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St. Mary's Sewing Group collected the poppies from storage at the Army Medical Corps facilities, who had kindly looked after them since last year, for which we were very grateful.

A thank you also to the Fire Brigade who dried them all last year when the display was taken down.

It was a privilege to re-hang them again in memory of all who gave their lives in armed conflict that we might live in peace, this year particularly is significant, commemorating the start of WW2.

For those of the town it is also an opportunity to remember the man behind our poppies, who was so keen for the town to have an eye catching display, Mr. Newton Aycliffe, Syd Howarth.

For more information on the Services and parking arrangements for Remembrance Day see the notices printed in this week's edition.



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## Business Park Stinks

Dear Sir,  
I was wondering if you could put something in the Newton News regarding the awful smell from the bio gas plant?

I live in the Simpature area of the town and over the last year the smell from this plant is so bad. I can't open my windows. It is particularly bad on a morning, but is there most days.

A friend of mine smelt it in Darlington, when the wind is in that direction.

I reported this to the Environmental Agency, 3 months ago, who are looking into it, but so far nothing has been done. I also emailed our MP, Phil Wilson, who didn't bother replying to me.

Maybe if more Aycliffe residents get in touch with the Environment Agency and complain something might get done? It is very unpleasant living with the stench every time you go outside or open your windows.

Name and address supplied

## PUNK LEGEND JOHN LYDON AT DURHAM GALA THEATRE

Sex Pistols frontman John Lydon will speak about his extraordinary life and career when he visits County Durham next year.

Lydon, also known as Johnny Rotten, has just announced a one-off tour, which will see the punk legend entertain audiences in 54 venues across the UK in autumn 2020.

Tickets will go on sale for his show at the Gala Theatre in Durham from today and demand is expected to be high.

An icon and a revolutionary, as the front man and lyricist of the Sex Pistols, Lydon changed the face of music and sparked a cultural revolution. During his remarkable years in Public Image Ltd he consistently pushed the boundaries and continues to challenge and thrive.

As a writer, Lydon has written two best-selling volumes of memoir, and now he is embarking on his first spoken word tour, where fans will get to hear stories up-close and ask questions.

The tour will coincide with



the publication of Lydon's new book, *I Could Be Wrong, I Could Be Right*. Only 5,000 copies will be printed and signed editions will be available to buy at the tour venues.

Robin Byers, Gala Theatre manager, said: "Any of us who grew up in the 70s can't fail to have been impacted by John turning the music industry on its head. He truly is a cultural icon and we can't wait to hear the truth from the man himself. Anyone who calls themselves a music fan - punk or otherwise - will not want to miss this show."

John Lydon: *I Could Be Wrong, I Could Be Right* takes place at the Gala Theatre on Wednesday 28 October.

Tickets cost £30. A Super VIP ticket is available priced at £75 and includes a pre-show meet 'n' greet with a photograph and autograph, a goodie bag and front row seats.

A VIP ticket costs £45 and includes the goodie bag, containing an exclusive tour lanyard and limited-edition art print by Lydon, and seats behind the super VIP ticket holders.

To book, visit [www.galadurham.co.uk](http://www.galadurham.co.uk) or 03000 266 600.

## Double Celebration for PCP at Regional Awards



PCP were celebrating a double achievement at the North East Regional Charity Awards Ceremony held at the Hilton Gateshead on 17th October.

Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive, was Highly Commended in the category of Charity Leader of the Year. Barry Knevt, PCP Chair of Trustees, couldn't make the event but commented, "Carol is a truly inspirational person who totally deserves this recognition due to her commitment not only to the PCP, but to the voluntary sector in general. Making a difference motivates her and this passion together with her leadership and entrepreneurial style has been instrumental in shaping the PCP and other partnership work, locally and further afield. We are so grateful that she is at the helm!"

Another outstanding accolade received for PCP was Highly Commended North East Charity of the Year 2019. Host Anna Foster from BBC Newcastle described PCP as, 'A well respected, forward thinking and proactive organisation delivering over 29 projects across the North East,' Anna went on to explain that

the most important thing to PCP is the people we serve and the difference we make. Carol Gaskarth PCP Chief Executive said, "We had a brilliant night learning about the outstanding work of the charitable sector across the North East. To share the occasion with trustees, colleagues, service users and family was extra-

special. Everyone associated with PCP is rightly very proud of our achievements, the passion commitment and drive to help people and communities to thrive is second to none."

## FIREWORK SAFETY ADVICE

from pupils at Byerley Park Primary School

Our Year 6 Class at Byerley Park Primary School have been learning about Firework Safety from members of Newton Aycliffe Fire Service.

Some of the things we learnt are:

- Always keep fireworks in a closed box
- Only hold one sparkler at a time
- Never go back to a lit firework
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- Keep pets indoors
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Edge of the seat movie. Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2.00 admission. The film starts at 1.15pm and a variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company.

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**Saturday 9th November - "TBA"**

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**Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road,  
Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.**

Would you also note that the car park opposite the Phoenix Club on Macmillan Road and the car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.30pm for security purposes for the Parade to take place. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Spooktacular Halloween Party for ACORN

ACORN Community and friends enjoyed a fantastic Halloween party at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday evening. Hosted by the inimitable Professor Nincompoop, the party was our best yet with games for young and old alike, free buffet, free raffle, disco and bar.

Children started off the evening by scrambling about chasing balloons, which is always a popular attraction, then music from the disco aimed at children's favourites. Of course, not to be left out, it wasn't long before the adults were showing off their best moves to the cha cha slide etc with hilarious consequences.

Next came the parade of zombies, skeletons, and vampires and the best costumes were judged for cash prizes. Each ticket sold had a number which was a raffle number and were pulled from a bag to select prizes.

There were also impromptu gifts for dancing, games etc. We have some wonderful pictures and memories of the event so we would like to thank our committee for organising a great evening, Professor Nincompoop for his entertainment and Amanda and the staff of the leisure centre for their help and support on the evening. Can't wait to do it all again next year.

Ken Robson



## Final Garden Waste Collection of the Year

People who get their garden waste collected are being reminded that the last collection of the year will soon take place.

Residents who are signed up to the garden waste collection service provided by Durham County Council will receive their last collection, on their usual garden waste day, during the fortnight beginning Monday 11 November.

Residents are advised to check their collection calendar and note the date so they don't miss out.

Collection details can also be found by entering the property postcode in the My Durham section of the council website at [www.durham.gov.uk](http://www.durham.gov.uk)

The garden waste collection service will resume next spring. Those signed up for three years will not have to do anything for the 2020 scheme and the council will send a calendar and sticker in 2020 before the scheme starts.

If you want to sign up again for the 2020 scheme, it will open in December 2019. More information will be available from [www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

John Shannon, strategic waste manager at Durham County Council, said: "With days getting colder and nights getting darker, our garden collection service winds down for the winter. Residents should make note of their final collection date, so as not to be left with any unwanted green waste."

If residents accumulate any garden waste during the winter period, it can still be recycled at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which are listed at [www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc)

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## Horndale Community Association

**Hold talk about Tees Cottage Pumping Station**

George Beautyman will be joining us at our next meeting on Wednesday 6th November at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45. George will talk about the historical importance the Pumping Station had on Darlington and also the great work the team do to secure it for future generations. George gives a very informative talk and is well worth joining us.

Our Race Night held in September was a great success with over 90 people enjoying the night, we raised £670.00, which will be used to subsidise the children's Christmas event on the Teesside Princess Boat.

Our next trip is to Harrogate Christmas Market in November, as with all our trips this one sold very quickly. Our trips are always very popular and we are sorry to disappoint people and wish we could accommodate more, over the last year we have had approximately 45% new people.

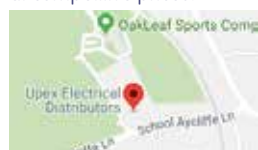
Our December meeting will also be our A.G.M. on Wednesday 4th December. Philip Clark



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Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

This week's newsbits include important Council meetings, County Council successes, Lumière info and how to help hedgehogs. There does not seem to be much happening this Remembrance weekend, but an interesting POLITICAL is expected on Sunday evening!

Internet links to find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB135

#### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- Meeting of DCC Full Council, Wednesday 23 October (Leader's Report; Derwent Valley AAP presentation; Strategic Commissioning; Sedgfield Neighbourhood Plan; County Durham Vision; Corporate Parenting; empty DCC buildings).

- Durham has won Champion of Champions at Britain in Bloom.

- Aycliffe Secure Centre has been awarded 'outstanding' from Ofsted for its high standards of teaching and empowering young people.

- Full programme announced for Lumière: tickets have now sold out, but you only need a ticket for the central peninsula, only before 7:30pm, and more than two-thirds of the installations do not need a

ticket.

- This is your last chance to respond to the Climate Emergency consultation.

- If you have been angered by the roadworks at Bluebell, there is still time to contribute to DCC's Roadworks consultation.

- Great Aycliffe Town Council Policy & Resources Committee Meeting, Wednesday 23 October (Asset management; grants; Risk Management; 2019/20 Budget Outturn; 2020/21 Draft Budget; Townwide consultation; HR SLA; SUPs).

