

# Newton News

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## 100 Hymns

In early April Captain Sir Tom Moore's family asked the public to mark the fact it was a year since he started his walk raising money for the NHS. Suggesting people did their own 100 for charity. George Lee, organist at St. Mary's in Newton Aycliffe, took up the challenge and decided to play 100 hymns in a week for our parish project, "Just Small Change" in Kisumu, Kenya. They facilitate

local micro finance schemes which respond directly to the needs of the vulnerable in rural and urban communities. A magnificent £576.74 was raised by parishioners sponsoring a hymn which was truly amazing given our reduced congregations due to Covid-19 restrictions. Well done George and a huge thank you to all who sponsored him.

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PAUL HOWELL  
MP for Sedgfield



# Extreme Beekeeping

Getting stung occasionally by a bee is usually the extent of the hazards beekeepers expect to face. Last week builders working in Shildon encountered a large colony of bees nesting in the top of a chimney. The builders were tasked with removing the chimney but clearly didn't want to get too close and didn't want to kill the bees either. They called the local pest control officer who in turn called Aycliffe Beekeepers Association. Working on scaffolding, beekeepers Roger Chappel, Stuart Fawcett and Steve Jenkins found that the colony was indeed extremely large, well established and had probably been there for some time. After some effort the concrete cap of the chimney and four or five courses of bricks were removed exposing the top part of the colony. Large lengths of comb with bees were carefully removed and placed in three cardboard boxes. The following day the bees and their comb were transferred to a wooden, purpose built hive. We hope the colony will become part of our apiary and have a healthy future. Aycliffe Beekeepers Association have found

the pandemic a challenge but have adopted technology such as Zoom to get us through. Our meetings have all been on-line and we have just completed our first training course via the internet. As social distancing rules relax we will be able to start practical training in our apiary at St Oswald's. At this time of year beekeepers are getting ready for the new season. The bees, who have been relatively dormant over the winter, have started foraging for nectar and pollen. Soon we will be inspecting our hives and helping our bees build up and ready themselves for the new season. During the cold winter months we feed the bees with fondant (where necessary) and the association has been fortunate to receive a helpful supply of sugar from Tesco and Aldi. Around May/June honey bees have a tendency to swarm. This is part of their natural reproduction cycle - about half of the bees in the hive leave with the Queen bee and look for a new place to colonise. This is probably how the bees in Shildon ended up in the chimney. As an Association one of the services we offer to the public is to collect swarms. A swarm of bees may contain tens of thousands of bees and can be quite an alarming sight but we don't want the bees killed or harmed so we are happy to save them and try and turn them into a productive colony. If you see a swarm this summer which may have settled nearby, typically on the branch of a small tree and the size of a small rugby ball, please contact us. Contact the Secretary Steve Jenkins email: secretary.aycliffebka@gmail.com Mobile: 07825 980692



# Glacial Plains at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome Darlington Association of Photographers to The Greenfield Gallery. The exhibition features artwork displaying innovative and varied techniques by the collective and will offer an exciting creative programme of activity which will run alongside the exhibition. The exhibition includes over seventy pieces of work which explores local areas and those features on the limits, including picturesque landscapes, historic industries, townships and villages.

The exhibition runs from Thursday 20th May to Wednesday 23rd June and The Greenfield Gallery is open from 10.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00am to 4.00pm on a Friday and is operating to ensure your safety and is subject to guidelines. Creative opportunities inspired by the exhibition include a Cyanotype talk and demonstration session with artist and photographer Elaine Vizor. There will also be the chance to take part in creative challenges via our newsletter and the exhibition will be an inspiration to our CREE and student groups over the coming weeks.

If you would like to know more about our full summer programme or are interested in our taster session contact our friendly team by emailing [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) or call 01325 379048 to find out more. You can sign up to our monthly newsletter by visiting [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk)

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# Church Christian Aid Month

Dear Readers,

Some of you may realise that this month is usually when Churches Together in Great Aycliffe collect for Christian Aid. Due to the Pandemic we could not collect anything at all last year. I have approached Shirley Cormack, our Community Champion at Tesco's, who has kindly agreed to allow a bucket collection in the store. Of course people cannot stand with collection buckets, as we have to adhere to government rules regarding this.

Instead, Shirley will be placing the buckets

around the store for any donations towards this charitable organisation, which does such sterling work around the world. As we all know, the many places that are really suffering are needing funds, such as Myanmar, many places in Africa, The Yemen as well as India which is suffering badly - our money is a God send to them all.

I am appealing to all the generous folk who shop in Tesco, to help all you can by donating any amount, every penny counts. Please, if you only are a card payer, like myself, try and bring some small change next time you go to Tesco as the buckets are there for a short while only.

If you cannot get to Tesco, most of our churches on the town will receive your donation, with thanks. These are St. Mary's, Central Avenue, St. Clare's, St Cuthbert's Way, St. Andrews (Aycliffe Village), The Methodist Church, Neville Parade and the Church at Woodham, held in the hall opposite Bethany Nursing home.

