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## 'Time to Talk' About Mental Health - 6th February 2020

TIME TO TALK EVENTS will be taking place up and down the country on Thursday 6th February 2020 to get people talking about mental health. Talking about mental health can feel awkward, but it doesn't have to. On Thursday 6th February 2020 between 10:00-12:00 everyone is invited to join us at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe to find out more about mental health, wellbeing and resilience. Whether you want to browse the information stalls, meet new people at the 'Chatter and Natter' tables or participate in a FREE mindfulness session or a 'Colour Me Calm' drop in



group. Staff and volunteers

will be on hand to ensure you have a lovely morning, and to top it off refreshments in the Garden Kitchen coffee shop will be at special low prices! Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive, said: "People's attitude to mental health could change someone's life. 1 in 8 young people will be affected by poor mental health and 1 in 4 adults; and this could be any one of us. PCP aims to raise awareness and challenge stigma and discrimination in our communities. Simple things can really help: check-in with friends, family and work colleagues, be there to listen and keep in touch. When it comes to our own mental health and resilience keeping active, learning a new skill, spending time with others and making some time to relax can be really beneficial, looking after ourselves is equally as important as helping others." No need to book for this FREE event at the Pioneering Care Centre; we look forward to seeing you there and making 'Time to Talk'.

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## BETHANY HOUSE BURNS DAY CELEBRATION



On Thursday 23rd January 2020 Bethany House residents, families, visitors and friends, celebrated Burns Day together. The residents enjoyed putting together a display for all to see and dressing a Vintage tailors dummy in Traditional Tartan. Before the celebrations started the Piper walked around the nursing home to do a Meet and Greet and was asked to play a special request, which he did and filled the home with the sound of the bagpipes, amazing! Debbie cooked the Haggis, Neeps and Tatties & made a Whisky Sauce, for all those who wanted to taste it. The Haggis was paraded around the lounge, followed by the Piper, songs were sang and everyone joined in the singing, clapping and thoroughly enjoyed the Scottish dancing. Thank you to Mr Farrell for playing the Bagpipes, Evelyn for singing & yes the "Scottish Dancing" was great.

# YOUNG TALENT SET TO ENTERTAIN THIS SPRING



*The Gala Theatre Stage School will take audiences on a journey through musical history at Cabaret Café on Sunday 9 February.*

Talented young actors will take on the explosive world of boxing and some of the most popular show tunes in history as they kickstart a diverse and action-packed year.

The Gala Theatre Stage School (GTSS) is busy preparing for a series of performances, which will bring pioneering new plays and musical favourites to the Durham City venue.

In February, the performers will explore the excitement of the boxing ring in Beautiful Burnout by Bryony Lavery. This thrilling piece of highly physical theatre follows the up-and-coming young boxer Cameron as he sets out to make his name by fighting for his club, his mum and his place in the world.

As well as performing at the Gala Theatre on Wednesday 5 February, GTSS will also take the production to Peterlee Boxing Academy on Thursday 13 February. Both performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8. On Saturday 8 February, the annual Sharings will give theatre fans the chance to see the culmination of GTSS's work over the last semester. This term's performance is inspired by the Gala Theatre's recent production of Lord of the Flies and audiences can expect to see stories of friendship and power. These stories have been created by the young people, with direction and support from

meanwhile, will not want to miss The Cabaret Café on Sunday 9 February at 7pm. Join GTSS on a journey through musical history, starting with the work of Cole Porter and travelling through the decades to present day hits such as Waitress and Hamilton. Audience members will be seated cabaret-style, hosted at tables by performing students and there will be plenty of opportunities for a sing-along. Tickets cost £6. Kate Sorahan, theatre education officer at Durham County Council, which runs the Gala Theatre and GTSS, said: "Our talented young performers always give 100 per cent and have embraced the opportunity to work on such diverse and exhilarating shows." To find out more or to book tickets visit 03000 266 600 or [www.galadurham.co.uk](http://www.galadurham.co.uk)

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**Saturday 8th - "F.M."**

Review - "Was this our best pub gig ever?? Probably!!!! What can you say about FM, this was rock and metal utopia, a classic journey through the rock and roll hall of fame."

**Saturday 15th - "Revenant"**

**Saturday 22nd - "This Machine"**

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## School Aycliffe Community Centre

### 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:

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**Easter Quiz - Friday 27th March**  
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For more information visit [aucklandproject.org](http://aucklandproject.org), or for regular updates follow The Auckland Project on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



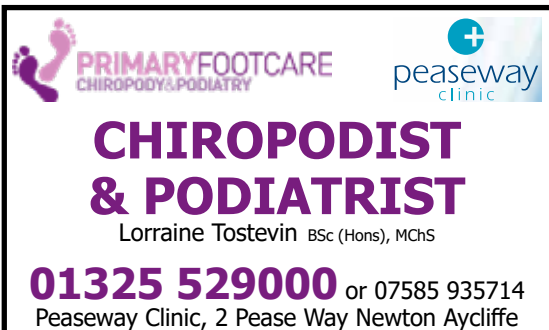
An election is to be held for the position of Town Councillor (Woodham Ward) on Great Aycliffe Town Council. Meanwhile Great Aycliffe Town Council held its Policy & Resources Committee on

- #timetotalk day is Thursday 6th February – why not go along to the Pioneering Care Centre at 10am for a chat and a coffee?
- And, finally, have you signed up to follow Discover Brightwater on social media? – lots happening there.



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## PARLIAMENT TALK

*Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield*

Busy Friday last week, as is becoming normal. Started at Teesside Airport where Ben Houchen, the Tees Valley Mayor, announced his new flights around the UK including London, Dublin, Belfast, Southampton and the Isle of Man before I went to the Child Poverty Conference in Newcastle. The afternoon was with the Secretary of State for International Trade, Liz Truss, at Net Park near Sedgefield, here we visited Kromek, a company at the leading edge of technology, specialising in civilian radiation detection equipment. Before I then went for an interview with Chris Lloyd of the Northern Echo. As a result of the child poverty conference I have arranged a meeting with Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham, to explore further the issues that were presented. The weekend included visits to Middleton Hall near Middleton one Row

and the Community Centre at Middleton St George to celebrate Village Hall week.

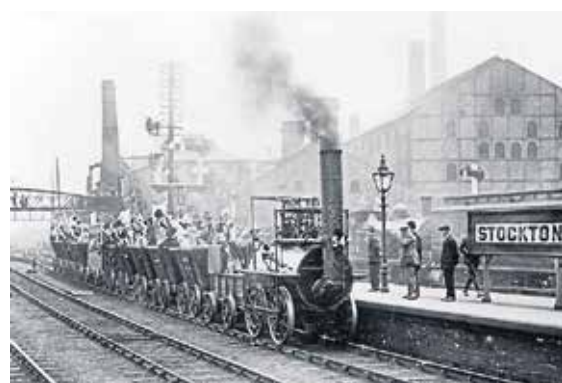
Tuesday saw the confirmation that Hitachi did not get the Nexus contract and I discussed with them how we could progress and we will be meeting with Andrea Leadsom, the Minister of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. I was then able to ask a question at Prime Ministers Questions on Hitachi and show my support for HS2.

For anyone that doesn't know, Prime Ministers Questions takes place every Wednesday at 12.00 for 30 minutes and is when the Prime Minister answers questions from the Members of the Commons.

So, that's my week, I hope you enjoyed yours and have a good weekend.

**Paul Howell MP**  
*Member of Parliament for Sedgefield*

# £4.5m Development for Locomotion in Shildon



*Locomotion was used in the 1925 celebrations*

Ambitious plans for the future of Locomotion in Shildon have been announced, celebrating Shildon's railway heritage ahead of the Stockton and Darlington Railway's bicentenary in 2025.

A £4.5m plan will see the construction of a new, 4,000m<sup>2</sup> 'Building Two', close to the existing visitor centre which will almost double the amount of covered space available to the public. The building will house up to 40 vehicles from the national collection, bringing the total number of rail vehicles at Locomotion to more than 100.

Construction work is set to commence in October 2021 and the building is due to open to the public in September 2022.

To further recognise Shildon's role as the birthplace of the modern passenger railway, historic steam engine Locomotion No.1 – the first to haul a scheduled passenger train – will also go on display at the redeveloped museum.

The locomotive is part of the national collection, cared for by the Science Museum Group, and is currently on

loan at the Head of Steam Museum in Darlington. When the existing loan period ends in 2021, the vehicle will travel the short distance to its new home in Shildon, where it will be displayed as the focal point of Locomotion's redevelopment.

Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion said:

"On 27 September 1825, George Stephenson's Locomotion No. 1 set off from outside the Mason's Arms public house in Shildon – just a short distance from where the museum is now based. This pioneering locomotive hauled the first train to Stockton, cementing Shildon's place as the 'Cradle of the Railways' – the world's first, true railway town.

