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### Halloween With Your Family in a Safe Environment

A chance to get out of the house and enjoy Halloween in a safe and controlled environment with your household family. Aycliffe Radio, ROF59 Activity Centre and Shake 'n' Cake have been working over the summer months to bring a bit of enjoyment to the residents of Newton Aycliffe and will finish off this year's events with a 'Family Halloween Drive In Music Festival' at ROF59 rear field on Saturday 31st October between

5.00pm and 9.00pm. The evening will include a live show from fantastic duo "Amazing Live" and music from Aycliffe Radio presenters who will be playing popular Halloween songs as well as music from various genre's. Local performer, Rhian, will also be coming along to perform her stilt walking and fire breathing acts. The evening will also feature a fancy dress competition for both the children and adults, with various prizes to be won for different age groups and all children (under 16) will receive a 'trick or treat' goodie bag, as well as a foam glow stick, all courtesy of event sponsors Shake 'n' Cake.

The Drive In events this year have all been fantastic, with near sell out crowds, and all profits helping to raise money for local charities. The Halloween evening on Saturday 31st October will be our last one for this year, but we do hope to continue these next year with more great acts and performers coming your way.

Limited tickets are available for this event from www.skiddle.com and are priced at £15.00 PER CAR. To follow current

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This event is licensed with Durham County Council and the police are aware. In the event of adverse weather conditions or

tighter lockdown restrictions the event will be postponed to a later date.

Because of the time of year, it is likely to be cold, so please come wrapped up . . . don't forget your thermals!

### Annual Parochial Meeting of Parish of Great Aycliffe

On Sunday the 25th October there will be the Annual Meeting of The Parish of Great Aycliffe, starting at 2.00pm. At this meeting reports will be shared, new members and officers are elected and questions may be asked about any area of the church's ministry. All are welcome to attend. Rev Jeff Anderson Team Vicar

### Fun Fair No Fun For Residents

Dear Sir,

Given the Covid-19 and Tier 2 Restrictions, I do not believe the Fun Fair planned by the Town Centre owners should go ahead this year.

The Remembrance Parade this year is cancelled because of these restrictions and I fail to see how those same restrictions do not apply to a Fun Fair.

Indeed the Car Park opposite the Bewick Crescent Surgery should never be used for this purpose. It is far too close to the residents of Isherwood Close and the levels of noise and intrusion is unreasonable and it is not good PR for the Town Centre owners. There are plenty of other venues in Great Aycliffe more suitable which the Town Centre Owners could use but 50 yards from a residential street is not one of them. It is inappropriate this year due to Covid, but also in any year. The County Council Environmental Services should stop this event from occurring so close to residents on noise grounds alone.

But Covid-19 and Tier 2 must surely stop this and I ask the Town Centre owners to think again.

Cllr Arun M Chandran Independent

### Thank You St. Vincent De Paul

Dear Sir,

I am a private carer company called Scrubba Dub and I help a lot of people and sometimes I meet a few people who need a lot of help. I have worked privately for over eight years and have often asked St. Vincent De Paul's from St. Mary's Church in Newton Aycliffe to assist me. They have bought my clients beds, curtains, bedding, kitchen equipment etc.

Lately they have helped a gentleman and bought him a bed and all new bedding as well as kitchen equipment. This gentleman was over the moon and cried when it all turned up. This is an amazing cause and an amazing charity, so I would like to thank them for everything they have done over the years to help some of my clients and me.

I especially would like to thank Elizabeth Johnson, who is the person I contacted on my clients behalf to ask for help. She is an amazing, selfless person who went above and beyond, sorting everything out from funding, payment, buying and organising delivery.

Thank you so much St. Vincent De Paul and Elizabeth Johnson for everything you have done to help my clients, they have been ever so grateful and you have helped them enormously to live a comfortable life. Once again thank you xx Susanne

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### Syd Howarth Community **Service Award Winner 2020**



The Howarth family were once again overwhelmed with the response for nominations for this year's Syd Howarth Community Service Award. With several excellent nominations for individuals working

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### **CAR PARK CLOSURE** NOTIC

The car park at Bewick Crescent will be closed to public access from 6.00pm Tuesday 20th October to 7.00am Friday 30th October to accommodate our

#### Annual October Half Term Fair

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THIS EVENT FOLLOWS ALL CURRENT **GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS** 

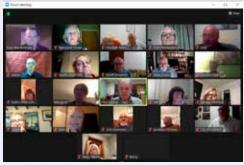
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in the local community.

The family deliberated over who should win the award this year and after looking through the nominations a decision was made. Newton News Editor, Paul Howarth, under the guise of being invited as a guest speaker, this week attended Rotary Newton Aycliffe's weekly meeting with the rest of the members, via Zoom. After a short presentation to the members, the award was announced to the surprise of the recipient, Geoff Batchelor.

Geoff has been the Rotary Welfare Officer for a number of years and over that time has liaised and built up a rapport with many local agencies in and around Newton Aycliffe. He has many mutual connections and they know and trust that he will assist a family or a good cause in need of help.

Geoff is contacted by foodbanks, social services, health visitors, family charities and individuals in complete confidence and all these organisations understand that talking to Geoff will get results, but due to the nature of the donations and the recipients, this goes unrecognised by the general public. "I am proud to be the first individual to receive this award, especially with the very close connection with Syd", said Geoff. The Howarth's recognised this work and believed it was time to recognise the excellent community work that Geoff achieves on a regular basis - helping clients without ever meeting them.



### **Raising Funds for** a Defibrillator

#### We need your help!

The retail outlets at Simpasture have teamed up to raise funds to purchase a new defibrillator.

They are raising money to put a defibrillator on the exterior of Simpasture Court to enable quick access to those who need it. On Friday 30th October McColls will be hosting a lucky dip and cake sale. Raffle tickets, priced at £1 per strip, are available now from all the Simpasture outlets. Please pop by, grab a ticket and treat. Covid guidelines will be followed. Did you know that 20% of fatal heart attacks occur in a public place? With CPR, survival rates could be less than 5% however with a defibrillator the survival rate could be 70%!



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### Grants Available - The GAMP CREE GROUP HAVE Project Callout is Now Open

The GAMP Board has a budget of £144k available, and applications are now invited for projects from community & voluntary or notfor-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-forprofit 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.

Please contact us for an application pack, or if you'd like further information - Telephone 07834 147211 or email: gampaap@ durham.gov.uk

# LIGHTBULB MOMENT

The Men's Cree group at Greenfield Arts have been reflecting on how we see the world working alongside visual artist Bethan Maddocks. Bethan is a paper sculptor and her work is often centred around a guestion or a story. The workshop was

part of a bigger project 'Finders, Seekers' which will look at new possibilities and reflect the work and thoughts of groups such as Cree and students at Greenfield Community College culminating in an exhibition to be shared with the wider community.



The group were sent a creative pack which included creative materials and a 'question lightbulb', they were asked poignant questions such as "What things can help people think differently", "what is the best question you've ever been asked" and "what change would you like to wake up to tomorrow".

Creative Director, Katy Milne, said "This is such a brilliant creative collaboration. These creative conversations allow an exchange between everyone that helps us to reflect. These ideas will inform and shape the Finders, Seekers exhibition which will be on display in the Greenfield Gallery from January 2021'

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



### ROTARY IS CHANGING SO BE PART OF IT.

You are a responsible person in a responsible job and have a busy life. You would also like to give something back to your community but do not have the time. Perhaps Rotary Newton Aycliffe can help.

For years Rotary has supported communities, charities, and individuals with significant challenges of all types. It has gained a huge reputation for linking professional men and women who meet every week to discuss key community issues and consider ways to raise money to help those in most need. This system has prevailed since inception in February 1905 and changed very little, although it now has 1.2 million members worldwide.