Of course, you can also send donations direct to Christian Aid which will be showing details on Television, Facebook and in Newspapers.

We THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for thinking about helping Christian Aid, a charity which helps everyone in need. God bless, from all at Churches Together in Great Aycliffe.



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## Dogs Trust Urges People to Give Old Dogs New Digs

Since lockdown began, demand for puppies has soared and families have welcomed the pitter patter of tiny paws into their homes. But Dogs Trust Darlington is urging dog lovers, who are thinking of welcoming a four-legged friend into their life, to consider giving a golden oldie their perfect retirement home. Google searches for buying a puppy increased by a huge 213% after lockdown began in March last year compared to the previous twelve months. Now Dogs Trust is asking people to remember that when it comes to giving a rescue dog a second chance, older dogs need new homes too – and have lots to offer.

One such dog is Jack, a 17-year-old Jack Russell Terrier, who came into the care of Dogs Trust Darlington after his previous owner sadly passed away. He was recently adopted by Durham local, Marjory, aged 96. In the nine months up to the end of March this year, almost 50% of people looking to adopt a dog from Dogs Trust were looking for a four-legged friend under six months, compared to 5% looking for a dog aged 8 or over.

Dogs Trust is working to change the tale for older dogs who find themselves without a forever home. To find out more please go to [www.dogstrust.org.uk/olddogs](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/olddogs). To find out more about caring for an older dog, visit [dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/getting-or-buying-a-dog/rehoming-and-looking-after-an-older-dog](http://dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/getting-or-buying-a-dog/rehoming-and-looking-after-an-older-dog)



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### SATURDAY

9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
<b>"Kitchen Floorfillers" Sponsored by The Cleaning Group</b>		
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Caz Bojangles
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Motown, Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant &amp; Takeaway</b>		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Drum 'n' Bass Show	MC Supa
12-1am	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	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer
<b>"Blues Show" Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service</b>		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6:30-8pm	Jazz 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	Colin McNeillie
2-4pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

### MONDAY

5-6pm	Euro Chart Show	Dave Graham
<b>"Through the Decades" Sponsored by McDonalds Newton Park</b>		
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
7-10pm	Motown, Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

### WEDNESDAY

5-7pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby

### THURSDAY

6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	Rock Night	Jonny Goldsmith

### FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	14th May - Martin Norris 'Movin' Melodies'	Gaz n Alby
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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## Coates Continues Mini Challenge



Mini Challenge race winner Max Coates will continue in the championship for 2021 with Graves Motorsport, a new team to the MINI JCW class supporting the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC). North Yorkshire's Max Coates will partner with Bradley Gravett, son of 1990 BTCC Champion Robb, at the team. Coates has retained the sponsorship support of Primex Plastics, JiC Transport, Gala Performance, RGPS, NGK Spark Plugs and Jackson and Graham Accountants as well as new signing Boss Fabrications. His new 2021 livery will be launched in the build up to the new racing season which is set to get underway at Snetterton on the 12-13th June.

Graves Motorsport are based in Colchester, Essex. Established in 2015 they have progressed through from grassroots motorsport to the BTCC support paddock, winning multiple championships along the way. With firm ambitions to participate on the BTCC itself in the near future, signing Max and Bradley is the next step towards achieving that. The Mini Challenge visits Snetterton, Brands Hatch, Oulton Park, Knockhill, Donington Park and Coates home circuit, Croft, during the 2021 season in which it remains as a support series to the BTCC events. Featuring live ITV4 coverage, reaching 20 million in the UK alone and average crowds of 38,000 people, it makes for an exciting day of action in which the Mini Challenge plays a significant role. 2020 was Coates debut season in the Mini Challenge and he got off to the best start possible with a race win at the opening round at Donington Park. He signed off the season with a pole position at a wet Brands Hatch Indy circuit in October last year and will hope to continue that form in the new season.

On his 2021 racing plans Coates said, "I'm looking forward to a new season of Mini Challenge JCW racing this year and hope that we can continue the success from 2020. I'm delighted to sign with Karl, Dave and Peter at Graves Motorsport, it's very clear that our future goals align and the essence of a family team really resonates with me. The plan is to mount a serious championship challenge, so our focus now is on preparing for the start of the season and starting it as I did in 2020. Unlike 2020, I'm looking forward to spectators, friends, family and sponsors being back trackside with me in 2021, something I missed massively from the racing experience last season. On a separate note, I'd like to thank Eddie, Rich, Martin and Owen at Elite Motorsport, as well as my Dad, Rob, and friend Gary for their support and efforts working on the car last year."

After signing Max to his team David Graves, Team Manager at Graves Motorsport, said, "We're delighted to sign Max to run under the Graves Motorsport banner in 2021. Max will bring a wealth of JCW experience with him on our progression to the next level. We believe we can work together and be in a position to fight for the championship from the first round in 2021."

