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99 Years Young

Dear Sir,
Aycliffe Village WI held our first post lockdown socially distanced meeting to celebrate our member Muriels 99th birthday! Muriel Scott, who was born in the village and lived here most of her life, was delighted with the party and expressed her thanks for all the cards, gifts and cake. Muriel also invited everyone to join her again for her 100th next year! Happy Birthday Muriel.
Aycliffe Village WI



Acorn Dairy Hits Major Delivery Milestone



A local farm is celebrating a major milestone delivering fresh, organic produce to residents in the region. Acorn Dairy, which is based in County Durham, is celebrating 20 years of its popular dairy delivery service.

The family business has been farming at Archdeacon Newton, near Darlington, since 1928 and in 1998 converted to an organic status before launching deliveries two years later. Now, the firm delivers to thousands of households through its own fleet of drivers and a nationwide network of distributors.

Director, Caroline Bell, said: "We introduced our direct delivery service to allow us to access a sustainable selling price for our milk as it costs a lot more per litre to produce milk organically to our standards. "Over the last twenty years the uptake we've received for direct deliveries is incredible. The peace of mind from knowing who is producing your food, the ease of doorstep delivery, plus the growing popularity of organic food standards, have led to a customer base across not only the North but reaching down to the South East. "For some, 'organic' is just a buzzword and they still do not know what makes organic food better than its non-organic counterpart. To us it's a way of life that we're proud to be able to share with the community as it is better for our bodies, earth and wildlife."

Graham Tweddle, Caroline's brother and fellow director, added: "It's great to see more people embrace organic options in their everyday lifestyle. Cow welfare and sustainability are our main priorities, which is something our customers have really picked up on and supported through deliveries."

The family haven't looked back since transitioning to organic farming, crediting the method for better cow health and tastier milk due to attention to detail and farming with nature rather than against it. As shoppers become more aware and interested in the provenance of their food, the family hope their single source milk will continue to grow in appeal.

During lockdown alone the firm welcomed 680 new residential customers, filling routes to the very brim and offering even more households access to its organic produce.

With research showing that 57 per cent of people surveyed said they will be more likely to spend money with a business that offers locally produced goods once lockdown is lifted, the future is continuing to look bright.

Caroline said: "From expanding our reach and connecting with more of the community, to sharing our passion for organic dairy farming, offering direct milk deliveries has given our organic farm a solid future. We have developed a few wrinkles and may no longer look as fresh as the milk, but when we look back, we are so very proud of what we and our team has achieved."

"Here's to the next 20 years!"

As well as delivering to residential customers, Acorn Dairy also supplies products to businesses in the hospitality industry, including hotels, cafes and restaurants. To find out more about the firm, visit www.acorndairy.co.uk

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Supporting Our Local Economy is Vital

Dear Sir,
Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the world is a different place; during lockdown many people have found alternative ways to obtain the goods, supplies and services that were readily available on their doorstep. This has meant an increase in online sales. This uptake in online sales does nothing for your local businesses; the businesses who depend on customers walking through their doors, or relying on them to provide a service. These businesses are employing local residents, paying local taxes and supporting the local economy. Take a minute to think about your local businesses and how you can help them, especially now they are open for business and looking forward to welcoming customers back into their premises or booking their services. One local business which remained open during the pandemic, because of their hospital contracts, was Newton Press. This company has served the town of Newton Aycliffe for nearly 60 years and during this time has produced a weekly community newspaper (now magazine), delivered free to all residents. For Newton Aycliffe this is a fantastic resource for local news and probably the best form of advertising for businesses locally. Newton News has built up a great infrastructure and is delivered to over 15000 homes in and around Newton Aycliffe every week and is also available at various pick up points around town. Newton News is joining me in this



campaign to help residents "SHOP LOCAL". Special incentives will be offered to any Newton Aycliffe business who would like to make residents aware of their services. To discuss your campaign contact Paul on 01325 300212, I am sure he will be able to assist in a package to suit you. I also implore residents to support these and other local businesses, this not only helps the local economy but supports jobs and keeps these businesses and facilities alive for future use. Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield

Men Talking Together



Men talking together meet every Monday at 11.00am in Unit 14A IES Centre, Newton Aycliffe (behind the Blue Bridge and Newton Press). If you are sat at home lonely or bored why not come and join us? Senior citizens welcome. We organise outings to various places, have a cup of tea and food. If you need advice we will be able to point you in the right direction, contact 308094 or 07967 901477.

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Illegal Cyclists on Pavements

Dear Sir,
Can I add another voice to the letter 'Cyclist Distancing' in the 21st August edition?

The matter of cyclists on pavements has persisted for years, and it's not merely a question of social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic, but the risk of injury to pedestrians; I've been struck from behind by cyclists on the pavement on two separate occasions, and had two near misses due to bicycles suddenly appearing at speed from concealed junctions.

In the latter cases, the cyclists shouted abuse at me, as if I were at fault, when they should not have been on the footpath in the first place! The consequences could have been a lot more serious if the victim had been frailer than I am.

Apart from being struck by bicycles, I've seen some remarkably careless conduct. A regular example is riding on the pavement, with no hands on the handlebars, whilst looking at a mobile phone. Equivalent behaviour by a car driver would result in a court case. Part of the problem is lack of enforcement of the law by the police. I've raised the issue several times in recent years, but no action seems to have been taken.

If complaints were made by more people, there might be a response; contact information is available on the Durham Police website.

The bicycles problem seems to be

related to a general disregard of traffic regulations. There have been several letters in the Newton News about parking on pavements and greens; in these cases, driving across a pavement to park on a green will usually be illegal, as no access to property or emergency is involved, so again, the correct procedure is a complaint to the police, preferably with photographic evidence. In cases like this, I have found that action will often be taken, so it's worthwhile to draw attention to the problem.

With frequent enough complaints, perhaps we can eventually expect some general and spontaneous enforcement.