Modern life has changed in all aspects, mainly through the advent and strengths of social media and Rotary recognises that change. A new type of club is being formed in the Newton Aycliffe area to run alongside the long established, Rotary Newton Aycliffe. It is an E-Club. This is a club for those that want to help with and support local and international issues but in a less formal way. The E-Club will meet via Zoom meetings, setting their own agendas and projects. It is not planned to have formal weekly meetings and arrangements will all be online.

If you think this might appeal to you, and you want to learn more, then you are invited to an online Zoom meeting on Thursday, 12th November at 6.30pm. Log in and hear from established E-Clubs and Rotary Members.







### **N.A.F.C. JUNIORS LATEST REPORT**



**U8's Whites** played against Hebburn Madrid in the RFYL. A frustrating game for Aycliffe who were up at half time with a Regan goal but it should have been much more as the team had loads of chances and a missed penalty, which Oscar scored left top corner, only to find the ref had not blown the whistle, it was disallowed and the keeper saved the retake. Aycliffe were not at their best in the second half with a few defensive mistakes with the players just not switched on enough. William was outstanding in goal with some fantastic saves winning MOTM.

**U8's Blacks** hosted Skelton TJFA Maroon Division. The two teams were evenly matched and the game was a good contest. Aycliffe worked really hard, chasing every loose ball, putting in some great tackles, working hard on their passing and moving but unfortunately made a few too many costly errors. Goals in either half from Regan kept Aycliffe in the game but in the end they could not take their chances. A fantastic effort from the boys though in what is proving to be a very tough league. MOTM Regan

**U9 Whites** played another RFYL Premier League game against Washington. Unfortunately again the boys ran out steam in the second half, after a great first half performance when they finished leading. They let that lead slip eventually being pipped to the post. MOTM going to Tyler for his constant battling

**U9 Blacks** played Hetton Juniors Division 9 RFYL. A very tight game saw Aycliffe take the lead three times only for Hetton to bounce back on each occasion. Goals today came from a lovely header from Max looping over the keeper, a great finish from Benjamin and a great long hit from Charlie that caught Hetton out. The three keepers sharing stints between the sticks did really well. With Max, Rhys and Charlie making great saves. MOTM was Charlie

It was another good competitive game today for the U9 Juniors away to Boro Rangers City. A close game for most of the match but Aycliffe let their heads drop towards the end which saw Boro Rangers capitalise. The score line did not reflect the game and the effort from the team. Aycliffe's goals came from Dom (2) & Mason. MOTM went to Dom who had a great game out of goal then he stepped up in goal when Jensen got injured in the 2nd half. The Under 11's played against Richmond Town, TJFA White Division. Richmond starting really well and had several shots on target as Aycliffe struggled to get out of their half with Logan producing save after save to keep them in the game. Aycliffe's best effort was a free kick from JJ which the keeper did well to punch away. A strong team talk at half time and a reshuffle with Thomas coming on made a difference, it was Richmond who scored again though and completely against the run of play. A lovely ball played Callum through and he took it around the keeper and slotted it home. Aycliffe were pushing hard for the equaliser when another breakaway saw Richmond score another goal which deflected in off the post. MOTM went to Logan.

**Newton Aycliffe Under 14's** went into Sunday's home game against Coulby Newham in high confidence following a 10-3 win last week. With a depleted squad, the lads won a competitive game 3-2 with goals from Reece 2 and Travis.

U15's welcomed Harton and Westoe to Woodham for a quick return game after also facing them last week. With a strong squad available, Aycliffe began positively with some good passing and an early effort from Charlie crashing back off the bar. Harton however soon took the lead against the run of play, with a long ball being chased down and finished off well. This did not deter Aycliffe who kept their composure and found a deserved equaliser with an excellent long distance strike from Bo into the roof of the net. The second half saw a flurry of activity, with an early goal from Harton putting them in the lead again, but Charlie then scored from the kick off taking a brilliant pass from Matthew in his stride rounding the keeper and finishing well from a tight angle for 2-2. Aycliffe had the chance to go in front, but the keeper made a brilliant save from Anthony's penalty to keep the scores level. Harton took the lead following a goalmouth scramble, with their No. 10 chesting the ball down, flicking it up and hammering an overhead kick into the roof of the net. Aycliffe did not let heads drop though, with Charlie again driving into the box before being fouled. Although the keeper saved the penalty, Charlie was on hand to slide the ball home for 3-3. Goals: Bo, Charlie x2. MOTM: Alex and Matthew.







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### **Popular Heritage Festival Returns for its Second Year**

An annual festival, which celebrates the unique history of a County Durham town, will return bigger and better this year by holding its festival in partnership with a neighbouring area.

Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) has teamed up with the Stockton and Darlington Railway HAZ to bring the History and Heritage Festival 2020.

Running from Friday, 23 October to Sunday, 1 November, the festival celebrates the wider history of the North East with a programme of around 50 events that will bring to life the rich heritage of Bishop Auckland and the birthplace of the railway.

This is the second annual festival for Bishop Auckland, and, by working in partnership with its neighbouring HAZ and the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, the event will not only celebrate the history of the area but also the 26 miles of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

The theme for this year's History and Heritage festival is 'people and place', with events and activities to celebrate the people who shaped the history of the region's places while uncovering how those places have also been shaped over the years by their communities.

As part of the festival, Bishop Auckland and Stockton and Darlington Railway HAZ have been creating a "community museum" of pictures of memorabilia related to the town and railway.

Submissions for the museum include promotional material from baking powder company Lingford's, a household name from Bishop Auckland, and memorabilia relating to the Mechanics' Institute on Victoria Avenue in the town in 1909.

The Stockton and Darlington Railway HAZ has also been collecting submissions relating to the railway and its branch lines, with a particular emphasis on the celebrations for the 100th anniversary in 1925.

The community museum will be available to view online throughout the festival, either at the council's HAZ web page or at Bishop Auckland HAZ's Facebook page. Submissions are still open for those who wish to share any historical memorabilia. A photograph of items with some words describing the pieces can be sent to bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk or, for the Stockton and Darlington Railway, Trish.pemberton@btconnect.com.

As well as the community museum, there is a host of activities taking place throughout the festival including recorded and live online talks, films and film clips, photography competitions, crafts, online galleries, and heritage attractions to visit across the HAZ areas.

Bishop Auckland Cine Secrets will take place on Facebook daily at 12pm from Monday, 26 October to Sunday, 1 November, bringing a slice of Bishop Auckland to life through video clips from the vaults of the North East Film Archive.

Budding photographers, aged up to 18, are being asked to take pictures linked to the Stockton and Darlington Railway on a walk, a museum visit or using imagination and interpretation. Entries for the competition should be sent before the closing date of Sunday, 1 November to Trish Pemberton, chair of Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, at Trish.pemberton@btconnect.com

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure the safety of those enjoying the festival, a large part of this year's programme will be held online with a host of virtual content. Any activities which are being held in person will have social distancing and safety measures implemented at all times, in line with the current government guidance at the time.

Many of the events are free, some require booking and a lot can be accessed anytime online or via Facebook.

The festival has been made possible by working with a wide range of partners across the two Heritage Action Zones, including Bishop Auckland FM, Locomotion, The Auckland Project, Head of Steam Museum and many more.

Cllr Carl Marshal, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Partnership is at the heart of the Heritage Action Zone programmes and this festival brings together two Heritage Action Zones, and many other local organisations, who are all passionate about Bishop Auckland's and the Stockton & Darlington Railway heritage.

"We believe that sharing our history is a powerful tool to unlock the social and economic value of our places and, long term, will improve their future prosperity. This festival aims to share that history with the local community and even worldwide, through the host of great digital content which will be on offer for people to enjoy."

