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Best Community Garden Winner



ACORN Community Association have been awarded a Shield, a certificate and a cheque as overall winners of the 'Best Community Garden' section of the Great Aycliffe Town Council Community Enhancement Award.

Volunteers were thrilled to be presented with this award, which is the second recognition of work in the community this month.

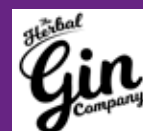
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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



Is Our MP Breaking the Law?

Dear Sir,
Whilst it is true that some issues may seem bigger in these coronavirus times, I was quite frankly disgusted to see that our MP Paul Howell had voted in favour of the internal Market Bill, thus voting to break the law, this is shameful and is helping to kill off the UK as a political force. Mr Howell does seem like a decent individual but unfortunately his voting record screams "Tory Stooze".
I invite Mr Howell to prove me wrong, but I shall not hold my breath!
Name & address supplied

Great Aycliffe Town Council Fireworks Display Cancelled

The Town Council has, with regret, taken the decision to cancel this year's annual Fireworks Display, usually held on the sports fields at the Oakleaf Sports Complex on 5th November. Although the Town Council understands this will be a disappointment to many, the health of the residents of Great Aycliffe is of key importance. With the current, rapid increase in Covid-19 cases and government regulations in force regarding social distancing and limiting the size of gatherings, it would, unfortunately, be impossible to organise this event safely and within the law.

The Town Council hopes that residents will understand and acknowledge the necessity of taking this decision, which is in line with many other organisers of fireworks displays throughout the UK.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?
We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service
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Aycliffe Beekeepers' Association

It was an inevitability that this club would be formed just over a year ago. There has always been a massive degree of interest in beekeeping in Newton Aycliffe, particularly amongst the allotment holders in the town and Roger Chappel (Aycliffe BKA chairman) has held regular talks with senior members of the Great Aycliffe Town Council for several years. For one reason or another nothing happened until, that is, 2019. Roger is a 'veteran' with over 25 years beekeeping experience behind him and he held the post of secretary of the largest beekeeping association in the country: the Yorkshire BKA for nearly 10 years. Over a period spanning nearly 15 years Roger has been instrumental in helping local beekeeping groups get started on limited resources not only in the Yorkshire area but also in County Durham. Thanks to his close links with Durham BKA he was able, with the support of the Great Aycliffe Town Council and a small group of loyal beekeepers, to lay the foundations of Aycliffe BKA in late 2018. Since then, there has been an upsurge in interest and the new association currently has over 100 members from the area around Newton Aycliffe with members as far afield as Shildon, Ferryhill, Bishop Auckland, Spennymoor, the Trimdons and Hurworth.

What is the secret of their success? A passion for bees and a no-nonsense, no fuss, no frills approach with the welfare of the bees and members at the very heart of everything they do. Aycliffe BKA now have a well-established teaching apiary at the St. Oswalds allotment site (off Hylton Close) and have ambitious plans to open up others in the town. Regular courses are run for beginners (they're on hold at the moment due to the coronavirus restrictions) and meetings are held at the Eco-Centre on Moore Lane and at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

All our beekeepers get a buzz out of helping others look after bees in a friendly and supportive atmosphere and the committee have already created a happy sociable environment which enables everyone to enjoy this rewarding and fulfilling pastime. At the same time we are doing our bit to sustain the environment and to help the planet – what better way is there to spend some leisure time?

If you would like to know more about how to get into beekeeping all you need do is contact the Secretary (Steve Jenkins) by emailing him (secretary.aycliffebka@gmail.com) or you can phone him (01325 352108 or 07825 980692) or you can visit our website: www.aycliffebees.com - We are presently recruiting new members and processing renewals as our membership starts on October 1st – it's always good to get in at the beginning of the new year and now is especially good because it gives the whole of the winter months to learn more, plan and prepare for the new season which starts in May next year. Who knows you may be in a position to take custody of your first colony of bees by April/May 2021? Our membership Secretary (Rev. Nick Barker) will be able to let you know what all the membership options are if you call him on 01388 819487 or 07912 269364 or you can email him at membership.aycliffebka@gmail.com



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Saturday 3rd October - "Fossil" (£3 c/c) 7.30pm START
Sunday 4th October - "OasisJam" (£5 c/c), 4pm START
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New Exhibition at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce the opening of a new exhibition at Greenfield Arts. Nature and Community by artist Mike Connell is the first exhibition on display as the arts centre re-opens.

Mike is a well-known professional artist from Newton Aycliffe who captures the world around him with extraordinary vision and skill. His exhibition is based on observation and experience, rolling through the seasons beginning with autumn and looking forward to the possibilities of the coming months. The exhibition includes a unique insight into the artist's work, including his research and sketches, which will be on display alongside his artwork in The



Greenfield Gallery. The exhibition runs from Monday 28 September to Friday 30 October. At present the gallery will open from 10:00 to 19:30, Monday to Wednesday and 10:00 - 16:00, Thursday to Friday and it may be advisable to avoid the busy school exit time between 15:15 and 15:40 as Greenfield Arts share the site with Greenfield Community College. Nature and Community embraces the season of possibility at Greenfield Arts and how we connect with nature, each other and the world around us. To complement the exhibition Greenfield Arts are offering an opportunity to take part in an outdoor walk/workshop with professional photographer Elaine Vizor and capture your own vision of nature. To find out more visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our friendly team by email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk



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What's in a Name?

Dear Sir,
Cllr. J.D. Clare has declared himself to be a member of Labour and therefore a "Democratic Socialist". The now defunct USSR claimed to be the, "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics". It was Communist. The GDR was one of its 'Socialist Republics'. It was Communist and built a wall to keep its people in! Socialism covers a very broad spectrum, the greater part of which is Communist! What's in a name? The name is immaterial; it is the ideology that is put into practice that matters.

I did not call Cllr. J.D. Clare 'evil' or a 'cancer'. I called the infiltration of New Labour by the evil Momentum Movement, a cancer. Cllr. Clare denies being a Momentum member. Unfortunately, no local Labour party member is willing to tell the electorate if they, or other Labour members are also Momentum members, or supporters. We are left to decide by their actions and the ideology they support.

Cllr. Kathy Beetham is/was a joint Labour/Momentum member. Cllr. J.D. Clare was her 'apologist' when she let her 'Labour' mask slip and exposed her undemocratic, evil, anti-Semitic, Momentum ideology. Further, Cllr. J.D. Clare's Sedgfield Constituency Labour/Momentum Party endorsed Rebecca Long-Bailey's candidature for Labour Party Leader. Sir Keir Starmer had to sack her from the Shadow Cabinet after she re-tweeted an abhorrent anti-Semitic lie. Clearly, the local Labour Party is under the influence of Momentum activists. If it walks like a duck, quacks like duck, it's a duck! Like Cllr. Clare, I profess to believe in Democracy. I believe in freedom of thought and freedom of speech. I don't support 'Extinction Rebellion'; Cllr. Clare does. Extinction Rebellion blockaded the print works of national newspapers, denying freedom of expression. Is Cllr. Clare naïve or hypocritical? I think the latter, after all, you don't hear the Fishmonger shouting, "Stinking Fish".

Frightening the children into supporting a cause whose main aim appears to be to stop economic growth, is wrong.

