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Outstanding Contribution Award for Sara Davies MBE

Sara Davies, founder and creative director of Crafter's Companion, has been awarded with the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards. The awards, which were held at Grosvenor House in London and are in its 18th year, celebrate the best of British business. Sara was one of 16 winners on the night, with other accolades being presented for Exporter of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Employer of the Year and more.

Since launching her business from her university bedroom 14 years ago, Crafter's Companion has scaled to an employer of 200 staff. The company exports to more than 40 different countries and expects to turn over £44m this year. Sara said: "To be presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award is such an honour and to share this title with previous winners like Helena Morrissey, who strive for diversity and parity in everything they do, is very humbling. "I can't quite believe that it has been 14 years since I started Crafter's Companion. I was at university and I ended up launching a business from my bedroom. I roped in my best friend's mum as my first employee, she's still with us today and we now have 200 staff and a head office in America. It's completely overwhelming and surreal. "This award has reminded me of the things I have achieved in a relatively short space of time and is also the incentive I need to make more ambitions and dreams a reality. There are so many brilliant businesses and entrepreneurs in the UK and these awards, that support and celebrate everything that fantastic companies do, are so important. So, I also want to say a huge congratulations to all of the winners." "Most people who know me (and have heard me speak!) know that I am from the North East and

that I am extremely proud of my region. To have our headquarters remain in the area and to employ so many talented people here fills me with joy. To put the North East on the map with these kinds of awards makes me even happier." Richard Alvin, Lloyds Bank National Business Awards Event Director said: "We know that these awards set a powerful benchmark for excellence and entrepreneurship across the country and it's clear that Sara has used the momentum behind winning the SME award back in 2010 to rocket her journey of success. "It is only right that nine years on she graces our stage



once more in recognition of her continued drive, passion for excellence and inspirational leadership that has seen her boost trade and skills across the country. I could not think of anyone more deserving of this honour."

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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

This week's County Newsbits include two Council meetings, a space age engagement event, GATC's public consultation, free trees and a manifesto. Plus lots to do next weekend and an interesting POLITICAL this Sunday 24 November. There are internet links to find out more about all the following on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB138

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

- DCC Cabinet meeting, Wednesday 13 November (Council Tax on empty properties; Children's Residential Care Homes; Western Relief Road).
- DCC Environment Scrutiny meeting, Tuesday 19 November (Street lighting; Woodlands).
- STEPHANIE (Space Technology with Photonics) engagement event, Wednesday 13 November.
- Lumière was a great success.
- Have you completed Great Aycliffe Town Council's Public Consultation – available online or go along to St Clare's Church, 10am-2pm Saturday 23 November.
- The Middridge Road roundabout situation continues chaotic and badly organised – get the latest news on my blog.
- The Woodland Trust are giving free trees for schools and communities.

• Aycliffe Business Park's and Dragons' Den star Sara Davies was awarded the 'Outstanding Contribution' award at the Lloyds Bank National Business Awards.

• The Green Party manifesto has been published.

• You must register by midnight on 26 November to vote in the General Election on 12 December.

THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK

- Aladdin – relaxed performance for autism/SPD, Gala Theatre, 1:30pm Wednesday 27 November, £16.
- Durham City Christmas Festival, 29 November to 1 December.
- Festive Gingerbread Trail, Hardwick Park, 10am-4pm 30 November to 4 January, £1 per sheet.
- Festive Fun at the Locomotion Museum Shildon; events from 30 November.
- Chinese horseman (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, Saturday 30 November, FREE.
- Museum of Archaeology swords (5-11s), Palace Green Museum, drop-in 1-3pm, 30 November-1 December, FREE.
- Mini Reindeer Making (family), Low Barns Nature Reserve, hourly sessions 10am-3pm Sunday 1 December, £5 (need to book on 0191 584 3112).

AYCLIFFE RADIO

• POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, live at 6-7:30pm, Sunday 24 November will feature updates on what our local community leaders are doing, plus their views on the General Election and two listener-chosen topics: bit.ly/ARLIVE

Funding Available for National Tree Week

Grants of up to £150 are available for community groups, parish councils, schools and individuals for tree planting projects in their area.

Applicants have until Friday, 13 December to apply for the funding as part of the annual celebrations for National Tree Week.

Durham County Council has taken part in National Tree Week since 1979, supporting a wide variety of schemes from planting fruit trees and commemorative trees, to hedgerows and copses.

Recipients of last year's funding include:

- Friends of Bearpark Woods, which planted a fruit orchard on a part of the Bearpark Woods former colliery restoration site on the outskirts of Durham.

• Dene Community School, Peterlee, planted trees as part of a wildlife garden.

• Woodburn Farm, at Sateley, near Bishop Auckland, planted a small shelter belt on a grassland site which is important for butterflies. The microclimate created by trees will afford protection for not only butterflies, but also insects and reptiles.

Steve Bhowmick, Durham County Council's environment and design manager, said: "For this year's National Tree Week, we are encouraging people to plant trees around the county and lay down roots for a more tree-filled future to tackle climate change and protect our precious wildlife habitats."

Early applications are recommended as grants are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Completed application forms should arrive no later than Friday 13 December and can be requested by emailing landscape@durham.gov.uk or by telephoning 03000 267133.

School Aycliffe Community Hall Events

Annual Christmas Quiz
Will be held on Friday 13th December 2019, 7.30pm till 10.30pm. Maximum 6 team members, £8 per person which includes a pie and peas supper and nibbles.

Please bring your own alcohol. Last few tickets remaining!

Please note that payment is required by 6th December together with any dietary requirements.

Contact Georgette on 07517 58118 for further details.

Celebrate New Year's Eve on your doorstep at our New Year's Eve Party! Live music performed by Robson Field with songs from the 50s and 60s.

Please bring your own food and drink, £15 per person. Please contact Tony Robinson on 07807 134942

School Aycliffe Committee Members would like to thank everyone who has attended our events this year. Without your support, we would have no community hall, an extra big thank you to the 'Friends of the Hall' who help out behind the scenes. This year's events included Afternoon Tea, Ladies Pamper, Prosecco & Pizza evening, shopping trip to York Designer Outlet, bonfire night celebrations, wine tasting and many more, and don't forget our weekly events.

There is already lots planned for 2020 so watch this space, or take a look at our Facebook page or more recently our page on the Village Hall Consortium! Best wishes for 2020 and Merry Christmas.



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Annual Xcel Xmas Fair

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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 even bigger than ever and a great way to kick off the festive Season!



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Saturday 23rd November - "FM"

Review: "Was this our best pub gig ever? Probably! What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock 'n' roll hall of fame. They did the lot, Kaiser Chiefs, Foo Fighters, Sabbath, AC/DC, Zep and no real cheese, OK they did 'Whisky in the Jar', but hey! FM put a great amount of effort into this gig, sometimes mid week gigs just don't seem to have the same oomph. The atmosphere was great as was the music, a superb night. What is particularly pleasing is that FM don't always take the easy option, ie: instead of sticking to 'Sweet Child Of Mine', they did 'Welcome to The Jungle'. How long have FM been around now? Many a year and on this performance many a year to come. Thanks lads you were awesome."

Saturday 30th November - "Over Drive"

Bio: "Overdrive are a dynamic rock covers band playing a selection of classic rock songs from the 60's to now".

Saturday 7th December - "7 Sins"
Sunday 8th December - "OasisJam" 4.00pm

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Arts Residency an Inspiration

Artist in residence Richard Bliss and Tony Gadd have been working with our Men's Cree group and students from Greenfield Community College as part of a creative project based at Greenfield Arts.

The groups are working alongside Richard, a collaborative visual artist and Tony, a spoken word artist, to explore the 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny' exhibition currently on display in The Greenfield Gallery. The groups are working towards a mini-exhibition which will form an exciting response to this wonderful exhibition.

The Cree group are busy examining the skills and attributes Cornish drew upon as an artist. They have been amazed at the resilience and achievements of the man and how he overcame many obstacles in his career. The social context of the paintings have encouraged the groups to interpret the artwork in a modern-day context, thinking about the people and places and how they can encourage aspirations.

