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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



FEATURED NEXT WEEK!

Who is the Newtonian author going under the pseudonym, Arden Grant?

Gone for almost two decades, Newton News editor, Paul, grabs an interview with a high school friend, and the two chat candidly about the past and Arden's Hot New Thriller, "The Fuzidon". Will you die to live again? Don't miss out on next week's issue to get the exclusive Newton News PASSWORD to enter the buyers login area at www.ardengrant.com. Email your password guess to paul@newtonnews.co.uk

Short Bio

British born author, Arden Grant (pseudonym) moved away from Newton Aycliffe at a young age. Using his entrepreneurial spirit and guided by his resilience. Over two decades he travelled the globe in search of his destiny.

As time went on and career moves were made and revisiting family, friends and his home town became more and more infrequent.

Growing up the author attended Sugar Hill Junior School before moving on to the Avenue Comprehensive. There he found interests in art, music and drama performing in school productions.

This spurred him on to join a dramatic society and he continued to perform in musical productions at Darlington Civic Theatre.

Venturing into unknown parts of the world, he travelled and worked extensively throughout Europe and Asia shaping his pathway in two sectors; Real Estate and the Hospitality Industry. He became successful and lived a rags to riches story, though not without heartbreak, betrayals and sacrifices.

Along the way, he rubbed shoulders with many, and among the good there were others with more unsavoury characteristics. Inspired by life itself, Arden Grant cut ties with his network of circles. Changing direction he began again - storytelling! Today, as a more private person, Arden Grant lives settled in the Bavarian Alps, close to the city of Salzburg.



Ration Challenge Starts Monday

Dear Sir,
Thank you so much for your support in a recent edition of the Newton News, I have now received my ration box and will be starting my Ration Challenge on Monday 14th September.

All the money raised will help support those in need living in refugee camps in Jordan. Further information about the charity and the challenge can be found at <https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk>. I've now raised £807 and hoping I can reach my target goal of £1000 by the end of the week, so any further support would be much appreciated: [https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk](https://www.rationchallenge.org.uk/kay-naylor)

I plan to keep a video diary and post pics of my progress so anyone who wants to follow can do so on instagram @kaynaylor1

Thanks everyone, the above photo shows how excited I was when I received my ration package!

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Welcome Donation from MP, Paul Howell



A few weeks ago Paul Howell MP wrote in his weekly blog in the Newton News that he had £5000 to give to charities in Newton Aycliffe and he invited people and organisations to write to him if they wanted to be considered for some of the money. Rotarian Pat Pickersgill emailed Paul explaining the work that Rotary carries out with those in crisis in our area. Paul invited both Pat and Geoff to meet with him at his office in Sydney House to discuss matters further and he was most interested and impressed in the partnership work that Geoff does liaising with such as the health visitors, social workers and Newton Aycliffe Police, to name a few, with the aim of helping those in most need.

Paul has subsequently handed a donation to the Rotary Club towards, what he considers to be, pro-active and excellent work in our community. Well done and thank you to Pat for the initial approach to our MP and to Geoff for his charitable endeavours and, of course, many thanks to our Member of Parliament, Paul Howell.

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If you would like information on how to join the Zoom conference to hear about some of the key achievements, please contact Natalie Grainger by email: nataliegrainger@pcp.co.uk no later than Thursday 24th September.

Finally, if you would like to support the work of the Charity by becoming a member, please contact Carol Gaskarth on 07890 642683 for an informal chat. PCP services and projects are developed to meet the needs of our communities so we actively encourage local people and stakeholders to become members and help shape our future direction.

DISGUSTED!

Dear Sir,

At the last Full Council meeting, all 5 Labour County Councillors on the Town Council left the meeting when newly elected Lib Dem Councillor Michael Stead had a motion to discuss double taxation.

I proved legally, many years before, that Durham County Councillors serving on the Town Council, except in very precise circumstances, can stay and participate in such debates. When I asked one County Councillor why they left they said the Town Clerk advised them, unfortunately for them the Town Clerk overheard them and categorically denied it. Then they said they were told at County.

There was no issue of predetermination, no bias, no pecuniary interest. I am sure that if they ask their County Solicitor, Helen Lynch, she will confirm that they could stay in the meeting, hear what was said and contribute to the debate or, no doubt, the County Solicitor will explain in writing why they could not. This is the contempt that Labour has for democracy.

Cllr. Arun M Chandran
Independent

REBUTTAL

Dear Sir,

Mr Welsh's letter last week was so full of misinformation that I am forced to point out:

- (1) Momentum is not affiliated to the Labour Party, so it is ignorant to write "Labour/Momentum" at every mention of the Labour Party; they are separate organisations.
 - (2) Police investigations into Dominic Cummings were NOT undertaken "at the behest of Labour DCC Councillors".
 - (3) Policing priorities are NOT set by Councillors.
 - (4) The current "Police and Crimes Commissioner" (sic – Mr Welsh got the name wrong) was NOT elected – he took over from the late and wonderful Ron Hogg.
 - (5) Last year I was indeed appointed 'Climate Champion' by Durham County Council; it is a huge honour and responsibility ... and one wonders what Mr Welsh expects of me in that role other than "championing the climate".
 - (6) I reject the implication that I do this at the expense of my role as a local councillor. Fol requests by Sedgefield CLP (as reported in the Newton News, so Mr Welsh knows this full well) have revealed that, May 2017 to June 2020, I presented 549 service requests to DCC for jobs in my ward (compared over the same period to my ward colleagues' 4: Cllr Durham and 16: Cllr Howell – who, yes, is still a county councillor). Nobody is criticising Cllrs Durham or Howell, but the figures show that the implication that I am neglecting my ward is a lie.
- Yours
Cllr John D Clare

Accident Waiting to Happen

Dear Sir,

I feel compelled to add my story to this issue as there is much more at stake than just inconvenience and irritation in regard to the issue of irresponsible driving behaviour on the roads around the residential areas of Newton Aycliffe.

Recently I had the misfortune to be directly impacted by a selfish, dangerous driver who managed to run into the back of my vehicle whilst it was parked in Gilpin Road in July. The damage was significant and occurred between 21:00 and 05:00. The likelihood of this individual being unfit to drive through drink or drugs is, I suspect, high! I would go further and suggest that they are also uninsured. Aside from the damage to the car, which occurred just before I was due to go on holiday and just weeks after I had purchased it, I was compelled to have the repairs undertaken via my insurance. This cost me an excess of £250.00, in addition my insurance premium will become very much higher as a result, after twenty years no claims that is infuriating! The damage done my own vehicle notwithstanding, I have seen numerous people driving well in excess of the 30 mph limit along this road, which has cars parked along its full length, requiring motorists to use, what is in effect, a single carriageway. This area is populated with family homes with children frequently in the street. It is only a matter of time before the same, or another irresponsible idiot, causes more that just damage to a car that they are too selfish and cowardly to acknowledge.

Yours sincerely
Jayne Todd

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

The Council on 4/9/2020 made the above 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 junc with Bluebell Way to the junc 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 alt 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.

