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## In Memory of Syd Howarth

On Saturday 2nd November, one year after the passing of Syd Howarth MBE, two ceremonies took place to commemorate this community minded person who lived and breathed Newton Aycliffe.

At 1.00pm Sydney House was officially opened by Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham.

Sydney House is the new name for the old Newton Press building, which has been refurbished into smaller executive units available for rent for offices or shop units.

Paul Howarth welcomed those in attendance and introduced Stuart Howarth who gave a brief history of the building and the work which has taken place over the previous years to convert the building.

Mrs Sue Snowdon then gave a moving speech from her experiences with Syd over the last 20+ years that she has known him, she then unveiled the plaque.

The audience were then invited on a tour of the building to view the rooms available.

Those in attendance then moved round to the Blue Bridge at 2.00pm, where the Rotary Newton Aycliffe had planted an Acer Griseum tree in memory of Syd.

This species of tree was chosen because of its better known name of, "Paper Bark Maple." At present, without leaves, this young tree may appear a little insignificant, but in time it will flourish and the bark will peel, giving the impression of paper.

Rotary President, Jean Thompson, welcomed the congregation and dedicated the tree in memory of Syd Howarth. Rotarian Mike Dixon recited a prayer and Don Walker spoke on behalf of the Howarth family.

Everyone then retired to the Big Club for refreshments.

All the members of the Howarth family are grateful to the Rotary Newton Aycliffe for this wonderful commemoration, they would also like to thank all those who attended the Opening and Dedication ceremonies on Saturday 2nd November, special thank you to Mrs



Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham for her time and special words recited about Syd, also to the Mayor Mrs Mary Dalton and Deputy Mayor Mrs Val Raw. More photos and videos can be viewed on the website [www.sydhowarth.com](http://www.sydhowarth.com)

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## 90s Clubbing Returns to Darlington in December

A night of 90's indulgence comes to the Majestic Theatre on the 7th December. The Mardi Gras & Escapade Big Night Out is a twice yearly event which celebrates the memory of the legendary nightclub on Gladstone Street organised by some of the original DJs and Management from both eras. Two of the biggest 90's acts are also set to appear, Mikee Freedom alongside Nomad had a number 1 hit in 26 countries with his hit track "I wanna give you devotion" and will be performing live.

Headlining the event is one of the biggest icons of the 90's dance scene, Baby D, who will be performing three of her top 10 hits including "Let me be your fantasy".

Two rooms of music are on offer with the main auditorium being turned into a dance arena looked after by the original DJ's Kev Spencer, Chris Bell and Martin Norris.

In the second room is the 80's and 90's party all night with party animal, Johny H alongside DJ Dev and Nathan Abbott.

A percentage of the ticket sales are to be donated to "Manhealth" suicide prevention charity.

The Majestic Theatre has a fully licenced bar with a large selection of drinks at very reasonable prices.

Tickets are £15 and can be dropped off at your door in Newton Aycliffe, text 07725 892369 to arrange delivery or if you require further information.



## IN MEMORY OF SYD HOWARTH



Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham with Paul, Stuart and Christopher Howarth at the official opening of Sydney House.



The plaque at Sydney House to commemorate the opening in memory of Syd Howarth, MBE



The Paper Bark Maple tree (top) as it is now and below how it will look in years to come.

## GAZ 'N' ALBY REACH 100th SHOW MILESTONE

Aycliffe Radio are fast approaching their second birthday which will be celebrated on 1st December. A number of shows in the weekly schedule will also be celebrating a milestone 100th show over the next few weeks.

First to reach the target was Gaz 'n' Alby who present their Alternative Aycliffe show every Wednesday from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. On the occasion of the 100th show, the duo performed a live broadcast from the Turbinia Pub in front of an appreciative audience on Wednesday 30th October (which was also the final night of the Turbinia Beer Festival).

Joey Collins also presented his Independent Music Show live from the Turbinia, with the help of Lee Hutchinson, in the form of the warm up act. On Saturday 23rd November MC Supa will reach 100 shows and plans to broadcast live from the studio in the Blue Bridge Centre from 10.00pm to midnight with some special guests from the world of street 'n' bass, dubstep and hip hop.

PVR Studios are also planning to celebrate their 100th on Friday 29th November as are Daz 'n' Lee with their Sports Show, who



are planning a special night for Tuesday 10th December - check our weekly schedule in the Newton News for more details. Thank you to all our

listeners and contributors for your continued support and for voting Aycliffe Radio into the top 5 UK Community Radio Stations. 2019.

### The Phoenix Club Newton Aycliffe

#### NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

**Friday 8th - Karaoke / Disco** with Lee FREE Entry

**Saturday 9th - Duo "Take This"**  
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**Sunday 10th - Karaoke / Disco**  
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solo artiste **"Andy James"** £1.00 Entry (Evening)

**Thursday 14th - "Line Dancing"** £3.00 Entry, Ainsley

**Friday 15th - Karaoke / Disco** with Lee FREE Entry

**Saturday 16th - "Rob Wright as Rod Stewart"**  
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**Sunday 17th - Karaoke / Disco** with Lee FREE (Afternoon)  
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**Thursday 21st - "Line Dancing"** £3.00 Entry, Kentucky Rain

**Friday 22nd - Karaoke / Disco** with Lee - FREE Entry

**Saturday 23rd - Fab duo "Get Carter"**  
and fabulous solo artiste **"Hayley Morrison"** £4.00 Entry

**Sunday 24th - Great Band "Starz"** £3.00 entry (Afternoon)  
**"Sarah Harvie"** £1.00 on the door (Evening)

**Thursday 28th - "Line Dancing"** £3.00 Entry, Dave Inglis  
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**Friday 29th - Karaoke / Disco** with Lee - FREE Entry

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# RAMSEY'S OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE INVITED TO HELICOPTER TOUR

Gillian Ramsey first opened Ramsey's garage in Newton Aycliffe more than 25 years ago with her late husband.

Then joined by her brother in law Ian and son Elliott, Ramsey's continues to thrive as a family business who pride themselves on superb customer service and having generations of customers who keep coming back.

One of their long-standing customers is the Great North Air Ambulance Trading Company, also based on Aycliffe Business Park, being the service & maintenance provider for

their van fleet and supplier of cars and vans. The Trading Company runs the recycling collection service for the Charity and the beautifully liveried vans can be seen across the entire region picking up bags of unwanted clothes and homewares which are then sold to raise funds. Recently the team at Ramsey's were given the opportunity to apply for funding to make a charitable donation, they jumped at the chance and secured £1000 which they passed on to the Great North Air Ambulance Service.



The charity is funded entirely by voluntary donations and takes around £5 million per year to operate, flying over 1000 missions a year and literally saving the lives of local people who simply wouldn't have survived the major trauma or acute illness had it not been for the Air Ambulance Service.

To thank Ramsey's for their generous donation, Gillian and Ian were invited along to the airbase at Teesside Airport to hand over their cheque, meet the crew and have a tour of the facilities. Gillian took along grandson Alfred, the next generation of Ramsey's, who was amazed by the helicopter.

Gillian said 'We've had a great relationship with the air ambulance for years so to be able to give them a donation towards their life saving work is fantastic, but to actually go along

and talk to the doctors, paramedics and pilots was really eye opening. I just don't think people realise what they are capable of'. Elliott Ramsey also runs a campervan hire business, from the garage in Aycliffe, which was recently featured in the Charity's current raffle campaign, where the crew are pictured enjoying a campervan break as part of the theme 'How would you spend £10,000?' Raffle tickets costing £1 are still available.

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# BRAVE MUM THANKS LOCAL CANCER CHARITY

A Newton Aycliffe cancer survivor is preparing to celebrate her second Christmas in remission with a freshly decorated kitchen, provided by S Nicholson and Sons and the Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust (Team Solan).

Dee Donoghue, 38, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) in January 2017. Following chemotherapy treatment, she relapsed in January 2018. She required a different form of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and a stem cell transplant in April 2018, and is currently 'defying the odds,' according to consultants, in her remission.

The former teacher now volunteers on a regular basis for Team Solan in its charity shop, working closely with founder Mark Solan.

Team Solan was created to help improve the quality of life of those affected by cancer in County Durham. It can help with small grants to purchase equipment, pay for daytrips, or fund visits to spas or beauticians.

Dee said: "It's been incredibly rewarding to work with Mark and his team to help support other people who have been through the same experience as me and to give something back to the community."

"I mentioned to Mark that my kitchen could use a bit of care and attention - I'm the mum of two little girls and two dogs, so it's a nightmare for paw and finger prints - and he put me in touch with Stephen Nicholson, who donates a lot of his time to help improve the lives of cancer survivors by redecorating for them."