Wasting time and money on trying to stop a natural cycle is stupid in the extreme. We have evolved to live with a changing climate (it changes four times a year). We need to benefit from climate change. More sun and

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more rain equals more growth and more photosynthesis equals more carbon storage. More rain should not equate to more torrents and floods, rather it should lead to more water storage. I challenge climate warriors to suggest a method of power generation that is cheaper and more environmentally friendly than Hydro-Electricity. Let's work with more free rainfall and free gravity to produce natural energy and forget the ideology.
Yours Sincerely,
Alastair P.G. Welsh

Free to Enter Competition



To celebrate the release of 'Bill and Ted: Face the Music', released on 16th September, Warner Bros. Pictures, Newton News and Vue Cinema (Darlington) offer you the chance to win movie merchandise including a Lapel Pin Set, Acrylic Key Tag and a Raglan 3/4 sleeve baseball T-shirt. Vue Cinema are also throwing in a couple of tickets to see the new movie.

Film Synopsis
Middle-aged friends, Bill S. Preston Esq. and Ted Theodore Logan, set out on a new adventure when a visitor from the future warns them that only their song can save life as we know it and bring harmony to the universe. Along the way, they will be helped by their families, old friends and a few music legends.

To be in with a chance of winning simply email paul@newtonnews.co.uk with the release date of the film along with your name, address and email address, before 30th September.

Oktoberfest - Mini Festival at The Aviator Gin Bar

The Aviator is hosting a mini Oktoberfest this weekend. This pays homage to the world's largest beer festival that is held annually in Munich, Bavaria. Changing the usual draft beers to a distinctly German theme, it is hoped that there will be home-cooked German food available to complement the pints and steins being consumed.

Already, Dortmund beer has become a staple draft at the bar and for this Oktoberfest event there are three other beers planned to allow for as wide a range as possible for customers.

The usual bar staff may not be recognisable to locals, their uniform changing for a short time to take the form of Lederhosen and portray a distinctly Germanic theme. Prost will be the accompanying cheers with drinks served and watch out for flags, bunting, balloons and banners that continue the theme. Oompah music will not be continuous throughout the day but amongst the modern playlist, we hope to spread some cheer and smiles amidst a difficult time, with traditional music that fits the event. Lots of people have been asking why Oktoberfest takes place mainly in September. Usually it is a festival that lasts 16 to 18 days and despite the name is traditionally held in Munich from mid to late September and always ending on the First Sunday in October. Originally the festival started in 1810 and it particularly gained great worldwide popularity after German reunification.

The Aviator is keen to promote a festival from another part of the world. Currently any trip to an event like this is impossible - so we decided to bring the event here. Come along and sample the German fayre.

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Great Aycliffe Town Council Community Enhancement Garden Competition



Great Aycliffe Town Council have recently been judging all the nominations for the annual Community Enhancement Garden Competition. Entries were of an exceptional standard, many improved by the amount of time people have spent in their gardens during lockdown.

The winners in the overall best garden were:

- 1st Mr and Mrs Richardson, Mellanby Crescent
- 2nd Mrs Palmer, Linden Place
- 3rd was in Cumby Road

The winners of the best hanging/potted display were:

- 1st Mr Walton, Silkin Way
- 2nd Mr Longley, Oakfield
- 3rd Mr Cowan, Beechfield Flats

The winners of the best community gardens were:

- 1st Acorn Community Association
- 2nd Mrs Warke and Granddaughter Niamh, Hareson Road
- 3rd Mr and Mrs Dobinson, Welbury Grove

Congratulation to all winners and those nominated.

Thank you from the Town Council to all those people who spend considerable amount of time tending their gardens. Without realising it these people often give a great deal of pleasure to other local residents that appreciate this hard work.



Mr and Mrs Richardson, Mellanby Crescent



Acorn Community Association



Mr Longley, Oakfield



Mr Cowan, Beechfield Flats



Mr Walton, Silkin Way



Mr and Mrs Dobinson, Welbury Grove



Cumby Road



Niamh, Hareson Road



Mr Walton, Silkin Way



Mrs Palmer, Linden Place

Most Cyclists Unaware of Highway Code Rules

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago, a letter concerning this subject by Alan Atkinson was printed in the Newton News. I, having a similar outlook to Alan, arranged to meet and discuss the matter, and though Alan had some other issues, we agreed in full about the main one, and that is "cyclists using footpaths". For some reason cyclists seem to have got the idea that any footpath is also a cyclepath, not only is a footpath not a cyclepath, using one as such is against the highway code; rule 62 instructs on a certain level of conduct.

Both of these codes of conduct are not being ignored, they are basically unknown to the bike riders in question, because there is no set down standard for riding a bicycle, no test to be passed, no registration of a vehicle, no test as to the worthiness of the bike, and no personal insurance needed, the bike will usually be ridden by a child and I doubt that the parents can even be held responsible, if, however, the cyclist collides with a pedestrian, accidentally or otherwise. The parents of that child might even seek some form of retribution or other, from the pedestrian!

About a month ago, I was walking on a footpath when a boy aged, I guess between 14 and 16, came barrelling toward me, I stopped walking and simply stood where I was. He rode up to me and stopped because he could not pass unless I stepped off the path either into the muddy verge or onto the road. "This is a footpath" I said, "I know that you stupid *****dork", was his reply. I pointed out that he had left a cyclepath in favour of this route, but that only got me another round of abuse, at that I left the scene. I decided that the situation was going to become physical, and that although this boy was as big as an average man, I would still be found guilty of child abuse, probably even if I had come off worse.

We are being encouraged to become ecologically aware, and more responsible,

but it becomes harder all the time to commit to being a pedestrian. I am physically fit and all my faculties work, I shudder to think what it's like if you have a disability, let's say blind, deaf, walking problems or even mental problems which cause anxiety.

This situation is only going to get worse and become like it has in the cities of the south where people are mugged and robbed by cyclists, who are, by the grace of the aforementioned lack of traceability, able to cycle away laughing.

Writing to the local press is not going to solve this problem, it needs people to get behind it in quantity, and though you may not use the footpath much, somebody near and dear to you probably does. I have also written to my local councillor, who will bring the matter before the police; but if you agree with any of this you need to make yourself known. To those of you who might read this, but go everywhere by car, I suggest you try this - GET OUT OF THE CAR.

Find a crossing point on a road (not a zebra), you will identify this by some concrete bobbles on the pavement, put there for the benefit of the blind and before trying to cross, shut your eyes and put your fingers in your ears, now cross when you think it is safe, if you dare - and then try to imagine being in this disabled state as a cyclist comes hurtling past you on a narrow footpath from behind, at speed and without warning.

If you are a responsible guardian of a cyclist, you could check to see that Code Rule 64 is understood and that, where necessary, Code Rule 62 is observed. You should be sure that the cycle is up to safety standard and has an audible means of declaring its presence. POLICE: Well we know you are busy, what with the fact that you are naturally short of staff and of course Covid, but it really is your job to get these bikes off the street and, if needed, into the crusher, before someone gets hurt.

Name & address supplied

An Insight into Roman, Aycliffe



Europe's leading shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, has released its brand new company video, which offers a whirlwind tour around Roman's facilities in Newton Aycliffe.

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David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman, commented: "In light of the vastly reduced travel in the UK currently, it is a great time to be launching our latest video and virtual tour. Nothing can replace the value of a real factory tour to understand our design and manufacturing capabilities, but the video certainly helps to communicate the scale and key processes very well".

