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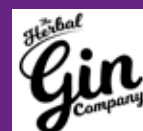


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Community Support Look to Emulate Honest John

After the demise of 'Honest' John Hilton a gap opened in the town for a group to mimic John's ideals and ethos.

Tom Carroll and Brian Agar have been busy over the last few months setting up "Community Support" which will follow in the footsteps of Mr Hilton. Good quality items will be accepted as donations and sold on behalf of organisations and charities in Newton Aycliffe. Small items of furniture are also available and will be accepted if in good condition.

The couple have acquired a first floor room in the IES Centre (next to the Blue Bridge), full address is Unit 3A IES Centre, drive past Newton Press offices and follow the signs. Community Support have been busy cleaning and setting up the store ready for the opening which took place on Monday 22nd June.

There will be social distancing guidelines in place which will allow a maximum of six customers into the store at any one time. There will also be a strict "look, don't touch" policy, but Brian and Tom will both be on hand to show and take the goods out of the cabinets and give more information. The shop will open from Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Tom and Brian have applied for charitable status and will run as a not for profit organisation.

A website is in the process of being completed, but a Facebook page is up and running search for Community Support, Newton Aycliffe. You will also find a selection of items which are available for sale.

The organisation recent hit a set back when their van was stolen and written off, they are hoping this will be replaced shortly.

Contact details are as follows:

Tom Carroll 07512 251275

Brian Agar 07951 947993

Helping Dogs Adjust When They Can't See Our Faces

Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, is urging dog owners to get their dogs used to seeing face coverings as part of daily life, as new Government legislation makes face masks mandatory for people using public transportation. With new rules coming into force this week and countless people heading back to work, this will be a big adjustment for the masses, as well as our canine friends, if they are unable to see or read human facial expressions.

Dogs are very good at reading our facial expressions to tell how humans are feeling, so if face masks become part of their owner's everyday lives; and suddenly people's faces are covered, your dog could become confused or concerned because they can't see or potentially even hear us clearly when spoken to. Dogs Trust has come up with some helpful tips for introducing dogs to people wearing face masks.

Before starting, remember to take it slow, make sure your dog is always relaxed and reward them with treats.

Step 1

Hold your hand over your face for a moment, then reward your dog.

Step 2

Hold your hand over your face and talk to your dog, then reward them.

Step 3

Cover your face with a scarf or bandana for a little longer. Reward your dog.

Step 4

Start to move around the room with your face covered. Reward your dog.

Step 5

Introduce the face masks. Let your dog see you tying it on, talk to them and move around. Don't forget to reward them.

Step 6

Repeat from the beginning for other family members and in different places, like outside in the garden.

When getting your dog used to children wearing masks, an adult should always supervise and be responsible for rewarding the dog. They should also ensure the environment is safe, either by putting their dog on a lead or by separating them using a baby gate.

Dr Jenna Kiddie, Head of Behaviour at Dogs Trust said:

"As face masks become an increasingly common sight in our daily lives, we should make sure our dogs are also able to take this in their stride - without being able to see full faces a dog is less able to interpret human emotion or our intentions. With Government social distancing guidelines firmly in place, it is also useful to be aware of how these apply



to our dogs, especially when out on their walks near shops or public transport routes, where they are likely to see people wearing masks.

"Although there is no current evidence that dogs can transmit the human Coronavirus (Covid-19) to humans, like any other surface dogs can carry the virus on their leads, collars or coats."

With shops on the high street beginning to open again and public transport also being used more frequently, the temptation may be there to take your dog with you on these journeys. Dogs Trust recommends that before making this journey, dog owners give serious consideration to how essential it is their pet accompany them, while checking the travel operator's latest policy on travelling with pets.

Jenna continues: "We urge people to consider whether their dog really needs to go on public transport with them. Getting dogs used to being on public transportation with people wearing masks, whilst not interacting as much, is a lot for our canine companions to take in. If they haven't fully adjusted to this, it can be frustrating for them to suddenly receive less attention from people when out with their household, as these individuals try to adhere to social distancing guidelines."

As high street shops are likely to have a reduced maximum capacity for the number of customers they can hold, Dogs Trust is advising that dog owners plan their walking times around the busiest periods, so their dog doesn't have to stand in or pass by lengthy queues outside of shops. Likewise, it is also important that dogs aren't tied by their leads and left outside of shops, as this could cause them to become distressed, or even create an inviting opportunity for dog theft. Dogs Trust has a host of information on responsible dog ownership and getting your dog used to using public transportation, which is available on their website. For more information please visit www.dogstrust.org.uk



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GARDEN MAKEOVER DURING LOCKDOWN

Dear Sir,
When I moved to Ashfield at the beginning of March the garden was an unloved area that had also been vandalised from when the house was empty. Myself, (Lucy Walker) and my partner (Gary Welford) were chatting one day and he asked me what I'd like for my birthday in April . . . I immediately responded with making the garden a nice space for us to enjoy.
Gary got straight to work in March and made my birthday request happen. It has been an absolute life saver for me as I have a stressful job and working from home has been challenging. So, having my garden space to enjoy has been so helpful during such difficult times.
The garden now has decking, a pergola, a dog kennel, artificial grass, a new gravelled area, a fish pond and even a bar! Gary made all of these things from scratch. The flowers are blooming now too and the solar lights look gorgeous on an evening. This calm and relaxing area has been the highlight of my lockdown and I love sitting in the garden with a glass of wine and a good book! It didn't cost a fortune and I just wanted to share the work that Gary has done as I am incredibly proud and feel very grateful for having such a love my space to enjoy during lockdown. Think I'd have struggled a lot more without it!
Gary is a self employed gardener and



handyman and I am so grateful for him taking the time out of his busy schedule to make the garden into something really special. He still wants to add to it and improve it further but so far I think he's done an amazing job!