Trish Pemberton, who is also a member of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Rail Heritage Board, said: 'We are now only five years away from celebrating our 200th anniversary and we have really enjoyed working with the Bishop Auckland HAZ to organise our joint HAZ festival.

"This is a powerful example of what partnership working can achieve. We are excited to share fascinating stories of the development of the



railway that ushered in the modern railway age and literally, 'got the world on track'. We hope the festival will inspire as many people as possible to engage with our wonderful local heritage." Trevor Mitchell, Historic England's regional director for North East

and Yorkshire, said: "Heritage Action Zones are not just about regeneration and economic prosperity, but about involving everyone in discovery a place's rich and varied past.

"The festival is a great way to bring people together and celebrate what Bishop Auckland and the area along the Stockton and Darlington Railway Line has to offer as a place to live, work and visit." To receive a full digital programme for the festival, email bishopaucklandhaz@durham.gov.uk or richard.starrs@darlington.gov. uk

Many of the events can be access on Facebook at @ BishopAucklandHAZ and @FriendsoftheStockton&DarlingtonRailway. More information about the Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/haz More information about the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington

More information about the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway can be found at www.sdr1825.org.uk





Last week started with me joining a virtual MP drop in to discuss local child poverty data and I have made arrangements to get further information around this data and how it is both calculated and interpreted. It is important that when information like this is discussed it is interpreted and acted upon, not just politicised. I followed with a meeting with the Minister for Employment to discuss the importance of localising supply chains and the benefits to local economies when this happens. I then caught up with the Policing Minister to discuss the need for increased focus on issues like anti social behaviour which are prevalent both in parts of Newton Aycliffe but also further afield in areas like Trimdon and Wingate. I also participated in the adjournment debate which was in support of allowing localised electricity supply and proposed things like enabling local organisations who created an excess of power through, for example, their solar or wind capability to have the opportunity to supply the local area.

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The BEIS select committee was educational this week as we listened to both academics and business witnesses inform us about carbon trading opportunities. This was primarily around whether we should have a system aligned to Europe, independent of Europe, or whether, instead, a carbon tax should be employed. It was interesting that all parties came to the same conclusion that the best position is a trading position, rather than a tax, as they all felt it would deliver better results quicker. Towards the end of the week I had a number of discussions with both local authorities and the Minister for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, to discuss the statistics around coronavirus. Because Sedgefield crosses the boundaries I therefore had four separate meetings, one with Durham County Council, one with Darlington Borough Council, and one with the members of Parliament for the north-east seven authorities and another with the Tees Valley Combined authority MPs. The consensus for all of these was the necessity for the tiered approach, but that we needed to look to ensure that if at all possible areas with lower rates could be exited back to tier 1 at the earliest opportunity and indeed that should any area need to go to tier 3 that this also should be as focused as possible.

We had around 1100 emails last week with subjects ranging from the Animal Sentience Bill to the CHIS Bill (block the spy cops), we had many saying Covid restrictions are wrong and many saying Covid restrictions are not strong enough. We also received emails and correspondence on Planning, Road safety, Quad bikes, Super trawlers and many other subjects. One set of enquiries more local to Aycliffe is around fun fairs, with the proposals for one in the Town Centre. I have seen representations both ways on this and note that the operators in question have safely managed similar events in Frosterley with very good social distancing feedback. However,

given our recent move into Tier 2 restrictions I understand the concerns being raised. I was also able to do some socially distant visits this week. The first was a trip to the Amazon facility on the edge of Darlington, which sits just inside the Sedgefield constituency, where I was joined by the MP for Darlington, Peter Gibson, and members and officials from Darlington Borough Council. We were shown around the facility and saw what an outstanding operation they have. They employ over 1000 staff and it was good to see the effort they make in training and development. After this I called at County Durham Furniture Help Service based at Chilton to meet both the founder and his team. They provide an extraordinary service and I would encourage you all to support them in their efforts. You can visit www. CDFHS.org.uk for details online. I also went to Ferryhill to meet the Mayor and the team who have collected 3500 signatures on a petition supporting the reinstatement of the railway station in Ferryhill. I was also able to share that I had had yet another discussion with the rail minister to encourage him in supporting this initiative. The following day when I called at Ferryhill Recreation Centre to pay a bill I was shown the work being done by volunteers of the Ferryhill Remembers Group of the Ferryhill 2000 committee. Poppy nets have been created by hundreds of members of the community and will be displayed on Ferryhill Town Hall over this remembrance period. I was able to sew on a couple of poppies myself whilst there and I am looking forward to seeing the display in place. This was a nice way to finish the week before travelling back to Westminster.

Recent data seems to say that Covid in our area is at least slowing it's rate of increase and possibly even starting to level off. The way to try and help this remains as I have said before. HANDS - FACE - SPACE, Wash your **Hands** regularly, wear a mask on your **Face** where required and give people **Space**. Stay safe and have a good week. Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield



(24 hour)

### **RUNNING CLUB NEWS**

Slim pickings on offer for those looking for a race or event over the course of the last week as many of the established events on the race calendar were cancelled some time ago.

Two members who did find an event to run in were Richard Holland and Simon Turner, who had a crack at 'The Philosopher's Run', on Sunday 18th October 2020. This UKA permitted event was organised

by Saturn Running, who specialise in endurance based running events, and this event offered the opportunity to complete as many laps of a 3.28 miles looped course along the River Wear at Durham as possible. With no maximum distance, but a cut-off time of seven hours, additional recognition was provided to those who achieved the Half Marathon, Mega Half Marathon, Marathon or 50K distance.

Richard and Simon ran together, both completing the Mega Half Marathon (16.4 miles) in a time of 2:27.15.

Further afield, Second Claim Member, Paul Rands, ran in the Cheshire 10K, which also took place on Sunday 18th October 2020. The race started and finished near Arley Hall and took runners around the flat and rural roads of Antrobus, just south of Warrington. Running in the colours of his First Claim Club, Macclesfield Harriers, Paul completed the race in a personal best (PB) of 44:44. 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

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We are writing again because an example of this occurred recently, when the newspapers reported that Dominic Cummings had had up to £50,000 in back-owed Council Tax 'written off'. Many of the furious responses from the public blamed the County Council for this.

However, the County Council does NOT set the valuation for council tax banding, nor the date from when charges apply. These decisions were made by the Valuation Office Agency, which is part of HM Revenues and Customs, ie: by the government. The County Council has no discretion in this and was required to implement the amendments to the valuation list as notified by the Valuation Office. So, (yet again), it is the GOVERNMENT which is responsible for Cummings's exemption, not the Labour-controlled County Council. Sedgefield CLP Campaigns Team.

### **HEIGHINGTON MATTERS**

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICE**

St Michael's Church annual Remembrance Day Service will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 8th November. While they normally have around 160 people in church for the service, this year they are constrained by the Covid-19 Rules and Guidelines and can only accommodate 40 people in church. The Wardens have considered how to facilitate this and have decided that, apart from reserved seats for official attendees, admission will be on a first come basis until the church is full. It will be painful to turn people away but we have no alternative and hope everyone will understand.

Group events outside the church grounds are not included in church exemption from the rule of six etc and any such gatherings fall under the local authority, so there will be no formal wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial. Those who wish to place wreaths should do so at their convenience taking account of Covid-19 rules.

#### **HEIGHINGTON BONFIRE - CANCELLED**

Heighington has enjoyed a fantastic Bonfire Night for many years. It has brought people together in the dark, cold and wet November evenings, giving joy to parents and excitement to our children. Sadly, this year's Bonfire Night has been cancelled - another casualty of Covid-19.