Yours sincerely,
Alan Atkinson
Address supplied

Rotary & Aldi Help Supporting Families Stock Up



The Supporting Families team would like to say a huge thank you to Aycliffe Rotary for their kind donation which enabled us to stock up with baby toiletries. Thank you so much for your continued support. We would like to record our thanks to Melissa and her staff at Aldi for sourcing baby toiletries during Covid19, enabling us to get stocked up and help needy families. Sheena, Yvonne, Liz, Rachel and Bob Supporting Families Team.

Highway Code: Share Your Views

For the last year the Department of Transport has been working privately with a coalition of walking and cycling groups to produce an interim review of the Highway Code. The new Highway Code proposals focus on cycling and walking as part of the Government's commitments to encourage these activities. There are important changes proposed that will impact the safety of all road users and we are interested in assessing the views of our members on what is, and is not, included in the review. The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. It is your opportunity to engage in the consultation and share your ideas with us. We will take the findings of this survey into account when formulating our response to the consultation, which closes on Tuesday 27 October. You can find out more about the consultation at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horse-riders/summary-of-the-consultation-proposals-on-a-review-of-the-highway-code>

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Bewick Crescent Surgery Flu Vaccinations



The team at Bewick Crescent Surgery recognise that this year has been a particularly challenging year, both globally and nationally, for many of us due to the arrival of Covid-19. However, Influenza is also a viral disease which can cause severe acute respiratory illness and death for those at risk who develop the infection, and each year 300,000 to 600,000 people die from influenza across the globe. The most effective way to protect yourself from Influenza is to have the vaccination each year. The Influenza vaccination is proven to provide protection against the disease and this is provided free of charge to all those who meet the criteria set by the World Health Organisation. Dr Christopher Stephenson, GP Partner at Bewick Crescent Surgery, said "we would urge all of our patients who meet the criteria set to take up the offer of an Influenza vaccination in order to protect themselves as much as possible in these uncertain times caused by the continuing Covid-19 global pandemic".

If you are unsure whether you can have the vaccine for free please ask any of our staff or have a look at our website:

www.bewickcrescentsurgery.nhs.net

As the number of NHS patients across the UK who are entitled to a free flu vaccination runs into hundreds of thousands, NHS England restricts and controls the number and type of vaccines available to individual surgeries. This year Bewick Crescent receive their first supply of vaccines for the over 65 years old age group in mid-September but will not get the first batch of vaccines for those in the under 65 years at risk groups until the beginning of October. This means that different patients will be offered the vaccine at different times. For anyone who is concerned about this remember that flu does not generally circulate until well into the winter (the 'flu season' officially starts in December) so waiting until October for your flu vaccination does not put you at increased risk.

Despite the extra controls on supplies this year we still intend to hold clinics on a Saturday as well as specified clinics every day during the week. All clinics will be held at the Bewick Crescent Surgery site. This year due to Covid-19 there are extra restrictions which need to be implemented such as social distancing measures and the need to wear PPE (face masks, etc.). We WILL NOT be holding any walk-in clinics and all vaccinations will be by appointment only. Initial clinics will be held outside in the grounds of the surgery itself, which will enable us to vaccinate more people in a shorter timespan to ensure those at risk are protected as soon as possible. We are very fortunate to have the help and support of our local REME Reserve Unit – 102 Battalion REME, whose headquarters are at Northfield Way here in Newton Aycliffe, who have provided the 'flu tent pods' for us to use to deliver the clinics from. We are very grateful to them for their help – we couldn't have provided the clinics as quickly without them – a big thank you goes to them from all the team at Bewick.

Remember flu can be a debilitating and even life-threatening infection so although arrangements are a bit more complicated this year, PLEASE do still come and get your flu vaccination.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT VIA RECEPTION.

Thank you

Bewick Surgery Team

Thriving Aycliffe Beekeepers Association

Dear Sir,

I read with interest the letter sent to the Newton News (21st August) by Bill Gibson who reported the retrieval of 40,000 bees from a location close to the Blue Bridge.

As a beekeeper myself, it's always good news to hear a swarm has been collected by another beekeeper as we have the best chance, not only to collect them safely, but to give them a home to continue their natural reproduction cycle, which is what a swarm is – when roughly half the colony of bees leave their current hive with their queen to find a new home thus allowing the bees remaining in the previous hive to make a new queen and set off another colony.

I noticed Mr Gibson chose to refer the swarm to Darlington Beekeepers, but I wanted to remind everyone that we have a perfectly well-run and efficient beekeeping association in Newton Aycliffe (AYCLIFFE BKA) based at the Eco Centre in Moore Lane and with an established apiary at the St. Oswalds allotment site in the town.

Aycliffe Association members have been quietly and efficiently collecting swarms throughout the summer in the town and doing a great public service. On average we've collected about one swarm per week in the area during the main season and calculate that we've re-hived safely around 300,000 honeybees this year alone.

If you see a swarm in the Newton Aycliffe area (unlikely now since the swarming season is just about over) or you'd like more information about our association please call 07716 158325 or visit our website: www.aycliffebees.com

Viv Williams

BEWICK CRESCENT SURGERY

DATES for FLU VACCINATION

**Outdoor clinics will run from
12th September to 10th October.**

**Indoor clinics will be held on a Friday
afternoon during this time period.**

**All flu clinics will be held
indoors after 11th October.**

**Saturday clinics will be held on
12th & 19th September
from 8.30am until 4.00pm
for Over 65 year olds only.**

**A Saturday clinic will be held on
10th October from 8.30am until 4.00pm
for Under 65 year olds and those
in a Clinical Risk Group only.**

*Thank you
Bewick Surgery Team*

The Hub of Wishes is Now Open

We are pleased to announce that The Hub of Wishes mental health charity in Newton Aycliffe has now re-opened.

There are some changes to the way we operate as Covid-19 measures have had to be implemented in order for us to open the centre.

We are so happy to be open again and we welcome regular members and new members to the centre.

If you wish to visit our centre and are wanting more information, please contact Vicki, our Manager or Joanne, our Assistant Manager, for an informal chat.

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Don't Lose Out On Your Right To Vote

As part of County Durham's electoral register update, canvassers will be visiting households that have not yet responded to the annual request for information.

Last month, Durham County Council sent letters to all homes in the county asking residents to check the information currently held on the electoral register and follow the instructions included.