Lucy Walker

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Newton Press are pleased to be back to some kind of normality with the return of the Newton News in print format. Over the last three months we have been unable to print and deliver your local community newspaper due to the lockdown and having to protect our delivery team. Early on in the lockdown a printed version was produced which was supported by GAMP and MP Paul Howell. That edition contained a lot of valuable information about the Covid-19 pandemic, which was specially produced for those who were unable to leave their home and did not have access to social media. Distribution to those vulnerable members of the community was performed by local volunteers, charities and food banks. Another edition was also produced on VE Day, which was supported by Freshwater (the Town Centre Landlords) and ROF59 Activity Centre and Finley Structures. This edition brought a lot of history surrounding Newton Aycliffe and the Aycliffe Angels. The past 12 weeks have given Newton Press the opportunity to improve and upgrade the Newton News into the new format you see in front of you now. We hope this new quality, glossy magazine is to your liking and you enjoy reading the local news as we deliver copies of the new look magazine to your home each week. Stu Howarth, sales director at Newton Press said "We have received so many calls asking when the Newton News would be back in circulation, it is great to get the new look magazine out to our readers."

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BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR RENEE'S 106th



Above photo shows members of Aycliffe Bike Club when they met at ROF59 to collect and deliver birthday cards from Aycliffe Residents to Aycliffe Angel, Renee Glover who celebrated her 106th birthday last weekend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREENFIELD ARTS!

Many individuals have changed the way they have celebrated their birthday over the past few months finding new ways to mark the day. Greenfield Arts are no exception and were determined to celebrate their 20th birthday by reaching the community they love in creative and innovative ways.

Greenfield Arts are an arts organisation with an arts centre facility in Newton Aycliffe (working in alliance with Greenfield Community College) who collaborate to produce and commission high quality, dynamic and stimulating arts and creative activity across a range of art forms. Greenfield Arts have marked this special day (23 June) by sharing three wonderful commissions that reflect the many projects, events and activities over the past twenty years and celebrate their vision and commitment to promoting and stimulating creativity, curiosity and questioning across the wider community.

Filmmaker Laura Degnan was awarded a commission to create a short film to celebrate the day; the lovely stop motion animation reflects the contributions from our community, who were invited to share their thoughts about creativity at Greenfield Arts over the past twenty years in a recent project.

Performance poet, Tony Gadd was called upon to put a similar sentiment into words, Tony who has worked closely with Greenfield Arts, was well placed to capture its very essence, vision and reach in a poetic and poignant piece, entitled *Our Tree of Life*.

We are also very much looking forward to working with artist Bethan Maddocks continuing the celebration as Greenfield Arts comes of age. Renowned visual artist Bethan Maddocks is exploring the idea of possibility, bringing together creative exchanges and conversations with the community that will inspire an exhibition to mark the birthday year, *Finders, Seekers*. Greenfield Arts would like to thank all partners, funders and collaborators who have worked with them over the past 20 years and to the fantastic communities we serve. The team at Greenfield Arts are now excited to be looking forward to the next twenty years. We are busy developing and programming projects, exhibitions and activities that can be accessed as we evolve through this time and well into the future, supporting artists/creatives and offering a true 'centre of creativity'.

You can find our birthday film on our Facebook and Twitter pages @greenfieldarts and find out more by visiting our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, where you can sign up to our regular newsletter. Get in touch and wish us a big 'happy birthday!'



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UTC SOUTH DURHAM WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

UTC South Durham has welcomed students back to school after a period of online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic. The first students returned to UTC on Tuesday 18th June, and more students are expected back in school over the coming weeks. The first students to return were Year 12 students studying pre-apprenticeship courses, and the remaining Year 12 and Year 10 students have been invited to return from the week beginning 22nd June. Following a lengthy risk assessment process, changes to the building and school protocol have been made to ensure that students and staff are safe. Social distancing will be maintained at all times, and students are attending classes in 'bubbles'. Online learning will also continue to ensure that students and staff who are vulnerable are able to engage in and support education.

Vice-principal Catherine Purvis-Mawson, who has led on the school reopening, said: "Having our students back in the building to continue with their technical education is wonderful. They have embraced the social distancing and cleaning protocols that we have in place to ensure they can continue with their learning. It is also important to us to ensure that their well-being is looked after so being able to speak to them about their mental health has helped them enormously. We will look forward to welcoming more of our students back to the UTC over the next few weeks."

UTC South Durham is a specialist technical school and Sixth Form based on the Aycliffe Business Park. It opened in September 2016 and focuses on engineering, technology, science and maths education for those who want to move on to careers in those sectors, either via university or directly into apprenticeships or employment. Year 12 students in the engineering hall at UTC South Durham



Golf Club Ladies' Section Give Hospice Appeal a Boost

A local hospice has received a £1,000 boost to its COVID-19 emergency fund thanks to the efforts of Blackwell Grange Golf Club Ladies' Section.

When Jacqueline Heaton became the Lady Captain of Blackwell Grange Golf Club in November 2019 she nominated St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington, as her charity for the year.

St Teresa's needs to raise over £3m a year to provide its core services free of charge for people living with life-limiting illnesses and their families in Darlington, South Durham and North Yorkshire. These services include in-patient and community care, as well as family support and bereavement counselling. The Hospice launched a public appeal for support after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of its charity shops and the cancellation or postponement of a host of fundraising events.

Despite the Golf Club being closed for over two months during the lockdown period, the Ladies had already raised a substantial sum. Normally the funds raised by their charitable activities are presented at the end of the Lady Captain's year which would be in November 2020. However, because of the exceptional circumstances this year, the Ladies decided to make an interim donation to the Hospice of £1,000.

Jacqueline Heaton, the Lady Captain, said: "I was delighted to choose St Teresa's as my charity of the year because it does such a wonderful job in supporting individuals and families from Darlington and the surrounding area. It now feels vital that St Teresa's itself is given the support it deserves at such a difficult and challenging time."

The Ladies' Section, which currently has around 100 playing members, will continue to raise funds for St Teresa's Hospice between now and November. They hope to be able to



present another significant cheque at the end of the year.

Jane Bradshaw, Hospice Chief Executive, said: "This is a very thoughtful gesture, and we are incredibly grateful for the donation at this time. The Ladies have made a tremendous effort to raise £1,000 so far. I'm delighted to hear that they have continued to save up donations at home during lockdown, thinking of those who may need to use our services."

