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## Public Access to Potential Lifesaving Equipment Expands



The first Aycliffe 24 hour Defib unit supplied and fitted at Woodham April 2018. David Sutton-Lloyd and Moya Lofthouse from suppliers Martek Ltd

Over the last year coverage of 24-hour public access to defibrillators has continued to expand to new areas of Newton Aycliffe. This issue of Newton News contains a centre page pull out map showing location of units and coverage for call out by 999 calls together with units that have limited availability.

This project has shown how all parts of our community have responded since I installed the very first unit at Woodham Community Centre in April 2018. Having units available 24 hours to the public via a 999 call can make a major difference to the chance of survival in the event of a cardiac arrest, and is a tremendous help to our wonderful emergency services in the "chain of survival".

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## Film Show

### "THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 14th January features the British romantic comedy drama "This Beautiful Fantastic", starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Wilkinson and Andrew Scott. Reclusive young Bella, suffers from OCD and hates plants, must tend her garden or be evicted, and she has some quirky neighbours. All makes for a lovely feel good film. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee are served at 1.00pm, included in the £2.00 admission fee. The film starts at 1.15pm. 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.

# Raising Funds for Children with Cancer

Friday 6th December saw the Phoenix Motor Cycle Club, in partnership with KwifFit Newton Aycliffe, host a Charity Night to raise funds for Children with Cancer UK.

The Phoenix Motor Cycle Club is a motorcycle club based at The Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe. All the members are passionate about charity work and organising events.

A member of the club was

approached by a KwifFit (Newton Aycliffe) employee, to see if the club could host something in aid of Children with Cancer UK as the charity had been let down by a previously organised event.

Within a week, Phoenix Motor Cycle Club were able to gather an abundance of raffle prizes and succeeded in getting the word out to the other motor cycle clubs in the area. This proved fruitful as



the night enjoyed a brilliant turnout and raised £252.

Unfortunately I did not get the names of the organisers from KwifFit or the charity however I can give a few names of those in the motorcycle club who aided in organising the event.

Thank you to KwifFit (Newton Aycliffe), Phoenix MCC Chairman, Nigel Brookes (aka Brookie); the Vice Chairman, Danny Norton (Ninja), the Secretary, Chloe Smith (Chlo) and Albie Wingfield (Hog).

During the night there was entertainment such as karaoke and music as well as the raffle. Drinks were also available at the bar.

## HEIGHINGTON MATTERS



After months of raising money and taking advice on which Defibrillator to buy I am pleased to report that one has been purchased and installed in Heighington. So, to all who kindly gave their time to raise money and to those who put their hands in their pockets to donate money to this worthy cause a BIG thank you. I am delighted to confirm

that the Parish Council have installed the Defibrillator and have agreed to maintain it in the years to come. Hopefully, it will never have to be used but like insurance it is there if needed.

The new unit is located to the right of the Village Hall in Heighington, near the toilet block.

Ruth Lee

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Saturday 18th January - "Straight Shot"

The band are primarily a classic rock covers band, covering music ranging from AC/DC, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Thin Lizzy and Queen, through to newer artists such as Billy Idol, Stereophonics, but played with a much harder edge.

Saturday 25th January - "The Force"

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## Neville Community Association

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# Donations "Pour In" for Pool Campaign



Award Winning charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) welcomed members from Churches Together in Great Aycliffe to the Centre where they presented a

cheque for £150 in support of the Hydrotherapy Pool fundraising campaign. Churches Together in Newton Aycliffe consists of representatives from the

churches in the area who come together to do amazing things for the community; including gifting funds to good causes. On Friday, 20th December the group visited the Pioneering Care Centre and after hearing about the aim to raise money to replace the Hydrotherapy Pool they kindly made a donation of £150!! Carol Gaskarth, PCP's Chief Executive, received the cheque from Margaret Lee from Churches Together and Carol explained, "We have been astounded by

the way the community has rallied round to help us with fundraising to replace the Hydrotherapy Pool. The initial challenge to raise £410,000 was huge and through the generosity of individuals and groups we are now over 80% of the way there. We are very grateful for the support of Churches Together and thank them for supporting this campaign." If you would like to support the fundraising efforts please call 01325 321234, or email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net

## Public Access to Potential Lifesaving Equipment Expands

Three units have now been fired, and, in each case, restarted hearts and got people into hospital to give them the best possible chance of survival. More importantly, because we are now extending the coverage area, more units are being brought to situations where there is a chance that cardiac arrest may occur...

Having a unit beside you ready to deploy if a cardiac arrest happens gives the best possible chance to someone. Remember statistically there is a 75% chance in a real-life situation that the person will be a member of your family, or well known to you! This last year has seen continuing support from so many organisations such as Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership, all seven County Councillors, Neville Residents and Community Associations, Aycliffe Village Residents, School Aycliffe Community, St Mary's Church and School. We have had very positive public support, but I would like to highlight and thank the following. Also, I would like to thank the great team at our equipment suppliers Martek - LifeCare for all of their help and assistance since the project began.

The family of Stephen Patterson, The Taylor Family and their "Kick it 4 Seonaid" appeal in memory of their daughter, two anonymous donors, one from School Aycliffe and the other from Middridge. We are continuing to expand coverage especially 24 hour units and hope with help from Livin to shortly install units at the ARK Western area and in the Simpstone area. Whilst overall coverage has grown significantly there are still gaps and we intend to continue working with others to try and plug these. We also need to work on a more coordinated approach to making people aware of the location of units especially ones that are not 24-hour units. Why not start a campaign for a standard sign that buildings could display. There is also a need for cooperation at centres of great footfall such as the Town Centre and other

venues. I would like to think that if you had a defibrillator or other emergency equipment in your premises you would be prepared to make it available in an emergency and let your neighbours know!

As the project progresses could any organisation or group (especially on the Business Park) who has a defibrillator that could be accessible for a public emergency and would be prepared to include on our map get in touch.

### Education and Awareness Sessions.

From the original concept of the project it was obviously important that deploying Defibrillator units was only part of the project, education on their benefits and training to use was just as vital.

I am pleased to say that again the response to our free CPR and Defibrillator awareness sessions has exceeded our original targets.

At the end of December 2019 518 people had completed the sessions.

Interestingly females have responded more and outdo the males by 337 to 181. The spread of age ranges covered shows the wide response from the public, and I am particularly pleased that 155 were people aged 20 or younger. We have sessions that cater from age 10 and upwards and are very keen to target future sessions at young people.

Thanks to the ongoing help from GAMP, and all seven County Councillors, together with the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service, more sessions are being organised for this year.

The next free session is at Woodham Village Community Centre on Saturday 18th Jan from 10am to noon. Further sessions are planned for St Mary's Church. Dates and times to follow in the next edition of Newton News. Listen in to Aycliffe Radio on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 6pm, when we will discuss the project. To book for the Woodham session, or find out more, contact David Sutton-Lloyd 01325 316144 Woodham.community@gmail.com

# Working Together to Build a New Kingdom Hall



4th January saw the Open Day for the new Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Central Avenue, that will be shared by the Newton Aycliffe and Ferryhill congregations. This modern bespoke Kingdom Hall paves the way for the sale of the old property at the rear of Alington Road in the town.

Approximately 500 people came from far and wide to see this simple but functional and attractive modern building. The doors opened at 10am and by 11am the hall was packed with visitors. Many commented how impressed they were with not only the finish but the style and layout of the building.

Some of the visitors were family and friends of those who attend this Kingdom Hall, while others were volunteers who had worked voluntarily on the 20 week project and travelled many miles to see the finished hall. Quite a few members of the community including local councillors also popped in and enjoyed tea and coffee whilst having a guided tour. All were most welcome.

As Jehovah's Witnesses the main function of the Kingdom Hall is for the worship of our God, Jehovah, but also to aid individuals and families to live happy productive lives within the local community. To this end weekly meetings take place that deal with family life and Christian living based around our bible education work. Public meetings are held at 10am and 1pm on Sundays. The hall will also be used occasionally for wedding and funeral services of congregation members.

## Western Area Activities

Free Toddlers and Babies Group every Friday from 9.15am until 11.45am at The Ark (formerly Western Area Community Centre), Silverdale Place. Parents come and have a cup of tea or just a chat whilst your children enjoy themselves playing and mixing with other children in a safe and environment. Trips to local parks and the seaside will be arranged in the summer.



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## Churches Together - Support Together 21!