The council needs to know the details it holds are correct to ensure residents are included on the electoral register. This enables people to vote in local and national elections.

From Wednesday 26th August until October, canvassers will be delivering forms to households who have not replied, asking the householder to complete the form and return it. Canvassers will all be wearing Durham County Council identification badges, which should be visible at all times.

David Collingwood, electoral services manager at Durham County Council, said: "It's extremely important to respond to the annual electoral register update form because if you don't, you won't be able to vote.

"This year's canvass, which we have to carry out by law, is taking place during a challenging public health situation. We are working to ensure that we take account of public health guidelines, including the continued importance of social distancing." To ensure distancing, staff will place the envelope on the doorstep and knock, before standing back around two metres where possible to wait for a response. If the knock isn't answered, the canvasser will try a second time at a later date. If that isn't answered, the form will be posted through the letterbox with a note explaining what it's for and how to complete and return it. For more information, call 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

Boarded Properties an Eyesore

Dear Sir,

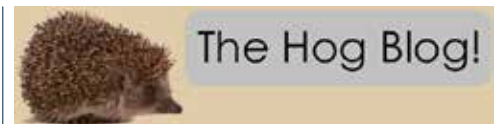
The photos (below) are of houses which have been boarded up now for some months, they are all on the same estate and within 500 yards of each other.

I was under the impression that this was an emergency measure to make the property temporarily secure.

All of these properties are inhabited.

This, apart from being an eyesore, is running the estate down and something needs to be done as a matter of urgency.

A concerned resident.



We at Prickly Haven want to thank Paul at Newton News for publishing our articles, he has made it possible for really kind people to come forward to help this rescue centre and its residents with donations to keep us afloat. Also, our very own Marian who has supplied us with newspapers, I am so pleased because even in captivity, hedgehogs make beautiful newspaper nests! I am also going to thank Lesley, who found Willow, in advance, for some items for me to use on our car boot stall and also Sandra for getting in touch offering to help.

On a more serious note, these creatures are now on the risk of extinction list, this can only be described as a good thing because it will enable us to take more action on a local and international level to help these beautiful and very important mammals. Slug pellets, netting, ponds without escape routes, all man made and all avoidable, can kill our beloved hedgehogs!

I hope readers read last weeks issue of the Newton News with all the dangers they face; being involved in rescue we see a lot of what they are up against and their lives are very difficult. The little boy pictured above came to me with one of his eyes missing and blind in his other, he is called Sid, once we helped him get better he went to spend the rest of his days in a safe house, he has adapted to his new surroundings and his new family love him dearly.

If you see a sick, injured or a small hedgehog, please seek advice from BHPS on 01584 890801.

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DANGEROUS DRIVING AROUND AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir,

I am a retired professional driver of all road vehicles that has been produced for any road in Europe and beyond. It is with regret that I have to agree with the recent notice in the Newton News regarding the unnecessary dangerous drivers on our towns roads, and on grass fields such as Simpasture Park.

We pay for our roads to be in good order, we pay for our police to keep us safe from these morons on quad bikes, actually wheelying them on Pease Way and Williamfield Way. We see it nearly every day.

WHERE ARE OUR POLICE?

We see it all on the TV and everywhere we go, the madmen and women who put our lives at risk, this part is for the carers who fly around in their cars up cul-de-sacs 100 yards long at horrendous speeds. It is 20 MPH on council estates, I make no apologies regarding these workers, it is the law to drive with caution in congested areas near children. I am one of these people who live in a cul-de-sac, with these "carers" flying about with "death traps" as most are not fit for the roads.

On several occasions I have made some drivers aware of the state of their tyres and inflation, they take no notice, which is a dangerous issue, where are our police who are supposed to keep us safe?

It is a rare occasion to see a copper now on the beat, Pease Way and Stephenson Way are speed tracks (especially Pease Way) I have witnessed several cars racing up Pease Way at speeds of 80mph, yes it is true, and I believe one of them has been spoken to by police and has had his car exhaust cans taken off, as they were like a shotgun going off several times, in one run.

Some years ago I complained about the speeding on Pease Way, there was a serious crash on this road due to a female driver being on her mobile phone traveling at around 70mph toward the mini roundabout, the junction at Pease Way and Emerson Way, a car was waiting to turn right into Cumby Road and this lady driver was too impatient to wait so she tried to overtake the turning driver and hit her full on, her car flipped and rolled several times hitting a tree outside of our house, which demolished the tree, then it hit the fire hydrant and

bounced back onto another tree then flipping it into the garden next door to me, there were two small children in the garden playing on the swing and the car landed literally inches from the girls, this is true, the "nip-points" on Pease Way were due to myself and the police getting these installed, it was on the TV actually.

The above "nip points" mentioned was not my idea, I wanted the police to back me up to get speed humps to slow the traffic, but as we now know they were not, the reason I got from the Chief Inspector was (the bus drivers would complain) about the damage to their backs when driving over them. I did mention that I was a professional driver of all heavy goods, coach and buses, and that these buses etc, had Bostrom seats installed to alleviate this issue, he took no notice at all, so we are no better off, we still have the speeders, joy riders and no safety on the town regarding speeding. The police did come to me and did a speed check in yellow vests, very visible to all, including the speeders, they caught three in ten minutes, but still no speed restriction in place other than the 30mph sign.

I have lost faith in our police; I do feel for the cops on the front line but the problem is as usual, we are in the north, and out of sight, out of mind and not cared about by Mr Johnson. He has made this country a laughing stock, the NHS and COVID is a calamity waiting to happen, he may be intelligent but he has no common sense.

I feel sick when I see him on TV, they are clueless, let's get back to Labour please. They will look after us, and no I am not into politics at all, I am just so upset about our country's future, if there will be one with this Covid-19. This is now the time to get wearing your masks in shops, buses and all places you go where there are people; do it for the kids and the elderly, have some common sense. I have seen people coming into shops with no masks, telling the employees that they have asthma, my wife has asthma but she wears one in shops, it is a farce, if they have severe asthma you should have an exemption certificate from your doctor. But, there are so many fibbing, it is making the situation worse, so if you do cheat you are putting lives at risk and maybe your family too, think about it folks.

