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Aycliffe Pub Landlord Clocks Up 20 Years At The Helm

This weekend sees Gary, from The Turbinia, chalk up 20 years as owner / landlord and everyone is invited to the party. "It's incredible to think over 20 years ago I bought

a derelict building with the crazy idea I could turn it around and bring back some of its former glory. To say it was a wreck was an understatement, but with the help of friends we

had it ready to open in 5 weeks. The first couple of years were difficult, trying to get people to ignore the reputation it previously had, but gradually we started winning them over. As the years went by we tried different ways of attracting new people, the most successful being our weekly Saturday rock nights which quickly grew and before long we were attracting massive bands that graced the stages of some great venues and festivals. Other entertainment includes Friday night Open-Mic which gives local artists a chance to showcase their talent on stage in front of an appreciative crowd. Starting a monthly comedy night we had no idea that we would be attracting major stars of TV, Stage & Screen, people like multi-award winning actor, Dave Johns who played Daniel Blake, in the film of the same name, Carl Hutchinson who had just finished a sold out arena tour with Chris Ramsey when he gigged here & we'll never forget the fantastic evening we had with 'Lost Voice Guy'.

Over the years I had a lot of experience of cask ale, so it made sense to install a couple of hand-pulls, it went so well we quickly expanded to 5 pumps and decided to start doing twice yearly Beer Festivals that get bigger and better every year. After a few years we were recognised by 'Camra' a national group of beer lovers, who awarded us with a place in the country's largest pub publication, The Good Beer Guide. It was a proud moment back in 2017 when we became the first Aycliffe pub to ever be included. We are judged on quality of drinks & service, by people who are passionate about beer, so it's a great achievement that we have been included every year since. 'Camra' members have also voted The Tub, 'Pub Of The Season' on 3 occasions now, beating some of County Durham's best pubs to the title.

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

Happy New Year everyone and we look forward to seeing you, if not all, at least some, of you at the following events:

Murder Mystery Night - Saturday 8th February

Murder At The Masked Ball - performed by Tall Tales Mysteries - 7.00 pm/7.30pm start. Cost £12.50 per person inc. food - please bring your own drink. Themed dress and masks optional. Please contact Zanna on 07929 91672 for further details.

Easter Quiz - Friday 27th March

7.30pm onwards, Quiz Evening featuring our resident Quiz Master Mr Stephen Quigley. Cost £6 per person max number per team is 6. Please contact Georgette on 07951 758118 for further details.

And finally a date for your diary

AGM - Monday 6th April 7.30 pm start

An Invitation To An Evening Event With A Difference

A very pleasant evening is planned in St Michael's Church Heighington from 7 - 9pm on Saturday February 1st when this beautiful nine hundred year old church will be lit by candlelight.

Wine and refreshments will be served and gentle music played so you can relax and enjoy a pleasant evening among friends.

You will be amazed at the high jinks many local residents get up to when you view photographs of the 'wild' fancy dress party

held when our previous Vicar retired - not for the faint hearted.

You may also be interested in exploring this wonderful church built in 1130 and its history - its rare pulpit installed in 1530, its connection to Cromwell's Civil War, its association with the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805, its links to our two lovely hotels - Redworth and Walworth and many other fascinating associations St Michael's have been involved with over the centuries.

Cost of entry is a mere £5 which includes the wine, soft drinks and refreshments.

All of the money raised will go towards upgrading the lights in the church.

Tickets are available from Church Wardens and Ruth Lee 01325 314622 or pay at the door (but it will help us if tickets are bought).

So where ever you may live, young and old and old and young - all will be made welcome so join us to help make this relaxing evening an evening to remember - please do join us - thank you.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

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

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THE NEW DECADE'S SET TO SPARKLE



After enjoying a thoroughly successful 2019, Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club is bouncing into the new decade with its best-ever line up of lunchtime gigs on offer.

Saturday 1st February sets the tone with the first appearance at the club of international jazz diva Denise Gordon, with an all-star band of Club favourites - Enrico Tomasso, John Hallam, and Tom Kincaid's Three Bears. Denise combines traditional Caribbean rhythms with the classic New Orleans style of Mahalia Jackson and Louis Armstrong. There'll be a heady blend of jazz standards, gospel and blues.

Following straight on and back by popular demand, Saturday 8th February sees the welcome return of New Orleans based Frog and Henry Jazz Band. Frog and Henry was formed as a collective of musicians from several street groups and they play and record old dance and jazz music from the early 1900s. The Club's audience heard them last year and know their musicianship is outstanding. It's a gig simply not to be missed.

And taking the Club into March, Red Stripe Band is back on Saturday 7th. Get on your dancing shoes because it'll be a non-stop, jump jive, rock and roll show, full of true foot tapping boogie woogie, with Red Stripe himself on piano and vocals. He'll be supported by some of the top session players on the UK circuit, including an

accomplished horn section to give that authentic big band sound.

All Darlington New Orleans Jazz Club gigs start at 12.30 sharp with doors open from 12noon, and the venue is St Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington. It's just £10 entrance on the door; there's no charge for young people 15 and under; and there's plenty of free onsite parking. If you don't want to drive, the Parish Centre is just a short walk from the bus stops on Tubwell Row and Darlington railway station.

For more information and the full year's exciting gig list go to www.darlingtonjazz.co.uk

Film Show

"YOUNG AT HEART"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 28th JAN features the romantic musical "YOUNG AT HEART", starring Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Gig Young and Ethel Barrymore. Romantic drama mixed with songs like "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "One for My Baby" make this a great 50's film for everyone. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Tea & coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. 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.

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Fabulous Family Show at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome back the Mad Alice Theatre Company, the show, Rose and Robin is a live performance that tells the story of a lifelong relationship and the celebration of young and old.

The production is described as "a show that celebrates life in all its richness - playful and serious, sad and happy, a story of love and loss, especially if you have lost a sock or someone you love."

It's a perfect play to be enjoyed by families coming together, audience members have been bowled over by the show "absolutely fabulous! I laughed, cried and danced", amazing, funny, poignant, such a lovely show" were just a

sample of comments.

The performance takes place at Greenfield Arts on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30 and is suitable for ages 7 - 12 and adults of course! Running time is 50 mins followed by a post-show workshop using drama and storytelling.

Cost is only £2 per ticket in advance or £3 if you would prefer to pay on the day at the door.

Greenfield Arts are committed to supporting quality live performances and offering creative opportunities to the wider community. If you would like to know more about their full programme please visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call our friendly team on 01325 379048.

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Saturday 1st - "The Gatecrashers"
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Rotary Newton Aycliffe are seeking applicants for the Youth Leadership Award Scheme which will run as two separate courses each of 5 days commencing on 3rd and 10th August 2020. Candidates must be aged 16 to 20 on 31st July 2020. There can be no tolerance on these ages.

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- Gain exposure to leadership scenarios.
- Explore problem solving strategies as part of a team.
- Discuss and apply creative approaches to leadership and conflict management.
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- Meet new people and make lasting friendships.
- Learn how to arrange

youth activities and community service projects at home and abroad.

- Find out more about other exciting youth projects and programmes Rotary has to offer.
- Create experience of team building and leadership experience for addition to a CV.

Utilise for residential/leadership experience for Duke of Edinburgh and other awards.

- Experience of being interviewed.

For further details and application forms contact John Burrows on:- 07870-210269 or jandeburrows@gmail.com Application forms must be completed and returned by 28th February 2020.

MAKE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME



There will be fun for all the family at a County Durham theatre this spring thanks to a variety of uplifting productions aimed at younger audiences.

From enchanting adaptations of popular children's books, to fascinating science experiments – the Gala Theatre in Durham is the place to go for family-friendly entertainment.

Tickets are now on sale for all shows in the spring programme and the public is urged to book their tickets to avoid missing out.

Families who enjoyed the star-studded Christmas TV animation of The Tiger who Came to Tea can spend even more time with Sophie and her large stripy friend at the Gala Theatre. Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated stage adaptation of Judith Kerr's bestselling story will delight County Durham audiences on Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March.

