took part in The Great North Run junior event, a 4km race. He set about training and raising money through sponsorship, gaining publicity through local newspapers and social media. Isaac completed the run in just over 27 minutes raising £650 which he split between his two chosen charities.

Isaac is determined to continue to challenge himself at further events to continue to raise money and awareness.

Medalist

Isaac received his BCyA medal from Kimberly Wyatt, Presenter of Got to Dance and member of The Pussycats Dolls.

"I am honoured to present the British Citizen Youth Awards. This awards programme shines a light on the efforts of our youth and is something to be revered. The world needs more young people like these leading our communities".

Dame Mary Perkins, Co-Founder of Specsavers and BCyA Patron said "These unsung heroes are the rising stars of the future – let us shine a light on them and Celebrate! I hope that many more youngsters will follow in their footsteps".

Following the formal medal presentations, all guests were treated to an Open Top Lap of Honour Tour of the capital courtesy of Big Bus London, which has supported the BCyA since its inception.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 medal presentations, register online at www.britishcitizenyouthawards.co.uk

Have You Lost a Loved One In The Last Year?

Dear friends,
It is that time of year again, when we spend a special time remembering loved ones we have said farewell to in the last year. So that we can do that together, and in a helpful way, you are invited to:

All Souls Service, 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 2nd November, at St. Clare's Church

This is a very gentle time together to remember, light a candle, and silently give to God our thoughts and prayers.

The Service will last approximately 45 minutes; afterwards you may wish to simply leave, or sit quietly in church for a moment, or stay for a cup of tea. If you wish to have a discreet word with me, I am sure we could arrange that too. Hoping to see you there,

With love from all the funeral ministers in Great Aycliffe Parish,
Reverend Ann Anderson

Qualification Success for South Durham School of Dance



Caroline Race, Principal of South Durham School of Dance said "This is a huge of achievement and all students should be incredibly proud of themselves".

South Durham School of Dance is based at Greenfield College Arts Centre in Newton Aycliffe and holds classes each night of the week. A registered IDTA Freestyle Dance School competing in Freestyle, (in both IDTA and ADFP) Street, Rock 'n' Roll, Commercial, Lyrical Slow Dance, Ballet and Tap, Acro and Flexibility. South Durham School of Dance also do IDTA Examinations in Freestyle, Lyrical, Rock 'n' Roll and Street.

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After the success of their summer recruitment drive, Newton Aycliffe based training provider Baltic Apprenticeships are hosting two more recruitment open days in November.

As well as supporting tech and digital apprentices across the country, Baltic are committed to nurturing talent within the local area. Their last open day helped bring 4 new people into their team; they're hoping to match this success with a further 6 opportunities available within their sales, assessment and operations teams.

With a strong focus on staff development and training, Baltic are used to seeing talented people progress within their company, building fulfilling careers for themselves and changing the futures of others.

They're now looking for school, college and university leavers to attend

the following recruitment days at the Xcel centre in Newton Aycliffe:

- Business Consultant open day – Friday 8th November
- Junior Assessor/

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Each open day will give you the opportunity to meet members of the team and get a taste of where a career at Baltic could take you. Attendees will take part in competency and values based activities that will determine whether they are the right fit for the company culture.

If you or someone you know is looking for an exciting and challenging new opportunity, this could be their chance to thrive within a supportive environment. To attend, you will need to register your interest on the Baltic Apprenticeships website.



Tradeglass Welcomes New Team Member



Tradeglass UK LTD has continued to grow over the past year, and after successfully working with apprentices for many years we are delighted that Joe Bulman is joining us as an Apprentice Business Administrator. Helping young people to develop their skills is a responsibility Tradeglass takes seriously, not only for our apprentices but also the business, as it allows them to build their careers

whilst becoming an essential member of the team, giving them a great understanding of what we do. Some of our apprentices go on to stay with us after they've completed their training.

Although he's only been with us for several weeks, Joe is already finding enough to keep him busy, starting to undertake coordination duties such as ordering stocking and arranging plant hire. As he gains more knowledge and experience, he will start developing CAD drawings and continue working with the wider team. When asked why he decided to apply for an apprenticeship at Tradeglass, Joe said "After a long search for an apprenticeship, Tradeglass really stood out. The chance to work hands-on as a coordinator, along with the education provided at ITEC and a competitive starting salary made me realise this could be the path I sought to kick-start my career."

Joe will spend two days a month at ITEC, Newton Aycliffe. His formal qualification will take two years. One of the reasons that Joe chose Tradeglass was that he's always had a passion for business administration & drawing, and this role offered him a great mix of both. He enjoys getting stuck in and prefers learning as he goes to traditional classroom settings. He's focusing on becoming a qualified business administrator and developing his career from there.

Joe said "Everyone is amazingly helpful, welcoming and professional. The transition to an apprenticeship was a daunting thought, but my new colleagues have made it very easy to deal with. The work is a lot to take in at first, but you soon pick it up and any questions I have are soon answered".

We are really pleased to welcome Joe to the team and support him and he undertakes his apprenticeship.

Most Wonderful Time at North Yorkshire Moors Railway

With the season of families, food and festivities on the horizon, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) prepares for a Christmas more magical than ever before as it launches Northern Lights Express and also welcomes the return of visitor favourite, Santa Specials.

Join NYMR for an evening train ride to remember aboard - the Northern Lights Express. This beautifully illuminated journey departs from Pickering Station, where heritage carriages decorated with thousands of lights awaits.



Acting Chief Executive Appointed

The Police and Crime Panel for County Durham has confirmed Jon Carling as Acting Chief Executive of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner OPCVC.

The panel unanimously recommended approval of the proposal by Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Steve White. Mr Carling, who is currently head of policy and communications for the (OPCVC), will take over the role on an interim basis from Mr White.

Mr White is currently Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner following a request from Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg, to the Police and Crime Panel to temporarily stand down from the post in September 2019 due to ill health.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Chair of the Police and Crime Panel, said: "The panel was satisfied with the appointment process undertaken by the Acting PCVC for this interim appointment.

"Panel members were impressed with the comprehensive responses provided by Jon and his wealth of experience and was, therefore, pleased to support the recommendation for his appointment."

The Police and Crime Panel is made up of elected members from Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council, alongside two co-opted independent members.

Embark on the 60-minute journey, travel through a magical forest and watch as the dark North Yorkshire countryside is lit up by a multitude of lights and enjoy special surprises along the way. As the steam train pulls into Levisham Station, a dazzling light show will unfold as a season first.

The award-winning heritage railway continues to bring Christmas to life as NYMR sees the return of family-favourite, Santa Specials – a charming train ride that Santa Claus himself attends to meet children and deliver gifts ahead of the big day with the help of his jolly helpers.