A Concerned Newtonian

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Walk For Mental Health Teesside To Benidorm

"Walk For Mental Health Teesside To Benidorm" Is the vision of Tom Judge. During his working life Tom was a very successful businessman until he had a breakdown and was diagnosed with PTSD. Tom Judge and Darren Robinson will walk from The Riverside Stadium in Middlesbrough to Benidorm in 2021.

Tom and Darren will pass through some cities and towns in the UK and would love you to come along to encourage and support them, or maybe join them for a chat for 5 minutes, one hour, the choice is yours.

The aim is to raise awareness of Mental Health, especially among veterans and they will be producing daily video blogs starting with their preparation and training.

"We are not asking for money, we want people to know that it's OK not to be OK. However, if anybody would like to make a donation we will be nominating a specific charity in due course" said Tom. There are lots of plans going on in the build up, as you can imagine. We are contacting nationwide hotel chains and are hoping to have a number of physiotherapists and counsellors along the way to take care of mental and physical health.

This is a vital part of the journey and unfortunately we cannot pay for their services so we are hoping to have volunteers from various towns or cities along the way.

We already have two fantastic UK companies that are providing suitable clothing and footwear, but we also require food, water, accommodation, physiotherapists and counsellors.

Over the course of the next few months we will be contacting lots of people to raise awareness and help, but if you can help us in a way please get in touch.

This huge project will raise awareness of mental health issues across the UK and abroad, specifically among Veterans. This is Tom's vision and his passion shines through when he talks about his own experience.



IN THEIR SHOES?



Dear Sir,

Last Sunday, Extinction Rebellion Durham held the most powerful and wonderful event on Palace Green.

The event was a display – an artwork – of 750 pairs of children's shoes. The resulting scene was apocalyptic, with the shoes-without-wearers representing the children who will be deprived of their futures (and maybe killed) by climate change ... unless we do something urgently.

It was a stunning display, and vital to get the Climate Action 'ball' rolling again after lockdown.

GUEST SPEAKERS

After the display was laid out, three speakers had been invited to address and thank the volunteers.

MARY FOY, MP for the City of Durham, spoke of the Labour Party's commitment to Climate Action and the need to lobby the government to put Climate Action at the forefront of the country's post-Covid recovery.

MARTIN GANNON, Leader of Gateshead Council, warned graphically of the international disruption and damage that unrestrained Climate Change is already causing, and explained that local councils are doing all they can to implement Climate Action.

MY ADDRESS

I was honoured to be the third speaker. I praised the compelling message of the display, and thanked Extinction Rebellion for starting in this way their 'Month of Rebellion' to re-raise awareness.

Then I spoke about the absurdity of our current economic model. Much of our notional economic 'wealth' and 'growth' is based simply on an ever-increasing 'velocity of transactions' – the speed with which we buy goods and services from each other. As the lockdown has shown, we have now reached the point where, if we pause for a moment from our frantic consumer spending, the economy collapses. Our 'economic growth' – which the government is encouraging us to resume – has thus degenerated into going out and spending money-we-do-not-have in order to shovel it into the pockets of people who have so much they could not possibly spend it in a million lifetimes.

AN EXTINCTION-LEVEL ECONOMY

Our economy is consequently fragile and unstable, it creates gross inequality, and it does not make us lastingly happy ... and no wonder, because after all that so-called 'retail therapy', we go home to money worries and a life which too easily becomes all work-and-spend, and no rest-or-reflection.

Worst of all it is destroying the earth! It is a linear economy which strips Nature of its assets – produces, along with massive pollution, 'stuff', much of which is ephemeral and shoddy – and then chucks it into the sea so we can rush out and buy more of what we do not actually need. And we have to do this ever faster or we all lose our jobs.

It is illogical, unsustainable, and ultimately an extinction level event in itself.

Either we take action now to adjust the model or – inevitably – it will come crashing down on our grandchildren.

And hence those poignantly empty shoes.

Cllr John D Clare
(DCC Climate Champion)

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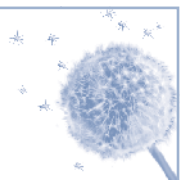
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Results Day for Greenfield Class of 2020

The Greenfield Community College 'Class of 2020' have faced an extraordinary number of challenges this year, this has made results day a very special occasion and a chance to finally celebrate the hard work and success of Year 11 students.

The results were very positive, with a good proportion of students achieving 100% of their target grades. There was a significant increase from 2019 results with an improvement of 12% as more students achieved grades 9 – 5 in English and Maths. There were some outstanding individual performances with thirteen students achieving an exceptional Grade 9, four of which had four or more grades at this top level.



Executive Headteacher, David Priestley, acknowledged the hard work of both students and staff. "We are proud of each and every one of our students who have overcome many challenges recently and through hard work and resilience have achieved excellent results. Thank you to our staff and all the parents and carers who have supported our young people in their journey. We wish all our students huge success in their next steps as they continue their learning and development beyond Greenfield."

To find out more about our school please visit our website www.greenfieldschool.net or contact us for more information and to find out about our forthcoming online open event contact@greenfieldschool.net

NEW FRIENDS, NEW PLACES

We meet at The Big Club every Tuesday 2pm until 4.30pm.

This group has been going since 2008 (11 years), during this time many new friendships have been formed between members and many of the members say that "it is the best thing I have ever done joining this group". Most of the members are senior citizens, and mainly women, although we now have four men who joined recently. If you are lonely, sit at home all day, lack friends, this will all change for you. We go on bus trips, holidays, meals at restaurants, theatre outings and much more, every month. Other activities include armchair aerobics, line dancing, quizzes and bingo. Once a month we have a musical artiste. All these activities have been curtailed during the pandemic, but we are still meeting every week, admission is £2 and we are looking forward to everything being active again.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

For more information contact 308094 or 07967 901477.

This group did meet in The Navy Club but unfortunately they could not accommodate us owing to lockdown, although they were asked and because many members wanted to meet up again, a new venue had to be found and The Big Club had the availability, thank goodness. At the moment we are in The Sheraton Bar, but will be moving into the big hall when alterations and heating are completed.