Funds donated to the emergency appeal now total more than £92,000. The appeal is continuing until a deficit is no longer predicted, and donations can still be made at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/hugostts

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The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. Date of Announcement: 26th June 2020

2. Each year Great Aycliffe Town Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return is audited by an auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them.

For the year ended 31st March 2020, the accounts and supporting documents will be available during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe (subject to COVID-19 social distancing measures).

The inspection period will commence on Monday 29th June 2020 and end on Friday 7th August 2020.

Appointments to view the accounts should be made with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have the following rights:-

- The opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and
- The right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them.

Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Town Council. The auditor can be contacted at the address provided in paragraph 4 below for this purpose, during the inspection period referred to a paragraph 2 above.

4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office' Code of Audit Practice.

Great Aycliffe Town Council's audit is being carried out by:

Mazars LLP, Salvus House, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS

5. This announcement is made by Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A., who is the Finance Manager at Great Aycliffe Town Council.

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Hospitals across County Durham and Darlington have some new arrangement in place as part of their continued response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Since 15 June, in a change to visiting restrictions, all patients are allowed a one hour visit per day by a relative or close friend. Allowances for visiting arrangements already in place for parents of sick children, women in labour and patients receiving end of life care will continue.

Visitors are asked to telephone the hospital ward before visiting.

Anyone attending hospital for any purpose should also note national guidance requires them to wear a face covering at all times during any hospital attendance. This can be a scarf, bandana or fabric mask etc.

In the interests of social distancing patients attending an outpatient appointment or the Trust's emergency departments are asked to attend on their own unless they need the support of a parent, carer or advocate.

Noel Scanlon, Executive Director of Nursing at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said "We recognise that the suspension of visiting has been distressing for many patients and those close to them. We hope this change to visiting restrictions will help families. "It's important to note, however, that while the number of cases of Covid-19 nationally may be going down, there's a long way to go and it still poses a significant threat to patients and our staff. Minimising hospital transmission continues to be one of our priorities and, hopefully, will also help increase public confidence in accessing our services once again."

Greenfield Students Look to the Future

All students at Greenfield Community College have faced unprecedented challenges during recent months; it is inspiring to see how individuals have overcome obstacles and developed learning through these new opportunities. It is also good to see how Year 11 students are carving out future opportunities for themselves with support from expert teaching staff.

Careers lead, Mr. Tait has been continuing to support students in their career choices and has been tracking destinations and offering advice and resources to help students make the best choices for the future.

It is wonderful to see so many students furthering their education, finding relevant training or employment and finding ways to build on their current achievements and progress made at Greenfield. Students such as Year 11 Sydney, who has been offered a wonderful opportunity to study and play soccer in the US; Kaitlin who is intending to study Veterinary Nursing at East Durham College. Matthew and Paige who are following their dreams as they continue their love of performing arts and Joe who is furthering his musical studies. Three performers who will be a big miss in future Greenfield Shows where they were previously key players. We wish them and every student every success for the future.

Students across the school have also had the opportunity to work alongside mentors as part of the Future First initiative which encourages alumni to support current students and help them explore their next steps. The programme gives a unique insight into professional roles and a range of employment opportunities. The mentor scheme has been inspirational for Greenfield students. Former students who have kindly shared their experience and inspired current students include Jemma Cheetham Senior Management Accountant who left Greenfield in 2007 and HR Manager, Jonathan Robinson who left Greenfield in 2006. A valuable contribution to help students realise their potential. Greenfield is committed to meeting the needs of each and every student and supporting them to access their next steps. For further information about Greenfield Community College, or to join our alumni and get involved, please visit our website www.greenfieldschool.net for more information and ways to get in touch.

First Drive In Music Event for Newton Aycliffe Sold Out

Aycliffe Radio, working with ROF59 Activity Centre, are organising a series of "Drive In" events at the ROF59 Rear Field with all profits from these events being donated to local charities.

The first event is to take place on Friday 3rd July from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Tickets for this event have SOLD OUT, but more opportunities will be available for other Drive In music events during the following Saturdays in July and August (watch Newton News for more information).

All cars will be socially distanced parked, allowing the occupants to get out and have a 'boogie' if they so wish. Refreshments will be available via a text ordering system, which ROF59 will prepare on the premises and deliver to your car.

The toilets will be available in ROF59 (one person at a time in the toilet block), a first aid station, marshals and volunteers will be on hand to help and advise any visitor to any of the events.

The next confirmed date is Saturday 18th July, when Gaz 'n' Alby from Aycliffe Radio, will present an "Punk Rock Drive In" with live bands including The Clashed, Boilermaker, MC16 and Zero Tolerance with Gaz 'n' Alby as your MC for the evening. This event will take place from 5.00pm until 10.00pm. Tickets will be available via www.skiddle.com and will cost £5.00 per person (all who attend the Punk event must have their own seat in a car - no vans, mini buses or trucks permitted.) For more information email Aycliffe Radio on info@ayclifferadio.co.uk




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Lucid's New Website Dedicated to NHS Charities and Music Lovers

North East IT support company, Lucid Technology Solutions, have developed a new website to help raise funds for NHS charities as well as supporting music artistes who are impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Dean Clarke, managing director of Lucid Technology Solutions, which is headquartered in Norton, Stockton with offices in Newton Aycliffe and Team Valley, is behind the design and build of www.myjukebox.co.uk; a streaming site for all genres of music from across the decades, which goes live this week.

Music lovers Dean, along with project manager Gavin Iceton, director of Newton Stage Hire and Paul Howarth, fellow director of Newton Stage Hire and Aycliffe Radio station manager, were keen to find a way to support the NHS, whilst also helping furloughed musicians and singers who are currently unable to perform to audiences in live venues. Gavin initiated the project and pulled in the help and expertise of Dean and Paul to build a website and a recording studio at the ROF59 Activity Centre in Newton Aycliffe. Dean contributed Lucid's time and expertise to create the site which shows video as well as recorded tracks by the artistes.

Dean Clarke comments: "Lucid was keen to show the company's support for the NHS, for all of their hard work and dedication at what is a very challenging time. myjukebox enables us to raise valuable funds for NHS charities, while at the same time helping to increase the profile of music artistes who are currently not able to get out and perform in venues and promote themselves as they would usually."