The 2021 Mini Challenge UK season starts at Snetterton on the 12-13th June with the second round hopefully allowing for a full resumption of spectator support as the UK starts to open Covid restrictions in line with its roadmap. Fans will be able to follow the season via Max's, Graves Motorsport and the Mini Challenge social media as well as live on ITV4 from each event. Tickets for each race meeting are available via the individual circuit's websites.

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# Dates Announced for County Durham Food Festival

A free food festival is set to return to a County Durham seaside town this year with measures in place to keep people safe. Subject to coronavirus restrictions, Seaham Food Festival will take place on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 August. This will be followed by Bishop Auckland Food Festival in October, with dates to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The Durham County Council events were cancelled in 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic, along with most other activities in the local authority's festival programme. However, many were replaced with online events.

By staging the food festivals later than normal, the council is hopeful it can reinstate the events in Seaham and Bishop Auckland this year. Both festivals will return to their usual dates in 2022.

Seaham Food Festival will look and feel a bit different to ensure the safety of the public and everyone involved in the event. However, it will once again be located on Terrace Green, overlooking County



## Theatre School Arrives in Newton Aycliffe

A Theatre School that has been running for many years in Bishop Auckland has found new premises in Newton Aycliffe opening up opportunities for local 6 – 16 year olds.

Applause Theatre School which offers Dance, Drama and Vocal lessons found themselves, like many others, in a tight spot when the National Lockdown of March 2020 closed them down. They had been successfully running their extracurricular Theatrical Education School at St John's RC School in Bishop Auckland for many years but when restrictions were lifted for educational groups understandably St John's were not too keen on allowing the group back, just at that point whilst the finer points of the Governments rules were being ironed out.

Nevertheless, Kate Ruddick, the Principal at Applause, was keen to get her group back to some normality and searched for new premises from which to operate, eventually finding Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre with what she described as 'first rate facilities'. Applause offers students something different to do every Friday after school. By using the performing arts as a base, they create a safe place for individuals to gain skills for the stage but also for life, learning to work as part of a team to create a performance, encouraging, to go solo for added confidence and helping to improve mental health by taking part in fun and rewarding activities. The Principal of Applause, Kate Ruddick, said: "Finding these facilities has been a godsend, they really are superb and means that we can continue what we started all those years ago. I have been teaching in this field for over twenty years and never have I felt so much for the mental health and wellbeing of our students as during these lockdown periods".

Applause Theatre School for 6 to 16 years olds, runs on a Friday from 5pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre with an hour to sing, an hour to dance and an hour of drama. If you are interested, you can call 01388 664066 for more information or email [learning@playful.com](mailto:learning@playful.com)



Durham's stunning heritage coast, and will serve up the same vibrant mix of food and drink stalls, celebrity chefs, cookery demonstrations and family-friendly entertainment.

Alison Clark, head of culture, sport and tourism at Durham County Council, said: "We have reviewed the Government roadmap on the easing of national restrictions carefully and are now making arrangements for the return of our food festivals to Seaham and Bishop Auckland."

"Keeping people safe is our top priority and we will provide more information about the measures we will put in place in Seaham shortly, as well as announcing the celebrity chef line-up and information about the traders and entertainment."

Initially, the council will be inviting traders that did not get an opportunity to trade at Seaham last year to reapply, before opening up the applications to other interested food and drink producers. All traders can now register their interest online at [www.seahamfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.seahamfoodfestival.co.uk).

To stay up-to-date with the latest news about Seaham Food Festival, visit [www.seahamfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.seahamfoodfestival.co.uk) or follow @SeahamFoodFest on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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# Lighting Engineer Brightens up the Lives of Local Seniors

A local care company is urging former employees from various sectors, including hospitality, retail and the arts, to bring their valuable skills to the care sector. As the pandemic brings unemployment and an uncertain future for the job market, Home Instead Durham, which has 30 care roles to fill, is urging local people to consider a career in care. While there are job losses in sectors such as in hospitality, retail and the arts, the pandemic has caused a surge in demand for home care as people look to protect their loved ones.

Trudi Jameson, owner of Home Instead Durham, says: "It's our mission at Home Instead to provide our clients with the best possible caregivers for them personally. We are keen to offer like-minded, warm-hearted people, that want to make a true difference through an alternative, rewarding career path".

Mike joined the company in 2016, commenting he said: "For 12 years I worked as a house lighting engineer and stage manager, but for the past five years I have been a caregiver. I was seeking a career change and had never considered care until I saw a Home Instead advert.

"I went for a chat with one of the staff and found myself carrying out a trial period with the company. Much to my surprise, I really enjoyed it. I love the interaction with clients, and it is seldom, if ever, boring. It has taught me to be a better and more caring person."

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# Thank You Rotary

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my thanks, through Newton News, for the recent award I was given by Rotary Newton Aycliffe. On arriving at my church, St. Clare's, for what I thought was a meeting, I was surprised to see more folks there than I expected, I really thought that a wedding rehearsal was over running as I walked into church. Then a very charming lady, who I later found out was Trish Pemberton, President of Rotary, apologised for getting me there under false pretences, and told me that I had been nominated for the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award for my services to the community.