We hope to see you there, friends old and new welcome.
Dorothy.



Thank You for the Helping Hand . . .

Dear Sir,

On Saturday 22nd August my son Adam was in the town with his friends when he fell over and got a 3 inch rusty nail stuck in his hand. He was obviously very upset and the staff at Coffee Pronto took him into the cafe and looked after him until I arrived to collect him. There were some off duty paramedics having coffee who were so kind to him. They bandaged up his hand and kept him calm. I cannot thank the staff and customers at Coffee Pronto enough for what they did for Adam. The kindness and compassion they showed him was outstanding.

Adam went to Darlington hospital where he had an x-ray but was then sent to Durham hospital to have the nail removed. On Sunday morning he required surgery on his hand but is recovering well. Every nurse, doctor and surgeon who looked after Adam at both hospitals were brilliant. I am very grateful to all of the NHS staff. Adam visited Coffee Pronto on Tuesday to say thank you in person to the staff and customers and he was treated by them to his lunch, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Another very kind and unnecessary gesture.

Thank you to everyone for looking after Adam, there really are some lovely people who live in our town.

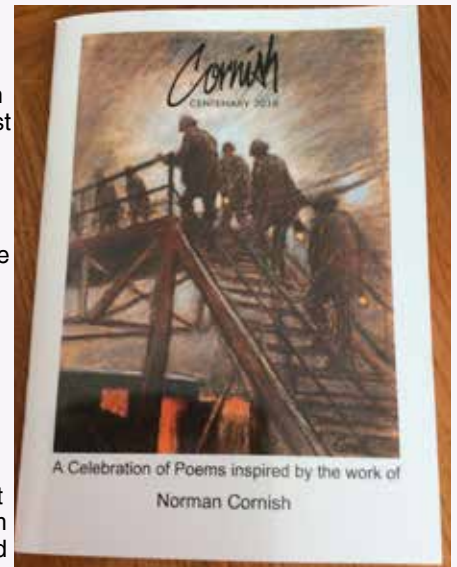
Kind Regards

Becky (Adam's Mam)

Cree Group Features in Cornish Publication

Greenfield Arts were thrilled to have played an important role in the major county wide Cornish Centenary celebrations last year.

Our Men's Cree group and a group of Year 10 Greenfield Community College students were able to work alongside spoken word artist Tony Gadd and visual artist Richard Bliss to bring together a response to the exhibition 'Norman Cornish a Man of Destiny' produced by Greenfield Arts. We are delighted to announce that the creativity resulting from the work has been realised and published within a new publication. 'A Celebration of Poems inspired by the work of Norman Cornish'.



The anthology is described by the Cornish family as a "representation of a creative response to Norman's work exhibited across six different galleries". The initiative has involved many groups who may at times experience a barrier to the Arts and has inspired and enabled individuals to create their own work. As in the case of Norman Cornish who overcame many obstacles in his career, as the publication describes "he toiled to overcome hardship and prejudice on his journey to become a professional artist". It is wonderful to see poetry from across the region celebrated in print and the inspiration that Cornish has been to others, the following extract celebrates the man, his art and the people he captured in his work.

"Celebrate Norman, as Norman Celebrates, the People of Spennymoor With the power of the pen Pencil, chalk, oil and Paint of canvas"

Thank you to the Cornish family and partners for the opportunity to bring the work of Cornish to Greenfield Arts, we are delighted to have contributed to the overall programme of activity and thrilled with the lasting legacy of the project.

Greenfield Arts are committed to developing high quality arts opportunities that encourage creativity, curiosity and questioning. If you would like to know more about Greenfield Arts please visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



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PLAYERS WANTED U8'S 2020/21 SEASON

Our U8's for this coming season are looking to add players to their squad following a successful 1st season playing league football. As a club, we have now merged with Newton Aycliffe FC, so there is no better time to come and join this great little team. They have a fantastic coaching set up and parental support. They play in the TJFA league on Sundays at Woodham Academy and train on Tuesday evening also at Woodham Academy. If you're interested, call Damo on **07825312274** or Michael on **07974362682**

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, were well beaten by six wickets away at league leaders Marton 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Aycliffe lost the toss and were asked to bat first and were dismissed for just 72 after 29.2 overs. Captain Adam Randall top scored with 17 runs and Adam Gittins scored 16 runs in a poor batting display by the visitors. In reply Michael Howe (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), took 3 for 23 and Jack Slatcher (1 for 20) briefly gave Aycliffe hope as they reduced the homeside to just 21 for 4. However, an unbroken 5th wicket partnership of 52 safely saw Marton to victory at 73 for 4 and consolidate their top spot in the 2nd division table.

Aycliffe seconds suffered a comprehensive defeat by 176 runs at home to NYSD 4th division leaders Stockton 2nds. After being asked to bat first, the visitors with several former Premier league players in their ranks, scored an impregnable 232 for 6 in their allotted 40 overs. Aycliffe bowlers Sean Morgan (3 for 39), Dan Weldon (2 for 62) and Leo Mercy (1 for 68) all worked very hard for their side in the challenging circumstances. In reply Aycliffe were skittled out for just 56 after 22.5 overs with only captain Joe Haines (21 runs) and Dan Weldon (10 runs) reaching double figures. The u11's put in their best performance of the season when they defeated previously unbeaten league leaders Rockcliffe Park u11's at home by just 14 runs in the NYACC league. There were some outstanding performances from Aycliffe's young batsmen, Alfie Spensley top scored with 23 runs, Will Dearden hit 22 runs and Trent Telford and Daniel Wild both scored 11 runs. In the visitors reply, Aycliffe's Will Moffatt bowled well taking two wickets for just four runs. However, when it came down to the last over, it's fair to say that Rockcliffe were in the driving seat. However, Aycliffe captain Will Dearden, who already had taken one wicket earlier in the innings, stepped up to the plate, and bowled superbly taking three wickets in the final over for just one run to help his team to a memorable victory. *Photo: A delighted u11's captain Will Dearden after his team's tense 14 run victory at home to Rockcliffe Park*



Hipp Hipp Hooray! Hippodrome to Re-Open

After nearly six months of closure, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, Darlington Hippodrome will be re-opening its doors to visitors from Monday 7 September.