"The groups have been inspired by Norman and his creative process and his journey to become an artist. The written and visual



responses have reflected on our own personal journeys and attributes, we are looking forward to sharing this work 'Inspired by Cornish' when the current exhibition closes." said Creative Director of Greenfield Arts, Katy Milne. The mini exhibition response will be on display in The Greenfield Gallery from Monday 16th December – Friday 20th December. Current exhibition, 'Norman Cornish: A Man of Destiny' runs until Wednesday 11th December and has inspired activities and workshops

throughout the autumn season, attracting over 1000 visitors to date. If you would like to know more about our full programme please visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048.

Children's Christmas Movie Night at P.C.P.

Bring your little elves to PCP and get into the Christmas spirit! The Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe will be hosting a movie night where children can bring cushions and bean bags to sit together and watch The Grinch. Cinema tickets will be £3 per child including refreshments of popcorn and a drink. Wear your favourite pyjamas and come along on Friday, 13th December - the festive fun will begin from 4pm. A sweet stall will be available to buy extra treats and adults can indulge in mince pies and other Christmas refreshments! Meet new friends and enjoy a Christmas classic film in the run up to the big day. Spaces are limited so please contact PCP reception to buy your cinema ticket!

To book your child's place please contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPAndCentre



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TEAMWORK AIDS ELLARAE RECOVERY

As some of you may know our very own EllaRae Bower is currently quite poorly. The Aycliffe Radio team have clubbed together to get her some gifts after her hospital admission at the weekend because once we saw how serious her condition was we were all, frankly, heart broken.

To see such a vibrant, beautiful young soul suffering was so awful. EllaRae's Mum, Sarah Brown, is keen to spread awareness for this particular illness as she doesn't want any other family to have to go through what they have. This is their story, as told by Sarah from a status she wrote exactly one year ago, assuming all of this was behind them. To have a relapse, as EllaRae has, is incredibly rare and Sarah got the shock of her life to see the symptoms return.

"So, I wanted to do our story... in 2015 I give birth to a beautiful baby girl, my two other children were over the moon, two weeks later I noticed a difference in my eldest child, but put it down to a change at home. One day I noticed she was spinning and being hyper and the next morning I noticed she couldn't put her socks on and yes I got angry thinking she was being daft and sent her to school as normal. I received a phone call from the school telling me EllaRae was hitting people and kicking her shoes off. I knew it wasn't right, so took her to the doctors. I was told I was an overbearing parent who had just had a baby. Two days later my daughter was in A&E going in to cardiac arrest. I was told my daughters movements were the equivalent of her running

a marathon. I didn't tell my family how bad it was as I was told my daughter might die - I had a two week old baby at home who wanted to know her!

We were transferred to the RVI in Newcastle as my daughter couldn't talk or walk or do anything, it was like having an 11 year old baby. I had to wash and change her, I taught her to talk again. EllaRae has undergone two plasma transplants IVIg to aid her recovery.

I watch her now and think how lucky we are, we have seen friends die and seen the heartache, but my daughter fights everyday, it has not gone away, but she won't let it stop her.

This all happened because of strep throat, please never just think it's a sore throat, Sydenham Shorea is a rare condition.

Sydenham Chorea is a neurological disorder, characterized by rapid, jerky, irregular, and involuntary movements (chorea), especially of the face and limbs. Additional symptoms may include muscle weakness, slurred speech, headaches, and seizures."

The family are currently awaiting a call from the Neurologist to determine if EllaRae needs to be taken back to the RVI for another plasma transplant to help her fight this current relapse.

She has been discharged, for the time being, to her mothers care and we are all keeping our fingers and toes crossed that she mends quickly.

EllaRae is the youngest presenter on Aycliffe Radio and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Sending all the Aycliffe Radio Love!



SUPPORTING FAMILIES



The team at Supporting Families would like to thank the ladies of St. Elizabeth's for their continued support with knitted teddies, dressed dollies and baby blankets to help needy families in and around Newton Aycliffe.

Supporting Families are moving into the Youth Centre on the 2nd December and will operate on a Tuesday and Thursday, 10-2pm and provide nappies, baby toiletries, clothes and baby equipment for low-income families and women fleeing domestic violence.

Thanks Beki for making room for us, it really is appreciated. If you need any help please contact Sheena on 07725 369915.

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Lib Dem is Not a Wasted Vote

Dear Readers,
Last week I read 2 Pro-Brexit letters creating an unbalanced view of national public opinion.

I understand that Newton Aycliffe and many industrial parts of the North East are pro Brexit by up to 60%. However, this means that at least 40% prefer to remain in the EU. Also, in the last 3 years public opinion has changed and the 48%/52% split is definitely not the case now (as 800,000 people marching on London, recently showed).

I am saddened by the vilification of Sedgfield MP Phil Wilson, whom some labour supporters and the national Party have heavily criticised and threatened to deselect due to his honest view to prefer to remain in the EU.

There are many moderate, centrist Labour MPs who support remain and it is only since Momentum and the radical left wing of the Labour Party have hijacked the MPs by saying most members want to leave but most MPs want to remain.

I have, in 3 years, still not seen any concrete business deal offers from the rest of the world, other than rumours about Trump taking over the NHS and sell chlorinated chicken to the UK.

We should, I believe, instead be fighting for a better deal from within the EU. The Germans and French have too much control and influence but leaving will not improve this.

Leaving a market on our doorstep of over 200 million

is like closing down the bestselling shop on the High Street.

The old reasons of immigration and payments to the EU are false as EU workers in UK has dropped very significantly and even Farage now admits the NHS claim to save millions a day was wrong.

When we voted no one knew about the big divorce bill, the threat of major employers like Toyota leaving the UK, the Irish border issue, the Scots threatening to leave UK to stay in EU and Welsh farmers feeling betrayed.

Brexiters say leave as democratic vote but now people know how many millions Brexit has cost and is still costing every day the UK people still cannot give 10 good reasons to leave or one major company or country that has offered to do a deal if we leave the EU.

In fact Gove, Fox and Mogg have been humiliated when false claims of deals were published.

I invite Phil Wilson to move to the only 100% clear remain party, where he will be treated fairly and not be threatened with deselection because he has the right to have a different view within a party on one issue.

Before anyone gives the usual negative comments about the Liberal Democrats let me remind them that in coalition we stopped the Tories privatising the NHS and primary schools.

We also raised the tax threshold to £11k taking millions out of poverty. As for the student loans nonsense,

we ensured poorer students paid less and gave primary children in deprived areas a pupil premium to reduce food and clothing struggles.

Lib Dems are not controlled or funded by unions or big business. Despite this I have only ever seen labour and Conservative newsletters through my door at election times in the last 16 years.

I personally delivered 800 leaflets in St Mary's and Shafto Ward about litter picking volunteers for Durham Civic Pride and Durham Lib Dems put out 12,000 newsletters about lack of council spending in Newton Aycliffe due to austerity despite having very large reserves at County Hall. Added to this county and local councillors claiming expenses for both Aycliffe and Darlington.

Don't just vote for who you think will win but in whom you believe to be fair, honest and willing to work in cooperation with other parties for the good of the whole community not just who has taken for granted your vote for the last 40 years. Complacency becomes normal when it is seen as a safe seat but action will be increased and improved by competition and cooperation. Vote Liberal Democrat for a healthy balance between business and welfare. It's not a wasted vote, as we often hold the balance of power when Labour and Tory vote is split 50/50.