I wish to thank the person who nominated me, who I think was Brian Winwood, and all who agreed. To say I was flabbergasted is an understatement. Jeff Anderson, our team vicar, said that he has never seen me lost for words before! Think that was a compliment! I love working for my church and community, although I must admit that during this pandemic it has been a bit stressful. God has been good, and has given me the strength to keep going. My work as a funeral minister has brought me in contact with some lovely people, who, although it has been such a sad time for them, it has been a pleasure to bring a little comfort to them.

I am sure that there are lots of people out in our community who do exactly the same as myself, the rewards are endless, as you well know. One of the most enjoyable as a Pastoral Assistant is to see smiling faces on those in our Care homes, who we used to do quarterly services for, and this humbles me, and makes me thankful that I can still do this small act of love for those who are lonely and in need of a little TLC. There are so many things we all can do to help those in our town and community, if you need a little encouragement please contact me, I will help you all I can.

Thank you all in Rotary Newton Aycliffe, and God bless you all.  
Pam Lovelass xxx

# Young Job Opportunities

Young people aged 16 to 24 on Universal Credit will be able to apply for a number of job vacancies with a North East council through an employment scheme.

DurhamWorks has secured up to 92 job placements with Durham County Council for young people who are currently unemployed. Run by the council, DurhamWorks offers one-to-one tailored support to 16 to 24-year-olds who are unemployed and claiming Universal Credit, to get them into employment.

The placements have been made available under the government's Kickstart Scheme, which provides funding to employers to create six-month job placements for 16 to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit.

The aim of the scheme is to give young people the chance to build their confidence and skills in the workplace, and to gain experience that will improve their chances of going on to find long-term, sustainable work.

The job placements cover a range of roles in a number of areas including refuse and recycling, administration, gardening, service user support, ICT and welding/fabrication. A finance administration role has already been filled through the scheme.

Young people signed up to Job Centre Plus and DurhamWorks, who are claiming Universal Credit, will be able to express their interest in the Kickstart vacancies through their Job Centre Plus work coach and on their Universal Credit journal.

To sign up to DurhamWorks, call 03000 262 930, text 'Work' to 60777, or visit [www.durhamworks.info](http://www.durhamworks.info)

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# Queen's Award for North East Dairy



Staff at a North East dairy farm are celebrating after being awarded a prestigious Royal honour. Acorn Dairy has won a Queen's Award for Enterprise for sustainable development, thanks to its commitment to low-carbon, organic practices on its farm in Archdeacon Newton, near Darlington and farming collaborations in North Yorkshire. The family business, which is run by directors Caroline Bell and her brother Graham Tweddle, has been farming since 1928 and converted to organic status in 1998 before launching deliveries two years later. Now, the firm delivers to thousands of households through its own fleet of drivers and a nationwide network of distributors.

Caroline said: "We are delighted to have won a Queen's Award for Enterprise, especially in a field that is so close to our hearts. Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do, from how we feed the herd to how we generate our power. We are constantly reviewing our sustainability strategy, working with industry experts and bodies to find new ways, trial new technologies and understand changes that we can implement."

Among the initiatives highlighted in the award entry were the farm's commitment to producing organically, using no pesticides or artificial fertilisers, and avoiding routine antibiotics for its 500-strong herd of Dairy Shorthorn cows.

The farm also sources its energy from its own on-site wind turbine, bottles all milk in its own plant, reducing unnecessary food miles, and uses glass bottles, cutting 425kg per week of plastic from the local food chain.

Caroline added: "Our overall business is stronger thanks to the sustainability interventions we have made. Each one, such as going organic and installing the wind turbine, has led to our business growing, thanks to their ability to provide our customers with better service, better products and a better impact on the local environment. Receiving the Queen's Award is testament to the whole team's hard work and commitment. We all work towards the same goals and plans, and encourage ideas and intervention when it comes to every area of what we do. We are always looking to try new things and improve ways of working – especially when they have a fundamental impact on our greater sustainable development."

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are for outstanding achievement by UK businesses in four categories: innovation, international trade, sustainable development and promoting opportunity through social mobility. For more information about Acorn Dairy and its products, visit [www.acorndairy.co.uk](http://www.acorndairy.co.uk)

Photo: Acorn Dairy Directors, Caroline Bell and Graham Tweddle

# Reiki Personal Development

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A new 10 week personal development training course is commencing on Tuesday 18th May 7.00 till 9.00 pm at the Neville Community Centre Newton Aycliffe, at a cost of £20.00 per person, fees are payable on the commencement of the course. Enrolment on this course gains you access to my free online personal development support groups where you can share your thoughts and experiences with students around the world.

Take the time to discover who you really are and how you have been conditioned to believe all the things you do about yourself, the connection between your thoughts, beliefs and actions and the experiences you create for yourself over and over again. Learn to recognise a victim mentality in yourself and others and how to change your mindset in order to create the happy and healthy lifestyle and relationships you want for yourself. Simple easy steps; bring about the changes necessary to improve your health, happiness and peace of mind and overall wellbeing.