"Our ambitious plans will see significant investment in the existing site's historic buildings, the construction of Building Two to showcase our collection and the display of Locomotion No.1 – one of the world's most significant engines."

"We will continue to work with Head of Steam and other organisations across the region, and the country, to ensure that celebrations for the Bicentenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 2025, bring the world's attention to the North East's role in the global railway revolution."

The development will also see the repair and rejuvenation of Locomotion's historic buildings. The museum is home to a collection of unique Grade II listed buildings including the former home of Timothy Hackworth, the first locomotive superintendent of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, as well as sheds and worker's cottages.

The £1.6m repair project started on site in January 2020 and all historic buildings are due to be repaired by the end of the year.

Locomotion recently celebrated its 15th birthday with a gala event – drawing in excess of 3,500 people on a single day. Since opening, the museum has hosted many high-profile locomotives and exhibitions, including Flying Scotsman and Tim Peake's Soyuz capsule which was seen by more than 46,000 people.

Locomotion was first opened by then Prime Minister, Tony Blair in 2004, as a partnership between Sedgefield Borough

Council and the National Railway Museum, with funding from both partners and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The museum currently welcomes around 200,000 visitors each year and is England's most northerly national museum. Locomotion has received more than 2.5m visitors since opening.

Sir Peter Hendy, Trustee, Science Museum Group, said:

"It's remarkable how far Locomotion has come since it opened back in 2004. I've been impressed to see it punch well above its weight, with innovative exhibitions like Tim Peake's Soyuz capsule and forward-thinking acquisitions, from the HST to the Pacer.

"As we head towards once-in-a-lifetime railway anniversaries, the development of the Building Two project and the homecoming of Locomotion No.1 will give the museum even more opportunities to put the heritage of Shildon and the North-East on the map, and to make 2025 a truly national celebration with a global impact."

Locomotion remains a partnership with Durham County Council and is a part of the Science Museum Group, displaying highlights from the national collection of rail vehicles.

# Year 3 at St. Mary's Have Fun Exploring Pre-History!



On Monday, 20th January year 3 pupils from St. Mary's visited Palace Green museum in Durham. J and C coaches took us there and our driver was very friendly. The purpose of our trip was to learn more about how life has changed since prehistoric times. We wanted to have the opportunity to explore real life artefacts in a museum and have a hands-on approach to history!

Our first activity involved us working in pairs to examine a range of objects from the Stone age, Bronze age and Iron age. We had to draw each object, try to guess what part of prehistory it was from, measure it and think about what it might have been used for. We found this very interesting! Our second activity involved us being creative, as we had to imagine we could create our own Iron

Age tribe. From this we then designed and made our own coin, based on something we might have been good at. After lunch we went upstairs to the actual museum, which was amazing! There were lots of original objects from the different stages of Prehistory. We worked in groups to form a gallery trail of activities. Some of these involved finding out facts, while others involved drawing. We even got a little go at some simple weaving, which was fun!

We had an amazing day and learnt so many new facts that will help us in our topic work over the next few weeks. We would recommend Palace Green museum to any primary school children who are currently learning about how life has changed since Prehistoric times!

*Written by year 3 pupils from St. Mary's primary.*

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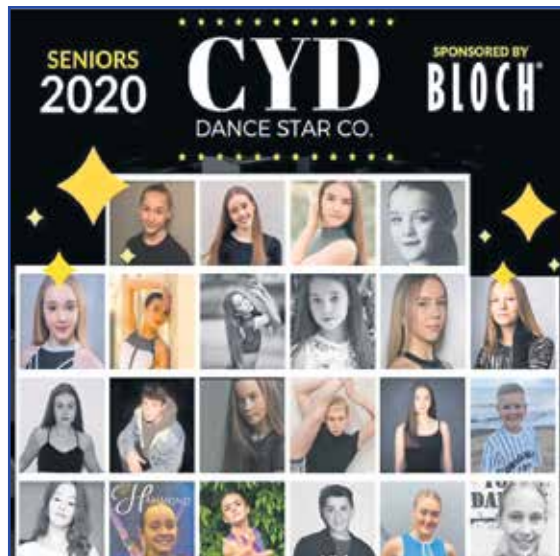
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## Local Girl Gains Place as a CYD Dance Star



Local young dancer Sydney Etherington, aged 15 years from School Aycliffe, has beaten hundreds of other dancers from across the UK to successfully gain a place as a Can You Dance? Dance Star 2020. They will now have the privilege of representing their home town of Newton Aycliffe and County Durham at the hugely anticipated Can You Dance? events up and down the country, working alongside International Choreographers and Dance Educators. Concluding with a performance at The M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool in front of thousands of people in October.

The UK's biggest touring dance convention has been inundated with hundreds of applications from youngsters aged 6-18 years, hoping to be selected as part of the prestigious team! Sydney was selected by a panel of leading dance industry experts, including CYD? Director Matt Flint, a creative director and choreographer for TV, Film and Theatre including shows such as the NTA's, Strictly Come Dancing and Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway and Tom Shilcock, a professional dancer and choreographer that has danced for a multitude of artists including Rita Ora, Take That, Jason Derulo and many more. Sydney has an exciting year ahead with the CYD? Dance Stars. You can catch Sydney at Newcastle regional event on May 20th. "Our aim is to support, nurture & inspire the next generation of dancers and the CYD? Dance Star Company is another way for us to give back to all the young dancers out there!" - Can You Dance?

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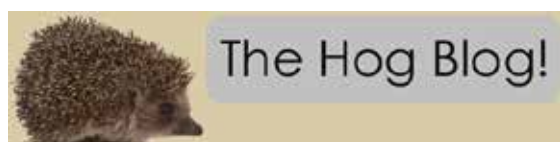
Our first meeting of 2020 is on Wednesday 5th February at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45.

Our guest speakers will talk about dog welfare, training and nutrition, if you are in need of advice on your pooch then why not join us. The speakers are looking to hold regular sessions where dog owners can share their own knowledge and gain new ways of giving their dogs the best life possible.

In December we visited Santa on the Teesside Princess, the children enjoyed games and activities, meeting Santa and receiving a wonderful present from him.

In the coming months we will be applying for more funding to continue our trips and events, if you have any ideas where on you would like to go, please contact us via [horndalestrongertogether@outlook.com](mailto:horndalestrongertogether@outlook.com) the only restriction on where we visit is the destination needs to be within 2 hours drive.

Philip Clark



Plenty of news this week for you all. Firstly the British Hedgehog Preservation Society are welcoming calls from members of the public on 01584 890801.

Viv and I were blessed with another admission on Sunday and our finder is a shining example of what to do when we see a little hedgehog that could be poorly or in distress. Tara took this little boy, only 400grams, that was cold and hungry, into her home, fed him and kept him warm overnight till our help was sought.

Also, thanks to Viv and Roy's daughter Sarah who saw Tara's post on the Anything Aycliffe Facebook page, not forgetting Irene as well. He is very small, too small to survive this winter. We hope you like our pictures, these are our littlest hoggies, enjoying being spoilt.

The welcome mat was immediately rolled out to him with a new cage, heat pad and some lovely food, he was a little bit distressed early hours Monday morning because he was heard weeping, of course Viv helped him settle with a cuddle, he has been ok since. Can I mention that despite them being wild animals they do get frightened and upset. They feel pain too. These are mammals, protected under the wildlife act, not vermin. They don't carry fleas, we as rehabbers have Johnson's flea spray which never gets used, if a hedgehog has fleas they are hedgehog specific, they don't jump onto dogs, cats or carpets etc.



I would like to mention that if you are in a position to have to take a little hog in, please do not give them Milk, Bread, Nuts and more importantly Meal Worms! They are all bad for our prickly pals but mealworms are a definite no because they deplete their calcium causing metabolic bone disease for which there is no cure, euthanasia is the only outcome. Mothers can also pass this on to their hoglets, if mum doesn't have calcium neither will the hoglet and it will soon be baby season. January is a month when most hedgehogs should be hibernating, what is causing concern is the very small ones, like Tara's, that are still coming into rescue centres, I hope that this settles down now but the weather is proving to be a little confusing, spring flowers are breaking the surface a bit earlier than expected.

Viv and I are also fundraising, we have a table booked for 12th March Community Spirit Fair, if anybody can help us with this we would be very grateful.

Maxine and Viv  
Aycliffe Rescue Centre

## Recognition for Greenfield Community College Students

Staff at Greenfield Community College have been recognising the qualities of their students recently, celebrating their achievements at special 'Recognition' events with invited guests.

Nominations were organised by staff for students who had excelled in their category, celebrating and recognising responsibility; collaboration, resilience, reflection and creativity – individual qualities that can support young people in their academic studies and

also have an impact on every aspect of their life helping them reach their potential.