The smash hit production of Julia Donaldson's Zog will also return to the Gala on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March. Featuring new songs by Joe Stilgoe, families can join the enthusiastic, accident prone young hero as he bumps, burns and roars his way through his studies at Madam Dragon's school. From a 21st century classic, to a story that has captivated children and adults alike for more than 100 years, a musical adaptation of the Wind in the Willows will entertain fans at the Gala Theatre from Thursday 30th January to Saturday 1st February. Presented by Durham High School for Girls, the production brings the adventures of Toad, Ratty and Mole to life through uplifting and joyous music.

Those who like their entertainment more explosive will not want to miss the captivating chemistry, phenomenal physics and bonkers biology that make up Morgan and West's Unbelievable Science! The science extravaganza is set to blow minds at the Gala on Sunday 15th February.

Rose and Robin, meanwhile, is a celebration of growing old and is the perfect play for children to enjoy with their grandparents. This uplifting piece of physical and largely non-verbal theatre comes to the Gala on Thursday 20th February.

Other highlights include Little Red Riding Hood, a child-friendly ballet presented by Northern Ballet on Wednesday 1st April, and Wolf!, on

Thursday 9th April. This is a fun-filled puppet adventure that reveals what actually happens when Jack cries wolf.

Robin Byers, Gala Theatre manager, said: "Childhood trips to the theatre can create memories that last a lifetime, which is why we believe it's so important to offer a variety of family shows each season. We are really excited about the productions coming up this spring and we can't wait to share the magic with children and the young at heart."

For more information and to book tickets, contact 03000 266 600 or visit www.galadurham.co.uk

Two History Courses Will Help People Discover Their Family's Past



Make your new year's resolution to learn more about your family history, with the help of two archive courses.

Durham County Record Office is inviting people to find out more about their ancestry, as it opens up the collection through archivist-led, friendly sessions.

The Family History course offers an introduction to Durham County Council's archive collections and will direct attendees on the best ways to research.

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist at Durham County Record Office said: "When starting your journey into your family tree, it can be hard to know where to start and what to look for. This session offers a friendly, helpful environment and a great place to begin."

"It is exciting to see people make new discoveries, and to get to grips with how best to use our archives for something that can be a really personal piece of research."

Each Family History course runs over three weekly sessions. Dates include Friday 24th January, 31st January, 7th February from 10am to 12 noon, and Thursday 30th January, 6th

February, 13th February from 6pm to 8pm. The course costs £30.

For those who already have a grasp of the basics, the record office brings back its Branching Out talks, designed for people who want to take their research to the next level. Each talk focuses on a special area of family history.

Attendees are also able to make use of research facilities following the talk, with the support of an archivist.

Visit www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/ for more information and to book.

Aycliffe Pub Landlord Clocks Up 20 Years At The Helm



There is no resting on our laurels, we have a couple of ideas that will see The Tub evolve to the next level, these are still in the planning stage, so watch this space!

As a real community pub, we will continue with our charity work that has seen us donate tens of thousands to local charities.

Finally, back to the aforementioned party, when we started our band nights we wanted the first one to blow everyone away, so we found the top North-East band at the time, 'The Force', so, who better

to help us celebrate this landmark. Since they were last here, this band have supported some world-class bands, including:- Status Quo, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Steve Vai, Skin, Saxon, Magnum, The Little Angels, Nazareth, FM, Nils Lofgren, and Izzy Stradlin. A 'Kerrang' national poll previously voted The Force one of the country's Top Ten unsigned bands.

So get yourselves down The Tub for an awesome night of entertainment and help us celebrate the 20th anniversary".

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Syrian Evening

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This will take place on Friday 7th February, 5.30pm till 8.30pm in St. Clare's Church, DL5 5NT.
£6 for adults and children under 12 are free.
To book your ticket and for more information please call 07564 661537



Maybe depression is getting a bad press

Depression is getting a lot of stick at the moment but maybe it's getting a lot of undeserved bad press. I used to suffer with depression and have really bad days and weeks. I still have rubbish days but now the blackness is nothing more than overcast and a lot easier to handle.

We read the headlines about another celebrity who has committed suicide and straight away depression is identified as the culprit, the bad guy who is responsible for making this person take their own life. I have also attempted suicide and I can tell you it wasn't life itself I wanted to escape from it was the content of my rubbish life I could no longer deal with.

Maybe depression isn't the boogeyman we think it is. Maybe it's an effect and not a cause. Maybe instead of the dark destroyer of life it's a wake up call to the fact all is not well with the content of our life and we

need to re-evaluate some of the negative life choices we are making and the destructive consequences they are having on our health and well-being. Medical science has eradicated contagious diseases and now the vast majority of modern day illness and disease is caused as a direct result of life style and negative life choices we make on a daily basis. When it comes to our health and well-being we ourselves are the boogeyman and our own worst enemy.

Maybe before pointing an accusing finger at depression we should look a little closer to home and check out the content of the life we are considering trying to escape from. There is no denying the crippling effect depression can have, but nothing in life exists in isolation everything is connected and maybe the answer lies not in blame but in a greater understanding and better life choices.

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Durham City Welcomes the Year of the Rat

A day of celebrations in Durham city centre will welcome in the Chinese New Year.

The Chinese New Year, which begins on Saturday 25th January, will be celebrated with traditional music, dancing, storytelling, arts and more on Saturday 1st February. Entry to the event is free and the range of activities have been organised by Durham County Council, supported by Durham Chinese School, Durham Markets, Durham University and the Chinese Students' and Scholars Association (CSSA).

Lion dancers will perform in Millennium Place at 12.30pm in a tradition said to bring prosperity and good luck for the upcoming year. The procession will then travel across the city centre taking in various points in Prince Bishops, Elvet Bridge, Framwellgate Bridge, River Walk and Market Place before visiting Clayport Library and finishing in Walkergate. Durham Town Hall will host a range of activities between 10.30am and 3.30pm, including a tea-tasting ceremony, craft activities, calligraphy sessions and a chance to learn about Chinese horoscopes with Durham County Council's international office.

A number of Chinese-themed performances will also take place in the town hall, including:

- Music and dance performances by St Oswald's, Shincliffe, Langley Moor, Bearpark and St Margaret's primary schools, who have been supported by university students.
- Traditional Chinese



2019's Chinese New Year celebrations

music, songs, dancing and a fashion show by members of the Chinese Students' and Scholars' Association. Clayport Library will host language taster sessions and storytelling sessions between 11am and 2pm and children can also create Chinese-themed arts and crafts throughout the day to take home.

Cllr Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Last year's Chinese New Year celebrations were a tremendous success, bringing big crowds to Durham, creating a fantastic atmosphere and helping to support our local traders. More than 3,400 people visited the town hall to take part in the free activities and watch the entertainment. Clayport Library welcomed an extra 1,400 people through their doors, compared with a normal Saturday.

"Events like this are a fantastic way for people to experience different cultures and traditions, whilst also enjoying an affordable day out. I'm sure the crowds will enjoy the many parades and performances we have lined



up year.

"We've got another fun-packed day planned to welcome in 2020, the Year of the Rat. It's set to be a vibrant and colourful event with lots to see and do and I hope that people of all ages will join us in the city to enjoy the free activities."

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PARLIAMENT TALK

Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

Last week's agenda changed significantly after the Hitachi announcement. I was fully briefed by the company regarding the need to make this change and their ongoing commitment to both the UK and Newton Aycliffe in particular. This is endorsed by their simultaneous announcement of investment in broadening their capabilities to make the operation more capable and competitive in the future. The concern is always for the affected employees first and I am assured Hitachi will work with Union and all other parties to mitigate the impact as much as possible. I was also able to meet with the Union to take their perspective and I have discussed with Business Durham the support they are offering. I have met with various ministers to discuss how we can create an environment in which Hitachi's commitment to the UK is recognised in procurement tendering for future contracts and as we conclude Brexit our flexibility to act will increase. As for the rest of my week I have had meetings with the Northern Powerhouse minister, the Secretary of State for International Trade and had a briefing on House protocols and safety from the Speaker.