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Aycliffe Juniors FC Round Up



Newton Aycliffe U8s Whites RFYL Division 5

Friendly against Shincliffe - Saturday 19th September

Aycliffe U8s Whites were away to Shincliffe and Will did great at the back covering his team mates and passing the ball up for the forwards. Regan had great energy and never stopped. Also Harry had some really good shots on goal and William B was amazing in goal as always.

MOM went to Will with some excellent tackling.

Newton Aycliffe U9s Blacks RFYL Division 9

Friendly against Willington Blues - Saturday 19th September

Newton Aycliffe U9 Blacks had a friendly last weekend against Willington Blues. Aycliffe looked a little tired with a slow start initially but their heads did not go down and they kept plugging away. Some lovely passing and game play from Aycliffe yet again. Willington kept pushing but Aycliffe equalled them and more. Goals from Benjamin, Charlie, Rhys and Max.

MOM was Jensen who was awesome in goal today.

Newton Aycliffe Juniors TJFA White Division

Against FC Hartlepool Athletic - Sunday 20th September

Aycliffe U9 Juniors started their league campaign at home to FC Hartlepool Athletic. Both teams created chances from the start with Hartlepool breaking the deadlock and scoring. Aycliffe did not let their heads drop and battled back with Jack scoring goals. The second half kicked off and Aycliffe continued to keep the pressure on with Dom adding goals.

MOM went to Daniel for a great solid performance in defence.

Newton Aycliffe U13s Whites TJFA Division 1

Friendly against Northallerton away - Sunday 20th September

The first half was really competitive with Northallerton twice taking the lead. Aycliffe started playing well 15 minutes before half time, dominating the ball and creating lots

of chances and scored three goals before the break to lead 3-2 at half time. In the second half Aycliffe dominated the game throughout playing some excellent passing football. Northallerton could not deal with Aycliffe pressing and passing which resulted in Aycliffe scoring five further goals to win the game comfortably 8-2.

Another excellent performance from all of the players who passed the ball really well today and if they had taken all of their chances it would have been well into double figures.

Aidan 2, Logan 2, Jayden 2, Brad 1, Tyler 1 Under 14's TJFA Division 4 Pre-season review:

When the Covid-19 lockdown ended the previous campaign, with Aycliffe top of Division 5, they were rightly awarded promotion to Division 4. They said goodbye to Josh, Joe and Will who have moved on to pastures new. They welcomed into the squad Travis, Cole, Alex and Jordan.

Aycliffe also welcomed Beansies Flavoured Coffee as our shirt sponsor. Many thanks for your support.

Last season's form was carried into pre-season, with Aycliffe playing some fantastic football and ending the summer unbeaten. Aycliffe started off with a trilogy of games against Brandon United. A 3-2 win was followed up with a 3-3 draw, both away from home. In the reverse game Aycliffe got a cracking 7-0 win.

They went on the road and tested themselves against higher division opposition, gaining victories over Whinney Banks 3-0, Stockton Town 5-4 and Division 2 Trimdon 3-2.

Back at Woodham they grabbed three wins against Eaglescliffe 4-3, Hardwick 8-3 and also beating the talented Aycliffe Juniors under 13s in an in house game 5-3.

Under 14s finished their pre-season scoring an impressive 41 goals, conceding 20. Travis led the scoring with an amazing 24 goals, followed by Thomas A with 9, Zak with 6 and 1 goal each for Cole and Jake.

Aycliffe are now looking forward to their first season in Division 4, with the team hoping to keep the same momentum that has seen them rise from Division 9 to Division 4 in three seasons.

A promising new season this is going to be.

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AYCLIFFE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

As the Russel Foster league continues to be suspended, and the effects of local restrictions forcing further games to be postponed in the TJFA, there were only two games last weekend. Most of our teams either managed to organise a friendly or played inter team games within the football club, however, the U10's Eagles did manage to have a mid week game.

Hurworth U10's v U10's Eagles (midweek game)

The Eagles went into the game with confidence after a good performance at the weekend but struggled to get into the game early on. Hurworth scored inside two minutes direct from a corner. Some alert defending from Dylan kept the score at 1. We attacked well at times but our final ball was lacking in quality.

On a couple of occasions, when we did break through, we found a keeper on top form. Just before half time Hurworth broke through our defence and added a second. This seemed to wake the boys up, straight from kick off we made three passes which resulted in a cross from Nathan finding Dan on the left and a sweet volley with the outside of his foot swerved round the keeper to reduce the deficit to 2-1.

Second half the boys were up for it and totally dominated the game. From defence to attack everyone upped their performance. Evan took control of the midfield and Dan K was causing all sorts of problems on the left. We found a resolute Hurworth team but eventually we drew level after Jayden turned home after a scramble in the box. The boys pushed and pushed for a winner and with moments to spare Dan C broke through and fired a shot towards the top corner, only to produce a top save from the Hurworth keeper. Honours even on the night.

MOM: Evan for a great confident display in the middle of the pack.

Saltburn FC v U10's Eagles

Team: *Charlie, Carter, Dylan, Brandon, Krystian, Evan, Nathan, Dan K, Jayden, Riley and Dan C.*

The boys had an early start this week and made the long trip to Saltburn on a very wet morning. The game started well for the Eagles keeping possession and when they did lose the ball they were working hard to get it back. A great first half that was dominated by the Eagles. The attacking players worked so hard applying loads of pressure from the goal kicks. Saltburn attacked making Charlie work in goal and the defence of Dylan and Carter were like a wall at the back allowing the midfield and forward to push up the field and attack in numbers. This caused an error by one of the Saltburn defenders when Jayden took a shot which came back off their keeper but found the back of the net.

Evan worked so hard for the team again in central midfield, up and down the pitch and playing in his team mates, such an unselfish player doing what's right for the team. Jayden, still hungry for another though, found space in front of goal and with a great assist from Dan K buried the ball into the net. Well done Jayden.

A few changes to the team as Dylan and Carter were replaced by Krystian and Brandon, Nathan and Jayden replaced by Dan C and Riley. Straight from the whistle the boys were put under pressure and despite the best efforts from the team Saltburn managed to catch us off guard and scored two goals in quick succession.

The Eagles weren't going to let their heads go though and soon afterwards Dan C ran through the Saltburn defence, was tackled but the ball fell to Riley in a perfect position to finish. Dan C worked so hard up front for the team and made some key passes and battled really well.

Saltburn continued to try and get some goals back but Brandon and Krystian cleared their lines time and time again. The final goal came from some great team play from the boys passing well with Nathan playing a great ball through to Riley who smashed the ball off the crossbar and into the net. Another fantastic team performance from the boys and just shows how well they can play when they play as a team.

MOM: Could have gone to a number of players but this week went to Dan K for his continuous work up and down the left wing and crossing the ball into his team mates.



ADULTS TEAMS

Stockton Town Ladies 4 v 2 Newton Aycliffe Women

Much better performance this week but a disappointing result. A new set up this week which seemed to work well, the women looked strong, had good shape and looked dangerous on the attack. But unfortunately the first goal went to Stockton, an unmarked player on the edge of the box was allowed too much time to hit a looping shot which dropped into the back of the net. Immediately Aycliffe hit back, Naomi received the ball on the left hand side about forty yards out, her striking partner Lauren made a great run to the edge of the box and was picked out by a great diagonal ball, Lauren took one touch to control then slotted the ball into the bottom corner, 1-1.

Newton Aycliffe were now in control, a few offside calls preventing a couple of clear cut chances, unfortunately, just before half time, Stockton were given too much space again, another speculative looping shot found its way into the net, past Courtney, who could do nothing, half time 2-1.