As seasonal cheer spreads through the heritage carriages, Santa and his helpers will meet excited children as the train moves through the picturesque North York Moors. Visitors can tuck into a delicious mince pie, hot drink and a warming alcohol tippie as children enjoy their own activity bag.

Chris Price, General Manager at NYMR, said: "We're so pleased to host two wonderful events over the Christmas period that allows families and friends to come together and enjoy our magnificent heritage railway. The return of Santa Specials is always a favourite amongst the staff and volunteers here and

we're all so excited to launch what will be an incredible attraction, Northern Lights Express."

Both events open to the public from 30th November until 22nd December during various times. Book now for a truly magical Christmas experience perfect to share with loved ones of all ages.

Northern Lights Express will operate on 30 November and 1, 7, 8, 12*, 13*, 14, 15, 19*, 20*, 21, 22 & 23* December, departing at 7pm.

*Two evening services will take place on highlighted dates departing at 5pm and 7pm. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. Groups (20+) can be booked via Customer Services on 01751 472508. Prices from £22 per adult/child. Book Now nymr.co.uk/northern-lights-express.

Santa Specials will depart from Pickering Station to Levisham on 30th November and 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd December at 09:35, 11:10, 13:55 and 15:30. Tickets cost £23 including activity bag and present for children.

Santa Specials will depart from Grosmont Station to Goathland on 30th November and 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd December at 10:15, 12:30 and 14:35. Tickets cost £22 including activity bag and present for children.

To book visit nymr.co.uk/santa-specials



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Closing date for entries is Friday 8th November 2019

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Greenfield Teacher Awarded Prestigious Leadership Place

Greenfield Community College have been successful in securing a SSAT Leadership Legacy Project place. Miss Lauren Foster from Greenfield Community College has been accepted onto the prestigious Leadership Legacy Project by SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers network. Miss Foster will be part of an impressive group of future education leaders from across the country designated as SSAT Leadership Fellows. Successful Leadership Fellows are all in their first 2-4 years of teaching and have been selected by their Headteachers as already showing the potential to become outstanding school leaders. Involvement in the programme demonstrates commitment by Greenfield Community College and SSAT to developing the next generation of system leaders. We already know the impact of this project at an individual level is very impressive. Leadership Fellows enrolled on previous years' programmes have achieved increased leadership responsibilities at

an early career stage, through exposure to a wide range of knowledge and information which boosts confidence levels. We also know the activities that the Fellows undertake have impact at classroom and whole school level and bring additional benefits in terms of whole school performance. SSAT has been designing and delivering school leadership development programmes for 15 years and has over 14,000 alumni, among them some of the country's most prestigious education system leaders. Greenfield Community College are investing in and supporting leadership rules across the school to support whole school improvement. SSAT is fully committed to supporting the development of the next generation of education system leaders and is investing in this prestigious project, free to participating schools. The opportunity will allow SSAT Leadership Fellows to engage with some of the best leaders nationally and internationally and to examine leadership in other sectors.



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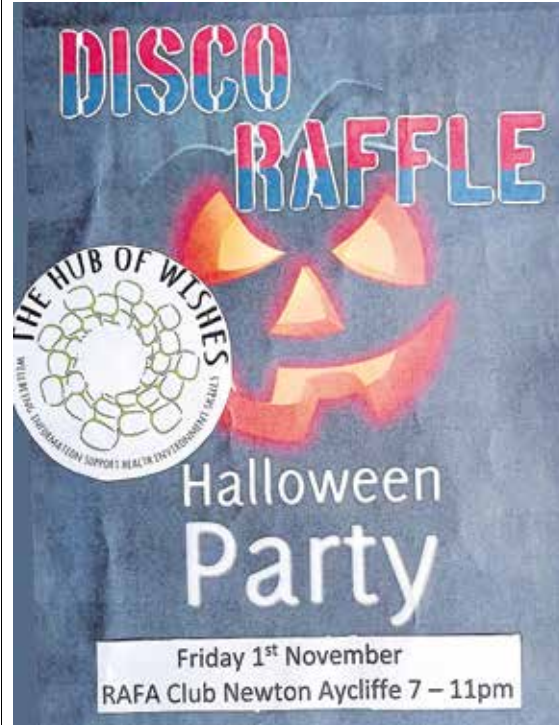
Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 27th November 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

Great British Bark Off Hub of Wishes Halloween Party

Friday 1st November - Aycliffe RAFA Club



The Hub of Wishes charity are holding a Halloween Party Night on Friday 1st November, 7-11pm at the Newton Aycliffe RAFA Club. Tickets are £5.00 per person and there will be a raffle, disco with music provided by Alan Armstrong, our DJ for the night, and a prize for the best dressed person of the evening. This is a special party night this year, and as a small charity, it is a big event, something for our members to look forward to and dress up for. We hope you can come and join our party night, but if not, we would welcome any raffle prizes you are able to donate. We thank all those who have helped us in the past by donating prizes for our charity nights, parties and fun days. Please contact Vicki or Joanne on 01325 300121 if you would like to buy tickets or wish to donate a prize. Thank you.

K9 Pursuits held the Great British Bark Off and Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th October, to raise funds for Paws Up the Police Dog Benevolent Fund and The Lost Dog Trapping Team, North East.

People and their dogs were invited to come along and join us for coffee and cake and asked to enter the doggy themed baking competition. The entries were amazing, with some very innovative bakes being placed on the table.

The event was judged by Helen Armstrong from Paxtons sandwich bar in Durham and her wonderful Great Dane Gracie. Helen said that "the standard was very good and it was a hard job to judge the champion over all best baker".

There were two categories, A bake for human taste buds and a bake for doggy taste buds. The event was well attended and after the prize giving, the entries were auctioned off to raise more money.

The overall Champion of the 2019 Great British Bark Off was a super entry of an iced Victoria sponge with a cute fondant dog sitting neatly on top. The baker was Jennifer Brooke from Darlington. The total raised on the day was £516.80 and K9 Pursuits wish to thank every one who took part and supported them.



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HITACHI & HS2

Given the major contribution the presence of Hitachi Rail has in Sedgefield and Bombardier Transportation has in Derby South, Local MP Phil Wilson and MP for Derby South, Margaret Beckett have written to Douglas Oakervee, the Chair of the HS2 Independent Review to emphasise their 'shared belief in the strategic importance of High Speed 2 proceeding'.

'The Hitachi and Bombardier joint venture bid is the only one that provides maximum benefit for the economy by using established factories in the UK, relying on established UK supply chains. Given the peaks and troughs in demand in the rolling stock industry, the rolling stock contract provides a major chance to support employment and skills. Bombardier and Hitachi have a combined UK rail workforce of almost 8,000, in addition to the many thousands employed in their supply chains.

The rolling stock contract will create and sustain many skilled design, manufacturing and

maintenance jobs all across the country.