Well done to all of those nominated it was wonderful to see the appreciative audience at the events and recognise the qualities of the young people involved. This is one of many ways the school are able to celebrate the achievements of students and staff.

Greenfield Community College are committed to offering a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities to develop through extended

learning. They recognise the achievements of individuals as part of their learning experience and support their development throughout their time at Greenfield and beyond. The school continues to receive external recognition such as the National Platinum Artsmark Award for expertise in delivering an exceptional arts and culture provision; The Gatsby benchmark for careers and further education and the afPE Quality Mark for physical education.



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The successful applicant must apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Application forms can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700, e-mailing info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or from the Council's web site www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing Date: **12 Noon, Tuesday 11th February 2020**

Shortlisting: **Friday 14th February 2020**

Interviews: **Monday 24th February 2020**

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact Julie Gale on mobile 07968 379009 or by email at julie.gale@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

## Springtime Activities at The Auckland Project

Prepare for a new season of inspiring exhibitions, tempting culinary events and family days out as tickets go on sale for a host of Spring activities at The Auckland Project, County Durham.

Visitors can now pre-book for the upcoming season at the Bishop Auckland-based visitor destination's full Spring programme, which kicks off with the re-opening of Auckland Castle on Saturday, 15 February.

### Family Activities

From arts and crafts activities during February half-term to the opportunity to Train Like a Tudor Prince Bishop in the May Bank Holidays, the rich history of 900-year-old Auckland Castle will come to life for all ages.

Youngsters can dig even deeper into the Castle's history and the stories of the Prince Bishops at Young Archaeology Club sessions, which meet at Auckland Tower on the second Saturday of every month.

Families visiting Auckland Castle can also reconnect to nature with Easter adventures from Saturday, 4 April to Sunday, 19 April, from exploring the Castle's 180-acre Deer Park to hunt hidden eggs to getting hands-on with horticulture in planting sessions.

For more information, ticket prices and opening times for family activities, visit [aucklandproject.org/whats-on](http://aucklandproject.org/whats-on), call 01388 743 797, or call into Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland Market Place.

### Culinary Events

In February, The Auckland Project's first season of culinary events will launch at Auckland Castle's Old Library, using produce grown in the Castle's grounds in a new menu of seasonal treats.

All of the food uses locally sourced produce where possible and is created by The Auckland Project's in-house Catering Team, headed by Culinary Director Ant Brown who will host new, monthly Dining Club events taking place on Friday, 13 March, Friday 17 April and Friday, 8 May.

Each monthly Dining Club event will offer a delicious four-course dining experience celebrating the changing seasons and some events will also include a talk.

And on selected dates from February to May, visitors can tuck into a seasonal selection of treats for Afternoon Tea, including special themed events such as Spring Afternoon Tea and Gardening Talk and Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. For more information, or to book a place at one of the Dining Club or Afternoon Tea events email, [bookings@aucklandproject.org](mailto:bookings@aucklandproject.org) or call 01388 743 797.

### Inspiring Exhibitions



For seasoned art lovers and novices alike, the arrival of Spring will see new exhibitions open at The Auckland Project's galleries.

This will include a special exhibition at the Mining Art Gallery to mark the 80th birthday of mining artist, Bob Olley and exhibitions showcasing local artists in No 42, The Auckland Project's shop and gallery space. Full details on the exhibition programme, including admission charges can be found online,

### Talks

The new season also marks the return of The Auckland Project's popular talks programme including an opportunity to meet artist Bob Olley in person. In Conversation with Bob Olley will take place

on Thursday, 23 April 2020, and includes a live discussion and private tour of the exhibition. And to mark Durham's Year of Pilgrimage 2020, there will be a talk at Auckland Tower on Thursday, 19 March 2020, Forward to the Ancient Future: The revival of pilgrimage in contemporary culture with special reference to County Durham.

To book a ticket for an event or activity or purchase an Auckland Pass, which costs £12.50 and allows multiple visits to all Auckland Project sites until January 2021, visit [aucklandproject.org/whats-on](http://aucklandproject.org/whats-on), email [bookings@aucklandproject.org](mailto:bookings@aucklandproject.org), call 01388 743 797 or call at Auckland Tower, Bishop Auckland Market Place.



## Apprentices Urged To Brush Up on Skills for National Competition

THE COUNTDOWN is on for apprentices from across the country to brush up on their skills and enter a prestigious national painting and decorating contest.

Ahead of National Apprenticeship Week (3rd-7th February), the Painting and Decorating Association (PDA) is urging apprentices from across the UK to enter the Premier Trophy Awards Apprentice Competition 2020 and showcase their skills at the highest level.

The competition is open to any apprentice currently undergoing recognised training and will test their quality of workmanship, organisational skills and understanding of best practice within the trade, as well as Health and Safety knowledge.

Entrants will be put through their paces at two heats, which will be held at Accrington and Rossendale College on 1st May and Bournemouth and Poole College on 15th May, 2020.

Chief Executive of the PDA, Neil Ogilvie, along with a representative from the Association of Painting Craft Teachers, will judge the competition.

Neil said: "Apprentices are the future of our industry and this is a great platform for new talent to take centre stage."

"This is a complicated contest, one where students go head-to-head, testing their nerves, precision and skill."

"They have to be able to perform under pressure and it can be quite daunting, but I think it is a great opportunity for students to experience a real-life environment."

"Apprentices get to grips with the demands of the job, including the importance of time management and working alongside others, as well as seeing people assess the quality of their work."

The winner of the competition will be announced at the PDA's Premier Trophy Awards, at the Plaisterers' Hall, London, on Thursday, 2nd July. They will receive a trophy, framed certificate and prizes, while two runners-up will receive certificates and prizes.

Closing date for entries to the Premier Trophy Awards is Friday, 21st February.

For more information about the Premier Trophy Awards 2020 Apprentice competition, visit [www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk](http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk)

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## Woodham Invests in Vocabulary Initiative

Select students at Woodham Academy, have been offered the opportunity to trial a new vocabulary initiative this term. Bedrock Learning is a vocabulary acquisition programme that explicitly teaches students vocabulary through the medium of technology. Students access 'lessons' remotely and apply the vocabulary they have learned to subjects within school. It's a useful tool for learners of all abilities, but it is particularly useful for learners for whom English is their second language. The scheme launched this term and staff and students are eagerly anticipating the potential progress students will make.

Miss Thomas, Literacy Lead, at Woodham Academy is pleased with how the

students are engaging with the programme. She said 'At Woodham we have a real commitment to delivering a diverse and varied curriculum. Reading and writing is at the centre of everything we do here. Recent studies have suggested that vocabulary size is a key indicator in student performance across a range of subjects. We are hopeful that Students will continue to engage with the programme, and that we will be able to offer places on the programme for an even wider range of students next year'. If your child attends Woodham Academy and would like to access the programme, please contact Miss Thomas. There are a limited number of places that have become unexpectedly available.



## Aycliffe Youth Council Donate Books



Aycliffe Youth Council have recently donated a selection of children's books to Vane Road Primary to assist the schools efforts to improve and update the reading stock within their library. The group decided that many of the members had a surplus of quality, mostly children's readings books, that they no longer required and were keen to give them to a local school or charity where children could benefit from them in the future.

In addition, a selection of novels were collected which were inappropriate for a primary school. These will be given to St Oswald's Pre-school, so the nursery children can take them to one of their partner local care homes who the children visit on regular basis to give them as gifts to the residents. Aycliffe Youth Council are a group of young people who are elected from their schools and partner organisations and aim to represent the views of their peers. The group are working on a variety of projects in the coming months which will be publicised closer to the



time. They are keen to point out the Youth Council have a small grants budget, where local young people can apply to be considered to receive a small grant to assist them in completing any activity that will benefit the people of the town. To find out more information or to submit any expression of interest on this matter please contact info@great-aycliffelife.gov.uk or telephone Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700.



Durham Constabulary is dedicated to making your neighbourhood safer. If you have any issues affecting your quality of life and want to discuss it with your Neighbourhood Policing Team, then get involved in your local PACT meeting.

**Next Meeting:**  
Saturday 8th February  
from 2-4pm  
Tesco's, Town Centre  
Wednesday 12th February  
Western Comm. Centre

The meeting will start at 6.00pm and will be attended by a representative from your Neighbourhood Policing Team. They will be specific to your area and individual neighbourhood priorities will be discussed. All members of the community are welcome. You can talk to us privately afterwards if you wish.