Together proved to be a bit of a theme when 'Churches Together' in Great Aycliffe made a generous donation to the Pioneering Care Partnership's 'Together 21' project.

Churches Together in Great Aycliffe consists of representatives from the churches in the area who work collectively to do great things for the community and Together 21 promotes learning, friendship and fun for children with Down syndrome and their families. The kind gift of £150 was received by the parents and children just before Christmas and the funding will be used to support activities and resources.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, said, "I would like to thank Churches Together for the donation which means such a lot to the group. It is really difficult to find external funding to sustain Together 21 so we heavily rely on gifts and donations to keep the sessions running. The parents tell me that Together 21 provides a real lifeline for them and the difference the learning and practical support makes for the children is easy to see. The work Together 21 do is simply amazing and the support of Churches Together is very much appreciated by all."



If you can support Together 21 or would like to find out more 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.

## BIBLE MEETINGS

Dear Sir,  
We warmly invite residents to Bible Meetings in Agnew Community Centre every Sunday from 4pm to 5pm. The first meeting of 2020 will take place on Sunday 12th January. Free, undenominational. Pearl and Elizabeth

## Sergeant's Blog NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By Sergeant Andy Boyd



I hope everyone has had a fantastic festive period and this post finds you fit and well. We have had a mixed bag over the Christmas and New Year period, but in the main Newton Aycliffe remains a safe place to live, work and shop. I follow a number of the local residents pages on Social Media and share many of the views and frustrations expressed, especially with regards to rising Anti-Social Behaviour and I'd like to take this opportunity to explain what we are trying to do in relation to this. Like in numerous towns and cities across the country, ASB rises during the winter months, this seems to be down to youths gathering in town centres where they feel safer, where there is cover from the elements, street lighting, and in some areas free WIFI where youths can use their phones. Again, like in every other community, there is a 'hard core' of youths who seem to take great delight in causing misery for others, this is the group that we are working hard with partners to reduce their offending whilst addressing their needs. We have tried to engage with them, we have tried to educate them, but with this element it appears that the only way forward is enforcement, they will not listen to advice! I'm sick of this type of behaviour, I know my team are sick of this behaviour, and I am fully aware that the community is growing sick and tired of this small element causing harassment, alarm and distress. This hard core have been identified, we are collating evidence on them on a daily basis, we are

working with the ASB team at Durham County Council and issuing Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, we are interviewing them for all offences identified, and we are pursuing all offences where evidence supports us in doing so. We are working with local housing providers and landlords, repeat offenders causing ASB in their community risk losing their homes. We are looking at Parenting Orders where parents and carers are blatantly neglecting their kids by letting them repeatedly associate with other youths in order to cause ASB for others. We are also looking at funding for increased provision for youths to divert them away from future offending.

I have to stress that most youths in Newton Aycliffe are well behaved. In fact I am a strong supporter of good kids being rewarded for community service and acts of kindness and good citizenship, we have our ACE awards, supported by the Town Council, McDonalds and ROF59, to acknowledge some great examples of this. Everyone needs to step up in order to address this issue. We need parents and carers to take responsibility for their kids, to know where they are, who they are associating with and educate them around the implications and dangers of their actions. We need the community to give us the evidence we need to robustly deal with these repeat offenders, CCTV, video or photographic evidence would greatly assist in investigations and I'd urge you to capture this when safe to do so. Please be assured that we are doing all we can to reduce ASB in Newton Aycliffe.

## Fabulous Panto Visit to Gala

ACORN Community Association, funded by the Big Lottery Community Fund, stormed the Gala Theatre in Durham, to attend the Panto performance of ALADDIN last week.

The ACORN Community group made their 9th annual pilgrimage to the Gala, taking 70 excited children, parents and grandparents to the popular show, which features characters, colour and comedy in a fabulously funny roller-coaster of hilarity.

People from all over Newton Aycliffe were thrilled to come along with the folks from ACORN who meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Phoenix Club to meet friends, have a coffee and plan leisure activities and excursions. Our next meeting is on 13th February and will showcase the work being carried out by the Auckland Project.

Plans are now coming together for our annual Petting Zoo event, which will be held in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 18th April and will feature a minimum of three petting zoos to enthrall the children, Prof Nincompoo, face painting and an inflatable, to burn some energy off, plus a variety of tombola and animal related tables. Please contact Ken if you would like to promote your own community group or for a fundraising table. Ken Robson Tel 01325 321471 for details.



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# HUB OF WISHES THANKS LIVIN

Dear Sir,  
Everyone at Hub of Wishes would like to thank Livin for funding their Christmas activities through the "Have a Go" fund - we cannot thank them enough for the difference it has made.

Our Christmas activities included a lovely day trip to the York Christmas Market. The York day trip also included a Christmas lunch, which everyone agreed was superb. Our now "famous" Christmas Lunch for members, was also included in the funding and everyone enjoyed an amazing home-cooked Christmas lunch; (thanks to Vicki, Jo and volunteers).

A special thanks to PCSOs Chris O'Brien and Abbi Hill for their contribution to the day. This was such a special treat for all at Hub of Wishes and will go down as a special highlight of 2019.

Also included was the Christmas Day Lunch - we opened for the first time last year to cook Christmas Lunch for those living on their own and it was so successful we wanted to repeat it.

A lovely Christmas Day was had by all and a big thank you to Vicki, the Manager, and Andrea, for making the meal and volunteers for pitching in with the clearing up. Christmas can be such a difficult, emotional time for people, especially in addition to their mental health issues. Our centre provides a safe, friendly place where people can discuss their problems or worries.

Everyone is supported. Hub of Wishes is open 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. Telephone 01325 300121 or Email: thehubofwishes@gmail.com PLEASE NOTE our website is www.hubofwishes.co.uk (there is no "the" before hub). We are on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. Thank you

Hub of Wishes

# Christmas at Junction7

Junction 7 would like to thank the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas for their amazing donations over the Christmas period.

Our foodbank was well and truly stocked. Unfortunately the shelves don't stay full for long, with the many families we help.

We were able to help several families with not only a food parcel but with toys and a treat hamper over the festive period.

Our Christmas Day dinner went down very well, 30 people enjoying a three course dinner and all went home with a gift. This was a free event put on by Junction 7 volunteers.

Once again we realised that there are many lonely people about, some with sad stories. Junction 7 have been able to engage with these people that are lonely and will be continuing our drop ins and visits. Knowing even more so that there is a need.

We will be announcing soon, different groups starting up in The ARK, hopefully these groups will bring people together and combat loneliness and mental health issues.

Junction 7 became a registered charity in September of last year.

Recently we strengthened the team with two new trustees. The skills they bring to the table will include a knowledge of policies, procedures and training. A new treasurer has also been appointed.

Having people on board that can take on these responsibilities means other trustees and volunteers can put their strengths into practice in serving our communities better.

Our Community Cafe continues Mondays and Thursdays 10.00am-3.00pm. Where you can enjoy home cooked food and a chat in a friendly place; Tuesday and Wednesday drop in 1.00-3.00pm

We are also a NE First Credit Union collection point - which is open Mondays 10.00am-3.00pm

Junction 7 are based in The ARK, Silverdale Place Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ.



# Now, The Work Begins!

It started with a week which I have described as being like your first days at big school. As you probably saw the local new Conservative MP's were the subject of significant press attention as we headed to Westminster which just enhanced the whole experience. Once there we had a surreal range of experiences, this starts with the normal induction any new employee would get like a security briefing and understanding where everything and everyone are. The difference being that we also had to fit in the election of a new Speaker; a Queens speech and the first vote in getting Brexit done.

I also received an unbelievable amount of mail both physical and emails which consist of everything from lobbyists to thank you letters to requests from constituents, the initial challenge is to prioritise them whilst at the same



time working to engage staff and create an office. I have appointed a couple of staff this week who are going through security clearance and then will make a big difference to my response capabilities. I was also able to have an initial meeting with the Hitachi team in London.

This week has started with me being late down to London as I attended the funeral for Ron Hogg at Durham

Cathedral on Tuesday before travelling down and we have then had a very full day on Wednesday with PMQ's and various further stages of the Brexit legislation. Thursday looks very busy again before I return home and have a number of meetings on Friday including with the Council leaders of both Durham and Darlington.

Paul Howell  
Member of Parliament for Sedgefield.

# ART STUDENTS AIM HIGH AS EXAMS BEGIN

Year 11 students at Greenfield Community College will be receiving their Art and Design examination papers this week and will begin their final chapter at Greenfield as they work towards their assessment later this year. The year group have been busy preparing for the months ahead with the expertise and support of specialist staff to help students reach their full potential.