- Helping hedgehogs - check/move your bonfires.

#### THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Festival of Remembrance, Durham Cathedral, 7pm Saturday 9 November, £12-20.

- Pitmen Poets, Gala Theatre Durham, 7:30pm Saturday 9 November, £20.

- Wildlife Watch, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10am Saturday 9 November, £1, phone 01388 718606.

#### AYCLIFFE RADIO

- The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, live at 6-7:30pm, Sunday 3 November will be Brexit and that General Election, with guests Paul Howell, Samantha Townsend and Fraser Tinsley: bit.ly/ARLIVE

## Call Out for Artists, Open Art 2020



Greenfield Arts are hosting their annual 'Open Arts Exhibition', however this year is a special one as they are celebrating their 20th birthday. The exhibition will run from Thursday 27th February – Wednesday 29th April 2020 in the Greenfield Gallery.

The exhibition allows

for artists in painting, photography, poetry, embroidery and many more art forms, to showcase their wonderful work to the community. 'Connecting Communities' is the concept for this year's exhibition, with the focus on bringing together and connecting communities in a creative space. This is inspired by the new spring season of activities now available to book.

Artists are being asked to respond to the idea of 'Connecting Communities' and can submit up to three pieces of artwork that will be showcased and celebrated in the gallery space.

You can register your submission online via our website our contact our friendly team for further information on 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

Deadlines for entries will be Friday 17th January 2020. This exhibition plays an important role in our new programme, which boasts a wide range of arts and creative opportunities, including 'Stories from the Hive' an exhibition by Julie Cockburn, with related activities in rag rug making and 3D ink drawing; free holiday activities and a range of ways to connect to your creativity. You can find much more by browsing the fabulous new brochure via the website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

#### HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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## RAYMOND MACKINLEY

It is with great sadness the trustees of the National Animal Sanctuaries Support League (NASSL) announce the death of Mr Raymond Mackinlay, our chairman and founder trustee, who passed away peacefully 9th October 2019. NASSL, a registered charity since 1993, has its roots firmly in Newton Aycliffe where the charity was founded. Through forward thinking and initiative Ray steered NASSL to the strong, well respected and effective animal charity it is today. The trustees and volunteers of NASSL have lost a unique and inspirational person whose legacy will carry on.

Pauline Wilson  
Co founder of NASSL and fellow trustee.

## Pet Advice for Bonfire Night

#### Ten Simple Steps:

- 1 - Check all bonfires for hedgehogs.
- 2 - Ensure all pet rabbits / guinea pigs are in a safe place or safe area during the firework season and cover all rabbit/guinea pig hutch's.
- 3 - Ensure all cats are indoors in a safe warm place where possible.
- 4 - Ensure all dogs are on leaders when walking during bonfire night season.
- 5 - Ensure all dogs are in a safe place or safe area to relieve any stress or anxiety.
- 6 - Ensure your house is well lit where your dog is within your home.
- 7 - Turn up any radio or TV to the next level to ensure it distracts the situation from the firework noise.
- 8 - You are also advised to use lavender around your home during bonfire night to help alleviate anxiety and stress from your animals.
- 9 - Ensure all animals are kept safe and well away from bonfires and fireworks.
- 10 - Neighbours please respect your neighbours who have pets that may become distressed or frightened during firework/bonfire night.

We advise all animal lovers to promote people to attend displays organised by your council.

There are a lot of animals that lose their lives over the bonfire night. Due to stress and anxiety.

Thank you for your support of the animals over bonfire and firework season.

NASSL

## Impressive Service from Play Cafe



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe were hosts last week to Alison and Kath, pictured with our President, Jean Thompson. They came along to tell us about the Play Café project which supports families with school aged children, who are at risk of experiencing holiday hunger or social isolation during school holidays.

The volunteers organise pop-up café events at venues in Newton Aycliffe, offering a meal, play and other activities free of charge. Play Café provides groceries for the whole family replacing the missing free school meals

and breakfasts, recognising that not only the children may go hungry. Families are referred to Play Café for a wide variety of reasons, but usually because of low income. It is often combined with other tricky family circumstances which are made more acute without the structured support which our schools provide.

The Rotary members were very impressed with this amazing initiative, the community involvement and the partnership working it encompasses and perhaps it could be used as a model for other towns where there is a need for a similar service.



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

### How to apply:

Please contact the GAMP Team for further information and an Expression of Interest form in the first instance.

All completed expressions of interest must be returned to the GAMP Office by Tuesday 5 November 2019.

Potential projects should have a start date no earlier than March 2020. For further information, please contact the GAMP Team:

gampaap@durham.gov.uk  
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## Sergeant's Blog NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By Sergeant Andy Boyd



Hi there, hope you've all had a fantastic summer period, it seems to go by so fast and then we are back into the darker nights and cold mornings in the blink of an eye. We have been really busy, particularly over the last month or two, with small rises in Anti-Social Behaviour in the Western and Town Centre areas of Newton Aycliffe. We have a lot of problems with kids climbing on the scaffolding and onto the roofs above the shops, sometimes putting themselves in great danger with no appreciation of the risk they are putting themselves in.

We have 'detained' a number of these youths and made parents collect them from the station, offering advice and warnings, but we really need to get the message out there that someone will be seriously hurt if this behaviour doesn't stop, please reinforce this with your kids!!

We have run a dispersal order in the Western area and a number of youths were forced out of the area due to causing, or that we suspected were going to cause, Anti-Social Behaviour. We are also working very closely with housing providers, and youths who repeatedly

cause issues in the areas where they live putting their tenancies at risk.

We have had a few incidents where a male dog walker has been threatening other dog walkers with a knife. I'm very pleased to say, that with your help, this male was identified and arrested. This goes to show that with community assistance, we can quickly jump on these incidents and put a stop to them, please continue to support us and give us the information we need to effectively keep you safe.

There was also a very highly publicised incident in the Woodham area where a knife was also used. Again, a number of arrests were made at the time of the incident and enquiries are still ongoing in order to bring charges. Meetings have also taken place with the housing provider to reduce the likelihood of this reoccurring in the same area.

On a positive note, we continue to try and tackle issues in and around the schools. After our week of action in May (which has been shortlisted for a problem solving award), we are still carrying out spot checks at schools, and working with partners to look at innovative ways to make our roads safer. Please be considerate around our schools, especially around drop off and pick up times! Leave home a touch earlier, park a little further away and walk to school, DON'T park on the yellow lines outside of school premises. Over the next few months we have events in the Town Centre planned for Halloween and Christmas (yes it's coming around already!). These are fantastic events where we can engage with you, listen to your concerns, and work with you to make Newton Aycliffe a safer place to live, work and visit. Please follow us on Facebook to see what we are up to, and for information on future events and meetings.

Take care.  
Andy Boyd  
Sergeant 1430  
Newton Aycliffe NPT

## Greenfield Enjoy Extended Curriculum



Students from Greenfield Community College have been extending their learning through theatre visits recently, adding an extra dimension to their studies.

An impressive cohort of 95 students made the trip to Newcastle's Theatre Royal to see the acclaimed production of 'An Inspector Calls' this week. The show, produced by Stephen Daldry (of Billy Elliot fame) is 'hailed as the theatrical event of its generation'. The quality production is a timely experience for Year 11 as the play forms part of their curriculum studies, and includes an extensive resource pack for teaching staff.

The visit was a great success. Mr Smith, Director for Improvement in English, along with members of the English department, accompanied the students and they were thrilled with the performance. Mr Smith stated: "The students thoroughly enjoyed the events unfolding on stage. It gave them the opportunity to see the performance in real-time, bringing the structure, characterisation and the themes of the text to life – alongside some fairly dramatic moments! All students found it a positive experience."

This follows a visit to Durham Gala Theatre by Year 11 drama students, who had the opportunity to 'tread the boards' recently. Students had the chance to enjoy the production of William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies' which 'explores the dark side of humanity'. The production was co-produced with Durham Student Theatre and directed by Annie Rigby of Unfolding Theatre. The students were able to take part in a professional workshop, inspiring their studies in their final year. There has also been a fabulous programme of live performance opportunities at our school this week.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY INFORMATION

SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2019  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40am and proceed via Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church.

The Parade will halt outside of St. Clare's Church for a short Service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00am.

Wreaths will be laid followed by a Service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

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A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday, 10th November 2019 commencing at 3.00pm.

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## When the Blood Red Poppy is No More

As I stood at the grave of an Unknown Soldier I bowed my head in respect, I silently gave thanks for the sacrifice he and so many of his fallen comrades had made. My moment of quiet contemplation came to an end as a soft and gentle voice broke the silence.

"Such a waste of life"

Lost in my own thoughts, I failed to hear a veteran approach and stand next to me. As I turned to face him I said I was paying my respects and leaving a Poppy as a token of my thanks.

"Ah the poppy of remembrance; less you forget us. We gave so much, and you give a blood red poppy in return as a token of your appreciation".

I don't understand!

"That is why you have to make more and more poppies every year. You still don't understand or have learnt

the lessons from history that demanded our sacrifice.