S Nicholson and Sons is based in Bishop Auckland and specialises in the renovation of listed and heritage buildings, however he also provides services as part of Team Solan's pledge to improve the lives of people in County Durham. Stephen Nicholson, managing director of S Nicholson and Sons, said: "I got involved with Team Solan a few years ago when my dad was receiving treatment for cancer, and I was blown away by the incredible work it does. "Sometimes, just sitting in a freshly decorated room



Photo: Mark Solan, Dee Donoghue and Stephen Nicholson

can boost someone's mood and help with the recovery process. It only takes my team a few hours but can improve the person's mood for months. It's really rewarding, and we're delighted to help."

Mark Solan, founder and director of Team Solan, said: "I've visited people's homes after they've had a visit from Stephen, and it makes the world of difference to them. "Dee is amazing, and I'm delighted that I've been able to help her to have the kitchen of her dreams in time for Christmas."

Dee said: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to Stephen and Mark for transforming my kitchen. I love fresh paint and beautiful, clean walls. It's wonderful."



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# DRAGON NAMED ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR, NORTH EAST

Sara Davies MBE, founder and creative director of Crafter's Companion, has been named the first Great British Entrepreneur of the Year for the North East region at the NatWest Great British Entrepreneur Awards.

The entrepreneur launched craft retailer, Crafter's Companion, 14 years ago. In that time, Sara has grown the business to a team of 200 and the company sells its products to more than 40 countries around the world. It rounded off a successful night for Sara, who was also named Creative Industries Entrepreneur of the Year.

Now in its seventh year, the NatWest Great British Entrepreneur Awards celebrate the hard work and inspiring stories of entrepreneurs, rather than the business' balance sheet. It is the first time the Awards have held a dedicated regional final in the North East. Sara Davies said: "To be named as NatWest's first North East Great

British Entrepreneur is amazing. It is so important to celebrate the wealth of entrepreneurial talent that we have in the region and there were so many worthy winners in the room. I am truly grateful to have received the award and look forward to representing the North East at the national finals in London."

Francesca James, founder of the NatWest Great British Entrepreneur Awards, said: "From parents running small businesses to family members exploring different crafts, Sara has taken inspiration from her childhood to build something special. She's truly deserving of the title of the first North East Great British Entrepreneur of the Year."

"It's the first time we've held a final for the North East as its own region, and it has been fantastic to see the quality of entrepreneurs in the area. I want to congratulate all of our winners in North East and wish them the very best



of luck for the National Final in November. With over 3,000 entries this year across the UK, it really is a great achievement in itself to get to the regional final."

Gordon Merrylees, managing director of entrepreneurship at NatWest, said: "NatWest is proud to support the Great British Entrepreneur Awards celebrating another year of amazing achievements for entrepreneurs starting and growing businesses from every corner of the country. Supporting entrepreneurs is a key priority for NatWest and our dedicated programme of fully funded accelerator hubs, mentoring, insight and bespoke coaching, is specifically designed to meet the needs of entrepreneurs who want to start, scale and succeed in business. Congratulations to all of the winners and to those who were shortlisted for one of these prestigious awards."

The winners of each category will now go to the National Final of the NatWest Great British Entrepreneur Awards, which takes place in London in November.

## ACORN Community Association

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November at 6pm in the Phoenix Club (upstairs). Little Acorns meet at 5.30pm. We will be discussing all forthcoming events and trips and taking bookings. Our local Councillors will be attending if available. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy our company with tea and biscuits. We all look forward to seeing you there.



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As Beamish gears up for Christmas, an interesting week has seen council meetings, the launch of Green GB Week from County Durham, and local business successes. Plus there are things to do next weekend and an interesting POLITICAL expected this Sunday 10 November. There are internet links to find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB136

### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Environment Scrutiny Meeting, Monday 4 November.
  - The Green GB Week EV Roadshow was launched from Bishop Auckland on Monday 4 November.
  - Last chance to volunteer as a festival maker at #LumiereDurham.
  - Middridge Parish Council meeting, Monday 4 November.
  - Healthwatch County Durham November newsletter.
  - Aycliffe Business Park's Sara Davies has been named Great British Entrepreneur of the Year for the North East.
  - Well done Warrens Group, converting its feet to biomethane gas generating 84 per cent percent less carbon dioxide than diesel.
  - Double success for the PCP.
  - You must register by midnight on 26 November to vote in the General Election on 12 December.
- THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK**
- Guided walk: Forgotten

Railways around Shildon (8 miles/5 hours), meet Locomotion Museum Shildon, Wednesday 13 November, £4.

• Lumiere, Durham City, 14-17 November: 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.

• Celebration for Interfaith week (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 16 November, FREE.

• Norman Cornish exhibition (5-11s), Palace Green Museum, drop-in 1-3pm 16-17 November, FREE.

• Christmas at Beamish, every day, 10am to 4pm from 16th November to 24th December (entrance fee).

• Beamish Ice-Skating, Daily from 16th November 2019 to 5th Jan 2020 (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years' Day). Weekends only from 7th Jan to 14th February 2020, daily from 15th February to 23rd February 2020 (entrance fee plus A: £5, C: £4).

### AYCLIFFE RADIO

• The 'Big Story' on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, live at 6-7:30pm, Sunday 10 November will feature DCC Transformation & Tourism portfolio-holder Joy Allen who will be discussing #Durham19 Year of Culture, along with the latest on the Brelection and two more listener-chosen topics: bit.ly/ARLIVE

### MEMORY GARDEN

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\*Mondays alternate between Memory Garden & Memory Cafe



## NEW MEMORY GARDEN AT PCP



The Pioneering Care Centre has recently opened its doors to a new Memory Garden activity for those suffering with memory problems and Dementia. Maintaining physical activity and social interaction really benefits people living with dementia to help them remain stimulated, feel valued and helpful.

The community garden at PCP is easily accessible and is ran by a large group of workers and volunteers who benefit greatly from plotting, planning, digging and much more. However, the Memory Garden group offers a range of indoor and chair based activities for those less able, to make the sessions easy and fun for all. The fruit and vegetable produce from the garden is used in the centre's Garden Kitchen coffee shop, to make delicious lunchtime specials through the week.

With special thanks to GAMP AAP Funding, members have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions so far, and enjoy putting forward ideas and planning for future sessions. Alison Nicholson, Gardening Projects Support Officer at

PCP, said "coming from a career background of care, I have always enjoyed my role in enabling and supporting others. The Memory Garden is a friendly and welcoming group; I am thrilled that we have already been able to introduce some of the ideas from participants in our sessions."

Gardening can have a very positive impact on wellbeing. The Memory Garden plans to encourage socialising, team work and promote physical activity. Members can get involved with planning, prepping and planting as well as maintenance and harvesting, allowing them to see the difference every time they visit the garden, and becoming familiar with the area.

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

Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

## Armed Forces Enjoy Free Travel Deal

Arriva North East is honouring the armed forces community by offering free bus travel for any troops, veterans and cadets on Sunday 10 November 2019. Members of the armed forces, veterans and cadets will be able to travel on any Arriva bus service for free, enabling them to easily travel to the many Remembrance Day events taking place in the region.

Arriva North East is also helping to raise awareness of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal with the front of every bus in the region displaying a poppy in support of the charity.

Nick Knox, area managing director for Arriva North East, said: "Many of our team members are ex-service personnel and we're proud to help raise awareness of the fantastic work of the British Legion and its annual Poppy Appeal."

"Remembrance Sunday events are important for uniting our communities and recognising the fantastic work our armed forces do. I'm delighted that we can offer free transport to these events as a mark of our thanks and respect for those who have served our country."

Armed forces personnel who are in uniform, or able to show an identification card, can claim free travel. The offer is also open to members of the cadet forces in uniform and veterans who display valid identification, such as the MOD issued Veteran's Badge.

For more information please visit: <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/north-east/latest/free-travel-deal-for-the-armed-forces/>

## Valhalla North, Axe Throwing To Open

Valhalla North Axe Throwing is County Durham's first and only dedicated indoor axe throwing centre.

The reaction we get is usually wide eyed, opened mouthed faces when we explain what goes on at Valhalla North.

Axe Throwing - You throw Axes?

However, Axe Throwing is not as odd of an activity as it first seems. The sport is huge in Canada and America and controlled by the World Axe Throwing League (WATL). Valhalla North will be seeking affiliation with the WATL once the club nights are up and running. There are only a small number of axe throwing clubs in the UK that are WATL affiliated. The team at Valhalla North consists of Carl (the Director), Kathryn and Sam. The idea spawned from travelling over 100 miles to take part in an indoor axe throwing session and falling in love with the sport. We decided to take it upon ourselves to bring it to the North East and the venture started in February 2019 and after months of planning and working very long days, the centre is finally open to the public!

The name derived from our combined love of most things Viking related and being in the North. It's that simple really!

All three of us have been part of Kynren and have interests in stage combat, performing and the Norse history. Although the name suggests it is Viking themed, the interior décor is more focused on the requirements of the sport and safety.