Furthermore, HS2 represents a chance to create in the UK a sustainable exportable legacy in high speed rail including design and engineering, manufacturing, skills, and the UK supply chain. This potential would be lost if HS2 were cancelled or majorly de-scoped.

While we support the Review, its existence has inevitably increased the current levels of uncertainty in the rail sector, on top of that caused by the Williams Review, and by Brexit. Uncertainty has a particular impact on the small and medium sized enterprises in the rail supply chain, many of which are located in our constituencies.'

The letter closed with the MP's requesting a meeting with Douglas Oakervee to discuss the review and so they could further highlight 'the long term economic value HS2 can play with regards to British manufacturing and the rail supply chain' in their constituencies and across the UK.

Greenfield Arts Call Out for Young Artists

Greenfield Arts are delighted to be able to offer young people the opportunity to earn an accredited Arts Council Arts Award and certificate. This is a chance for young people aged 7 – 12 to enjoy being creative and learn new skills with guidance from artist Dawn Belshaw. The six-week course will be inspired by our current exhibition 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny', a renowned artist who depicted the extraordinary in the everyday and was motivated by his passion for creativity.

This is a fabulous opportunity for young people who are interested in learning more about the arts and be able to produce their own artwork. The course will run weekly each Thursday from 7th November until 12th December 2019, 15:30 to 17:30, at a cost of just £25 for the full course and you can enrol online via our website, www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Dawn Belshaw is also resident artist at Greenfield Arts' popular free Art Club, held each season during term-time on a Monday from 15:45 – 16:45. This crafty session has inspired young people to



create wonderful artwork and learn new skills in a lovely environment. If you would like to know

more please call our friendly team on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk for more information by Monday 28th October to secure a place.

Parliament Acting Illegally

Dear Sir,
The Supreme Court instructed Parliament to hold a 'meaningful' vote on any Brexit deal.

However, when the deal was put before the House on Saturday the Speaker, unilaterally, (and vexatiously) chose an Amendment which rendered the vote meaningless. The Supreme Court ruling applied to the whole of Parliament, including the Speaker. He is in contempt of the Court, as is our MP and all the other Remain MPs who voted for the 'Letwin' Amendment. Why is nobody challenging the Speaker's action in Court? Gina Millar, where are you when Democracy, again, needs defending?

Remain supporters held a rally on Saturday in London which attracted, they say, circa. 1m demonstrators. The Leave MAJORITY VOTE was more than that! However, we now know it was just 'cover' for extremist thugs to threaten Leave supporting MPs going home after the sitting. The Judiciary, and moderate Remain voters who believe in Democracy, should realise that they are being cynically 'used' by extremists to thwart the Democratic will of the People. This is not free speech, or freedom of expression; it is outright thuggery which extremist Remain supporters will increasingly employ against those they regard as 'morons' for voting Leave.

Further, the Supreme Court ruling has set a precedent about 'meaningful' votes

on Referenda results. Will the SNP be so enamoured with the ruling and with the Speaker's actions, when a 'meaningful' vote in Parliament overturns the result of the next Scottish Independence Referendum? Our MP and his Momentum/Labour Sedgfield Constituency Party must now decide whether they are willing to allow the Brexit divide to fester, with increasing escalation from Remain extremists. If not, then our MP should act honourably and in accordance with proper Parliamentary Procedure and support the Revocation of Article 50 and facilitate an immediate General Election. This will allow the electorate to elect MPs who, by their behaviour in this Parliament, have shown whether they believe in democracy or not.

Leave voters will then be able to rid themselves of their current 'representatives' who have crossed The House, (some twice) and, in the case of our Constituency MP, has not kept his personal eve-of-election promises and who is in denial of the wishes of 59%+ of his electorate, with whom he has refused, time and time again, to compromise with. If you have tried to contact our MP by e-mail, don't hold your breath awaiting a reply. He appears to have gone to ground. Is he in the process of de-selection by Momentum for his stance against anti-Semitism? His electorate are entitled to be told.

Yours sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

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Aycliffe Pub Honoured for a 4th Consecutive Year

The Turbinia did it again, we have been awarded another place in next years 'No. 1' guide to the best ale pubs in the country. The only Aycliffe Pub to ever feature in the guide. This is a great honour for us because every year the competition keep upping their game, it's a very strict judging process, with ale experts checking, quality, choice, quantity and value of beers available and the pub itself. It is fantastic

to be honoured this way, as we pride ourselves on quality and offering a massive choice, last year we featured 172 different ales and 13 scrumpy's from all over the country. We must thank the staff for all their hard work, and importantly the customers without who, we could not have achieved this.

Why not help us celebrate this weekend, at our amazing – 'ocTURBerfest' Beer Festival, 19 different beers, 3 scrumpy's and 12 gins for you to sample, FREE entry, open all day from 1.00pm. Entertainment all weekend includes, on Friday night an Acoustic Open-Mic (featuring some great local talent); on Saturday night we have 'Little Devil' (fantastic high energy soft rock band) and finishing the weekends gigs off on Sunday afternoon is 'The Gatecrashers' (north-east's No. 1 party band) with something for everyone.

Just when you think it can't get any better, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will be greatly reducing the price of any remaining backroom drinks. 'So drink us dry'!

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All welcome and we look forward to your company. To celebrate St Elizabeth's Day, the Service will be at St. Elizabeth's Church in Woodham at 9.30am on Sunday 17th November. Come and join us for the Service and refreshments afterwards.



Dear Sir,
Sixteen years of hard work has finally paid off. After getting through to the final stage interview with Racoon, I was invited to attend a final audition with Racoon in Wella World Studios, London. The theme for the day was 70s Glam/Studio 54, and the day consisted of styling and applying hair extensions on my model.

I then had an interview with a panel of six, including celebrity stylist Andrew Barton, Esther Sweeney-Rowe, Cinta Miller and CEO Sue Davenport and after a long and exhausting day, not forgetting the weeks of preparation, I only went and got the job.

With my passion, expertise and qualifications, they offered me a role as a Educator; teaching people Racoon Hair Extensions around the country, along side running my mobile hairdressing business.

Thanks to all those who supported me. Gabrielle Harker
Photo: Gabrielle on the left and model on right.

Winning Scarecrow



The Winner of the Scarecrow Competition in our Nursing Homes this year was Defoe Court. This is the second year Defoe have won, so huge congratulations to them. A special "Scarecrow" trophy was handed over to staff and residents by Rev. Ann Anderson, Rector of Great Aycliffe Parish and Pam Lovell, APA presented them with a Tesco voucher

to buy the residents some treats to enjoy. Thank you to all Nursing Homes who took part in our competition. The voting was close with St. Clares Court coming a very close second, Rose Lodge were 3rd with Aycliffe and Lindisfarne following. Good luck for 2020. Thanks to Paul and Newton News for all their help with this competition.

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COMPETITION TIME!