A number of my discussions in Westminster are about infrastructure priorities for Sedgefield and I am happy to take any representations regarding these.

Work continues in sourcing an office and I will let you all know as soon as this concludes, in the meantime we will be arranging some drop in surgeries, I will be out and about in the constituency over Friday and the weekend and look forward to catching up with some of you.

Paul Howell
Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

Northern Powerhouse Minister Praises County Durham Investment Opportunities



(l-r) Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield; Jake Berry, Northern Powerhouse minister; Cllr Simon, Leader of Durham County Council; Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration; and Terry Collins, Chief Executive of Durham County Council.

A leading government minister has called on global businesses to consider investing in County Durham.

Jake Berry, Northern Powerhouse minister, praised the "passion and drive" of the area's "highly-skilled workforce" and described the county as a "good place to invest" during a visit to the area.

Mr Berry took a tour of family firm Thomas Swan in Consett and the Centre for Process Innovation at the North East Technology Park (NETPark) in Sedgefield. He also met Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, and other leading figures from the authority.

"If you're a business anywhere in the world, or even in the UK, I think this is a really good place to invest – and it's not just about the sort of plans that the council comes up with, I think the people who live here have a real warmth and an absolute passion and drive that will serve every business extremely well," Mr Berry said during his visit to NETPark.

"If you're thinking of 'North-Shoring', I completely approve of this – it's about taking jobs from London and the south east and returning them to the north of England – and I think County Durham's a wonderful place to come. There are wonderful people here, a highly skilled workforce and a very commercial and forward-looking authority to work with."

Mr Berry also emphasised the need for government to work with local authorities and praised Durham County Council's commitment to encouraging and supporting investment in the county.

"I wanted to come to County Durham...to see the

extraordinary partnership that is delivering that growing Durham economy and, of course, this isn't the government doing it on our own," he added.

"We are working in close partnership with the local authority and your members of parliament to make sure as we deliver that Northern Powerhouse it becomes about high value, secure jobs for everyone who lives in this great county."

"We already have, I hope, a really good relationship with the figures from the council and it's really, really refreshing to meet with them again here in County Durham and hear the ambitious plans they have in their 2050 vision. Elections only come round every few years and, in between elections, it's so refreshing to have an approach by all that says 'let's take the rosettes off, let's do everything we can in our power, let's work tirelessly for the people of county Durham to deliver

on that plan because actually it's about the people."

Speaking about the minister's visit, Cllr Henig said: "It's been really positive to welcome the minister to County Durham. I think he recognises just how important what we have here is for the economy, not just in County Durham but across the whole of the north, and that's very positive as we move forward with our agenda to bring more jobs and an economic advance to County Durham."

"It's very important that we are working with the government to take things forward in terms of more jobs and more infrastructure to County Durham. That's why it's so good to have this meeting so early in the new year to talk about our plans and how we can maximise the number of jobs coming in to County Durham, which will benefit the whole county and its residents."

MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER 2020

Tickets are now on sale for the Great Aycliffe Town Council Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner to be held at Woodham Golf and Country Club, Burnhill Way Newton Aycliffe DL5 4PN on **Friday 28th February 2020**.

The event starts at 7pm with music and there will be a raffle and tombola with proceeds to be donated to the Mayor's chosen charity **S.S.A.F.A - The Armed Forces Charity**. Tickets are £25.00 each and include a 3 course dinner with tea/coffee, for details of how to reserve your place for this popular event please telephone 01325 300700 or e-mail: sharna.stretch@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

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ELEVEN BONGS? NO, THOUSANDS!

Dear Sir,
Our majority, sovereign, Government has decided that it will deliver the democratic wish of the majority of the electors who voted to leave the E.U. at 21:00 hours on 31st January 2020. A proposal to have Big Ben bong eleven times to celebrate the return of Sovereignty to our Parliament and people has been thwarted by the fact that the floor to the bell tower and the clapper have been removed for repair.

However, throughout the land we have parish churches and cathedrals, most with working bell towers.

Prior to the Referendum the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Durham both spoke out in support of Remain. After the Leave vote, when the debate changed from implementation of the Referendum result to one of implementing the democratic will, they then called for reconciliation between Remain voters and Leave voters. However, their calls for reconciliation would have been better heard had they shown humility and accepted they should not have spoken out in the first place! Indeed, their idea of reconciliation was a second referendum to give Leave voters a chance to change their minds!

We are leaving the E.U. and the established Church should now reconcile

itself to this fact and to the majority view in the House of Commons and the Country. This is no longer a matter for political meddling. It now is about our country's ability to trade on beneficial terms with the rump of the E.U. and the rest of the world, as a Sovereign State. It is not doctrinal. It is not a matter of faith. Indeed, it is not a matter that Church leaders should have been pontificating upon in the first place!

How magnanimous it would be if the Established Church required the bells of all of its cathedrals and parish churches to ring out at the specified time. Thus, assisting the people to celebrate the return of Sovereignty and the reconciliation between Parliament and the people, evidenced in the last General Election. It may even help to reconcile Leave voters to the Church!

Yours Sincerely
Alastair P.G. Welsh

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The Hog Blog!



I hope that last weeks hog blog was informative for you all. If I can remind everyone of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society telephone number 01584 890801, they provide help, information and literature for anybody who wants to learn more about how to help these wonderful mammals including gardening tips etc. We are still finding some little hedgehogs out and about which is quite unusual, a little female 300g was picked up by Karen on Sunday morning and taken to rescue, speedy recovery wishes sent to her.

This week I would like you to meet Hagrid, he came into our rescue with his three sisters Hermione, Hazel and Hester last Autumn, he was a baby only 167grams, he is our gentle giant now at just over 1000g, he likes to wander around his surroundings when the bed and food are being changed. I want to thank Ian for bringing the litter to me in such a lovely healthy condition, the whole litter will be released together in the spring along with Hermione who has gone from strength to strength at 800g, a true survivor.

I would like to mention and thank Eddie who has donated some Brambles hedgehog meat and biscuits, Hagrid and Hermione love it and it also is very low in fat and nutritious, no pre release diets needed this year!

Finally, there is a new hedgehog street app which is also a good source of information for everyone.

Maxine and Viv
Aycliffe Rescue Centre

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL ISSUES

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next board meeting.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership board will be meeting on Tuesday 28th January 2020, between 6pm and 8pm at Oakleaf Sports Complex, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Local people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting. Board members will be receiving two presentations at the meeting, the first from the County Durham Police, Crime & Victims' Commissioner in relation to the Council Tax Precept for Policing, and also from the Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to their current consultations around Stroke Rehabilitation Services and Inpatient Rehabilitation Services (Ward 6 at Bishop Auckland Hospital). Board members will also be reviewing a number of funding proposals from Councillors' neighbourhood budgets. Anyone who would like to

attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk

Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

Leisure Investment Approved by Councillors

More modern, vibrant and innovative leisure services are promised for County Durham as part of £63 million plans approved on Wednesday, 15th January. Members of Durham County Council's Cabinet have given the green light to proposals which have been developed to ensure the authority's leisure services meet the changing needs of residents and visitors.

As well as replacing outdated facilities in Seaham, Chester-le-Street and Bishop Auckland with new purpose-built centres, the £62.8 million plans include refurbishing and refreshing other centres and introducing a new programme of classes and activities which reflects changing trends. This could include adventure play and climb, health spas, ten pin bowling and toning suites. Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for Durham County Council, said: "We have already been very successful in introducing pioneering new ways to get active at our leisure centres, including pool-based activities such as aqua cycle and aqua pole sessions, which have proven very popular.

"It's important that we build on this by continuing to follow changing tastes and trends in the fitness industry if we are to increase participation in physical activity in the county and provide people with the type of services they want. "In some areas this means looking at what our centres currently offer and updating it or even refurbishing areas and introducing new equipment. However, in Seaham, Bishop Auckland and Chester-le-Street, the centres would require significant work so the most viable option is to look at building a new centre.

"I am, therefore, particularly pleased that we are able to commit such a significant sum to make this happen as part of a project that is going to see the transformation of our leisure centres over the coming years." Before finalising any plans for its centres, the council will work with residents and leisure centre users to decide how services should look.