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Aycliffe Beekeepers Correction

Dear Sir,
With reference to the article which Newton News published on 28th August, re "Thriving Aycliffe Beekeepers Association". I'd be grateful if you would CORRECT the phone number quoted in the article by our member Viv Williams. The phone number should be **07905 190701**.
Roger Chappel (Chairman)
Aycliffe Beekeepers Association



Rotary Newton Aycliffe featured today is our Vice president, Gary Blenkinsopp.
My name is Gary Blenkinsopp and I became involved with Rotary through a family friend, Geoff Batchelor. I live in School Aycliffe but originally come from Heighington Village. I attended Woodham Comprehensive



and went on to do an engineering degree at Coventry University and an MBA at Northumbria University. I started working as an apprentice moulding technician for Flymo back in 1983 and have been with the company all my adult working life. The company is now known as Husqvarna and we manufacture robotic lawnmowers that are exported all over the world from our factory in Aycliffe. I am the technical and tooling manager and have had the opportunity to travel throughout the world on business to countries such as Taiwan, China, Korea, USA, Sweden, etc. I have really enjoyed the travel opportunities experiencing different cultures but sometimes the food has been a bit difficult to manage, especially the snake and chicken feet in China.

What drew me into Rotary was when I was asked to help out just before one Christmas when someone contacted Rotary and asked for assistance. The family had been rehoused by the council as an emergency and had very little furniture and were in urgent need of support. The shout went out and after a few phone calls Rotary turned out and managed to provide what was required. Rotary Newton Aycliffe help lots of people in the local community and this goes on every week of the year.

My biggest challenge in Rotary was finding a Santa Suit big enough to fit. I am 6ft 2 and 17 stone. If anyone had told me I would be touring the streets of Aycliffe and collecting in Tesco dressed as Santa I would never have believed them.

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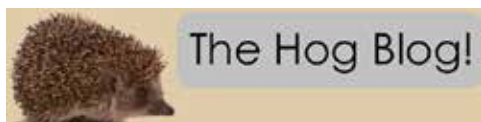
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Thanks to our lovely neighbours and friends for the wonderful donations to sell at our car boot sale, Lesley and Steve Willows finders, Terry and Corina, Joanne, Tom and Abigail and Lorraine Elliott, she helps many hogs get to me quickly for, sometimes urgent, treatment.

Can I ask everybody who is still putting slug pellets down to stop this, our hedgehogs eat slugs whether they are poisoned or not, we need to keep these hedgehogs alive.

Tip of the week, if you find a hedgehog out in the day it is in a lot of trouble, please get him or her, big or small, indoors, in a high sided box with towels and something warm, then seek expert help please, we are still seeing babies/juveniles out there that should be here in rescue centres.



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Concern Over County Councillors Representation

Dear Sir,
Regarding Councillor Stead's motion at the GATC meeting of 2nd September I feel I must question the behaviour of our County Councillors.
Councillor Stead is a new Lib Dem Councillor, having taken his seat at Woodham from the incumbent Labour Councillor Keith Henderson. I was pleased to see Michael engaging in debate and putting his motion about the unfairness of double taxation imposed upon the residents of our town.
As a Council we have 30 members to cover all the wards in Great Aycliffe and one would assume that those Councillors would represent the views and concerns of not only those persons living in their respective wards but citizens of the whole town.
I have to say that I was disgusted to find that when Councillor Stead's motion came up for debate, all our Labour County Councillors left the meeting. Not one of our County Councillors was prepared to enter the debate, despite being members of Great Aycliffe Town Council, so why then do they bother to put themselves forward as candidates for Great Aycliffe Council if they have no interest in representing the people, surely this is not democracy. Is this deterring interested people from standing

for these positions? The motion was written in the meeting notes which were presented to Council members a week prior to the meeting so everyone knew this debate was coming up and it strikes me as suspicious that all of the County Councillors left the meeting at the same time.
This is not the only time that County Councillors have refused to stand up for the people they serve as was seen in the recent battle to keep social housing in the Western Area, local people had to put together a petition to save Whinlatter Bridge and I myself had to bring up the subject of subdued lighting at DCC supported by Syd Howarth.
So whose side are these Councillors on? During the Williamfield campaign not a single Labour Councillor was seen on the doorstep, moreover it is alleged that they were in secret talks and had signed a non-disclosure agreement (hardly in the interests of the town residents).
It would appear that one of our County Councillors discussed Councillor Stead's motion on Facebook in a lucid and intelligent way, so why on social media and not to his council colleagues. As a true Independent I would like to listen to the debate not be denied by a refusal to discuss.
Ken Robson, Town Councillor

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Climate Extinction or Democracy Extinction?

Dear Sir,
I note that when Cllr. J. D. Clare self-publicised his speech at 'Extinction Rebellion, Durham', in the Newton News, he used the title (DCC Climate Champion). The question arises; is it the policy of the controlling Labour (Momentum) Group on DCC to support Cllr. Clare's wish to overthrow our current democratic capitalist economic model which Cllr. Clare describes as an "EXTINCTION LEVEL MODEL"? Or, was Cllr. Clare simply abusing his appointed position to embarrass non-Momentum/Marxist supporters in the local Labour Party? Probably, it was both. It is time that the Labour Party finally got rid of its Momentum/Marxist cancer. Let these people stand for election on their evil revolutionary, anti-democratic policies.
I invite Cllr. Clare to identify any DEMOCRATIC Marxist/Communist Government (past or present) whose economic model has performed as well as our democratic capitalist model. Indeed, the expression, "DEMOCRATIC Marxist/Communist Government", is an oxymoron!
Our current DEMOCRATIC capitalist economic model has adapted to enable us to defend DEMOCRACY in two World Wars and to survive the Labour induced Financial Crash. It is again adapting to protect the vulnerable in our society from the Covid pandemic. All of these were achieved in the BEST democratic system IN THE WORLD.
If Extinction Rebellion think that we can only halt Climate Change by overthrowing democracy, they better come up with a better policy before it is too late! Form a Climate Extinction Party! Test your appeal at the ballot box! Stop blockading newspapers who do not agree with you! Such actions only show you up for what you are; anti free speech, and anti democracy.
The last General Election confirmed that our electorate put upholding democracy before the 'green agenda' and everything else on offer. The majority of voters simply supported the one Party which promised to implement the democratic will of the majority who had voted for Brexit. In British politics democracy trumps all other issues. Long may our capitalist democracy flourish!
Yours Sincerely
Alastair P.G. Welsh

New Season, New Contracts for Aycliffe Angels Girls Football Teams

September can only mean one thing... it's football season and the girls are back in town! The world is witnessing a very exciting time for girls football. The success of our international women's team and the growth of our local Durham Women's Wildcats after a fantastic few seasons, has raised the profile of Women's Soccer. It is exciting to see that locally this is being mirrored. Newton Aycliffe Youth FC see the start of the season for their many teams; boys, girls and ladies. Three girls' teams, known as Aycliffe Angels, have renewed their contracts and taken on new players!

U10 Angels White strengthen their numbers with six new signings following their Division win in the Russell Foster Girls Youth League last season.