So it is important that this message is passed on as we do not want anyone to leave anything on the Village Green thinking it would be burnt on the Bonfire. Please dispose of your waste correctly by taking it down to the neatest re-cycling depot. Thank you. CHESTNUTS

One of the frustrations of being a Councillor is that complaints go round in circles. A few years ago residents living in the Chestnuts, particularly around Magnolia Close, complained about young people playing football on the green areas and in the street upsetting residents with the ball going in gardens, hitting cars and the occasional verbal abuse from the young players. All in all not what one would expect from people living in this beautiful housing estate. As the Chestnuts has acres of green space well away from the houses, would parents encourage their children to use these open fields. I appreciate that this will mean that parents of small children will have to take their little ones to the fields but it is safer for them to play away from the road, better for well kept gardens that are a feature of the Chestnuts and comfort to many residents whose cars are parked in the vicinity. THE GREEN HOMES GRANT

The Green Homes Grant is a Government initiative to allow homeowners to invest money in improving the energy-efficiency of their property - while also giving the economy a much-needed boost. Homeowners in England, including landlords, can get up to £5,000 to pay part of the cost of energy saving measures like insulation. Low income households can get 100% of the costs of work covered up to £10,000. Whether you're a homeowner or a trader, you can find out more about the Green Homes Grant scheme by visiting gov.uk/ greenhomesgrant

Councillor Gerald G. Lee (Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward)



### **Weekly Programme Schedule**

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#### Classic "Love Songs" Sun-Thurs 12 to 3am, Fri & Sat 2-4am

#### **Updates from MP Paul Howell at 12noon daily**

SATURDAY		
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
	y Night Experience" Sponsored by	
	e Indian Restaurant & Takeaway	limlanc
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	OZ-DJ
10-12am		MC Supa
12-2am SUNDAY	Night Club Session	A DJ
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
	ponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Se	
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	lazz Time	Mike Dixon
8-10pm	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad
10-12am	Sean's Sunday Set List	Sean Lawless
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	Garv Averv
2-4pm	Afternoon Avcliffe	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	OOs 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	30th Oct Graeme Roote House Mix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby
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### Youthy Teams Beat the Weather

The Saturday teams were affected most by the bad weather during the week, which closed the pitches at the OakLeaf. So it was the teams playing at central venues or away from home that managed to play their league games.

#### U8 Eagles v Hebburn Involve

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It was great to see the boys find a good balance between staying on the ball when they could, and passing when they needed to. Oliver was as positive as ever, always looking to break, and was rewarded with two goals. A brilliant run with the ball from deep by Jacob that ended in a great solo goal and Lewis, working as hard as ever, deservedly got his goal. Hebburn also had good spells in the game which were rewarded by two goals. Before the game, the boys were also presented with Washington Hubs Team of the Week award, for their behaviour, and how well they entered the hub last week following all the Covid-19 guidlines.

#### Well done boys!

**U9 Girls Wildcats v CLS Amazon Diablos** It was always going to be a tough game, having played each other many times over the last two seasons. With only seven girls available, everyone knew they'd have to do the full game.

The girls each played their part in one of the best games they have played. Although



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Aycliffe created a lot of chances the only goal came when Ava attacked down the left hand side and hit a sweet left foot shot that was parried by their keeper into the path of Phoebe at the far post to put the ball into an empty net with the keeper stranded.

#### U12's Eagles 3 - 2 Washington Athletic Lions

With the OakLeaf closed the boys had to give up home advantage. The first half was end to end with the Lions managing to find the back of the net early on, 0-1. The defence of Zac, Finn and Kai worked so hard to ensure the Eagles only trailed by one goal at half time. Shortly after the restart, Will tucked away the equaliser before the Lions retook the lead, but again Will was on hand to tuck away the equaliser. Kian was forced to make a wonderful save, keeping the Lions from going ahead. With the clock ticking down, Joel ran down the wing, crossed for Will to complete his hat trick, FT 3-2.

An excellent all round team performance. Stockton Town v U10 Angels Yellow The same opposition as the previous week, so the girls knew how much of a task it would be. We tried a different formation and used players in different positions, however, we were unable to avoid a defeat against a team that played in the premier division last year. Players: Sophie, great running, tough tackling. Coaches: Alice, hugely vocal, leading from the front.

#### Sunday arrived and the pitches had improved allowing a few home games to go ahead:

U10's Eagles v Hurworth FC

On a day when the boys played the better football, using all they had learned from their training sessions. The result was hard to take when the opposition had one tactic, playing the long ball up the field to their star player, who to be fair to him, was a quick, skilful player that we struggled to deal with. Despite this, goals from Nathan, Dan K, and Jayden give us a slender half time lead. Hurworth scored three goals in the second half to take the win and the first defeat of the season for the Eagles.

Star Player: Danny C, who had an outstanding game.

Skelton United FC U11 v U11 Eagles A very exciting game with the lead changing three times. The pitch had turned to mud by full-time, but this only added to the spice of the game. The Youthy twice found themselves with a two goal deficit to overcome. Even with Youthy leading by the odd goal in nine, and with two minutes to go, Skelton were awarded a penalty and converted for the equaliser, yet there was still time for a final minute winner for Youthy. Another exciting game for these young lads.

### An Accident Waiting to Happen





Dear Sir,

I regularly walk through West Park from Williamfield Way and was recently appalled at the total neglect of parents in controlling their children.

In the square entering Whinlatter Place, the place is regularly like Beirut, due entirely to these children being left to run wild. A sign by Durham County Council, which was advertising the school land for sale, did not last 24 hours before the entire sign and frame work ended up being ripped apart and dumped in the Beck.

Parents who totally disregard what their kids are up to will be the first to complain if their homes are flooded. A concerned resident

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### Where Do Tories Go Now? A Hallowe'en Poem

Dear Sir, As a Tory loyalist and life time supporter, it is very difficult for me to admit the present Government are just as blind and deluded as the "Woke" generation. In some ways they are worse, as leftists and the Woke are generally honest about how much they despise us.

Tory Policies are individual liberty, responsibility, patriotism, freedom, low taxes, an independent state, control of our borders, free speech, the family, the common law, the Armed Forces, our culture, history and traditions. These issues the Conservative Party have suddenly decided to ignore.... each and every one of them.

Look at our borders. Look at the destruction of our economy. Look at the insane Coronavirus policy. Look at the positive response to BLM, Antifa and the negative response to any patriotic group who love their Country

Look at what a Tory government, with an 80 seat majority, is delivering and tell me which bit is different to what a Labour government would deliver, with the exception of EU negotiations. I would like to know which of the following Conservative policies on Coronavirus are actually Conservative: 1) massively increasing the size of the state

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- inflicting enormous damage on the economy
- 3ĺ encouraging a blind worship of the NHS
- gestures, like mass clapping, on command encouraging citizens to spy on their neighbours 5)
- publicly shaming political dissidents 6)
- massively increasing surveillance and bureaucracy 7)
- 8ĺ imposing restrictions on the individual liberty of otherwise law abiding people
- 9) using emotional blackmail as their main argument and threats of massive fines
- 10) employing marshals to police normal behaviour that they have criminalised
- 11) preventing families from meeting or having normal marriages and funerals
- 12) imposing large fines for ideological reasons
- 13) not enforcing the law equally, by allowing some causes special exemption from the rules you are punishing, others for not following.

All in the name of a "virus" that these lockdowns are looking now like martial law, maybe governments realise that their populations are not going to like what is in store for them. We are now losing freedoms that we will never regain. Is a Virus, which doesn't affect 99% of the population, have a political agenda? More and more Doctor's are now saying that wearing Masks has a higher infection rate than this Virus produces and drugs are readily available, without side effects, and have been for years to deal with this Virus. Namely Hydroxychloroquine.

By giving the Masses a reason to believe a tyranny is acting in their best interests, it has now become obvious the masses believe and follow it. Next will be Mandatory Vaccines and a Cashless Society, by then it will be too late.

Kind Regards Clive Taylor-Sholl

### **PAVEMENT PARKING IS NOT ILLEGAL**

Dear Sir.