A generic session lasts 1.5 hours. During the session you will be briefed on the rules of the centre and health & safety. One of the instructors will then

show you how it's done, it's actually a lot easier than most think. You don't have to be strong, it's more about technique than force. Once you've got the hang of it, we will start to introduce some team games and competitions. There are a number of games/competitions that you can play and it completely depends on the group size and the skills of the individuals. Some choose to play the games more focused on fun but the competitive ones amongst us tend to go for the league style games (best of 10 throws). After games and competitions are over and winners' medals are awarded, it's time for some trick shots and most importantly those snaps for social media!

We have also introduced a monthly leader board. Participants who are confident in their skills can enter, throw 10 axes and log their scores in the hope they aren't beaten by the end of the month. Winner receives a free axe throwing session for 1!

Our main goal at Valhalla North is to share the fun and enjoyment of this new sport and activity. It is open to everyone aged 14+ (under 18's must be with an adult). Group sizes of 1-48 are accepted and discounts are available to groups of 12 or more.

Axe Throwing is great for team building and stress relief, so naturally makes it a perfect corporate activity. We want to work closely with the local businesses and become part of the community in Newton Aycliffe, so we will be reaching out to the surrounding businesses in the near future.

Bookings are available on the website at [www.valhallanorth.co.uk](http://www.valhallanorth.co.uk)



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IN CINEMAS NOVEMBER 8



To celebrate the release of 'The Good Liar' in cinemas on 8th November, Warner Bros. Pictures, Vue Cinema Darlington and Newton News are offering you the chance to win a selection of movie merchandise including T-Shirt, Duffel Bag, Pouch, Tote Bag, icam cover and mug. Drama. Career con man Roy (Ian McKellen) sets his sights on his latest mark: recently widowed Betty (Helen Mirren), worth millions. And he means to take it all. But as the two draw closer, what should have been another simple swindle takes on the ultimate stakes. Legendary actors Mirren and McKellen star together on screen for the first time in this suspenseful drama about the secrets people keep and the lies they live.

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To be in with a chance to win this merchandise package and two tickets to Vue Darlington to see the film, answer the following question and email your answer along with your name and address to [paul@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:paul@newtonnews.co.uk) - before the closing date of Friday 15th November 2019.

**Q: The Good Liar pairs which two legendary actors on the big screen for the very first time?**

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## Sunday Morning Stroll

Sunday 27th October  
Clocks go back one hour  
Lovely morning for a walk

I wont meet anyone or so I thought,  
So off I go, no phone, no money, no teeth.  
Put my prescription for the docs in my pocket  
With my keys and that's the lot.

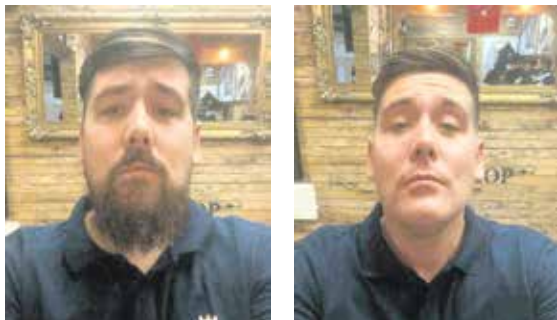
All went well on the way, Oh what a lovely day  
For a stroll, didn't see a soul, thank God, no teeth.  
On walking home to cook my lunch,  
Down I went with a crunch,  
Cars pulled up to offer help.

Crowds gathered round to help as well,  
One called for help, and questions asked,  
Age etc, and then the phone was passed to me,  
The girl at the other end asked,

How much blood had I lost, was it a glass full?  
I don't know the glass is at home with my teeth,  
Thanks to all who helped that day the only thing that's  
Really hurt is my pride, the rest will heal in time,  
And kids cancel the crash helmets and knee pads and nose  
protectors you ordered for Christmas,

I'll have a new gillet, and some new trackie bottoms.  
Love to all, especially Jenny who took me to hospital.  
Love and best wishes Carol Norton.

## Mowvember in aid of ManHealth

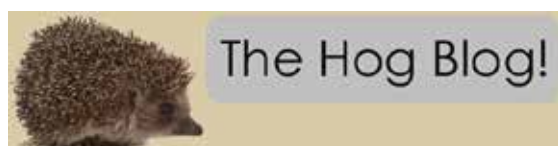


Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC has decided to raise funds for a local charity by participating in "Mowvember". The charity we have chosen is Man Health, a local charity supporting men with mental health issues (<https://www.manhealth.org.uk/>) As we all know, Mental Health is something that is getting a lot of focus at the moment and rightly so. Our culture is definitely getting better around men talking openly about their mental health, but we still have a long way to go. Man Health is a Community Interest Company who provide support to men through a range of methods including training and peer support. They support men experiencing mental health issues through our peer support groups which are all ran by male facilitators who have a lived experience. You may or may not know that working aged men (25-54 years old) account for the largest number of suicide deaths in the UK. Suicide is the biggest killer of men aged 50 or under. In our town alone (Newton Aycliffe) we have seen a number of young men take their own lives in the past few years and we, as a (fairly) young group of males, feel the need to support our local people and any charities that can help are greatly appreciated.

The idea was put to us by Team Captain Will Kelly (his before and after pictures within the article) and as a result a number of players and the management team have committed to take part in Mowvember and we are looking for the community to help support us with as much or as little as you can. Our aim is to raise £500 for this worthy cause. Our players journey (before and after) will be documented on social media. We would like to thank Emres Barbers who kindly offered to shave the more bearded ones amongst us for the start of this event.

If you would like to help please make a donation, via our just giving page: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aycliffesportsclubmowvember?utm\\_term=bm5WJPx9R](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aycliffesportsclubmowvember?utm_term=bm5WJPx9R) – any amount would be greatly appreciated. We are also selling Football cards on our Facebook page (find us under Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC or Paul Eales FB Page). If we can stop one more person from taking their own life or suffering greatly from this issue, by raising awareness and encouraging support via this charity or any other, then that in itself would be amazing.

Photo: Team Captain, Will Kelly before and after



This week's hog blog begins with my apology for the mistake I made in last weeks edition. I would like to correct this by advising readers of the following, there are many foods our prickly pals shouldn't eat, mealworms, these cause metabolic bone disease for which there is no cure, milk and bread upset their tummies, and peanuts can get wedged either on the roof of their mouths or stuck in their throat. If anybody feels that they want to help our hedgehogs their needs are very small, clean water and dry kitten biscuits, they like to make sure that they have the fat stores ready for hibernation and even when hibernating they can still wake up periodically and feed if they need to, our outside feeding station always has food, water and bedding just in case they need a warm place for the night. I hope that clarifies matters.

Meanwhile back in the

warm rescue we have seven autumn juveniles, Marty our littlest hog is still unwell but making progress, this little blokey is quite a fighter, three intestinal parasites have been identified two of which are killers, we are very proud of him, he has had me very worried this last week. We have a certain amount of fundraising to do especially at this time of year so on Saturday we will be doing the Methodist Church Christmas Fair, we will have information leaflets and some Christmas things for sale. Your support is very much appreciated. Here are some useful websites with contact telephone numbers The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, if you see a hedgehog that needs rescuing 01584 890801 Cleveland Hedgehog Rescue on Facebook and also Hedgehog Street, for leaflets and information on how to become a hedgehog champion.

## SOFIA'S STORY

Sofia was born on 27th June 2019 via cesarean. It was noticed, while in the recovery room, that Sofia was jerking her leg. After being checked over, we were told it was just a side effect of low blood sugars. We stayed in hospital on the transitional ward for 3 nights. During this time, midwives raised their concerns over Sofia's eye rolling. Again, after being checked over by three different pediatricians, we were told she was fine. During our first few days at home in Newton Aycliffe, our community midwife also became concerned about Sofia's eye movement. She was also still occasionally jerking her leg so I decided to take Sofia to the hospital to get her checked over. She had a blood test and we were told to video any jerkiness and eye rolling and come back in 4 days.

I managed to capture her jerking, this time it was both of her arms. We presented the video to the Doctors at the Hospital and were told Sofia had Benign Infantile Myoclonus. This is a non serious spasming of the limbs when tired. We were told she would grow out of it in six months time and to keep an eye on it.

Two weeks later, when Sofia was two months old, we noticed that the innocent looking jerks had



test and a Lumbar Puncture, it was discovered that Sofia actually had an extremely rare disease called Non-Ketotic Hyperglycinemia (NKH for short).

NKH is a rare, life-limiting inherited disease characterised by accumulation of excess glycine in the body.

Affected infants suffer epilepsy and profound delay in development and NKH is often fatal in early childhood. Approximately 1:76000 children get NKH. There is believed to be around 500 children worldwide currently with the condition.

Myself and a team of family and friends are starting our fundraising journey by taking part in the Boxing Day Dip. We will be braving the freezing temperatures of the North Sea to raise money for a charity called Josephs Goal.