To celebrate the release of 'Stephen King's Doctor Sleep' in cinemas on 31st October, Warner Bros. Pictures, VUE Cinemas and Newton News are offering you the chance to win a selection of film merchandise including Dr Sleep Chalkboard, Notebook, T-Shirt, Fleece Blanket, Motel Key Ring and two tickets to see the film at Vue, Darlington.

"Doctor Sleep" continues the story of Danny Torrance, 40 years after his terrifying stay at the Overlook Hotel in The Shining. Ewan McGregor, Rebecca Ferguson and newcomer Kyliegh Curran star in the supernatural thriller, directed by Mike Flanagan, from his own screenplay based upon the novel by Stephen King. Still irrevocably scarred by the trauma he endured as a child at the Overlook, Dan Torrance has fought to find some semblance of peace. But that peace is shattered when he encounters Abra, a courageous teenager with her

own powerful extrasensory gift, known as the "shine." Instinctively recognizing that Dan shares her power, Abra has sought him out, desperate for his help against the merciless Rose the Hat and her followers, The True Knot, who feed off the shine of innocents in their quest for immortality. © 2019 Warner Bros. Ent. All Rights Reserved
To be in with a chance to win, this package simply answer the following question: **Doctor Sleep is a continuation of Stephen King's The Shining and follows Danny Torrance in the years after he and his family lived in what evil location?** Email your answers to paul@newtonnews.co.uk along with your name and address before Wednesday 30th October.

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"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
Crooners Sponsored by MV Mobility		
10-11am	Crooners Show	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Reiki Therapy with	Phil Hawkins
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-730pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
• 27th Oct:	Fraser Rinsley, Joanne Land, Ian Bussey	
8-10pm	Sunday Set List	Sean Lawless
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

9-10am	Carrie in the Morning	Carrie Howarth
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

6-730pm	Sports Round Up	Darren & Lee
• 29th Oct:	Valerie Palmer & Tina Greaves (Ladies Cricket)	
730-930pm	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

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5-630pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
630-8pm	Independent Music Show	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
• 30th Oct:	100th Show - Live from The Turbinia	

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8-10pm	BeatRoute	Graeme Roote

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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	

• 1st Nov - Nathan Abbott 90s Classix with Dave Nicholson

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton visited Walt and Margaret Young on their Diamond Wedding anniversary last week.

Walt met Margaret purely by chance on a stormy night in Seaton Carew when his RAF liberty bus broke down. He and his colleagues took shelter in the amusement arcade where he played on the pinball machine while his friends were talking to a group of ladies.

He overheard one of them say, "No! He's taking me home", this lady was Margaret. Walt didn't have a lot of cash on him and spoke to the taxi driver outside who offered to take whatever cash he had (6 shillings and sixpence) to take them home, only for Margaret to peck him on the cheek and take the taxi home without him!

They were destined to meet again a short while later at the local chemist where Margaret worked and that was it. Sixty years later, they enjoyed a wonderful day with four generations of their family and many friends to celebrate.



COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

Important Council meetings, a public forum on Climate Change, and lots of things to do next week.

Find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB134

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday 16 October (Oral health, Health & Wellbeing Board, Integrated Health & Social Care, Public Health Report, Council Activity, Financial Plan, In-house Enforcement service, Early help for children & families).
- Council activity report, September 2019 (Exam results, Highways Equalities, Health & Wellbeing).
- GATC meetings, Wednesday 16 October – Environment Ctee: allotments, needles, budget; Recreation Ctee: Golf Complex, Ash trees, ASB, budget.
- Public Forum: How Green Is Our City? Thursday 17 October.
- Action against ASB, Friday 18 October.
- Trish Pemberton is taking the S&DR to America.
- Business Durham Workplace Health seminar.
- Community Led Local Development Programme for SMEs.

- Transport through Time, Beamish Museum, 24 October-3 November.
- October half term events, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 26 October-3 November.
- Celebrate Science 2019, Palace Green Durham, 10am-4pm, 29-31 October, FREE.
- Dark Skies Stargazing Festival 2019, various times & locations, 29 October-3 November, various prices.

- Ghastly gargoyles trail, Hardwick Park, 24 October-3 November, £1.
- Spooky Science (5+), Hardwick Park, 10-11am, 11:30-12:30pm, 1:30-2:30pm, Monday 28 October, £10 per child: book on 03000 262899.
- Frightful Family Crafts, Hardwick Park, drop in 11am-3pm Tuesday 29 October, £3 per child.
- Woodland Trick or Treat, Hardwick Park, 10-11:30am, 10:30-12 noon, 1-2:30pm, 1:30-3pm Thursday 31 October, £6 per child, book on 03000 262899.
- Spooky Family Fun Tour of Durham Castle (5+), 2:15pm Wednesday 30 October, book on 0191 334 2932.
- West Auckland: Murder, Beer and a World Cup (walk: 6 hours, 6 miles), meet 10am Wednesday 30 October behind Hollands Tractors DL14 9AX, £4.
- The Battle of Neville Cross (walk: 2½ hours, 3 miles), meet outside old entrance to Durham Johnston School, Redhills Lane, DH1 4SU, £4.
- Make a pom-pom Pikachu (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm Friday 1 November, (autism-friendly session 10:30-12:30pm), FREE.
- Beautiful Buddha, Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm Saturday 2 November, FREE.
- Durham Light Infantry Drummers (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm 2-3 November, FREE.

- The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, live at 6-7:30pm, Sunday 27 October will be Brexit: bit.ly/ARLIVE

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

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YEAR 7 TALENT SHINES THROUGH!



Year 7 students recently took to the stage to compete against each other in a tutor group competition. They had been working in their groups during their curriculum music lessons to put together a performance of a song of their choice. The show saw some excellent performances of a variety of different songs, such as 'Sky Full of Stars', 'Don't Stop Me Now' and 'All Star'. The winning tutor group, as announced by Head teacher Mr Bell, was 7GH, who gave a fantastic rendition of 'Eye of the Tiger' which featured a brilliant drum solo from Jack Maddison.

This is the first year that students have taken part in an event like this and they certainly rose to the challenge. Head of Music, Mr Gales, commented, "When we came up with the idea to put this show together, all I wanted it to do was to give every student in the year group the opportunity to perform on the stage. What was fantastic to see from the first week in September was how seriously all the different tutor groups took it. They all thought really carefully about their song choice and worked hard in lessons to put their performances together. The most pleasing thing was the support that they all gave each other. We had students singing solos to an audience of 220 with great confidence, we had some brilliant contributions from the instrumentalists within the year group and we also got to see some students showcasing their skills in dance. It is so exciting to see how much talent we have coming in to the school and I can't wait to see them all getting involved in our performances throughout the year".

Students will be taking to the stage again on Thursday 19th December for the annual Winter Concert. This concert will also feature the first performances from the newly formed Performing Arts Academy.