County Durham Castle Hits the Nation's Screens



Alex Langlands with the excavation team on the final day of the excavation.
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The untold stories of one of the region's most historic castles have been broadcast to the nation in an hour-long television documentary.

Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland was featured on Channel 5 show, Digging Up Britain's Past, at 7pm on Saturday, 18th January 2020. The popular programme has explored legends from British history such as Henry VII and Robin Hood. And, last week it was County Durham's own powerful Prince Bishops in the spotlight as presenter, Alex Langlands, joined experts in an archaeological dig at 900-year-old Auckland Castle.

The excavation, which took place in 2019, revealed more about the lives of the Prince Bishops, men who governed the Palatinate of Durham, a role which gave them exceptional power beyond that of any other bishop in England. Auckland Castle was one of their palaces, places of work and seats of power.

The discoveries shine a light on the impressive size and scale of the Castle's medieval walls, showing they were at one point, two-and-a-half metres wide and more than seven metres tall. Inside the Castle's imposing walls, archaeologists excavated an area outside the Castle's Great Hall, where they found pieces of glass, cutlery and crockery, which would have been on the Bishop's table during the 17th century.

Those digging on the site also found scraps of centuries-old food that would have been served at the Bishop's table. Animal and shell bones, as well as shellfish and lobster were uncovered in a medieval rubbish dump, exactly where they would have been thrown centuries ago by those working in the Castle's kitchens.

The television programme saw presenter Alex Langlands, who is also a lecturer in Medieval History, Archaeology and Heritage, examine these discoveries alongside Professor Chris Gerrard, Dr Pam Graves and Caroline Smith from Durham University's Archaeology department and John

Castling, Archaeology and Social History Curator at The Auckland Project.

The Digging Up Britain's Past team also travelled across the country to learn more about Anthony Bek, (Bishop of Durham from 1284-1310), and his medieval way of life. The team visited Dirlerton Castle in Scotland, which was besieged by the Bishop's army, and Corfe Castle in Dorset to get hands on with medieval weapons of war.

The show shone a light on the extraordinary archaeological finds uncovered at Auckland Castle and their contribution towards the understanding of medieval Britain.

Many of the exciting finds seen on the programme, discovered during the dig, will be on display in an exhibition at Auckland Castle later this year. Professor Gerrard led the excavation last summer with archaeology students from the University taking part alongside volunteers from regional charity, The Auckland Project, which owns the Castle.

The excavation is part of an annual programme of

excavations in partnership with The Auckland Project with more planned in the future.

Chris said: "Working together with local volunteers from The Auckland Project and Durham University students, we uncovered structures we never knew existed and provided a fascinating window into the lives of the powerful Prince Bishops. The excavation has given us so much new information on the lifestyles of those living at Auckland Castle.

"Every year we find out a little bit more and add to the ever growing story of the Prince Bishops. We are already looking forward to coming back again next year."

John Castling said: "Having the Digging Up Britain's Past team on site during the dig was very exciting for everyone and it's been amazing to see Bishop Auckland feature on television.

"It is great for more people to hear the stories of the Prince Bishops and learn more about the rich history of Auckland Castle and County Durham."

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Under 16s Talent Competition

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90s Classix v 00s Clubland

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Emergency Services Day

Wednesday 12th August at Aycliffe Town Centre
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Christmas Celebrations 2020

Saturday 28th November at Aycliffe Town Centre
Free event

Aycliffe Radio Xmas Live 2020

Saturday 5th December - TBC

GREENFIELD STUDENTS NAVIGATE SLOPES IN AOSTA VALLEY



A group of 27 students and staff from Greenfield Community College enjoyed a valuable experience in Italy's Aosta Valley as they took part in the annual ski residential. Greenfield has visited Pila, a superb Italian ski resort boasting stunning views of Monte Bianco for 18 years and hundreds of students have benefitted from the first-class tuition provided by the Italian and British instructors.

At times the visibility on the slopes was challenging this year but students were resilient and focused on their techniques and safety awareness to combat the conditions, enjoying the experience and improving their skills.

Mr Butterworth added "the students were an absolute credit to themselves and it was a very enjoyable week for all involved. The progress the students made was outstanding and I know that many of them have already signed back up for next year's residential".

Learning outside the classroom is vitally important in enhancing the education of every child, Greenfield offer a range of opportunities to engage, enthuse and broaden aspirations. The



ski residential is one such opportunity where students develop life-long learning, both on and off the slopes.

Students learn a new craft but also realise a life changing educational experience. They are up early, into lessons all day, follow a comprehensive après ski programme and complete a full programme of school work on an evening. They work extremely hard and each and every one 'grows' during their week away; learning about themselves, the people around them and what it's like to do things for themselves. Assemblies are soon to be undertaken across both sites to launch Ski Pila 2020.

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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
Yesterdays Music Today Sponsored by MV Mobility		
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
• 26th Jan -	Elizabeth Anne Thompson and Carole King	
12-1.30pm	Sports Talk (R)	Sean Lawless
Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
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
5-6pm	Teenage Tunes	Ellarae Bower
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 Talk sponsored by Honest John		
6-7.30pm	Sports Talk	Sean Lawless
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
• 29th Jan -	David Sutton-Lloyd	
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	
• 31st Jan -	BeatRoote Live - Trance/House Mix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

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Sugar Hill Pupils Start 2020 With a Fundraiser Event!



Following an assembly about the bushfires

in Australia and the devastating effect it was having on the wildlife, children at Sugar Hill decided to raise funds by having a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th January 2020. Children came dressed in animal themed or print clothes.

In total, they managed to raise an amazing £516! This will be sent to World Wildlife Fund to assist them in their efforts to care for injured and displaced animals. We are so proud of all of our children for helping this worthy cause. A special mention to Maisie

Cochrane in Year 4 who had spent her weekend raising money by washing cars in order to donate as much as she could. She added £27.10 to our total!

Miss Timney, a student teacher in Year 1, told her 13 year old cousin, who lives in Australia, what the school was doing to help. She sent us a lovely video message of thanks on behalf of the people and animals of Australia, which we will be uploading to our school website should you wish to view it.

Mrs Alderson (Geography Lead)

Academy Launches £10,000 Charity Challenge



Year 11 Head Boy, Adam Hughes and Head Girl, Freya Dhiman help to officially launch the project.

Fundraising for worthy causes is an important part of life at King James I Academy and the school organises a host of events and activities throughout the year to show young people that they can make a real difference in their community and the wider world. For 2020, the Academy has launched their most ambitious project yet - The £10,000 Charity Challenge.

The aim is to raise a total of £10,000 for a variety of charities, both local and national, between January 2020 and January 2021.

Each half term, year groups from 7-11 will be allocated a different charity and their fundraising efforts will be donated at the end of the time period with the school totaliser keeping track of their year group efforts and their contribution towards fulfilling the overall Academy goal. Over the next year King James will be supporting the British Heart Foundation, Stray Aid Local Animal Rescue, Butterwick Hospice, West Auckland Food Bank and The Offside Trust - Safeguarding Children in Sport. Local businesses or members of the community who would like to make a donation can contact Main Reception at King James.

Woodham Students Help Plant Trees

Students have turned out in force to help Woodham Academy Wildlife Club members plant trees on their school grounds. The year-old trees, known as 'whips', were donated by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), as part of their I Dig Trees campaign, and join some hundred and fifty or so specimens already added to the site by students, parents and community partners over the previous five years. The 120 new arrivals are native broad-leaved varieties, such as blackthorn and hawthorn, and are chosen for the many benefits they provide wildlife, through their profuse flowers and berries; they will also 'fix' some of the Carbon Dioxide currently produced by the school. Wildlife Club members can count their individual conservation hours towards a John Muir Award, but at times like these rely on the good will and enthusiasm of their peers to get the job done. Happily, they have not been disappointed.

Present at the planting was Woodham Academy's new

Head teacher, Mr Bell. Mr Bell was happy to reveal that he is an enthusiastic recycler at home, and would like to see the dedication and determination shown by his own young family members take fruit in the school where he works. Indeed, he has already given the green light to a student based environmental group, who are looking at how to reduce their carbon footprint by reducing plastic use and recycling paper, etc.