## Community Calendar

A new service for the organisers of events throughout Newton Aycliffe. Publicise your event with activity, date, venue and price. Send your information to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

### Valentine's Day Party Night

Thursday 13th February at The Phoenix Club  
£3cc inc. free raffle ticket

### Club Anniversary 23rd Birthday Party

Thursday 27th February at The Phoenix Club  
£3cc inc. free raffle ticket

### Back to the Eighties

Saturday 29th February at The Big Club  
Tickets £4 from the Club or Newton Press

### St Patrick's Night Special

Saturday 14th March at The Big Club  
Tickets £7 from the Club or Newton Press

### St Patrick's Party Night

Thursday 19th March at The Phoenix Club  
£3cc inc. free raffle ticket

### Under 16s Talent Competition

Thursday 19th March at Greenfield College  
Tickets £1 from College or Newton Press

### 90s Classix v 00s Clubland

Saturday 4th April at The Big Club  
Tickets £6 from the Club or Newton Press

### St George's Day Party Night

Thursday 23rd April at The Phoenix Club  
£3cc inc. free raffle ticket

### VE Day Celebrations

Friday 8th May at Aycliffe Town Centre  
Free Event

### Punk All Dayer 2

Friday 8th May at The Turbinia  
Tickets £10 from Gaz Avery or The Turbinia

### The Forge Festival

8-10th May at Hammers & Pincers  
Tickets £7 day or £15 for weekend

### Our People Are Crazy Party Night

Thursday 11th June at The Phoenix Club  
£3cc inc. free raffle ticket

### Aycliffe Radio Music Festival

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June at Aycliffe Town Centre  
Free Event

### 5k/10k Fun Run

Sunday 21st June at West Park  
Contact Aycliffe Running Club for details

### Emergency Services Day

Wednesday 12th August at Aycliffe Town Centre  
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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
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant &amp; Takeaway</b>		
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
<b>Yesterdays Music Today Sponsored by MV Mobility</b>		
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
12-130pm	Sports Talk (R)	Sean Lawless
<b>Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service</b>		
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
<b>Sports Talk sponsored by Honest John</b>		
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
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	BeatRoots	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 - Nathan Abbott - 90s Classix		
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

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# WHAT A FANTASTIC 2019 SEASON!

Local racer Scarlet Dunn was awarded her Wombwell Karting (Barnsley) Bambino Championship 2019 trophy at the presentation evening last weekend.

Scarlet managed to take 11th place in the championship despite missing 4 of the 9 rounds against 33 registered competitors.

In Scarlet's first season of racing she has managed to achieve many podium finishes including some wins along with very good championship standings with two 3rds a 7th and an 11th place.

What a year 2019 has been in only Scarlet's first full season of racing! "Scarlet has shown great potential and enthusiasm throughout" said Mam Amanda.

Scarlet hopes to progress into the the faster and



higher powered Honda Cadet, 200cc for drivers age 8-13 years for 2020. For more information on how to support Scarlet to reach her goal please email Amanda at amanda@dunnracing@

outlook.com. Scarlet would like to thank local companies JohnsonLand Home Improvements and NRG Cycles for their financial support in 2019 and all involved at Amaron Racing for making these achievements possible.



On Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Jane Hackworth Young and John Raw will speak about the Darlington and Stockton Railway. All welcome, members £1, non members £3 which includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Enquiries 01325 301093.

## Film Show

### "9 TO 5"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 4th FEB features the comedy "9 TO 5" Starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. Three female office workers decide to take sweet revenge on their sexist, egotistical, tyrannical boss. 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.

## MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

We now have some spaces at our Mother & Toddler Group, at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham, next to the community centre, as some children have started nursery.

It is FREE admission with drinks and snacks provided. Parents or grandparents with a child are very welcome, 12.45 until 2.30pm, or any time in between. Please use the door at the back facing the village green.

We are a very friendly group and will give you a lovely warm welcome, so don't worry about coming on your own.

For further information ring Norma Wise 01325 312930

## Creative 'Wizardry' at Greenfield Community College



Greenfield Community College are delighted to be part of 'The Wizard and the Typhoon' a creative project that engages students in the arts and explores the musical heritage of Shildon. The project has attracted local artists who are delivering workshops to students studying art and music.

Artist Theresa Easton has been inspiring students who have so far explored the story of the 'Wizard and the Typhoon' and also what Shildon means to them. "They have explored printing techniques and then used the techniques explored to develop their own ideas and prints which will then form the pages of the zine," said Subject Leader in Visual Arts, Laura Peaker.

Greenfield Arts are delighted to be able to bring the project to students and give an extended opportunity for learning. The music department are now looking forward to welcoming musician, singer and songwriter Elizabeth Corney who will be delivering a workshop at Greenfield, drawing on her vast experience in the music industry as an inspirational educator.

The project aims to inspire students to explore their own skills and creativity and to realise what they can achieve and forms part of the wider project that inspires creativity in the community. Funding has been secured through Northern Heartlands. Northern Heartlands is one of sixteen Great Place Schemes in England, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England.

The Wizard and the Typhoon is a project supported by Northern Heartlands and co-ordinated by Friends of the Wizard and Typhoon. It offers students at Greenfield Community College the opportunity to work with professional artists and musicians and celebrates the creativity of inspirational musical composers from New Shildon (George Allan and Thomas Bulch) who were renowned for their contribution to music during the late 19th and early 20th century.

## Up Skill in February



HEALTH and wellbeing, Charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is offering a range of activities that can help you build your skills and confidence this February:

**Save Money, Recycle Your Wardrobe - Starts Thursday 6 February for 4 weeks**

Who doesn't like to save money? This course will give you the basic skills needed to upcycle your wardrobe. It's also a great opportunity for meeting new people and sharing ideas. This course is free, however you will need your National Insurance number and proof of residency.

**Level 2 Food Safety in Catering - Monday 24 February**

Gain an awareness and understanding of the importance of food safety and knowledge of systems, techniques and procedures expected in the catering industry. This course is free, however you will need your National Insurance number and proof of residency.

**First Aid for Baby & Child - Wednesday 26 February**

Having the skills and confidence to step in really can make a difference. Learn how to cope with multiple situations, including choking, basic life support, burns and scalds, poisoning, head injuries and more. This course is free, however you will need your National Insurance number and proof of residency.

**Creative Wellbeing - Monday's, 10.00am - 12.00 noon**

Join other local artists in this informal self-led art session. Allowing members to come along, share ideas and get creative using their own art materials. Artists of all levels are welcome and refreshments are provided. Cost £3 per session.

**Veterans Breakfast Club - 1st Wednesday of the month**

Are you a local Veteran? Looking to connect to others? The Veterans Breakfast Club meet up at PCP for a delicious breakfast and enjoy a social environment. Please call or email Nick Cooke to confirm attendance on 07780 725117 or navclub@gmail.com

**Dig-in Gardening - Monday's and Wednesday's, 10.00am - 12.00 noon**

Some activities are free and provide a wheelbarrow full of benefits! Join our team of garden volunteers and meet new people while getting active. Learning key skills in garden management while giving back to the community. PCP Community Garden is open to the public to enjoy year round!

**Hula Exercise - Tuesday's 5.00pm - 5.45pm**

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## Aycliffe Youth Football News

### NAYFC U11 Wildcats victorious against Leam Rangers

Great game of football from the girls. Coming from behind twice, they all played their part against a good team. During warm up they worked on passing and moving the ball from one side of the pitch to the other. This had a positive impact on the game, but the girls were marking really well and not allowing Leam any time to play out from the back. Some odd decisions went against us today but the girls didn't let their heads drop. Leam opened the scoring due to an unfortunate own goal and they also managed to put away a penalty, but Aycliffe's goals were great team goals and always looked the stronger team - totally deserved their late winner. Goals from Thea and Demi Lee. POM - GK and our defenders; Lana, Ruby, Freya, Megan and Lexie.

### NAYFC U7's Celebrate being Winter League Winners

Massive well done to the lads, who have continued to have loads of fun. They are showing a good understanding of the things they are working on in training and have started bringing that development to their matches. Bring on the Spring League!

### NAYFC U9 Angels defeated Lumley Ladies

Play was initially end to end, with the girls settling into their game well. They showed spirit and energy in bagfuls. Some great play led to a variety of solo runs on goal and team goals. Lumley used power play to add another player to the pitch but HT saw Angels take a significant lead. The girls were each set an individual challenge



U9 Angels

for their second half; they were played out of position, asked to play with their weaker foot or to head the ball. They rose to that challenge with huge smiles and determination.

Skye had little to do today, but she showed her ability to be a sweeper keeper, coming out to balls and clearing, as well as a few great saves at ground level. Determined performances from Emily and Marley, who show improvement week on week, tireless effort and skill from Sophie, Ava and Hannah, versatility and strength offered from Lily and such confidence from April who showed a willingness to play out of position, and super well. Star Player went to April for exactly that.

### NAYFC U10 Angels Yellow had a narrow defeat against Felling Magpies.

NAYFC U11 Eagles had a solid win over Durham RTC.