Those who sign up to membership of the site at a cost of £5.00, all of which will go directly to NHS charities, will get to experience some fantastic music while supporting a great cause. The artistes have all given their time to record a selection of tracks and to perform on video to get more of an insight into

them and their music. There is an option on the website for people to also make a donation directly to the artiste if they choose.

Gavin Iceton said: "This project would not have been possible without the valuable assistance of ROF59 Activity Centre and the use of their facilities; Aycliffe Radio for recording and editing the tracks; Newton Stage Hire for the use of stage and lighting equipment; Lucid Technologies for the website build. Our hope is that more artistes will perform for this exciting new project and that the site receives many visitors who in turn will be supporting the NHS and the furloughed entertainers."

Artistes featured currently on the site include Jay Murray, a regular performer at the legendary Cavern Club in Liverpool, as well as local entertainers such as Nev Jones, Amy Stevens, Jenna Highfield, The Thieves, Aimee B, Sarah Hulse and Charlotte Robinson - with many more to be added to the site each week.

All parties involved in creating myjukebox have offered their services free of charge.

For further information about Lucid Technology Solutions contact Tel: 01642 792 567 (Stockton office), 0191 792 567 (Team Valley office) or 01325 792 567 (Newton Aycliffe office), email hi@lucidgrp.co.uk or visit the website www.lucidgrp.co.uk Visit www.myjukebox.co.uk for more details.



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What3Words App Helped Save Two Lost Teenagers



The what3words app has helped save two teenage girls who got lost in fog whilst on Roseberry Topping. The girls had become separated from friends and were unable to find their way in the fog.

North Yorkshire Police, the North East Ambulance Service and Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team were all called to the scene at about midnight, for the rescue which was carried out in the early hours of Thursday. The teenagers were tracked down after they downloaded the What3Words app.

The lifesaving app works by dividing the globe into 3m x 3m squares and gives each one a unique 3 word address. The peak of Roseberry Topping can be found at ///washed.limits. shallower, for example. The app is free to download for both iOS and Android, or by browser, and works offline making it ideal for use in areas with an unreliable data connection. The 3 word address format is also consistent anywhere in the world, and available in 37 languages.

In an emergency situation, identifying precisely where help is needed is critical - and this can be near impossible if you are in an area with no address or if that address isn't good enough to describe exactly where you are. For example, postcodes can apply to areas over 1-mile square and in London alone, there are 14 Church Roads. If you didn't know where you were you might turn to your phone to try and locate yourself via a pin on

a map - but imagine trying to describe your pin to someone over a 999 call.

In these moments, emergency services are forced to waste precious time and resources just trying to locate the person in need of help. At best, this can be frustrating, and at worst waste crucial minutes that are the difference between life and death.

Today over 75% of UK Emergency Services including police, ambulance, fire & rescue, coastguards and the British Transport Police have rolled out what3words to respond to incidents more effectively. Using 3 word addresses gives callers a simple way to describe precisely where help is needed and allow these forces to get resources straight to the scene.

If someone becomes lost, they only need to download the free app on their mobile phone and it will provide them with three unique words - which, when passed on to the emergency services, will reveal where they are.

The girls lost on Roseberry Topping were assessed by a paramedic at the scene but no treatment was required. The images of the crew attached can be credited to Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team and the others to what3words

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2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
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8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa
12-2am	Night Club Session	

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
12-2pm	Country & Americana Show	David Ringer
Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
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6-7.30pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
8-10pm	The Rock Show	CAD
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-2pm	Memory Lane	Gary Avery
2-4pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

MONDAY

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

6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

WEDNESDAY

6-7.30pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby

THURSDAY

6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	BeatRoute	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

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NORTHERN PRIDE PLEDGES TO EXTEND ITS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The north's leading organisation for the LGBTQ+ community has pledged to further help other groups to get their voices heard. Northern Pride has been a huge advocate of all groups within its community, but now has promised to put additional resources into helping trans, non-binary and gender diverse people, along with those who identify as BAME, get further support. As part of this commitment, Northern Pride is working with UK Black Pride for the first time, to ensure it properly represents black members of the LGBTQ+ community. The announcement comes shortly after Northern Pride revealed that this year's festival will take place online, with a run-up to the event used as a fund-raiser for a number of charities.

Ste Dunn, Chair of Northern Pride,

believes there has never been a more important time to draw attention to what is happening in the LGBTQ+ community, where recent figures show that in the past year, one in five people have experienced a hate crime, a number which doubles for the trans community.

Northern Pride also wants to shine a spotlight on the fact that the reform of the Gender Recognition Act – which aimed to make it easier for trans people to self identify – is now at risk of being scrapped by Women and Equalities Minister, Liz Truss.

"This fact has been hidden behind the news that the long-awaited ban on gay conversion therapy will go ahead," said Ste.

"But what it really means is that our trans community are again being left behind when it comes to protection and equality and are constantly attacked across social media platforms including those by those in the public eye."

He added: "in 2020 there is still so much work to be done for individuals to be treated equal, especially our queer people of colour. And Northern Pride has a role to play."

Northern Pride has also unveiled a range of charities it intends to support ahead of its virtual Pride day, which includes akt, which supports young LGBTQ+ people who are displaced or made homeless due to their gender or sexuality and Curious Arts, the North East's not-for-profit organisation which celebrates LGBTQ+ culture through the arts.

Joining the list is Rainbow Homes North East, a charity who support asylum seekers based in the region, and the region's leading trans charity and support group, Be: Trans Support and Community. In addition to this, Northern Pride announce a change to its iconic branding, to better reflect the community they work for.

"In line with the Progress Flag, we've introduced the additional colours of white, pink, blue, brown and black to bring focus on inclusion and progress, standing in solidarity with trans, non-binary, gender diverse and people of colour within the community, and these are the people who need our support more than ever, therefore this will be an incredibly important focus for Northern Pride," Ste added.