Mr Armstrong
Diversity & Welfare Officer
Darlington and Sedgfield Liberal Democrats

The Pages of History Turns on Small Hinges

Your vote will count

Once in a while we, the people, have an opportunity to have our views matter. It is important that we make use of our vote. Whoever you believe in, you should vote. I am for Brexit and having studied elections for over 45 years I am of the clear opinion that the Conservatives will win here in Sedgfield Constituency. Paul Howell is right I won't have to hold my nose in voting just this once for a Tory. Having met and talked with Paul Howell, I find he is a local man, with no attitude or ego or party dogma, or chip on his shoulder, just a pleasant intelligent and listening personality. A proven Durham County Councillor for Aycliffe North and Middridge Ward. I was impressed by his facebook video showing where he lived and grew up in Newton Aycliffe, Sugar Hill School, his father was an Aycliffe Fireman. If you want Brexit



the surest way is to not split the Brexit Vote. The opinion poll data clearly shows a consistent Conservative lead in this constituency if everyone who voted for Brexit votes for Paul Howell Conservative, rather than split the Brexit vote, he will win and we get an MP committed to Brexit. Let's drain the swamp of Parliament by returning fresh, capable people who are open minded rather than anti Brexit, anti-democratic. We will enable Jeremy Corbyn to retire gracefully to his North London Allotment, and for Labour, after a few years of turmoil, find itself back in the moderate centre ground not Blairite, not hard left. This Country is far from perfect, but I cannot stand those who seem to hate our Country and are always siding with our enemies. Everyone who cares is usually centre ground, either slightly left or right on different issues but moderate in all things. No single Party has a monopoly on wisdom. When I vote I do so on the basis of voting for the best person irrespective of Party. We are indeed fortunate in Paul Howell, a fine well rounded, working class, thoughtful individual, who, if elected, will be a powerful voice for Aycliffe and the North East. I must confess I also prefer Boris for PM rather than Jeremy.

Vote for Paul Howell for Brexit, but in any event wherever you stand use your democratic vote, you do matter.

Arun M Chandran



CONSERVATIVE PAUL HOWELL TO STAND



The Conservatives have selected their candidate for Sedgfield ready for the 12th December Election.

Paul Howell, a retired accountant, was approved as the Conservative candidate for the Sedgfield Constituency in the December General Election. Paul will be looking to become the first Conservative MP to be elected in the area since 1931.

The Conservatives are aiming to make progress in a leave-voting constituency, which has become considerably more marginal since Tony Blair stood down in 2007. With a campaign focusing on delivering Brexit nationally and fighting locally for better transport links and support for business.

"I am proud and delighted to have been selected as the candidate for the area I have lived in all my life" said Paul. "This is a real opportunity for the people of Sedgfield to elect someone who will respect their wishes and champion them in Westminster. I hope they will place their trust in me".

Paul was elected to Durham County Council for Aycliffe North & Middridge in 2017 and this year was also elected as a Councillor for Hummersknott ward in Darlington. In these roles he stresses just how much he has experienced what a strong local voice can do, especially when cooperating with others.

This is, he said, why he is keen "to work closely with Mayor Ben Houchen to help business and industry in Sedgfield, as well as seize the opportunities that are opening up through developments in the Tees Valley such as the airport and the potential Freeport. If we can seize the moment, our area will thrive, and I am determined to play my part in this".

On Paul's selection, Cllr Pauline Culley, the chairman of South Durham Conservatives said, "I am thrilled that Paul has

been selected. He is a first rate, hard-working, local candidate who will be an excellent representative for the people of Sedgfield and will actually listen to what the people are saying then act on it. We look forward to seeing him win in December".

Paul has always been a strong advocate of local business and prides himself on being involved with local issues concerning businesses and community organisations.

Paul regularly attends residents meetings in the area and can often be seen at fundraising events supporting the local community.

Mr Howell is committed to supporting the Sedgfield Constituents and is sure he can make a difference once in Parliament.

Fight Against All Intolerance

Dear Sir,
I have read with interest recent letters concerning the forthcoming election. Everyone's opinion is valid and we are fortunate to live in a country and society where we can express it freely.

My comments would be: Remember that, whoever you vote for, should they win overall, that party and their policies will be there for the next five years. Brexit is a short term problem, and will be solved . . . policies will continue.

Secondly, while the current Labour Party may not be the same one your forebears supported, the present Tory Party (and their policies) is most definitely the one they voted against!

Unfortunately Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and xenophobia is not the prerogative of any one political party; we should fight against all intolerance. Name & address supplied

MORE THAN BREXIT

Although Brexit is an important issue in the forthcoming election, I think, regardless of how people voted in the referendum, there is more at stake. We need to consider what kind of society we want and which party is best to deliver this. I know that those people advocating a Brexit, at any cost to jobs and the standard of living for ordinary people, want this to be a one issue election. But we have to think about what kind of government we elect to run the country for the next five years. Do we want a Johnson government, a member of the party whose austerity laid waste to our public services. Propped up by a right wing Farage party, who, by his own admission, does not believe in a national health service that is free for all but an insurance contribution system. Johnson cannot be trusted, he says one thing and does another, and he, along with Farage, wants this to be a single issue. Or do we want a government that provides a fair society with properly funded public services where everyone contributes and works in the interests of everyone? I want the latter, and to me the party best placed to deliver this is Labour.

Alan Siddle

Values & Democracy in Modern Day UK

Dear Sir,
Once again our politicians, of all colours, tarnish the reputation of our once globally respected Parliament.

It amazes me how they can refer to each other as the honourable member, as very few of them are honourable, in fact, many have proven themselves to be deceitful, dishonest and untrustworthy. Whether the good people of our proud nation voted to stay or leave we must respect democracy, sadly party politics have been employed to thwart the will of the people. Democracy died when our representatives defied the will of the masses. Promises were made with no regard for truth by all sides in the debates leading up to the Brexit referendum, an attempt to get a reasonable following for Theresa May's government, decimated the Tory majority in the 2017 election and inevitably has led to the forthcoming election.

Very few people are aware of the details laid out in the deal proposed by Boris Johnson's Tory government, a slanging match is taking place between the main parties which gives no-one confidence and offers an opportunity for the Scottish Nationalists to drive a wedge into the United Kingdom with the possibility of then breaking away of Scotland from the union.

Yes, the Tories, in league with the Liberal Democrats led

us into an era of damaging Austerity which has left many vulnerable people in poverty but sadly it is the young people of our great nation who have lost respect for politicians which is the largest failure of all. MPs who were lining their pockets with expenses, Liam Burns' letter claiming there was no money left or Gordon Browns failure to address immigration when confronted by a member of the public.

Perhaps the worst crime committed by our government was the extending of the period between elections to five years. It was always stated that if we were not satisfied with the government, we could kick them out and replace them, but the question is who with? I would propose that the maximum time in office between elections should be three years which should concentrate the minds of those collecting huge salaries and cruising through their terms.

The North East has languished in the doldrums for far too long, our politicians have seen us as safe seats and only good for industrial workers as decreed by the Northern Powerhouse doctrine.

Despite the trials of unemployment, recession, Austerity and Universal Credit the people of the North have organised foodbanks to feed the hungry, credit unions to fight the money lenders and residents' organisations who fight for our rights.

As the election looms our politicians need to be telling us what they are going to do for us.

We know that the undemocratic Liberals would keep us tied to Europe.

We know that Labour have a candidate who is not in favour of Brexit yet is no Corbynite either.

We have a Conservative candidate who is a local

guy, has done a great job as a County Councillor for our town and puts himself forward to answer questions and attend public meetings.

We also have various other candidates who would like our vote.

Your vote your choice but if Democracy is to survive please vote.

Ken Robson

Thank You for Your Positive Support

Dear Residents,

As your Conservative candidate I have spent time out and about in Newton Aycliffe and the villages over the last week and would like to thank the many people I have spoken to, offering me encouragement and support. I would also like to thank those who have taken the time to write in to this paper promoting my candidacy.

The feedback I am receiving is extraordinarily positive with so many people supporting me and wanting to see Brexit done so we can move on. The polling for Sedgfield shows the seat to be right on the wire, at the point of writing a poll shows me winning by 26 votes out of 63,000 electors so every vote counts and if you want to see a change then please ensure you vote for me.

I will try to get out and see as many as possible of you, but please forgive me if I do not get to your door. The constituency is huge and I have a very limited time to get to you all. For those who don't know, the constituency reaches from Hurworth to Thornley and from Piercebridge to Bishopthorpe. There are around 36 different towns, villages and hamlets for me to visit that have 63,000 people and 35,000 houses before the election. If you have a residents group or similar you would like me to attend please contact me via my Facebook page, Paul Howell for Sedgfield and I will make every effort to get there. I am planning to be in the Aycliffe area next Monday, Wednesday and Friday, if you see me, please say hello.