U11 Angels Yellow and U11 Angels Blue move to 9-a-side, also with increased numbers and a new larger pitch to play on. There are three new signings for the Yellows after an exciting first season, as well as the return of a previous player for the Blues whilst celebrating being runners up in their first Premiership season. The ethos of these teams is respect, fun, positivity and friendship. Although they won't be shaking hands right now, the teams are eager to applaud their opposition. After an abrupt end to their football due to COVID-19, the girls appreciate now more than ever, the opportunities provided to them - and are grateful to the Club and Coaches who have done everything possible to have football return safely for them.

Aycliffe Angels wish all sports teams Good Luck and hope they enjoy the upcoming season together safely.

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ACORN Community Association Community Garden Winners

ACORN Community Association are excited to reveal that we have been chosen as winners of Best Community Garden in a competition organised by livin. ACORN have been entrants of the competition for some years now and have always received recognition for our efforts by the public and by the social housing group. Along with certificates, Acorn have been presented with a £100 voucher for B & Q which will help us in our future endeavours.

ACORN began the Community Garden project in response to complaints about vehicles driving on grassed areas where children play and as a deterrent to inconsiderate motorists marking the grassed areas alongside the local roads making the area look unloved. With the support of the National Lottery we were able to purchase half tubs and local people volunteered to look after them. To date we have 30 tubs scattered around the Silkin Way, Priestman Road, Marshal Road, Stead Close, Lilburn Crescent, Lightfoot Road and Faulkner Road areas looked after by 15 volunteers who compete to make the best display. Daffodils and shrubs have also been planted in the area to enhance the already beautiful vista. Previously we have had support from livin who have helped us to purchase a cordless trimmer which is invaluable in tidying the areas around the displays and we have also received support from Durham County Council to buy more tubs to solve a specific problem on Silkin Way.

Due to recent Covid 19 restrictions ACORN have not been able to carry out many of the events and trips which we had planned for this year but hope to return to normal activities as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to join us in our projects should contact us by calling Ken on 01325 321471

Ken Robson (Chair)

ACORN Community Association

RESPONSE TO DOUBLE COUNCIL TAX

Dear Sir,

I would like to respond to Councillor Michael Stead's letter on 'Local Council Tax'. From the start, let me state that I agree double taxation is totally unfair.

Unfortunately, I could not support Councillor Stead's proposal and his motion was narrowly defeated by 12 votes to 8 (all Labour County Councillors declaring an interest and leaving the meeting). The reasons I could not support the motion were:

Councillor Stead has promised to reduce Council Tax. He claims that residents of Newton Aycliffe pay £241 more Council Tax than those in other areas of County Durham. In Newton Aycliffe, we have very few Band D properties who pay that amount. These are houses which are valued over £200,000. The vast majority of houses in Newton Aycliffe fall in the bands A, B and C and pay considerably less. 79% of the houses in Newton Aycliffe fall into this category. The amount that a Band D householder pays in double taxation is £5.61 per year or 10p per week. It does, however result in the people of Great Aycliffe subsidising unparished areas by a sum of £38,500 per year. Added to this, many people in Newton Aycliffe receive council rate support. Only last week, we were informed that the Town Council's rates will reduce by £20,000 next year owing to the rise in unemployment and people claiming benefit on the town. I also believe that by April next year this will have reduced even further.

The Town Council are awaiting information from central government, through Durham County Council, regarding the amount, if any, rate support grants we will receive next year. We originally received £350,000 in this funding and by last year the amount was down to £168,000, and so we may have to prepare our budget accordingly. Our Finance Officer, Dan Austin, will soon be working with members on our Medium-Term Financial Plan and next year's budget. I look forward to Councillor Stead's proposals on how he will significantly reduce our budget and what services he will cut or reduce. Perhaps he is proposing to do away with Great Aycliffe Town Council and hand over all our services to Durham County Council.

The second reason I could not support the motion is that it was requesting that the Council receive a mass of information which the proposer could receive himself under the Freedom of Information Act. I believe his proposal on how we pursue the issue of double taxation with the County Council would not be the most effective. The best way to address this issue is through CDALC (County Durham Association of Local Councils). Before 2009 and the demise of Sedgfield Borough Council and the establishment of the Unitary Authority, Durham County Council, double taxation was not a problem. All of Sedgfield Borough Council was parished (had a parish council). In 2009/10 CDALC approached Durham County Council on the issue and agreement was reached that Double taxation was unfair and that double taxation grant would be made to those areas affected.

Great Aycliffe Town Council received £38,500 for four years until 2013, when Durham County Council withdrew the grant. Durham County Council were experiencing massive revenue cutbacks and said they could no longer afford to pay these grants. Since 2013, the County Council has been approached by Durham County Council members and CDALC to readdress this decision, but without any success. The secretary of CDALC was initially contacted over two months ago, following which I requested that the subject of double taxation should be placed on the agenda of the next committee meeting. Why should we be successful now? It is all about timing. At the moment, Durham County Council are 'splashing the cash'. Large amounts are being released on capital projects and at the moment it appears that they have opened up to revenue spend. Oh! I believe there is an election next year...

Finally, Councillor Stead's motion begins with 'The Council applauds the close working relationship between County Durham Council and town and parish councils across County Durham'. Councillor Stead, as a new councillor, is obviously not aware of the true and full situation. I will not go into that at the moment but will at some time in the future.

Councillor Bob Fleming

Leader – Great Aycliffe Town Council

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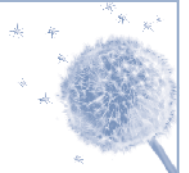
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SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATION POEM INSPIRES DURHAM STAYCATION CAMPAIGN

A poem, which gave so many people hope during the coronavirus lockdown, is now inspiring people to visit the county in which it was written.

The Rainbow Children, by Gemma Peacock of Shotton Colliery in County Durham, is part of a new campaign from Visit County Durham aimed at encouraging people to visit Durham following the closure of the county's tourism industry during lockdown.

Inspired by a walk through her local countryside in Durham, Gemma wrote the poem to reassure her young children at the beginning of the coronavirus lockdown. After sharing it on her own Facebook page for friends and family to see, it quickly became a social media sensation and went on to be viewed by thousands across the world, and was read out on TV by North East celebrities including Ant and Dec.

As part of the 'Worth the Wait' staycation campaign launched by Visit County Durham, which showcases some of the experiences visitors can have across the county that have been 'worth the wait' following long weeks of lockdown, Gemma's heartfelt words are now accompanied by video footage that promotes highlights of a trip to Durham, from the great outdoors and fascinating heritage, to culture, family fun and food and drink, to inspire people to visit the county. With Gemma and her family also making an appearance in the video.

The video can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/WjM11fcHpr0>

Gemma Peacock said: "I am honoured that Visit County Durham are using my poem to inspire people to visit. I am very proud of where we live but we do sometimes take it for granted. We have learned to love and appreciate the beauty of our own coast and countryside during lockdown, and it is fantastic that my poem is being used to encourage more people to discover our incredible county."

"I only expected family and friends to read my poem online when I wrote it in April, but now it has reached thousands and I'm pleased that it has helped people through the lockdown. And I couldn't be more proud that it is inspiring people to come and visit the beautiful county we love so much."