The secret of personal responsibility and the power it brings is to improve and raise self worth and self esteem, and in the process learn what it takes to make yourself a priority in life, and find the courage to say NO when you need to in your relationships and daily life. Come along and discover ways of letting go of the outdated and unnecessary baggage you may have carried for so long and why misplaced guilt and regret are unhealthy and don't change anything. Negative thoughts, emotions and life choices are toxic and they impact on your health, happiness and your relationships, they damage your immune system which leaves you susceptible to the onset of illness and disease. Put simply; your health and happiness, self worth and self esteem must be important to you before you can experience it and become your personal truth, demonstrated each and every day.

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# Moving Forward - Post Election

Dear Residents of Newton Aycliffe,  
Thank you for voting and I hope the turnout was nearer 40% than the usual, previous quarter of the town. I don't mind winning or losing, but not on 26%  
Congratulations to the winners and thank you to other parties, or individuals, who did bother to campaign, canvass and deliver. I hope that this time (in the future) people of the town will be able to name more than 3 out of 30 Town councillors and more than 2 out of the 7 County councillors. I hope not to have to spend the next 4 years reporting tyre tracks along the grass on Central Avenue, quads and off road bikes roaring down the Burn at 11pm, ordering a litter bin for Ross Walk because there are 3 dog bins but no litter bin. In fact, having worked on Horndale estate, Silverdale and the Black estate, I realised how unfair it is to say litter is everywhere. There are about 3 bins on each estate for over 1000 people. Will children, playing 1/4 mile away from home, seriously, tell their friends they are running home to put their plastic bottle, hot dog wrapper, or pop can in the recycling bin? It is an absolute disgrace that with 7 county councillors, with £20k each to spend, that they can't install another 10 bins, at £50 each, onto the 3 estates and pay the extra few thousand a year to have them emptied. I'll empty 3 myself on my estate and let Durham Civic Pride Green and Clean team, collect my blue bags. What have they been doing the last 12 years? They can't blame austerity and government cutbacks with £1million in GATC reserves and £50 million to spare at County Hall.  
Why should I have to keep doing the job of local councillors who I have never seen in my street, or even on my estate, when they are getting paid for it?  
By now you will know who has won . . . So don't let them (including me, if lucky enough to be chosen) disappear into the woodwork again, hiding behind meetings and office work, or their 'main job'.  
I very much respect the work of people like Bob Fleming, who has been a Head Teacher, Army Officer and Council leader. However, it is time to let a new generation of younger,

ambitious councillors from all parties to be given a chance to let 21st century people decide their future. The average age of our council has been approximately 60+ for the last 20 years, so it is time to let those with 10 or 20 years life experience with jobs, families and recent, local business and community, experience, have an opportunity.  
I, myself aged over 50, welcome new young people into local politics to make our profile more representative of a wide cross-section of society. Let's be positive and make local community politics based upon local consultation where, shift workers, elderly and disabled and single parents, with no childcare or transport, can access local councillors and vote in meetings.  
We can no longer say you must go out on a dark, winter's night to a community centre you cannot get to without a taxi fare you might not be able to afford.  
We must let the people choose how taxpayers money is spent, not a handful of retired people in a meeting many people can't attend. We must look at the solution and not the problem. For example, don't name and shame quad and underage motorbikers but take them safely off the streets and give them waste land to ride on. Make them sign a disclaimer and let a local farmer provide a site, or use the white elephant land next to Woodham Academy, with a 8pm curfew for noise.  
Please remember this . . . Can you name more than 3 out of 30 or 2 out of 7 Town Councillors? If not, something is very badly wrong.  
I am asking for a team of Town and County Councillors, working together, to create a prosperous and caring town council.  
Unified to meet the needs of the people, irrespective of political belief.  
Thank you.  
Tony Armstrong  
BA (Hons) HND PGCE FE  
and Primary QTS NVQ A1 Assessor.

## Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, were disappointed to come away with a draw after dominating large parts of the game away at Northallerton 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and reached their highest score of the season, finishing their allotted 50 overs on 228 for 8. Opener Luke Telford (sponsored by Unison) top scored with a superb innings of 50 and with other major contributions coming from Adam Gittins (46 runs), Jack Slatcher (35 not outs) and 26 runs from Michael Howe. In the home side's reply, Luke Telford (3 for 20) and Michael Howe (2 for 57) bowled well, but Aycliffe only had themselves to blame for not taking all ten wickets as a number of catches were spilled, enabling Northallerton to finish their innings on 213 for 8 at stumps and take the draw. The 2nd team, which was once again heavily packed with juniors, pulled off another excellent result with a battling home draw against promotion favourites Richmond 4th XI in the NYSD fourth division. Richmond chose to bat first and scored an imposing 215 for 5 in their allotted 40 overs, despite some good bowling from Sean Morgan (2 for 47), Thomas Dearden (2 for 50), and Harrison Pearson (1 for 36). In reply, Aycliffe batted well throughout their innings thanks to fine performances from Sean Morgan (sponsored by Unison), who top scored with 43, Ryan Patrick (24 runs) and Leo Mercy (15 runs). However, it was left to 13 year old debutant Leo Stout (2 not out) and fellow 13 year old Harrison Pearson (1 not out), to safely bat out the last four overs in a tense finale, to see Aycliffe through to stumps at 127 for 8 from their allotted 40 overs and earn their side a well deserved draw.  
*Photo: Second team bowler, Sean Morgan, in action.*