### NAYFC U13 Girls took a defeat to Durham.

### Lumley Ladies 4 - 1 Newton Aycliffe Women

**Coaches show their Commitment to Players**  
In January, a group of 16 club coaches dedicated time to benefit the club and the children they coach. They attended a workshop hosted by the "If You Care, Share Foundation" and looked at Emotional Wellbeing and all the Mental Health issues facing us all. They looked

at signs they may see in every day life and how they could use this in their roles as coaches of young people. The workshop was thought provoking, informative, well presented and, as every one agreed, a great use of time. Aycliffe Youth are looking forward to more opportunities to work with the charity, with both our coaches and players from across our wide range of age groups with boys and girls teams.



U11 Wildcats POMs

## FUNDING AVAILABLE!

### Holiday Activities with Healthy Food - Easter 2020

Following a recommendation by the Poverty Action Steering Group, Durham County Council has allocated £10,000 to each Area Action Partnership for 2020. This money is to ensure that as many children and young people as possible have access to food, alongside enriching activities, in particular considering those children and young people who would normally receive a Free School Meal during Term Time.

In Phase One (Easter 2020), funding of £3,000 has been made available for the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area for a Holiday Activities with Healthy Food grants scheme. This fund will provide the opportunity for groups and organisations to apply for a small grant to help them deliver projects locally.

#### Aim of the Scheme

The scheme aims to support local community groups and organisations based in the GAMP area to deliver Holiday Activities with Healthy Food during the Easter 2020 school holidays.

#### How much can you apply for?

Applicants can apply for amounts between £250 - £999 and are limited to one per organisation.

Projects who are looking to apply for between £500 and £999 would be expected to deliver activities at multiple locations within the area and/or over several days during the holiday period.

#### Funding Criteria

Projects that apply to the Holiday Activities with Healthy Food Fund must meet the following criteria:

- the project must take place during the Easter 2020 school holidays (w/c 6 & 13 April)
- the beneficiaries of the project are from the GAMP area
- the project must not have already started
- applicants must provide a healthy snack, breakfast, lunch or tea as part of the activity that aims to meet Food Safety Requirements.

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- applicants must demonstrate how they will engage/target children, young people and families who are most in need
- GAMP AAP is fully credited in all publicity associated with the project

#### Who can apply?

Any not for profit organisations including:

- Voluntary and community sector organisations
- Statutory bodies, including DCC Services, Police, Fire and Health bodies
- Parish & Town Councils
- Schools and Colleges
- Church and faith-based groups who operate activities and services where there is wider community benefit

#### How to Apply

Please contact the GAMP team for an application form and guidance notes (telephone: 01325 327441 or email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk)

**The closing date for applications is Sunday 16th February 2020.**

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give all Councillors each new shiny laptops and ipads, supposedly to go paperless, even though the report by Officers shows it will additionally cost over £9,650 per year more to do that. Not cheaper for you. Not environmentally better for you.

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## BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE

### Thursday 5th March 2020

#### CLIVE TAYLOR-SHOLL INDEPENDENT

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I am a retired Power Engineer who worked in the Power Supply Industry for over 40 years, I have knowledge, experience and expertise to use in today's world. A founder member of the Aycliffe Nature Park Association I am the Group's Secretary, working consistently for environmental improvement, including the Flora, Fauna and Wildlife in the Park vicinity. I am also an active member of Neville Community Residents Association My sense of public duty is my driving force, which I will use to bring new priorities and vigour to the local area. We should keep Party Politics out of the Council Chamber. People's views and opinions are not always taken seriously, I hope to change



this, and place your views on a higher priority using argument and reasoning to fulfil this aim. I will use my practical application of common sense and experience on your behalf. I cannot possibly get to call on all 4,821 of you in the 4 weeks of this by-election but will happily call in if asked.

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Durham County

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Dated Tuesday 28 January 2020

Terry Collins  
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# Juniors Football Report

By Matty Bright

It's been another great weekend of football for the Junior teams with all sides looking to get another 3 points and keep pushing forward in their respective league campaigns.

Our **Under 7 Whites** faced off against Coxhoe. It was a tough game against a well drilled side but the Juniors battled well. The man of the match was Reagan.

**Under 7's Blacks** were up against Marton Yellows in a friendly game, with the team putting in a much better performance showing the work in training is really paying off. **U8 Blacks** were up at Durham for their fixture. The team stuck to their way of playing using the width and looking to play from the back. Going 1-0 down in the first half the lads picked themselves up and Charlie grabbed an equaliser early in the 2nd half. Jake got MOTM for his great goalkeeper performance.

The **Under 8's Whites** travelled to face Ryhope in their currently unbeaten league run. The game started slow, however eventually it was brought to life with some excellent football being played from both teams. The Aycliffe side continued their successful run of form thanks to 4 goals from Jack and 2 from Dom. Sammy was awarded man of the match for a strong and determined performance. The **Under 10's** enjoyed



a home game vs Hornets at the weekend. The team started incredibly with Callum bagging a hat trick inside the first ten minutes. Preston then added a goal to the juniors tally following a great piece of skill. In the second half Callum got his fourth of the game with a composed strike from outside the box earning him the games man of the match award.

Our **Under 11 Blacks** played at home against Beamish Stripes. With players missing it was always going to be a tough outing for the Aycliffe Side. Keaton's goal wasn't enough to get any points for Aycliffe in a game where Leon was awarded man of the match.

The **Under 11's** faced Linthorpe Academicals. This game had no shortage of goals with Oliver getting a hat trick and James and Ethan also getting a goal apiece. In a game where the juniors put in an amazing team performance Oliver was given the man of the

match award.

Our **Under 12's** played Darlington FC at home at the weekend and each player put on an inspired show, the team showed they had no problems with finishing their chances as Niall scored 5 goals, Tyler scored 4, Brad scored 3, Jayden scored 2 and Jack C got himself a single goal. The man of the match in this one could have been given to anyone, however it was awarded to Connor for a calm and composed defensive performance.

The **Under 13's** travelled to play Saxon Juniors. In what turned out to be a very physically challenging game the Aycliffe teams effort and determination saw them walk away with all three points in a 4-1 victory.

Goals came from Will, Dan H, Alfie and Josh.

Our **Under 14's** hosted the league leaders Tyne and Wear Dragons with a very small squad due to illness and injuries. Although it was a tough game Aycliffe

appeared to hold their own putting in a very strong performance, unfortunately this wasn't enough to see them get any points from this game. Kamil was awarded man of the match in this fixture for his hard work and movement on and off the ball.

Last but not least our **Under 15's** travelled to Linthorpe with a smaller squad than usual. It was a tightly contested game for the most part with all players being played in unfamiliar positions, however their determination and ability was enough to get the Aycliffe side all 3 points thanks to a hatrick from eventual man of the match Leon and a penalty from Lewis H.

# BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOR VANE ROAD



Last Wednesday, two brilliant basketball teams from Vane Road travelled to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre to take part in a competition against other schools from the local area. Both teams played incredibly well showing some super skills throughout

the morning. Our A team finished in 4th, just missing out on the bronze medals. However, our B team were exceptional in the final winning 12-4. The B team will now go on to represent the district finals in March at Maiden Castle.

# NACC LADIES / GIRLS CRICKET

Women's cricket is now an established part of the sport at both international and domestic levels. The success of the England Ladies team has been covered by the national media and in 2016 the semi professional Women's Cricket Super League was established.

2020 also sees the inaugural 100 ball competition including both male and female franchises.

Local leagues and friendly competitions for girls and ladies are also becoming



more prevalent and Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have now established a Ladies/ Girls Section to allow females from the town and surrounding areas to try cricket and hopefully, if they want, play in friendly or competitive matches and festivals.

Taster and training sessions, which are exclusively for females, will be held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre starting on 5 February 2020 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The first two sessions are free and then will cost £3 per session thereafter.

The sessions are aimed at all ages and all levels of ability or experience with the aim to promote recreational cricket amongst females with a view to progress to both softball and hardball cricket, in a fun, friendly environment. The social aspect of cricket also means that it is a great way to make new friends.

Any females who would like to have a go at cricket can just turn up at the sessions or can contact Lisa Connors on 07864 826188 or Tina Greaves 07917 694055 for more information.

Lisa and Tina, along with Ashley Kell and Alex Paterson (all pictured), have undergone training with Durham County Cricket Board and have successfully completed the ECB Foundation One Coaching Course giving the Club four further qualified coaches.

The four female coaches, as well as running the Ladies/ Girls section, will also support development coaching for the younger members of the Club through the All Stars and Dynamos Cricket as well as the Under 9's softball teams. Newton Aycliffe CC have also arranged an Under 9's softball tournament which will run for 5 weeks starting this Saturday at 10.00 am in the Leisure Centre. 9 boy's teams and 4 girl's teams from local clubs will be competing, with Newton Aycliffe having teams in both the boys and girls competitions.