The Performing Arts Academy currently has over 100 members from all year groups within the school. Students have been working in groups based around developing their skills in drama, instrumental ensemble skills, set and costume design, and light and sound programming. The group's main focus this year is putting together a performance of Disney's High School Musical, which will be taking place in February 2020.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT



Newton Aycliffe travelled to Teesside and had to work really hard to beat a determined Billingham Town side 1-0. Aycliffe started the match without leading goalscorer Dean Thexton due to injury, so Liam Jarvie and Johnson Ballan led the line. Aycliffe weren't at their best in the first half and couldn't get their passing game going; Billingham had the better of the early exchanges and had a couple of half chances. Nick Green made a great last ditch tackle in the 14th minute, but got injured in doing so. He was replaced by Connor Phelan. Aycliffe cleared the ball off their own line from the corner that followed.

Billingham continued to apply pressure but didn't really trouble Aycliffe keeper Max Metcalfe on his debut. Bartliff hit a shot high and wide from a good position and Hogan hit a shot straight at Metcalfe. Aycliffe had a good chance themselves on 35 minutes when Liam Jarvie wriggled through a couple of tackles and played a perfect cross into the six yard box. The players in support couldn't quite reach the ball for what would have been a simple tap-in.

Aycliffe reorganised at half time; they had to replace the injured Marc Costello, Matty Lowrie coming on. Aycliffe were much better in the second half and got their passing game going. They went ahead on 61 minutes when a corner from Lewis Walton was headed in by

DIVISION 1 TABLE		
	P	Pts
1. Hebburn Town	16	38
2. Stockton Town	10	25
3. Consett	15	25
4. Newton Aycliffe	12	25
5. North Shields	14	24
6. Shildon	13	21
7. West Auckland Town	15	21
8. Billingham Town	12	21
9. Bishop Auckland	15	20
10. Guisborough Town	11	19

Liam McNamara. That fired Aycliffe up and they were on top after that. Three minutes later Walton bent a free kick around the defensive wall, only for Billingham keeper Young to produce a fine save. Shaun Ryder then sent a shot just over the bar. Billingham resorted to a high ball game late on in order to get an equaliser; they had a couple of half chances with headers but the Aycliffe defence stood firm to take the three points, with man-of-the-match McNamara outstanding. The result saw Aycliffe retain 4th place in the Ebac Northern League Division One with 25pts, the same as third place Consett but with three games in hand.

Next match is an away game at Bishop Auckland on Saturday 26th October, kick off 3pm.

Photo: Liam McNamara heads home the only goal of the game, also league table showing top of Ebac Northern League Division One.

Heighington A.F.C.

Under 10s RFYL

Heighington AFC under 10s finished their summer league in the RFYL in style today against Durham United Lions. Our 4th match in 2 weeks and also our 4th victory. I missed the match due to being away, but Mr John Connor stepped in and helped the boys claim 2nd spot in the league. 4 games ago we were 2nd off bottom and now we have finished with promotion for our 3rd time in a row. I couldn't be prouder of this team, they have fought so hard together and produced some amazing football. Goals today were scored by the departing Dylan x2 (gutted to see him go) and Oliver C x1. MoM went to Preston for the 2nd game in a row for us. Only a few weeks now before our winter season in division 4 starts. Any players wanting a new challenge ahead of the winter league, then get in touch. Year 5 kids with some experience preferred. Contact myself John on 07507 281020

U10s Black TJFA
Derby Day
1st game
Newton Aycliffe Juniors 0 - 1 Heighington Blacks

2nd game
Newton Aycliffe Juniors 0 - 4 Heighington Blacks
Really good tempo set for Heighington and we played really well on a poor standard wet pitch. 3 points against Juniors who haven't lost this season. Well done blacks, back to winning ways.

U10s Whites TJFA
TJFA Green Division
20th October
Heighington Whites v Eaglescliffe Elementis

1st game
Heighington Whites - 6 Eaglescliffe Elementis - 1
The boys have carried on from last weeks excellent performance. Conditions were cold and windy but that never stopped the whites from dominating from start to finish. Some great passing and non stop running from all the team had Eaglescliffe on the back foot. Goals from Dan, 2 for Chris and a hat-trick from

Benjamin lead us to victory. MOM - Benjamin. Great passing, non stop engine and super finishing.

2nd game
Heighington Whites - 2 Eaglescliffe Elementis - 0
This game was 15mins each way. Changes to the team and players playing in different positions did not stop the boys from again dominating. Goals from Lochy and Chris carried the whites forward to victory.

MOM - Dan. Does not know when to stop which is a massive asset to our team.

Well done to all the players- Lochy, Harry, Joseph, Oscar, Kyran, Zach, Lucas, Benjamin, Chris and Dan. You all did fantastic boys in bad conditions, please keep up the great work.

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All the best,
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RUGBY UPDATE

Aycliffe Triumph Over South Shields

Newton Aycliffe RUFC 1st XV hosted South Shields after a two-week break at Moore Lane in this Durham Northumberland division 3 fixture. The welcome respite clearly had benefited the players. With restored vigour and eagerness to impress the decent crowd of supporters, Aycliffe were up for this match.

The weather did not help proceedings though and the field conditions were quite wet which made ball handling difficult for both teams. Handling errors caused plenty of scrummaging in the first half and Shields heavy pack were holding their



own. Minutes passed but the continuous drizzle did not dishearten the fans. The deadlock was broken by inside centre Euan Kitching who scampered towards the Shields line to score the opening try. Unfortunately, his own conversion effort just missed gaining the extra points. 5 - 0 (38 mins). This remained the score at half time.

The brollies remained up for most of the second half. After the halftime team talk it was clear Aycliffe needed to change tactics slightly as the big Shields players were tackling well especially from the forwards. Aycliffe's top try scorer, outside centre James Thacker, lead the revival with a great try to enliven the crowd converted by Kitching. 12 - 0 (57mins). The Aycliffe forwards increased the tempo against the flagging Shields players allowing hooker Dale Patterson to punch through for a try, again converted by Kitching. 19 - 0 (65mins). Aycliffe started to handle far better than their opponents and with the backs now in the fine form spun the ball out to wingman James Toase who sprinted over for his

try. Duly converted by Kitching kicking 3 from 4, adding to the score 26 - 0 (73mins). Aycliffe now firing on all cylinders, and with the bonus point in mind, broke the visitor's line once more with a great run from scrum half Luke Tinkler and duly converted by inform kicker Kitching. 33 - 0 (76mins). This proved to be the final score and the Aycliffe supporters were elated.

Aycliffe have kept in contention with 4 wins from 5 and stepped back up to 4th in the division with very little between the top 5.

The match was officiated by an Aycliffe old boy Mr Carl Hall. The refereeing standard was excellent for the full 80 mins. It's always appreciated when a referee maintains good standards to keep the game fair and incident free. A huge thanks to Carl.