Cllr Joy Allen, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism, said: "Gemma's poem became a social media sensation and really captured the nation's mood during lockdown, and the stunning shots it is accompanied by in the video prove County Durham truly is Worth the Wait."

"We know tourism is crucial to getting our economy back on track and to supporting local businesses as we begin to recover from the pandemic, and by attracting people to County Durham this video can help do just that."



The campaign also features a second video, which brings to life the county's stunning landscapes with a poem written by Lord Byron, who was married at Seaham Hall in 1815.

The website for the campaign is www.thisisdurham.com/worththewait

 <p>Woodham Academy</p> <p>Year 6 Open Evening for September 2021 entry by appointment only.</p> <p>Please limit the number attending to 3 (incl. Y6 child)</p> <p>Masks to be worn in communal areas.</p> <p>If you are unable to attend the session please contact the school.</p>	<p>Tuesday 15th September 2020 6-7pm Vane Road 7-8pm Sugar Hill</p>		<p>Wednesday 16th September 2020 6-7pm Woodham Burn 7-8pm Heighington, Aycliffe Village & Byerley Park</p>	
		<p>Thursday 17th September 2020 6-7pm Stephenson Way & Chilton Primary 7-8pm St. Francis, St. Josephs & St. Mary's</p>		<p>Open Evenings are by appointment only using the booking system on our website www.woodham.org.uk</p>
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Aycliffe Juniors Football Report

U8s Blacks

Newton Aycliffe U8s Blacks TJFA Maroon Division friendly Sunday 6th September

U8's Blacks played another friendly game today against Middleton Rangers, the game started off a bit sluggish, going down within the first 5 minutes, then they started to keep their formation, passing nicely to see them being the better up to half time.

Unfortunately the game did not go the way Newton Aycliffe wanted it to due to tiredness in the second half but overall a good performance and still a massive improvement from last season. Regan was a goal scorer, MOTM: Jacob



U9s Juniors

Newton Aycliffe U9s Junior Section TJFA White Division friendly Saturday 5th September

Darlington FC U9s against Newton Aycliffe U9s. U9 Juniors played away to Darlington FC Feethams. A very slow start saw Newton Aycliffe struggle in the first half.

Aycliffe came out fighting in the second half and played much better. Newton Aycliffe's goal came from Dom. All looked very smart in their new strips.



U13s Whites

Newton Aycliffe U13s Whites TJFA 1st Division Friendly Saturday 5th September

Newton Aycliffe Whites against Boro Rangers Red - NAFC 4-2 Boro Rangers Red

Newton Aycliffe battled fantastically against a team that won division one last year, playing some good football at times. It was 1-1 at half time with Aidan scoring a delightful chip after just beating the offside trap, Boro Rangers, equalised just before half time. In the second half Newton Aycliffe were brilliant, Boro Rangers couldn't get out of their own half. Newton Aycliffe scored 3 great team goals in the second half. Tyler scored a hat trick with 2 left foot finishes and a right foot finish which came from high pressing. Boro Rangers did pull one back but Newton Aycliffe thoroughly deserved their victory against one of the best sides in the TJFA.

It was great to see Newton Aycliffe playing out with confidence, pressing high and playing through the 3rds and their second half performance in particular was excellent. Well done to all the kids on a battling performance and for not getting involved in any of the ball incidents. Tyler 3, Aidan 1

U9s Blacks

Newton Aycliffe U9s Blacks RFYL Division 9 Saturday 5th September



NAFC against NSG Tigers U9 Blacks played out a tough game today. We took the lead twice through goals from Rhys and Max. Some nice passing play but they seemed a little nervous and tired. First 50 minute game and some tired legs with only one sub. Well done everyone today.

U11s Juniors

Newton Aycliffe U11s TJFA White division Friendly Sunday 6th September



Newton Aycliffe under 11s played at home again this morning against Richmond Town FC in Newton Aycliffe's 9th pre-season game.

With players missing, Aycliffe played with a back 4 for the first time, they started very well and Thomas opened the goal fest with a cracking half volley from just past the half way line. However, two unfortunate errors saw Richmond go ahead at the break despite them playing very well.

Aycliffe went back to 3-4-1 for the 2nd half and they continued to press and pass the ball well, James, who was excellent all morning, did a fantastic job, was solid at the back.

Aycliffe scored 3 cracking goals with JJs free kick and Liam's fine shot being the pick of the bunch. MOTM - James

U12s Blacks

Newton Aycliffe U12s Blacks Junior section RFYL Division Saturday 5th September

Under 12 Blacks played against Chester-le Street United, first league match started off with Chester getting an early goal and went one-nil up, this never got the Blacks down and they pushed on getting 11 goals non-stop. They played some fantastic football and played them off the park, some outstanding assisted football for all the goals and it ended 12-1, all excellent team work. Ref was great today and had a few tough decisions to make but he was confident and fair.

Man of the match went to Keaton.



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Greenfield Arts Appreciate Generous Donation

Greenfield Arts were delighted to receive a donation recently from Brian Agar of Newton Aycliffe's Community Support Initiative (CSI Aycliffe). Brian has kindly honoured a donation of £300 which was initially suggested by renowned fund-raiser Honest John who sadly died earlier this year.

Brian can be found continuing in the footsteps of Honest John as the Community Support Initiative have premises on the first floor of the IES Centre, where they have a selection of quality used items for sale.

The donation is to be dedicated to the Cree group from Greenfield Arts and its members have been instrumental in bringing about this kind donation. The group of male volunteers have been involved in a number of projects that benefit the community and improve their own wellbeing. They are looking forward to being able to continue their valuable work in the near future.

The group are scheduled to work alongside artist Bethan Maddocks as part of the Finders, Seekers project. Bethan is a visual artist who often works with drawing and paper structure making and creates site specific ephemeral installations that engage audiences. Bethan will be working alongside the Men's Cree group and the wider community to stimulate creativity, questioning and curiosity.

Greenfield Arts are delighted for the support from individuals and organisations in the form of donations and specific funding and are committed to engage with the community through the arts to bring about positive outcomes.

BBC Two Commissions 'Saved and Remade'

Saved and Remade (w/t) brings together the multiple skills of a team of expert craftspeople to help solve viewers' conundrums of what to do with treasured but purposeless items. Host Sabrina Grant, herself no slouch in the upcycling department, will be helping contributors choose which of the experts has the vision and ability to convert objects that have meaning but are gathering dust, into items can take pride of place in their lives. The transformation from precious but purposeless will grant these pieces a new lease of life. The experts will respect the sentimental significance of each of the items brought in but will bring about incredible transformations that will be a fitting match for their owners.

Sabrina Grant says, "I'm super excited to front this brand new BBC Two series that creatively re-purposes and brings a new lease of life to our guests' treasures. I can't wait to share the magic of our transformations with you."

Executive Producer, Jane Rogerson, adds: "We're thrilled to be working with Sabrina, and indeed all of our crafts people, on this exciting new format for BBC Two. We cannot wait for everyone to see what the unused but much-loved pianos, cars, books and many other items that we all have in lofts and cupboard will become with the skills and imagination of our team of craftspeople. Prepare to be surprised and delighted!"