People wishing to contribute to the fundraising efforts should head to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/northern-pride-online> or find out more about Northern Pride Online www.northern-pride.com/prideonline

Designing the Future of GP Consultations

Health chiefs are seeking views to help design the future of GP practice consultations following new ways of working during Covid-19.

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across County Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland are working together to review patient's experiences of online and digital healthcare, since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic. Following the outbreak GPs, nurses and hospital staff are now using alternative, safer ways to consult with patients including telephone, online and video consultations.

NHS County Durham chief officer, Dr Stewart Findlay, said: "In effect Coronavirus brought an end to traditional face-to-face consultation almost overnight and the speed in which GPs and other health care professionals had to implement changes, to ensure that patients continued to receive safe access to healthcare, has been incredible. "Before the crisis GPs were seeing almost 90 per cent of patients face-to-face - now all our practices are using remote consultations with 80 percent taking place by telephone, video or e-mail - it has been a complete reversal and one that has shown how the future of healthcare could look". Feedback from the survey, which closes on July, 3, 2020, will be used to help understand people's views on accessing GP practices during Covid, how continued improvements to services could be made and to encourage more people to use digital clinical consultations in the future. "Covid-19 has really accelerated the adoption of a 'digital front door' for patients," added Dr Findlay. "We now need to seek the views of as many people as possible to ensure that any new systems introduced post Covid, work for as many people as possible." To access the online survey visit: <https://involvement.sunderlandccg.nhs.uk/surveys/1> All feedback will be treated in strictest confidence and does require any personal information. For any further questions email: SUNCCG.sccg@nhs.net.

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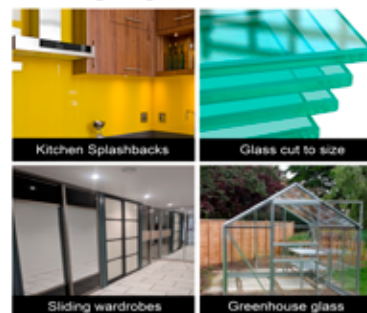
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SKILLS SERVICE CONTINUES TO REACH HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES

A County Durham learning service has adapted during the coronavirus outbreak to continue to reach hundreds of adults and children. The home delivery of learning packages means that, to date, 274 adults and 414 children have continued to engage with East Durham Trust, which delivers community learning on behalf of Durham County Council's Adult Learning Skills Service. As well as helping families and individuals develop new skills and enjoy learning together, the packages also include a meal. The sessions target vulnerable families and are usually delivered throughout the school holidays, when school meals have previously not been available.

The coronavirus outbreak put a hold on classroom activities and communal meals. However, with more vulnerable families needing extra help, new ways of providing services and reaching the community have been introduced.

Home deliveries have seen families receive arts and crafts learning packs with accompanying resources and information, such as rainbow mosaic making and bunting in celebration of VE day. To ensure learners can do activities without the help of tutors, special instructions have been provided, and activities matched to their needs.

Debbie Watson was referred to the project by a Durham County Council One Point family worker. A single parent of two children, aged 11 and 13, she received an activity pack that the whole family could get involved with.

Debbie said: "We enjoyed participating in the learning activity as a family and it provided a good opportunity to do something positive together during this period of uncertainty."

"Once lockdown is over, and some type of normality resumes, I would like to learn some more new skills including sign language. I also would like to take part in a walk leader course and volunteer in the local community."

As well as activity packs, the service has been providing a meal of pie, peas and potatoes, along with cake for dessert. A total of 688 meals have been delivered so far.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Cabinet member for children's and young people's services, said: "We are so pleased that families and individuals can continue to grow in skills and in confidence despite the unfortunate circumstances the pandemic has presented us with. Whilst face to face interaction cannot be replaced, the home deliveries are helping us all stay connected and keep learning."

To find out more about Adult Learning Skills Services, visit: www.durham.gov.uk/adultlearning



Enhanced Safety Measures for National Express Coaches



- New Covid-19 secure measures include reduced vehicle capacity, temperature screening, additional UV fil-ters in air conditioning systems and use of aerosol based disinfection or 'fogging';
- Free amends on bookings for all customers;
- First services will start on Wednesday 1 July.

The UK's largest coach operator will restart services on its national network of intercity routes at a reduced frequency on Wednesday 1 July, with significant new measures in place to allow customers to travel in confidence. The restart follows a three-month suspension of all National Express scheduled services in response to the lock-down and a limit on non-essential travel introduced by the Government to manage the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chris Hardy, managing director of National Express UK Coach explains: "We have always put safety as our number one priority and right now, this is more important than ever as we play our part in getting the country moving again. As restrictions begin to ease and people plan to start travelling once again, we are adapting how we operate to help keep everyone safe."

Covid-19 secure measures include:

- Enhanced cleaning regimes in line with Government and industry recommendations will be in place in stations and on coaches, including regular aerosol based disinfection with a high performance antiviral solution - sometimes called 'fogging';
- An additional filter using three types of technology, including UVC radiation to reduce bacteria and corona type viruses, and a PM2.5 filter to improve air quality; has been installed on the air conditioning systems of all coaches;
- Social distancing in coach stations and on vehicles with the maximum capacity of all coaches limited to 50%. Passengers will be asked to fill vehicles from the back and empty from the front and only sit in window seats with aisle seats blocked off;
- Temperature screening of customers before allowing travel. Anyone with a high temperature reading (over 38°) will not be allowed to travel and given a full refund;
- Protective screens on vehicles and in coach stations along with gloves, masks and visors and a supply of hand sanitiser for all drivers and customer service teams, backed up with Covid-19 training;
- A requirement for customers to provide and wear face coverings, preferably a face mask, when in coach stations and travelling on vehicles, in line with Government guidelines.

Chris Hardy adds: "We also appreciate that people are unsure about committing to travel plans at the moment so have changed some of our terms and conditions to give reassurance when deciding whether to book. All customers who book direct with National Express will now be given the option to amend the date, time and jour-ney origin and destination free of charge if their circumstances change". The new timetable will focus on major towns and cities, connecting over 180 locations across the UK and equivalent to around a quarter of the mileage of the pre-covid national intercity network. The network scope and frequency will be increased in response to demand."