Your gratitude is a wonderful thing but there is little point in remembering us if you fail to learn from our death. War is the ultimate obscenity and no amount of poppies will ever change that. We did not give our lives to be honoured by an artificial flower, but to help you recognise the futility of war so that you would never have to pay the price that we did. In that we have failed you. If you wish to honour the fallen bow your head, say thank you for the time when you will chose peace over war, and the blood red poppy will be no more".

Then he was gone and I was left alone with my thoughts and wondered if the day will ever dawn when the lesson is finally learnt and Remembrance Day becomes a day of celebration when the blood red poppy is no more.

## Aycliffe Secure Centre Judged Outstanding in all Areas



Outstanding in all areas – that is the verdict of inspectors from Ofsted on Aycliffe Secure Centre.

The Durham County Council facility, which provides a secure children's home environment, has been given the outstanding judgement in all four areas assessed, building on its good rating at its previous two inspections.

The centre was judged to be 'outstanding' in terms of the overall experiences and progress of children and young people, based on how well they are helped and protected; their health; the effectiveness of leaders and managers; and outcomes in education and related learning activities.

Ofsted's report states: "The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care." Cllr Olwyn Gunn, the council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "For a secure children's home to be rated outstanding in all areas is extremely rare so everyone connected with Aycliffe is rightly delighted by and proud of this report.

"To have Ofsted recognise that the centre's services consistently exceed the standards of good and that it contributes to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people is brilliant. "Aycliffe could not have been judged outstanding in all



areas without the hard work and enduring commitment of staff to supporting the young people in their care; and we are very grateful to them for this."

The site at Newton Ofsted provides high quality, specialist secure accommodation for up to 38 vulnerable 10 to 18 year olds.

Ofsted found staff at the centre, which it rated 'good' in both 2017 and 2018, use their good relationships with the young people to encourage them to engage with their support plans.

The report adds: "These help children to make considerable progress in all areas of their lives. For example, some children benefit from reduced custodial sentences as a direct result of the support and intervention programmes provided by the home."

Ofsted also commented on how multi-agency working sees staff working together to decide how best to support young people.

The report continues: "This approach means that, over time, children's unsafe and complex behaviours, such as self-harm, reduce and their self-esteem and confidence grow."

It also talks about how, by being invited to take part in meetings, sessions and visits, young people are "empowered and encouraged to have a voice and to influence the development and running of the home."

In terms of the education provided to young people at the centre, Ofsted noted how the standard of teaching allows them to "make exceptional progress academically" with "clear improvements" in achievement rates in English and mathematics and most children achieving

## MISS SLINKY 2019



First picture 02/12/2018 - Second picture 20/09/2019

I have thought for a couple of weeks now about sharing these pictures and I didn't have the nerve too, but tonight's group has given me the motivation I needed.

When I joined Slimming World I had no expectations and just thought I'd give it a go because something needed to change and something was better than nothing. Moving to a new area and having a baby had definitely taken its toll and the comfort eating had gotten way out of hand.

I don't recognise the person in the first picture and I can't believe that was me and I let myself get like that.

38 weeks, 4 stone down in total and this week I won Miss Slinky 2019. I am buzzing!

Everyone in the group is on a journey and you are all doing amazing. Well done guys and thank you.

I could not be happier or prouder of myself and I've promised myself that I will never get like that again. I will stick at it and maintain my weight loss to be who I want to be.

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Newton News, along with Warner Bros and Vue Cinema, Darlington last week ran a competition for Doctor Sleep merchandise and tickets to see the newly released film.

The winner of the competition is Dean Mathura of St Mary's Close, Newton Aycliffe.



# UTC South Durham Offers New Routes to Success

Jake Westmorland, 18, is someone who appreciates the value of a good education but, in his case, it's not about sitting behind a desk all day.

He is one of a growing number of young people who have opted to leave school and continue their education at UTC South Durham. This is a specialist technical school for 14 to 19-year-olds created by the University of Sunderland, Hitachi Rail Europe and Gestamp Tallent.

Jake joined the UTC in year 12 and studied Foundation Engineering, Business Studies and Maths A levels. 'UTC South Durham is a totally different experience,' he said. 'Only a small number of students are admitted and so the work is much more concentrated and you get more individual attention.'

Unlike mainstream schools, UTCs match closely the needs of local industry. They prepare students for university and apprenticeships, but they also introduce them to the region's top employers.

Jake completed a 12 week industry project with Hitachi as well as work experience with Mill Masters. Now he is an apprentice with Hydrum Engineering which trains young people to become welders, CNC operators, Quality Technicians and Design Technicians. Neil Mawson, Training Manager at Hydrum, is pleased with his progress: 'Jake studied A levels and vocational qualifications at the UTC. The knowledge, attitude and



workplace skills he learned there have made our job that much easier. He is already developing into a confident and capable engineer.'

'We are delighted that so many local companies have chosen to work with us and our students,' said principal Tom Dower. 'UTCs are a new concept in education. They give young people the chance to acquire academic qualifications

—plus specialist technical skills in engineering. In addition, they have a programme of visits, placements and projects.'

Students who join in year 10 will study nine or ten GCSE subjects: the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Engineering plus two extra options. All students undertake the Duke of York Technical Award, a specialist qualification available only to UTCs, that acknowledges academic achievement and industrial experience at bronze and silver levels.

For young people who enjoy practical learning and are attracted by the increasingly ambitious and varied opportunities offered

by the high tech world of manufacturing, engineering and science, UTC South Durham is proving to be the ideal choice. The longer day, business dress, lack of bells and being on first name terms with staff help students take their first steps into the world of work. They are holding an Open Evening Tuesday 26 November 17.30- 19.30 where the public can meet staff, employers and current students and find out what is on offer.

Jake said 'I value my time at UTC as it introduced me to lathes and CNC milling machines and over time I learnt how to run and maintain them. The staff never stop believing in me. They gave me lots of advice and offered me many opportunities for work experience which helped me to be more confident in applying for an apprenticeship.' www.utcsouthdurham.org Tel: 01325 430 250

## Strictly Sparkle Brighten Up County

With Strictly Come Dancing now in full swing, the Gala Theatre has lined up three fab-U-lous shows that will keep the party going long after the coveted glitter ball trophy is raised.

The Durham City venue will welcome professional dancers and stars of the popular BBC One programme Ian Waite, Vincent Simone and Giovanni Pernice to the region next spring. Strictly favourite Giovanni is also set to dazzle audiences with his new show This is Me, which comes to the Gala Theatre on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 March at 7.30pm

Featuring plenty of the Italian's natural charm, combined with beautiful choreography and a fabulous soundtrack, This is Me pays homage to the music and dances that have inspired Giovanni's career. Tickets cost £32, £30 for concessions and £65 for meet and greet.

To book tickets, visit www.galadurham.co.uk or call 03000 266 600.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SILENCE

MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER 2019

Please Note:

That a cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence, which will be held on Monday, 11th November 2019 at 11.00am in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

Anyone wishing to attend this Service should assemble in the area adjacent to the Library in the Town Centre (Beveridge Way) at 10.45am on the 11th November. A short service will take place.

## OPTIONS CELEBRATE 20th BIRTHDAY



The Pioneering Care Centre was filled with good spirits earlier in October as Options members, friends and family, staff and volunteers gathered to celebrate the Project's 20th Birthday. Options supports adults with learning and physical disabilities and over the past 20 years has grown; it now operates over 5 days a week providing 68 day places and an evening social club caters for up to 50 people.

To mark the occasion a fulfilled afternoon of celebrations was enjoyed with those present including local MP Phil Wilson and Councillor Mary Dalton, Mayor of Great Aycliffe. Phil and Mary listened intently as the members explained with pride their personal journey of learning new skills, becoming more independent, increasing confidence and importantly making lifelong friends. No occasion is complete without a cake and longstanding member Keith

Dolphin was only too happy to cut the birthday cake along with the Mayor. Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive explained, "Seeing each of the members speak from the heart about what Options means to them and hearing their stories was very special. The Options project fundamentally provides support and a safe environment to help members to decide what they want to do, and the staff and volunteer team do an amazing job facilitating this. Everyone who has been involved in the project over the past 20 years should be very proud of their contribution. I cannot thank them enough."

If you would like to find out more about the work of Option please contact the Project Co-ordinator, Linda West: linda.west@pcp.uk.net  
Picture shows: Options member Helen stood with Carol reading out her favourite memories from her time in Options



Phil Wilson MP, Cllr Mary Dalton Mayor of Great Aycliffe with Options members, Helen Smith and Keith Dolphin.

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9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

#### SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
<b>Yesterdays Music Today Sponsored by MV Mobility</b>		
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Conversations with Mary & John O'Sullivan	Darren & Lee
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Colin McNeillie
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Steve & Col
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	John D. Clare
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	
• 3rd Nov: Fraser Tinsley and Joey Collins		
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

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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

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6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
• 5th Nov - Adam Randall (NA Cricket Club 1st XI Captain)		
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

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5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
6.30-8pm	Independent Music Show	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby

#### THURSDAY

9-10am	Carrie in the Morning	Carrie Howarth
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12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
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6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

#### FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D Clare
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## AUTHOR VISITS ST. JOSEPH'S



Author Adam Bushnell and Emma Hawthorne from Sc.out.ed visited St Josephs recently. Spending time with each class, Adam brought in some fascinating artefacts for children to handle. Emma worked with each class outside to do outside learning, linked with the children's curriculum.