This charity raises vital funds for Prof. Nicolas Greene and his team at UCL for their NKH research studies.

Please give what you can and help our baby and her NKH friends worldwide.

[www.justgiving.com/sofiachurchmannkh](http://www.justgiving.com/sofiachurchmannkh)

turned into something more aggressive. Her entire body would stiffen and her eyes would roll at the same time. These appeared in clusters. We took her straight to A&E where she was diagnosed with Epilepsy instead of Benign Infantile Myoclonus. We stayed in hospital and had an MMR and an EEG and were sent home with anti seizure medication. After another three hospital admissions over the course of five weeks we were eventually transferred to a Children's Hospital to be under the care of a pediatrician neurologist. We stayed here for three weeks. After more tests including another EEG, ECG, blood

## NEVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th November at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre. There will be a presentation from Lee Brownson who will be speaking about the activities and history of The Auckland Project. The Castle has recently reopened and has much to offer. Molly John, our local Livin representative will be joining us too. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Come down and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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## Locals 'Dive In!' to PCP Pool Campaign



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) have been blown away with the generosity of organisations donating to the 'Dive In!' Hydrotherapy pool campaign this year, and the final stretch is looking closer than ever.

Last week, the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe welcomed Woodham Golf Club Captain Ian McKenna, who donated a fantastic amount of £2,280 and went to visit Honest John who also donated an amazing £1,000 to the campaign to renovate the 20 year old pool within the centre. Woodham Golf Club's Charity of the Year scheme awarded the Pioneering Care Partnership as one of the two charities supported this year. The members of the golf club have had a very busy year through organising raffles, auctions and 100 square draws as well as a golf day and an evening event. Ian said "Although

the Captains Day was a total washout with over 140 Members and Guests still participating in the golf day, there was plenty of payout as members enjoyed a wonderful evening and donated over £2000 for the Dive In charity."

Meanwhile the well-respected Honest John has been hard at work in his bric-a-brac shop giving back to Newton Aycliffe. He has generously donated a lot to PCP over the years and very kindly added another £1,000 into the campaign pot saying "it's a small drop in the total required, however each one gets you closer to the overall goal." For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

## Aycliffe's Got Talent

The "Got Talent" brand is rolling into Newton Aycliffe with a special opportunity for youngsters to showcase what they are capable of.

On Friday 22nd November 2019, Aycliffe Radio will be holding an "Aycliffe's Got Talent" competition for youngsters, aged 16 years and younger. The event will take place in Woodham Academy main hall and will start at 6.30pm.

The proceedings for the evening will go along the same lines as the televised series, where the participants will be interviewed by an Aycliffe Radio presenter and then perform to the audience. Judges will then vote and the winner will be announced at the end of the night.

Our judges for this competition are Mr Paul Mooney (local record producer); Mr Neville Jones (singer and performer); Mr Rob Gales (Woodham Academy Music Tutor) and Mr Glenn Fletcher (ROF59 Manager).

The competitors are performing and giving their all for a £100 cash prize and a spot on the 2020 Aycliffe Radio Music Festival.

The doors to Woodham Academy main hall will be open at 6.00pm to the public on the evening at a cost of £1.00 per person entry.

For more information please visit [www.ayclifferadio.co.uk](http://www.ayclifferadio.co.uk) or email [talent@ayclifferadio.co.uk](mailto:talent@ayclifferadio.co.uk)

Entry for competitors is now closed and there are 26 local young entertainers, which promises to make it a great night.

A second round for under 16s will take place in March 2020 at the Greenfield College campus (date to be confirmed) and an adult version will take place on 29th February 2020 at the Big Club in Newton Aycliffe.

## The Reason For the Season

Dear Sir,  
Before we could blink Halloween and Bonfire Night have come and gone and we are already on the run up to Christmas. For some this can be a lonely time of year for others it can be so busy it can become very overwhelming. In my experience those people who look forward to Christmas usually just want to see their children and family healthy, happy and together. Christmas began with a little family together, in difficult circumstances, in a stable. The angels sang of the Peace that Jesus brought. There was much joy, love and hope surrounding this birth. The peace, joy, love and hope from the birth and life of Jesus Christ can still be felt in our own lives today as we remember the real reason for the Christmas Season. With this in mind I would like to let your readers know about a free event happening in their community at the end of November. On Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe is hosting A Community Festival of Nativities. The event is open to the public from 2pm to 8pm on the Friday and from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday.

In the main hall there will be an exhibition of Nativity ornaments and Nativity Scenes and a display of the symbols of Christmas.

There will also be a Nativity themed photo booth, a display of Homemade Christmas crafts, craft activities for children, nativity family fun room, a taste of Bethlehem and much more.

This is an opportunity to be inspired, reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and have fun.

Kind regards  
Jill Turner



### "THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 12th November features the western, "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance", starring James Stewart, John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Vera Miles and Edmond O'Brien.

One of the greatest western movies with a great cast. 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.

For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT

You Have a Real Opportunity for Change

Dear Sir,  
I hope that Arun Chandran's prediction for the 2019 election results is what actually happens and would endorse his view that it is only with a Conservative vote that you have any chance of getting a Sedgefield MP who supports Brexit.

Arun refers to holding his nose and voting Conservative. I hope we can give him a candidate that means this isn't necessary and he can vote with a free conscience, however I also wonder how many Labour voters have the same dilemma? Assuming Phil Wilson stands, he professes anti-Corbyn and anti-Brexit positions that are surely against a significant number of local Labour activists - how many of them will hold their noses?

At the 2017 election, the Conservatives got almost 10 times as many votes as UKIP and even in 2015 at UKIP's peak, Conservatives were still almost double

UKIP.

The latest election polls are showing Conservatives within 0.4% of Labour in Sedgefield.

With Conservatives being elected in Aycliffe and Sedgefield at the last Durham County Council elections and all of the Darlington council wards that are part of Sedgefield constituency going 100% Conservative in May, it is no longer a given that Sedgefield votes Labour.

As long as Conservatives and anyone who supports Brexit come out and vote Conservative, there is a real opportunity to remove an MP who has totally ignored the clear wish of his constituents and has been a lead player in frustrating the Brexit process.

I would encourage everyone to vote Conservative for an MP who will deliver Brexit and actually support their constituents.

**Paul Howell**  
South Durham  
Conservatives

## Give Brexit a Chance

Dear Sir,  
In excess of 60% of the Sedgefield Constituency electorate voted to Leave the E.U. At the last General Election Phil Wilson, standing under the Labour banner, promised to respect our Brexit vote. Alas, with the support of the local 'nominally' Labour Party he has done everything he could to thwart Brexit.

The Sedgefield Constituency electorate are entitled to be able to elect a 100% pro-Brexit MP.

It is possible that both the Conservative Party and the Brexit Party will offer pro-Brexit candidates. Hopefully, and in the name of democracy, one of them will stand down such that the 60% plus Leave voting electorate can rally round a single Brexit supporting candidate.

When Corbyn was elected leader of the, then, Labour Party, he was supported by 360,000 new (Momentum) members. Since then the Labour Party as we knew it has ceased to exist. Jewish Labour MP's have been vilified and forced out of the Party. Anti-Semitism is rife. Social Media has been turned into an anti-social medium. Moderate (Blairite) Labour MPs have been de-selected and have been replaced with Momentum supporting candidates. It was not the historical Labour Party that thwarted Brexit. It was the new Momentum / Labour

Party which controls most of the London / South East Labour Constituencies. Corbyn now does what he is told by Momentum, as does our MP Phil Wilson.

From the recent actions of Phil Wilson it is clear that he is now firmly a Momentum supporter, and since he has not been de-selected by the Sedgefield Labour Party, it is clear that they are now, also, under the control of Momentum. This is not the same Labour Constituency Party which re-elected Tony Blair after the illegal Iraq war. This, so called, Labour Party, was represented on the, "Daily Politics" show by a Momentum representative! They have been taken-over by the anti-Semitic, looney left, Momentum movement, both locally and nationally.

A vote for the Il-Liberal Undemocratic Party is a direct Remain vote.

A vote for the Labour/Momentum Party is a vote for Momentum and Remain with the added danger of Momentum choosing the next Prime Minister! Let's give Brexit a chance and elect a Pro-Brexit MP. Let's take back control of Parliament from the MPs who have lied and lied again during the last session of Parliament, and in so doing, have denied us our democratic right to Leave the E.U.

Yours sincerely,  
Alastair P.G. Welsh

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8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

#### SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
<b>Yesterdays Music Today Sponsored by MV Mobility</b>		
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-130pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
10th Nov:	Joy Allen	
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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6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	CAD
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

#### TUESDAY

9-10am	Carrie in the Morning	Carrie Howarth
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker

**Sports Show sponsored by Honest John**

6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
12th Nov	Caitlin Barber (Judo Champion)	
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
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

#### FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Stevens
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Councillor DJ	John D Clare
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
15th Nov	Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix (with DJ Rossy)	

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## SHILDON BRICK SHOW

The popular Shildon Brick Show returns to Locomotion on Saturday 16th November and Sunday 17th November 2019, with bundles of brilliant brick creations!