Greenfield Community College offer exceptional opportunities in the Arts engaging students in a range of creative subjects and use of an on-site arts facility in Greenfield Arts. This has given students a unique experience and insight into opportunities including chances to curate and exhibit their own work. Students have engaged in many creative projects, having the opportunity to work with professional artists and be inspired to produce original artwork of their own.

To reflect the ongoing achievements of the school, Greenfield received the prestigious Platinum Artsmark Award in 2019, highlighting the strength in delivering a high-quality creative learning experience.

Greenfield Community College is a specialist Arts and Science School, that offers a broad curriculum and opportunities for young people to develop through an extended learning experience. We wish the students every success in their Art and Design exams and their continuing education.



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## Furniture Scheme Celebrates 50 Years

*"The Power of Advertising in the Newton News"*

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We now have three large factory units on the Chilton Industrial Estate, Avenue 3, and a very successful employability scheme and Re-paint.

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County Durham

Furniture Help Scheme

Units 19, 20 & 21, Avenue 3, Chilton Industrial Estate

County Durham, DL17 0PB - Tel: 01388 721509

Chris Palmer

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### VACANCY

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For further information and application forms for this position please telephone 01325 312050 or email [info@playdaynursery.net](mailto:info@playdaynursery.net)

Closing date Monday 20/01/2020.



Compiled by  
County Councillor John Clare

As you know, I believe it is part of my councillor's duties to keep residents up to date with developments in the Council and community, which please find listed below. As always – if you want to find out more about any of the following please go to my blog at: [bit.ly/CNB144](http://bit.ly/CNB144)

#### COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

• Durham County Council has issued two important consultations on its Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and on the Safe Durham Partnership (which please respond to).

• The County's tourist strategy has received two national boosts – firstly when The Independent named Durham one of the best cities in the world to visit in 2020, and then when The Times highlighted Visit County Durham's 'Year of Pilgrimage'.

• Climate change has been in the news this week. The Northern Echo featured three articles on the County Council's achievements – 'Extinction Rebellion has to win', '£1m project to revive County Durham woodland' and 'Plans to tackle climate change in County Durham'.

In addition, Business Durham's challenge to its student Future Business Magnates teams was to come up with 'business ideas which will save the planet'.

• Whilst Darlington is pressing ahead with a Rail Heritage Quarter to mark the bicentenary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, DCC portfolio-holder for Economy & Regeneration Carl Marshall has criticised

the poor performance of the current TransPennine Express trains.

And, finally:

• The deadline for applications for Primary School places for next academic year (starting September 2020) is Wednesday 15 January.  
• Middridge Parish Council met on Monday 7 January.  
• Great Aycliffe Town Council has asked keepers of poultry to be vigilant after a case of avian influenza (H5N3) was confirmed at a commercial chicken farm in Mid Suffolk.

• Newton Aycliffe Police have published the list of PACT meetings for 2020, and  
• The HealthWatch County Durham January newsletter is published, including items on arranging a visit to your group; smoke-free hospitals; beating the January Blues; the Trylife Project; a Patient Experience survey; do you have hearing loss; BAGH consultation dates and more.

## Happy 90th Birthday



The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, was pleased to be asked to pay a surprise visit to Rose Collings on her 90th birthday on Friday 3rd January.

Rose moved to the town with her husband Tommy and Daughter Avril in 1966. She worked at

G.E.C. for 19 years and was treasurer of The Monarchs Jazz Band from 1970 - 1979.

Rose was joined by her Daughter Avril, Son-in-Law, James and Grandson, Jensen, it was a lovely family get together to celebrate Rose's big day.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church on Saturday 18th January is themed 'Camels and Candles'.

Continue the journey of the wise men with paintings, spoon puppets and lantern making. Create a calendar for blessing your home in 2020. We will be making candle cakes and glow stick stars as well as peg camels, with sand and play doh - free play too.

Tea for all the family is chicken nuggets, potato waffle and beans and rocky road cake to help us on our tricky travels.

Messy Church is full of fun and faith and it is FREE and open to all. So please come along and join in the fun.

Further details can be found on our Youth/ChildrenSt. Clares Facebook page.

Doors open with a warm welcome at 3.30pm to register, for a 4.00pm start to the afternoon, a full hour for crafts then celebration and tea at 5.30pm.

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WOODHAM ACADEMY

Washington Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 4AX

Telephone: 01325 300328

[www.woodham.org.uk](http://www.woodham.org.uk)

Headteacher: Mr. A. Bell

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Thursdays weekly 8.30am to 5.00pm

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Woodham is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced disclosure; the successful applicants will be subject to relevant vetting checks before an offer of appointment is made

Woodham Academy is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. Applicants with disabilities will be invited for interview if the essential job criteria are met.

An application form, job description and person specification can be downloaded from the school website at <https://woodham.org.uk/> or please contact the reception desk.

Closing Date: Thursday 16th January 2020



# An Honour and a Privilege



It is with a touch of sadness, but definitely no regrets, that Darren Lowe and Lee Weldon, co-presenters of the weekly Daz and Lee Sports Talk Show, will bring the curtain down on their thoroughly enjoyable stint with Aycliffe Radio, when they broadcast their final live show on Tuesday 14th

January. Speaking on behalf of the pair, Lee said "it's been a total honour and privilege to have had the opportunity to present this show and we would like to whole heartedly thank Aycliffe Radio Directors Paul Howarth and Paul Mooney for their unstinting support throughout our tenure on the

air waves." He added that "we are very proud and honoured to have had so many amazing people from our great town who have made the effort to appear on the show as our guests since we began in December 2017 and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them, you all played a blinder."

Football referee Terry Farley, MBE, is their special guest for their 103rd, and final live show, which will be broadcast by Aycliffe Radio from 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday evening and will be repeated for the last time at midday on Sunday 19th.

Sean Lawless will take over from Daz and Lee, with his own brand of a sports based show and his first show will be broadcast on Aycliffe Radio from 6pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st January.

## LINE DANCING LESSONS

Dear Sir,  
Are you looking for a great night out? Well why not give the Phoenix Club a try on a Thursday evening? You can learn how to line dance with our fully qualified teacher between 8.00pm and 9.00pm. Then line dance or listen to our great country artist between 9.00pm and 11.00pm. We also offer a raffle and bingo, so come on down and give it a try for only £3 including a free raffle ticket. John Sutton

# TAKE PRIDE IN WHERE YOU LIVE . . .



Dear Sir,  
I, along with half a dozen volunteers, tidy our streets on a weekly basis supporting the council's paid workers like Ally and Danny. I collect a large sackful every 3 to 5 days.

I put a leaflet out in St Mary's and Shafto ward in September asking residents to encourage their children not to drop litter on the way to school and also gave a leaflet to Vane Road school's head teacher (who said he would mention it in assembly).

I also emailed Woodham Academy in June 2019 (asking if they would like to set up a team of helpers but they sadly did not reply). I personally got a litter collection pack from Durham Council's Civic Pride team with hi viz vests, litter sticks and bags with hoops. 3 local residents took equipment from me to help. I get my volunteer blue bags collected via Chilton neighbourhood wardens depot. I have also reported fly tipping of carpets, gas bottles, fireworks, tyres, etc. via Durham Council website online form.

Recently I have noticed that somebody has vandalised the dog bin near the Central Avenue traffic lights and another dumped a tyre at the bus shelter and a concrete bollard outside Macolls on Washington Crescent (all reported). I did ask Macolls head office 2 years ago to ask staff to sweep the litter dropped in front of the store and ask the hot dog company to provide an incentive for returned cardboard wrappers and was told a regional manager would contact me in 2018 but it never happened.

I regularly collect on Ross Walk whilst walking my dog and we really need a litter bin midway at Markham Place, near the hill on the field just before the playground area, as there are 3 dog bins

between Central Avenue and the Cricket Club but only litter bins half a mile apart. The worst rubbish is in the trees and bushes near the A167 lay-bys so take longer to clear as it is neither highways or street cleaning responsibility.

The worst I have seen in the town is on the industrial estate on footpaths, grass and waste ground between factories. I would be interested to know if environmental health fine companies, or if business park factory owners have a duty of care not to let their packaging pollute common ground?