The women were still upbeat, one change at half time and the game was underway. From the start Newton Aycliffe were at it, some brilliant one touch football was finished off by a low drive from Amber who was waiting at the edge of the box, 2-2 game on.

Stockton looked rattled, but had a boost when yet another looping shot left the keeper stranded, 3-2. Newton Aycliffe had their chance to equalise but it wasn't to be, in the final minutes a mix up in midfield and Stockton scored a fourth.

Women of the Match was Courtney who had an outstanding game in goal keeping Stockton at bay, with some outstanding saves.

Unfortunate to be beaten by three speculative looping shots which, quite frankly, most keepers playing in full size goals would have struggled to get anywhere near.

Great game everyone, positive improvement, let's work hard, keep getting better and better then the results will come.

If you need any further information on any of our boys and girls teams go to our website www.nayfc.com - For information on our Wildcats Girls Development, or Little Eagles Boys Development Sections for 4-8 year olds, contact Berni 07939 045242.

Path Restoration Complete

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank local councillor Michael Stead who agreed to raise the topic of restoring the pathway along Burnhill Way from Woodham Golf Club to Woodham Way.

Many families use the path and over the years it has become overgrown and has become increasingly difficult to navigate and is the only footpath into the town. The council have done a great job, thanks for taking up the issue and, more importantly, resolving it.

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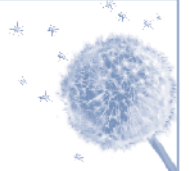


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DECLARING AN INTEREST

Dear Sir,
Cllr. Clare stated recently that "Cllr. Chandran knows full well that the rules do not allow a councillor to take part in a decision which might affect them financially. Since double taxation will affect Durham County Council, which pays my councillor's allowance, I consulted the DCC legal officers, who informed me in writing that, yes, I should declare an interest. I am sure Cllr. Chandran thinks he knows better. But what kind of councillor do you want - one who breaks the rules if it suits him, or councillors like the five County Councillors who listened to the legal advice?"



The challenge is to see through the fog of rhetoric and conflicting views

FACTS:

The Localism Act 2011, dealt with the issues concerned. The Minister of State in Hansard on 16th January 2013 stated: "The simple fact is that one cannot identify a disclosable pecuniary interest that relates to the setting of council tax. A beneficial interest in land is probably the nearest to that, but that interest is clearly not materially affected by the setting of council tax" and "The key point is that the advice being given to councillors that they cannot do that is wrong. They can do it and, actually, that is how we represent our residents."

So concerned was the Minister of State that on 5th February 2012 he wrote to all leaders of Local Authorities stating: "As you will know, the Localism Act 2011 abolished the last Administration's bureaucratic and controversial Standards Board regime."

Furthermore he stated in a letter to all Leaders of Local Authorities "that some council monitoring officers are informing their councillors that being a council tax payer is a disclosable pecuniary interest in any Budget debate. Councillors are then informed they would be committing a criminal offence if they speak or vote in that debate unless they obtain a formal dispensation."

Whilst my department does not issue legal advice, in our opinion, such dispensations are unnecessary. Council tax liability applies to the generality of the population; councillors have no unique position in that regard. Being a council tax payer or being eligible for a discount under the new local arrangements for council tax support are pecuniary interests, but are not disclosable pecuniary interests as specified in regulations. Therefore, a councillor does not need to seek a dispensation in order to participate in discussions or vote on decisions in the council tax setting process or local arrangements for council tax support.

I made this clear in the Parliamentary debate, which I would encourage you to read. I believe that the blanket act of every councillor declaring the obvious (that residents are liable for council tax) adds nothing to that cause. Indeed, Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 prohibits councillors who are in council tax arrears (by two or more months) from voting on Budgets. So there is a clear expectation that the generality of councillors are paying council tax. I hope this is helpful in reducing your council's unnecessary administrative paperwork. Council tax liability applies to the generality of the population; councillors have no unique position in that regard".

Councillor Clare, yes I do know better. Since 2012 every Council and its Councillors and Monitoring Officers should also know the law on that issue. In the Newton News, nearly 10 years ago, I did publicly challenge all County Councillors to prove me wrong, check with their County Solicitor/Monitoring Officers . . . but answer came there none.

Cllr. Clare was absolutely happy to put his case on double taxation on Facebook, he admitted he could have applied for a dispensation to speak in Town Council but decided not to!

The Town Clerk would happily put any dispensation to the meeting but, none there came. The Law says quite clearly, clarified by the Minister of State in 2012, any councillor can speak and vote on Budgetary Matters especially if you wear two hats ie: on Town and County Council, there is no pecuniary interest, no dispensation required.

Just occasionally one has to put the facts in the public domain, the five Labour County Councillors were wrong to declare interests and wrong to leave the meeting. Guess what? In May 2021 you the public can drain the swamp . . . again.

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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	2nd Oct. - Nathan Abbott 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

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Ex-Students Continue to Return Rotary Distribute

Dictionaries 4 Life



Woodham Academy continues to grow with the number of students on roll has increased by over 200 in recent years. A knock-on effect of this is the requirement for more staff.

This year saw the return of five previous students to either teaching or support staff roles. This takes the total to well over a dozen, and it may not stop there, with a few new positions currently being advertised.

School Business Manager, David Coates, has welcomed the appointment of all of the new staff "I think it says a lot for the community we are trying hard to create. All of the staff have told me how they have enjoyed returning to work at Woodham and that they have seen significant changes since they were here as a student. Where staff have already worked in other schools, they have been particularly complimentary about the standards of behaviour and focus of the students. This is everything we want to hear."



DICTIONARY 4 LIFE is an initiative supported by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and a project first undertaken by Rotary Newton Aycliffe a number of years ago. The Usborne Illustrated Dictionary 4 Life has 1,000 illustrations, 10,000 entries and 20,000 definitions, printed in full colour on paper from sustainable forests and every year our club places an order for over 400 of the dictionaries. On delivery, the books are distributed to every pupil in year 6 of 11 primary schools in our community at a cost of over £1,200.

This mammoth task was, for a few years, co-ordinated by Rotarian Pat Henderson-Pickersgill and has now, for 7 years or more, been carried out by Rotarian Mary Waine and Friend of Rotary, Clive Bennett. The books need to be unpacked, each one labelled, then repacked and loaded onto a truck, kindly loaned by Clive, for delivery to the schools. The photographs show Mary and Clive getting to grips with the enormous amount of work and many thanks to them both from President Trish Pemberton and the club. It may surprise readers to know that there are children who live without a single book in their home and do not have access to the internet. Therefore, we at Rotary are proud to be involved with Dictionary 4 Life and think this is a very worthwhile project. Our grateful thanks go to those of you in the community that always support our fund-raising with a donation which enables us to continue with such work.





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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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Local Support?

Dear Sir,
 Last week I received a leaflet through my letterbox from the Liberal Party telling us the good news within our locality. This week we have the Durham News instigated by the ruling Labour Party.
 Whilst both gave us the good news from within our communities, the Liberals opted to use a printer in the London area, whilst the Labour group opted to go to West Yorkshire. So much for supporting your local businesses.
 Peter Hardy.

New One-Size Clothing and Homeware Boutique Opens



A brand-new boutique, specialising in one-size clothing, accessories and homeware is opening its doors for the first time on Monday 28 September.