Class 3's subject was the Stone Age and afterwards Adam let them touch 12,000 year old stone age artefacts which were, flint throwing stones, flint spear and arrowheads, hand axes, stone chisel, fire flints and coprolite (poo). The class worked with Emma to build Stone age houses.



St. Joseph's Mini Police welcomed Sc.out.ed Emma Hawthorne and author Adam Bushnell to St. Joseph's

## Pupils Praised for Never Missing a Day of School



Pupils from around County Durham have been honoured for never missing a day of school.

Twenty-nine pupils who attend schools in the county achieved 100 per cent attendance during the course of their secondary school careers, never having missed even a half day of school.

The savvy students were officially recognised for their commitment to their education with an invitation from Durham County Council to a presentation evening at Durham County Cricket Club's Emirates Stadium.

All were presented with certificates by the Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Katie Corrigan, alongside Karen Oxley from Metro Radio.

Two of the students, Ronan Phillips and Adam Chapman-Dodd, had 100 per cent attendance at secondary

and primary school. Another, Izzy-Mae Maddison, was 'keeping it in the family' with an older sibling who had also achieved 100 per cent attendance at secondary school.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "These young people have shown tremendous dedication to their education and they deserve huge praise. School is an important place where young people learn not just about particular disciplines, but about life more widely."

They received a commemorative prism, Metro Radio goodies and a certificate to include in their Record of Achievement files in recognition of their dedication.

**Photo:** Standing, back row (L-R) Lucia Robinson, Easington Academy; James Thornton, The Durham Federation; Ronan Phillips, UTC South Durham; Thomas Hodgson, Greenfield Community College; Connor Machin, Wolsingham School; James Gibbins, The Academy at Shotton Hall; Karen Oxley, Metro Radio; Councillor Katie Corrigan, Chair of Durham County Council; Jessica Lancaster, The Academy at Shotton Hall; Catherine Batty, St John's School and Sixth Form; Daniel Avery-McAleese, St John's School and Sixth Form; Luke Atkinson, St John's School and Sixth Form; Seated, middle row, (L-R) Adam Chapman-Dodd, St Leonard's Catholic School; Zoe Rutherford, Greenfield Community College; Emily Danson, Woodham Academy; Elisha Yorke, St John's School and Sixth Form; Millie Humphrey, St John's School and Sixth Form; Tegan Walmsley, Sedgfield Community College; Jody Whitehouse, Sedgfield Community College; Kneeling, front row, (L-R) Chantelle McGarry, St John's School and Sixth Form; Katie Bell, The Academy at Shotton Hall; Emma Watson, The Academy at Shotton Hall; Lukasz Przybylski, St John's School and Sixth Form; Catherine Dolphin, Sedgfield Community College; Amelia Ord, Easington Academy; Thomas Barker, St Leonard's Catholic School; Those unable to attend: Izzy-Mae Maddison, St John's School and Sixth Form; Emma Birkwood, Dene Community School; Sydney Oates, Parkside Academy; Edward Turner, Teesdale School; Nicole Blackwell, The Academy at Shotton Hall.

## LAUNCH DATE ANNOUNCED FOR AUCKLAND CASTLE

Community Day, 2 November 2019  
General Admission from 3 November 2019



Representatives from The Auckland Project's Curatorial and Engagement Teams, unveil Auckland Castle's re-opening date with a giant ticket. Photograph by Jamie Sproates, courtesy of The Auckland Project

A public opening date has now been confirmed for an historic North East castle, which was once home to some of the country's most influential figures.

900-year-old Auckland Castle in Bishop Auckland, County Durham, is re-opening in November 2019, following a three-year conservation programme led by regeneration charity and visitor destination, The Auckland Project.

An Auckland Castle Community Day will be held to mark the launch on Saturday, 2 November with general admission beginning the following day (Sunday, 3 November).

Once home to the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham, Auckland Castle's State Rooms have been sensitively returned to their original Georgian Gothic splendour, while the Bishops' private apartments are being opened to visitors for the first time, offering an intriguing insight

into both the public and private lives of some of the most prominent characters in British history.

### Opening Day

To celebrate Auckland Castle re-opening its doors, The Auckland Project will be hosting a special Community Day on Saturday, 2 November. Starting with a ribbon cutting at 10.30am, the event will include live entertainment and activities, as well as an opportunity to be among the first to step inside the newly conserved Castle and uncover the stories of faith and power that await inside.

Entry to the Castle will be offered at the discounted rate of £5 per adult, £4 concessions and £1 per child for this day only. A full programme for the opening day activities will be announced soon. For more information please visit [www.aucklandproject.org](http://www.aucklandproject.org)

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to enjoy; including world drumming, song writing and collective music-making. The sessions are on various dates in a range of venues in County Durham, including the Pioneering Care Partnership in Newton Aycliffe, which will hold the Community Singing group starting Wednesday 6th November from 3pm - 5pm. Carers can join in creating a brand new singing collective to learn basic technique, rhythm and harmony to sing arrangements in different styles and genres.

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## Have a Say on Alcohol Licensing

There is just one week left for residents and businesses to give their views on licensing matters in Durham City.

A public consultation, which asks whether Durham County Council should introduce a special policy which looks at the effect of the number of licensed premises in the city, closes at 5pm on Friday 8 November.

The council is keen to hear people's views on the current position regarding licensed premises such as pubs, night-clubs, takeaways and off-licenses. Members of the public are being encouraged to provide evidence relating to crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and the protection of children from harm in the city.

Owen Cleugh, the council's consumer protection manager, said: "As part of the consultation to inform our new Licensing Act policy, there were some concerns highlighted about the number and operating hours of licensed premises in Durham City which were having an adverse effect on the licensing objectives, so we are exploring whether there is a need to bring in a special licensing policy."

"We're working closely with responsible authorities such as the Police as well as internal partner agencies such as our community safety team, our environmental health service and our city centre manager, but we also want to hear from the people who visit, live and work in the city."

The council will consider all of the information and evidence it receives to find out what problems exist in the city and decide whether a special licensing policy would address them.

For more information and to have a say on the consultation, please visit [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation) or contact the Licensing Team on 03000 261 016.

## N.A.F.C. REPORT



### Saturday 26 October Ebac Northern League Division One Bishop Auckland 2 Newton Aycliffe 3

Newton Aycliffe went second in the league table after making the short trip to local rivals Bishop Auckland and winning 3-2. Bishops had the better of the opening exchanges; Fairley and Hoganson hit shots straight at Aycliffe keeper Adam Pickford, and Morris hit the side netting. Kevin Carr had a chance for Aycliffe, from a central position, but hit his shot straight at Bishops keeper Young. Pickford then kept out a header from Hall. Aycliffe went ahead on 30 minutes following a good team move. The ball was played out from the back and then down the right side, before Liam Jarvie crossed into the six yard box for Dean Thexton to finish. Aycliffe had a let off three minutes later when a long ball from left to right was put wide by Fairley. Bishops were having a good spell in the game, but then Munro had a moment of madness and was sent off for an awful lunge on Ryan Redford. As often happens, it didn't prove to be easier against ten men. On 43 minutes Bishops repeated the long ball from left to right. Aycliffe hadn't heeded the warning

and Fryatt controlled it and put it past Pickford for the equaliser. Aycliffe started the second half much better and Shaun Ryder and Jarvie had chances, but didn't trouble Young. They went ahead seven minutes in. Thexton produced some good footwork on the left side and crossed for Redford to flick the ball into the top of the net past Young. Aycliffe were on top and had further chances through Liam Walton, Ethan Wood and Ryder. However, Bishops equalised against the run of play in the 73rd minute. Aycliffe conceded a corner and Richardson powered a header past Pickford. Aycliffe took only two minutes to regain the advantage. Man-of-the-match Wood won the ball back in midfield and drove forward before releasing a pass to Jarvie on the edge of the box. He took one touch and then shot low past Young for 3-2. Bishops then had another man sent off the field when Fairley was sin-binned with eleven minutes remaining, the first time this has occurred in an Aycliffe match. Aycliffe nearly had a fourth when a Jarvie shot had a shot deflected just wide. They kept pressing and Wood hit the bar. Bishops keeper Young made three fantastic saves near the end to deny substitutes Johnson Ballan (twice) and Harrison Webster. Aycliffe couldn't convert their pressure into a fourth goal, but took all three points from a well-contested derby game.