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# RUGBY UPDATE

If ever a game epitomised Aycliffe rugby's improvement, it was this one. Hosting at Moore Lane against Hartlepool TDSOB that could only muster 9 players two weeks previously and postpone the fixture but then forces a rearranged match with a squad of big forwards last Saturday, Aycliffe had to hastily form a squad from players that were available due to several key players being unavailable as this was supposed to be a free week. This included Captain Luke Harty. However, that said the rest of the Aycliffe players rallied to the call to arms. The hasty rearrangements did not deter most of the loyal barmy army of Aycliffe fans proudly wearing their newly purchased colourful pompom woolly hats. The delayed kick off started with the first kick not reaching 10 meters resulting in a scrum to TDSOB. The sight of their big pack caused concern for the spectators, but it was obvious that recent scrummaging training has paid off for the home side as both packs hardly moved each other. TDSOB took advantage of that first scrum and their strong forwards pushed Aycliffe back towards their try line. Their big back row coming well to crash over for the first converted try. 0-7 (7mins). Undeterred



Aycliffe opted to attack more with some good handling amongst their centres which allowed James Thacker to find a gap to score. In the absence of kicking maestro Euan Kitching, fly half David Gibson's attempt at conversion just missed. 5-7 (9mins). Aycliffe continued their attack with some good tactical kicking but struggled to win their own lineouts at times. TDSOB turned over one lineout and went on to score their second try unconverted. 5-12 (20mins). Aycliffe bounced back when centre Gareth Parsonage stormed towards the TDSOB right wing, who was powerfully handed off and ended up doing a reverse triple somersault but still somehow managed to get back on his feet, the spectacle was worth the full 10 marks in any gymnastics floor contest. Prop John Hanlon collected

the pass from a change of direction then drove over for a try. Kicking duties were switched to fullback Tom Prior who converted. 12-12 (22mins). TDSOB increased the tempo and powerfully drove Aycliffe back once more. A penalty was awarded to them 5 metres from the line as the referee spotted an infringement in a defensive ruck by Aycliffe. They opted to tap and go for the try which was converted. 12-19 (30mins). Soon after Aycliffe's Nr 8 Drew Gibson, who normally plays blindside flanker, sustained an injury and was substituted by Aycliffe's ex Captain Andrew Littlefair. A welcome return after lengthy sabbatical from playing rugby. His return to his favoured position created an immediate impact in Aycliffe's pack performance. Just before the halftime whistle Aycliffe

were awarded a penalty. A quick tap option allowed second row Jeff Hodgson to drive through the TDSOB defence hooker Sam Daltry supported to score and Prior slotted over the conversion to equalise the score. 19-19 (40mins).

From the start of the second half Aycliffe kept up their momentum and once the ball was secured by the forwards, scrum half Aiden Ryans switched the game play to launch the back line to attack as often as possible. On one occasion Gibson's smart thinking cross-field kick was collected by wing substitute player/coach Chris Richards who scored in the corner. Prior scored an immaculate conversion from 1 metre inside touch to the delight of the barmy army. 26-19 (48mins). From this moment frustrations took over the TDSOB players who started to infringe too often and at one extraordinary moment of madness caused the referee to award two of their players a yellow card at the same time. Aycliffe capitalised and turned their performance into Sapphire rugby and thrilled the crowd with some awesome handling and running lines. Left winger Nathan Acana's mesmerising speed allowed him to score which was unconverted. 31-19 (65mins). The referee spotted some naive over enthusiasm by blindside flanker Chris Hallworth who was yellow carded, but this did not impact on the performance too much with TDSOB down to 13 men. Towards the end both teams returned to 15 players, but Aycliffe were in full flow. The forwards and backs combined well and once again Richards showed his class by collecting a high pass with one hand and kept his composure to score his brace of tries which again was unconverted. 36-19 (78mins). Not to be outdone the play switched back to the left wing and within the last minute of the game Acana scored his brace. Duly converted by Prior. Final score 43-19. An emphatic bonus point win by a continuously improving squad, which delighted the home crowd enormously.

Aycliffe wish to thank sponsor Honest John for their continued support. The rugby club calls upon every rugby fan in the town to get down to Moore Lane to watch, what promises to be, an exciting match. Table leaders Redcar, who thrashed Aycliffe 83-5 at their home ground earlier in the season, are the opponents. Aycliffe are well up for this and hope to redeem themselves in this much waited encounter. Match date Feb 1st KO 2.15pm. Everyone will be made most welcome at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on Moore Lane. The 6 Nations starts on February 1st and will be shown on the screens in the club lounge.

## N.A.F.C. REPORT



**Saturday 25th January**  
**Ebac Northern League Division One**  
**Sunderland RCA 0 Newton Aycliffe 4**

Aycliffe moved up to eighth in the Ebac Northern League Division One with an impressive 4-0 win at Sunderland RCA. The home side went into the game on a run of five consecutive wins. However, Aycliffe never looked under threat with a new forward lineup of Adam Burnicle, Andrei Vasile Ardelean & Liam Jarvie dominating the opposition defence. Col Stromsoy acted quickly to strengthen the squad after Dean Thexton departed for Shildon. Signing experienced forward Burnicle has reaped immediate rewards with the former West player contributing four goals in his first two games. Meanwhile ex Consett forward Ardelean made his debut on Saturday fitting straight into the attacking side.

The game against RCA saw Aycliffe apply early pressure with Burnicle coming close to scoring in the first 5 minutes. It took the home side 15 minutes to get into the game & force a save from Adam Pickford. However, within minutes a cross from Ardelean on the right found Jarvie whose shot hit the bar. Burnicle & Ardelean both had shots saved before skipper Aaron Brown found the net with a good shot past Robert Dean. Burnicle made it two deep into injury time Aycliffe started the second half as they finished the first with strong attacking play. On 48 minutes a great move found Burnicle whose shot hit the post. The Aycliffe number 9 got his reward three minutes later when a cross from Jarvie found him unmarked for a close range tap in.

Just after the hour Marc Costello forced a good diving save from the RCA keeper with a strong header. Aycliffe's fourth goal came on the 67th minute when Ethan Wood curled a shot past the keeper. RCA tried for a consolation goal but the Aycliffe defence saw them off to give the visitors the three points. Aycliffe return to Ryhope on Tuesday 28th January, this time to face Ryhope Colliery Welfare in the last 16 of the Brooks Milesen Memorial Northern League

## Letter to the Editor

### MUDDLED THINKING

Dear Sir  
Enough! Please, Alastair P. Welsh, put your pen down, cease the ranting and concentrate on the day job. Your latest letter is typical of the muddled thinking you have been sharing with us for far too long. On the one hand, you berate the "Church leaders" for having opinions and say this is no longer "a matter for political meddling". In the next breath you say they should "require" bells to ring out. Please!!  
We no longer require your opinion on these matters... they are settled and we have elected representatives to deal with our future path. We do not require un-elected members of the public to explain what has happened and what will happen; we are all, including you, entitled to our own view.  
Leave it now.  
Yours sincerely  
"Tired of it all!"

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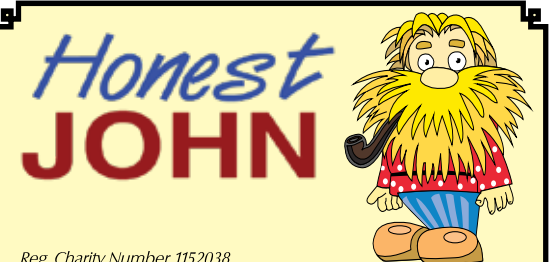
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# IMPROVING OUR FUTURE HOMES

It is idiocy that we are continuing to build energy-inefficient homes ... NEW houses which we know before they are built will have to be retrofitted in a few years' time. Why is every new home not required to be built with solar panels/tiles and a battery system? Not only would this help mitigate Climate Change, it would make homes more energy-affordable.

As part of its ambition to become carbon-neutral by 2050, the government last year pledged to toughen building regs for new-build housing from 2025 and consequently, in October, it published a 'Future Homes Standard' consultation:

bit.ly/FHSC20. This is aimed mainly at planners, developers and suppliers – there are 69 questions in all, many highly technical – but there are some key questions which are matters of principle, where we as ordinary members of the public have a right to be heard:

## QUESTION 1: THE FUTURE HOMES STANDARD

Question 1 proposes that houses built to the Future Homes Standard after 2025 should produce 75-80% less CO2 emissions than those we are building now, and asks whether we agree. By 2050, of course, we want everybody to be living in carbon neutral

homes, but is this a suitable interim target for 2025?

## QUESTION 6: ENERGY UPLIFT OPTIONS

Question 6 accepts that developers and suppliers will need time to prepare for the new regulations in 2025, and suggests interim requirements to be imposed immediately. On this it offers two options:

- (A) an uplift of 20%, based on much better materials – e.g. triple glazing – (adding £2,500 to the build-cost of a new home but saving households £59 a year on energy); this is the recommended option.
- (B) an uplift of 31%, based less on improvements to the fabric and more on adding

renewable energy such as solar panels (adding £4,800 to the build-cost but saving £257 a year on energy bills).