Born out of a desire to create a happy, stress-free clothes shopping experience, The House of Eden aims to encourage body positivity through its extensive range of one-size clothing and accessories. Based on Ricknall Avenue on Aycliffe Business Park, The House of Eden will offer customers a friendly, welcoming and enjoyable shopping experience as well as striving to cater to specific product requests.

Alongside the bricks and mortar establishment, The House of Eden is also available online at www.thehouseofeden.co.uk and at various events, shows, markets and fundraisers throughout the North-East in a converted horsebox, a quirky little 'shop on wheels' named Hettie.

Owner, Louisa McLean, explains: "I set up The House of Eden following years of negative shopping experiences. More often than not I would end up feeling disheartened and down about myself as I would think I'm one size, but when I go and try on the clothes they wouldn't fit, sometimes not even nearly! This is because clothing sizes often vary so much from brand to brand.

"I figured that if I felt this way, there will be countless others that do too, and The House of Eden was born. I decided that I would only sell one-size clothing to take away this frustration. It's been a dream of mine to have my own store for years now so I can't wait to open my doors to the public and welcome everyone in!"

As well as one-size clothing, you can find homeware items, home fragrances and greetings cards at The House of Eden for the perfect gift for yourself or a loved one.

To find out where you can find The House of Eden at local events, or to contact them about exhibiting at an event, follow them on Facebook - /TheHouseofEdenUK

Road Potholes Cause Problems for Disabled

Dear Sir,

On Thursday 27th August my wife, Edith, was involved in an accident outside the town centre. Unable to walk and having not been out since March, due to the virus, she needed to go personally to the bank, straight there and straight back.

We parked in the dedicated disabled car park off Greenwell Road. I was pushing her in her wheelchair out of the car park when a gentleman stopped his car to allow us to cross the road to the opposite dropped kerb which takes you up the ramp to the arcade.

I proceeded to cross the road and suddenly the front wheels jammed, the back shot up and catapulted my wife into the middle of the road.

Many people shot across to help but she was in a state of shock and her legs were buckling under her and, try as we may, we could not lift her. Luckily a chap saw us and came across and lifted her himself into her wheelchair.

The first aiders from the leisure centre came out and checked her over and pushed her into the arcade themselves. After going to the bank we went back to the car, getting in her knees buckled and she ended up sitting on the car sill. Once again a chap came over and after a struggle we got her into the car. Next day she phoned the doctors who sent an ambulance, subsequently, x-rays of her leg and arm show a fracture to both. Gladly she is now on the mend.

My wife and I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all the people that assisted us, especially the two very strong gentleman who, without them, we would have been in a right pickle. Another big thank you to the first aiders from the leisure centre.

When I checked the place of the accident, I found a gap of road missing, up to 70mm wide and over 40mm deep in parts across nearly half the entrance/exit to the car park.

This car park is solely for blue badge holders, who can't walk or have difficulty in walking. It is a serious tripping hazard at best, but a death trap for a wheelchair user. It has been reported but still not repaired, so if you use this car park, be very careful.

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Last week started with a meeting with a local trust who are the Secretariat for the All Party Political Group (APPG) for left behind communities that I chair. This was to consider our future work and in particular the next meeting which I will cover later.

On Thursday I had a question in the Transport oral questions, where I raised the importance of integrated transport and invited the minister to come and understand the needs of linking local bus transport for places like Cornforth. After this I was in the BEIS select committee where the focus of our attention was understanding the technical aspects of the One Web investment proposals, which was very informative and interesting and I look forward to further debate in this area.

On Friday I had a regular virtual meeting with the Tees Valley MP's as well as discussions with local businesses and visits from constituents to the office. Later I called in to The Big Club to see their approach to the new restrictions that we find ourselves following. These interventions were introduced as a result of Durham County Council and their northern neighbours approaching the Government to request an intervention due to increased Covid cases. I finished the day with a visit to a constituent in Hurworth. On Saturday I met Ian Palmer as Newton Aycliffe cricket club first team played their last game of the season and discussed the need to support their efforts to improve their changing facilities. After this my wife and I took a walk around Middridge and picked blackberries on the path to the railway and back past the quarry.

Monday was another full day starting with a call with the Darlington group, followed by a discussion on local transport and in particular the future agendas to our north. After this I joined the veterans APPG, in particular to understand the bill being debated on Wednesday, I also was able to listen to a webinar on the role of tax in a green recovery.

Tuesday started with me a DL (Delegated Legislation) committee on coronavirus restrictions affecting Greencore before continuing the transport discussion from Monday. After lunch it was the next full meeting of the APPG on Left Behind Communities, that I am joint chair of, we listened to speakers on Social Infrastructure and Social Inclusion.

Over Monday and Tuesday there were also a number of debates on the Internal Markets Bill which I supported the Government on, this reinforces the law for trade within the internal markets of the UK post Brexit, I had put in to speak but was drawn 48, but the debate timed out at speaker 44. I was pleased to see the Government listen to us back benchers and bring in an amendment requiring a further vote in Parliament should the Joint Committee effectively break international law by not acting in good faith before we then enact the "break glass" legislation that has been put in place to protect our interests. Wednesday, we debated the Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill, the primary focus of which was to prevent our service personnel suffering vexatious claims driven by lawyers. I look forward to supporting this Bill.

To let you know, the variety of items in my inbox this week include TUC petitions, the Internal Markets Bill, the Overseas Operations Bill, Covid measures and cat microchipping.

As I am sure you will all be aware, we are entering a critical phase with Covid-19 and I get many representations around the measures being implemented, these range from those who think it is all a complete hoax to those that want stricter enforcement. I would implore all of you to think of each other and follow the guidance given and respect the restrictions imposed. It might be inconvenient or difficult, but it is the right thing to do to protect our communities. So please wash your hands regularly, wear masks when appropriate and give each other space.

Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield
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Programme of Possibilities at Greenfield Arts



Autumn is the new spring at Greenfield Arts as it is bursting with opportunities in the coming months.

The arts centre facility will open on Monday 28th September and boasts a range of dynamic activity and creativity and we are looking forward to seeing more of our community face-to-face. Forthcoming exhibitions in The Greenfield Gallery include Nature and Community by Mike Connell and People and Places by Bill Hindmarsh, two renowned local artists with artwork that captures the voice of the region; the beauty of people and places and should not be missed!

There are a range of workshops and activities on offer which include Nature through a Lens with photographer Elaine Vizor, Sketching People with Graham Stead, Spanish Refresher sessions with Daria Coates and specialist wellbeing workshops with Leigh Johnson. We are also delighted to continue with valuable projects working alongside students and the community. These include the final artwork celebrations for Shildon in Motion, Finders, Seekers with visual artist Bethan Maddocks, Community Spirit, working with the Shildon community and a creative collaboration with the Anne Frank Trust.

We are also looking forward to sharing our vision with others as our Creative Director speaks at this year's Imagine if... Conference which this year is online - organised by Culture Bridge North East. Our offer for young people and families will also include The Big Draw activity and our popular Festive workshops. We are looking forward to welcoming our Greenfield community into the building in a phased return to offer a safe environment to all.

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Over 50 Apprentices on the Husqvarna Career Ladder

Over 50 people are working towards careers with Husqvarna thanks to a successful partnership between the lawnmower manufacturer and GEM Training.

The Peterlee-based company, which provides tailored training and apprenticeships specifically developed for its clients, has been working with the Newton Aycliffe firm for some time and has supplied over 500 temporary workers into the company. The relationship is helping Husqvarna nurture its next generation workforce, and currently there are 53 people who have completed apprenticeships or are in the process of undertaking programmes. Impressively, many of those apprenticeships have been completed during the coronavirus lockdown, when training and development delivery has had to be significantly adapted to ensure learners were able to continue with their training.