Next up is a home game at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium, against Northallerton on Saturday 2nd November, 3pm. The Saturday game is a league match but the winner will be presented with the Frank Swinburne Memorial Trophy. It will be followed at 6pm by a race night / football quiz / music / meet the players evening - admission only £3.00 including a curry. Photo: Dean Thexton celebrating his goal with the fans. Report: David Strickland Photo: Yvonne Wood

## THINK CAREFULLY

Dear Sir,  
I have no particular political affiliations and in the past have voted for all three of the main parties. If there is to be a general election in the near future, then I urge the electorate to consider carefully before placing their cross on the ballot paper, bearing in mind that our Labour MP, Phil Wilson, has consistently ignored the majority of his constituents wishes by voting against any Brexit deal. Having contacted Mr. Wilson direct and asked his position regarding Brexit, he states that he was not elected as a delegate and will vote what he considers to be in his constituents best interests, in other words us ignorant peasants are not capable of making our own decisions! Regards, Derreck Pinkney Haselrigg Close

## Aycliffe Fall Short at Wallsend

Newton Aycliffe RUFC 1st XV travelled to Wallsend who were sitting 2nd in division 3 of the Durham and Northumberland League. Feeling buoyant after the previous week's success against South Shields. Throughout the match Aycliffe dominated the scrummaging and lineouts and in the early stages it was looking like Wallsend were depending on strong defence. Against the flow of play Wallsend were the first to score points from a try that was unconverted. Undeterred Aycliffe continued to win the set pieces and defended well when Wallsend took advantage of some mistakes. Two further tries were scored by the home team to the demise of the visitors. Aycliffe lifted themselves in the second half when good forward pressure allowed flanker Neil Anderson to go over to score which was converted by Euan Kitching. Sadly, Aycliffe failed to capitalise on

all their good work and some good defending by Wallsend prevented Aycliffe from adding to their score. Wallsend went on to win the match 25 - 7. Despite the defeat Aycliffe only dropped down one position and earlier success in the division has kept them in contention with only 1 point difference between Wallsend in 2nd place and Aycliffe sitting in 5th position. The 2nd promotion spot looks like its going to be fought for all season by the top 6 teams with Redcar dominating the top position 8 points clear. Aycliffe wish to thank sponsor Honest John for their continued support throughout the season. Your contribution is always appreciated. Aycliffe have a rest this coming Saturday as do the whole league as world cup fever takes over. With England taking on South Africa in the prestigious world cup final in Japan the players and supporters

will be singing Swing Low Sweet Chariot as they watch their tv's at home or in pubs and clubs everywhere in the world or at the Yokohama stadium.

Finally, a point to note. After the world cup final, Aycliffe will be hosting more Kids Rugby training from 12pm to 1.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club at Moore Lane. All kids who fancy trying out this great sport from the ages of 8 to 16 will be made most welcome. It promises to be fun and educational so that hopefully in time the kids will give themselves the opportunity to take to the sport. Aycliffe are really keen to push the kids rugby initiative in hope that lots of kids can eventually develop into the sport during the planned Sunday more coaching sessions in the near future. If you have any queries concerning Kids Rugby at Aycliffe please contact our director of Rugby, Peter Ryans 07796 172599.



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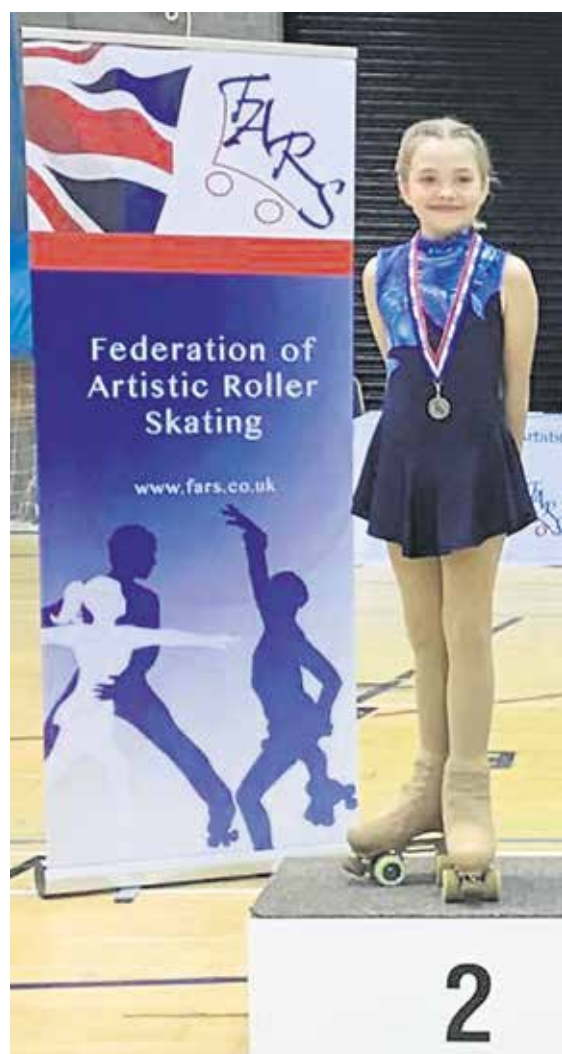


## SILVER SUCCESS FOR SPECTRUM SKATER

Spectrum Roller Skating Club took a team of four skaters away to Kettering to compete in the national event. Jazzmyn Loring 13th compulsory dance, 2nd Freedance Hannah Godwin 13th compulsory dance, 16th freedance Niamh Dawson 9th compulsory dance, 19th freedance Nicola Stevens 12th compulsory dance

It was silver for Jazzmyn Loring at Autumn Solos for her freedance skating to music from The Greatest Showman. 9 year old Jazzmyn started skating with Spectrum Roller Skating Club at the age of 4. She was placed 3rd at the British Championships last year, won numerous competitions and earlier in the year was selected to skate in Paris, France at her first international. She has been training hard at Sunnydale Leisure Centre, Shildon and 28th & 29th September at Kettering she skated her way to silver place at yet another national competition.

Anyone interested in roller skating can find more information on the Facebook and Instagram social media pages or ring Tracy Stevens 07891 461958.



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## Dunn Family Racing



Aycliffe's budding superstar, Scarlet Dunn, produced a superb display of wet weather driving last weekend at Teesside.

The weekend was a double header of Round 9 with 2 lots of points to be picked up from the 2 day race meeting. But first, the previous month's Round 8 had to be finished; a race meeting that was abandoned half way through due to heavy rain. Scarlet had dominated September's meeting with a Pole Position and 2 heat wins before the meeting was postponed and was looking to finish the job on Saturday and claim the overall win. She did this in style with a dominant display in heat 3 and in the final, claiming the overall winners trophy and maximum points possible in emphatic style.

Leading onto Round 9 of the championship which followed on through the day, she went on to continue her performance in the heats, taking another 3 wins, including a gap of over 2 seconds per lap in one heat. In the final, she was once again battling amongst the leaders and in the closest event of the year with the top 4 drivers being covered by less than one tenth of a second in lap times, she was knocked down to 4th place. But she was still happy with her performance through the day.

On Sunday, Scarlet opted to race her more powerful IAME Bambino kart, and once again drove fantastically all day taking Pole position, 3 heat wins and victory in the final.

Scarlet would like to congratulate her fellow competitors and friends Thomas Potter, who sealed the Teesside Bambino Comer championship at the weekend after a consistently good year and also to Edward Haynes who also drove well throughout the season and finished runner up. Meanwhile, budding racer Harrison Dunn continued his progress in the sport by driving very consistently all weekend, finishing ahead of some competitors in the heats and producing his best lap times to date.

He kept on smiling throughout the weekend and always makes his friends and family happy with the care he takes and effort he puts in. The pair are competing again at Rowrah, Cumbria this weekend.

Scarlet & Harrison would like to thank again, sponsors Johnson Land Home Improvements and NRG Cycles, for the support and to her family for giving her the opportunity.

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## Coates Stages Clio Cup Comeback at Brands Hatch

The Renault UK Clio Cup has been a mainstay of the British Motorsport scene for over 20 years, it's 2019 championship has been one of the most exciting in its illustrious history. Yorkshireman Max Coates has played a central role in its final season after a yearlong title battle and rivalry with Ulsterman Jack Young.

Entering the final round at Brands Hatch in Kent, Primex Plastics sponsored Coates sat 15 points behind Young in the standings.

The previous round at Silverstone provided the latest twist in the Coates-Young championship battle, the Yorkshireman ending the second race in the gravel trap after contact from his ex-team mate. Few thought the drama would, or could, escalate further at Brands Hatch.

But that it did and it all started in Qualifying. The rain-hit session started damp with all cars starting on wet Michelin tyres. The track dried quickly and Coates pitted to make his RPC bpi PLASgran car slick shod whilst his rival continued on wet tyres. After two laps Coates was on track to set the fastest lap of the session by some margin, but as he entered the final corner of the historic GP layout at Brands Hatch, he was greeted by a red flag halting the session after another driver had finished up in the gravel. With further rain afterwards the Polydist sponsored drivers times were only good enough for 4th and 10th on the grid for the weekends two races. Meanwhile Young had scored 7th and 3rd. It meant Coates would likely outscore in race one and Young would in the championship deciding race two.

As Coates in his Harron Homes backed car pulled up to 4th position on the grid in race one he stalled, his clutch not clearing sufficiently to stop the car. Thankfully he got it restarted and was able to continue without further issues, however he crept away slowly. Under pressure from his championship rival Coates turned defence into attack and was the fastest car on the circuit, within a lap moving into 2nd place. He then began his advances on the early race leader and on lap 5 was on his rear bumper. A safety car intervention was needed to clear a car stricken in the gravel trap which halted the RMB Automotive and Bennett Renault backed drivers progress. He then lost a spot at the restart and despite his early race pace had to settle for 3rd place. The action didn't end there, Young was given a drive-through penalty for overlapping at the safety car restart, a penalty he did not serve. He was handed a 30-second penalty after the race which meant Coates lead the championship once more, by just a single point, going into the final race of the season.