Please can you publish some of my photos to encourage residents to take a pride in their town as it seems a hardcore minority are happy to drop cans, plastic and glass bottles and hot dog wrappers, even next to bins at bus stops but mainly on pedestrian routes to and from school, like Kemble Green, St Barbara's Walk and particularly on the path through The Burn. Thank You  
Tony Armstrong

## SISTERS ARE DOING IT

BEGINNERS RUNNING

Have you always wanted to learn to run? Improve your fitness? Join a new group? Ladies only! Brand new beginners kicking off this Monday, 13th January, at 6.30pm - it's not too late to join us!!! We run from Tesco Park for the 10 weeks 0-3 miles! £25 for 10 weeks and you receive a medal on week 10! Call or text Emma on 07787 992675 or 01325 480429 to secure your place!



## Programme Schedule

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### SATURDAY

10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Carol Hall
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby

**"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway**

6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa

### SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
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**Yesterdays Music Today Sponsored by MV Mobility**

10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins

**12th Jan - Mrs Elizabeth Anne Thompson**

12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
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**Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service**

2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col

**6-7pm Live Show with local group "Velvet"**

8-10pm	The Rock Show	CAD
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

### MONDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Harrison
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Gary Avery
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	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

**Sports Show sponsored by Honest John**

6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
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	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

**Community Connect sponsored by ROF59**

5-6.30pm	Community Connect	Amy & Carrie
6.30-8pm	Independent Music Show	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n 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	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

### FRIDAY

9-10am	Amy in the Morning	Amy Harrison
10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

**Check our website for full schedule  
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Last Christmas - Black Christmas

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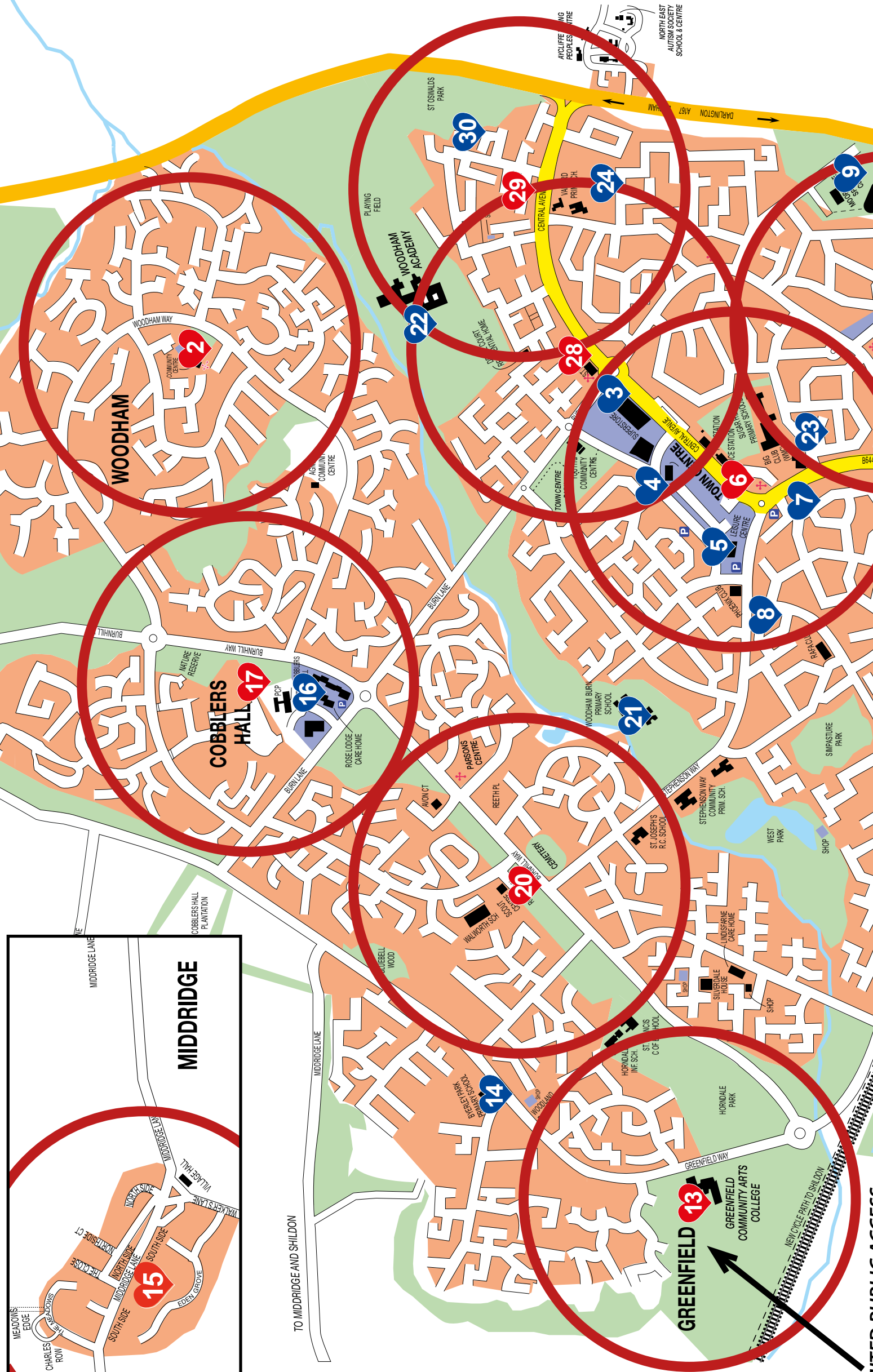
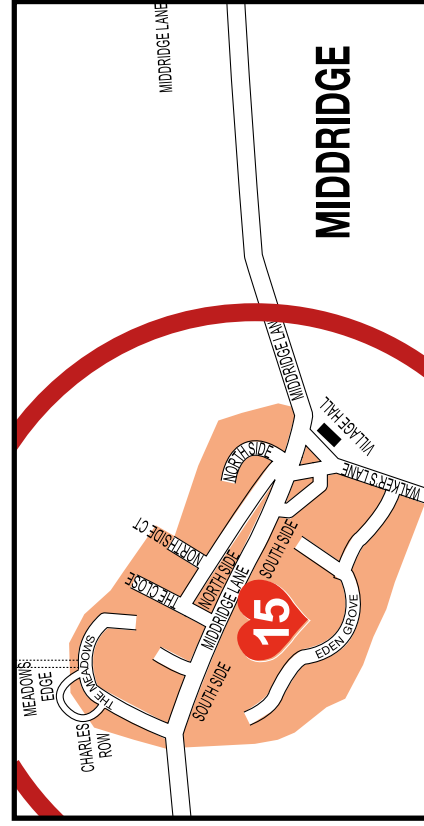


# Defibrillator Units in and around Newton Aycliffe

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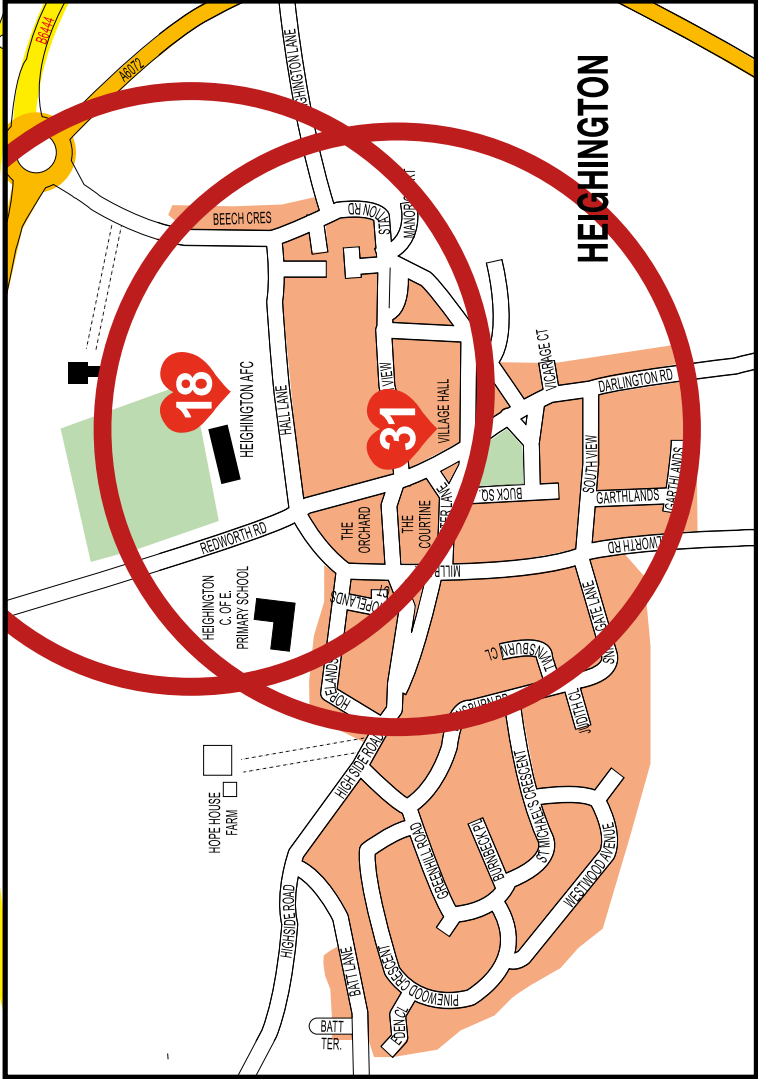
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- 1 Woodham Golf Club – Pro Shop
- 2 Woodham Village Community Centre
- 3 Tesco
- 4 Aycliffe Dental Practice
- 5 Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
- 6 St Clares Church
- 7 Bewick Crescent Surgery
- 8 Pease Way Surgery
- 9 Moore Lane Sports Club
- 10 Simpature Care Home
- 11 Newton Aycliffe Town Council Offices
- 12 Oakleaf Sports Complex
- 13 Greenfield Community College
- 14 Greenfield Convenience Store
- 15 Bay Horse Public House, Middlesbrough
- 16 Jubilee Medical Group, Cobblers Hall Surgery
- 17 Pioneering Care Centre (PCP)