Up to now, GEM Training, which is part of GEM Partnership, has helped 33 people complete an 'Improving Operational Performance: Business-Improvement Techniques, Level: 2' apprenticeship and the company is now in the process of developing some of these apprentices further with a qualification in team leading with the potential of developing from a multi-skilled operator to becoming a line leader.

Kelly Lee, Operations Manager at GEM Training, said: "Our partnership with Husqvarna is thriving with over 50 employees currently completing bespoke apprenticeships which have been specifically developed to meet the needs of Husqvarna. It's also about upskilling current employees to equip them with the qualifications they need to progress through the ranks. "What we've been particularly impressed with is the attitude and commitment of the apprentices during the months of lockdown. How we trained them had to be significantly adapted, and of course Husqvarna wasn't operating in the usual way either, but all remained 100 per cent committed to their development and that's backed up by the fact 33 of them have completed their Level 2 programmes. "In fact, some are looking to progress in team leading which is fantastic and shows their willingness to push themselves, but also Husqvarna's belief in them."

Husqvarna has also supported two people through BEng Mechanical Engineering qualifications from Teesside University, from which they recently graduated, and both are now aiming to grow with Husqvarna, becoming project engineers before progressing into management roles.

Rufus Ayre from Husqvarna, which is based on Aycliffe Business Park, said: "Attracting talent into our business and nurturing that talent is an integral element of our growth plans. Our partnership with GEM Training is really enhancing our business development. GEM Training has also recently supported Husqvarna in the recruiting of a supply chain administrator.

Rufus added: "The team at GEM Training made the recruitment process seamless, supporting us through the interview process which was done via Teams due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions. The successful candidate is now nicely embedded within the Husqvarna team and proving to be a real asset."

The apprenticeships offered by GEM Training range from Level 2 through to Level 5 and there are further plans to recruit additional apprentices for Husqvarna over the next 12 months.



Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, finished this unique season with a frustrating draw at home to Darlington 2nd XI in their final NYSD division two game. The visitors asked Aycliffe to bat first and they duly piled up the runs with an imposing total of 234 for 9 from their allotted 50 overs. Captain, Adam Randall, (sponsored by DTS Joinery) led the way with his seasonal best score of 66 from only 47 balls faced and his aggressive innings included seven boundaries and four big sixes. Opener Luke Telford also batted well with 46 runs from 110 balls faced and Adam Gittins chipped in with 27 runs from 49 balls. In reply Darlington fought hard and managed to bat through their 50 overs and finish on 206 for 8 despite the best attempts of Aycliffe bowlers James Layfield-Carroll (3 for 23), Jack Slatcher (2 for 39) and Sam Telford (1 for 6).

The final league stats for the Club's 1st team this season are: played 11, won 4, lost 4, drew 2 and one game lost due to the weather. Final points total is 146 and the firsts finished 6th in the NYSD 2nd division table, a slight drop compared to last season's third place finish.

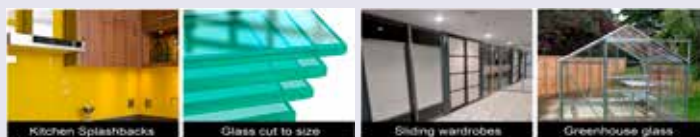
The second team were well beaten away at Preston by 124 runs in their final NYSD division four game of the season. The homeside chose to bat first and piled up an impressive 226 for 6 from their allotted 40 overs. 13 year old leg spinner Thomas Dearden was again the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers finishing with 3 for 33 from his 10 over spell. Dan Weldon chipped in with 1 for 35, which was his 150th senior wicket for Aycliffe and Sean Morgan supported well taking 1 for 41.

In reply Aycliffe were thankful to an excellent career best innings of 58 from vice-captain Dan Weldon to give their innings some substance. The on form Weldon faced 78 balls and smashed ten boundaries as he reached his second half century in four games. Captain Joe Haines (14 runs) and Harry Wright (12 runs) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures as the visitors were bowled out for 102 from 32.2 overs.

The final league stats for the Club's young 2nd team this season are: played 10, won 3, lost 6 and one game lost due to the weather. Final points total is 114 and the seconds finished a creditable 7th in the NYSD 4th division table for the second consecutive season.

Photo above of the second team batsmen Dan Weldon in action.

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Grants Available

The GAMP Board has a budget of £144k available, and applications are now invited for projects from community & voluntary or not-for-profit organisations and groups. Grant limits between £5,000 to £25,000 have been agreed, and projects must take place in the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area.

Proposals are invited for projects which help to support positive outcomes for children, young people and families and/or older people in the GAMP AAP area to live a happier, healthier and safer life. Our focus this year will be on an overarching 'COVID Recovery' priority theme, and projects should aim to address at least one of the following key issues:

- Employability initiatives
- Advice and Guidance
- Physical Activity, Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Organisational sustainability
- Food provision and support
- Social Isolation
- Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector, or
- Support to small businesses (through a third party, not-for-profit organisation to complement existing DCC and external opportunities).

This is not an exhaustive list and there may be other recovery areas that need to be taken into consideration.

Groups are permitted to apply for more than one grant, so long as one funding allocation is not reliant on another.

Applications can be submitted for either capital or revenue funding (or both), and projects which include a specific element of capital spend are encouraged. If you need advice on the specific definitions for capital/revenue, please get in touch. Project proposals must also include a minimum of 5% match funding (either cash or in-kind, or both).

The callout window will be open-ended until all funding has been allocated - so we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible. All eligible applications will be assessed and ranked by a panel of GAMP Board members, to determine which projects will successfully be awarded funding. Prospective applicants should allow at least 12 weeks from the date of submission to give sufficient time for our technical appraisal process.

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More and more, I hear people dismiss "lockdown" measures, with people expressing indifference to defiance.

It wasn't like that in March, there was a genuine community spirit and, largely, a high degree of compliance. But that has gone.

Because again, and again, I hear the name "Cummings" spoken out loud.

Good for the Goose and Gander Cummings, almost single-handedly, destroyed any semblance of public-spirited cooperation and respect for the rules with his jaunt to Barnard Castle.

When willing cooperation goes, all you have left is coercion.

Uniformed thugs with sticks, tasers and the rest of their array of weapons – enforcing the will of a state which has lost the trust of its people.

No better measure of that loss of trust is the announcement of fines, growing rapidly to £10,000 for those who fail to follow lockdown rules – a level of absurdity when imposed on most people who simply cannot afford that sort of money.

The lack of proportionality speaks of panic, a government which has lost control – and knows it. Thus, it gives license to its uniformed thugs to impose ridiculous penalties, in the hope that fear will induce compliance, where respect for the rule of law has vanished.

Underlying this also is a sense of drift. I haven't met anyone who believes that this government has a grip on this epidemic or had any confidence that it knew what it was doing.

Under emergency powers, with no Parliamentary Scrutiny or legitimacy, we are legally obliged to self-isolate if we have a positive test result or the risible NHS Test and Trace empire tells us to.

The task of tracing infected and potentially infected people is already difficult, but Johnson has just ensured that a huge tranche of people will now stay outside the system, rather than expose themselves to the risk of a draconian fine.

So, who in their right mind is going to get a test unless absolutely necessary, if the consequence is a £10K fine for not doing what you're told to?