To the finale, Coates starting 10th was really on the back foot despite his points advantage. A strong opening lap meant he climbed 5 places only for an early race safety car to halt his progress. The intervention was lengthy, but at the restart Coates looked almost certain to gain another position, only for another safety car to be called. Coates backed out of the move but other drivers didn't hear the message on the radio and he slipped back to 6th place. Again, the safety car period was lengthy leaving just 4 laps for Coates to overhaul Young's advantage. Coates moved swiftly through to 2nd place in the final laps and had one lap to close and pass his rival to take the championship. By that point the gap was nearly 3 seconds which was just too big for Coates to overcome. 2nd in the race and 2nd in the championship, by just 5 points.

Afterwards an emotional Coates said, "I put everything I had into that last race but it just wasn't to be. The safety car laps hampered my chances to move forward but when I had the opportunity to overtake I did, I couldn't be happier with my drive today but I'm so disappointed not to have taken the title. It's easy with hindsight to look back at where I could have found another 6 points this year, we've had plenty of set-backs and really any one of them could have made the difference."

I'd like to thank all of my sponsors, Team HARD. and all the people who work with me on my racing and the car itself for giving me the opportunity to do this, without them I couldn't have put this title fight together. Likewise this ends four years of racing in the Renault UK Clio Cup, a championship that has rejuvenated my racing career and without doubt shaped my life, I'd like to extend my thanks to all the staff involved in the series and anyone who has been involved in the last 4 years."

UK Clio Cup Media Officer Carl McKellar said "For the 300,000 fans who have attended the events and the millions more watching ITV4's live coverage of the action, the rivalry between Max Coates and Jack Young has been the most exciting of the season out of all the BTCC's supporting categories.

"Similarly, in the media room, the press – even those there to cover the BTCC – often commented how they'd downed tools to watch the Max vs Jack show – a real highlight of their day!"

"To win 7 races in a championship as competitive as the UK Clio Cup is a very rare feat but Max managed this – it's a huge testament to his abilities and how he has matured into a great all-round performer during the past several years. His following is now many thousands and actually puts to shame that of many drivers in higher levels of the sport – including some in the headlining BTCC."

The Brands Hatch races can be watched back via the ITV Hub or BTCC ITV Motorsport website; <https://www.itv.com/btcc/races/btcc-2019-brands-hatch-gp-race-action>. Coates will have at least another two races meetings this year, competing in the final round of the Britcar Endurance Championship this weekend at Oulton Park and at the Race of Remembrance on the 9th and 10th November at Anglesey. His focus is now on putting together a BTCC Championship campaign for 2020 and he is already in discussion with teams about his ambitions. Anyone interested in sponsorship opportunities for the 2020 season is welcome to get in touch via Max's website.

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## Village Residents Association

Aycliffe Village Residents Association (AVRA) have recently held their first AGM and would like to thank the following for their donations which have allowed progress to be made over the last 12 months: Honest John Councillor S. Iveson Councillor J. Atkinson Joy Marie Hairdressing Collette & Stuart (The County) Vicky Craggs (The Royal Telegraph) and customers at The Royal Telegraph. Many thanks to all who have made it possible to establish the Residents Association within Aycliffe Village.

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## Alzheimers Memory Walk Raises £165



Rose Lodge Care Home on Carers Way, Cobblers Lane, Newton Aycliffe recently completed a fundraising walk in support of the Alzheimers Society. The staff at Rose Lodge met outside the home and walked along the five mile Great Aycliffe Walk to raise money as part of the Alzheimers Memory Walk. They all had such a lovely day, which took a few hours, and they even met up with one of our residents part way through, with her son, which was a lovely surprise to the walkers. Rose Lodge would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported and donated to this cause, we raised £165 from the home for the Society.

## CrossFit All Out Make 'Rep It Out' Finals

On Sunday 6th October, 3 teams from Newton Aycliffe based strength and conditioning gym 'CrossFit All Out' travelled to Halifax to compete at Rep It Out same sex pairs competition finals, along with other members to cheer them on. The teams had to complete a series of qualifying workouts beforehand in order to earn their spot at the finals, which was a one-day event.

### TEAM 'ALL OUT FISSION'

Head Coach Terry Anderson teamed up with Fission Nutrition supplement brand owner Dave Pownall in the male Masters category, qualifying in 4th place. They finished in joint second place on the day, however on count back they ended up in 4th position, just missing out on a podium spot. They had a best place finish of first place in WOD 2B whereby in 3 minutes they achieved 104 pull ups after completing a 30-calorie row!

Dave said, "Event 1 was the Snatch complex plus front squat ladder and it went better than expected. Terry recently set a PB (personal best) of 105kg so was in great form. He finished the complex with 90kg therefore he placed equal top with two others. I set a PB in the complex and after the front squat ladder we were sat in 3rd place. The 2nd event was all the grunt work with gymnastics in between. It involved 3 back to back workouts with no rest including D-Balls and worm cleans. We



managed to win event 2B, the gymnastics section including max pull ups. All in all, it was a solid performance from both of us, we certainly held our own and even though some decisions/events went against us, we were happy with our efforts. We finished the day in a three way tie for 2nd place which shows how high the standard was however, on count back we finished in 4th place. Thanks to Rep It Out and the organisers for a great comp and Team All Out for the support."

### TEAM 'CATCH THIS SNATCH'

All Out Assistant Coach Courtne Mills and teammate Hayley Ashmead competed in the female RX category, qualifying in 36th place and jumping up the leaderboard to 18th position in the finals. They had a best place finish of 8th in event 3 whereby they completed 8 D-Ball sprints, 3 rounds of 10 toes to bar and 20 box jumps, finishing with another 8 D-Ball sprints.

Courtne said, "It was a great day competing alongside my teammate and good friend Hayley. We gave our all in every single workout and despite Hayley suffering with a long-standing shoulder injury, she wasn't afraid to get stuck in and push

me through each event. We were pleased with how we performed together overall, but we were especially happy with event 3 which played to our strengths, and we were able to hold our own against some of the top CrossFit athletes in the country. We are very grateful for the support from all of the other members at CrossFit All Out, it was great to have so many of them come along to cheer us on, with others watching and supporting us from home via live feeds on Facebook. It's a great team."

### TEAM 'NORTHERN BOYS'

Chris McGeever and Tom Morgan competed in the male RX category and finished in 38th place overall. They had a best place finish of 11th in WOD 2B whereby in 3 minutes they achieved 108 pull ups after completing a 30-calorie row.

Tom said, "It was a great weekend at Rep It Out with Chris and the rest of the All Out crew! I think we both agree when I say they were some of the toughest workouts we have done at a competition. Overall we went away feeling good knowing we gave it everything!"

More details of CrossFit All Out are available at [www.crossfitallout.co.uk](http://www.crossfitallout.co.uk)

## Juniors Football



Although we had another horrible weekend in terms of the weather, we still had some Juniors teams raring to go and play another round of league fixtures.

We first had our U7s who played a friendly against Chester-Le-Street. The man of the match award went to Noah, however all of the lads played brilliantly and any single one of them could have won the award.

Aycliffe Juniors U8s Juniors faced Darlington FC Quakers in a draw that produced 10 goals. With Alfie getting himself a superb hat-trick and Daniel and Jack getting a goal apiece. The man of the match was Alfie after some great attacking play.

The Under 11 Whites travelled to play Prissick Rovers Madrid. Without a full team it was always going to be a tough outing. The result didn't go the Juniors way, Jake received the Man of the match award after scoring a brilliant free kick. Our Under 12 Whites played Spraire Lads at home in what

was a tightly contested game. Goalscorer Tyler grabbed the man of the match award after scoring a brilliant solo goal in a game that saw Aycliffe leave with the 3 points.

Aycliffe Juniors U12 Blacks faced a strong Norton side in what was a tough game for the Aycliffe team. Although the result didn't go their way this week they will be looking for a sharp turnaround next week to get another 3 points on the board.

The final team to play was our Under 15s who travelled to Redcar. The team only had 9 players to start with and after having one sent off, it was always going to be a struggle for the Aycliffe side. Lewis and Charlie grabbed themselves a goal apiece and Jake was awarded the Man of the Match award for a great performance and attitude.

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# Newton Aycliffe Men Talking Together

New Pathways Together, a new group that meets at The Ark, Silverdale Place (formerly Western Area Community Centre), Silverdale Place are starting a new group from Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 10.00am called "Newton Aycliffe Men Talking Together".

We know that many men just sit at home all day for whatever reason alone and lonely, sometimes not seeing anyone, just watching TV.

We are hoping they will come to visit us, have a cup of tea and a chat, play dominoes, cards etc, or whatever they want, including pool.

In the summer we will go on trips and outings.