When it comes to taking action against climate change, it seems Woodham Academy is already well ahead of the curve, having had 184 solar panels installed, as part of Solar for Schools, in the summer of 2018. Since then the school has generated 46,030 kWh of its own electricity, using the power of the sun, and has, as a result, avoided adding an additional 18 tonnes of the 'green-house' gas CO2 to our already overheating climate.

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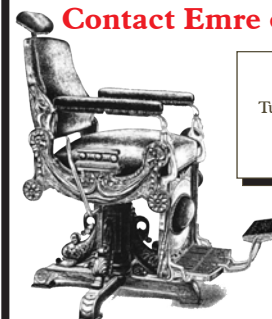
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The Durham branch of a canine company founded in 2000, to provide home from home dog care instead of kennelling, is helping to celebrate 20 years of people experiencing health and well-being benefits due to an alternative to dog ownership. Jennifer Davies has been a 'host' dog sitter for Barking

Mad for nearly fourteen years and believes that her hobby has changed her life. She said, "The best thing about hosting is – Unconditional Love! I always get a lovely good morning greeting with lots of tail wagging and I am much fitter. I have lost five stone in weight. Having



a dog is much the same as having a baby – people talk to you and make a fuss of the dogs. I have met so many new people with dogs and without.

My first doggy visitors were Todd and Jazz, two salukis. In the evenings, Jazz would curl up by my feet and Todd would be beside me with his head on my shoulder, gazing into my eyes. I was totally hooked – who wouldn't be? I have a son who lives in Guernsey who I visit regularly and I like going on holidays with my friends. If I had my own dog, this would make things more complicated. With Barking Mad, I always say I have all of the pleasure and none of the expense or worry about what would happen if I became unwell."

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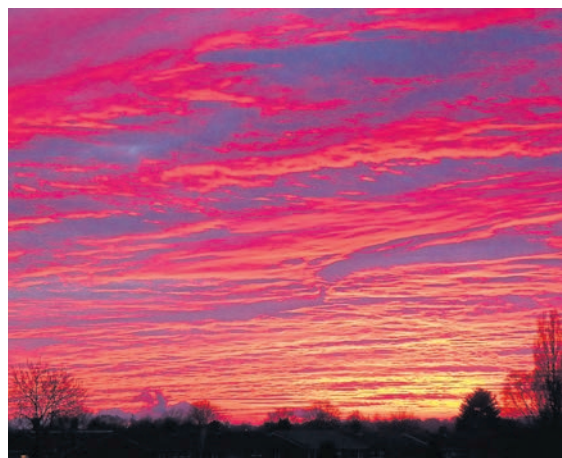
'The Pet Factor – Companion Animals as a Conduit for Getting to Know People, Friendship Formation and Social Support', states that, 'Companion animals can be a catalyst for several dimensions of human social relationships in

neighbourhood settings, ranging from incidental social interaction and getting to know people, through to formation of friendships.'

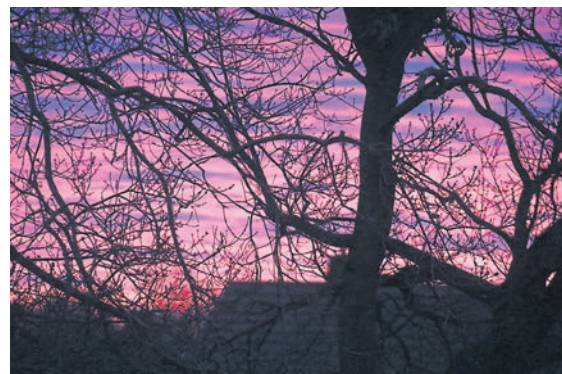
Owner-operator of Barking Mad Durham, Joanne Hewitt, said: "As Barking Mad celebrates its 20th anniversary, our proudest achievement is the happiness which holidaying dogs have brought to the lives of our host families. We match friendly dogs to hosts' preferences and lifestyle, for their holidays and short breaks. It's ideal for retirees, home-based workers and teachers in school holidays. We take care of everything, including chauffeuring dogs to our hosts' homes with all their essentials and providing 24/7 support. Hosts experience all the benefits of dog companionship without any of the emotional or financial responsibilities of full-time pet ownership."

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"Winter Sunset" by John Williamson



"Sunset"

Taken at Bewick Crescent, 18th January by Peter Russell.
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COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

As you know, I regard it as my councillor's duty to keep you up to date with developments in the Council and community ... so here is this week's update. As always – if you want to find out more about any of the following – please go to my blog at: bit.ly/CNB148

(1) DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

With most of the Council's announcements paused during the election, January's DCC Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 15 January was a long meeting full of major initiatives. If I had to choose five of the 11 items discussed, I would highlight:

- The Selective Licensing Scheme (To meet government criteria, the Council is not proposing to cover the whole county, but will put in appropriate measures for areas not covered)

- Leisure Transformation (The Council is reviewing its leisure offer, including spending £53 million on rebuilding three Leisure Centres and improvements to other centres)

- Roadworks Permit Scheme (At last!! Companies digging up the road will have to apply for a permit, and pay per day ... with penalties if they overrun)

- WASPI concessionary bus passes (to help 3,000 women who lost out as a result of the government's changes to women's pensions)

- Allotments policy (An attempt to reorganise and improve the Council's allotment sites, including a ban on large animals such as horses, llamas and ostriches)

The County Council also held a walking and cycling workshop in the town last week; the Council is extending its cycling and walking offer, is starting in Newton Aycliffe, and wanted to hear residents' suggestions (there is still time to comment, via my blog).

(2) GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council's Environment and Recreation Committees also met on Wednesday 15th – the main issues discussed were Ash dieback, the

need for a path to Aycliffe Village play area, the Golf Course ... and the Oakleaf Complex 'Specials'!

(3) CONSULTATIONS

There are three important consultations to complete this week – on local pharmacy services; the Fire and Rescue Service Plan proposals; and the proposed new Durham City bus station (which includes stained glass-effect solar PV, a green roof, and provision for electric buses).

(4) GOOD NEWS

Finally, there is lots of good news for the Aycliffe Business Park (including Crafter's Companion, Excelpoint, and The Fish Tank) ... and Newton Aycliffe Ambulance Station is applying for planning permission to install a 14kW air source heat pump.

NEW FRIENDS NEW PLACES

New Friends New Places invite you to join them – Coach Trip to Thirsk £5 and James Herriot Centre £6, optional, Saturday 1st February 2020, leaving Wilco bus stop 9.15am and Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop 9.30am. Calling at Northallerton Market on the way home. Ring 308094 / 07967 901 477 to book or make further enquiries.

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Juniors Football Report



It was a mixed weekend for the NAJFC juniors this weekend with a lot of the games being called off due to frozen pitches.

Under 7 Whites were in action again on Saturday in the Russell Foster Youth League. The boys played well and finished the first half with a strong performance, however they couldn't progress with the same energy in the second half and were unlucky not to gain anything from this game. Man of the match went to William.

Under 8 Whites yet again produced a very strong performance against a good Bishop side. All the boys were given praise for how well they

encouraged and praised each other throughout the game. With a hat trick each for Jack R and Dom and man of the match going to Tyler for his strong performance in all 3 positions he played in for that game.

Under 8 Blacks got a great result this weekend. With 3 players missing the team were stretched, however they all pulled together for a great performance. Some great saves from keeper Jake and goals from Max 3, Benjamin 2 and one from James but the man of the match was given to Ollie for his strong defensive display.

Under 11 Blacks played away against a very strong Seaham

team. The team played their hearts out, however they were just pipped to the post in this game. Aycliffe's only goal was scored by Keaton and the man of the match award was given to Luke.

Under 14s played a third home game in a row against Sunderland RCA. The two teams were evenly matched across the game with an outstanding effort from the juniors, however Sunderland did catch Aycliffe napping slightly straight after half time with two quick fire goals. Unfortunately the juniors efforts were not enough this week and the game finished in a 3-0 defeat. Man of the match went to Callum.