Johnson's rationale is still "to prevent the most vulnerable people from becoming infected, and to protect the NHS and save lives".

Thus, we're getting more of the "protect the NHS" schtick, where its conversion into the National Covid Service has cost, is costing, and will cost thousands of lives. Denise Welch hits the nail on the head on Youtube.

Instead of keeping infected patients out of the hospitals by using the Nightingale ones, the NHS is clearing the decks again, to make way for a surge that will prevent the proper functioning of the service.

This, however, is so typical of this government. In the "us and them" stakes; it can mess up without a hint of penalty, leaving "us" to be heavily penalised as the government ploughs on regardless.

This government clearly does not have a grip on what is now an endemic virus, and it has nothing left in the cupboard – except ever-increasing fines. And what then? Do squads of bailiffs chase up the people who can't or won't pay – or does Johnson send them to prison?

People will now identify "test and trace" as a coercive arm of the state. What little residual cooperation and community spirit there was has just evaporated. The bully boys and their big sticks have taken over, and the state has become the oppressor.

Johnson and his crew couldn't have made a bigger mess of this than they have done to date, but one might take some little comfort from that fact that he still has the capacity to surprise.

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County Durham Leisure Centres Remain Open

Residents in County Durham are being reminded they can still visit the county's leisure centres and take part in fitness classes. Following the introduction of new restrictions aimed at reducing the spread of coronavirus, Durham County Council is carrying out further work to ensure its leisure centres remain coronavirus secure.

A number of measures have been introduced to make sure centres are safe to visit, including strict cleaning regimes, extra space or safety screens between equipment and additional signage to help users move safely around the buildings.

Work has been carried out by the council's building and facilities maintenance team to put these measures in place to make the venues as safe as possible. Weekly checks will be carried out and any changes implemented where necessary to keep people safe and in response to any modification to Government guidelines.

Users must also book their sessions in advance to limit the number of people inside and ensure they're following the latest guidance when entering and leaving leisure centres and when inside.

Members have welcomed the new measures and safe re-opening. Paul Reavely, who attends Zumba classes in Spennymoor, said: "I've been wanting to come back for a while now. Zumba is my favourite class and I've been suffering with my mental health, so it's good for me to come here. I like the setup as you're socially distanced and you have your own space. It's a big load off my mind coming here after a long day at work as I can just relax when I get home. I'd encourage people to come back. It's really good for your all-round wellbeing, your mental health and your fitness. It is brilliant."

During these financially uncertain times, the council is offering a non-contract membership to new members with no joining fee.

Available until 31 October, this will give people the chance to access leisure centres and fitness classes without being tied in when residents may have concerns around their finances.

To coincide with the launch of National Fitness Week, the county's leisure centres have also offered free taster sessions to non-members to give them an opportunity to try out the facilities. It's hoped more of these will be offered in the future.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said:

"We've worked incredibly hard to make sure our leisure centres provide a safe environment for everyone and that we minimise the risk of the spread of coronavirus. We'd like to remind people that they continue to be safe and remain open for users."

"We understand that these are difficult times for everyone. As well as worrying about the virus, many of our residents have concerns about the financial impact of the ongoing pandemic. However, it's vital that we look after our health and wellbeing and that's one of the reasons we'd like to offer people the chance to access our facilities without them feeling tied into a contract that they must continue to pay for. We hope this helps some of them get back into exercise safely without any additional pressures and we look forward to welcoming new members across the county."

Alongside these new leisure offers, the council is supporting a range of wellbeing activities across the county to encourage people to keep active and protect their health and wellbeing.

Next week marks the start of Bike to School Week which celebrates cycling to school and the benefits of active travel for children. This could provide families with a great alternative to public transport during the pandemic, allowing them to stay healthy and safely distanced from others.

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Dr Stewart Findlay, chief officer, NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said, 'It's very important that you find out if you are at high risk of Type 2 diabetes so you can get support to lower your risk. You may even be eligible for your free local Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme which is run by Weight Watchers (WW). The Diabetes UK risk tool can help you find out if you're at risk of developing the condition. It takes just a few minutes and could be the most important thing you do today.'

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Organised by Recycle Now, the national recycling campaign for England, Recycle Week is in its 17th year.

Durham County Council is supporting the campaign by thanking all residents as they continue to recycle, despite hard times during the pandemic, with County Durham households currently recycling approximately 40 per cent of their household waste.

The local authority is also championing its workers who maintained all recycling services and collections throughout the coronavirus crisis.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships at Durham County Council, said: "This year's Recycle Week really is about celebrating how people continue to make a difference with their daily habits. We are extremely thankful to those residents who continue to make our county robust when it comes to recycling, and to the people whose jobs contribute to a greener future."

"We can offer clear advice about how to recycle using the blue lidded recycling box, what goes where, and where it goes after that, on our webpages and encourage people to take a look."

Residents are reminded to place the correct items in the blue lidded recycling bin to avoid contamination. Items such as black bags, nappies, polystyrene and food waste should be put in the general rubbish bin. Glass bottles and jars should be placed within the recycling box.

Durham County Council offer advice on what can and cannot be recycled. Visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere or Recycle for County Durham on Facebook.

For information about what happens to your recycling visit www.durham.gov.uk/RecyclingMatters

Strange Media

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Taste of Bitter Failure

The offender has yet to be found, but the punishment admirably fitted the crime, police believe.

An elderly couple camping in a mobile home at an east coast camping ground were awakened by a noise outside. Thinking nothing of it, they went back to sleep.

The next morning it was apparent a potential petrol thief had tried to take their fuel. But as the police reported, the thief got more than he or she bargained for.

On the ground by one of the mobile home's tanks was a pool of vomit and a syphon hose. Also lying on the ground was not the cap from the fuel tank, but the cap from the mobile home's sewage holding tank.

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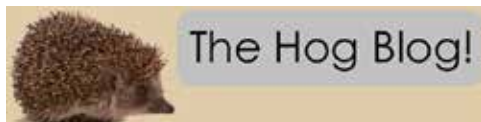
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Prickly Haven have been very fortunate to receive donations and support from some wonderful people, firstly June Heron and Will, Mandy and Trish, Tara, Viv, Karen and Val because they are always passing stuff to me to either keep the hogs happy and comfy in Rescue or supplying some wonderful car boot items, we try to do one car boot sale a week to keep this rescue afloat financially, especially now, because a lot of our little ones will be here till spring. Most of us who save these little ones take them into our homes, raise money to feed, house and provide 24hour critical care for these downtrodden little mammals because we love them so much and will stop at nothing to treat, rehabilitate, which leads to release back to the wild and, if necessary, somewhere a lot safer than where we found them. None of this would be possible of course without our wonderful Vets close by who are always there for our prickly babies. On a more serious note, we are having a lot of problems with hedgehogs being attacked by dogs. On Monday evening of this week, a 500 gram female, she wasn't a big girl by any means but when I got her indoors she was far worse than described, skin was ripped from various parts of her body, she had been possibly laid helpless for more than 24hours by which time fly eggs had been laid on her, she was also cold and in shock. Of course she was rushed to the emergency out of hours vet who thought it was kinder to euthanise her, the poor soul wasn't doing anything wrong, possibly looking for food and has also given us many hoglets in the short time she was here and she didn't even cry! This attack happened in Biscop Crescent, I am certain that this is a message to every dog owner out there because these hedgehogs are protected, endangered and at risk of extinction. Also another dog attacked a little hog, Tara was at the right place at the right time, Winston is going to be fine, thankfully. If you have to let your dog out when it's dark please watch out for hogs, if you don't have a security light in your garden, shine a torch to check first, give them a chance to get out of the way because they are a valuable addition to your gardens. Please contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 or Hedgehog Street for any help or information. **Tip of the week, winter is going to be with us very soon, try to build a hog house so they can be safe, fed and if necessary, have somewhere to hibernate.**

Obituary

Margaret Tobin

9th September 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Margaret, aged 77, after a long illness. Beloved Wife of John for 59 years; loving Mother of Jean, Linda, Diane, Wendy and Matthew; Nanna to Craig, Stacey, Shaun, Callum, Josh, Hayleigh, Kieran and Jessica; Great Nanna to Kyla; Mother-in-Law to Graeme, Neil, Steven, Richard and Emily. A private cremation was held in Lancashire. A Memorial Service will be held later.