Paul Howell

Conservative Candidate for Sedgfield

Phil's Misunderstood Stance on Brexit

Dear Sir,
I find I need to respond to Alistair Walsh and the allegations he makes in his letter regarding Phil's Brexit position.

To say Phil did not honour the result of the EU referendum is not true. He did. He voted to trigger article 50 which set in train the process of leaving the EU and allowed time for the Government to negotiate a deal because his constituency had voted to Leave.

His stated position is, he would vote in Parliament for any deal the Government agreed with the EU, as long as it was put to the people for them to have the final say. They have the right to compare the reality of Brexit with what they were promised during the 2016 Referendum campaign. If the people agree with the deal, then it would be implemented because the legislation would be in place. Of course, people would also have the right to change their minds. There would be no more Referenda and Brexit would be done.

I think that is fair and shows local people great respect. Yes, Sedgefield constituency voted Leave, but they weren't allowed, and never have been given,

the chance to vote on how we leave. That is wrong. Phil believes the final decision shouldn't be left to MPs in Parliament, but to the people. Brexit started with the people and should end with the people. And that's how you get Brexit done.

And finally, yes Phil has stood up for what he believes. He is aware his constituency voted Leave more than three years ago. And yes, he voted Remain in that referendum. But, if we are asking MPs to act like delegates to Parliament rather than representatives, but Tories like Liam Fox, Chris Grayling, John Redwood and Dominic Raab (the Foreign secretary) all arch Brexiteers should be delegated to vote the same way as their constituencies, which in their case was to Remain.

One thing is for certain. If Boris Johnson, helped by Nigel Farage, gets his way, Brexit will not be done after this General Election. It will go on and on. If people are sick of Brexit now, imagine what they'll feel like in a year's time.

Yours sincerely
Paul Trippett
*Agent to Phil Wilson,
Labour Parliamentary
Candidate for Sedgefield.*

Elections Are Like a Box of Chocolates

Dear Sir,
My POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio polite political discussion show, which airs 6-7:30pm on Sundays, has become wonderfully high-profile recently; what makes the show so successful are my important and knowledgeable guests. And since they come at their own expense from all over the region, the least I can do is to offer them a (much criticised) bottle of water ... and access to a box of sweets – and to do so I buy selection boxes when they are on offer in those great piles in Tesco! Ah, but which box to buy? Essentially, they're all much the same, but there are important differences too. In the end, ALL the boxes offer a selection of good and bad, and it is a matter of 'best fit'.

Are there any individual sweets out there so lovely that I've just GOT to have them? And how much rubbish is there – sweets nobody likes – to eventually have to throw away? Experience is an issue as well. From time to time firms remark their sweets in fancy new packaging ... but I know from past experience what's REALLY there, underneath the wrapping, and I need to be not fooled by bright new colours. Also – at the end of the day – I have to think about my guests. They're the ones who are going to have to eat them; what will be best for THEM? Elections are no different, you know. You use your common sense to weigh the parties' manifestos, and you choose the one which you know deep down will be best for your children and grandchildren.

But choose you must; and if you are not registered to vote you only have until midnight on 26 November to do so: <https://t.co/U5vCy6dhTD>
John D Clare

Deadline for Postal Vote Applications

Time is running out for County Durham residents who wish to apply for a postal vote for the upcoming general election.

The deadline for completed applications for a postal vote is 5pm on Tuesday, 26 November. Using a postal vote means voters do not have to worry about being able to attend a polling station if the weather is bad on election day or if they have other plans.

If your details have changed, for example, if you have recently moved house, and you wish to retain your postal vote, you must notify the council's electoral services team by the same date.

Tuesday, 26 November is also the deadline for anyone not already included on the electoral register to request to be included so that they can vote in the general election on Thursday, 12 December.

Anyone who is included on the electoral register should have now received their poll card.

If you are registered to vote and have not received your poll card or you would to apply for a postal or proxy vote or be included on the electoral register, you should contact Durham

County Council's electoral services team on 03000 261212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk as soon as possible.

NOMINATIONS AND POLLING STATIONS

CANDIDATES:

DAVID RICHARD BULL - Brexit Party

(Address in Central Suffolk & North Ipswich Constituency)

JOHN CHARLES FURNESS - The Green Party

(Address in Darlington Constituency)

PAUL HOWELL - Conservative Party

Coniscliffe Road, Darlington

MICHAEL ANTHONY JOYCE - Independent

Abbotsfield Way, Darlington

DAWN ELIZABETH WELSH - Liberal Democrat

Church Drive, Gateshead

PHIL WILSON - Labour Party

Church View, Heighington

POLLING STATIONS:

Middridge Village Hall

Aycliffe Evangelical Church, Ladybower

Scout HQ, Bluebell Way

Silverdale House, Silverdale Place

The Turbinia, Sid Chaplin Drive

St. Joseph's Primary School, Garburn Place

Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School

School Aycliffe Community Hall

Woodham Village Community Centre

Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close

Aycliffe Village Hall

Neville Parade Methodist Church

Simpasture Court Supported Housing

Sugar Hill Infants School, Sheraton Road

Vane Road Primary School

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre

Heighington Village Hall

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Residents in County Durham are being reminded that they need to be registered to vote if they wish to have their say in the general election.

Anyone who is already registered and is eligible to vote next month will receive

a poll card providing details of their allocated polling station.

Anyone who is not registered or who has recently moved house and has not yet informed electoral services is encouraged to register at www.gov.uk/register

to-vote by Tuesday, 26 November.

People who are listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote. The deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday, 26 November and for proxy vote applications

it is 5pm on Wednesday, 4 December.

To request a paper copy of either application form, contact Durham County Council's electoral services team on 03000 261212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

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Sisters Double Win at Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Marissa and Kally Boon who each achieved success at the recent South West Durham Schools' Cross Country Championships. The two sisters, who attend Woodham Academy, won their respective races in style finishing at least 100m clear of any other competitors, with Marissa winning the intermediate girls (Years 10 & 11) competition and Kally winning the junior girls (Years 8 & 9) competition. The competition, held at



Greenfield Experience Historical Hauntings

Students at Greenfield Community College visited Chillingham Castle in Northumberland recently as part of their extended learning in history. Staff and students visited the heritage site in Northumberland to take part in the infamous historical ghost tour. It is reputedly the most haunted castle in England as many victims fell to the regular battles for the border between England and Scotland. The group of students explored the ancient building as history was

brought to life through ghostly tales. Chillingham has been home to the Grey family since the 12th century and students learned about its historical significance as well as sampling the eerie atmosphere. Greenfield Community College are committed to offering valuable opportunities to students including academic and extra-curricular activities and regular educational visits. Please contact us for more information contact@greenfieldschool.net

Barnard Castle School, featured courses ranging from 1.5km-2.5km depending on students' age range. Marissa won her race for the third consecutive year. She currently trains with Eastbourne Harriers having been identified as having exceptional talent in this discipline. Both girls have now qualified for the County Championships in January 2020, alongside Zack Blythe and Harry Brumwell, who came 9th and 10th respectively in their junior boys' race. Well done to all students who represented the school at the event.

THANK YOU

Dear Sir,
Last Friday my mobility scooter had two flat tyres and Shirley and the staff in Tesco's were really friendly and very helpful. They were really great, they made me comfortable and arranged a mechanic to see if he could help me. In the end they had to get me a breakdown truck to bring my scooter home and to make sure that I got home safely they even gave me taxi money. They were all really great and really lovely to me and I would like to thank them for all they did. Thank you again for helping me and being there. All my love
Carol

Remembrance Tree for Pets

The National Animal Sanctuaries Support League are proud to announce that they are holding a Remembrance Tree for all the pets that have passed away. The tree is situated at the animal centre and all notes will be put on the tree by the animal support team at the centre. Please put your message on a piece of paper in an envelope with the minimum donation of £3.00 to NASSL, PO Box 42, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 5JA. All donations will go to help and support the animals with vet treatment and support over the winter months.