On Monday 7 September Darlington Hippodrome will re-open marking the start of a season of socially-distanced activities for people of all ages to enjoy.

Activities will include regular dance and fitness sessions, a book group session, drawing workshops, quizzes and theatre tours including some ghost tours for those who feel brave enough. Future activities will include classic film screenings in the theatre auditorium. The theatre's gallery spaces will be accessible to the public from 10am to 2pm Monday to Saturday and the venue's box office and Hippo Lounge will be open from 10am to 2pm Monday to Saturday and thirty minutes before each ticketed event.

Councillor Andy Keir said "It is great news for the town that Darlington Hippodrome will be opening its doors and welcoming visitors from September. The Hippodrome is the beating heart of the town's cultural programme and I am delighted that the venue will soon be buzzing with activity and creativity once more."

Visitors to the Hippodrome can be assured that all possible measures have been put in place to make a trip to the Hippodrome safe and enjoyable. Capacity at all events will be restricted so it is advised to book as soon as possible.

For full details of all the events taking place in September please visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk or call the box office on 01325 405405

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9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Caz Bojangles
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa
12-2am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
8-10pm	Sean's Sunday Set List	Sean Lawless
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY TO FRIDAY DAILY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop (Mon, Tues & Wed)	Richard Smith
12-1pm	Call Me No 1 (Tues & Thurs)	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	BeatRoots	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	4th Sept. - Nathan Abbott 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

Check our website for full schedule
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UTC South Durham Students Celebrate GCSE Results

Principal, Tom Dower, said: 'It has been an incredibly difficult time for young people across the country, and we are so proud of our students, not only for their results but for the professionalism and resilience they have shown over the past months. All of us at UTC South Durham would like to congratulate Year 11 on their results.'

Ewan Cool, Elle Hare, Ralf Fotoohi, Alisha Khan, Mohib Khan, Alex Lidster, Amber Roberson, Leah Scott, Alycia Simpson, Rosie Stockdale, and Harry Wilson all achieved exceptional grades across the board.

The majority of students are continuing into Sixth Form at UTC, studying either a Level 3 pathway of A-levels and equivalent qualifications, or the pre-apprenticeship Engineering Technician Programme. Other students are enrolling with other post-16 providers in the region, and two students are joining the military.

A number of students have secured apprenticeships with companies based in the North East, including Ethan Trebilcock who joins Teescraft Engineering as a Level 3 apprentice, and Oscar Stockdale who will be working for B&M Roofing as an apprentice. The GCSE results follow UTC South Durham's A-level success last week. All UTC A-level students passed and every student has secured, or is in the process of securing, employment, an apprenticeship (higher or degree), or a place of university. All students who applied to university were

successful and all are going to study STEM degrees, including Jack Clarke who is going to York University to read Engineering, and Thomas Shepherd who will study Product Design Engineering at Loughborough University.

Other students are starting apprenticeships (higher, advanced, or degree), including Kirsten Parr who is due to start a degree apprenticeship with accounting firm Ernst Young in Newcastle, and Felicity Nkomo who joins international design company Hanson as a degree level design apprentice. This year, as exams were cancelled because of the pandemic, students' grades were based on teacher assessments, supported with evidence of their work which was submitted to the exam boards. Based in Newton Aycliffe Business Park, UTC South Durham is a STEM focused school and Sixth Form for 14-19 year olds. 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.

UTC South Durham has limited places available for Sixth Form this September.

Photo bottom: Harry Wilson, Frankie Creswell and Chloe Down with their GCSE results at UTC South Durham.

Photo top: Rosie Stockdale and Alycia Simpson celebrate their results



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This is the last week before Westminster starts to sit again next Tuesday, after the bank holiday weekend. The last couple of weeks has seen obvious communications regarding the school examination results and we worked to assist those where we could. Whilst the approach of trying to reconcile the teachers predictions with a normal year appeared to me to be laudable and appropriate the algorithm produced was not up to the job and I think it was right to revert to the teachers assessments. This causes different problems, both in terms of year on year comparisons and University capacity, but these can be worked on. I have had various meetings during the week, including with constituents, members of the Police, the Town Council and businesses.

I have also been to London for a couple of days where I caught up with Jonathan from my London office and Sam from Local Trust who is supporting our "Left Behind Communities" APPG. We need to get our plans in place for when Parliament resumes and have started submitting questions for the new session.

I will be back in Wheatley Hill on Wednesday for a walkabout with the Police and neighbourhood services teams to pick up on issues we have had raised. We have also spent time this week planning for some visitors due this Thursday and Friday which I will share with you next week.

Brian Riley from the GAMP team is not well and I wish him a swift return to health, I am sure Paula and Victoria will continue to do a sterling job in his absence. The GAMP team have been very involved in the Covid support actions and I commend them.

I am delighted to support the team at Aycliffe Radio and ROF59 in their efforts this weekend thanking the Key Workers with a free drive in Music Festival, see www.ayclifferradio.co.uk/event/key-worker for details. I am also going to be working with the Newton News team to support local businesses, particularly those most affected by the shut down and e-commerce changes (see my letter on page 3).

It is important for our children to head back to school in as safe a manner as possible and to do that we need to keep Covid-19 under control. We need them and us to wash our hands more regularly and robustly; wear face masks whenever necessary and give each other as much space as possible and we will give everyone the best opportunity to stay healthy.

Have a safe week.

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

Welfare Assistance Scheme Extended

More funding is being made available to help people across County Durham who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and who need additional financial support and assistance.

An additional £500,000 has been invested into Durham County Council's Welfare Assistance Scheme to help people in crisis. The council's scheme has been enhanced in order to further support the most vulnerable who are struggling financially to meet their immediate short-term needs or to enable them to maintain their independence in the community. This includes help with daily living expenses and support when they are re-homed due to a change in circumstances.