Organised in association with Brick Alley Lego User Group, this family-friendly annual event brings together a wide range of displays, activities and trade stands to entertain enthusiasts and intrigue the curious.

Visitors will have the chance to marvel at the amazing Lego models on display, then have a go themselves in the speed build challenge and play pits.

Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion, said: "Locomotion offers visitors the chance to find out more about what it takes to be an engineer. The Shildon Brick Show is sure to ignite our visitors' curiosity in Lego and inspire the next generation of engineers."

Matt Bailey, Event Co-ordinator for Brick Alley Lego User Group, said: "It's a whole weekend of Lego activities and displays – we've worked hard to find new displays and activities to make it a brilliant weekend for Lego fans of all ages."

Locomotion is open from 10am to 4pm daily and parking and admission are free of charge.

The museum reserves the right to change the programme.

## Sketchbook Workshops at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are offering three drawing workshops inspired by their latest exhibition 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny'. The workshops will offer the opportunity to explore sketching skills and to notice the 'extraordinary in the everyday'. Cornish is renowned for his wonderful sketch books, depicting his unique style and offering an insight into the techniques behind his artwork.

The sessions will run on Thursday 14th, 21st and 28th November, led by artist Graham Stead and the cost is just £35. The exhibition runs until Wednesday 11th December in The Greenfield Gallery and has already attracted over 900 visitors! The sessions form part of a full programme of events inspired by the Cornish exhibition and centenary. Artist in residence Tony Gadd is currently working with Year 10 students from Greenfield Community College to creatively respond to the

exhibition. The students have been inspired by Norman's creative process of sketching, resketching and developing an image. "The young people are responding to the exhibition and exploring their own creative process through their writing with spoken work artist Tony Gadd and through the process of sketching with artist Richard Bliss. They have really thought deeply about an artist's practice and are responding with really exciting ideas" said Katy Milne, Creative Director of Greenfield Arts.

If you would like to visit the exhibition our opening hours are 10:00 – 21:00, Monday to Thursday and 10:00 – 16:00 on Fridays. Please visit our website to reserve your place on any of our workshops and browse our exciting new spring season of activity, [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

# Auckland Castle Opens Its Doors

More than 1,000 people joined in a day of celebrations at Auckland Castle on Saturday, 2nd November 2019, as the historic site opened its doors for the first time in three years. The 900-year-old Castle, once home to the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham, has reopened following extensive conservation work, led by regeneration charity and visitor destination, The Auckland Project.

### Castle Re-Opening

To commemorate the landmark moment, a sell-out crowd of residents from Bishop Auckland and its surrounding towns and villages enjoyed live music and entertainment at a Georgian themed community celebration.

A ceremony was also held, with speeches from Jonathan Ruffer, Founder of The Auckland Project and Tiffany Hunt MBE, Chair of the Committee for the North of England at The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Mrs Sue Snowdon, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, also spoke before cutting the ribbon to officially declare the Castle re-open.

Speaking at the opening, Mr Ruffer said: "The visitor destination is the first visible sign of what we're doing, but our purpose here is to see Bishop Auckland back in the style and the confidence that it had 100 years ago

"The real pleasure is not looking at the bricks and mortar but looking at the marvellous turn out today, what that tells us is that here we are looking at the future of Bishop Auckland and it's a bright one."

The conservation of Auckland Castle has been supported by a number of organisations and individuals, including a £12.4m grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Sir Peter Luff, Chair of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "We are delighted that, thanks to National Lottery players, this significant site has undergone conservation. The Castle's transformation into an arts and cultural centre will connect people with their heritage and act as a major catalyst for the regeneration of Bishop Auckland.

"We hope Auckland Castle will be an inspiration for heritage organisations across the country, encouraging even more of them to work to boost their local economy and ensuring the UK is an ever more attractive place to live, work and visit."

### A Day of Celebration

Reflecting the rich history of Auckland Castle and its grand Georgian State Rooms, visitors at the opening event enjoyed a host of history-themed entertainment with appearances from characters from the 18th century, such as Bishop Shute Barrington, as well as sword fighting demonstrations and live music from the era.

Attendees of all ages also had fun stepping into Georgian-themed fancy-dress, taking part in craft activities and trying their hand at fencing and archery.

Throughout the day, people were invited to record their personal history and links to Auckland Castle on a special Memory Tree and the Bishop's Kitchen café, inside the Castle, was open for the first time, offering a selection of snacks, sandwiches and treats all created by The Auckland Project's Catering Team.

### Inside the Castle

1,000 ticket holders were given the opportunity to be among the first to step back through the Castle doors to see the newly conserved building and explore the untold stories of power and faith that lie behind its walls.

Visitors were able to walk through centuries of the Castle's history, from 300-year-old St Peter's Chapel, through the carefully conserved grandeur of the Georgian Gothic State Rooms to the bishops' private apartments, which have been



opened up for the first time.

Clare Baron, Head of Interpretation and Exhibitions at The Auckland Project, said: "After three years of hard work and careful conservation it's so exciting to see the Castle doors re-opened and visitors welcomed back inside.

"The story of Auckland Castle and the Prince Bishops of Durham spans more than 1,000 years but for various reasons has remained relatively untold. Now, thanks to extensive conservation work and research, visitors are able to walk in the footsteps of the men who helped shape the country we live in today."

Following its official launch, Auckland Castle is now open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm, last entry 3pm. Entry is priced at £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and £3 for under-16s. Tickets can be pre-booked until March 2020.

Entry includes admission to the Bishop Trevor Gallery, which houses a programme of special exhibitions of fine art, with a focus on European painting from the medieval period to the present day. Currently, the gallery is home to the National Gallery Masterpiece Tour 2019, sponsored by Christie's, which sees Nicolas Poussin's The Triumph of Pan displayed alongside other works.

Visitors can also purchase an Auckland Pass, starting at £12.50 per adult, which offers entry to Auckland Castle and Bishop Trevor Gallery as well as The Auckland Project's Mining Art Gallery and Auckland Tower visitor centre until January 2021.

Bookings can be made online, at [aucklandproject.org](http://aucklandproject.org), via telephone, on 01388 743797, or in person at Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland Market Place. A special 10% launch discount is available online only.



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## MIDDRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY


Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm

'A House with a History; the Elstobs of Foxton' by Tim Brown

As early as 1707, Elizabeth Elstob charted her family tree, revealing a dynasty stretching from Richard the Lion Heart and the Knights Templar to the 'Age of Enlightenment'. Knights and Clerics, Farmers and Felons, Merchants and Miscreants all feature in this tangled family tree.

How did Elizabeth and her brother come to move in Royal circles, join the intellectuals of Oxford and become known as 'The Renowned Saxonists'?

All will be revealed in this fascinating account of the fluctuating fortunes of the family over four Centuries. Refreshments are included and everyone is most welcome.



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## Annual Xcel Xmas Fair

The Xcel Centre will be getting into the Christmas spirit this November with their annual Christmas Fair, an evening of seasonal festivities and shopping galore!

Admission to the event is FREE with entertainment to enjoy and a variety of gift-stalls to explore. Santa Claus will also be joining the Fair, all the way from the North Pole. A visit to the magical Santa's Grotto is only £1.50 per child, including a present from Santa's sleigh. Jacksons Coffeehouse will be open on-site throughout the evening, offering festive treats and Christmas drinks from renowned Italian Coffee Company Illy Caffè.

The Xcel Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 27th November from 5.30 - 8.30pm. You can find the Xcel Centre on Long Tens Way, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6AP.

Following the success of previous years, this year's Fair promises to be even bigger than ever and a great way to kick off the festive Season!

## Littering is Getting Out of Control



Dear Sir,  
I, like many, am always concerned about the impact of human nature on our surroundings. There are many things that as individuals we cannot control environmentally. However, LITTER is most definitely one aspect of pollution, we as, individual members of society, can CONTROL!

There is no excuse for dumping litter anywhere. It frustrates me that activist, Extinction Rebellion, point the finger of blame at the government, when it is all to blatantly clear that many individual members of society really don't give a hoot about our beloved earth.

Perhaps Extinction Rebellion would be better placed on street corners, catching those mindless morons who continue to brazenly dump their personal litter.

The above photos don't show the full state of the road and should anyone be concerned about the state of the road by the substation at Forest Park, I would very much like to see them actioning a clean up!

Name and address supplied



## County Durham is Ready for Winter



With temperatures set to drop, preparations for winter 2019 are well underway in County Durham.

Durham County Council is ready to keep the region moving this winter with a 76 strong fleet of gritters and snowblowers ready and waiting for the colder weather.