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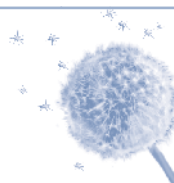
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Durham's Park & Ride Reopens This Month

Park and ride services in Durham City will reopen later this month with extra safety measures being taken as coronavirus restrictions begin to ease.

From 29 June, Durham County Council's park and ride services will resume from Belmont and Snipperley, while Howlands will remain a Park and Stride site, operating solely as a car park.

To ensure the safety of everyone using the park and ride and in order to follow social distancing guidelines, there will be a maximum of eight passengers per bus.

Drivers will wear PPE and in line with government guidance, all passengers must wear a face mask whilst on the bus and will be refused access without wearing one.

Passengers are also encouraged to use their contactless cards to pay for their tickets but all machines will be cleaned regularly and hand sanitisers will be made available on site for users too.

Services from Belmont and Snipperley will run every ten minutes during peak times, and every 15 minutes off-peak and on Saturdays. From the same day (29 June), parking charges will also be reinstated in the council's car parks and on-street pay and display bays.

However, the council will continue to offer free parking to NHS and critical care workers.

To make it safer and easier for users, drivers will be able to pay via their mobile using the Pay By Phone service, which allows people to pay for their parking using either their app, website or telephone number.

However, anyone not wishing to use that service can still pay by contactless where possible, or by cash at the ticket machine.

As of this week, any parking area or zone enforced by parking permits will be patrolled by traffic enforcement officers, who will also enforce any illegal parking in other areas.

For further details about parking in County Durham, visit www.durham.gov.uk/parking



Tailored Support to Help Residents Get Job-Ready

People who have lost their job or are looking for new employment are being offered help in County Durham.

Durham County Council is encouraging residents aged 25 and over to take advantage of a tailored support programme which could boost their chances of finding work. The council's Employability Durham Team is urging people

to contact them for assistance now, so that they can use the period of 'lockdown' to best prepare for future job roles.

The team's dedicated advisers are helping people to explore their employment options and identify any barriers preventing them achieving their goals before helping with a range of actions including training, CV writing, job searching, confidence building and interview preparation.

Margaret Reed from Chester-le-Street found employment as a cleaner in a health centre with help from the team.

Grandmother Margaret was keen to find part time work, close to home. Adviser Emma West helped her to find and apply for jobs online and supported her to apply for a DBS check and purchase interview clothes.

Margaret said: "I feel much better being back in work and the part time hours allow me to have the rest of the day to myself. I'm very grateful for all Emma's support."

Cllr Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We know that the pandemic has led to a significant number of people losing their jobs and many more at risk of unemployment over the coming months."

"We want to provide as much support as possible to help these people back into work or improve their employment prospects and signing up to our support programmes now will give people the best chance of identifying the right roles and being successful in the coming weeks and months. Employability Durham can help with all aspects of getting into work, from organising training courses to helping decide what to wear to an interview. The team can help to address issues which might prevent someone from starting work too, such as help with their mental health, housing problems or debt management support."

John Tindale, employability manager for Durham County Council, said: "We speak to people about their skills and passions, as well as their worries, family situations, housing set-up and health concerns to find out what their abilities and limitations are."

"Then we work with them to figure out what will be beneficial in moving forward. We know it's really important to do this with them, discussing rather than instructing, as they need to be part of planning their own future."

"Addressing the bigger things in someone's life has to come ahead of thinking about work. It's obvious that someone can't hold down a job if we haven't initially addressed their childcare needs."

The team can also help to purchase replacement ID needed for employment

After support with costs such as travel, clothing, food and childcare until a person's first wage is paid. Support is available to explore self-employment options and access business planning services too.

In normal circumstances, the team would meet people in their community but during the pandemic, they've found new ways to ensure participants can still access help, including online and virtual services such as guiding people through online application processes using screen sharing technology.

Appointments with the team can be made by emailing employability@durham.gov.uk or by contacting the team through its Employability Durham Facebook page.

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Providing More Support in Durham's Workplaces



Employees across County Durham will soon be able to access more mental health support in the workplace. Durham County Council has commissioned and funded a two-year employee assistance programme for small and medium sized businesses and voluntary and community sector organisations with fewer than 250 employees.

This work-based intervention programme is designed to help employees resolve any personal or work based issues that might impact their work, health or emotional wellbeing and is a confidential service that will be provided independently of both the council, and the employee's organisation. It's hoped the programme will be particularly valuable as many businesses, organisations and employees now deal with the impact of coronavirus on their work and lives.

It aims to improve mental and physical health, reduce absences due to work-related stress, depression or anxiety, increase productivity and improve staff retention.

Research has found that productivity losses, benefit payments and NHS costs associated with mental health problems cost the English economy £70 billion per year. The programme will be delivered by PAM Wellbeing Ltd. which will provide confidential telephone support and advice 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, via a single free telephone number.

Callers will be able to access specialist advice around a number of issues, including: stress coaching, relationship issues, family or carer difficulties, bereavement, financial issues, consumer or legal issues and information, health and wellbeing, and advice for managers. Other support measures on offer to employees include telephone counselling, access to self-help tools and links to other appropriate services that can help to protect their health and wellbeing.

The employee assistance programme is part of a wider framework of support for small businesses and voluntary organisations in the county, with plans for

a hub to be launched in the near future to provide fully funded mental health training, learning and development resources. Cllr Lucy Hovvels MBE, Cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "We are more aware now than ever of the importance of having good mental health. In fact, a lack of mental wellbeing underpins many physical diseases, unhealthy lifestyles and social inequalities in health. As well as having a negative effect on an individual, families and our wider communities can also suffer if mental health isn't taken care of. "That's why it is vital that we have support services such as this Employee Assistance Programme. This will help small and medium businesses, as well as voluntary and community sector organisations, to provide the best support to their employees, helping them to feel more valued and resilient in the process."

For more information about the employee assistance programme, you can visit www.pamwellbeing.co.uk or the council's website: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/18415>

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Lynsey's Skydive for Isla Day to Honour Our Armed Forces



Dear Sir,

I have decided to do a skydive on the 8th July which I have paid for out of my own pocket. I then decided to try and make some good come out of my crazy idea and asked anyone that would like to sponsor me to do so and all donations would be passed on to a young girl called Isla Caton.