Next Saturday Aycliffe travel to Wallsend ko 3pm. All travelling supporters will be welcomed and appreciated. The impressive performances have been well supported all season. The club wish to thank Carmel Safety Training Services for their continued support.

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He has also regularly given up his time to

take the cadets to RAF Leeming for Air Experience Flying.

Paul conducted his last enrolment for two new cadets before being presented with gifts from the squadron. The cadets honoured him with a march past to mark the end of his time with the Air Training Corps.

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School Raising Funds for Local Charities

Students at Woodham Academy have raised over £500 for charities of their choice. This forms part of the school council initiative to get young people more involved in school life. The council is the body of elected students who

have the responsibility for representing the views of the student body within school. In the last academic year, the charities chosen by the student body were Sara's Hope Foundation, If U Care Share and Solan Connor Fawcett



Family Cancer Trust. Money was raised through a variety of events held in school, including non-uniform days.

"This is just one of the many opportunities students at Woodham Academy have to become actively involved

in their school community" said Mr Walker, Head of Citizenship in the school "it is amazing to see the young people work so hard together for the common good of those around them".

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Darlington Building Society has appointed three new high-calibre non-executive directors to join the Board and help guide the future growth of the 163-year-old member owned business. Angela Russell, Kate McIntyre and Jessica Williams collectively bring a wide range of skills and expertise from varied backgrounds which will add significant value to the strategy, governance and ongoing development of the

Society. Angela has over 30 years' experience in financial services in the UK and abroad, most recently as deputy CEO and finance director of the Newcastle Building Society – a role she held for some eight years until retiring last year. A chartered accountant by profession, through her career she has held a variety of roles covering finance, risk, audit, change management and corporate

planning. In addition to her role at the Society, she is a member of the Council and Finance Committee at Newcastle University and is a trustee and chair of the Audit Committee at the Percy Hedley Foundation. Kate has a career spanning over 30 years that has seen her undertake various cross-sector leadership roles in financial services. A chartered accountant by

background with various former directorships, she brings a blend of knowledge and experience to the Society in areas including customer services, IT, change management, strategy, risk and operations. In addition to her role at the Society she is currently chair of the Audit and Risk Committee at Cirencester Friendly Society and a trustee and treasurer of the Brathay Trust.

As the founder and managing director of Stockton-based business Just Williams, Jessica specialises in sales outsourcing. She has a wealth of sales experience gained whilst at the Yorkshire Bank and the Entrepreneurs' Forum and has recently been shortlisted for the Breaking the Mould award at the Tees

Businesswomen Awards. She is a fellow of the Institute of Sales and Marketing, a board member at Teesside University Business School and an advisor to the Tees Valley Combined Authority Business Engagement board.

Darlington Building Society Chairman, Jack Cullen said: "We are absolutely delighted to have been able to appoint three such talented people who bring a diverse range of expertise, experience and views to our Board. Along with our existing directors, I firmly believe the Board has the strength and depth to successfully deliver our strategic plans and ensure we maintain a thriving and sustainable Society for the benefit of our members, our community and our colleagues."

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Licence Applications

Goods Vehicle Operators Licence

Turner Price of Wiltshire Road, Hull HU4 6PD is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles at the operating centre at Ridgeway, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6SP. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioners Office.
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THE HOG BLOG

I hope that everybody found the first hog blog helpful and enjoyed reading about our wonderful prickly pals. Before I go any further there are people I would like to thank for their generosity, these rescue centres, including NASSL have to financially sustain themselves so fundraising is of paramount importance especially at this time of year because rescued hedgehogs need to stay with us till the spring. Mr and Mrs Gibson, Honest John and Valerie, Eddie of Macmillan Road for his donation of Brambles Hedgehog Food, the ladies in the Tesco Fuel Station for saving their daily papers for bedding along with Pat Lee of Shildon.

At the moment we are receiving calls about hedgehogs out during the day and very small hedgehogs need to be a certain weight to survive hibernation, if you think a hedgehog is in trouble seek advice, British Hedgehog Preservation Society have a rehabs list of telephone numbers. However, over the next few weeks, we will be fundraising at the local Christmas Fairs, the first one is at Neville Parade Methodist Church on the 9th November and the Community Spirit Craft and Trade Fair on the 23rd November, we will have information leaflets and can hopefully answer any questions you may have, so please come and see us you might even fancy a



Christmas treat off our stalls. In the rescue we have all girls, Cindi, Marti and our new arrival Hattie, we will be keeping them indoors till spring and any health issues can be dealt with here, however, we have lost hedgehogs, babies too, which are very distressing for us to witness, if members of the public take simple steps this can be avoided. Firstly, Slug Pellets, Football nets, in fact any netting, constriction injuries are lethal, even more importantly STOP RAT POISONS. I was in the unfortunate position to have one in the rescue recently, she had an appointment to

see the vet but when I went to collect her to take her she had died, she was very small too, she was picked up in the Gilpin Road, Neville Parade area. Thank you all for your cooperation.
Maxine
Aycliffe Rescue Centre.

PARENTS, APPLY FOR SECONDARY PLACES

Parents in County Durham are being reminded they are running out of time to apply for secondary school places for their children.

The deadline for applications for the next academic year, which starts in September 2020, is Thursday 31 October 2019.

In order for a child to be eligible to start secondary school in September 2020, the child's birthday must fall between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009.

CLr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "In our county we benefit from many schools with superb facilities and dedicated staff. We hope that, through our admissions arrangements, parents can express their preferences and see their children enjoy a happy and successful education.

Applications can be made online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by post. If posting, the forms should be sent back using signed for or special delivery services.

Application forms can also be requested by phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the school places and admissions team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ. Offers of places will be made to parents on 2 March 2020. For applications completed online, offers will be received by email. For applications sent by post, offers will be received by letter. These should arrive by no later than 4 March 2020.

Competition Winner, Donna, Goes for a Ride



Pictured is Donna Jarps, winner of the competition for a passenger ride with Paul Swift and his team at the Experience Day, Darlington Arena. Her face says it all and she told Newton News, "I certainly enjoyed the day and both my husband and son were really pleased to get a J turn lesson and the competition between them is hotting up already and I haven't booked their Experience Day yet".

"Winning the competition was great and Paul and his stunt team made it a day to remember. Paul's team took me through J Turns and parallel parking before Paul took me on a fast slalom course and doughnuts in



the Mustang, which is a car I would love to own. The driving on two wheels stunt is so exhilarating and definitely my favourite."

Sudoku (Hard, difficulty rating 0.63)

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36 Young People Caught in the Act

More than 36 young people aged 18 to 25 have been interviewed by TV Licensing Visiting Officers for watching live TV or BBC iPlayer without a valid licence in the last year in Newton Aycliffe according to figures released by TV Licensing.