Scott Wales

4/10/1971-19/9/2020

Aged 48, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love. Loving Husband of Sarah; dearly loved Dad of Rhianna; much loved Son, Brother, and Uncle. Cremation to be held on Friday 2nd October at Wear Valley Crematorium, 1.30pm

Births

Elgy Samantha & Anthony



Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful Daughter "Evelynne Clare" on 17th September 2020. Love to you all Mam and Dad xxxx



Congratulations

Carrie Howarth



Happy Birthday

24th September
Happy birthday to the best Mummy. Love you, Sebastian xxxx

Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Matthew, JP and all the family

Lara & Stue Lowe



Happy Silver Wedding Anniversary

Mam and Dad

30th September 1995

Here's to more happy years. Love from Sophie, Stuart, Robert and the grand babies. xxxxxx

Jordan Cecilia Rouse-Quigley



Happy 21st Birthday

1st October 2020
To our beautiful Daughter. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Maddie and Keith

Rose Mayoh

27th September

Happy 75th Birthday
Love from Maria, Christine, Ian, Anita and Granddaughter Kimberley xxxxx

In Memoriam

In loving memory of "Our Amanda" (Renwick)



A year has passed, but our hearts are still broken. You made us so proud and you will never be forgotten! No more suffering in this world little sis. Will always love you and miss you loads. Your big brother, David xxx

Mark Robinson

Remembering a great Brother, Brother-in-law and Uncle. It is hard to believe it has been a year already. You will always be missed. Love, Neil, Paul, Linda, Jan, Shaun, Josh and Brittany.

Madge Rodda

25th September 2019

Time passes, Memories stay. Loved & remembered every day.

Jean and Keith

Jessie Wharton

25th September 2016

You gave us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Love, Mark, Dave and families.

Birthday Remembrance

Jackie Piggott

4th October 1933
Thinking of you on your 87th birthday. Miss you so very much darling. Your loving Wife, Norah

In loving memory of Janet Ruth Ryman



18th September 2019
Jan, a year has passed since you departed. Leaving your loved ones broken hearted. Thousands of tears have turned into streams, holding cherished memories in our dreams. You have no pain now and you can rest, the Lord above knew what was best.

Jan, you touched so many hearts along the way, friends will have loving thoughts this day. I miss your love, your smile and your touch. Because my soul mate, I miss you so much. From Husband Alf and families

Alan Blacklock

29th September 2019

Much missed Never forgotten. Wonderful memories of a special Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend. Thank you for making our world a better place. Love always from Margaret, Joanne, Ian and all the family

Amanda Susan Renwick

24/3/1979 - 28/9/2019

A year has passed since you were taken from us. You are always with us each and every day. Our hearts are still aching. But you are out of pain and all your suffering. Rest peacefully now our darling Daughter. God bless you our angel. Love you always. Mam and Dad xxxxx

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe 4-0 Barnoldswick Town
Newton Aycliffe booked their spot in the Second Qualifying Round of the Buildbase FA Vase with a comprehensive victory over Barnoldswick Town on Saturday.

Connor Phelan, Liam Jarvie, Adam Burnicle and Jake Petitjean completed the rout at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium as Colin Stromsoy's men recorded their second win of the week following Tuesday's late Northern League win over Newcastle Benfield.

Stromsoy wanted to see more of the same from his side's display in the second half from Tuesday and take the game to Barnoldswick and he was rewarded when his side took a deserved lead inside 20 minutes of Saturday's tie.

Having threatened for much of the opening exchanges, Phelan finished smartly from inside the area, placing the ball into the bottom corner of Jack Little's goal after Ethan Wood's clever change of play.

The goal allowed the home side to dictate play with confidence and Marc Costello was unfortunate not to cap a wonderful move eight minutes later when Wood again cleverly bypassed the Barnoldswick defence with a cute lobbed pass. Costello beat the onrushing goalkeeper but lifted his shot onto the roof of the net.

Jarvie was unable to sort his feet on the half hour mark after Lewis Walton's cross found the attacker at the back post as Aycliffe were the ones who continued to press.

Jarvie didn't have to wait much longer though as he scored his first goal of the season to double the home side's advantage five minutes later.

Walton's throw from the left found Ben Reay who jinked his way between the Barnoldswick midfield and defence before releasing Jarvie and the former Darlington Town man made no mistake this time placing the ball beyond Little at his near post.

Jarvie nearly returned the favour to Reay minutes before half time when he found the midfielder on the edge of the area but Little got down well to his right to gather his snapshot and deny Reay a third goal in as many games.

Having kept Barnoldswick quiet for large

periods of the first half, the visitors were perhaps fortunate not to go in at the break a man down after Andrew Hill's lunge on Walton but referee Matthew Smith opted for a yellow card instead.

Aycliffe took a two goal lead into the interval but that lead was extended inside just 42 seconds of the restart to all but kill the tie. Wood again involved for Aycliffe as his ball around the corner released Jarvie down the right and his pullback found Burnicle unmarked who managed to roll the ball into the far corner to score his first goal of the season.

The goal did ignite a response from the North West Counties Premier Division side as Zack Dale forced Adam Pickford into a smart stop down to his right from a close range volley.

Bradley Knox headed over for the visitors just before the hour mark as Aycliffe failed to clear their lines from a corner.

But it was the hosts who found the target again with Petitjean sticking a leg out at the back post to divert Jarvie's cross into an almost empty net to seal a comfortable day for Aycliffe and secure their passage into the next round of the Vase.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

New Covid-19 restrictions were introduced in the North East this week, however, fortunately, organised sporting or licensed physical activity is still permitted where clubs and event organisers have adopted the published guidance on how to operate safely issued by that sport's governing body, in our case, England Athletics.

In addition to the senior section starting in August, Aycliffe Junior Running Club returned at the start of September. It has been lovely to see the children back training and giving it their all after such a long time off.

We would like to express our gratitude towards the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club for allowing our Junior Running Club athletes to train at their fantastic facility. We have found it challenging to find a venue in which our athletes can train in a 'Covid Secure Environment'. The Club have been very supportive and we cannot thank them enough.

Races and events are still few and far between, of course, and this week saw only one senior race performance to report. Andy Talbot took advantage of the delayed track season, travelling to Hexham on Saturday 19th September, to participate in the Tynedale Open Track and Field Meeting. Andy had a solid run in the Masters 1500m race, crossing the line in an extremely creditable 5:12.62. In doing so, Andy came home first in his age category on the day, and set a new club record for the distance in his age category.

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, on ayclifferunningclub@gmail.com

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