Holocaust Told Through Children's Eyes at Exhibition

A POP UP exhibition heading to Sunderland on 25th January will offer a unique insight into the Holocaust through the eyes of children.

The Bridges shopping centre will host Children Under the Nazis on 24th and 25th January, ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27th January.

A collection of drawings, essays and testimonials collected in the early post-war era will be on display across 10 banner stands at the centre's Walworth Way North.

And the exhibition – curated by Dr Beate Müller, Reader in Modern German Studies at Newcastle University, in collaboration with the South African Holocaust and Genocide Foundation – features first-hand accounts from young people, including those who were Jewish, handicapped, Roma and Sinti, and German Hitler Youth.

Andy Bradley, centre director at the Bridges, hopes people will take the time to visit the display.

"We're really looking forward to hosting such an important exhibition, which offers a rare glimpse into the lives of children who lived

through such unimaginable conditions.

"The first-hand accounts are incredibly powerful and it is certainly an exhibition that will leave a lasting impact on those who visit."

Dr Beate Müller said: "When we engage with the Holocaust, it's often the actions and decisions taken by adults that we focus on, be they victims, perpetrators, or bystanders, but millions of children were also affected by Nazi rule.

"I believe it's important to listen to children's voices from the time in order to reflect on what persecution, exploitation, forced migration, families torn apart, slave labour, hunger, abuse, fear of death, and war truly mean for the most innocent of victims: children. "Hopefully, such warnings from history will help us prevent future genocides, wars, and related human rights violations."

For more information about the Bridges, visit www.thebridges-shopping.com

The exhibition can be borrowed free of charge for educational purposes and more information can be found at <http://teaching.ncl.ac.uk/childrenunderthenazis/>

Woodham Academy Ski Trip to Italy



Year 11 students from Woodham Academy welcomed in the New Year in the idyllic setting of the Aosta Valley, Italy. With the usual term time trip limited to years 8-10, the additional trip was offered at the request of the year 11 students. Many of the group were familiar with Pila having skied there the year before, and with constant blue skies, the stunning panorama of the Italian Swiss border from Mont Blanc to the Matterhorn was visible every day.

With a smaller group than usual, students were able to visit the neighbouring resort of Courmayeur for a day. Courmayeur is situated at the foot of Mont Blanc and the breathtaking views of the Dent du Geant and the Grandes Jorasses were an imposing sight for all to see. The day finished with a visit to the stylish village and the pedestrianised Via Roma which was still decorated with spectacular Christmas illuminations.

Woodham Academy Deputy Headteacher and party leader Danny Morgans said: "It was wonderful to see how much the students improved during their week away, and also extremely rewarding to be able to take them to see cultural sights in the Aosta Valley such as the Roman amphitheatre that is over 2000 years old."

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RUGBY UPDATE

Last Saturday Newton Aycliffe 1st XV resumed their league season campaign at Prudhoe and Stocksfield, North of the Tyne. It's Aycliffe's first match in 2020 and the squad were certainly eager for this game.

Aycliffe fielded a changed team with the main changes being in the forwards. The front row of James Hanlon, Alfie Wilson (replaced by Paul Richardson) and Sam Daltry performing brilliantly in the scrum. Although up against it in the tight they gelled as a unit causing problems for Prudhoe around the breakdown and in the lineout, with Luke Harty dominating throughout. Another change saw James Thacker have an outstanding game at number 8, causing the opposition a headache not knowing if he was attacking from the scrum or out in the backs! However, an infringement by Aycliffe allowed the home side to slot over a penalty against run of the match. 3-0 (18mins). The work rate put in by the back row was outstanding and was borne out by a Man of the Match performance by Neil Anderson at number 7 – some engine that boy! It didn't take Aycliffe long to regain their composure when Luke Tinkler intercepted a loose pass

and ran in the first try of the match, ably converted by Euan Kitching. 3-7 (24 mins). Soon after it was Prudhoe who infringed offside and gave away another penalty which Kitching skilfully scored. 3-10 (26 mins). This remained the half time score.

It took another 11 mins into the second half before Anderson scored a fantastic try resulting from some hard work against a dogged Prudhoe defence. 3-17 (51 mins). From this moment Prudhoe increased their tempo desperate to gain at least a losing bonus point as this has been a regular feature of their point accumulation in the division.

Tactical changes throughout ensured the kind of coherent play the coaching team are working the team towards, with the most impressive period of the game being the last 10 minutes, when, 3-17 down Prudhoe camped on the Aycliffe try line and were repelled at every attack. Every Aycliffe player on the field defended brilliantly with each Prudhoe effort being halted on the gain line time and again! No further points were scored by either team, but this resounding victory against a tough team meant a lot to all the Aycliffe squad and travelling fans.

Aycliffe would like to thank sponsors Fab Shop for their continued support. Despite the long break over the festive holidays Aycliffe have no fixture for this Saturday. Their next league match is at home at Moore Lane the following Saturday, Feb 1st 2020 KO 2.15pm against Redcar. Redcar are division leaders and it promises to be a great match. All old and new supporters will be made very welcome at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club.

THE BIG SHED MEN TALKING TOGETHER

Men Talking Together and Helping Britain to "Get Talking" in January. Every Monday 11.00am until 1.30pm. Venue: The Big Shed, Unit 14a, The I.E.S. Centre behind Newton Press. Car access and parking available. Please come and join us. We will be making plans for days away. If you have any knowledge or skills and new ideas please come and share them with us. Ring 01325 308094 / 07967 901477.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It was a busier week this week for ARC with the focus of the racing being on cross country.

Parkruns were, as ever, popular with our members on Saturday morning, with good turnouts at several across the region and some undertaking these is new venues. As such this meant there were no PB's to record this week but still great running.

On Sunday, the racing began at Birtley, nr Chester-le-Street where we had three male teams and three female teams competing in the cross-country relays. This is the second year of this particular race, and although still nippy the weather was kinder this year and we didn't have the horrific wind that we had last year.

The course is laid out on the school fields at Lord Lawson school but despite this they still manage to find a number of hills (per lap) for the runners to climb and each runner completes 2 laps (3k in total).

In the mens race the first team home were Paul Dalton (11.39), Andrew Sedgewick (12.53) and Richard Campbell (12.31). They were followed by Andy Talbot (12.29), Shaun Dodds (15.38) and Trevor Needham (15.13). Our final team home were Alan Kellett (17.00), David Stothard (16.21) and James Wilson (18.14).

In the ladies race, the first team home was Michelle Scott in (14.48), Katie Dodds (15.02) and Julie Nisbet (15.21). They were followed by Michaela Kerr (17.16), Steph Colvin (18.15) and Anne Kellett (20.16). Our final team home was Bev Phillippo (18.17), Eve Doe (23.27) and Jan McLuckie 23.37).

Down in Middlesbrough we had several members taking part in the NYSD cross country fixture at Ormesby. Compared to previous years however, the conditions underfoot were not great and members have described this as a mudbath!!

First up were the ladies and over 65 men who undertake a distance of around 3.5 miles. Michelle Jane was first home for ARC in 30.02, followed by Kevin Greenall in 36.56, Kelly Tamar in 38.20, Jane Burnside in 43.00 and Susan Clark in 45.16.



In the men's race the distance is around 5.5 miles. First home was Mark Wade in 38.38, followed by Dez Fielden in 41.59, Peter Milburn in 42.18 and John Burnside in 47.33. Finally, also on Sunday, Carley Gibson took part in the 6x6 at Hardwick Park organised by the North East Marathon Club. This event took place between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and consisted of 1.5 mile laps of Hardwick Park (parkrun course - including the hill).



The idea was to run as many or as few laps as you wanted in that time. Carley completed 13.1 miles (9 laps) in 2 hours 45 mins.

Junior Section

On Sunday Hannah Brischuk took part in the Ormesby Hall cross country race. It was a challenging course with an additional woodland trail which was not there last year, also very frosty conditions. Hannah completed the distance of 1.5k in 8.23.

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.