The Executive Producer for Red Sky Productions is Jane Rogerson, with Kim Rossiter as Series Producer. The series was commissioned by Helen Munson for the BBC.

The greenlight for Saved and Remade follows other recent commissions including Autumn at Jimmy's Farm (Channel 4), Socially Distant with Susan Calman (BBC Scotland) and Jimmy's Big Bee Rescue (Channel 4).

To take part in the show visit:
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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	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
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	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	18th Sept. - Nathan Abbott 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

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Development at Middridge

Dear Sir,
In answer to the article 'New Development' in last week's edition of Newton News.
In October 1962, the boundaries of the new town of Newton Aycliffe were set, and these included the villages of Aycliffe and Middridge. Aycliffe Development Corporation built many of the houses in Middridge and also upgraded the parish hall.
At that time, the new town was in three separate local authority areas (Sedgefield RDC, Darlington RDC and Shildon UDC). The re-organisation of local government in the early 1970s saw the establishment of Great Aycliffe Town Council. The villages of Aycliffe and Middridge had the choice of being part of Great Aycliffe Town Council or form their own parishes. Aycliffe Village decided it wanted to be part of Great Aycliffe Town Council, Middridge decided to form its own parish council, so Middridge is part of Newton Aycliffe with its own parish council. Councillor Bob Fleming

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

After a quiet week last week, members returned to racing this week, participating in two high profile local events.

On Wednesday, 2nd September 2020, several members travelled to the seaside to take part in the Autumn Coast Road 3K Time Trial in Marske. The race was reduced from the usual 5K distance to allow for social distancing and adopted a 'Time Trial' format, with runners setting off at 10 second intervals. First home for the Club was John Surtees in a time of 9:26. John was followed home by John Firby in 10:22; Corey HORN in 10:52; and Tracey Surtees in 11:04.

Just a few days later on Saturday, 5th September 2020, the Club were strongly represented in the Albert Park 5K Graded Races, which were organised by North East Project Run. There were nine graded races on the day, and the Club fielded runners in the first six races.

John Surtees followed his impressive outing on Wednesday with a rapid time of 16:12 in Race 1. Dez Fielden ran in Race 2, registering a time of 17:16, and John Firby had another good run in Race 3, posting a time of 17:42.

Race 4 saw three members involved, with Richard Campbell finishing in 18:19, closely followed by Andy Talbot in 18:47, and Corey HORN in 19:09. Tracey Surtees picked up the win in Race 5, completing her run in 19:35. Race 6 witnessed a family battle as Katie Dodds came home in 21:31, finishing just ahead of Dad, Shaun Dodds, who recorded a time of 22:46.

If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, please visit our website www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk, or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at ayclifferunningclub@gmail.com

Photos provided courtesy of Karen Harland and Donna Campbell



Council Tax Motion

Dear Sir,
At last weeks Great Aycliffe Town Council meeting something quite unsurprising happened.
Labour Councillors voted politically against my motion to try and address the unfair council tax in our town.
Then our Labour Town Councillors, breaching the constitution of the Council, made up a motion on the spur of the moment kind of agreeing with me, but failing to address the issue. Quite bizarre.
The reality is that they clearly don't know what they are doing.
As many residents will now know, we suffer from Double Taxation whereby we pay for services elsewhere in County Durham and then pay the Town Council again for our services.
Durham County Council can, under s136 of the Local Government Act 1972, pay a grant each year to Great Aycliffe Town Council to fix the Double Taxation issue.
Given that Chester-le-Street, Crook, Consett and other areas get a raft of services which we pay for, it is pretty clear that a rebate should be paid.
We are paying £250 more council tax than residents in these other towns, all of which have wonderful flower displays and plenty of other services from the County which we get from our Town Council for additional cost.
So there are only three possibilities: Either our town council isn't being run efficiently, or we are being treated unfairly and should get a council tax cut, OR both.
Labour runs Great Aycliffe Town Council AND Durham County Council. They are responsible for our unfair council tax and are seeking to pull the wool over all our eyes.
A message for our Labour leadership: Neither myself nor the voters of Newton Aycliffe believe a word you say any more and we will get fair council tax, with or without you.
Kind regards
Cllr Michael Stead

Heighington A.F.C.

Heighington under 9s vs Washington Lynx

The newly promoted Heighington u9s got their season underway against Washington Lynx u9s at Castle View. Heighington were hungry and got off to a great start with 2 fantastic goals from Marley. However, as the tide of the game gradually shifted, Heighington found themselves 3-2 down at half time. After a short breather and a little reflection the Heighington boys bounced back with a blistering goal from Lucas to even the game. After pressing on from the equalizer Heighington found themselves ahead after our captain Mason calmly fired home a free kick. This was followed by unrelenting pressure from Washington which was dealt with by a fab effort in defence from Isaac, Matty, Jamie, Oliver, Logan and James. Another late goal from Marley sealed his hat trick as Heighington ran out 5-4 winners and took home the points.
MOTM Marley Christon

Heighington AFC under 11s vs Escomb Warriors under 11s.

Our first league game back as under 11s and a move to 9v9. After a slow and nervy start to the match things picked up just before half time and we started to dominate going into the break 1-1. 2nd half everyone was amazing, we controlled the match, pressed them hard and passed the ball brilliantly. The match finished 5-1 to Heighington.

Goals were scored by:

Oliver C x1, Luca x1, Daniel x1, Teddy x1, Kalyb x1

MOTM went to Coleby for some excellent saves in the first half.

Really was an excellent game to watch.

Heighington Development are still looking for more kids to join for future age groups. We are currently looking for kids aged 4 or 5 to play for next years U7s and U6s.

We currently train on a Saturday morning at Heighington Parish Fields 9.30 - 10.30.

If interested please contact Dave Raine 07702 303809.

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Parliament Talk

This week started with a number of interesting meetings including with which on consumer protections and potential support for our Left Behind Communities APPG; As part of the 1922 committee where the Prime Minister and Chancellor joined us; with the 2019 intake where again the Prime Minister and Chancellor joined us and also a forum with the Department for International Trade to discuss the progress on post Brexit free trade agreements.

On Friday, I was back in the constituency and had meetings with Durham County Council and constituents. Monday saw me back in Westminster where I was able to ask a question of the Secretary of State for Education, in the chamber as well as having discussions around the need for support to the coach industry. Unfortunately a meeting I had at 6pm overran, so I couldn't join the Middridge Parish Council Zoom call, hopefully I will make the next one. Tuesday saw me in a private meeting of the BEIS (Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) select committee, in anticipation of the public meetings on Thursday. On Wednesday after Prime Ministers questions I was in the Chamber to support Ian Levy, the MP for Blyth, with his 10 minute rule bill on houses of multiple occupation. This week is unusual in that I will be in Westminster until Friday, normally the House rises on a Thursday. I am hoping to speak in the debates on Tourism and Aviation on Thursday.

Next week however I will be in the constituency all week as I have a slip (permission to be away), this is to allow me to get around a number of schools and promote road safety week. It also means I will be more available than normal next week for anyone wanting to see me.