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- DL5 4DH
- DL5 4NW
- DL4 4EH
- DL5 5NT 24 hrs
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- DL5 5AG
- DL5 5JZ
- DL5 6QZ
- DL5 7LF 24 hrs\*
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- DL5 7JD 24 hrs
- DL5 4SE
- DL5 4SF 24 hrs

- 18 Heighington AFC
  - 19 Neville Parade Community Centre
  - 20 The Navy Club
  - 21 Woodham Burn Primary School
  - 22 Woodham Academy
  - 23 The Big Club
  - 24 Vane Road Primary School
  - 25 Oakleaf Sports Pitch
  - 26 School Aycliffe Community Centre
  - 27 Aycliffe Village Community Centre
  - 28 St Mary's RC Church
  - 29 75 Washington Crescent
  - 30 St Oswald House
  - 31 Heighington Village Hall (Toilet Block)
  - 32 Sydney House (The Hall - Unit 7)
- DL5 6PH 24 hrs  
DL5 5DH 24 hrs  
DL5 7PW 24 hrs  
DL5 4EX  
DL5 4AX  
DL5 5NU  
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## The Reason Phil Wilson is Not Our MP

Dear Sir,  
I would like to explain to Phil Wilson why he is not our MP.

After listening to his recent TV interviews he appears not to understand that by ignoring his constituents decision to leave the EU, and telling us we did not know what we were voting for, he would automatically be re-elected, because he is Labour. May I forward the reasons why, we knew exactly what we were voting for and why Paul Howell is now our MP.

After decades of betrayal and continuous lies, the people of Europe are finally waking up, realising that their elected governments are not the democratic saviours they proclaim to be in elections, whose aims and agendas no longer run parallel with the goals and best interests of European people, but those who have been working to oppress and enslave us?

How has this EU project been allowed to progress to such a position of absolute evil power, its original aim of conquering humanity is at last showing signs of failure. By using stealth and deception it has tried to convince a society to accept an agenda, that in itself can be used against them to suppress views, opinions and free speech, for fear of causing offence, or even breaking laws that were deliberately put in place to make compliance essential. By carefully drip feeding rhetoric and propaganda a population can be indoctrinated into thinking anything they are told to do, particularly the young.

Everything we see around

us is not actually our own freewill or choosing, despite what people may think, but the EU have carefully orchestrated a plot to funnel all of humanity in one direction. The aim being to create a society or obedient drones who can't, or rather won't, disagree with the future status quo, for fear of the social reprisals, being outcast or even removed from society, by using the word "Racist" as a tool to ensure compliance. You will have no choice but to obey regardless, even when it goes against sound logic and reasoning, because the consequences and punishment will be swift and severe.

If Brussels is really about free trade and the betterment of humanity, why do they need total control over all member states' governments and laws? How can democracy exist when elections are tailored towards 'our way or no way', and keep voting until you come back with a result they approve of. Why does an organisation who claims to be open, have no transparency when it comes to their own finances and accounts?

Where is their own accountability? Finally, why does an organisation who's sole emphasis and primary objective is about trade, need a private army of their own?

We are now "Leaving" and it could be the start of others following in our footsteps, this, Mr Wilson, is why, by ignoring us, we now have Paul Howell as our new Conservative MP.

Regards  
Clive Taylor-Sholl

## JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS STOCK FOOD BANK



Newton Aycliffe Junior Football Club would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents, volunteers and supporters who kindly contributed to their Christmas food bank collection in December. Donations were beyond anything they could have anticipated and the organisers at the club were amazed and very appreciative of how much food and essential supplies they managed to collect within the space of just one week.

All donations were gratefully accepted by the Trussell Food Bank Trust the week before Christmas. The Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks, provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty and also

campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. The Trussell Trust support more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK to provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face. The most local food bank connected with the Trussell Trust operates from St. Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe.

NAJFC plan to make their food bank collection a regular event within the club thanks to the support it received.

## ST. MARY'S MINI VINNIES SHARING JOY

On Friday, 6th December the Mini Vinnies from St. Mary's Primary School in Newton Aycliffe were invited to help at the Annual Parish SVP Christmas Party, where our housebound parishioners are invited to come and have a buffet. The children were presented with their badges from the adult SVP.

Our school Christmas choir also helped at the event too, by singing some of their favourite Carols. There was lots of singing and clapping going on. The Mini Vinnies really enjoyed chatting to everyone and the parishioners really enjoyed seeing the children's smiling faces. Afterwards the children all received a drink and got a Christmas booklet and a cracker to bring back to school.

Our Mini Vinnies have been working this term with the 'help the homeless project', based in the Blackfriars's Centre in Newcastle by collecting a range of items.

On Friday, 13th December Emma Bell, from the centre, and Michael Wilcock, from the Diocesan Mini Vinnies project, came to collect our donations. They were overwhelmed by the amount of hats, scarves, gloves, socks, deodorants and pot noodles.

2019 has been a busy year for our Mini Vinnies. The children are already looking forward to their next challenges in 2020!



## Options 'In The Money' with Tesco Bags of Help



The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) gave a warm welcome to Newton Aycliffe Tesco's as the wonderful 'Bags of Help' scheme which raised a fantastic £2,000 for Options, a day service for adults with learning and physical disabilities.

Options was PCP's first project established over 20 years ago. The group now runs 5 days a week and provides 68 places helping people to develop everyday skills, confidence and independence as well as working hard to fundraise for trips away including Liverpool, London and Keppleway Activity Centre. Tesco Bags of Help is a local community grant scheme where the money raised by the sale of carrier bags is being used to fund local projects. Members were delighted and

very grateful for the donation received. Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, said, "Without the generosity of local organisations such as Tesco and the Bags of Help Scheme, Options would not be able to do so much. The members decide what they'd like to do and the staff do a fantastic job of making their dreams a reality. The money will be used to help fund trips away and support members with ongoing learning and development. Thank you Tesco!"

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

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## Sedgefield Water Polo Presentation Evening

Sedgefield Water Polo Club held its annual presentation evening at Moore Lane Sports Club in Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 16th November.

The evening was a great success and was attended by players, coaches, parents and the Mayor of Newton Aycliffe, Mary Dalton, who assisted with presenting the certificates of participation to the club members.

The club also held a raffle with a range of prizes donated by parents and local businesses, including Newton Press, Tesco and Durham County Council. All proceeds from the raffle - totalling £169 - has been donated to the Mayors Charity, SSAFA, in order to support our Armed Forces personnel, including current serving members, veterans and their families. On behalf of everyone at the Club, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting such a fantastic charity.