Pageant Queens Support Cancer Group

Laura Gentles contacted Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group after her own Mother was given one of the group's handmade Chemo Bags. Laura has just won the title Ms International Curve 2019/2020, as part of her plan during her reign she wants to give back to her local community and at the Groups last meeting she joined forces with Mrs Galaxy UK, Kayleigh Atkinson, who is also a local lady. They discussed with the group their titles, chosen platforms and why they were there. Laura then handed Allison (Chair and

Founder of GACSG) many donations to put inside the Chemo Bags which she collected herself from friends and family and she will continue to help raise funds throughout her reign. If you are a patient going through Chemotherapy or Radiotherapy and would like a 'Goody Bag' please just get in touch, or if you would like to donate any items for the Chemo Bags, such as a Puzzle Book, Mints, Hand Gel, Tissues please contact Allison on 07762 258696 or email allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk



Sticker Crazy Students at Horndale



Pupils at Horndale County Infant & Nursery School have been busy collecting 'Aldi's Kit for Schools' stickers during the Autumn Term. Pupils whose parents shop at the local Aldi store were asked to collect stickers for every £30 spent. These were collected in school and pupils have been busy sticking them every day whilst completing healthy challenges during assembly. For each completed poster schools are entered into a prize draw to win £20,000 and will also receive their very own Sports Kit. The prize money must be used to kick start a Health Legacy at the school. Headteacher, Craig Brown, stated "At Horndale, we plan to leave a lasting health legacy by using the funding to source a wide range of equipment in order to

run regular workshops for parents about healthy eating and planning meals for a balanced diet. Pupils will gain increased awareness of cooking skills so that they can consciously make the right decisions with their food choices. We plan to update and enhance our outdoor equipment that can be used by pupils during, and outside of, school hours in order to improve their personal health. We would ensure that these benefits are open to not only the pupils at Horndale but the wider community." Pupils are now waiting anxiously for the sports kits to arrive and to find out if they have won the cash prize having filled four posters! Watch this space Newton Aycliffe! Photo: Horndale County Infant & Nursery School Councillors.




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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

Mayor's Christmas Message



Councillor Mary Dalton
Mayor of Great Aycliffe
2019 - 2020

As the festive season approaches it gives me the opportunity to reflect on my year so far as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council. I feel very humble and proud to represent the people of Great Aycliffe, and I have had the honour of carrying out many varied functions.

There is so much going on in our town and it has been wonderful to share in some of the charity events, including coffee mornings and seasonal fairs as well as the official flag raising occasions our town takes part in, Armed Forces Day, Merchant Navy Day and of course, Remembrance Day to mention a few.

It is a privilege to meet people and help them to celebrate their special events too. I have had the pleasure of being invited to Golden and Diamond Wedding celebrations and to visit a veteran who received a medal for his service during World War Two.

It's lovely to meet so many people who play an important role in our town and I look forward to meeting many more in 2020.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for the support they have given me so far and for helping me raise money for my

nominated charity, which this year is S.S.A.F.A - The Armed Forces Charity. My thanks also go to the support from the staff at Great Aycliffe Town Council who work hard behind the scenes in order to make my job that much easier.

Special thanks to the Mayoress, Councillor Mrs. Val Raw for her support at many events around the town and beyond.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all season's greetings and I hope you have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Christmas Eve Santa Tours

Please check the Newton News Christmas issue on Friday 20th December for updated times of his visits, or visit Great Aycliffe Town Council/Oak Leaf websites (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk) or Oak Leaf facebook page (www.facebook.com/OakLeafSportsComplex) from mid-December.

Please remember, because Santa and his helpers don't know how many people will be out to see him, the times are only a guideline.



FORTHCOMING MAYORAL EVENTS



MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2019

Councillor Mary Dalton will be holding her Civic Carol Service in St. Clare's Church on the 8th December commencing at 4.00 p.m.

The Mayor would like to invite you to join her on this Festive occasion. Refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the Service in the Church Hall.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER

FRIDAY, 28th FEBRUARY 2020

Arrangements have now been made for the annual Charity Civic Dinner to be held at the Woodham Golf and Country Club at 7.00 p.m.

Entertainment and dancing will follow the dinner and the event will conclude at 11.30pm.

Tickets are on sale from the Council Offices and are priced at £25.00 each.

Proceeds from the event will be in aid of the Mayor's nominated Charity:- SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity).



LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year Santa's Elves put special post boxes in Newton Aycliffe so that all of the boys and girls from Newton Aycliffe can post their letters to Santa. When everything is quiet, and nobody is looking, the pixies empty the boxes and take the letters to Santa's palace in Greenland. Santa replies to about 800 letters each year from the children of Aycliffe, so he is very busy and has asked that you remember to put your full name and address on your letter.



We have been told that the post boxes will appear on Monday 2nd December at the following locations:

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| ⑤ Post Office/Youngs Newsagents, Beveridge Way | ⑤ John's Your Very Own Mini Market, Neville Parade |
| ⑤ Horndale Post Office | ⑤ Village Store Woodham |
| ⑤ Joy Marie Hairdressing Aycliffe Village | ⑤ McColls Newsagents Simpasure |

The boxes will disappear on Wednesday 18th December for Santa and his Elves to catch the Christmas post.

THE COUNCIL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December 2019
& Wednesday 1st January 2020**

Councillors & Staff of Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

AYCLIFFE YOUTH COUNCIL 2019 - 2020



Aycliffe Youth Council has 16 young representatives this year who are once again a mix of existing youth councillors and new representatives. This certainly helps with the work of the Youth Council, particularly in the continuity of projects, with the existing members helping the newly elected ones find their feet. We have a great range of ages from 11 to 18.



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Don't forget Aycliffe Youth Council have a small budget available to give grants to local youth or children's groups within the Great Aycliffe area.

If you would like to apply, please state the name and activities of your organisation, how much money you are requesting, what you are currently doing to raise funds yourself and what the money will be used for. We do ask that you come and tell us about your grant request at one of the meetings. The Youth Council will also need to see your most recent balance sheets.

Please put your requests in writing to:

Aycliffe Youth Council, c/o Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

If you would like to know more about the Youth Council, contact 01325 300700

2020/21 Town Council Budget Setting Update

The Town Council is in the process of developing its Revenue and Capital Budget for the 2020/21 financial year.

Clearly the budget that we set is important to our local community, both in terms of how our spending plans may impact on the provision of services and investment in assets for the benefit of the town, and in terms of the level of Council Tax that we need to raise from local taxpayers in order to fund these plans.

In overall terms, the Council is proposing a 2020/21 Budget that protects and maintains all of our current services next year, whilst putting some additional resources into the development of new community events.

The Council is also maintaining some surplus resources in the budget which will allow it to replenish its balances and reserves. This will help ensure that we can continue to make capital investment in community assets such as our cemeteries, allotments, parks and play areas, for the benefit of the community, in the coming years.

In order to do so, **the Council is proposing that it raises the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill by 2.25% next year.**

This increase is broadly in line with the current rate of inflation and will allow the Council to absorb forecast increases in its running costs next year and make the additional investment in community events referred to above.

This would increase the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill by £3.67 per year for the vast majority of local taxpayers i.e. those living in Band A properties.

The Council appreciates that any increase in the monthly outgoings of our local taxpayers will not be popular.

However, we hope you will agree that a monthly increase of 31p is a small price to pay to ensure that all of the existing services provided by the Town Council can be protected for another year alongside the benefit of additional investment next year in new and improved community events.

Have Your Say

There is much more information on the Council's draft 2020/21 budget proposals, should you wish to read this, on the finance section of the Council's website.

If you wish to comment on the draft budget or provide your views on the services provided by the Town Council, we have recently issued our Your Town, Your Choice, Your Voice Survey. The survey can be accessed electronically via the links on the Council website and social media channels and copies are also available at various community facilities around the town.