I read the letter in last weeks Newton News, "PAVEMENT PARKING IS ILLEGAL." May a first correct the writer by saying "PAVEMENT PARKING ISN'T ILLEGAL," and needs to read the Highway Code Rules they quoted (240 to 249) again.

Yes it is totally illegal to park on the pavement in London, but it isn't elsewhere as yet in the UK. Although there is a consultation taking place regards to implementing it for the rest of the UK.

Pavement parking becomes illegal only if the pavement is obstructed and pedestrians, including prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs and disability scooters, can't get past and the culprit can be fined and vehicle towed. I agree it is annoying when people park on the pavement and not on the road, but I think some do it out of habit and İ don't condone it.

Regarding Driveways and Dropped Kerbs, yes it an offence to block a Dropped Kerb, Driveway (only if it has a Dropped Kerb) and Access to Property, but regards Having Vehicles Removed From Private Driver Ways (I assume vehicles actually parked on the drive) is a Civil Matter not a Criminal Offence. Name & address supplied

Halloween is coming, no trick or treat this year. But, please children, there's no need to shed a tear! You can still get on some make up and don your scary garb, Why not toast some marshmallows until they're nicely charred? Make some decorations to brighten up your home. Pumpkins and spider webs will surely set the tone. Fill a bowl with water and pop some apples in. Then carefully bob for them, though you'll get a soggy chin! Ask a grown up to help you carve a pumpkin's scary face. Place it in your window. Passers by will think it's ace. Instead of trick or treating, Mum can hide sweeties round the house. I'm sure you'll find them all, but do it as quietly as a mouse! However you have fun during this half term break, Please enjoy yourselves but stick to Covid rules for all our health's sake. MMK - October 2020



### Please 'REMEMBER AT HOME'

As we are unable to hold the Parade and Church Service due to Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing, we are urging you to observe the two minutes silence at 11.00am from home.

A limited number of wreath's will be laid at St. Clare's War Memorial to mark the day and observe a two minutes silence. This small ceremony will be streamed on the 'Parish of Great Aycliffe' site from 10.45am on Sunday, 8th November. Organisation and members of the public who usually lay a wreath are urged to do so at their leisure on the afternoon of the 8th, in order that social distancing can

be observed.

The Royal British Legion has created a site for 'home tributes' on their website under "virtual field of remembrance".

### **"FROM ONE FAILED PARTY TO ANOTHER"**

#### Dear Sir,

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Yet another letter from serial moaner Alan Jordan about guess what? Yes, you are correct, Boris Johnson and our Tory government. (Newton News, 16th Oct) Mr Jordan is well known in The Newton News and other mainstream local newspapers for his incessant moaning rants about Boris. If all were factual the United Kingdom would already have sunk without trace due to our governments incompetence of everything that has occurred from sunrise to sunset each and every day since winning the election. He says that he has left that failed political party, the Liberal Democrats, and joined the Labour Party. A party that has, under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, supported by his new hero Kier Starmer, failed to win the last 2 General Elections. Kier Starmer, who supported a second referendum on Brexit, ignoring the strong Northern Labour voters wish to leave the highly politicised EU. Who helped Labour, once the party of the working classes, to become the party of the "Metropolitan Elite", ignoring its Labour heartlands, discarding them as an uneducated irritant but who could, mistakenly, be relied upon to provide the necessary votes to turn the election into victory for the Labour Party.

I am not a supporter of any particular party but over the years have turned to the Tories because, unlike many younger voters under 60 years of age, I have experienced the Socialist governments this country suffered from in the 1960s and 70s and listened to the many calls from Labour to return back to the Socialist policies that were a disaster for the UK.

Boris does not appear to be a good Prime Minister, his handling of Covid is questionable at times, but serial moaner Mr Jordan conveniently refuses to acknowledge the efforts Boris has put into tackling Covid along with the highly successful Furlough Scheme. In fact, due to his efforts, the lives of around 99.5% of our population have been saved from Covid.

Mr Jordan states that Kier Starmer is a strong leader, I have seen no signs of that, what I have seen is Mr Jordan's incessant moaning, like a broken record he goes on and on but fails to provide confirmed empirical evidence or suggest strong alternative ideas or policies that could prove to be more effective than this "incompetent Tory government". Now, having jumped ship from one failed political party, he joins another (sadly) failed party. In doing so Mr Jordan has no political credibility.

Mr Jordan reminds me of that famous Monty Python sketch, "The Dead Parrot". Mr Jordan and his incessant moaning has in fact become that "Dead Parrot". John Walker

### Aycliffe Women's Institute is Still Here For You

Unfortunately due to the current Covid-19 pandemic we have not been able to hold our regular meetings or have our excursions and fundraisers.

Over the summer we twice held a socially distanced outdoor get together in Aycliffe Park. We brought along our own flask of coffee, it was a lovely way to see those friends we are missing.

Don't let loneliness get you down this winter, if any of our members needs help of any kind, or just a friendly chat, then please get in touch and we will see what we can do.

Hopefully we will be back together soon with a full programme of speakers and events.

Please contact our President Helen on 07503 189646.

### LUCKY MAN REPLIES

Dear Sir,

You are never to old to be trolled for only trying to keep a routine and going to my local.

I have already received a letter from the club without you reciting details from it. As for keeping the club open for a couple of customers with track and trace, you can see when I was in between 6.00 and 7.00pm and who else was in, one night a count of 17 customers were present.

I wrote my letter in a rush and when I mentioned common sense prevailing I was meaning back to normality, so calm down dear! Lucky Lowery

### Greenfield Geographers Study Environment



Students from Greenfield Community College are involved in exciting learning opportunities that encourage them to be the best that they can be.

The Geography department, as with all departments, have adapted quickly to the current climate bringing learning to life through enquiry. Students are taking part in a range of exciting learning opportunities across Geography and have some stimulating activity taking place.

Year 7 students have settled in particularly well and were scheduled to visit Newton Aycliffe town centre as part of a study of Human Geography. Although the trip was unable to go ahead subject specialists Mrs Raggett and Mr Robson ensured that the students did not miss out and were able to access the experience virtually. Mrs Ragget filmed a trip to the town centre to help bring the exercise to life and enable the students to confidently consider important learning points to focus on.

Students across year groups are looking forward to further field work planned including a visit to the River Wear between Killhope and Stanhope to explore depth, width and speed of river changes downstream.

Not only do the department have a range of carefully planned field trips in place but are thinking of ways to support student learning across a range of tools and vehicles. The team have created learning booklets and have prepared online resources and lessons to be sure teaching can remain agile and adaptable to changing circumstances.

Greenfield Community College have a range of measures and procedures in place to support students to develop their learning and is committed to providing opportunities to support students to reach their full potential. Greenfield Community College promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience.

For more information visit the website www.greenfieldschool.net where you can browse information on each department.



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Mamber of Parliament for Sedgefield

### Powering Through Covid With 20% Headcount Growth

North Eastheadquartered managed IT service provider razorblue has seen 363 per cent growth over the last five years and shows no sign of slowing down.

Due to businesses increasing their investment in IT throughout the pandemic - paired with



many companies being let down by other suppliers, demand for razorblue's wide-ranging portfolio of services remains high. To meet growing demands, razorblue continues to expand its team on a nationwide scale.

The firm, which works with a growing number of clients on Aycliffe Business Park including Stiller, Finley Structures and UTC South Durham, has continued to recruit throughout lockdown, adding new roles rather than replacing them.

The team headcount is now approaching the 100 mark, with 22 new starters since March and more vacancies in the pipeline.

CEO, Dan Kitchen, said: "New roles continue to be added across the business, from our service desk to senior management, marketing and new business team, account management and software developers.