[This is a difficult decision. Option (A) is a lower uplift, but it will be easier later on to add extras such as solar panels than it will be to retrofit the fabric of the house. And which is better for the climate – reducing the energy needed, or supplying extra energy to an inefficient system through PV?]

## QUESTIONS 9 & 10: THE HEATING SYSTEMS OF 2025

The consultation suggests that HEAT PUMPS and HEAT NETWORKS will typically deliver the low carbon heating of the Future Homes Standard. This derives from its intention to phase out gas boilers after 2025, connected to its fear that builders will simply put in wasteful electric radiators and leave the home-owners to carry the cost. Therefore:

- Question 9 asks if we need to set a target to ensure that homes' energy is affordable, and
- Question 10 asks if the best way to do this is to via a minimum energy efficiency rating.

**RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION**  
If you wish to respond, this is your last chance, because the consultation closes on 7 February. You can use the online survey (bit.ly/FHSC20) or email: FutureHomesStandardConsultation@communities.gov.uk with your comments.

# A.A.P. SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

People with a passion for their community are being invited to join the board of Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP).

The AAP, one of 14 set up by Durham County Council, is seeking two new public representatives to help determine how its annual £155,000 budget is used to benefit the community.

Over the last 12 months, Durham AAP has supported dozens of projects including Durham Citizen's Advice Bureau, Investing in Children, Laurel Avenue Community Centre and West Rainton Dementia Friends.

Craig Morgan, Durham AAP co-ordinator, said: "This is an opportunity to really make a difference and to help ensure grass roots organisations in the Durham area get the support they need."

"We have two public representative vacancies and are looking for people who are active in their communities and have something to say about what goes on. We will provide support, including an induction session and

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Durham AAP covers the Durham City area as well as the outlying areas such as, Wotton Gilbert, Bearpark, Framwellgate Moor and Newton Hall, West Rainton, Pitlington, Sherburn, Shadforth, Ludworth and Shincliffe.

Board members meet about ten times per year in venues across the area. They receive regular presentations from local organisations and groups and are often asked to participate in public consultations.

Anyone aged 16 or over who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the Durham area can apply to become a public representative. Everyone who applies will have to complete a short application form and those shortlisted will be invited to come in for an informal chat with Craig and some members of the AAP board.

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Kinky Boots - The Musical is set to dazzle and delight on Thursday 4 February at 7pm and Sunday 9 February at 3pm. The show sees factory owner Charlie join forces with the fabulous entertainer Lola to create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen. Filmed live at London's Adelphi Theatre, the cinematic screening captures all the energy of the West End performance, transporting audiences from the factory floor of Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of

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Tickets cost £15, £13 for concessions and £10 for Gala members.

Robin Byers, Gala Theatre manager, said: "By hosting touring productions and theatrical screenings we can provide even more choice to the people of County Durham, ensuring they don't have to leave the region to experience the wonders of the West End."

Other upcoming musical highlights include The Cabaret Café on Sunday 9 February. Presented by the Gala Theatre Stage School, the latter will take the audience on a journey through musical history, from the works of Cole Porter to present day successes such as Hamilton.

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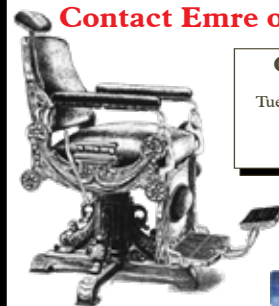
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Colin Galley, Lecturer at New College Durham, was nominated for WorldSkills Unsung Hero for his commitment to co-ordinating WorldSkills competitions and skills events for SEND students at the College. Colin has also helped to establish a regional network of ten colleges and sixth forms and has created a calendar of events that will take place across the North East. New College Durham

is now leading on three WorldSkills UK Inclusive Skills competitions: ICT Skills, Restaurant Services and Hairdressing. Colin said: "I have been involved with the WorldSkills competitions for several years. Embedding competitions into the curriculum hugely benefits SEND students as it supports their individual growth, resilience and transition into further study or employment. The competitions are an excellent way of showcasing the students' skills."

The TES Support for Learners category recognised the impact of the New College's innovative 42 Day Project, a risk-based, student-centred programme which aims to reduce the number of students that drop out of college within the first 42 days. The project involves tutors mapping each student against fourteen indicators to identify the level of support they need then working with the students to put in place a comprehensive, individual package of support. The success of the scheme was demonstrated by a drastic reduction in the dropout rate which decreased from 10% in 2016 to 4.5% in 2019.

Dawn Fairlamb, Vice Principal, commented: "To be nominated in 2 categories of the prestigious TES awards is an impressive achievement. Our entries are about providing our students with a first class experience and the best opportunities to succeed. These nominations reflect the dedication and hard work of our staff who strive to provide the best possible educational outcome for every student. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, on 20 March."

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Local young dancer "GEORGIA THELWELL" from "NEWTON AYCLIFFE" has beaten hundreds of other dancers from across the UK to successfully gain a place as a Can You Dance? Dance Star 2020. They will now have the privilege of representing Co Durham at the hugely anticipated Can You Dance? events up and down the country, working alongside International Choreographers and Dance Educators. Concluding with a performance at The M&S Bank Arena, Liverpool in front of thousands of people in October.

The UK's biggest touring dance convention has been in undated with hundreds of applications from youngsters aged 6-18 years, hoping to be selected as part of the prestigious team! "GEORGIA" was selected by a panel of leading dance industry experts. Including CYD? Directors Matt Flint, a creative director and choreographer for TV, Film and Theatre including shows such as the NTA's, Strictly Come Dancing and Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. And Tom Shilcock, a professional dancer and choreographer that has danced for a multitude of artists including Rita Ora, Take That, Jason Derulo and many more! "GEORGIA" has an exciting year ahead with the CYD? Dance Stars. You can catch Georgia locally at "NEWCASTLE Regional Convention" at Northumbria University on "Sunday 10th



May".

"Our aim is to support, nurture & inspire the next generation of dancers and the CYD? Dance Star Company is another way for us to give back to all the young dancers out there!" - Can You Dance? For more details about our events please visit www.canyoudancelive.com



## TOGETHER GROUP AT BIG SHED

Men Talking Together Group meet at The Big Shed, Unit 14a, I.E.S. Centre behind Newton Press Offices

We would like to introduce you to our Portacabin within Unit 14a which has heating, cosy chairs and settees plus TV. This week we will be giving you soup with a bun and cups of tea. If you are lonely or just want to talk you are very welcome.

We will have a pool table fitness machines and other equipment. Plus car parking is available, the entrance is off Northfield Way / Jowett Drive. Ring 308094 / 07967 901471.

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## Bushfire Bake Sale at Woodham



Woodham Academy students have been taking a keen interest in the fires raging around Australia. A group of concerned Year 10 students approached the school's Wildlife and Ecology Group and asked if they could arrange a 'Bushfire Bake Sale' donating all proceeds to the people and animals currently suffering in Australia. Students raised over £250 from the cakes themselves, and generous voluntary parental contributions then increased this amount to £500. The money will be split between The Australian Red Cross organisation and WWF Australia and will hopefully go some way to help the devastating situation.

## Sign & Sing at Redworth House Care Home



Residents at Redworth House Care Home, Shildon have been introduced to British Sign Language by 'sign and sing' delivered by Jules Baxter from Newton Aycliffe, licensee of the franchise Signing Tots. Residents; Winifred, Royston and Ann took part in the very first session within County Durham and it proved to be a very enjoyable experience. Activities co-ordinator Elaine Gardiner, said "learning new skills and keeping the brain active are among the tools with the best chance of

slowing down the progression of Alzheimer's and other forms of Dementia. Ongoing social connectivity and cognitive exercises are some of the pillars of the Redworth House ethos." Elaine also said "The residents are retaining what they have learned, but the primary goal is to engage their minds, improve motor skills and enhance quality of life, which is a core philosophy of Redworth House Care Home. This is the only sign language programme, to work alongside people with dementia, of its kind in the County Durham area and we are very happy to be a part of it." During the hour long session the residents learnt how to sign their names, colours, sign to songs and several other signs that the residents requested themselves. Jules said, "Being able to sign is so much fun but also a life skill, I've been signing myself since 2000. I signed with my sons growing up and got involved with Signing Tots in 2008, I love my sign and sign sessions that I run with mums and babies, nurseries and schools, and I'm even more excited to be expanding into care homes. It is just another way to share the fun with another audience." Our residents are really looking forward to our next visit from sign and sing.