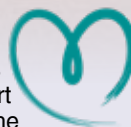
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Cllr Angela Surtees, Cabinet member for social inclusion, said: "We understand that many people have been impacted because of the coronavirus pandemic but we want them to know that the council has a range of support that is available. These enhancements will allow us to be as flexible as we can be and to continue to take individual circumstances into account. It will help us to continue to provide essential items for residents based on their needs and help people to maintain their independence in the long-term, knowing that support and help is available when they need it."



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NHS Nurse Numbers Continue to Rise

The number of nurses in the NHS in England increased by 13,840 compared to last year, and the number of doctors has risen by 9,306, figures published last week up until the end of May show.

All professionally qualified clinical staff, doctors, paramedics and support to clinical staff are now at record levels.

Responding to today's NHS workforce statistics, Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock said: "It is fantastic to see we have record numbers of staff working in our NHS, and as set out last month in the NHS People Plan, we must strive to make the NHS the best possible place to work for all. This will help us retain more of our hardworking staff and ensure the NHS can continue to protect us, as we protected it throughout the peak of this pandemic.

"With the latest UCAS figures already showing a 14% rise in people accepting places on nursing courses in England, we are well on our way to delivering 50,000 more nurses by the end of this Parliament. "We have protected the NHS, and we are investing record sums into the NHS, hiring more doctors and nurses so that the NHS is always there for you and your family." Following A Level results last week, the latest UCAS stats revealed a 14% rise in acceptances for nursing and midwifery courses in England, with many more expected during clearing.

Last month the NHS People Plan set out how the NHS will put staff wellbeing at its heart with a new recruitment, retention and support package. It sets out practical support for wellbeing such as safe spaces to rest and recuperate, wellbeing guardians and support to keep staff physically safe and healthy. The figures for May include some former healthcare professionals who bravely volunteered to return to the frontline during the pandemic. May figures also show that 592 returners were identified, of which, there are 102 doctors and 157 nurses and health visitors. Not all returners are reflected in the monthly workforce stats as they could have been employed on Fixed Term, Honorary or Bank contracts, or via NHS Professionals.

NAFC U11s Beat Boro Rangers Reds

Aycliffe started well and it was a very open and fast game which saw Boro take the lead. Shortly before half time we got it back to 1-1 after great moves, which beat the Boro offside trap and saw Thomas go through and finish well past the keeper from a tight angle. At half time we changed formation and it really helped against a very strong, physical and vocal Boro side.

George, who was pushed into midfield for the second half, scored a screamer into the top corner, giving us a 2-1 lead. Then after more great work from Thomas, who worked so hard, set up Ethan to make it 3-1. The high pressure from Aycliffe was really working well as JJ got our 4th after winning the ball high up the pitch.



An excellent performance, both physically and mentally, to go a goal behind and then push on to score 4 past a very good team. Goals: Thomas ⚽, Ethan ⚽, George ⚽, JJ ⚽
MOTM - Thomas

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This particular 'Dream Team' story began with Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery – a break in! And a van full of DIY equipment – stolen! At the school, a substantial amount of damage was caused with sheds vandalised, greenhouse glass broken, and plants thrown around. The school garden was highly valued by the children as one of their outdoor activities. The van was taken from a private drive and contained tools used by a group of volunteers known as Community Support Initiative who work in Newton Aycliffe wherever there might be a need for their skills. Enter our amazing Newton Aycliffe Police and PCSO Matthew Walls, who used his local contacts to mobilise the assistance needed. The Allotment Association were contacted and helped with some of the damage at the school and Rotary members, Geoff Batchelor and Gary Blenkinsopp, stepped in to replace some of the equipment stolen with the van. Gary is a manager at local company, Husqvarna, and very soon a lawnmower and strimmer were generously donated by the firm and gratefully received by

the volunteers. All in all, a great example of partnership working. Any information on the above-mentioned crimes can be reported to PCSO Walls at the Police Office. Community Support Initiative are contactable via their Facebook page by any resident in genuine need of assistance with grass cutting, garden tidying, etc.

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PHoto: From left PC Simon Schofield, Rotary President Trish Pemberton, PCSO Matt Walls, Tom, Brian, Darren from Community Support Initiative and Gary Blenkinsopp from Husqvarna and Rotary Newton Aycliffe

(BURNHILL WAY, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2020

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on the following lengths of Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe 1. A 200m length from a point 25m west of the junction with Bluebell Way to the junction with Kestrel Crt 2. A 350m length between the junctions of Avon Crt and Burn Ln Roundabout to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. An alternate route will be available to vehicular traffic from the eastern side of the closure from Burn Ln north to Greenfield Way then westerly to the junction with Meadowfield Way which leads south onto Burnhill Way to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence at 7am on 19/9/2020 and are anticipated to be completed in 11 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

Dated: 28/8/2020



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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Unfortunately, the last few months have seen Club activities come to a standstill, however this doesn't mean that our Members have been inactive. Whilst racing as we know it has not taken place, many event organisers introduced the concept of 'virtual' races, and our Members have recently participated in virtual versions of the Blaydon Race, the Bridges of the Tyne 5 Mile Road Race, and the Durham City 10K Race, to name but a few.

As lockdown restrictions have started to ease, actual races are slowly beginning to return, and several members of Aycliffe Running Club have taken the opportunity to test their fitness in the last couple of weeks, following the prolonged suspension.

Among the first events to return were the Podium 5K races on 8 August 2020. These are a series of graded 5K races held in Burnley, Lancashire, and the Elite races usually attract an incredibly high standard. That was no different on this occasion, as Team GB's Marc Scott broke the British 5K record in the Men's Elite Race. In the Sub-17:30 graded race John SURTEES flew the flag for Aycliffe Running Club, and had a great run in warm, but breezy, conditions to set a new 5K Personal Best (PB), finishing in 16:18. John, and wife Tracey, also got to meet the new British Record holder!

On 15 August 2020, John RICHARDSON headed to the North West to participate in the Run the Lights 10K in Blackpool. John came home in a time of 59:09, after enjoying his run along the Golden Mile and promenade, passing the three piers and the famous Blackpool Tower.

On 23 August 2020, Andy TALBOT represented the Club a little closer to home, participating in the 'Run Durham Dalton Park Summer 10K'. The race featured a staggered start, in line with England Athletics' race guidance, however each runner received their own personal 'chip time' for the race. With the race featuring a little more trail than expected, Andy completed his undulating run in a time of 39:16, and in doing so was first home in his Age Category (V60).