As usual please contact me via email:

Paul.Howell.MP@parliament.uk or call 01325 790580.

Have a good week, we are seeing some relatively local increases in Covid-19, so please wash your hands regularly; wear a mask where necessary and give people social distance when you can.

Stay safe

Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



One of my favourite walks in the local area, photo by Shirley Feasby.

Play Café Keeps Its Promise

Play Café popped up at Beamish Museum, keeping a promise made before the Coronavirus lockdown affected us all. A donation at Christmas from 3M employees' Sports & Social Club inspired our Trustees to provide annual passes to the Open Air Museum. When it reopened we went on Friday 21st August. This was the first of several visits we hope to make over the coming year.

Huge thanks to employees at 3M for the donation, as well as their efforts as Key Workers. Thanks to Nev Jones for arranging a luxury coach to take us – Covid securely of course. Grateful thanks to Walkers Butchers & Bakers, for providing delicious food that day and keeping us supplied for our summer holiday activities. Tesco Newton Aycliffe donated fresh fruit for our picnic. The store's Community Champion, Shirley, has helped throughout the many weeks of the long school closure.

As most community venues were closed, Play Café is hugely indebted to the committee and staff of The Big Club who have allowed us to distribute the support packages since March.

Families have so enjoyed the themed weeks, from Dinosaurs and Pirates to Sea Creatures. Health and Wellbeing materials supported anxious families through a very troubling time this year. When schools closed, Play Café supplied Home Schooling Packs for families needing resources, with only food shops open. March/April was a scary time for people with limited incomes. "No toilet rolls" – but no pasta, baked beans and soup was very worrying for those never able to stockpile food. The shelves emptied for people who live on those foods every week! Play Café distributed basic groceries from the Durham Christian Partnership's Food Bank.

So grateful to Kelly Smith's teams at the County Food Bank Store.

Thanks to GAMP who administered funding support throughout the Crisis. Play Café trustees have funding for the Supporting Families Covid-19 project, and continues to give support for those adversely affected by the pandemic. Children were badly affected without supportive school routines. Families left without any income, not furloughed and without any benefits for weeks. Referrals from Key Workers have allowed our 'super' volunteers to give some immediate support. They worked every week through the worst of lockdown, taking care and giving generously. Rotary Newton Aycliffe has encouraged and supported all Play Café projects. We have new volunteers as we go forward. Paul Howell, MP, came along for many weeks early in lockdown. Play Café's start up grant was from all seven of our County Councillors via GAMP, and without all those community focused people, we could not have helped anyone.

Family Key Workers and schools' Parent / Pupil support staff can contact Play Café to refer by text 07565 134194, or email: aycliffeplaycafe@gmail.com



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League Football Returns for Aycliffe Youth



After a long lay off, it was great to see the traditional royal blue shirts of Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, finally return to a football pitch, as our Saturday boys and girls teams started their league campaigns in the Russel Foster Youth League. The club are starting their 31st season as a charter standard community club.

BOYS TEAMS

Hebburn Involve Infernos 4 - 4 U12's Eagles

First half was difficult for the boys as they had the wind against them and Hebburn used this to their advantage. It was very evenly matched in the first half with both teams having chances. Hebburn managed to take their chances in front of goal and the score was 3-0 at half time. The half time team talk must have done the trick. The boys started to play some better football and it wasn't long before Will found the back of the net. This lifted the boys and they started attacking in numbers, the ball bounced out to Zac who had pushed up the field with his team and buried it in the net. The pressure continued from the Eagles and another goal came as Harvey smashed the ball into the roof of the net, 3-3. Again the Eagles attacked and with a fantastic throw in from Will found Adam in front of goal and he scored. 4-3. Hebburn then attacked and were awarded a free kick just outside of the box, the shot soared into the top corner making the final score 4-4. The boys gave their all today in a difficult match and we were very happy with their attitudes second half to score 4 goals and to come away with the draw.

Whickam Fellside 3 - 7 Aycliffe Falcons under 13

1st game of the season for the newly promoted under 13 Falcons and their first game at 11 a side. Whickham scored 2 goals in the 1st 10 minutes, which would knock any team but the lads started to play some good football. We made a few switches to use our pace down the wings. Issac looked very confident running down the right wing and ended up netting our 1st goal making it 2-1 at half time. Coming out in the second half the lads were determined to equalise using the full pitch, switching it from side to side, using Caleb's impressive pace we got the equaliser and the confidence of the team was back. Alfie, our goalkeeper, made some impressive saves keeping us in the game. Our defence was strong, midfield were looking up and passing it out to the wingers. Caleb was running rings round their defence, taking them on and scoring 4 impressive goals on the left wing, Issac running down the right wing scoring 2 and Deacon playing as centre forward netting the last. Outstanding performance, well done to all the lads.

Under 16's Falcons 0 v 5 Hetton Lyons

Tough start for our oldest boys against a very good Hetton side. The team never gave up and were unlucky not to get any reward from some excellent football

Under 8 Eagles v Harton & Westoe

This is still the non competitive format of the game and it's all about development for these young boys. After a slow start the boys eventually took control of the game. A very good defensive performance gave the team a good base to play excellent football, showing a good understanding of each other's positions, and linking the defence and attack very well. Great start to the season.

GIRLS TEAMS

U12 Girls 3 - 3 Bishop Auckland Girls

Bishop started the brighter side, creating more chances. They opened the scoring mid way through the first half. This seemed to kick start the girls into action. We were pressing hard from the front

but the goals were hard to come by today. Eventually we got the equaliser and not long after found a second. Just before half time another goal for Aycliffe. HT 3-1, second half started much like the first with Bishop on the front foot as they piled on the pressure and managed to score 2 quick goals. The last 5/10 minutes of the game were intense and the game could have gone either way. The team came away feeling a little disappointed with a draw in our first game but onwards to next week.

Shincliffe 3 v 2 Under 16 Girls

An early kick off away in Durham didn't prevent the girls from getting off to a great start, within 30 seconds, swift passing found Alex outside the box, who drilled it into the bottom corner. We continued to play some excellent football but then a low ball into our box found their striker, who slotted home. The game was now very even but Shincliffe took the lead from an unstoppable free kick into the top corner. We needed to get back before half time and it came from Kate who received a ball from Hattie cut inside the box and drilled home HT 2-2.

The second half remained very close but 3 decisions went against us, and from one Shincliffe converted a penalty. Close game when a draw would have been a fair result but hopefully these decisions even out over the season.

Lyons 3 v 1 U14 Girls

A bright start from the girls but a break away opened the scoring for Lyons and a goal just before half time, the girls were 2-0 down at HT. Into the second half and a goal from Enya and Aycliffe were back in the game. A penalty save from Keira and Aycliffe were pushing for an equaliser, however, Lyons managed to scramble a ball over the line to give the 3pts to the home team.

Norton & Stockton 5 v 0 Under 13 Girls

Tough start for the girls against a very good Norton side as their striker was on top form scoring 4 of their 5 goals. Onwards to next week and the girls determination will bring results.

Our non competitive girls teams all started their seasons

Under 7 Wildcats v Stockton Town

This would have been the girls first league game, however, much to their disappointment - the game was postponed.