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# It's Not Fair

Dear Sir,  
I write to you to try to highlight the unfair restrictions on camping/campers - people can go to the pub and get sloshed, ignoring any notice of the dangerous spreading of the Covid-19 virus, yet we are two campers in a fully equipped vehicle, in our own bubble, including toilet facilities and shower. When we are camping, even on sites, we do not encroach onto others, most campers are respectful of the other campers space. So, why is it that this Prime Minister has restricted us to home, yet people are getting on planes, where the air is contaminated by hundreds of passengers - it is not fair? If there is a Councillor in Aycliffe reading this article who can give me advice to be able to contact 'our Boris', to put it to him about our lock-down, I would be very grateful.  
We are losing lots of money having our vehicles parked up, I have a very expensive motor home on my drive, which has to be insured, regardless of Covid-19, for my own peace of mind it is covered for all eventualities/risks. It would be nice for a politician to talk to me and maybe get a chance to contact the Prime Minister about this injustice, so campers in the area get shouting and help me get us unleashed. It is not fair.  
Name and address supplied

# Drive-In Summer Events Return to ROF59

Aycliffe Radio are finalising a packed summer line up, featuring tribute acts, local artistes, DJs and family fun days. Following the fantastic success of last year's events, Aycliffe Radio, in conjunction with ROF59 and Aycliffe Town Centre, announces the return of the popular outdoor Drive-Ins from Saturday 29th May throughout the Summer of 2021. Kicking off the events on Saturday 29th May will be the '90s v 00s' Dance Classix with special guest disc jockeys taking to the decks from 5.00pm to 10.00pm (gates open at 4pm). Tickets for this event, which are available online at: <https://www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets> and are priced at £10 PER CAR, with up to five people per car. Taking place on the same Bank Holiday weekend will be a memorial concert in memory of 'Honest John', local charity fund raiser, who passed away in February 2020. This event has been a victim of Covid-19, as the organisers have been attempting to put this together for nearly a year. 'Sounds of the 60s' will see tribute Beatles band, 'The Beatles Unplugged', performing alongside 'Jay Murray', who is the resident singer at the world famous Liverpool Cavern Club. 'Sounds of the 60s' will be an afternoon

event from 2.00pm to 5.00pm with the gates opening at 1.00pm. Tickets for this event, are also available online at: <https://www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets> and are priced at £15 PER CAR, with up to five people per car.  
**DON'T HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT?**  
*If you do not have a Paypal account to purchase your ticket online, don't worry, call at Newton News office and we will be able to help you.*  
The area is Covid-19 secure, with socially distanced parking for groups of up to five. A bar and refreshments will be available, all socially distanced with sanitiser stations and following any Covid-19 restrictions which will be in place at the time. When the Covid-19 regulations change, the events will change from cars (Drive-In) for your comfort and enjoyment, to using tables and chairs, giving the occasion more of an outdoor music festival appeal. Aycliffe Radio, ROF59 and Aycliffe Town Centre have other events planned for over the summer months, which are still in the planning stage - keep an eye on [www.ayclifferadio.co.uk](http://www.ayclifferadio.co.uk) and listen to Aycliffe Radio for more details. For further information, or to book your ticket, visit: <https://www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets>



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# Sounds of The 60s

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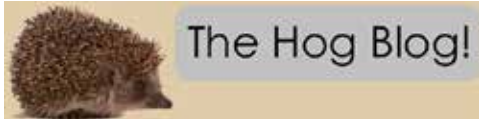


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It's been quite an eventful week, supporters have visited with some lovely items for the car boot sale that we will be doing on Sunday, weather permitting, also thanking Sonia, June and Val for their support that keeps these lovely mammals in the warmth and comfort they truly deserve which helps them recover from life threatening problems. We have also received a monetary donation from Matt and Jayne.

It is Hedgehog Awareness week this week and firstly we have to thank finders, firstly Michael who recovered a small hoggie being attacked by Crows and Magpies, had Michael's dogs not seen what was happening he said he would never have seen him and the suffering he had experienced. He was at our rescue within an hour of being discovered, where pain relief and antibiotics were given and made warm and comfortable, he has been named Teddy. He has a long way to go but he will get there, bless him, he is only little. Then on Sunday, Emma found a lovely little girl hog circling on St Mary's roundabout, she was circling because she had lost an eye, we think to predators, Emma decided to take her own coat off her back and bring her to us, she is also doing well and very cute, she has been named Mary, of course.