### Birthday Remembrance

#### THELMA COWEN

2nd February

Thinking of our lovely Mam and Grandma on her birthday. Love you to the moonbeams and back. Peter, John and Dawn, Graeme and Debbie, Jill, Tyler, Aidan & Emily xxx

### Congratulations

#### Rebecca Coates

4th February

Big 30 today. Love you so much and I'm so proud of all you have achieved. Have a fantastic day, You deserve it. Lots of love Mam and Billy x

#### SPENSLEY

Happy Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad. Have a great day. Love always, Julie, Den and family xxx

#### Martin Moore

6th February

Happy birthday Martin. Hope you have a good day. Love from SJ, Craig, Cayden, Macca and the dogs and cats!

#### Martin Moore

6th February

Happy birthday to my fiancé. Hope you have the best day. I love you, Maddi xxxx

### In Memoriam

#### June Boyd

Sadly missed and always loved by your Husband Dave

#### Violet Bennett

5th February

1 year has gone without you Mam. There's not a day goes by that I don't miss you or love you. You were my best friend. If only I could hold you just one last time. Love you forever, Sheila, Billy and all your loving family x

**JOANNE TURNER**  
(McCourt) 30.01.15 In our thoughts so much every day. Love you always, Michelle, Colin, Cameron and Amelia

#### Luke Langdale



#### Happy 30th Birthday Son!

All our love, Mam and Neil xx

My Lukie. Happy Birthday! Love Harvey xx

Happy 30th Luke! Hope you have a wonderful time celebrating! Lots of love from Laura, Andrew and Sophie xx

Luke, Happy 30th Birthday! Best wishes, Granny Grunt xx

Enjoy your 30th Birthday. Hope you have a great time celebrating! Love, Heather xx

#### NICKY TODD

#### Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary.

We have survived a year married and 11 years together. I love you more than you will ever know. Thank you for everything you do for me and George. Love from your Wife xXxXx

### Thank You

#### Colin Miller's 60th Birthday

I would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely cards and presents received at my 60th birthday party at The Big Club on January 25th. It was great to see you all and I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. Great night, over too quickly. Colin

### Obituary

#### ANNE TWISSELL (nee Notman)

Formerly of Darlington, passed away on the 21st January at Darlington Memorial Hospital, aged 77 years.

Dearlly beloved Mother to Colin and Barbara; Mother-in-Law to Amanda; dearly loved Grandma to Daniel, Adam, Emily, Thomas, Mark, Ben and Katie and Great Grandma to Lily and Aleah.

Service at Darlington Crematorium on Thursday 6th February at 1.15pm. No flowers, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Cancer Research UK.

#### BRIAN CHARLES DUNN

Aged 59, passed away peacefully at home. Husband of Melanie, Father of Emma and Ryan, Son of Douglas and the late Betty Dunn. Brother to Sue and Dot and Uncle to Ashley, Hayden, Nikita and Owen. Family flowers only, donations in lieu can be made after the service if desired. Black clothes optional. For funeral information please contact Co-op Funeral Directors on 01325 300510

#### ROSSINGTON

of Newton Aycliffe

#### Eric & Kenneth

Both sadly passed suddenly at home on 19th January 2020.

**Eric Tom Rossington** aged 94 years. Beloved husband of the late Peggy; a much loved Dad of Roy and the late Kenneth and a dear Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad.

**Kenneth Rossington** aged 71 years. Beloved Son of the late Eric and Peggy; a loving Husband of Christine and a dearly loved Dad, Grandad, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Cousin.

Would family and friends please meet at Darlington Crematorium on Thursday 6th February for a joint Service at 9.45am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, may be given to the RNLI. A collection box will be provided at the service.



## FIND A DOG a home

### Dog of the Month - Bruno

Bruno is a 12-year-old Staffordshire bull terrier who may be a more refined gentleman, but he still enjoys living his life to the full. He has the cutest little face that lights up and can bring a smile to everyone he meets. He is a sweet natured chap who loves his food, perhaps even a little too much sometimes. Like most of us after Christmas, Bruno is on a fitness regime and is slowly increasing his exercise levels by having frequent short walks.

Currently enjoying life in a foster home on Dogs Trust's Home From Home Programme, Bruno is a huge fan of relaxing and snoozing the day away; having already found his favourite spot on the sofa.

Bruno is looking for a cosy retirement home where he can relax, potter about and generally just chill out. He can live with children over the age of eight and would like someone to be around most of the time as he does enjoy human company.

If you think that you can give this loving boy the retirement home he so deserves, please contact the centre on 01325638143. You can find a video, photos and more information about Bruno on his web profile.

Bruno is just one of over 80 dogs currently looking for a home at the centre; we have an amazing selection of shapes, sizes, ages and breeds that are looking for a wide variety of homes. For more information on Bruno or any of the other lovely dogs we have at Dogs Trust Darlington please contact the centre on 01325638143, visit the website or email us at [Darlington@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:Darlington@dogstrust.org.uk).



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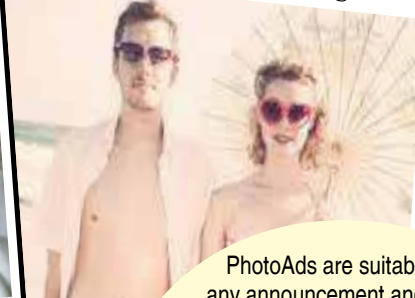
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#### Happy 21st Birthday

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# PFP Wealth Sponsor Eagles



Glenda Hall from PFP Wealth Limited, who offers full financial advice including pensions kindly sponsored the Under 9 Eagles with new hoodies for the entire squad. The boys will wear the hoodies for the rest of the season, as well as when representing the team and town in Blackpool during the annual football tournament at the beginning of May. The players, manager and parents are so grateful for the generosity of Glenda in supporting the team. Glenda stated that she was more than happy to support the Eagles and it was worth it just to see the players faces when receiving their hoodies.

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The Eagles travelled to inform Hardwick Youth in the league. Hardwick had won their previous 3 games without conceding a goal so the boys knew today would be tough. The boys probably played the best football they have for a while. From keeper to forward all the boys played really well, passing and moving and working hard to get a result. The game went 1 way then the other, midway through the 2nd half we were leading to only be pegged back and then lose the game in the final couple minutes

to an unstoppable drive which found the top corner. Although the boys didn't get the points today, they raised their game and played some outstanding football at times. Goals Krystian and Evan, MOM James.

2nd game was an end to end affair and we took the lead early on when Nathan won the ball and drove at the heart of the Hardwick defence and drove the ball hard and low into the bottom corner. Both teams had chances to score and just before HT Hardwick drew level. 2nd half was again end to end with Aycliffe missing some great opportunities to score but unfortunately today we didn't take any and the game finished in a draw. MOM Nathan for a top performance in midfield and donning the gloves for the 2nd half and making 2 great saves.

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was an unusually quiet week this week in terms of racing for ARC. We did have members taking part in local parkruns but there were no members taking part in official races. We had one member, Carley Gibson, achieve a PB at Hartlepool Parkrun, of 27.42.

It therefore fell on the shoulders of the junior section to fly the flag for ARC this week and they had a fantastic morning at the County Durham Athletics Network U11 event where a team of seven athletes participated in a number of field and track events which consisted of throws, agility tests, power events, hurdles and sprints. Every one of our athletes excelled in every activity whilst, more importantly, enjoying the event and cheering on their teammates. ARC came 4th out of 7 teams which was a tremendous achievement considering the teams above them all had twelve athletes. Well done to all who took part and the coaches

On Saturday night it was the Annual Presentation Night which sees the successes and achievements of the club being rewarded. The first award was for the club handicap male winner which was awarded to Kevin Greenall and the overall winner was Kelly Thompson. The handicap is a specific route which

is run several times over the summer with members starting according to ability with slowest starting first and the faster runners setting off in intervals afterwards.

The next awards were for the club championship. This is a series of races selected and members can attain points depending on their ages and times etc. Our female winner was Trish Kay and our male winner was Andy Talbot who won the series with maximum points, a first for ARC.

Next up was best newcomer and this award went to John Joseph Richardson who quickly moved from beginners to the main training sessions. Tracey Pickering was the next to receive an award, being presented with the trophy for most improved athlete. Tracey has made significant progress in the past year by starting to compete in races as well as greatly improving her times

We also have awards for Cross Country races and our winners of these were Sue Milburn and Mark Wade, with both having very successful 2018/19 seasons, both often placing high in the finishing.

The female athlete of the year went to Heather Robyn Morgan who had progressed significantly from joining the club and went on to run in varying distances, improving

was the Rob Niven trophy which is awarded to someone who has shown significant commitment to the club. This year the award was shared by Richard and Donna Campbell who are both run leaders, and club captains, who also keep ARC active on social media. Our final awards were special achievement awards that were given to Alan Wilks and Richard Harvey, both of whom have had the honour of representing their Country. ARC presented them with trophies, are having their shirts framed and also offered them honorary membership. The night continued with food and a disco and was a very successful celebration of the clubs achievements and growth.

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.

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