### Trophy winners were:

#### Best Newcomer

- Male: Finley Lowe
- Female: Gabriella Tillbrook

#### Mini's

- Players Player: Kyle Alderson
- Male Coaches Player of the Year: Kyle Alderson
- Female Coaches Player of

the Year: Imogen Hodgson

#### Juniors

- Players Player: Ryan-Jay Griffiths & Rohan Henderson
- Male Coaches Player of the Year: Ryan-Jay Griffiths
- Female Coaches Player of the Year: Ella Boyer

#### Seniors

- Players Player: John Pratt
- Male Coaches Player of the Year: Michael Cousins
- Female Coaches Player of the Year: Poppy Stephenson

#### Most Improved Player

- Matthew Taylor
- The George Carpenter Cup for Overall Achievement: John Pratt

Our club is going from strength to strength, having recently won our ninth national title - and we would like to thank Maygreen Marketing, The Springfield Centre and the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) for their support.

Anyone aged 8 and over who is interested in taking up water polo as a fun and exciting hobby is asked to call/text the club on 07579 030598, email sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com or contact us via our Facebook page. We offer free trials on most Saturdays at 4.00-5.30pm at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre - and these should be booked in advance.



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## Juniors Football Report



It's a new year and that meant that for our Junior sides the football season resumes. After a refreshing break off, our teams were all looking for that all important 3 points.

Our **Aycliffe Juniors U7s** travelled to play Swalewall. Both teams had a great first half and it made for an entertaining game with the scores even at half time, however it proved not to be the Aycliffe sides' day as the three points went to the opposition. There were still positives to take from this game for an ever-improving side and the Man of the Match in this game was William W.

The **Under 7 Blacks** played a friendly game to ease them back in after the festive period. Although the score didn't go their way, all of the lads left the pitch with a smile on their face after they enjoyed getting back into matches and showing their ever-increasing abilities. Up at Durham, our **Under 8 Blacks** team played in testing conditions in their first game back. In an eventful first half the score was level at half time, however in the second half, Aycliffe stepped up a gear and scored four goals without reply. In this game Max scored a brace with Charlie, Rhys, Alfie and James all grabbing a single goal apiece. The Man of the Match award was given to James for constant determination and excellent composure to score when the chance arisen.

Our **Under 8 Juniors** were at home against Bishop St Mary's Aces in the League Cup. After a slow start from the Aycliffe side there was an early goal scored however the team woke up and constantly battled throughout the match. Although the result didn't go Aycliffe's way, goals from Jack and goalkeeper Dom ensured the juniors didn't make a bad account of themselves. In this game the Man of the Match was Joel for his outstanding work rate.

The **Under 8 Whites** faced off against Belmont. It was a brilliant game to watch and although there was only one goal in the game, it was an incredible attacking display from the Aycliffe side who played excellently in their first game back. Jack got the goal for the Juniors and the Man of the Match award was awarded to the whole team as they all played superbly and showed the mass improvement in their ability.

The **Under 9s** were against Leven. A game between these two sides is always close and there is always a high standard of football being played and this encounter proved no different. Alex grabbed a goal for the Aycliffe side who unfortunately didn't get any points from this game. The Man of the Match for this fixture was Alfie.

Our **Under 11 Whites** returned to Woodham at the weekend to play against Prissick Rovers. The team started brightly playing some inspired football with some great passages of play. Aycliffe got themselves in the lead however the Aycliffe side started to run out of steam and injuries meant the team was starting to struggle. As the game got closer and closer to the conclusion the Juniors were unlucky and ended up not getting any points out of a game where they constantly battled and continued to show an incredible improvement. The Man of the Match was awarded to goalkeeper Danny for some great stops.

Our **Under 11s Blacks** played top of league Ouston Eagles away. The match started with Ouston getting an early goal, this did not phase the Aycliffe team who were full of character as they got their heads into the game to score 3 before half time. The opposition then came out fighting in the second half to get another goal, only for the Blacks to put 4 more past them. It was a truly outstanding performance all round, with an abundance of passing and an excellent display of teamwork, which was reflected in the result. Jayden H got himself a hat-trick with Danny scoring a brace with Man of the Match Alex S and Keaton also scoring one goal apiece. Our **Under 11 Clarets** team made the journey to face Whinney Banks for a top of the table clash. Aycliffe fielded a depleted side

again with only 9 players available, so it was always going to be a tough but entertaining game to watch. Whinney Banks lined up with an attacking formation but their early confidence soon dissipated when they realised how well Aycliffe can play, early goals saw Whinney Banks drop and start to play deeper. Every one of the Aycliffe players played well, linked together well and played arguably the best they have this season. Goals in this game came from Alex, Kai and Danny. The Man of the Match award was given to Alex who was unstoppable.

The **Under 12s Whites** team faced Darlington TSC away from home. It was a great all-round display from the Aycliffe team who appeared to be solid from defence to attack. Niall and Tyler both scored a goal apiece with eventual Man of the Match Jayden B grabbing a brace.

The **Under 13s** faced Darlington FC in the Challenge Cup. The Aycliffe side appeared to struggle from the off, however to their credit they didn't stop trying and although they are now out of the Cup it means they can focus on their incredible league campaign with them eyeing up that top spot come the end of the season.

Our **Under 14s** travelled to play Whickham. After the Christmas break there is always the worry that teams will start slow and lethargic, however this strong Aycliffe side showed ability and class with goals from Alex and Kamil helping them to all 3 points. The Man of the Match from this fixture was Josh.

The **Under 15s** faced higher league opposition in the shape of Blackwell Rangers in the cup. A goal from Leon wasn't enough to help the Juniors to progress to the next round in the competition. The Man of the Match from this game was James.

## N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe gained a narrow 4-3 victory away to Whickham. They should have won comfortably but missed a hatful of chances and conceded a late penalty to give their fans an anxious last five minutes. They were without strikers Dean Thexton and Liam Jarvie, but Matty Pennal stepped up to score a hat-trick and win himself the man-of-the-match award.

Whickham started the better of the two sides, but were unable to trouble Adam Pickford in the Aycliffe goal. Aycliffe got going and Kev Carr had a good chance on 19 minutes but shot wide. Four minutes later, Aycliffe went ahead when a low cross was put in from the left and Matty Pennal converted. Two minutes later he struck again when he chased a through ball and slotted the ball past Whickham keeper Bartlett.

Whickham got back into the game on 33 minutes when Burrell got through the defensive line and finished past Pickford. A linesman had flagged for offside against another Whickham player during the build up. The goal was awarded and Liam McNamara was sin-binned for ten minutes for arguing with the decision - the first sin bin caution for Aycliffe following its introduction at the start of the season.

Whickham took advantage of the extra man, equalising on 39 minutes. Aycliffe

didn't clear their lines following a corner and when the ball came back Harmison tucked it in from three yards out. Aycliffe had a great chance to go ahead in first half injury time but Carr missed the target again with only the keeper to beat. Aycliffe had the slope and the wind in their favour in the second half and they dominated the play. They went ahead seven minutes in when Pennal ran onto a pass and finished well. It was all Aycliffe for the next half hour. Etham Wood had a shot tipped over; Pennal brought out a good save and then hit the post; Ryan Redford put a good chance wide and also hit a good shot just over the bar. The pressure told on 76 minutes. Harrison Webster got to the by-line and put in a good cross that Bartlett could only parry into the path of Lewis Walton who headed it in for 4-2.

Whickham then got a goal out of nothing five minutes from time when McNamara needlessly fouled Scothern in the penalty box. Harmison converted the penalty to make it 3-4. The Aycliffe fans suddenly became nervous, but their team continued to press forward and had further good chances to score. Aycliffe took the three points and moved into sixth in the table.

Next match is a home league game against Billingham Town on Saturday 11th January at 3pm.

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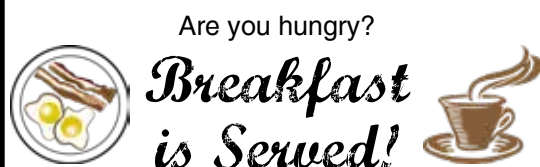
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# Refugee Resettlement Scheme Could be Extended

A successful resettlement scheme which has helped dozens of refugees start new lives in County Durham could continue, if councillors give the go-ahead. Since 2016, 259 people fleeing violence have settled in the county thanks to the initiative, which has been held up as a national example of best practice. Now members of Durham County Council's Cabinet will be asked to agree to support more vulnerable families by extending the scheme for another four years, provided funding

continues to be made available. The initiative is run with the support of a range of partners including clinical commissioning groups, County Durham Housing Forum, the voluntary and community sector, North East Regional Faiths Network, North East Churches Acting Together and Durham City of Sanctuary. Cllr Angela Surtees, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "Working with our partners,

we have supported 56 families in creating new lives in County Durham since the launch of the resettlement scheme. "While our success has been cited as an example of best practice nationally, what's more important is that the families have been welcome to our area and are flourishing, securing employment, achieving outstanding exam results and even receiving awards for excellence. "However, with more than 68 million people around the world forced from their homes and nearly

25.4 million refugees recognised as fleeing persecution at the present time, it is important that we continue to extend the hand of friendship to those in need." The resettlement scheme was initially launched following an appeal by the Home Office to help 20,000 refugees caught up in the crisis in Syria, with any costs incurred being covered by the government. Now it has confirmed that the UK will consolidate its main resettlement schemes into a global programme from April this year in order to better respond to international crises and is again calling on local authorities for support. The council and its partners are keen to continue providing support in County Durham. Councillors are, therefore, being asked to

agree to participate in the new global scheme over the next four years, with the number of people accommodated proportionate to the county's share of the national population. Agreement would also be subject to the government confirming funding arrangements in line with the current programme. Cabinet is due to meet at County Hall on Wednesday, 15th January.