Isla is a five year old with a rare form of neuroblastoma, she is relying on receiving treatment which is not available in the UK, and her family had to temporarily relocate to Spain for her to receive this life saving treatment. She then will need further treatment in the USA once her current treatment is finished. I decided I would like to raise money to help get Isla the treatment she needs.

Since moving to Spain, Isla has become cancer free twice, but relapsed both times so it is important she gets this treatment. Isla currently has her own just giving page, she has also been featured on the BBC news and has overwhelming support from the West Ham FC and Bradley Lowery Foundation.

When I decided I'd like to raise money for Isla, I decided to ask one of our local businesses if they'd like to get involved.

Shake n Cake took up the challenge and have been an amazing support in raising money for Isla, including changing their app and website to allow people to donate to my cause when they order food, continuously advertising on my behalf and have even paid for me to have a personalised T-shirt printed through Newton Press (design courtesy of SJ).

I am asking for donations through PayPal, which I am publicly sharing on an update each week so people can see that their donations will be allocated to Isla's funding directly, there is also the option to donate to her just giving page if they wish. We have already raised £175 via PayPal, and £28 through Shake n Cake, which have pledged to match all donations made. I am welcoming donations up to and including, the day of my jump. All payments will be featured and publicly processed for ease of mind. My PayPal is lynsey_louise33@hotmail.com and Isla's official JustGiving page link is <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/thebradleyloweryfoundation/islacaton>

Thank you, Lynsey Smith



The armed forces will be celebrated by the region's largest local authority this week with its annual flag raising.

Armed Forces Day takes place on Saturday 27 June and is a special salute to those who served, or who have served, in our armed forces.

Although the coronavirus pandemic has meant some events can no longer go ahead, Durham County Council has once again raised the official armed forces flag at County Hall.

During recent years, the authority has introduced a number of policies aimed at creating fair and equal opportunities for those who serve. For example, employees are offered up to 10 days paid leave for reservists and Uniformed Cadet Force Adult Volunteers to attend training.

Guaranteed interview schemes are also in place for veterans, and The Armed Forces Outreach Service is available to support and help personnel, reservists, veterans and their families.

In 2018, the council received a Gold Award through the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme. The award recognises employers who demonstrate positive attitudes and policies towards serving and ex-members of the Armed Forces

Cllr Lucy Hovvels MBE, Durham County Council's armed forces champion, said: "Sadly we are not able to celebrate this special day together as we usually do, however it is a day of great reflection and one we can all honour at home with our loved ones.

"We are incredibly proud to fly the armed forces flag, and we will continue in our commitment to those who serve."

A national social media campaign, #SaluteOurForces is promoting the day, and Sue Snowdon, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, has recorded a special message, which will be available on Durham County Council's You Tube Channel on Saturday 27 June.

More information on how to join in, by sharing videos and photos can be found at <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/saluteourforces/>

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Parliament Talk

It is great to see the Newton News back in hard copy, and the new "magazine" style is a fabulous step forward, we can certainly see what they have been up to in lockdown. Well done to all the team for maintaining the online version but I am sure we are all delighted to see it back in print. It's another step towards the new normal. Please support the local advertisers, they will have had a tough time over the last few months.

With the latest announcement, that from 4 July, we can social distance at 1 metre plus and hairdressers, restaurants and pubs can reopen, we continue to edge towards an exit to the worst of the pandemic, but it is crucial that we do not take liberties with the virus. Whilst the guidelines are we can social distance at 1 metre plus, this means at least 1 metre and where appropriate with other mitigations like face masks or avoiding face to face seating. Please use common sense and give yourself as much space as practical.

The last week has seen a number of really productive, interesting discussions and meetings. One of these was a session with the High Speed Rail Group where we discussed how important it is that local and regional rail infrastructure development is a key critical part of the plans to improve public transport in the UK. You may have seen that we are promoting both the reopening of Ferryhill Rail Station to passengers and the reconstruction of the Leamside Line. (You can find more information and links on our work on this via my Facebook page Paul Howell MP for Sedgefield). Related to this on Friday we submitted our application to the New Ideas Fund for the Ferryhill Station project. My team are really enthusiastic and committed to this project and worked incredibly hard on this application so we all have our fingers crossed for success.

I also joined discussions with Simon Clarke, Minister for Local Government to discuss levels of funding and understand both the funding support already issued to our local authorities and how the government are evaluating their next steps.

I was delighted that our APPG on "Left Behind Communities" was inaugurated last week. If you would like to know more please check out www.localtrust.org.uk. Where you can find more information on the importance of social, as well as physical infrastructure. We also believe that this may have been the first "virtually" inaugurated APPG. The BEIS select committee on Friday was the final session on our review of support for Business and Employees. This time we heard from representatives of the Unions. This was a very interesting session and so much so that the session over ran from our allocated time.

Friday saw me able to visit both Sugar Hill School and the University Technical College. Sugar Hill was my own old Primary school way back in the mists of time so it was really fun to go back and visit. Whilst there I was able to thank the children who had made cards for Renee Glover who was 106 at the weekend. Mrs Glover was an Aycliffe Angel during the war and part of a key period in our local history. I delivered the cards to Renee's home on the children's behalf, all properly socially distanced of course.

My visit to the UTC was to congratulate them on being one of the educational establishments selected to provide T levels. However we also discussed the importance of technical education and the vital need for appropriate funding support for the Further Education sector and I have written to the Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education expressing this. For any of your children who have an aptitude towards engineering having the UTC on our doorstep is a fabulous resource. They have students prepared to travel from as far away as Newcastle because of the amazing opportunities they provide, so please check it out.

Last, but by no means least, was a meeting between the North East MP's and the team at No 10 where we reviewed progress on our local priorities and I had the opportunity to shout up for Sedgefield.

It was also extremely good to get out and visit a few of the shops that have just reopened in the Town Centre and I would encourage you all to do the same. These small businesses have had a real tough time over recent weeks with many having no sales at all. They have worked incredibly hard and made great efforts to put social distancing safety protocols in place so if you can support them they would be very pleased to see you.