We have disabled access and toilets, so why not come along and meet us. You can be picked up for your first visit.

We can point you in the right direction for help.

Contact 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for more details.

# Support for Vulnerable Households this Winter

As the nights begin to draw in and the weather turns colder, a new campaign has launched to support vulnerable households in County Durham who might be worrying about how to pay for their heating bills this winter.

The latest statistics\* for 2017 reveal 11.8% of homes in County Durham are 'fuel poor' which means their energy costs are above average and their remaining disposable income after paying their bills puts them below the poverty line.

In response OFTEC, which represents the oil heating industry, has launched a campaign to provide support and advice to vulnerable households on how to reduce their fuel costs without having to turn down the heating.

They are also providing details of the energy payment and saving schemes available. These include:

## Winter Fuel Payment

• Most people over 65 are entitled to the Winter Fuel Payment to help with heating costs. This is a tax-

free payment of between £100 and £300 paid to you between November and December. If it's the first year you are eligible, contact the Winter Fuel Payment helpline to ensure you don't miss out on 0800 731 0160.

## Cold Weather Payment

• If you receive Pension Credit, or certain other benefits, you may be able to claim a Cold Weather Payment when the temperature is at 0°C (32°F) or below for seven days in a row.

## Warm Home Discount

• You may be entitled to a Warm Home Discount on your electricity bill if you receive Pension Credit or if you are on a low income. This is a one-off discount usually made between September and March.

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Christmas provides an

opportunity for even more charities to benefit from the initiative, and are therefore calling on all charities and community groups in Newton Aycliffe to get in touch for a Christmas Eve donation.

As part of the Christmas initiative, charities and community groups will be paired with local Aldi stores and can collect fresh food products that are near the end of their shelf life such as fruit, vegetables, fresh meat, fish and bread after the store closes at 6pm on Christmas Eve.

Last Christmas, Aldi donated just under half a million

meals to charities across the UK, and is hoping to increase this for Christmas 2019, spreading Christmas cheer to even more families.

Fritz Walleczek, Managing Director of Corporate Responsibility at Aldi UK, said: "Our Christmas food donation scheme is something we're really passionate about, and we're working with Neighbourly this year to pair as many stores up as possible."

"Last year we were able to reach thousands of people across the UK, and some



charities were even able to prepare fresh meals that fed families well into the New Year. This is our third year of Christmas food donations and we're hoping this year will be just as successful, and we look forward to working with local charities and food banks from Newton Aycliffe in the future."

Charitable groups interested

in working with Aldi this Christmas should contact Neighbourly at [aldichristmas@Neighbourly.com](mailto:aldichristmas@Neighbourly.com) before Monday 11th November 2019.

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## The Hog Blog!

It has been a very eventful week so far at Aycliffe Rescue Centre, I have seven Autumn Juveniles who will be with us till the spring, we have a poorly Martin who is receiving daily antibiotics for an upset tummy, Jessica, Angelina, a litter of four from Ian who has entrusted me with the Hogwarts four, Hermione, Hester, Hagrid and Hazel, all of these would have surely died in the wild because they don't have the time to build up fat reserves to last the winter. We can't forget to mention Cindi, she hopefully will be released when the weather improves, maybe about now, milder weather will give her a chance to make her nest ready for hibernation, a very kind individual has a hedgehog friendly garden



where she will be safe and happy. Can I remind everybody who likes to celebrate firework night with a bonfire, please check to make sure there are no hedgehogs in your pre lit bonfire, that is the sort of home they will choose to sleep in, please take extra care. Even build it the day of lighting or go to a specially organised firework display. Pumpkins also shouldn't be left on the ground for the hedgehogs, where ever possible tie them up because these are perfect for the birds and squirrels, there are many foods that our prickly pals shouldn't eat, mealworms are a definite no, milk, bread, peanuts and kitty biscuits are perfect for them. Have a good week and we hope to see you at our first Christmas Fair at Neville Parade Church, on the 9th of November, I hope you like this picture of a lovely baby hedgehog currently with us. If you find a hog in need, please contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

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# Working to Ensure County Durham is Healthy & Happy

Reducing smoking levels and developing dementia friendly communities are among the achievements of the County Durham Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) over the last 12 months. The board's sixth annual report will be presented to Durham County Council's Cabinet at a meeting in County Hall on Wednesday 16 October. The report outlines key achievements the HWB has made during 2018/19 and includes examples of work partners have undertaken or supported during that time. It examines how the board has delivered against strategic priorities detailed in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016/19 and explores the impact its work has had on people's lives. Among the achievements highlighted within the report are:

- County Durham was chosen by the Local Government Association as one of 12 locations to pilot the Prevention at Scale pilot. One focus was on reducing the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health within communities.

- There has been a substantial reduction in smoking levels in County Durham and for the first time there is no significant difference between both regional and national averages. Currently 15 per cent of adults in County Durham smoke compared to a North East average of 16.2 per cent and the England average of 14.9 per cent.
- HWB partners have been working to further develop dementia friendly communities by raising awareness of dementia locally and delivering activities and events to improve the lives of people with dementia and their families. Four of the council's area action partnerships have employed a dementia friendly communities co-ordinator, meaning there are now 19 working across the county and more planned over the coming years.
- The Active 30 Durham programme was launched in September 2018 and aims to increase physical activities among young people within a school setting. More than 100 schools have signed up to do at least 10, 20 or 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity

with each pupil every day.

- In the summer of 2018, working with the Children and Families Partnership, the HWB piloted a new programme called Holiday Activities with Food to help tackle food poverty during the school holidays. This included publicising more than 177 activities with or without food across County Durham and developing a programme of activities with healthy food provision for some of the county's most vulnerable children and young people. Free healthy snacks were also on offer at council-run leisure centres with swimming pools and Clayport Library in Durham during half term in October 2018.

The County Durham HWB was set up in April 2013. It includes representatives from the council, clinical commissioning groups, Healthwatch, NHS foundation trusts, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service and the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner. Cabinet will be asked to note the achievements and endorse the report.

# Red Rose Skating Festival



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performances and the club was congratulated, not only for their skating, but their behaviour and fantastic attitudes. Anyone interested in roller skating can come along on Thursdays, 6.30-7.30pm or Saturdays, 2.30-3.30pm. There is also a Friday night Fun Roller Disco 7.30-8.30pm, all at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre. You can find out more information on the Facebook and Instagram pages or ring 07891 461958.

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## VOTE TACTICALLY FOR A BREXIT MP

Dear Sir,  
In Newton News on 13th September, I said that by Christmas we will have a clear majority Conservative Government, ruling from the centre, not left or right. Pumping money into the economy and Jeremy Corbyn will be gone and life will get better. Well we have a General Election on December 12th. The universe is indeed unfolding as it was intended. Labour will lose massively, I predicted at least 44 seats, but now think they will lose even more, because Labour have shown it is anti Brexit. They will lose Darlington and Bishop Auckland easily to the Conservatives. But in Sedgefield the only way for Labour to lose is if people vote tactically. If everyone in the Sedgefield Constituency who voted for Brexit votes Conservative Phil Wilson will lose his seat. I have never ever voted Tory before, but I did vote for Brexit. In Sedgefield approx. 61% voted Leave. If the Brexit vote splits, Labour will get in here. I am prepared to hold my nose and vote Conservative on



Thursday 12th December in order to remove an MP who persistently opposed Brexit, in order to replace him with an MP who will support Brexit. Phil Wilson was one of 100 Labour MPs who did not vote for this general election. Labour will win less than 200 seats and the Conservatives will win a clear overall majority. Boris Johnson, a centrist, in my opinion, is far more preferable to Jeremy Corbyn as Prime Minister. To get a Brexit supporting MP you must vote tactically for a Conservative. We want Brexit.  
Arun M Chandran

## Alumni Workshops for Greenfield Students

Students at Greenfield Community College have been given a valuable opportunity to meet former students and learn about

their experiences and career choices.

Year 7 students were able to take part in workshops led by Greenfield Alumni to discuss the pathway they have taken through education. The mentors were able to enlighten students, recounting their experience as to how they got to where they are now and the skills and qualities that are required in the jobs they do.

Students were keen to find out how they were inspired to make choices and were given time to consider their own strengths and weaknesses and how they might build upon these to help achieve their personal goals.

The workshops were a great success with students engaging with the mentors and making most of the time available - a big thank you to the members of Greenfield

Alumni, Jordan Coulthard (Police Officer), Kayliegh Atkinson (Paediatric Nurse), Mary O'Sullivan (Mortgage Processor/Radio Presenter) Stuart Furlonger (Police Officer) and Steve Boyes (Company Director). Greenfield Community College have partnered with the national education charity Future First who specialise in helping schools stay connected with former students. The initiative helps motivate and inspire current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We would love to hear from anyone who attended from Greenfield Community College who would like to join our alumni network and stay connected with the



school. It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there

are still ways you can help. In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/greenfield>

## Cancer Care Centre of Excellence

County Durham & Darlington has some of the highest members of the newly diagnosed cancer cases in all of England, measured across the 4 main cancer groups (bowel, prostate, breast and lung). The facilities at Darlington Memorial Hospital are no longer providing patients with the space and dignity they need and deserve during treatments. A planned new unit will be four times bigger. To donate to this appeal please donate via phone to: 01325 743781 or by BACS Sort Code: 60-70-80 Account: 10011056.