Under 9 Wildcats v Hebburn Involve

A dominant performance as the girls were too strong for this new team to league football.

Under 10 Angels v Felling Magpies

This is a team that is mostly new girls starting out in football but are in the premier league. A day of learning for the girls.

Velocity Diamonds v Under 11 Angels Blue

A strong performance from start to finish for the girls at the start of their season. This was one of those days. Every single player put in 100% effort and it was a joy to watch. What a game, played in great spirit by both teams and fans. It was great to be back. Can't wait for next week.

Darlington Spraire Pearls v Under 11 Angels Yellow

First league game of the season for the Yellow and the girls picked up where they finished last season. 11 happy and eager girls turned up on a sunny morning with our supporters applauding and encouraging both teams, every girl played their part in an excellent team performance to set up the team for the rest of the season.



Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, put in an excellent all round performance to beat Bedale 1st XI at home by 89 runs in the NYSD 2nd division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe were all out for 202 on the last ball of their allotted 50 overs. Adam Gittins (sponsored by Jack and Jake Connors) continued his scintillating form with his fourth half century of the season, this time reaching a seasonal best 75 off 127 balls and his innings included eleven boundaries. Captain Adam Randall also batted well scoring 40 and other useful contributions came from Chris Palmer (17 runs) and Ryan Patrick (15 runs). In reply, the visitors were bowled out for 113 after 32.5 overs thanks to some fine bowling from James Layfield-Carroll (4 for 20) and Michael Howe (3 for 33). Special mention must go to Aycliffe opening bowler Jack Slatcher who became only the sixth bowler to take 300 senior wickets for Aycliffe when he dismissed Bedale's number 3 batsman, finishing the game with figures of 1 for 29.

The second team notched up their 2nd consecutive 25 point victory when they beat Blackhall 2nd XI away by 66 runs in their NYSD 4th division clash. After choosing to bat first, Aycliffe were bowled out for 166 after 38.4 overs, thanks to good innings from Kyle Robinson (sponsored by Star Recruitment), who top scored with 41 runs, Owen Smith (30 runs), Sean Morgan (27 runs) and Joe Teasdale (19 runs). In reply some tight bowling from Leo Mercy (3 for 17), Dan Weldon (2 for 11) and Thomas Dearden (2 for 22) helped to dismiss the homeside for 100 after 37 overs.

The u13's finished their season with a comprehensive win by 61 runs away at Darlington in the NYACC League. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe scored a very impressive 119 for 2 in their allotted 18 overs thanks to excellent innings from Leo Stout and Harrison Pearson, who both retired after scoring 31 runs each and credit must also go to Adam Shaw (15 runs) and Dan Heaton (11 not out) who both also batted well for the visitors. In reply, Darlington were restricted to just 58 for 5 in their allotted overs with captain Thomas Dearden the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 4 and he received good support from younger brother Will and Leo Stout, who each took a wicket.

Photo attached of the victorious u13's team after their win away at Darlington in the NYACC League.



N.A.F.C. REPORT



It's going to be a strange season. Less than a week into the season & Aycliffe has already had 3 games postponed. Two of them were for the very happy reason that Hebburn & Consett have made it through to the final of the 19/20 Buildbase FA Vase. The final is due to be played at Wembley on 27 September, the day after Consett were due to be visiting Aycliffe. Our first league game, on 5 September, was due to be against Hebburn but their Vase semi-final was played that day. The third postponement is much more of a worrying sign of what this season might be like. Our game at home to Sunderland RCA on Tuesday 8 September was called off on Monday afternoon. The Northern League informed us that the game was being postponed due to a positive Covid-19 test by a family member of one of RCA's players.



Aycliffe managed to open their league campaign on Saturday 5 September with a trip to North Shields. The game ended in a goalless draw but there were a number of chances for both sides. Both keepers were kept busy & Adam Pickford in the Aycliffe goal pulled off a couple of excellent saves. Although it would have been great to start the new league campaign with a win, a point at North Shields is a good result.

The draw was some small consolation for the huge disappointment of going out of the Emirates FA Cup last week. Aycliffe travelled to Guisborough Town in the Extra Preliminary Round on Wednesday 2 September in a game played in atrocious weather conditions. The Priorymen took the win by a single goal scored late in the game. Aycliffe had the chance to take the match to a penalty shoot-out when the referee pointed to the spot in the 95th minute. Unfortunately Arran Wearmouth's spot-kick was saved by Guisborough's keeper & Aycliffe once more fell at the first hurdle in the FA Cup.

With both Aycliffe & Shildon out of the Cup they have been paired to play a League game at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on the date of the next round, Saturday 12 September. Kick off is 3:00pm. As per current govt/FA regulations the crowd capacity is limited to 300 & will be on a "first come first served" basis so please get there early. Could we also ask that spectators try to bring the correct change to games to minimise cash handling.

With all the changes going on please keep up to date with fixtures etc by visiting our website www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk

Photos by Yvonne Wood: Referee Alex Clark takes evasive action as an Ethan Wood clearance gets a bit too close.

Aycliffe keeper Adam Pickford is kept busy by the North Shields forwards.



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Dear Sir,
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Because Boris is a 'career politician' and was intent on achieving his dream of becoming Prime Minister, Brexit was his device to ensure this and used every trick in the book . . . Brexit, Brexit, Brexit!
As a loyal Labour support myself since my first ever vote back in 1997, I found that I had no confidence in Jeremy Corbyn's Labour leadership and I faced utter turmoil, because as much as I wanted to support Labour, I just couldn't bring myself to support Mr. Corbyn, it just didn't feel right, Labour wasn't right. Obviously, Boris was aware of the feelings of the once strong Labour voters and used his Brexit, Brexit, Brexit campaign to infiltrate the Labour fortress, and it worked! And I, probably like many other Labour blooded people, were left distraught, this shouldn't have happened.

Well, a year on and after suffering during these times of Covid19 when Boris claimed "No one should suffer over something that is not their fault" and yet we are, and after seeing U-turn after U-turn, outright hypocrisy, a lack of clarity, a lack of understanding, a lack of real support, a lack of sympathy . . . a lack of leadership, I decided on a whim to express my concerns to Sir Keir Starmer,

leader of the opposition, the Labour party. To my surprise, on Wednesday 2nd September I was invited to chat with him one to one via Zoom following his return to Parliament.

It was an honour to share my opinions and concerns with him as he was very understanding, sympathetic and picked up on key points, it was a relief after suffering for so long, he was genuine and down to earth. I accept that no politician is perfect, however, because Sir Keir took the time to reach out to me as an individual in his very busy schedule, I now have a strong renewed hope for Labour and that perhaps Sir Keir can take Labour and our country forward to greener pastures in the wake of Covid19, above and beyond what our current government has achieved over the past ten years.

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the group are doing their annual Pop Up Charity Shop in the Newton Aycliffe Community Shop, due to COVID-19 we will be following the current guidelines including Social Distancing.

This time we will only be selling refreshments to takeaway, so there still will be lovely Homemade Cakes they will just be sealed up.