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Proactive decision making in times of uncertainty.

EMN (show owners of EMCON) have deliberated for a number of weeks as to the best approach to progress the show for 2020. This has included conversations with the exhibitors and sponsors who had already booked for this year as to how best to progress with our plans. EMN recognise that even if things are back to 'some kind of normal' by October there will most likely still be concerns over large gatherings alongside our need to have sufficient time to deliver the quality of show you are used to. Following these deliberations and consultations we have moved the show to 4th March 2021, therefore allowing the situation to ease and the worst of the bad weather to pass. This doesn't however mean that October dates should be removed from your diaries for the coming years as we have plans afoot to deliver something new and exciting alongside our EMCON Show. More will be forthcoming in due course.

If you want to find out more about the show, our rationale and of course either make an enquiry to exhibit or register to attend then simply visit <https://emcon.show>
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Church Buildings Reopening for Public Worship

Responding to the Government announcement that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing physical distancing remains in place, The Rt Revd Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham said: "I welcome the announcement that permission for public worship in our church buildings has been agreed from July 4th. It will take some while for our churches to work through the practical implications of the reopening of our buildings for public worship. So this will happen over a period of time, not in a sudden rush."

"The church has been open throughout the difficult last 3 months. We have been heavily engaged in serving the communities in which we are set including through Foodbanks, supporting the shielded, conducting funerals; our schools serving the children of key workers and a range of other ways. There has been a great deal of public prayer and worship available online, and via the phone. As we begin to return to worship in our church buildings we will want to ensure we are offering the warmest of welcomes but doing so seeking to ensure the health and safety of all who choose to attend."

"As the Bishop of London says in her national statement, 'This has been an incredibly difficult time for the whole country, especially for those who have been ill, who have suffered financial hardship, the loss of livelihoods and indeed, for many, those they love. We know that it is not over and the Church has a task ahead to bring consolation and hope.'

"I trust that the slow and careful re-opening of our church buildings for individual prayer, and then for public worship will be part of this message of hope for us all."



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Lester Atkinson

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Syd Howarth

Things will never be the same without you but our memories keep us smiling whenever we think about you. We will raise a glass to celebrate Father's Day the same as we always did. Loved and missed always Chris, Michelle, Jack & Joe xx

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Lester Stephen Atkinson

29/7/1953 - 24/6/2019

Missing you on your first anniversary. Your life was a blessing, Your Memory a treasure. You are loved beyond worlds and missed beyond measure..

A special Husband, Father and Grandfather who is always in our thoughts. Love, Sue, Stephen, Kelly, Michael and Eden xxxxxx



Licensing

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: Numbers 14 to 17 High Road, Redworth, Newton Aycliffe, Durham DL5 6NU

Take notice that application is being made by: Mr Colin Booth.

For planning permission to: Lay eco parking grids and re-seed the small strip of land in front of 14 High Road, Redworth and to the side of numbers 15, 16 and 17. The purpose is to improve and protect the area ensuring that the cars parked on the land do not create muddy ruts in the winter months.

Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Darlington. Local Planning Authority address: Town Hall, Darlington, County Durham DL1 5QT.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years. 'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

26th June 2020

THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that I, Mr Christopher Bennett, have applied to Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as Shake 'N' Cake

4 Gurney Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6UJ for the grant of a Premises Licence to permit the following proposed licensable activities:- Sale by retail of alcohol (off sales via internet orders only). Please note that alcohol cannot be purchased at the premises but will be supplied by home delivery service only between 11:00 - 00:00. Also, the provision of late-night refreshment from 23:00 - 00:00. All activities are for Monday to Sunday inclusive.

Due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19 if you wish to view the full application please email the Licensing Authority at licensing@durham.gov.uk

A Responsible Authority or Other Party under the Licensing Act 2003 can make representations/objections to these applications. Representations must be made via email to licensing@durham.gov.uk and received by 17th July 2020.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction is unlimited.

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Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club Return To Training

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club returned to training earlier this month after Covid 19 brought all activities to a halt in March. Following the strict guidelines from the Government and the England & Wales Cricket Board, Aycliffe were able to open their nets and although training was initially limited to only two players allowed to train together, this has now been extended to six, although strict restrictions on what activities are allowed remain in place.

Players have gradually returned, with regular weekly sessions now being held for the Club Juniors and last week the new Ladies Section held their first training session since lockdown. With the ECB continually monitoring the situation and providing updated guidance, it is hoped that full teams may soon be able to train together and, as we reach what would have been the half way stage of the season, hopes remain that there may be some competitive cricket at some time this summer, with various scenarios being looked at by the leagues.



Grand Opening of The Aviator Gin Bar

The Aviator Gin Bar is delighted that lockdown restrictions are now slowly being relaxed to allow for the opening of the bar. After more than three months of lockdown, the prospect of opening is exciting to everyone although emotions have to be kept in check to a degree as the opening has to take place within the government guidelines in order to be safe and adhere to legal requirements.

That guidance has just been issued on the day of writing and is being rapidly digested by all landlords. Our initial 'blue sky' plans of a party event for 250 people at any one time cannot be managed safely. As a result, we are now looking to run a low-key event over the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend in order to allow us not only to open comfortably but also in a manner that allows patrons to enjoy a safe party ambience. Our guests for the ticket only event will be some of those people who have generously supported us through these tough times. Sadly we cannot invite every one of The Herbal Gin Company customers as we need to take very seriously the advice and guidance from our local licensing authority figures, in order to run a safe event. Although much of the detail of what can and cannot be done is yet to become apparent, we still plan to have an event that will be a time to remember and in doing so will support the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

This wonderful registered charity has been hit tremendously hard due to the financial impact of lockdown and the Aviator Gin Bar is keen to provide a means to help it get back on its feet. The bar will not only support this charity but has identified similar organisations that need assistance. Running events will be a feature of our existence, in order to give something back to the community that has helped to see us up and running.

Details for the event will be published on



social media as soon as clarity appears from the recently issued guidelines.



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