The closing date for comments will be 12 noon on Friday, 3rd January 2020.

RAPID SPREAD OF ASH DIEBACK WITHIN THE PARISH

Following the confirmation of Ash Dieback in the parish earlier this year, the Council would like to reassure residents that they are doing all they can to be responsible custodians of ash trees on land managed by the Town Council.



This will be achieved by increasing monitoring of mature ash in prominent locations, aiming to protect the safety of the public and their property, whilst balancing this against any unnecessary loss of these majestic trees on Town

Council owned land which help to shape the character of our town.

Since first being described in Poland in 1992 Chalara Ash Die Back has been sweeping westwards through Europe and arrived in the UK in 2012. Since this time the disease has been spreading rapidly through most parts of Britain.

The Disease is a fungus which affects the entire tree; roots, stem, branches and leaves. It is spread naturally from infectious spores of the fungus and can be wind blown over long distances. It is thought the spores can also be transported manually via infected timber and leaf matter. Once the spores land on the host's leaves or other part of the tree,

the fungus can make its way through the entire trees circulation system resulting in rapid Die Back and likely tree death.

The most noticeable early symptom of ash dieback is the leaves begin to die at the crown of the tree, thinning out the foliage in mid-summer. The leaf veins turn from a pale colour to dark brown. Dark lesions start to appear on the tree bark.

In June 2019 the disease was confirmed in the parish, since this time it has been found spread throughout the area.

Following the confirmation of the fact the disease was present and affecting trees under the management of Great Aycliffe Town Council, it was important to establish what needed to be done to manage the problem.

It would be easy to underestimate the scale of the potential impact of this Disease. It is known that Ash is the predominate 'landscape' and 'historic field boundary' tree within the County which helps to define much of the character of the area whilst also providing a key resource, particularly for wildlife.

At this time, it is difficult to determine the percentage of Ash trees which will be lost due to this Disease. Most authorities are working on an 85% loss in Ash tree stocks.

The Town Council are developing an Ash Dieback Action Plan, which will be in place by the end of this year; with the aim of putting suitable proportionate precautions in place to safeguard the safety of residents and properties.

Once the Action Plan is in place, which aims to establish the number and location of trees which may pose a significant risk, they will be monitored for signs of Die Back



on a regular basis and the trees made safe once it is established the trees pose a significant risk.

The Council will aim to safely retain as many ash trees as possible on Council owned land, this may be achieved by managing a staged decline of many affected trees of significant size or location. This may include limb weight reduction and pollarding of the infected trees, if it is deemed the tree poses limited risk to persons and property and is in an appropriate location.

In addition, the Council are committed to replant replacement trees for any mature specimens that are felled due to this disease with appropriate substitutes. The replacement trees will be planted in locations that will minimise future tree related problems to residents and infrastructure.

The Ash die-back action plan will be published on Great Aycliffe Town Councils, website once complete and approved by Council.

Allotment Award Winners

Great Aycliffe Town Council's annual allotment awards were won by the following:-

- Aycliffe Village Allotments - Plots 10 & 11 - Mr. & Mrs. Fox
- Byerley Park Allotments - Plot 9 - Mr. N. Harrison
- Clarence Chare Allotments - Plot 31 - Mrs. D. Nattrass
- Finchale Road Allotments - Plot 17 - Mrs. V. Icton
- St Oswald's Allotments - Plot 12 & 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Addison



Mr. & Mrs. Fox

'Angela Fleming' Memorial Trophy is awarded for best plot at St. Oswald's - Mr. & Mrs. Addison

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RUGBY UPDATE

Newton Aycliffe RUFC have appointed Bryan Parsonage as the new President. A position that was sadly made available since the recent death of the previous Club President, Rodney 'Shep' Shepherd. A gentleman who will forever be remembered for his tireless efforts for many years for the club, and the warmth and friendship he bestowed on all at Aycliffe Rugby. RIP.

The committee felt it was proper for the role to be filled by someone who has been a stalwart to the club for many years and has been a staunch supporter of the club since retiring from playing several years ago. Bryan moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1979 after living in Darlington for a few years since leaving the Army. It didn't take long before he was playing for the first team since he arrived. Over the years Bryan has involved himself with the club committee in various roles. From fixture secretary, to management rep to Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and had a tenure as chairman from 2008 to 2015. Bryan continued to watch games with his wife Jane week after week, especially when their two twin sons took to the field. They



themselves have played for several years for Aycliffe and still play to this day. Bryan accepted the honour and thanked the committee stating he will continue to fly the flag for Newton Aycliffe Rugby with pride. On the rugby front, Aycliffe's recent visit to Seghill last Saturday, with a much under strength side, turned out to be a hard game. Despite the tremendous effort by the lads who travelled north of the Tyne Aycliffe were beaten 63 - 12.

Aycliffe are at home to Yarm this Saturday and some key players are due back from injury so it is hoped the tide will turn and Aycliffe will get back to winning ways. KO is 2.15pm at Moore Lane.

Aycliffe are running KIDS RUGBY sessions on Saturdays from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. All kids in the area are welcome to attend. There has been steady growing interest in this initiative. Aycliffe believe if more kids get the chance to try this sport a lot of them will be hooked for life. Please feel free to introduce your kids to the sport by bringing them down to one of the sessions. For further information contact Director of Rugby, Peter Ryans 07796 172599.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

This week the racing began as usual on Saturday with many members taking part in the local parkruns. There were however, no PBs to report this week.

However, also on Saturday we had one member travel to Aintree for the Grand Masters X Country Champs. Because of results during the year, Alan Wilks had been chosen to represent England in this competition in the O'70's race. This was a 6k race on the flat Aintree course. What an achievement for Alan to be selected to take part and represent his Country.

On Sunday 6 members took part in the rescheduled Daisy Dash 5k in the grounds and woodland of Wynyard Hall. This was a scenic but undulating course through varied terrain some of which was extremely muddy and which also had some inclines to contend with.

First home for ARC was Lindsey Brown in 35.55 followed by Simon Turner in 35.56, Nici Ingman in 38.43, Eve Doe in 44.11, Helen Boyd in 45.35 and Hannah Richardson in 47.25. Slightly further away John Surtees and Tracey Surtees took part in the Brampton to Carlisle 10 mile race. John was first home in a PB time which also saw him break the hour barrier in 57.36. He was followed by Tracey in 1.07.06.

Down in Tadcaster, just South West of York, Paul Dalton competed in their 10 mile race. Paul completed this in 1.03.12.

Junior Section

This weekend also saw Zoe Hodgson and Fearnie Brischuk attend the County Durham Athletics Network U13's sports hall



competition on Sunday 17th November at North Durham Academy. They both gave it 100% in every activity and held their own against some great competitors, flying the flag for ARC juniors. Great news is they have both been selected to represent the County at the regional finals in March. Well done to them both.



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.

SEE THE DARKER SIDE

Theatre and backstage tour available to National Lottery ticket holders on Saturday 23 November including a tour of the set for The Woman in Black.

Darlington Hippodrome has a colourful history dating back to 1907. From its formative years as a music hall venue, the one-off appearance of the world's most famous ballerina Anna Pavlova through to the recent multi-million pound restoration to become a 1000 seat venue with state of the art facilities, Darlington Hippodrome has a lot of secrets to tell.

Learn all about the characters that shaped the theatre's history, the famous acts who have graced the stage and of course a tale or two of the venue's ghosts. There will be a tour of the stage currently set up for The Woman in Black and an opportunity to meet members of the cast and production team to learn more about the chilling stage play.

The tour will take place on Saturday 23 November at 10.30am. Places on the tour are free but are limited to just 30 spaces so it is advised to book your space early. You must present a current National Lottery ticket (paper or digital) on collection of your tour ticket - one lottery ticket provides 2 spaces on the tour.