There are 42,000 tonnes of salt ready to tackle the ice and any snow, with over 2,380 salt bins located in key positions around the county to assist residents and businesses.

During normal winter conditions 1,700km of priority one roads, normally A or B roads, will be treated, covering 45 per cent of the road network. More minor routes, or priority two roads, will be treated in times of prolonged severe winter weather when the resources are available.

Mark Readman, Durham County Council's highways services manager, said: "With the weather now turning cold, it's important that we are ready for icy conditions on roads and footpaths."

"Preparations for colder weather have been underway for some time, but our winter maintenance programme for 2019/20 is now fully up and running." All 40 power gritters are fitted with 360-degree cameras to help improve safety and provide information on weather conditions.

To keep up to date on the council's latest winter response follow @DurhamCouncil and the hashtag #TwitterGritterNE on Twitter, and like /durhamcouncil on Facebook.

To see a list of priority gritting routes, track gritters as they are out and about, see roadside weather cameras,

and find information on which roads are affected by adverse weather visit [www.durham.gov.uk/winterinfo](http://www.durham.gov.uk/winterinfo). And to find out where your nearest salt bin is, or request that it is refilled, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/saltbins](http://www.durham.gov.uk/saltbins) or call 03000 260000.

## 'SHILDON IN MOTION' TELL YOUR STORY

Greenfield Arts would like to invite you to share your stories as part of a project celebrating Shildon's rich and significant heritage.

Project leaders Katy Milne, Director of Greenfield Arts, and designer, Nic Golightly, invite you to join them at a drop in session at Shildon Library on Tuesday 12th November between 10:30 - 14:00. If you would like to find out more, would like to contribute or share your experiences of living or working in Shildon, please come along and be part of an exciting project. 'We have met so many fantastic people so far and heard so many extraordinary stories. We want to continue to hear from the amazing people who live and work in the area and make great things happen, making



Shildon the extraordinary place that it is,' said Katy. Shildon in Motion will culminate in a new artwork design for the Shildon station in Spring 2020. The project is supported by Northern Heartlands which is one of 16 Great Place Schemes in England, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England and the Bishop Rail Community Partnership. The Bishop Line is the railway line which runs between Darlington and Bishop Auckland. The service is designated by the Department for Transport as Community Rail. Follow our blog to find out more <https://bit.ly/2OPiBjB>, call into our drop in session or contact Greenfield Arts for further information [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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## Woodham Academy Third in the Country



The latest Department for Education school league tables were released last week and once again, Woodham Academy were well placed in all categories. Progress was positive in all areas of the school and there was continued high performance in Maths and English.

Headteacher, Andrew Bell, was delighted with this release, adding "the results were testament to

all of the hard work and effort shown by students and staff last year. Placing sixth in the county for Maths and English scores shows that our core curriculum is a real strength. I was absolutely delighted with the Ebacc percentage, which has us placed third in the county overall."

"We remain focussed on delivering a broad and balanced curriculum for all students, allowing them to study sciences, languages, humanities and options of their choice. Congratulations must go to all of our school community and we look forward to further improvements this year".



## Lack of Preparation Risks Leaving Loved Ones Confused

The charity Marie Curie has warned that our reluctance to think or talk about dying and death means many of us feel deeply unprepared and distressed when facing the end of life, either for ourselves or our loved ones. The negative effects of not preparing for the end of life will be felt by more people as the number of people dying is set to increase sharply over the next 10 years.

New research commissioned by Marie Curie found that not being aware of someone's final wishes left those bereaved finding it difficult to cope with emotional wellbeing, financial matters, funeral arrangements and other issues as a result. North East Headlines:

- People in the North East are more comfortable talking about Immigration (88%), Religion (88%), Politics (83%), Brexit (82%), Money (79%) and Mental Health (77%) than Death and Dying (73%).
- Only 37% of people in the North East have made a will for themselves, while only 9% of people in the North East have written down any of their wishes or preferences about future care.

27% of people in the North East admitted that 'I have not done anything to prepare for my death', while 10% of people said, 'I have never thought about my mortality or wishes for the end of my life'.

Matthew Reed, Chief Executive of Marie Curie said: "Our ageing population means it is increasingly important for families to have conversations, share their wishes and be prepared so that they have the best chance of a good end of life experience for themselves and those they leave behind." This week, the charity has launched the biggest ever public campaign to get people thinking, talking and planning for the end of life. Marie Curie is also providing conversations cards, checklists and advice to help get people talking about and preparing for death.

The charity has a wealth of materials to help people plan for the end of life, wherever they are in the process, including free conversation starter cards, checklists and inspiring articles and resources at [www.mariecurie.org.uk/talkabout](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/talkabout)

## Town Quiz

Bishop Auckland Civic Society is once again holding the Annual Town Quiz. The Society's aims are to promote civic interest and co-operation and to raise funds for a nominated charity in the course of an enjoyable social and intellectually challenging evening.

This year's venue is Bishop Auckland Rugby Club on Wednesday, 4th December - 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt start.

Once again, the question master will be Glynn Wales. A table fee of £10 (up to a maximum of 6 players), payable on application, will secure entry for each team. Pie and peas will be able to purchase and the bar will be open!

This year, all monies raised during the evening will be donated to Woodhouse Close Community Centre 'Crisis in the Community'.

To take part in the quiz and support this worthy cause, please email either [robertmcmaners@hotmail.com](mailto:robertmcmaners@hotmail.com) or [gillianwales@gmail.com](mailto:gillianwales@gmail.com) for an entry form.

Closing date for entries is Wednesday, 20th November. (Early application is recommended as places are limited).

## Local MP Dig's Deep to Support Community Garden



Phil Wilson MP was a welcome guest to PCP's community garden last week when he visited with a kind donation of £100. Volunteer gardeners enjoyed showing Phil the fruits of their labour and talking about plans for next year. Phil, a keen gardener himself, was pleased to see how the gardening project has developed and was interested in how the garden now provides fresh produce for PCP's coffee shop 'The Garden Kitchen'. While he was at the Pioneering Care Centre Phil took the time to pop into see Options members who always enjoy telling him about what they've got planned. To find out more about the work of the PCP or if you would like to visit the Pioneering Care Centre please call 01325 321234.

Photo: Phil handing the cheque to volunteer Gardeners and Carol Gaskarth PCP Chief Exec.

## Williamfield Residents Association

Meeting on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 5pm in The ARK, formerly the Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place. Please note this is the new time that we will be holding these meetings to make it a more convenient time to engage with our residents. Ring 308094 or 07967 901477.

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## N.A.F.C. REPORT



Mixed fortunes for Aycliffe last week with a win & a loss, both against the same team. Northallerton Town were the visitors (twice) to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium. The first game on Tuesday night saw a win for the home side in the Mitre Brooks Miles Memorial Northern League Cup. A Dean Thexton goal saw Aycliffe progress from the group stage to the last 16 of the competition.

Newton Aycliffe's 7 game winning run came to an end on Saturday at home to Northallerton. They struggled to get their passing game going on the very heavy pitch, and went down 3-2. Aycliffe did start the better of the two teams. Connor Phelan broke free down the right hand side on five minutes and put a cross in which just evaded Dean Thexton. Three minutes later Liam Jarvie got put through, but hit the post and it stayed out. Northallerton started to come into the game, and Adam Pickford made a couple of saves low down. However, on 38 minutes, he hit a clearance straight

against Cheeseman and it looped into the net for 1-0. That remained the score at half time.

Aycliffe were better at the start of the second half, and had a good period of pressure; Jarvie had a goal chalked off for offside, Johnson Ballan had a good penalty shout turned down on 56 minutes, Five minutes later, top scorer Thexton showed good skill before unleashing a great shot over Northallerton keeper Coulson for the equaliser. The lead only lasted seven minutes, Smith curling the ball past Pickford. Two minutes later, Smith got a second with an unstoppable shot.

Thexton got his and Aycliffe's second with nine minutes to go, with another great finish. Aycliffe had several half chances before the end but couldn't find the net, and Northallerton held out to take not just the three points but also the Frank Swinburne Memorial Trophy

*Photo shows Johnson Ballan on the attack.  
Report: Dave Strickland  
Photo: Yvonne Wood*

## NINTH NATIONAL TITLE FOR WATER POLO CLUB



Sedgefield Water Polo Club have claimed their ninth national title and have been crowned Swim England U15 Boys National Age Group Champions after an excellent performance at Sunderland Aquatic Centre.

We won all three of our Group D matches, defeating City of Birmingham 8-4, Caledonia 13-6 and Bridgefield 12-6 to set up a semi-final clash against Cheltenham where we were convincing winners with a final score of 14-8.

In a thrilling final against Devonport, the two sides were locked at 4-4 at the interval before we edged ahead 8-7 only for Devonport to be awarded a penalty in the dying seconds of the game.

But the chance was missed and Sedgefield

held on to take the gold medal after winning all five of their matches.