The findings also reveal that a total of 482 students were visited across North Yorkshire.

TV Licensing makes more than 7,500 visits across the UK a day, focusing on

unlicensed addresses where occupants have ignored previous attempts to make contact. Not all visits lead to prosecution and the majority of first-time offenders are not prosecuted if they buy a licence before their court date.

There are over 25,000 students throughout North Yorkshire, and with 84 per cent of UK undergraduates aged 24 and under, TV Licensing is reminding them that they risk facing prosecution and a fine of up

to £1,000 if they are caught watching live TV, or BBC programmes on iPlayer without a valid TV licence; this includes any device, not just a TV set.

Despite the explosion in popularity of smartphones and tablets, a television is still the most used device for students watching live or recorded TV, with nearly two thirds of students taking a TV to university. However, for those watching BBC iPlayer, most are using a laptop, with 65% watching on their portable computer and 28% watching on their smartphone.

The law on TV Licensing: The law still applies to students living away from home in halls or shared accommodation and you need to be covered by a TV Licence to:

- watch or record programmes (such as sports, news, music, dramas and documentaries) as they're being shown on TV, or live on an online TV service (e.g. YouTube, Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, Now TV, Sky Go, etc.)
- download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer.

This applies to any device, such as a TV set (incl. smart TV), laptop, desktop computer, tablet, mobile phone, games console, digital box, etc.

If students live in halls of residence and watch live TV or BBC iPlayer programmes in their room, they will need to be covered by a TV

Licence. Students in shared houses will also require their own licence if they use a TV or device in their room and have a separate tenancy agreement, but if they have a joint tenancy agreement for an entire house or flat, one licence usually covers the whole property.

Tim Downs, spokesperson for TV Licensing in the north, said: "Students will now have settled into their new term and every year myths circulate around about when you do and don't need a licence."

"Most students own at least one device capable of showing live TV or watching BBC iPlayer - such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet computer - it's important they know the law around being correctly licensed, so we would encourage them to visit tvlicensing.co.uk to find out more."

A standard TV licence costs £154.50 and there are many payment options available, from paying in one go to spreading the cost over the year. They can buy and manage their licence online and if they don't need their licence for a full 12 months, they could apply for a refund.

Students can check if they need a licence at www.tvlicensing.co.uk/studentinfo - or by calling 0300 790 6113.

For more information on TV Licensing, please visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk/north.



The beliefs we hold to be true; Santa Claus; the Easter Bunny and the magical Tooth Fairy, childhood favourites to name but a few. As we grow the beliefs mature but are no less absurd. A flat earth on the back of a giant turtle; swimming in space guided by the positions and tides of dead planets. Ruled by vengeful Gods and fearful demons; mythical creatures hiding behind blind faith and mindless superstition. Images of heaven and hell created out of nothing more than ignorance and fear. Found in the hearts and minds of those unable to tell the difference between the truth and lies. Promises of salvation and threats of damnation delivered by those above the law and beyond the sacrifices demanded of lesser mortals. Fear draws lines in the sand; borders to be defended. Right and wrong are lost in no man's land where death waits patiently for those foolish enough to trespass. Righteousness becomes a belief defined by politics and religion instead of truth and justice. Myths and misconceptions confuse and distract lost souls searching for the one true path to enlightenment. Spiritual truths lose their meaning when sides are drawn and banners rose in triumph by sinners sitting in judgement

on those who chose a different path and sin in different ways. Reality has become defined by the media; celebrity status elevated yet lacking real substance based on pretence and make believe. Our beliefs may have matured but they appear more absurd by the day.

Obituary

Tim Leadbitter 14th October

Suddenly, Tim, aged 49 years. Dearly loved Son of Eddie and Mary; beloved Brother to Tracey and Brother-in-Law to Martyn; loving Dad to Katie and Sophie; darling Fiance to Maria; dear Uncle to Abigail and Leah. Sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral on Wednesday 30th October. Will friends kindly meet for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 12.30pm. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be given in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK.

In Memoriam

Syd Howarth 29th October 2018

Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad, always lovingly remembered. One year ago you left us, never to be forgotten, having made your mark on this world and on your family. Always something there to remind us, missed daily. Paul, Beverley, John-Paul, Carrie, Matthew, Lisa, Chris, Loren, Aimiee, Kameron, Dylan and Sebastian.

Syd Howarth 29th October 2018

To our Dad and Grandad Syd. It may have only been a year since you left us, but it feels like a lifetime. We think of all the great times and love we shared and count our blessings for the time spent with you. Even though 90% of it was spent at Newton Press - you wouldn't have had it any other way. In our hearts and thoughts every day, Stuart, Joanne, Adam and Alex.

Syd Howarth 29th October 2018

Dad and Grandad This first year without you has been a tough one for all of us, but whenever we feel sad we think about your smile, "big" hugs and so many happy times that we shared together. We all miss you very much, love always, Chris, Michelle, Jack and Joe xxxx

Ronnie Elliott

It has been a year since you left us, you meant so much to us. But you are in our hearts and that's where you will always be. We know that Heaven called you, but we wish you could have stayed, we know the memories we have for you will never fade.

We did not want to lose you, but you did not go alone, because part of us went with you, when Heaven called you home. But just remember one thing, we will never be apart, you are always in our memories and in our broken hearts. Loved forever by Mags, Darren, Amanda, Will, Rob and Tracy.

Lost & Found

I work as a Volunteer in the Salvation Army Charity Shop. I found a bereavement announcement in the name of McKeag dated Dec 1994. Knowing how important this is to someone, We have kept it safe along with another article found on the floor with it. Could the owner please call into our shop, we are open 9-5 Mon to Sat and they will be reunited.

Congratulations

Madison Jackman & Martin Moore



Congratulations Madison & Martin on your Engagement on the Isle of Man, 18th October 2019. We are so happy and excited for you both. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Mackenzie and Cayden xxxx

Thomas Burn



Happy 21st Thomas
Love from Dad, Michelle and all the family xx

Thomas Burn



Happy 21st Birthday
Looking forward to having you home from Uni to celebrate your special day. All our love Mam and Nigel xx
Happy 21st Tom
from Lauren, Dan and Thomas

Thomas Burn



Happy '21st' Tom
Enjoy your party and all the celebrations. Lots of love from your very proud Grandma, Alwyn xx

Tyler Claughton 25th October 2019

Congratulations on your 18th birthday Tyler. Love from Mick, Kath and Allen Family x

Elizabeth Franklin

Happy 70th Birthday Mam
From Andrea, Paula, Paul, Mark and all the family

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Photos taken by Michelle Kidd at the PCP Garden Group. The group meets Monday 10-12 and Wednesday 10-12, also on a Friday 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. I joined approximately 6 months ago and have made some great new friends who are various ages and of varied abilities. Some of our produce is used in the Kitchen Garden Cafe - yum yum!