## OPEN ART 2020 LAST CALL FOR ARTISTS



Greenfield Arts are hosting their annual 'Open Art Exhibition' from Thursday 27 February to Wednesday 29 April 2020 in the Greenfield Gallery. This year we are 'Connecting Communities', artists are being asked to respond to the idea of connectivity and can submit up to three pieces of artwork that will be showcased and celebrated in our state-of-the-art gallery space.

The exhibition allows for artists working in a range of mediums to participate, including areas such as painting, drawing, writing, photography and textiles, to name a few. The focus on connectivity is inspired by our new spring season and is sure to bring about a wonderful collection. The deadline of Friday 17th January 2020 is fast approaching but there's still chance to apply. There will be a preview evening on Wednesday 26th February where artists can meet the public and fellow practitioners and be the first to enjoy the artwork on display, everyone is welcome to come along.

You can register your submission online via our website our contact our friendly team for further information on 01325 379048 or email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk). The exhibition plays an important role in our new programme, which boasts a wide range of arts and creative opportunities. You can find much more by browsing our new website [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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## Climate Extinction

Dear Sir,  
In their wisdom, Durham Labour controlled County Council have appointed Cllr. J.D. Clare as “Climate Change Champion” and he is now gracing the front page of D&S Times! His splurge which states that, “Extinction Rebellion must win”, appears to be based upon two simple beliefs:

1) That WE all contribute to climate change just by being alive, driving cars, and eating meat!

2) That DCC can influence climate change by encouraging us to die young, stop driving cars and become vegetarian.

I do not believe that my past or present lifestyle contributes one iota to Climate Change. Further, all recent Government attempts to throw money at the problem have only wasted money. Eg: the

car scrappage scheme for petrol cars encouraged the use of diesel cars until it was decided diesel was a greater pollutant than petrol. Tony Blair's ‘nice but dim’ street lights that don't properly illuminate their surroundings. Ed Miliband's increased electrical charges to finance so called, ‘Smart Meters’. Mine is in a cupboard. I switched supplier and it could no longer be used. Wind farms which increase our carbon footprint in steel making.

There are only two forms of Green Energy, Nuclear Power and Hydro-electricity. When it was decided to close Coal and Gas-fired power stations we should have increased our supply of Hydro-electricity and Nuclear Power and not wasted billions of pounds on subsidising expensive wind and solar power.

At the last election most political manifestos promised to plant more trees. I hope the current forest fires in Australia make our politicians re-assess their plans. The Australian fires must have pumped more carbon into the atmosphere than even the burning of oil wells in the Middle East as a result of Tony Blair's illegal second Gulf War.

Cllr. Clare appears to think that allowing school children to ‘bunk-off’ school to demonstrate in support of ‘Climate Extinction’ is a good thing. He also appears to support the fact that Government Ministers who attended a Climate Change Conference were berated by the snarling 16 year old schoolgirl who is fronting-up Climate Extinction.

As can be seen from the Obituary for Sir David Bellamy, proper debate on Climate Change has not yet been held. When Sir David Bellamy described it as ‘poppy cock’ his access to the media was immediately curtailed. However, J.D. Clare and DCC clearly think that the argument has been won. It has not. Closing down free speech does not win an argument! Politicians can be voted out of office!

Stop wasting our money on job creation schemes in a vain, unilateral, attempt to stop climate change. Spend our taxes wisely on long term, proper, green energy projects and making our country climate change proof.

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For those of you who have already reserved and paid for a place please confirm, by return, that you are happy with the date. For those of you who have confirmed and not yet paid please make payment via the bank transfer details that you used for the Christmas Fair. Whilst we do our best to offer exclusivity we can not be responsible for conflicts of products on the day so we will send you a booking form on which we will ask you to list your product range. We also ask that you inform us if you are adding

any new products to your range.

We are really excited for our Easter Fair and with many tables already booked we look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible to reserve your table.

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# THANK YOU CHURCHES TOGETHER AYCLIFFE

ManHealth run male only peer support groups in ten locations across the North East. The groups are free and run on a voluntary drop in basis and are an opportunity for men to speak with other men who have a shared lived experience of mental ill health. Churches Together Newton Aycliffe kindly donated £150 to ManHealth to support our work and this funding will help to contribute to overall running costs, room hire and refreshments.

Paul Bannister, Director of ManHealth, said, "Our culture is getting better at talking openly about mental health, but we still have a way to go. Many of us still feel ashamed at confessing our own struggles and it seems to me that shame, at its core, is the fear of judgement by others. If everyone struggles at some point or other in their lives, where is the shame in struggling? How can we judge others for being like ourselves? It's possible that by acknowledging that we all find life difficult at times it'll be easier to talk openly about our individual difficult experiences. The hope is that if we could encourage



more men who are feeling isolated, alone and struggling with things in their lives and enable them to talk to empathetic like-minded people who can listen to their issues many of these terrible irreversible consequences can be avoided." For more information about ManHealth or to find your local group please visit our website [www.manhealth.org.uk](http://www.manhealth.org.uk), email [info@manhealth.org.uk](mailto:info@manhealth.org.uk) or call 01388 320023. Photo: David Hopkins, Operational Director of ManHealth receiving a cheque from Churches Together Newton Aycliffe.

## Birthday Remembrance

**Lee Hoar**  
3rd January 1980



To a dear Son, Brother and Father on your 40th Birthday. Loved and missed so much, from all your family.

**Noah Harry Wharton Peart**  
12th January

Happy Birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Nana xxxxx

**Noah Harry Wharton Peart**  
12th January 2007

13 years since we lost you, not a day goes by without us thinking of you. Our very own Angel in Heaven. Happy 13th Birthday Noah. We love and miss you, love always, Mammy, Daddy, Morgan and Annie xxxxxx

**Noah Harry Wharton Peart**  
12th January 2007

My beautiful Grandson, loved and missed every day. Happy 13th birthday. Love always, Grandma xx



# Over £3000 Raised on Boxing Day Dip



We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us for our Boxing Day Dip. We raised money for a charity that funds research into NonKetotic Hyperglycinemia. This is an extremely rare genetic condition which our six month old Daughter, Sofia, has been diagnosed with. NonKetotic Hyperglycinemia (NKH) is life limiting and there is no cure. We raised a total of £3457, which will be sent via a charity to Prof. Nicolas Green at UCL, Great Ormond Street, so he and his team can try and find a cure via gene therapy. Thank you Ashley & Jonny Churchman

## In Memoriam

**Mary Young**  
8th January 2016

The world changes from year to year. But the love and memory of you shall never pass away. Michael, June and Family xxxxxxxx

**Mary Young**  
8th January 2016

Although you're gone, I'm not alone. And never shall I be, for the precious memories of the bond we shared will never depart from me. David, Louise, Thomas, Joseph and Stan xx

**Samantha Maddison**

Although we are not together, we will never be apart. Because you have a special place, right here within our hearts. Love and miss you always. Mam, Dad and Family

**Howard Walton**  
7th January 2019

I close my eyes and see your face smiling at me from a beautiful place. You tell me you are never far away and that we will meet again some day. I ask if you can stay a while, I miss you laugh, I miss your smile. Then you whisper in my ear, I will never leave you, I am always here. Love and miss you always. Lori and all the family

**Pat Carney**  
16th January 2019

Loving memories of a treasured friend. Love and miss you always. Mim and Robyn

**Shane Smith**  
10th January 2015

Another year has passed, but our memories will stay. You are always in our hearts and thoughts every single day. We love and miss you so much Son, and we always will. Until we meet again. Mam and Dad xxxxx