Tara and myself have taken some very poorly hedgehogs recently, Freddie, Luna, Teddy and Mary, (pictured) we are also responsible for ensuring that they are well provided for with food and medical supplies and if we didn't fundraise we wouldn't be able to save these lovely creatures who have more up against them than any other wild animal and we appreciate any help that is offered, so we have set up a 'go fund me' on our Facebook page where you can see the progress of all our hedgehogs and donate if you wish. We aren't releasing because of the poor weather conditions but hopefully we will see some good weather very soon.

Maxine, Tara and Tyra

**Weekly Tip:** If you see a hedgehog that's lethargic, injured or distressed, please get him or her some help immediately, wrap him or her up, and pop somewhere warm until you can get him or her to a rescue or a vet. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society have all local numbers to this area, including ours, so please ring 01584 890801.

Our email address is:  
pricklyhaven@yahoo.com

## Crafter's Welcomes New Presenter

Crafter's TV, the digital platform run by Crafter's Companion, is welcoming a new presenter to its channel. Becky Redican will join Joe Remblance and Ben Moseby as a lead presenter on the channel, working alongside Crafter's TV's existing craft experts.

The new presenter brings a wealth of experience to her new role, having run her own craft business for more than 15 years, creating pieces for art and fashion clients. She has mastered a multitude of crafts including wet felting, needle felting, sewing, painting, wirework, woodwork and decoupage.

Prior to joining Crafter's TV, Becky volunteered at a charity working with young carers and progressed to course coordinator and volunteer manager. She was invited to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen and other members of the Royal Family in acknowledgement of her work.

Crafter's TV is an interactive platform where crafters can find inspiration, education and shop while they watch. The digital channel currently broadcasts up to five live shows, featuring more than five hours of crafting fun, every day.

Becky, who is originally from Chester, said: "I've always considered myself to be creative. I am the daughter of an art teacher and my grandma taught me crochet from a young age, so I have spent most of my life seeing creativity as both a hobby and a career.

"I'm really excited to be joining Crafter's TV and making my mark as a presenter. I love the family feel at Crafter's Companion, there's a strong community atmosphere, among both the team and the wonderful viewers, and I am thrilled to be part of it." Jeni Santillo, head of broadcast operations, added: "We're really excited to welcome Becky to the Crafter's TV team at such an exciting time. Her passion for crafting and enthusiasm are infectious, and we know that our CTV community is going to love her!



## Targeted by Vandals

Dear Sir,

It just goes to show how far the Lib Dems will go to get elected!

Their letter 'Horrendous Conditions' proves they do not know or live in the area and have not got a clue about council workings. We can all be shocked by a photo or a sensationalist headline, but it does not tell the full story, or give your readers the real facts, but, as we have seen previously, Mr Walsh and his Lib Dem colleagues do not let the facts get in the way of a good headline, even to lie about Councillors seeing this property from their window, it beggars belief. They state that they have 'elevated' this with the County Council and that it 'will now be dealt with', is giving a false impression. As a matter of courtesy and good manners Mr Walsh and his colleagues could have asked the sitting Councillor, why was the property in this condition and what action had been taken to get it fixed.

The facts of the matter are that the sitting Councillors and the councils Private Property & Empty Homes team have been dealing with this property for just over a year, it is owned by an absent landlord from overseas, the property has recently been sold to a private individual who has not been identified due to Covid19 related delays.

This was a nice property until approximately 8 months ago when some resident started tipping their household waste, broken furniture and, a few weeks ago, their concrete paving into the garden. To be fair to the original landlord and the Councillors, the garden and waste bins were cleared out on three previous occasions but, they cannot keep pace with the latest dumping, unless the Lib Dem's want to regularly use council tax payers money to remove waste from private property!

During the last 6 months the house has been targeted by vandals who have smashed all the windows and doors, the sitting Councillors feared that the property would be ransacked inside and requested it be made secure, within a month the private landlord boarded it up, protecting it from further damage. The council continue to pursue the unknown landlord to bring this property back into use and investigations are ongoing into the dumping of waste, ASB and unwarranted vandalism related to this property, with action pending.

So, it would seem as if Mr Walsh, Mr Whiting and the Lib Dem's have no morals and continue to operate without integrity or common courtesy towards the other Councillors who just do and work hard for their residents year in and year out.

Labour Councillor

Eddy Adam





# Shildon Community Bus Update

We are back!

Shildon Community Bus intends to restart its transport service, covering Shildon and the surrounding areas, including Newton Aycliffe, in May 2021. We welcome back all of our associate member groups and look forward to being of service to you. Our office is not yet open but all enquiries can be directed to the Secretary, Clare Midgley, on 07515 644194 or email:

mail@shildoncombus.plus.com

We already have a couple of bookings going forward. We will be following the Government's Covid 19 guidelines to ensure the safety of volunteers and passengers, and the current advice is that we can take 7 passengers on each of our buses. Hopefully, this will change on the 21st June when the Government reviews the situation.