Lots of other items including Clothing will be available, but due to what's happening we won't be able to take any donations of clothing etc from you. We will open at 9.30am and close at 3pm, the number of customers at one time inside the shop will be kept to a minimum to protect the volunteers and also the customers. Tombola will still take place with great prizes and hand gel will be scattered around the shop, all we ask is that you wash your hands prior to entering the shop, wear your Face Masks, unless exempt, and finally keep 2m away from the next person.

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What is JUNCTION 7 and What Do We Do?

Junction 7 is a crisis intervention charity that is run by trustees and volunteers based at The ARK. We have an emergency foodbank . . . this is through email junc7tion@gmail.com or telephone.

The ARK is not open yet . . . so you cannot just come in like before Covid.

Most food bank clients come through a referral system, we are an independent foodbank affiliated with Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) meaning we do not get food from a distribution centre, instead we rely on donations and funding to stock our foodbank.

Junction7 is also a partner of FareShare and will help anyone that is willing to help themselves.

We do however, require relevant paperwork via email and evidence of why you have no money for food. We also supply pet food which is kindly donated by NASSL, once again this is for people in need.

Helping people with various different needs including housing, addictions, modern day slavery - we will do our best to put those in need in touch with the right organisation.

FOOD WASTE

'Food Waste' is not to be confused with an emergency food parcel. This means we collect food that is destined for land fill from Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, Spennymoor and Bishop Auckland.

This food is used in different projects, after sorting out it is then available for ANYONE to take.

Food Waste in our country is a large contribution to CO2 issues and through our partners, the food we collect helps eradicate food poverty.

COVID 19 - Throughout the pandemic Junction 7 had to re-evaluate our usual services. At the beginning we realised there was a need for a shopping service. People had money for food but couldn't get out to shop. Our volunteers,

following government guidelines, did shopping for these people, also phoning frequently to check on them. To date we have just under 50 clients who still require this service.

PACKED LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN

Funded by Livin and GAMP, we were able to provide a packed lunch during official school holidays, on average 200 children per day.

LOTTERY FUNDING

We were able to obtain funding from the Lotto Community Fund. This has meant we have been able to provide various activity packs for people in our communities.

THANK YOU

Without the kindness and support from the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas we couldn't do as much as we do. A big thank you to our County Councillors and the Community Police for their support and help. We would like to say a big thank you also to Livin for the support and free use of The ARK during the uncertain time we encountered. We look forward to starting up our usual groups as soon as we can safely do so, this will include our community cafe, men's group, drop in, youth group and craft group.

We have also been funded to complete more projects which we will be announcing soon . . . so watch this space!

junc7tion@gmail.com
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Junction 7 at The ARK
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In Memoriam

**Rosalind Mary
Cecilia Woodward**
(nee Murphy)

My Beautiful Mum

That huge empty space you left when your hand released mine in the early hours of 11th Sept 2019 has been a sinking darkness of heart-wrenching devastation. But your gentle spirit close by, reminds me to fill that space with our memories, a garden full of blooms, with scents of your love, laughter, respect, loyalty, inspiration and kindness that made you so special and cherished by me, your friends and the many hearts you have touched along your pathway.

I so loved my weekly visits from London to spend precious days with you in the care home, surrounded by flowers, sharing laughter, stories, Masterchef delights, cups of tea, hugs, pampering and protectiveness. In your great time of need, I was there, as you have been for me. And when that light shone in your room that vivid day, you knew and so did I. The words you spoke so clear and full of love, as your hand gripped mine, live deep in my heart and your rose forever blooms.
Dawn

Congratulations

McKenzie

Congratulations Ian and Jo on your Silver Wedding, 16th September.

Lots of love from Mam, also Susan, Chris and family (USA).

Birthday Remembrance

David Atkins

12th September 1977
Birthday remembrance for a loving Son, sadly missed always, love you Son. Harry

Happy Birthday Daddy
Love and miss you always.
Jonathan Kraig

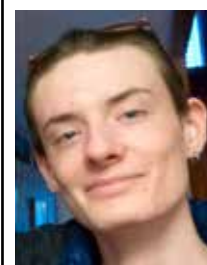
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Dear Brother
Miss you and love you always. Paul, Sharon, Brogan and Brianna

Mike Warner



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Thinking of you on your 56th birthday. Forever in our thoughts.
Love you loads, from Mam, Dad, Dave & Heather and all the family

Liam John Williamson



Happy 18th Birthday
14th September 2020
Wishing you a happy and successful future Liam.
All our love, Dad, Nana, Grandad, Uncle Roy, Auntie Alla and Alisa.
xxxxxx

Kenny McIntosh

16th September 2019
Kenny, we know that you are still with us, especially today, because we share a closeness, even death can't take away. We've got that special golden thread from here to Heaven above, that keeps you ever close to us, it's called the bond of love. Your loving Wife Val and family.

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Season Starts for Men's U23's & Women's Teams

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC continue to offer adult football, after the players complete their time in youth football. This is an important section of the football club, which ensures that everyone can continue playing football. Many of these male and female players started playing for the club at under 7 and have welcomed the opportunity to stay within the club. The under 23's is the stepping stone for many players into Northern League sides, bridging the gap from youth football to adult football. The women's team are in the Durham Development League as part of the national womens game pyramid. As we have 9 youth girls teams, the future for our women progressing up the pyramid looks very bright.

Newton Aycliffe Women 0 v 6 Billingham Synthonia

The women came up against a strong, well drilled Billingham today. They knew they were in for a tough game after already facing Billingham 2 weeks earlier in a friendly, drawing 2-2. The game got underway



with Billingham having the better of the possession but couldn't break Aycliffe down. Midway through the first half a challenge in the Aycliffe box was deemed by the ref to be late, penalty was the decision and tucked away to take the league. Aycliffe now started to get a foot hold in the game and a perfect through ball matched by a perfect run by Naomi ended with a 1 v 1 with the keeper, she struck it well but somehow the keeper, kept it out. In the final minutes of the second half a corner for Billingham was took short catching Aycliffe out a strike from the edge of the box found its way into the top corner, 0-2 half time.

Second half was much of the same, Aycliffe lost a few players to injury but everyone gave their all. Billingham finished the game off with 4 more goals, mainly coming from Aycliffe mistakes, 0-6 final score. The score line doesn't reflect how the game went, there was lots of effort today from the women but we now need to turn that effort into chances. Lots to work on in training, but what was good to see was everyone putting in 100% to the end.

Wolsingham u23's 2 v 2 Newton Aycliffe u23's

Aycliffe dominated from the kick off, and the deadlock was broken when Danny Godfrey found Sam Thompson in the box who finished neatly into the bottom corner, minutes later Aycliffe hit the post when Sam Thompson tried his luck from 40 yards out. Jon Hardy playing in a right wing back role was causing major problems for Wolsingham and some good balls into the box should have resulted in more goals. Just before half time Wolsingham where awarded a penalty which they put away. HT 1-1. Early in the second half Wolsingham scored and Aycliffe coaches changed to an attacking 3-4-3 formation. After Wolsingham were saved by the woodwork on a number of occasions, it was down to the final 3 minutes when Sam Thompson finished again giving the full time score 2-2.

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