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GET INTO THE GREEN SCENE WITH SALTHOLME'S FIRST ECO FAIR

RSPB Saltholme, the popular nature reserve near Stockton on Tees, is encouraging visitors to think more sustainably by hosting its first ever eco fair this month.

Throughout January, visitors have been encouraged to think a little more about the products they use and the waste that they create, through an initiative called Plastic Action Month. During this time visitors have been educated about alternatives to single use plastics and

have been encouraged to take part in soap making and canvas bag painting workshops.

Laura Pringle, Visitor Experience Intern, said "Plastic Action Month has been extremely well received by our visitors so far. A particular highlight for me has been the litter pick we held at South Gare last weekend, where 70 amazing people helped us remove 600kg of waste from the beach. Our pledgehog - a hedgehog themed pledge board - has



Ecofair - Rahul Thanki (rspb-images.com)

been another wild success; with over 60 eco-friendly pledges made in the last couple of weeks from children and families of all ages".

To round off this month of environmental action the reserve is hosting an Eco Fair, which will have stalls selling environmentally friendly products ranging from vegan preserves and cider to household products and cosmetics. The Eco fair runs from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 25th January and entry to the fair is free. "I am very excited to have organised Saltholme's first eco fair and we are looking forward to welcoming 12 local eco-friendly business and organisations to our reserve this Saturday.

The aim of Plastic Action Month has been to get people thinking in a more eco-friendly way, in line with New Year's resolution ideals. Whether you have made a conscious choice to be more eco-friendly, or are simply wanting to learn more, pop in and have a browse!"

In addition to the Eco Fair, visitors to the reserve in January can also enjoy exploring the reserve, relaxing in the visitor centre cafe or browsing the new products in the shop. Admission fees apply if heading out on to the reserve. RSPB Saltholme is open 9.30am - 4.00pm every day. Visitor can also follow the reserve on Facebook and Twitter.

Free Business Event Aims to Simplify Legislation

Small to medium-sized businesses in the North East can gain the tools they need to deal with a range of regulatory requirements at a free event next week.

Hosted by Durham County Council, 'Simplifying Regulation - Getting it right first time' will provide advice and support to ensure businesses comply with legislation.

From learning how to manage risk in the workplace, to staying up to date with fire safety legislation, possible changes for trading overseas and a wide range of Trading Standards issues - respected professionals will share their expertise in a series of presentations.

The event takes place at Hardwick Hall Hotel, near Sedgefield, on Tuesday 28th January from 9am to 1pm, and is being hosted by the council as part of the North East Better Business for All

Partnership, and the Health and Safety Executive.

Cllr Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We know it can be difficult to stay up to date with changes to legislation. It's also not always clear which regulations apply to businesses and what is required of them to ensure they comply."

"This event aims to simplify the process and provide clear information and advice. I would encourage small and medium-sized businesses to come along and take advantage of the support and networking opportunities on offer." For more information and to register for a free place, visit www.durham.gov.uk/bbfa.

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Aycliffe Business Park Community to Appoint Engagement Consultant

The board of Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) is looking to appoint an individual or company on a consultancy basis to support the implementation of its 'On the Map' business engagement project.

Aycliffe Business Park is the largest in the North-East, with an estimated 500 companies employing more than 10,000 people.

ABPC was originally set up seven years ago as an informal group, but was formalised into a limited company in 2016 with the appointment of several unpaid directors.

More than three years since launching officially, ABPC now wants to engage with more companies on Aycliffe Business Park by appointing its first paid-for role, initially on a three-month term.

The objectives of ABPC's 'On the Map' project are to raise awareness among businesses on the park that may not yet have engaged with ABPC, increase the number of businesses that engage with ABPC events and activities, gather feedback and views of businesses to help inform future activities, and ensure ABPC is meeting the needs of businesses based on the park.

The scope of the work required from the three-month project, due to start on 1st March, 2020, is to visit businesses on the park, gather basic information about what the business does, design a simple set of survey questions to ask businesses visited in order to gather feedback and views and inform them of the opportunities on the ABPC website.

The remit will also be to increase the visibility of businesses, showcase their offer to other companies on the park and ensure they're aware of the external support available and how it can be accessed.

All work is to be carried out under the Aycliffe Business Park Community brand, working closely with the



ABPC board.

The successful candidate would be expected to produce a monthly written report outlining the number of businesses contacted per month, the numbers engaged, information gathered and business feedback/views, as well as attending monthly board meetings and the regular news and networking meetings.

ABPC board chair Kerina Clarksaid: "The appointment of our first remunerated role is a significant development for Aycliffe Business Park Community. The ABPC board is made up of unpaid volunteers, representatives from around the business park who are willing to offer some of their time for free, and that has its limitations in terms of how much time we can spend trying to get out there to meet businesses.

"While our news and networking meetings are always popular and very well attended, we need to engage with more businesses. So we're looking for a professional, self-motivated and ambitious individual to help us do that, to get out there and be more visible and get more feedback from companies on the business park."

The successful candidate could either be an individual consultant, or from a consultancy business.

Those interested are invited to submit a short proposal outlining their experience, how they would approach the work, the number of days

proposed, and their hourly or daily rate.

Proposals can be submitted by email to hello@aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk by Friday 31st January, 2020.

ABPC aims to support and aid economic development and economic activity on Aycliffe Business Park, and to promote and supporting the ABP through events and marketing materials, both in print and online.

It aims to do this by signposting ABPC members to support, provision and information for their business needs while communicating and sharing skills, best practice and facilitating knowledge transfer within the ABPC. Spread across 400 hectares, Aycliffe Business Park is home to more than 500 companies employing around 10,000 people.

Thank You

DIXON

The family of the late Bernard (Bernie) Dixon would like to extend thanks to family and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and tributes that we have received during this sad time. We would also like to thank Carole Briggs and the Co-op Funeralcare team for giving Bernie a wonderful send off. Thanks also to LA Catering and Newton Aycliffe Sports Club.

RAINE

Newton Aycliffe

January 16th, peacefully at home after a short illness. Luke aged 78 years. Devoted Husband to Joyce; loving Dad to Colin and his partner Helen, also a much loved Uncle. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Funeral Friday 31st January. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Clare's Church, 12 noon followed by Committal and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, may be given at The Big Club or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel 01325 318600.

GOUGH

(Nee Webster)

Norma of Newton Aycliffe passed away peacefully on 16th January, aged 74 years. A much loved Mam and Nana.

Family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Monday 3rd February at 11.30 am.

Everyone is welcome to return to The Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe following the service.

REDHEAD

(Formerly Smith, Nee Collins)

On 4th January, peacefully in hospital, Joan of Newton Aycliffe, aged 84 years. Dearly loved Wife of David; beloved Mum of Peter and Shaun and much loved Nanny of George, Samuel and Joseph.

Funeral Service to take place on Monday 27th January at 10.15am in Darlington Crematorium. All welcome. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to The Alzheimer's Society. Collection box at the crematorium.

SHENTON

15th January, peacefully at St Clare's Court Care Home. Dorothy aged 94 years, of Newton Aycliffe. A loving Wife to the late Frank; beloved Mum to Antony, Val and the late Tim; Mother-in-Law to Sheila and John, also a cherished Gran to Nick and Chris, and Great Gran to Charlie.

Funeral Thursday 30th January. Would friends please meet for a Memorial Service in remembrance of Dorothy at Neville Parade Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe at 11.15am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be given for MIND and The British Heart Foundation.

WATSON

(Nee Henderson)

Rita, of Newton Aycliffe. Peacefully at home on January 17th, aged 81 years. A much loved Wife, Mam and Grandmother. Family and friends, please meet for a funeral service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 4th February at 10.30 am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research, plate provided at the crematorium.



Maureen Howard

(Nee Taylor)

Newton Aycliffe

Passed peacefully at St Teresa's Hospice on Wednesday 15th January 2020, aged 87 years.

Devoted Wife of the late Michael Howard; loving Mam to John, Martin, Deborah, Graham and Catherine; much loved Mother-in-Law, Grandma and Great Grandma.

The funeral will be held on Friday 31st January at 11.30am at St Mary's RC Church, Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe.