"It's fantastic that we are able to continue bringing people into the team through a difficult period, especially as a number of our new recruits were potentially facing redundancy. We also continue to welcome new apprentices to the team."

Believing that there is a huge pool of talent in the area, razorblue wants to promote the North-East as a place for young people to pursue their careers and earlier this year the company invested more than £600,000 in its new head office in Catterick.

Dan continued: "Technology is a fast-paced and exciting industry to be involved in. We think it is important to support young people in the early stages of their career and have several team members who have progressed to senior managerial roles with us since starting their apprenticeship.

"Our new purpose-built headquarters give us twice as much space as we had before, allowing us to expand the team and host more customer events and demonstrations."

The company has recently acquired a new office space in Edinburgh which has expanded reach into Scotland, bringing the total number of offices to seven including: Wynyard, Newcastle, Manchester, Leeds and London.

The firm specialises in managed IT, security services, super-fast connectivity, cloud and hosting and business software solutions across a broad range of industries. Due to the nature of the business, it experienced a peak in demand for support with homeworking solutions and with uncertainties about the future economic climate, business owners are now focusing on survival through improving efficiencies.

Dan added: "We were already accustomed to very agile working practices, so we haven't learned anything ground-breaking; I think some of our clients have though!

"The forced shift towards a more digital working environment has opened the eyes of many business owners who now acknowledge that through investing in IT services, productivity and profitability levels can be enhanced.

"Tech in general allows businesses to gain efficiencies over their competitors and grow their market share, which i sgoing to become ever more important in an economy that's contracting, rather than growing. We are working closely with our clients and doing everything in our power to help secure the future of their businesses and support them through this period."

razorblue plans to continue expanding its nationwide coverage in addition to adding more products and services to the current offering.

Find out more at www.razorblue.com

### Companies Offered Free Support to Help Kickstart Post-Lockdown Economy

Innovative SMEs across the North East are to be offered free business support packages to help them launch new products or services and adapt to the post-Covid world.

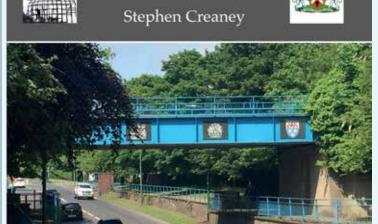
The scheme, which targets companies with high growth potential, aims to boost growth and innovation and help reboot the postlockdown economy. It is funded by the government agency Innovate UK and run by RTC North, a leading business support provider which is based in Sunderland.

The scheme, which is part of the Chancellor's £1.3bn support package announced in April, will offer businesses up to 12 days' free coaching. It is ideal for those which have, or are developing, revolutionary products and need help to progress them or enter new markets; or those facing a decline in sales due to market trends or new technologies and which need help to change and adapt. The Innovation and Growth Services scheme can address areas such as Identifying and securing new clients, accessing new markets, funding opportunities, building resilience, R&D and innovation capacity, reviewing business models, planning for growth and developing supply chains.

Thierry Delange, Business Development Manager at RTC North, comments: "In this current climate, companies need now more than ever, a friendly face to turn to for practical advice and support. Our experienced advisors act provide an external perspective and structured approach to help senior management to successfully navigate the disruptive environment and achieve growth and scaling. "Ultimately, our advisors are here to help ambitious businesses do better, develop better products leading to increased sales. That's what Innovation is about."

For more information on Innovation and Growth services visit the RTC North website.





A Long History of a New Town

### AYCLIFFE COME FROM BEHIND TO WIN AT WEST

#### West Auckland 1 - Newton Aycliffe 2

Newton Aycliffe scored twice in five second half minutes to come from behind at The Wanted Stadium and seal all three points over West Auckland Town. Ethan Wood and Adam Burnicle both scored goal-of-the-week contenders to cancel out Aaron Thompson's spot kick for the hosts as Aycliffe's unbeaten start to the Ebac Northern League Division One season rolls on.

Colin Stromsoy's side headed into Saturday's local clash on the back of a hugely impressive 7-1 victory over Northallerton Town in midweek and made one change to the starting XI with Nick Green coming in for Connor Phelan. Stromsoy insisted before the game that West Auckland would be the side to punish Aycliffe if his side were to lose focus and it was the home side who started brighter looking to utilise the pace of Adam Wrightson.

It was he and Anthony Bell who linked to create the first opening in the game with Bell drawing a near post save out of Adam Pickford. Pickford found himself the focus of attention two minutes later when he was adjudged to have handled outside of the area but referee Chris Ellis deemed a yellow card as the necessary form of punishment much to the relief of the Aycliffe stopper.

The home side continued to press in the opening stages buoyed by their recent home success over North Shields as Aycliffe had to

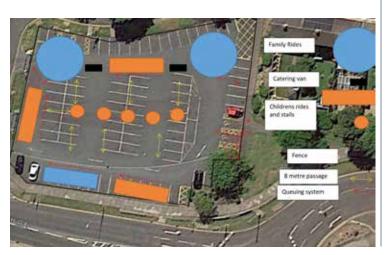
### Aycliffe Fun Fair Following Current Guidelines

Aycliffe Town Centre management are once again to provide a family fun fair during the half term break.

Turners Fun Fair and the Town Centre Management have worked hard to create a safe environment for families to attend the five day event. They have followed the strict guidance which has been placed around this type of event, including risk assessments covering all Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines, Local Government Association Outdoor Event Guidance as well as a comprehensive event plan and a site plan showing the queueing and one-way system arrangements for families to follow.

All the staff have been trained and will follow the risk assessment guidelines including: increased hand washing, regular and routine disinfecting, provision of hand sanitiser in all areas, strict application of social distancing (presently 1 metre plus, although 2 metres is recommended) and a continual dynamic risk assessment to monitor numbers of people and reacting to overcrowding. Staff shall maintain an overview of numbers and close the entrance(s) to further admissions whenever it is felt that the number of persons permitted has been reached. The organisers are hoping this is an opportunity for families to venture out of their homes to an organised event and enjoy an activity arranged around household families going out together. The event will take place from Saturday 24th to Wednesday 28th October from 10.00am to 7.00pm in various locations including Bewick Crescent car park, the town centre mall and the small car

park behind the Leisure Centre (see page 5 for full details).



feel their way into this derby contest. Midfielder Ben Dibb-Fuller was the first to make a mark for the away side as his freekick whistled narrowly over Sam Guthrie's bar. Liam Jarvie forced Guthrie into a routine stop after getting the better of Gary Brown as both teams tried to win the midfield battle in a scrappy affair. Guthrie was spared his blushes on the half hour when he almost let Burnicle's effort from range creep through his legs before denying the striker with a smart stop with his legs a minute later.

The best chance of the first half fell to captain Aaron Brown in stoppage time when he found himself unchallenged in the area but he headed Lewis Walton's cross straight into the arms of Guthrie as the sides went in level. If the first half summed up a local affair with little to separate the two teams, the second half burst into life inside the opening 10 minutes. Kyle Fryatt was able to force his way beyond Walton and into the area, drawing a challenge from Brown that resulted in a penalty for the home side. Thompson stepped up and kept his cool by slotting the ball down the middle to give the home side the lead and test Aycliffe's resolve. But the response from Stromsoy's side was perfect as they levelled the scores a little more than a minute later when Wood arrowed a 25-yard rocket into the corner of Guthries net before treating The Wanted Stadium to a celebration befitting of his equaliser.

The goal buoyed Aycliffe and within five minutes they completed a spectacular turnaround through Burnicle who scored a goal from nothing. Jake Petitjean slid the ball into Burnicle on the edge of the West Auckland penalty area and despite looking like there was little on the striker dug out an exquisite strike with the outside of his boot that sailed into the top corner. It was a goal befitting three points in any game as Aycliffe would hold on through a hard fought remaining 30 minutes

Adam Burnicle's fifth league goal of the season was a goal scored in spectacular style. He stepped up on the edge of the area with minimum back lift to curl a delightful effort at goal with the outside of his foot.