## Spooky Skate Session



Spectrum Roller Skating Club hosted a Halloween Roller Disco on Friday 25th October at Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, Shildon. The team of parents and supporters of the club organised a tombola which raised £56 for club funds. The skaters had a spooky dress up and skated to scary music.

Friday 1st November we will be holding a Glow Party Roller Disco, 7.30-8.30pm at Shildon Sunnysdale Leisure Centre, ideal for beginners of all ages to have a skate in an informal setting, £3. There are a small number of skates available for hire but we do recommend having your own skates and equipment.

For more details please ring Tracy Stevens 07891 461958.

## In Memoriam

**Linda Griffiths**  
2nd November 2016

No one sees my broken heart that lies beneath my smile.  
Many times I have needed you and many times I have cried.  
I will love you forever Linda, always by my side.  
God Bless  
Loving Husband, Ray  
xxxxxxxxxx

**Bryan Stubbs**  
29/4/1931 - 3/11/2018

A year has passed since you left us, we think of you each day.  
Sadly missed by your devoted Wife, Joan and all your loving family.

## Thank You

**Margaret & Walt Young**

On their Diamond Wedding celebration wish to thank all their friends and relations who came along and made their special day, really special. Also a really special thanks to Niece Susan and friends Jeanie and Christine for their appreciated help; may we also give thanks to our Mayoress, Mrs Mary Dalton and aide for calling in and presenting Margaret with a lovely bouquet of flowers.  
May we also thank Paul and Newton News for the coverage of our special day.

A big thanks to the many kind friends who sent cards and beautiful bouquets, together with the many well wishes. Thank you all  
Margaret and Walt

## Obituary

**William Pattie**  
(Bill)

Peacefully on 14th October, aged 83 years. Beloved Husband of Aileen; dearly loved Dad of Gillian, Gordon and Susan; dear Father-in-Law and Grandad. Funeral Service to be held in Neville Parade Methodist Church on Thursday 7th November at 1.45pm, followed by committal at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family and friends please meet at church. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, to Alzheimer's Research.

## Muriel Staples

Peacefully in the loving care of the staff at Rose Lodge Care Home on 15th October.

Muriel, aged 92 years. (Retired Teacher) of Newton Aycliffe. A dearly loved Wife of the late Ronald and a devoted Mother of the late Janine. She will be sadly missed by all the staff and friends at Rose Lodge Care Home. The Funeral was held at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 29th October.

## Mary King

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Rose Lodge Care Home, aged 88 years. Beloved Wife of the late Charlie; much loved Mam of Susan and Tony; a special Mother-in-Law of John and Dot; Grandma Mary to Adam, Kate, Bailey, Ellis, Harvey, Jack, Izzy and Tilly. Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Mary's Life at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Monday 4th November at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Alzheimer's Society and Dementia UK.

## Congratulations

**Dylan George Howarth**  
5th November



**Happy 9th Birthday**  
Son, have a brilliant day and enjoy your party. All our love, Mam and Dad xxx  
Happy birthday to the best little brother! Love, Loren, Aimee and Kameron xxx  
Happy birthday Dylan, have a great day. Love, Nan and Grandad xxx  
Happy birthday, have a great day. Love from Grandad and Grandma xx  
Happy birthday, love from all your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins xxx

**Joan Jex**



**Happy 70th Birthday**  
A wonderful Wife and a fabulous Mother, with all our love from Dennis, Emma, Iain, Paul, Keith and Teresa and not forgetting, Leo xxxxx

**Evie**

4th November 2019

**Happy 10th Birthday**  
To our gorgeous Granddaughter Evie. Hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love, Grandma Liz and Grandad Baf xxx

**Evie**

4th November 2019

**Happy 10th Birthday**  
To my gorgeous Daughter, Evie, hope you have a lovely day. Lots of love, Dad xxx

**Paul Taylor**  
31st October 2019

**Happy 60th Paul**  
Lots of love to you  
Connie xxxxx

**Paul Taylor**  
31st October 2019

**Happy 60th Dad**  
Lots of love always  
Daisy, Dan, Oscar & Buddy xxxxx

**Paul Taylor**  
31st October 2019

**Happy 60th Birthday Paul**  
All our love,  
Mam and Dad xx

**Daniel Grainger**  
31st October



**Happy 18th Birthday**  
I am so proud of the young man you have become. Enjoy your day. Lots of love, Mum xx

## PANCREATIC CANCER Symptoms



**Janice Jaundice**

Yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes, and/or very itchy skin



**Abs Abdominal Pain**

Upper abdominal discomfort that may radiate to the back



**Iris Indigestion**

Indigestion that is not responding to medication



**Betty Bowel Change**

Pale and smelly stools that don't flush easily



**Brad Back Pain**

Mid-back pain that is eased by leaning forward



**Wesley Weight Loss**

Unexplained weight loss without trying





# Sedgefield 75 Swim Club News



Seven swimmers from Sedgefield 75 took part in the Chester Le Street Junior Meet. Starting on Friday evening

with the 800m freestyle, Emma Price swam a superb race winning silver in a time of 9 minutes 39 seconds, a remarkable 52

seconds better than her previous best and placing her second fastest in the UK for her age.

On Saturday 4 swimmers swam 200m freestyle, Charlie McEwan and Mateusz Wilczynski both took silver medals, Charlie setting a 13 second PB in the process. Tom Curran and Filip Wilczynski finished 4th and 7th respectively.

Tom then finished 7th at 50m backstroke, Charlie and Mateusz both qualified for their finals and Aaron Stephenson set an impressive 3 seconds PB. Charlie took silver and Mateusz bronze in the finals.

Mateusz then kicked off the afternoon session with an 8 seconds PB and gold in the 200m butterfly.

Aaron swam in his first 50m butterfly in competition and Mateusz set a new PB in qualifying fastest for the final in which he went faster again breaking 30 seconds for the first time in taking the silver medal.

On Sunday Zoe Hodgson set a new best in the 200m freestyle and then repeated the feat in 50m breaststroke.

Filip set a new PB in 50m breaststroke qualifying and then bettered it in the final and took silver. Big brother Matty also made his final, finishing fourth.

200m backstroke saw both take medals, Mateusz gold and Filip silver. Tom Curran finished sixth in his first competitive swim in this event.

Then came the 50m freestyle sprint and Tom pipped Filip to a place in the final, finishing 6th and 7th respectively. Tom went one better in the final finishing 5th with another PB. Matty qualified in 4th and also went one better in the final to take bronze with a new PB.

Mateusz rounded off the competition with a silver and a new PB in the 400m freestyle.

Best of luck to James and Emma who head off to Sheffield soon to represent Sedgefield 75 at the regional short course championships.

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Compared to previous weeks, this week was quieter insofar as racing was concerned. However, the bad weather had made an impact resulting in the cross country fixture for that weekend being cancelled as the parking area was waterlogged.

Despite the weather members still turned up at several parkruns in the area and we even had a couple of members achieving parkrun PBs. At Shildon Kelly Thompson achieved a PB in 26.13 with Jayne Rudd getting a PB at Darlington Parkrun in 30.13.

On Sunday there was fortunately an improvement in the weather for the members taking part in two races out of the immediate area.

First up was Paul Dalton competing in the Wistow 10k. This is a road race (south of York) and is a very flat road race known for PB potential. Paul Dalton completed this in 38.09 coming 3rd in his age category.

Also on Sunday was the Leeds Abbey dash. This is a very popular 10k race on the racing calendar which is an out and back race in Leeds City Centre. We had four members take part this year. First home for ARC was John Surtees in 34.26, followed by Tracey Surtees 41.31, Peter Smith in 46.12 and Trish Kay in 48.55.

Finally on Sunday a few of our members took part in the Charity Halloween 5k run in South Park Darlington in aid of St Tereza's Hospice. Mark Bainbridge was first home for the club and second overall in 20.54, followed by Heather Morgan in 23.29 and John Richardson in 24.49. Becki Pedelty also took part in this with her children.

For anyone interested in



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

## Water Polo For All Ages



Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent a very young team to the Warrington Development Tournament on Saturday 19th October. All of the children, aged between 9 and 12, had a brilliant day and gained valuable match experience against clubs from across the North West.

Anyone interested in taking up water polo as a fun and exciting hobby is asked to call/text the club on 07579 030598, email sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com or contact us via our Facebook page. We offer free trials on most Saturdays at 4.00-5.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, these should be booked in advance.

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## CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Dear Sir, Neville Parade Methodist Church are holding their Christmas Craft & Gifts Fair on Saturday 9th November from 10.00am till 2.00pm.

There will be a variety of stalls to browse around and hopefully grab a bargain or two. Bacon and sausage sandwiches will be on sale as well as hot lunches of pie & peas and broth. Followed by delicious desserts all at bargain prices.

This year we are pleased to announce that the Aycliffe Ukelele Group will be entertaining us. Admission is 50p, which includes a free drink.

We look forward to seeing you there. For further information call 07733 210845.

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