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The cocktail menu is now also extending after being set up based on the positive feedback from social media in response to the cocktail videos posted before the bar opened. Porn Star Martinis, Singapore Slings and Long Island Iced Teas are proving the most popular requests, but the menu is wide, eclectic and is being increasingly sampled and appreciated. The bar is also proud to be planning a relocation of Oktoberfest 2020 celebrations. The official events in Germany have been cancelled but it seemed only right and proper to 'relocate' the Oktoberfest option to Newton Aycliffe. Steins are rumoured to be soon appearing behind the bar! Watch this space... Ale will soon be on tap too. Supporting local businesses is an important principle as The Aviator has been truly supported by local people and businesses and in turn tries to provide similar local support. The most exciting development visually has been the TradeGlass help, with images that are starting to appear, transforming the feel of the bar. Lifesize cockpit images have arrived and more are to follow soon.

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Wallsend then hit us on the break and scored the opening goal and then added a second, playing some really good football and started getting into the game. We then pulled one back from a Logan cross, which ended up in the back of the net after a deflection. We had a chance to level the game with a Niall shot which was well saved, Wallsend counter attacked and scored again to make it 3-1 just before half time. In the second third, in our opinion, it was Aycliffe's best performance in an 11 a side game so far. We won a penalty which unfortunately Niall hit the post and rebounded away. A Brad corner was met by Tyler in the air to make it

3-2. We were then awarded another penalty which Tyler stepped up and put into the corner to make it 3-3. Another free flowing move saw us go 4-3 in front with some great feet by Tyler and a great chip over the keeper to make it 4-3. We then added a fifth with a neat through ball by Aidan to Niall who ran on and finished into the corner to make it 5-3 heading into the final third. It was a much quieter final third where Aycliffe defended really well. Wallsend did add a 4th to make it 5-4, but after that Aycliffe defended really well and could have added further goals but there were some excellent saves. Another excellent performance from the boys against a very good side. We felt we played some excellent football at times and dominated the majority of the game, which was excellent to watch. Another exciting 5-4 game too!
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Alan Pybus
1/9/1940 - 6/6/2020



Loving Husband, Dad, Brother, Grandad and Great Grandad. Remembered by all the family. Jenny, Ian, Mally, Colin, Kevin and David. Grandchildren and Grandchild and Brother David.

Kathleen Janet Savage

26/8/49 - 10/12/19
Now without you by my side, my world of sadness I must bide. Birthday memories of a darling Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Missed every day
Loving Husband Dave
xxxxxxx

Marilyn (Williamson) Llewellyn

Died 5th August 2019
Remembering you on your 67th birthday, 1st September 1953. Lots of love from Dad
xxxxxxx

Obituary

Eric Foster

Newton Aycliffe

After an heroic battle with cancer. Passed away peacefully on 13th August, aged 74 years. He is survived by his loving Wife Marie. He was a wonderful Husband, Brother, Father, Ttep Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. A kind, quiet man who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service to take place in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 3rd September at 11.45 am.

To be followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers may be given to Cancer Research. Due to current circumstances a private family service will take place.

Christine Kasher

Passed away on the 18th August aged 75, after a short battle with Cancer.

Christine was a beautiful lady who was loved by all and will be greatly missed by her family and friends xxxx

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Ryan Hodgson Haulage Ltd of 34 The Sidings, Darlington DL1 1QJ is applying for a licence to use MT Haulage Ltd., St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6DX as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe continued their pre-season preparations with two games last week. A hastily arranged friendly against Ryhope Colliery Welfare was played at Dawdon last Wednesday. A goal from Ben Dibb-Fuller gave Aycliffe a 1-1 draw against their fellow Division One opponents. Saturday saw a trip to Division Two side Easington Colliery. Adam Burnicle scored an early goal but the home side equalised after 20 mins when Adam Pickford was caught out by the strong blustery wind. The second half saw Aycliffe get into their stride & goals from Andrei Ardelean, Ben Dibb-Fuller & Liam Jarvie gave the visitors a comfortable 4-1 win. The game at Easington was the first to be played in front of spectators. Pre-season games have so far been played behind closed doors. However, last week the govt & FA issued new guidance which allows games to be played in front of a limited number of spectators. Initially this is limited to 150, rising to 300 from 31 August. Newton Aycliffe had already arranged a friendly against National League North side Spennymoor Town for 25th August. It had been expected that this game would not have fans present. However, the new ruling meant that spectators would be allowed. The Club made great efforts to make sure the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium complied with the new regulations. As spectator numbers were limited fans were asked to book their tickets in advance as well as providing contact details for Track & Trace.

FA Competitions

The FA has made the draws for the initial rounds of the Emirates FA Cup and The Buildbase FA Vase. Newton Aycliffe have been drawn away to Guisborough Town in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round in a repeat of the 2018/2019 draw. The game is due to be played on 1 September. The winners of that tie will host Tadcaster Albion in the Preliminary Round. In the FA Vase, Aycliffe have been drawn at home to Barnoldswick Town in a game that is scheduled for 19 September.

Ebac Northern League

Following the govt announcement on



spectators at games the Ebac Northern League confirmed that the season will start on 5 September. Aycliffe open against Hebburn Town & have 5 of their first 6 games at home.

It's been a long time coming but it finally looks as though competitive football is coming back. We hope to see you all soon at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium in Moore Lane.

Photo: New signing Ben Reay in action at Easington Colliery

U11 Whites Friendly



Aycliffe were on the front foot from the start with some great link up play. Creating multiple chances which couldn't be converted.

Jake got us ahead but an unlucky bounce in front of our keeper and we were 1-1.

A masterful tactical switch of positions in midfield by moving Oliver from the left to the right and Oliver immediately scores to make it 2-1 at half time.

Working hard in the second half when Linthorpe hit a belter to make it 2-2. Jake immediately replied with a half volley top corner strike to make it 3-2 and then constant pressure allowed Zack to make it 4-2 to Aycliffe final score.

Man of the match was Jake.

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