"It's another one picked out," said a smiling Burnicle. "It was great to see it go in - especially after the keeper got a touch on it, I was worried he might not have done enough."

Burnicle is no stranger to trying the audacious having scored a similar goal at Teesdale Park earlier in the season during a 6-0 win at Thornaby. When asked which he preferred Burnicle said: "Probably this one [West Auckland]. I literally had to dig this one out from under my feet."

While Burnicle revelled in his goal, the striker was delighted with his teams response to going a goal behind at The Wanted Stadium. "I was thinking the worst when they scored the penalty, I couldn't believe we'd gone behind," he said. "But we've come back into it straight away with Woody's strike – a tremendous strike – and I thought our tails were up once that went in. You could see it stepped us all up all over the pitch."

With Wood's 25 yard strike fizzing into the corner of the net the only question that remained was: who scored the better goal? "Oh definitely mine," Burnicle joked. "Better tekkers."

Colin Stromsoy hailed his side's character following the huge win at The Wanted Stadium. "We showed real character to come from behind in the manner we did," said Stromsoy. "The game swung quite a lot but we showed a real grit and determination and I believe we deserved to win in the end. The goals were really, really good," said Stromsoy. "We didn't work their keeper as much as we should have done, the final ball was a little bit off today but we kept at it. It was a good game, but as a coach I want it closed up. As players it can become nervy where you sometimes don't make the right decisions and as a result it became a bit more like a basketball game at times. I knew it was going to be a really hard game – they changed their set up to combat us."

West will take far more points from teams at home than they'll lose so it's a really huge three points for us. They're a really good team, they're well organised so for us to come here and get three points it's an absolutely fantastic result."

Video highlights of both the Northallerton & West Auckland games are available on YouTube or via the club website www. newtonaycliffefc.co.uk - Newton Aycliffe now have two home games in the Ebac Northern League Division One. Whickham will visit the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday 24th October (KO 3pm) with Consett following on Tuesday 27th (KO 7:45pm). Under current Covid rules crowd capacity is limited to 150. Admission is £6 adults, £4 concessions and is 'pay on gate'. Please note that we are now able to take card payments at the turnstile. Please check in at the ground using the NHS Covid-19 app, use the hand sanitiser provided & maintain social distancing.

Goalscorers Ethan Wood and Adam Burnicle Photos by Yvonne Wood. Report by Joe Ramage

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### LITTLE EAGLES F.C. FLYING



Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club Little Eagles boys development section has completed another very successful summer programme.

Despite being unable to get together for many months during lock down, the boys continued to practice at home, ready and waiting for the restart, which we were able to do at the start of August. The boys, aged between 4 and 6 years old, are all preparing for team football in our local leagues, with our qualified and experienced coaches. As the winter approaches, the boys will move to more suitable facilities to ensure that their football development progresses. The Little Eagles development section has produced new teams at Under 7 to start the league in February; under 6's ready for friendlies, when allowed, but joining the league next season and our under 5's, starting on their football adventure and continuing to develop the basic skills in a fun environment.

As well as the Little Eagles for boys, the club has the very popular Wildcats for girls aged between 4 and 8 years of age. Both these development sections will ensure that football for Newton Aycliffe Youth FC has a bright and sustainable future.

If you need any further information contact Berni 07939 045242 or visit our website www.nayfc.com

### THE TRUTH ABOUT BREXIT

#### Dear Sir,

Can we have some truth about Brexit, at the last election I campaigned for the re-election of our sitting MP Phil Wilson I campaigned not just in Newton Aycliffe but throughout the Constituency of Sedgefield. On the doorstep I got the same answer why they would not vote Labour, one was Jeremy Corbyn, the other was Brexit. I want to concentrate on the second issue which is Brexit. It now seems likely that we will leave without a deal which was against what I said, that before we leave we should see what is in the deal which Boris said during the election campaign he had an oven ready deal. Now we find that there is no such deal and on information from the consumer association magazine "Which" who have reported that the price of cars will rise, some by over £1000. We now know that jobs will disappear when firms like Honda will pull out of the UK with the loss of 3500 jobs, who is going to fill the void of these job losses? The

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*"Earn some Pocket Money"* SUIT OVER 13 YEARS OR ACTIVE RETIREES question I ask is how many more jobs are to go before people realise the mistake they have made?

There is a lot of gloom surrounding the post Brexit trade talks between the UK and the EU and at the moment, but they were never going to be easy. UK left the EU on the 31st January and entered a transition period until the end of the year. On the 1st January 2021 things are going to change, and time is running short to agree a new trade deal before then.

The tasks have been overshadowed by the Covid – 19 crisis especially at the beginning when the talks had to take place via video link. But that is not the only reason that big disagreements remain after seven rounds of negotiations. It's mainly a matter of substance.

If a free trade deal does emerge, it won't be a particularly ambitious one. There hasn't been time to go for much more than the basic model, the main issue I would ask is "what do our politicians want from the UK, and EU want? Next year jobs will go because we will lose some 43% of UK exports, no deal will result in not having any formal agreement with the EU. It is also worth remembering that negotiations are not just about trade. There are important talks, for example about police and security co-operation as well. The UK wants to maintain the same access to shared databases that it has now, but the EU says that isn't on offer to non-members. But if trade talks fall apart don't expect much meaningful agreement on anything else. The EU isn't perfect but change it from within not on the outside. Vince Crosby

### Sign the Petition to Keep the Loco in Darlo



A new campaign has been launched to keep George Stephenson's Locomotion No1 in Darlington.

Built by pioneering railway engineers George and Robert Stephenson, Locomotion No. 1 was the first steam locomotive to haul a passenger-carrying train on a public railway, making its inaugural journey in 1825 between Stockton and Darlington.

For more than 160 years, the locomotive has been looked after by the people of Darlington, and since 1975, it has been on permanent display at the Head of Steam, Darlington's railway museum. As a national asset, Locomotion No. 1 is part of the National Collection and is therefore under the control of the National Railway Museum (NRM), part of the Science Museum Group. Now, the NRM has revealed plans to move it out of town. With the 200th anniversary of the worldfamous Stockton and Darlington Railway approaching in 2025, and ambitious plans for a new rail heritage guarter in Darlington including a redeveloped freeto-visit museum, the loss of Locomotion No. 1 would be a major blow to the town. Darlington Borough Council, with support from rail heritage experts and a cross-party group of politicians, has launched a campaign to Keep the Loco in Darlo.

Councillor Heather Scott, Leader of Darlington Borough Council, says: "This is something the people of Darlington will be horrified about, and I fully understand. "I want to send a very clear message to people in Darlington that this council will leave no stone unturned in our quest to keep Locomotion No. 1 in Darlington. "Keeping Locomotion No. 1 in Darlington is crucial for our 2025 celebrations - it's unthinkable to imagine it anywhere else but Darlington for the 200th anniversary of the world's first passenger railway. I would urge people to sign the petition and add their voices to our campaign the case for keeping Locomotion No. 1 in Darlington is not just persuasive, it's compelling.'

To sign visit: www.darlington.gov.uk/ keep-the-loco-in-darlo

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The Hog Blog!





#### There are no goodbyes

When we say goodbye we automatically associate it with something coming to an end; an event, a relationship or the life of a loved one. But in reality whether you look at it from a spiritual or scientific viewpoint there are no goodbyes. Spirit and science teach us the same truth using a different language to do so, once something comes into existence it can never not exist, it simply changes its structure and continues as another form and in a different place.