We plant etc in small teams and have a cuppa in the shed together. David, the garden leader, is very welcoming to people of all abilities. I myself am in a wheelchair, as is David the garden leader. I have found being part of the PCP and its various wonderful courses has had a very beneficial impact on both my physical and mental health and helped with social isolation.

Thank you,
Michelle Kidd

Juniors Football Report



As another weekend of junior football approached, rain, rain and then a bit more RAIN descended upon us and our football pitches also! Our U9, U11 Whites and U14's fixtures did not survive the elements but there were plenty of games that still went ahead. With the Russell Foster summer season now at a close and our U7 and U8 Whites taking a short break, the Under 8 Blacks took advantage of the week off with a round robin friendly at Chilton. The lads had great fun although the results didn't go their way. Player of the day was Benjamin for his energetic performance and enthusiasm.

Under 8 Juniors were host to a strong Stockton Town Yellows team at Woodham Academy. The game started well for the juniors. Unfortunately it was not to be their day this week, despite great efforts from all players in poor weather. Goals were from Alfie, Jonah & Jack. MOTM went to Dom again for another outstanding game in goal. The Under 9s were in league action at home for the first time this season and played host to neighbours Heighington FC. It was a very muddy pitch and the juniors struggled to get their passing game going, conceding early in the first half. Despite an excellent performance in the second half they didn't get the result they hoped for, however they have had

a very positive start to the season. MOTM this week went to George.

Under 11 Blacks played their first league cup game away to a well oiled Wrekenton Nou Camp side. The juniors opened the scoring with a great goal by Alex, only to lose a player shortly after due to injury. Being a player down, with no subs, affected the score line for the Blacks, however Jayden H got a birthday goal with a great left footed shot. The team took lots of positives from the game. MOTM went to Jayden W. Under 11 Clarets continued their league campaign away to Darlington 21st All Stars. This team have had a great start to the season and Sunday was no different with another quality performance, particularly in the second half of the game. Goals were from Alex, Ashton, Harry and Josh T. MOTM was awarded by the referee to Harry. Our Under 12s played Darlington FC, with a great win. There were four goals from Aidan and a goal each from Niall, Jayden, Jack C, Tyler & Brad. Niall was awarded MOTM for fantastic efforts during the game.

Our Under 12 Blacks were at home to Riverside Juniors Whites. After a slow start for the juniors they found themselves 2-0 down before Charlie hit the back of the net to finish the first half 3-1. The Blacks were much brighter in the

second half with Rhys getting the juniors back on level terms, and then completing his hat trick to put them ahead before they conceded again. Rhys scored a fourth to put the juniors 5-4 up with minutes to go. The game ended 5-5 with an opposition goal being scored in the final seconds of the game. MOTM went to Jacob for some great defensive work. The Under 13's welcomed Hartlepool Saxons to Woodham Academy. A comprehensive win followed for the juniors, with hat-tricks from Will & Daniel H. The scoring was completed with further goals coming from Jake, Thomas A, Thomas F, Zak & Charlie. It was a great attacking performance from the lads in difficult weather conditions.

The rain did not let up for the afternoon fixtures with our Under 15's playing host to Linthorpe Academical Clarets, in some awful weather. The juniors were rewarded for their afternoon out in the rain and cold by a 7-3 win with two goals each from Leon, Lewis and Georgie. Brandon also got on the score sheet and was awarded MOTM for his non-stop effort all game. Well done to all of our teams this week and also thank you to the spectators who braved the rain. We have our fingers crossed for some dry weather over the coming week!

#juniorsmarchon

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Despite a couple of 5k races it seems distance was the focus of the racing this past week for ARC members.

The racing began midweek with race no 7 in the Darlington Trail series. However, given the time of year, members had to ensure that they ran in either head or body torches. ARC had a great turnout for this race with Dez Fielden being first home in 20.55 followed by Mark Bainbridge 21.12, Richard Holland 23.04, Heather Morgan 23.31 (2nd female overall), Dave Blewitt 23.57, John Burnside 26.07, David Stothard 26.35, John Richardson 26.53, Sue Milburn 26.59, Mandy Heywood 29.05, John Heywood 29.36, Kathleen Tonge 29.54, Richard Tonge 30.00, Jane Burnside 35.24, Susan Clark 35.45, Yvonne Williams 39.22, and Sam Baronowski 40.03.

On Saturday as well as attending the Parkruns, including the new parkrun in Jubilee Park Spennymoor, we had one member take on the first half marathon of the weekend. Julie Nisbet attended the Langdale Half Marathon which takes place in the heart of the Lake District. This course has a reputation as one of the toughest half marathons in the UK. Julie completed this in 2 hours 10 minutes.

Sunday began locally with the first race of the Tees Trail Winter Series, Peter and Sue Milburn took part in this race at Pinchinthorpe in quite damp and muddy conditions. Peter completed this in 20.58 and was 1st O60 male with Sue completing this in 26.30 and also being 1st O60 female.

A bit further away in Appleby, Sandra Collins took part of the Heart of Eden Half Marathon. This is a circular route from Appleby in Westmorland that goes through the picturesque villages of Murton, Dufton, Long Marton and Brampton, along the foothills of the pennines. Sandra completed this race in 2.01.56.

Finally, the focus was on York where we had runners in both the 10 mile and marathon races. In the 10 mile race Mark Bainbridge was first home in 1.11.05 followed by Heather Morgan in 1.16.42 and Becki Pedelty in 1.44.19.

In the Marathon Dez Fielden completed this in 3.23.17 and Carley Gibson completed this in 5.14.42 taking over an hour off her previous time.

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



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APPRENTICESHIPS ARE THE WAY TO GO

Dear Sir,
Delighted to read the article concerning Durham County Council Apprenticeship scheme.

Wonderful opportunity for youngsters these days. Earning while one is learning is an excellent way to forge a career. If only the NHS would re-introduce the plan to recruit Cadet Nurses at sixteen years of age leading on to the three year State Registration Nurse qualification from age eighteen.

I'm certain that there are still a number of SRN's about who would applaud their method of training i.e. lectures, practicing on models in the training school followed by intensive "hands on training" on a variety

of wards and departments. Closely monitored by Staff Nurses or Ward Sisters with an appropriate written record of competence that followed each student over the three year period. Frequent written tests and two examinations were necessary.

The 'Preliminary' practical examinations were held at a different hospital after 18 months, prior to State Final Examinations at end of the third year.

Maybe our MP, Phil Wilson, could pursue this method of Nurse training in an endeavour to meet the chronic shortage of staff in our hospitals. Many happy memories of Bishop Auckland General Hospital 1949 - 1969! PC

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Film Show

"THE THRILL OF IT ALL"

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A frothy feel-good 60's romantic comedy with loads of laughs.

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.