Followed by a private burial. Flowers welcome or donations to St Teresa's Hospice.

SHARP

December 24, peacefully. Mary aged 63 years of Newton Aycliffe.

A much loved Mam of Tracey and Daniel; also a devoted Nana and Great Grandma.

Funeral Tuesday 4th February, would family and friends please meet at 11.00am for a Service in St. Clare's Church prior to burial in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Please wear bright colours as requested by Mary.

Mary Borg

Aged 93 years, sadly passed away 15th January 2020.

A much loved Mam, Granma & Great Granma. Family and friends please meet at St. Mary's RC Church on Tuesday 28th January at 11am.

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29th January

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Laura Ryder

(Nee Redhead)

Formerly of Spennymoor

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Loving Wife of the late George; loving Mother of the late Robert (Bob); loving Mother-in-Law to Mary and loving Nana and Great Nan.

Funeral to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 27th January at 12.30. Family flowers only, if desired donations to RAF Benevolent Fund.

In Memoriam

Tom Tomlinson

Died 29th January 2014

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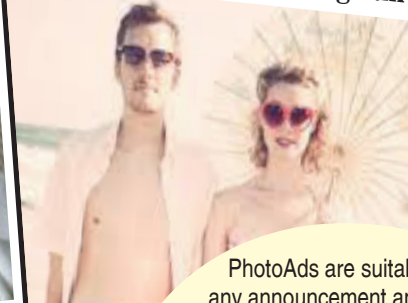
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Elite Football Partnership

King James I Academy, Bishop Juniors FC and Shildon AFC have signed a partnership agreement which aims to provide opportunities for young people, not only in education and football but also providing apprenticeship opportunities in the travel industry. Students will have the opportunity to pursue their academic and sporting interests through unrivalled academic pathways to a variety of Universities and into training and employment. Shildon AFC, who have aspirations for promotion to the Northern Premier League, will become official partners of Bishop Juniors. That, when combined with their own Development Centre, will see over 350 young people associated with the Club. The creation of a very real pathway from Bishop Juniors to the First Team is in place, with two of Bishop Juniors Under 17's already making First Team debuts this season.

Shildon AFC's official training facilities are now located at King James I Academy where they have access to strength and conditioning suites, classrooms, football pitches and the superb 3G pitch. The partnership agreement is a long term commitment and it will see the development and growth of a post-16 Football Academy where scholars can take advantage of day to day coaching from ex-Northern League players and coaches, strength and conditioning, video analysis and the opportunity to train with the First Team. The partnership will also see the formation of a Reserve side for Shildon and the development of facilities at both King James and at Dean Street.

David Dent, Chairman of



From left - King James Coach, Dion Raitt, David Dent, Nick Grieveson, Kim O'Connor, Director of Learning for PE at King James, and Darren Tait.

Shildon AFC said, "This is a really exciting partnership which gives the Club access to a unique Junior set up whose emphasis is very much on player development delivered by UEFA B Coaches. It also allows us to put in place very real player pathways and we have already seen Bishop Juniors players join our First Team squad. King James I Academy provides us with not only a first class training base, but also a Football Academy that will provide talented young footballers with the opportunity to be part of the First Team and Reserve Teams that we are planning to create. It's not just about football; our partnership with Hays Travel and our plans for a Travel Academy

based at King James will provide young people with guaranteed interviews with Hays and the opportunity to develop their career with the fastest growing independent operator within the travel industry." Nick Grieveson, Head Teacher from King James I Academy said, "We welcome the opportunity to be able to work in partnership with Shildon AFC, Hays Travel and Bishop Juniors in order to provide our students with even more exciting, educational opportunities. We very much appreciate the support provided by two high profile clubs and by Hays Travel. Students now have the opportunity to develop their careers in football and travel and to pursue their ambitions from a young age. I am sure that our partnership will help to support the next generation of young people on their way to successful futures in two growing industries with organisations that epitomise the best of the North East."

Darren Tait, Club Secretary and Football Development Officer for Bishop Juniors FC said, "We have had a very close working relationship with King James I Academy for over four years now, and this has been extremely beneficial for both parties. The opportunity to further develop with this new partnership with Shildon AFC is really exciting for us all. After our first conversation I was very impressed with the Shildon Chairman and his ambition, but more importantly, the genuine plans he has in place at the Club. We are hoping that the planned formation of our adult team, which will serve as a Shildon Reserve Team, will also offer young players a realistic pathway into adult football."

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Newton Aycliffe Women 5 v 1 CLS Amazins

A few changes were made to the team, Captain Katie dropped back into centre midfield alongside Rio, Holly made her first start for the team at right back and Tilly was given a start up front. From the kick off Aycliffe were on the front foot, pressing the opposition into mistakes, a few hopeful balls played over the defence nearly paid off with both Aycliffe's strikers coming close. A quick reminder from the coaching staff about bringing into the game what we've been working on in training and being patient and picking the right pass. This seemed to do the trick. Amber picked up the ball in the middle and played a ball in behind the defence for Tilly to run onto, one on one with the keeper Tilly slotted the ball home 1-0. Aycliffe didn't have to wait long for the second, Lottie piked up a loose ball on the left and played a ball to Naomi's feet on the edge of the box. Naomi still had it all to do, beat 2 players and from a tight angle beat the keeper at her near post 2-0. No more goals in the second half but Aycliffe looked in full control.

Second half, and the women were straight at it, a great move started in defence, set Amber away down the right wing, a great right footed cross found Shannon free in the middle to head home her first goal for the team and Aycliffe's third 3-0. Two minutes later a mistake in the middle by the opposition was punished, Shannon controlled it well and picked out Tilly who finished from inside the box for her second of the game to 4-0. A penalty to the opposition, from what appeared to be a harmless coming together, resulted in the score being taken to 4-1. The game looked like it was going to finish there but Aycliffe forced a corner, Amber floated a ball into the box, Rio controlled well and played the ball to Shannon who lashed the ball past the keeper for her second and Aycliffe's fifth. Final score 5-1.

Shildon v NAYFC U11 Eagles
Team: Kian, Liam, Olly, Finn, Zac, Harvey, Will, Kai, Adam, Harry, Hamza and Kaiden.
The quarter final of the cup and it saw the lads playing against a side who haven't lost a game all season and who have scored many goals. The first half started evenly with both sides having chances. As the Eagles attacked Adam was fouled



Eagles smash their way into semi final of cup

just outside the box and we were awarded a free kick. Will stepped up and struck the ball beautifully finding the top corner. Excellent free kick taking the Eagles ahead. The half continued to be a battle with Shildon attacking well, however the score was controlled at HT. In the second half our boys seemed to come alive, however for the first 10 minutes it was still end to end and could have gone either way. The boys in defence; Liam, Olly, Zac and Finn, were outstanding today and the sheer effort and determination from these players was shining through. Kian made some fantastic saves and stopped anything getting past, it was incredible to watch and we are so proud of these lads as this is just as important as scoring goals at the other end. Our second goal came when Harvey ran down the line and buried it into the goal. We were now dominating with the boys in midfield; Adam, Will, Harvey and Kai, all playing some great football. Will took a throw in and the distance on his throw was unreal, Adam managed to get to the ball and toe poked it past the keeper. The forwards; Kaiden, Hamza and Harry, continued to find great space and apply loads of pressure. Kaiden, who had

dropped into midfield to help the lads out, used his skills to dribble past the Shildon defence and took a wonderful shot that beat the keeper. We were again awarded a free kick near the corner flag. Liam stepped up and took this brilliantly, Harry leapt high into the air and headed the ball straight into the goal. Eagles kept possession until the final whistle after an outstanding team performance. Semi final here we come! MOM went to Olly who played his role very well; ensuring he was behind the ball,

attacking with the team but getting back to help his defenders out whilst making crucial tackles time and time again.

NAYFC U13 Girls lost to Boldon in a great match showing the team's excellent progression this season.

NAYFC U12 Hawks took a narrow loss to Seaton but showed great composure and strength.

Lots of matches to come this weekend, as Youth show their stuff within the Boys and Girls Leagues.

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