**Shane Smith**

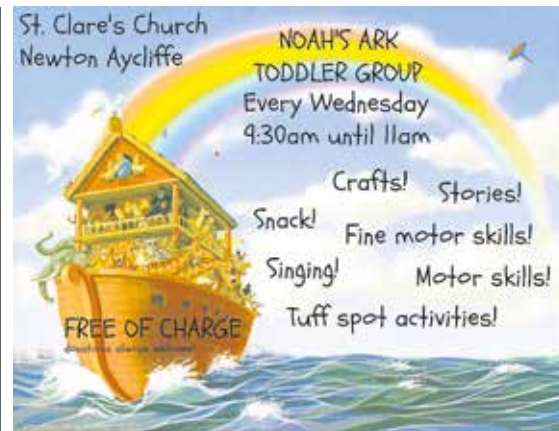
In memory of Shane Smith, remembering you is easy, I do it every day. Missing you is heartache, that never goes away. Love from your Brother, Ryan xxxx

**Bill Gatenby**  
13th January 1990

Loved and missed always by Wife Mary and family xxx

**Lol Green**  
(Laurence)  
11th January 2003

Loved and remembered always. From Sue and your Wallsend family xxxxx



## Obituary

**Bernard Dixon**



of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 26th December, aged 78. Husband to Janet; loving Step-Dad to Tony, Tina and Tracy; much loved Grandad to Bradley, Melissa, Josh, Sarah and Matthew and Great Grandad to Mason. Family and friends are invited to a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 16th January at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

**Marjorie Little**  
(nee Bellwood)

On 26th December, aged 78 years. Beloved Wife of the late Rodger; dearly loved Mam of Linda and Mandy; a dear Mother-in-Law, Grandma and Great Grandma. Funeral Service and Committal to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 20th January at 12.30pm. Will family and friends please meet at the crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if so desired, to Motor Neurone Disease.

**Isaac Sanderson**  
(Sandy)

of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away suddenly but peacefully in Defoe Court Care Home on December 28, aged 91 years. Beloved Husband of the late Margaret for over 67 years; a loving Father to Robert, Ian and Jacqueline, also a treasured Father-in-Law and Pop. Would family and friends please join us to celebrate his life at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 16th January at 12.45pm. To be followed by Interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Re-united with his beloved Wife, Margaret.

**Evelyn Margaret Teasdale**

Aged 86 years, former school teacher. Passed away peacefully in Rose Lodge Care Home, Newton Aycliffe on 29th December. Dearly loved Sister of Elaine and a much loved Aunt and Great Aunt. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Tuesday 21st January at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to The Alzheimers Society.

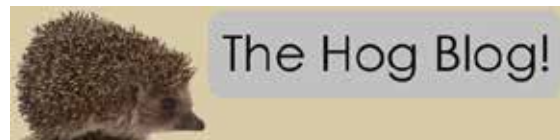
## Acknowledgement

**Fred Quinn**

Eileen, Jackie and Allie, the family of the late Fred Quinn, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards of condolence and support during their recent sad bereavement. Thank you to the Doctors, Nurses and Care Staff who cared for Fred in his final weeks and a special thanks to Nick of The Co-operative Funeral Service and Pam Lovelass for a very comforting Service. Also, staff at the County Hotel, Aycliffe Village. Thanks to everyone who contributed donations to the North East Air Ambulance Service.

## Thank You

Mam, myself and Gracie would like to thank everyone for their kindness and appreciation shown for the litter picking I do around the town and also to the children who made the lovely card. I would also like to thank all those involved in organising and delivering the lovely gifts, it was overwhelming. A big thank you again John



I would like to wish every reader a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Things are quiet at this moment in time and I hope that all our wild hedgehogs are sleeping peacefully, the weather is uncharacteristically mild but we can't take this for granted especially in January!

This Rescue Centre and other rescues in this area it's business as usual, our occupants have to be kept warm to prevent them hibernating because they are too small to survive the long sleep, especially our latest admission who arrived on the 22nd December weighing a mere 340g, pictured here, so we have called her Holly at her finders request.

All hoggies are doing well including those at foster parents Viv and Roy's, looking fab and growing nicely into adulthood. Hermione who has recovered from gastrointestinal difficulties is now a healthy 700g! Please don't forget that if you see a hedgehog out during the day he or she is in trouble and needs our help, they are protected and endangered but recent uk statistics suggest that the numbers have stopped falling but it's too early for complacency. BHPS can be contacted on 01584 890801 for advice and rehabs contact numbers if needed. This rescue has entered



a new year with new equipment, better food, meds' and a really good vet! We have to be self sustaining so fundraising and people's donations benefit these beautiful mammals directly. Thank you to everyone who has supported our rescue, it wouldn't be possible without you. Maxine Aycliffe Rescue Centre

## Birthday Remembrance

**Ann McLuckie**  
13th January

Dear Ann, Up in Heaven I hope you understand, we would give anything just to hold your hand. We'd hold you so tightly, and never let you go. Because you are our Ann, and we loved you so. Mam, Tony and family xxxxxx



# RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Now that the festivities are over it's back to the regular race reporting. Although I have had a break from reporting, the runners of ARC have not had a break from racing and they have continued racing, training and parkrunning over the holiday period. In terms of parkrunning this has meant as well as the usual Saturday mornings there were parkruns on Christmas Day and also double parkrun opportunities on New Years Day and indeed we had many members taking advantage of this. Well done to those who participated in these additional ones, and on those who achieved PB's. In terms of racing, we had four members take part in the Saltwell 10k, Gateshead on 21st December 2019. The Saltwell race is the oldest road race in England and the current course is three and a half undulating laps along traffic free roads and park paths with the finish in Saltwell Park. First home for ARC was Peter Milburn in 42.12 (2nd in his age category M60), followed by Peter Smith in 46.08, John Burnside in 47.40 and Trish Kay in 52.32 (1st F/55).

Inbetween Christmas and New Year on 29th December, we had several members travel to Ripon for the popular Jolly Holly Jog. This is a one lap scenic, multi-terrain, undulating course of approximately 10k that is run mainly on footpaths through the Studley Royal Deer Park in Ripon. First home for ARC in this race was John Young in a time of 58.20, followed by Bev Phillippo in 1.03.51, Pat Edwards in 1.12.49 and Jan McLuckie in 1.27.48. On 4th January 2020 the cross country season resumed with the Sherman Cup which took place at Temple Park, South Shields. We had three hardy members who took on this challenge of approximately 5.5 miles on a course that

was a lot more muddy than last year. First home for ARC was Paul Dalton in 37.46, followed by Andy Talbot in 40.26 and Corey Horn in 46.25.

Finally we had two members take part in the Old Monks race on Sunday 5th January. This is a 5.5 mile multi terrain race from Hart Village through the dene. It begins on trail before going in to the Dene where there are challenging climbs. First home for ARC was Simon Matthew Turner in 45.54 followed by Lindsey Brown in 57.57.

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.



## Sedgefield 75 Winners



Eight swimmers from Sedgefield 75 swimming club travelled to Billingham for their first competition of 2020 last weekend. They racked up 61 swims between them, taking on many bigger clubs including Sunderland, Newcastle and Middlesbrough, returning with 26 medals.

Charlotte Lee took on three breaststroke events, getting a personal best over 50m as well as 50m freestyle. Katelyn Craig swam in three races and took bronze in 50m breaststroke and 100m butterfly.

Filip Wilczynski competed in a mammoth 13 races, winning medals in eleven of them, four gold, four silver and three bronze. He also achieved the biggest PB of the weekend with over twelve seconds in his 200m butterfly.

Charlie McEwan swam five races and got three new PBs, the highlight being 50m free where he achieved his first county championship qualifying time.

Matthew Wimbury completed two races and he further improved his best 50m breaststroke time.

Mateusz Wilczynski racked

up 15 races having qualified for two further 14 years and under finals. Mateusz picked up 4 new PBs as well as a gold, silver and two bronze, all in butterfly.

Kathryn Lee also got an extra swim having qualified for the 15 years and over 100m backstroke final taking her swims to seven.

Emma Price entered eight events but ended up swimming 12 races due to

qualifying for four extra finals in the 14 years and under age group despite being only eleven. She took silver in the 100m backstroke final ahead of 13/14 year old girls. She finished with six golds and two silvers from races with her own age group. Sedgefield 75 have vacancies for new members, training at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Check out [www.sedgefield75.co.uk](http://www.sedgefield75.co.uk)

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