Sedgefield head coach Adam Woods said: "I'm so, so impressed with all of them. They played very well, both teams.

"The fact it came down to the last goal, the last penalty. It's fantastic I couldn't have asked any more from the lads.

"They have done so well - I'm so happy with them."

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](mailto: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 - and these should be booked in advance.



## Another Trophy for Harrison



Harrison turned 6 years old on Sunday and collected another trophy competing in only his 3rd ever race at Rowrah in Cumbria.

With changing track conditions Harrison was on top form lapping around the track and wasn't phased by the faster lame powered bambino karts.

Harrison managed to clinch 17th place in the LGK IAME Bambino Championship this year against 31 drivers despite missing 4 rounds from the championship.

Harrison would like to thank everyone involved at Amaron Racing and local companies JohnsonLand Home Improvements and NRG Cycles for helping make this happen along with everyone from Cumbria kart track for putting on and running a great season of racing.

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



The winter season is getting well and truly underway and with a lack of cross country last weekend, it was very quiet for the runners of ARC. On Wednesday 30th October three members took part in the Muddy Roads, 5k Halloween Run. This race was run on the Pinchinthorpe trail course. Heather Morgan came in first in 28.11 followed by Mark Bainbridge in 28.12 and John Richardson in 29.23.

On Thursday 31st October one member, John Joseph Richardson, took part in the Halloween 5k at Heron's Reach, Blackpool which he completed in 26.57.

On Saturday we did have two members achieve PBs at respective parkruns however. At Shildon, Hackworth Parkrun, Kelly Thompson achieved a PB of 25.51 and over at South Park, Darlington, David Stothard achieved a PB of 25.49.

Also on Saturday, Tish Kay took part in the Poppy Run at Aykley Heads in Durham. She took part in this jogging/walking with her sister. These events are of course aimed at raising money for the Armed Forces community and despite being very muddy Trish enjoyed taking part in the event which is for a very good cause.

On Sunday Richard Holland took part in the Guy Fawkes 10 mile race. This is a hilly 10 mile course through scenic Nidderdale. Participants run on a mixture of scenic country roads and bridleways. The race finishes



in the grounds of Ripley Castle. Richard completed the race in 1.18.30.

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

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# Warrens Group Announces Major Fleet Investment

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converted directly from its own food waste customers. Warrens Group director Antony Warren, said: "As a company, we pride ourselves on our forward-thinking, we've always been early adopters of the latest technology and methods. We took delivery of our first bio-fuelled vehicle in September last year and had always planned to add more." The new biomethane powered trucks will be in operation six days a week, with refuelling carried out on site at the Newton Aycliffe facility. They will collect food waste from existing customers including pubs, restaurants,

schools and supermarkets across the North East. Adam Warren, director of Warrens Group, said: "We firmly believe that a sustainable business is a better business. Sustainability is something we advocate to all organisations and communities, as we support their efforts to address the environmental issues caused by traditional methods of waste disposal. By powering our own fleet on the biogas it collects, we are demonstrating that when it comes to sustainability, we really do practice what we preach. "We believe that if big

business and industry fuelled HGVs on gas made from renewable sources, carbon emissions would be almost eliminated. This development is timely because the adverse effects of poor air quality on human health and climate change are two of the most pressing environmental issues we face today." Gas industry expert and managing director of CNG Services, John Baldwin, said: "The HGVs on the UK roads have a disproportionate environmental impact; whilst they represent only 5% of road vehicles, they consume

around 25% of road diesel and are responsible for around 27% of roadside NOx and 18% of transport-related CO2 emissions. "The acquisition of trucks that are powered by the biomethane gas they help to generate means CO2 emissions are reduced by almost 100% - which could very possibly give Warrens Group the lowest carbon footprint for collection of food waste on the planet." Photo: From left, Antony Warren, Ian Bainbridge and Adam Warren of Warrens Group in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham.



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initiative will remove the equivalent of 113 tonnes of single-use plastic from circulation each year. Fritz Walleczek, Managing Director of Corporate Responsibility at Aldi, said: "We are committed to cutting the amount of plastic that Aldi and our customers use, particularly excess or single-use plastic like produce bags. "We are hopeful that our customers in Newton will embrace these new reusable produce bags whenever they're buying loose fruit and veg and, together, we will be able to take more than 100 tonnes of plastic a year out of circulation."

Earlier this year, Aldi launched paper and compostable carrier bags across stores in the North East, scrapped plastic packaging on our four-pack toilet rolls and removed plastic wrapping on tinned tuna multipacks. Aldi is on track to have all own-label packaging recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2022. Since 2018, it has removed more than 550 tonnes of plastic and replaced almost 3,000 tonnes of unrecyclable material with recyclable alternatives.



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# Growth Adds up for Accountants



A North East accountancy firm is marking a decade of growth after expanding its branch network and team. Stuart Hall & Co was set up in 2009 by Stuart himself, and has since grown to 16 members of staff and three branches.

Stuart said: "I launched the firm from a bedroom at home, and we've grown organically since then."

"We've recently opened our Stockton office, and we're building up a great team there to give our clients the best service in a location that suits them."

The firm also has a head office in Bishop Auckland, which last year expanded to house the growing team, as well as a branch in the Scottish borders.

Stuart said: "In the past year, we've taken on an accountant and two apprentices - one in accounting and one in administration. We're also planning to recruit another apprentice for the Stockton office very soon."

"We like to hire apprentices as we're passionate about

seeing people meet their potential; that's how I started and it's wonderful to help people get to where they want to be. Of our team of 16, three members of staff have done full apprenticeships, while a further four are working their way through the programme at the moment." Looking ahead to the next ten years, Stuart hopes to keep up the momentum, planning more recruitment and an expansion of the branch network.

He said: "We believe in the personal approach and having a network of smaller offices, as opposed to one larger base, fits in with that."

"Our growth to date has all been due to word of mouth, and we believe our personal approach, and investment in local talent, stands us in good stead for the future."

*Photo: (L-R) The Stuart Hall & Co team; Jane Carr, Mia Veitch, Jade Fridd, Stuart Hall, Matthew Gilmore, Grace Dutchburn, Abigail Greenwood, Clare McCulloch & Ellie Waterworth*

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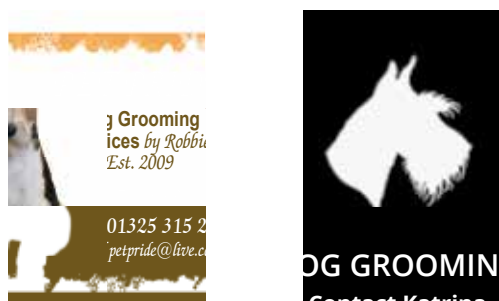
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# Beamish Hall Celebrate 10 Years of Christmas Fairs

Beamish Hall are hosting their biggest and best Christmas Fair to date to celebrate their 10th year of hosting their annual festive favourite Christmas shopping extravaganza, where guests are invited to escape the hustle and bustle of the high-street. With a three-day shopping extravaganza, guests are invited to peruse over 100 market stall holders taking over the bottom floor of the hall, and outside in a Christmas Marquee in a cosy and stress-free environment. Guests can expect to see everything from pretty ornaments and gifts to scrumptious treats and drinks. Enjoy strolling through the bottom floor of the 13th Century Country house as you shop to the

tunes of Christmas whilst sipping on either a mulled wine or a smooth hot chocolate. Amy Tocu, Managing Director of Beamish Hall said "We're excited to be hosting one of our favourite events of the year! Each Christmas Fair has a special place in my heart. However, with celebrating Beamish Hall's and the Stables Bar and Restaurant's 15th and 10th year in business, we're very much excited to be hosting our 10th Christmas Fair!" The Christmas Fair kicks off Beamish Hall's month long Christmas Festivities, with the start of Magical Christmas on the 30th and the end of their highly anticipated New Year's Eve Carnival Party on the 31st.

# Lumiere 2019 Traffic and Travel



With the UK's largest light festival less than a week away, visitors are being encouraged to plan their journey in advance. Lumiere returns to Durham City from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 November. To mark the event's 10th anniversary, visitors are promised the return of a number of festival favourites alongside new commissions. Tens of thousands of people from across the region and beyond are expected to attend the four-day spectacular, which is commissioned by Durham County Council and supported by Arts Council England and a number of sponsors. With estimates that this year could be the biggest Lumiere yet, visitors are advised to use the city's park and ride service, which will offer an extended service during the festival. Up to 6,000 parking spaces will be available across

sites at the normal Belmont, Howlands and Snipley sites and three additional facilities at New College Durham, Merryoaks and Annand House at Meadowfield. Regular services will run from to and from each site into the city centre, with extra stops to allow people to explore the event from a variety of start and finish locations. Services will run until 11.30pm each night, while car parks will remain open round-the-clock. Return tickets are £2 per person or free for concessionary pass holders and under-16s who are accompanied by an adult. Local bus operators will also be providing additional services.