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10-11am Yesterdays Music Today Alan Brown
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12-130pm Sports Round Up (R) Darren & Lee
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• 24th Nov: Nev Jones, Chris Varty, Ken Robson, Simon Day
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
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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

Sports Show sponsored by Honest John

6-7.30pm Sports Round UP Darren & Lee
• 26th Nov - Les Gibson (Boxing)
7.30-9.30pm Northern & Classic Soul Kevin Sowerby

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

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6.30-8pm Independent Music Show Joey Collins
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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
6-8pm Techno Trance Mix PVR Studios
• 29th Nov: 100th Show, live from our Studio
8-10pm Guest Presenter Session
• 29th Nov - Graeme Roote - BeatRoote Trance House Mix

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EAGLES FLY INTO NEXT ROUND OF CUP

Newton Aycliffe U9 Eagles hosted Polton Allstars in the second round of the challenge cup. The boys were up for it and dominated from the first to the last whistle. An early goal settled us down and we found our stride. Krystian scored a first half hat-trick, all three goals were unstoppable finishes. The boys were passing and moving well and were very pleasing on the eye. Evan added a goal from distance before half-time. They were asked to keep their discipline in the second half and they did just that. A host of changes at half-time but that only increased the

pressure on Polton as Jayden, James, Brandon, Dan, Daniel and Nathan all grabbed a goal. All that was left was to keep a clean sheet, could we do it, Yes we could. It took a top class save from Carter in the final minute to keep our clean sheet intact, as he managed to turn a great free kick around the post with a strong right hand. Credit to Polton who kept going the whole game. MOM was given to the whole team as each player played their part in winning the way they did. Second game we played 7 vs 9 and this made for a really

competitive game. Polton went 2 up before the boys worked out how to play against 9. Lucas scored when he swept home in a crowded penalty area before Riley grabbed a goal just before half-time to take us in level. Second half the boys added a third when Dylan grabbed his first ever goal. Polton fought back and levelled it at 3-3 before Dan and Nathan added goals late on. 11 of the 12 boys getting on the score sheet and seeing how far these boys have come was a joy to watch. MOM Daniel C for his hard work and capping his performance off with a goal.



REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 27th November 2019 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME are welcome. "Arte et Marie".

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Sold Out Quiz Night

Due to the high demand for team entries for Bishop Auckland Civic Society's Annual Town Quiz, no further applications can be received. For this year only, the Annual Quiz will take place at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club on Wednesday, 4th December, the quiz master, as usual, will be Glynn Wales. Teams are asked to arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start. Each year all monies raised are used to support a local charity of the Civic Society's choice. This year 'Crisis in the Community', based at Woodhouse Close Community Centre, is the nominated charity. Prizes for the Grand Raffle will be gratefully received and may be delivered to the venue on the evening of the quiz.

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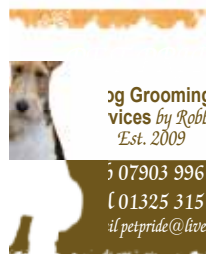
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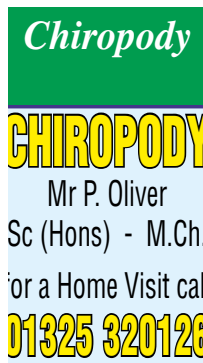
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1) Monday 9th December (5.30pm - 8.00pm)

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2) Tuesday 10th December (5.30pm - 8.00pm)

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Malvern Way, Colwell Court, Belford Way, Staintondale, Zetland Hunt, Bramham Chase, Hunters Green, Ainsty Hunt, The Saddlery, Bedale Hunt,

The Post Horn, Lascelles Avenue, Luttryngton Court, Hambleton Court, Ranulf Court, Jesmond Court, Colburn Avenue, Yoden Court, Elwick Avenue, Wynyard Court.

3) Wednesday 11th December (5.30pm - 8.00pm)

Woodham Village

Woodham Gate, The Grange, Sunningdale, Sandown Drive, Tattersall Close, The Oaks, The Paddock, Beechers Grove, The Croft, Cheltenham Way, Windsor Close, Epsom Court, Kempton Close, Cowdray Close.

4) Thursday 12th December (5.30pm - 8.00pm)

Newton Aycliffe

To be confirmed. Check our Facebook page (Time permitting)

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CHRISTMAS FAIR
St. Michael's Church
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Saturday 23rd November
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Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November at the hospice on Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland. There will be numerous stalls including cakes, books, nearly new, knitted stalls, gifts & craft stalls, also a raffle and tombola. Hot and cold refreshments will be available. Doors open at 11.00am until 2pm. Admission is FREE and also Santa Claus will be there. For more information telephone 01388 603003.

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Olive Mary Lambert

The family of the late Olive Mary Lambert wish to express their thanks to all friends, neighbours and colleagues for their lovely kind messages, cards and flowers during their sad loss of a lovely and amazing lady. Special thanks to Father Tony Cornforth and parishioners of St. Mary's for a beautiful mass; Brian Shepherd of Whitehouse Funeral Directors for a compassionate and professional service and to the wonderful staff at Lindisfarne Court Care Home for their love, care and support to Olive over the last 5 years, ensuring she passed away with dignity and comfort.

Tim Leadbitter

The family of the late Tim Leadbitter would like to thank everyone who attended the Funeral Service on 30th October at Wear Valley Crematorium. Thank you also to Whitehouse Funeral Services, especially Brian Shepherd and staff and a thank you to the Royal Telegraph staff. Your generous donations raised an amount of £226.68 for Alzheimers Society. It was a great comfort to know Tim was well liked.

Congratulations

Viv Iceton

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Well done Mam.
Love from all the family
xxxxxxx

Chloe Mae Miller

Happy 18th Birthday
5th December 2019

How does it feel to be an adult, to be able to vote and drink legally? I have brought you up single handed and I am so proud of the young lady you have become. You will pass your A levels with flying colours. You will always be my little girl love always Mum (Jennie), Martin, Stephen, Amy, Kieran, Ben, Grandma-Kath, Mercedes-Mai, and Klyra-Rae plus Roxy xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Alan Blacklock

20th November 1934

To a dear Husband and Father on your 85th birthday.
We miss and love you.
From all of your family

Rita Chape

18th November

Much missed Mam and Daughter.
Love from Martyn, Edie and family xxxxx

Margaret Tron

20th November

Thinking of you Mam on your 100th birthday. Loved and missed always. Yvonne, Jimmy, Niki, Marc and families xxx

Obituary

John Francis

16th November, John, aged 67, passed away peacefully with dignity and courage surrounded by his loving family. Devoted Husband and soul mate to Barbara; dearly loved Dad of Michael, Adam and their partners Mya and Kaya; adored Granda of Jack; much loved Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Cousin and Friend.

Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 28th November at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, may be left at the Crematorium for St. Cuthbert's Hospice.

"John, if tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane, we would walk right up to Heaven to bring you home again"

Mildred Sams

(Milly)

of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully at home on 18th November.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Keith; much loved Mam of Gary, Mandy, Clare and Anth; Grandma of Kane, Roxanne, Kray, Charley, Riley and Herbie; Great Grandma of Jackson, Frazer, Alex and Deacon; and friend to many. Please meet for Funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 29th November at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, for Macmillan.

PHONE SCAMMERS

A resident rang Newton News this week to warn other about another scam doing the rounds.

The lady in question was nearly taken in by the callers, but managed to stop herself before giving too much away. Firstly they called claiming to be from British Gas wanting to check the gas meter and at the same time informed her she was due a refund. But they needed some information from her bank account, not all, just the sort code.

They then rang back the next day claiming to be from British Telecom collating information about her account and that she was due a discount as she was a pensioner. Again asked for a piece of information from the bank account, not the sort code this time, but the account number.

This is where the pensioner in question got suspicious, ended the call and contacted her own bank.

It is a clever way to scam, by collecting different pieces of information about a persons bank account on different rouses.

Don't be caught out, NEVER give any of your details to anyone on the phone.

David Atkins

(Aky)

19th November

It's two years since you left us Son. I love and miss you as much as ever.
Harry

Love and miss you Daddy
Jonathan Kraig

David Atkins

19th November 2017

It may be a small tribute, but it is filled with love and sorrow, that you had to go.