Both science and spiritual teachings expand the same truth; we are energy beings and as such our physical form is limited but our energy is immortal. Put simply; if you exist in the present moment then you always have, and always will. The greatest truths in life exist independently of our beliefs and the only thing stopping us accepting this reality are self imposed limitations, constraints set in place by our physicality, our conditioning, ignorance and fear and a deep seated belief in the word "can't", and what we are told is possible.

No one is ever lost to us, or an act of kindness wasted. The smallest act of love has the power to touch the hearts of those beyond our reach and heal those not yet born. As the ripples of love and kindness travel beyond our own limited horizons freed from the constraints of time and space, the love we feel and share is eternal connecting us to what was, what is and what always will be.

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There are that many things happened this week it's been quite exhausting but I will begin with thanking everyone who supported us at our sale last Saturday, we hope we were of some help to you too, because there were no shortage of visitors with plenty of questions. Firstly can we thank Karen and Brian, Community Support, for making it happen and all our other visitors for purchasing goods to help our prickly babies, firstly June, Nancy and Joyce, Mr Clegg for cash donations, finders, Nanette for bringing in two lovely little girls Bobbie and Goldie, both poorly but stable, Alan and Sandra who donated to the rescue and Pat for Cervs. All the juvenile hoggies in our care are too small for release this year, we will feed, care and medicate wherever necessary but more importantly keep them warm, hibernation is out of the question for all in Rescue because they are far too small. We can't forget to thank a lovely young man called Will, he has managed to tell his school friends about our hoggies, he has been in rescue before lockdown and held a couple of verv small baby hogs, he was guite smitten with them because of their gentleness and adorable faces.

We are very busy at the moment, babies everywhere, so if you see a hedgehog that looks too small, about the size of a small orange, please pick the little one up and take it out of harms way, they can't defend themselves and they need to be kept warm. Tip of the week: Our hedgehogs need our help, they are endangered, protected under the wildlife act and at risk of extinction, any hog out during the day may be in trouble whatever their size, The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are there with information on Local Rehabbers, they also provide literature for anyone needing help with a sick, injured or orphaned hedgehog on 01584 890801.

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### Remembrance Sunday at St. Andrew's

We are very sorry, but due to the present pandemic there will be no service of **Remembrance at St Andrews Church** Avcliffe Village. If you would like to lay a poppy wreath, people are invited to come at any time during the day and lay it privately. There should be no gathering of people. God bless. **Rev Jeff Anderson** Team Vicar.

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**Robert Donald** Eltringham and all Greta of the family wish to acknowledge the help and support they have received from their wonderful friends neiahbours. and particularly over the past eight months when Don became housebound due Covid-19 to the pandemic. We thank Bewick Crescent Surgery for their unfailing support, the Bishop Auckland Hospital Stroke Rehabilitation Unit and related services - the District Nurses, Physiotherapists and Speech Therapists who provided support following Don's stroke in 2016. DCC Care Connect Service, Clare's Church, St. Bethany House Day Defoe and Centre Care Court Home, where Don spent his final days. Also Whitehouse Funeral Service who handled the arrangements sympathetically in these difficult times.

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### In Memoriam

#### Syd Howarth 21/10/37-29/10/18



Remembering a one in a million Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Thinking of you on your birthday and every day. Paul, Beverley, John-Paul, Carrie, Matthew and families

#### Syd Howarth 21/10/37-29/10/18



Cannot believe it is already 2 years since we celebrated your birthday and a week later were broken hearted when you left us, you will always be remembered with love, much happy memories and thanks for all you have done. Missed always, Stuart, Joanne, Adam and Alex

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you, always in our thoughts and never forgotten. All our love, Chris, Michelle, Jack and Joe xx

#### Norman Robertson

25th October 2016 In loving memory of a dearly missed Dad. celebrate We'll wonderful life your your favourite with renamed meal, а 'nomlette' and vour tipple favourite 'wisniowka'. Until we meet again, cheers Pops. All our love, Dean, Michelle, Graham and Grace xx

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#### Obituary **Cheryl Clark** Ena Rigg (nee Stanley) Died peacefully at home in Spain on 18th Peacefully in hospital on 11th October. Much loved Wife, October, 2020 after losing her tireless Much loved Wife, Mam, Auntie, Cousin, battle with cancer. Syd Howarth The former Mother-in-Law and postmistress Grandma. of Post Simpasture Dearly missed by all of Office and manager of the family. various betting shops Private funeral only, regrettably due to current restrictions. in Newton Aycliffe was surrounded by her loving family, for whom she was a Ena will be arriving Neville Parade at constant source of Methodist Church at strength and support. 12.45pm on Tuesday October Her passing will leave 27th for a tremendous hole in those wishing to pay her family's lives, but respects outside. No flowers please, donations in lieu to they are comforted in knowing that Heaven Another year without has gained an angel. any of Ena's favourite Cheryl's Husband, charities such as Maurice and two sons, The British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research, Darlington Memorial Hospital or Simon and Adrian, will miss her greatly. any charity working in the local community. Freda N. Marshall God Bless. Congratulations **Claire Carlton** Happy 40th Birthday 22nd October 2020 From Mam, Andy 0n 12th October and family peacefully 2020. in hospital, aged 87 Wife of the late Ronald Funeral and dearly loved Mother of Ann. Formerly of Newton Cards Aycliffe ጲ District Completed within Canine Society. No funeral due to 24 hours Covid restrictions. A

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### Frank Swinburne Trophy Returns to Aycliffe DUPLICATING

Newton Aycliffe recaptured the Frankie Swinburne Memorial Trophy with their recent victory over Northallerton Town Newton Aycliffe regained the Frankie Swinburne Memorial Trophy on Wednesday night after their victory over Northallerton Town in the Ebac Northern League Division One.

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Captain Aaron Brown was awarded the trophy by Diane and Hannah Edwardson after Aycliffe's 7-1 win at The Calvert Stadium.

The Trophy is contested annually between Newton Aycliffe and Northallerton Town in league or pre-season fixtures in honour of Frankie who sadly passed away in 2013. Frankie was, and remains, a much thought of member of the Aycliffe family having been a renowned member of the club's committee - none more so than with his





efforts and endeavours to support the team during the historic 2010-11 Second Division championship winning season.

Speaking in our recent programme feature, ex-club captain Sean Tarling gave special praise to Frankie saying: "Not only did we have the players, atmosphere and the banter, we also had Frankie Swinburne who was an absolute legend and always will be. "Frankie looked after the lads week in, week out and the season we won the league it really was for him. He was with us every step of the way that season."

In April 2010, Frankie and good friend Peter Allison raised over £1,000 for the club when they walked from the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium in Aycliffe to The Calvert Stadium in Northallerton nearly 30 miles away.

The two clubs have remained intertwined since and maintain a healthy relationship with one another with members of Frankie's family offered the opportunity to attend each fixture between the clubs to celebrate his memory.

Wednesday's win meant the trophy will return to the Beaumont Landscapes for the sixth time in the eight seasons it has been contested for.

Speaking after the game Diane said: "It's a lovely thing to do in memory of my Dad, Frankie, well done Newton Aycliffe FC." The club would like to extend their thanks once more to Northallerton Town for their hospitality in allowing this to take place and we look forward to welcoming you all to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium later in the

season. Frankie Swinburne Memorial Trophy History

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By Joe Ramage

### BRITISH SUMMERTIME ENDS

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# **BUSINESSES**

#### Dear Sir.

I read in a local paper that the Forrest Park development has signed up two business for the new park; a KFC drive through and a petrol station with a convenience store. This brings nothing new to the site, but a duplication of what is already there which will only bring competition.

As a layman I can not see at the present time why we need this area developed to this extent. As I go round the current Business Park you can see numerous empty office spaces, industrial units, large and small, as well as building land available. Would it not, at the present time, be more realistic to concentrate on what we already have available and use the finances to fill the Business Park which is ready to be put to use straight away. John Armstrong

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