As in previous years, anyone wishing to enter the market place or peninsula area of the city between 4.30pm and 7.30pm will require a ticket. A one-way system will also be in place in some areas around the market place and cathedral in order to help manage the flow of people in these more historic, confined parts of the city.

Access to the peninsula and some other areas of the city will also be limited in the run up to the festival due to a number of road and footpath closures.

For live travel updates during the festival period, follow @DurhamCouncil on Facebook or Twitter or use the hashtag #LumiereDurham.

This year, for the first time, the festival also has its own free app which can be downloaded in advance from the Apple Store or Google Play.

A full list of park and ride sites, road and footpath closures, changes to parking bays and other information is available at [www.durham.gov.uk/lumiere](http://www.durham.gov.uk/lumiere).

## Birthday Remembrance

### Tracey Reay Savage

Wishing you were here today, for even just a while. So we could say "Happy Birthday" and see your loving smile. We'll gaze upon pictures and think of you with love, and hope you are doing fine in Heaven up above. Our beautiful Daughter, Sister and Auntie, till we see you again, sleep tight xxxx

### Elizabeth Reid

11/11/32 - 07/06/19

What would I give if I could say I will go and see my mam today? To hear you laugh, to see you smile, to sit and talk to you a while. To be together in the same old way, would be my only wish today. Happy Birthday Mam. From your loving Daughters, Carol, Margaret and Glynis

## Congratulations

### George and Sharon Henry

Golden Wedding Anniversary  
8th November 2019



Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary. Enjoy celebrating your special day. Lots of love, Maxine, Amanda, Stuart, Charlotte, Anthony, Mia, Bump, Danielle, Sam, Luke, Maisie, James, Teddy and Winston  
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### Rachel Grieves



**Happy Birthday Darling**  
Lots of love, hope you have a good day!  
From Paul xxxx

## In Memoriam

### Nathan Sowerby

Died 12th November 2006

A silent thought,  
A quiet prayer,  
For a very special Son  
and Brother in Gods Care.  
Sadly missed,  
Dad and Joanne

### George Smith

11th November 2011

Remembering George, my darling Brother. Tell me what does it look like in Heaven? Is it peaceful? Is it free like they say? Does the sun shine bright forever? Have your fears and your pain gone away? Until we meet again George. Love and miss you always. Sister, Margaret xxx

### Albert Andrew

18/9/1934 - 5/11/2009

Ten years have gone Dad, we miss and love you forever. We send you a prayer, blow you a kiss to our handsome Dad. Love forever, Your Daughters Julie, Susan and family xxxx

### BERYL RICHARDSON (nee Kelly)

25th February 1949 to  
13th November 2015



Four years has passed, the bitter pain will never fade, your memory will never escape me, your face will always be dear in my heart, still very much in my thoughts. Much loved and I miss you very much, each precious moment you gave me shall never, ever part, love you. Grumpy Old Joe.

## In Memoriam

### George Smith

11th November 2011

Can't believe it has been 8 years Dad. Thinking of you today as always. Lots of love, Steven, Graham, John and the late Jimmy xxxx

Still miss you Grandad George. Lots of love, Millie, Bradley and Baby Isabel xxx

Thinking of you today George. Lots of love, Irene xx

## Obituary

### Joyce Roscher

29th October 2019

Passed away peacefully at Rose Lodge Care Home, aged 85 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Eberhard Roscher and Mother to the late Linda Hibbert. All now reunited. A much loved Mam to David and Paul, sadly missed by all the family, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Family and friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 18th November at 11.30am.

Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, to Cancer Research UK

### Olga Jeffery (nee Parker)

Died 31st October 2019

Aged 92. Beloved Wife of the late Christopher; much loved Mother, Nan, Great Nan, Sister and Friend. Thanks to Lindisfarne Care Home staff, especially Mandy, for making her passing peaceful. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

### Thelma Cowan

11th November 2017

Thinking of our lovely Mam and Grandma today and every day. Sadly missed by all your family and friends. Love you to the moon beams and back xx

### Sandra Ann Farrell

1965 - 2001

'Sandy'

We sit and look around the room, so many things we see, your photo on the table catches our eyes, you're looking back at us and it brings so many memories. Love you always.

Mum, Dad, Helen, Louise, Millie xxxxxx

### Fred & Edna Mounsey

Unseen, unheard, always near. Still loved still missed, and very dear. From all the family.

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## Another Podium for Scarlet



Another podium finish for Scarlet at Rowrah racing her faster IAME Bambino kart. Scarlet had top 3 finishes from all heats with very difficult track conditions and took another top 3 finish overall in the final. This secured her 3rd in the LGK IAME Bambino Championship this year! At the end of season prize giving Scarlet was delighted to receive the Rowrah Challenge Trophy (Ranking the best female driver based on the whole season's racing

comparing finishing positions to the number of competitors in the class). Scarlet next competes at Wombwell in Barnsley this weekend for round 8 of the championship. Scarlet would like to thank everyone involved at Amaron Racing and local companies JohnsonLand Home Improvements and NRG Cycles for helping make this happen along with everyone from Cumbria kart track for putting on and running a great season of racing.

## EMMA IS CHAMPION!

Sedgefield 75 swimmers James Hodgson and Emma Price headed to the International Swimming Venue Ponds Forge in Sheffield last weekend having qualified for the Swim England North East Region Short Course Championships. The North East swimming region extends from South Yorkshire to the Scottish borders including many large towns/cities including Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Sunderland, Huddersfield, Hull and Teesside, totalling over 50 swimming clubs present. Tough qualifying times are required to participate bringing the best swimmers this region has to offer together to compete for the various swimming titles. Two versions of the championships run concurrently in the same hall as the pool is split into two 25m, 10-lane pools. In one are the Age Group Championships with three age groups, 11, 12 and 13-year-olds, and in the other the Open Championships

which are open to any ages from 14 upwards. James, at 16, competed against large numbers including many adults in the Open championships, rubbing shoulders with some of the country's best. Competing in 50, 100 and 200m freestyle he swam superbly and equalled his short course personal best of 26.00 seconds in the 50m, finishing halfway up the 80 competitors in that event. Emma competed in the 11-year-old age group and set seven new PBs in her 8 events. She dominated her 400 freestyle race, swimming 10 seconds faster than her previous best time, to win gold and the NER title by 7 seconds. In the 200m freestyle she took silver with a 3-second PB and bronze in both the 100m and 200m individual medley events, a whopping 8 seconds PB in the 200m. She narrowly missed out on two further bronzes taking fourth place in both 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.



## Juniors Football Report



Yet again another wet weekend, however we still had some NAJFC teams in action and ready to play come rain or shine

**Under 7 Whites** played against Blackhall. Although it was a tight exciting game the result didn't go their way. Man of the Match was awarded to William for some fantastic saves

**Under 7 Blacks** played an away game in the cup against a strong South Park Rangers. The lads tried their best but the result didn't go their way. However the game was very close with an abundance of goals from both teams. Man of the Match went to two players this week Ryan and Regan.

**Under 11 Whites** played their first game of the winter season at Washington hub North East Sport Albion. There was some fantastic football played with 12 goals in total scored for the game. Due to their team performance the whole team was awarded Man of the Match.

**Under 8 Blacks** played a local derby against Heighington. Unfortunately the result didn't reflect the performance. Man of the match went to Max for his performance in many positions during the game.

**Under 8 Juniors** played a reversed fixture in the cup due to the weather against a strong South Park Rangers Reds. A great performance was produced by the whole team in the game that produced some good quality football. Man of the Match was a no brainer and was given to the whole team for their performance.

**Under 10s** unfortunately didn't fair too well last weekend and the team just struggled to get going in the challenge cup against a strong Leven. The Man of the match went to Theo. In the development match the boys were far better and Man of the Match in this game went to Callum.

**Under 11 Whites** reversed their cup match to Sedgefield. Another spirited effort from the boys at the start of the game but it just wasn't to be their day. Man of the Match went to goalkeeper Danny who is showing more and more improvement every game.

**Under 12 Whites** yet again produced another good home performance against Thirsk winning 8-0. Scorers were Tyler, Niall, Aiden, Ollie and Jayden. Man of the Match this week went to Tyler.

**Under 13's** travelled to

Bedale this week and after an even start the boys produced a good solid performance coming out winners 6-1. Two goals from Zak who has scored in every game so far this season. Other goals from Joe, Thomas and Dan.

## VERGE PARKING

Great Aycliffe Town Council has recently received a number of anonymous written complaints regarding residents and visitors parking on grass verges on housing estates in Newton Aycliffe.

Unfortunately, the Town Council has no statutory power to enforce parking or highway regulations and is unable to take any action in these instances.

The complaints have been forwarded to Durham County Council as the authority responsible for dealing with parking issues and it is requested that any further complaints are also addressed to the County Council.

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