We all miss you so and not a day goes by without asking why?
All our love, Paul, Sharon, Jade, Brogan and Brianna

David Atkins

19th November 2017

Forever in our thoughts, always in our minds.
Sadly missed.
Auntie Karen and family xxx

Irene Sanderson

22nd November 2014

Cannot believe it is five years since you passed away.
Miss you every day.
Love forever and always.
Your loving
Husband Richard xxxxx

Irene Sanderson

22nd November 2014

Gone but never forgotten.
Always in our minds.
Love you forever and always.
Louise, Billy,
Lilly and Toby xxxxx

Linda Harrison

In loving memory of Linda (nee Moran), who passed away suddenly, age 47. Loving Wife of Neil, devoted Mother of Ali, Declan, Aoife and Luke. Formerly of Newton Aycliffe, returned to her native Westport in South Ireland. Remembered by family in Newton Aycliffe

In Memoriam

Terry Wood

Three Years Today

This sad day returns once more. Silently opening memory's door. Partings come and hearts are broken. Loved ones go with words unspoken. Forgive me Lord if I still weep for a Husband I loved and wanted to keep.
Tricia xxxxx

Dad

We will always love and miss you.
Your Daughter, Sons, Granddaughters and Grandsons xxxxxxx

Kath Hall

(nee Ward) 20-11-2001

Our family feel like we have been cheated from our Mothers love and hugs for the past 18 years. After such time the hurt may have slightly faded, but our memories are ever so bright of our beautiful Mother.

You passed down to us all the good in you, we hope after all this time we have done you proud in our own way.

Mam, you will always be a massive part of our lives, we all love you very much. Until we meet again, all our love and kisses.
Billy, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim and Glenda

Nanna Kath

You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. We will love you always
Nanna.
Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben, Alfie, Matthew and Dan

Great Nanna Kath

Thank you for looking over us and keeping us safe.
Love you loads.
Kate, Jazmin, Harry, Rose and George

Bobby Morrell

26th November 2009

A dearly loved Husband. 10 years slip sadly by, but my love for you will never die.

No matter how life changes, no matter what I do, a special place within my heart is always there for you.

Thinking of you today and always. Your loving Wife
Agnes xxxxx

Bobby Morrell

26th November 2009

Goodbye is not forever. Goodbye is not the end. It simply means I miss you, until we meet again.

Love from
Robert and Reggie xx

Bobby Morrell

26th November 2009

Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure. Loving you always, forgetting you never.
Love from
David, Jenny and Brogan

Bobby Morrell

26th November 2009

Special Granda

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and forever here.

Love from Robert, Hayley, Anne-Marie, Andrew, Adele, Orin and the Great Grandchildren
xxxxxxx

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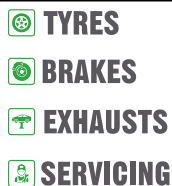
Re: Vince Crosby letter in last weeks Newton News.

Phil Wilson did not bring the last train to Clarksville or any other trains to anywhere else, and as far as setting up South Durham University College on Aycliffe Business Park, makes me shed tears of laughter. Also jobs, NHS and social care system etc will be much better provided for with a Conservative Government. Anyway, I thought it was BING not Vince hoping for magic momentums this White Christmas. So, I am dreaming of MP Paul Howell for Christmas, replacing the one we have now.

Come on folks get our bells jingling again and vote for PAUL HOWELL, Conservative on 12th December, otherwise Labour, Lib Dem, Brexit party etc SPELL DISASTER (and we don't want that).

Yours Sincerely,
Honest John

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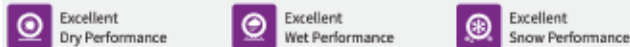
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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe returned to winning ways with a home 3-1 win at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium last Tuesday, taking them back into second place in the table. However, they had to come back from an early setback when they conceded after only two minutes. A cross to the far post evaded Lewis Walton and Bird scrambled it into the corner of the net. Ryhope could have gone two ahead six minutes later when Rae broke clear but Adam Pickford made a good save. They were to regret the miss, as Aycliffe got going and dominated after that. Kev Carr shot wide from a good position and Walton had a strong shot saved by ex-Aycliffe goalkeeper James Winter. Aycliffe then put together some flowing moves on the heavy pitch. Liam Jarvie had the ball in the net on forty minutes but it was called offside. He wasn't to be denied for long, as right on half time he turned in a low cross from Carr for the equaliser.

Aycliffe produced a stunning team move within a minute of the re-start. It ended with man-of-the-match Jarvie getting on the end of another low cross for 2-1. Shaun Ryder and Dean Thexton both had good efforts as Aycliffe pressed forward. Substitute



Johnson Ballan ensured that Aycliffe got all three points as he beat his marker and rifled it past Winter for Aycliffe's third goal in the 90th minute. This was Aycliffe's 50th goal of the season in only 23 matches.

The wet weather put paid to any hopes of Saturday's game at home to Guisborough Town going ahead. The postponement denied Aycliffe fans their first sight of Col Stromsoy's latest signing, Centre-back Ryan Coles joined the squad last week. The 24 year old Aycliffe lad has signed from Shildon Railway.

Aycliffe now start a series of away games with a trip on Saturday 23 November to last week's opponents, Ryhope CW. Their next scheduled home game is Saturday 14 December.

Photo: new signing Ryan Coles.

Juniors Football Report

As we move into the freezing conditions of the winter season the weather seems to be declining, however for our Junior teams the passion and ability to play football remained at a top level with many games being played over the past weekend.

The **Under 7 Whites** played Thornley in awful conditions however this didn't stop our players from giving it their all and trying their hardest to play some good football. Still, the team are improving week in week out and managed to get two goals this week coming from Oscar and Regan. Regan also won the man of the match award after a great performance.

Our **Under 8 Whites** side faced off against a strong Durham city colts team and after a great game with some outstanding effort and determination shown it ended up being a good morning for the Aycliffe side. There was no shortage of goals in this game either with Jack and Tyler both grabbing themselves a brace with Sammy also getting himself a goal and the man of the match award.

The **Juniors Under 8 Blacks** travelled to Durham to play in testing conditions and it seemed like it was going to be a wasted trip after a very slow and lax first half. However after listening and taking in all that they were told in the half time talk the lads pushed on and made the trip a little bit better with Max grabbing the side 2 second half goals. The man of the match from this game was awarded to Jake for some great instinctive saves and a massive improvement in concentration.

Our **Under 8 Juniors** travelled to Stockton Town Yellows on Sunday morning. After a great battling performance from the whole team there was a game that ended up with a massive 10 goals. Goals for the Aycliffe side came from Alfie, Jonah, with Jack getting 2 goals.



The man of the match award was presented to Jonah for his outstanding work rate. The **Under 10s** kept up their brilliant form in the league, facing Leven at home. After an incredible performance and some incredible football being played there was only going to be one clear winner. In this game, George and Callum both got themselves 2 goals each with Thomas also getting on the scoresheet. The man of the match from this game went to Callum.

Our **Under 11 Clarets** faced off against Normanby and this was never going to be an easy game. Both teams played excellent football throughout the match making it a brilliant game from a neutral's perspective. The Aycliffe side pushed on in the second half and their never give up attitude shone as Kai, Danny and man of the match Alex all scored. It was a resilient performance from the whole side and made for a very proud coach.

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"FOLLOW THE STAR"

We are sending out an invitation to all in our Newton News area (and beyond) to our "Christmas Memory Service". It will be lovely to see you there.

This will be held on Sunday 1st December in St. Clare's Church at 4.00pm. All are very welcome to attend this simple and peaceful Service where some short Carols are sung, prayers are said and you can write a message on a "Memory Star" to your past loved ones, and place it on our Advent tree in church. You can, if you wish, also take a star home for your own tree.

You will be given a small glass pebble as you enter, and during the Service your loved ones name will be read out and you (and family) can come forward to place your pebble on The Memory Tray.

There will be refreshments after the Service and a chance to talk to a member of the clergy if you wish, and look at our memorial book.

Please come early to place your loved ones name on our list in church. Any other information can be had from Pam Lovelass APM-AFM on 01325 316841.

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