Our AGM will take place at Shildon Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, July 20th at 6.30 pm and all associate members will be invited, along with our volunteer drivers. We are seeking to appoint and train a new Secretary and people interested in finding out more can contact Clare. We are always open to appointing new Trustees, and office volunteers, to ensure the viability of the charity going forward. Please do give us a call to find out more.

If you have anything you wish to ask or to share with us, then we will be pleased to hear from you. We look forward to serving the community in 2021.

The Secretary, Clare Midgley, can be contacted on 07515 644194 or email: mail@shildoncombus.plus.com

## Jr. Badminton

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and are looking forward to getting back to Junior Badminton.

Come along and enjoy yourself with your friends. Play fun games, get improvement certificates and play in friendly competitions. We are back Monday 10th May at NAYCC Burn Lane at 4.00pm, all juniors are welcome and you can bring a friend. Friendly, registered coaches. Further information email:

peterwalton1@aol.com



Hopefully, many of you will have completed the Town Centre survey we had in last week's issue with the support of the Newton News team. This is designed to make sure that the efforts we are making to direct the Levelling Up Fund, announced by the Chancellor, into supporting our Town Centre, are applied in a way that delivers what people would like. If you missed the survey you can complete it at [www.tinyurl.com/uaxy6sbn](http://www.tinyurl.com/uaxy6sbn). If you need a paper copy there are spares in the collection boxes in Aycliffe Framers, Select, The Vape Shop or at the Newton Press offices. Alternatively, you can call my office and we will send you one. I don't know yet what we will be able to do, but I want to be sure I have listened to you before focusing our energies. I have had further constructive discussions this week with the senior officers at the County Council around how we progress this initiative. It's a strange week to write this column as I'm writing before the elections take place on Thursday but by the time you read this the results will possibly be declared. I clearly hope that this has seen Conservatives further strengthen our progress as elected members in County Durham. I very much also hope that a tipping point has been reached and Labour drop below the 64 seats they need to have absolute control of Durham County Council. If this has been achieved the Labour Cabinet will have to at least consider the views of members other than their own for the first time.

My week included a meeting with the Police Crime and Victims Commissioner and local County and Parish Councillors for Wingate discussing actions on the serious anti-social behaviour we have seen in that area. I can assure you that the problems we are working on are at a much worse level compared to anything we see in Newton Aycliffe. Can I please encourage anyone who experiences any antisocial behaviour to report it as this is where the Police and Council have to start from when looking at where to allocate resources. Please report antisocial behaviour by calling the police on 101. Alternatively, you can speak to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.

This week in BEIS we started by signing off the report produced as a result of our investigations into the Mineworkers Pension Scheme. With the benefit of hindsight the decisions made on this scheme in 1994 have delivered more funds to the Government seems fair. Both the Miners and the Government have done well out of the scheme but the performance of the scheme than being underpinned by a

Government guarantee, has delivered more surpluses than could have been envisaged at the time. There is no mechanism in the scheme to change the share of surpluses over time as the Government risk diminishes, it is this that, in particular, now seems unfair and we have therefore asked the Government to reconsider the arrangements. The public part of the meeting that followed was listening to representations on the role of Business, the Public and Civil Society in the COP26 Net Zero and UN Climate Summits.

I also spent time with analysts looking at the computation of the data that underpins the work I am doing on Left Behind Neighbourhoods, in particular around Aycliffe West Ward, to be sure we are interpreting things appropriately. I had a meeting with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Amanda Soloway, who is the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, where we talked again about the opportunities for ARIA, the Advanced Research and Invention Agency. Later I participated in a round table on Enterprise that included the Secretary of State for BEIS, Kwasi Karantang. I also listened to a conversation between Ken Clarke and Peter Mandelson on 50 years in Parliament hosted by the Lord Speakers office. Two very different politicians with very interesting histories. I also had a virtual meeting with the team from the US Embassy, introducing me to their role and operations.

I finished the week with meetings with the Under Secretary of State for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care, Jo Churchill, where we discussed the latest Covid 19 epidemiological data and then one with Matt Hancock.

As you can see, it's been another full week but, with Westminster prorogued until the Queen's speech on 11 May, I will have more time in the constituency and we will be working on getting out as much as we can and planning our surgeries for later in the year.

We continue to see very encouraging data on the virus and in particular the vaccination programme. The efficacy of the vaccines is even better than anticipated and this just endorses the need for as many as possible to be vaccinated, as soon as possible.

Please, when it's your turn, for either first or second jabs, take the opportunity, it's best for you and everyone else.

Remember Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air and let's all look forward to a better time soon. Stay Safe.

Paul Howell MP

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield



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# Thank You Aldi and Tesco

The Supporting Families Team would like to say a huge thank you to Melissa, from Aldi, for getting our big order of baby toiletries for us within 3 days, excellent service.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Rotary Newton Aycliffe for their help and support, by paying for our Baby Toiletries. Their support is really appreciated.

Supporting Families Team say a huge thank you to Shirley, the Tesco Community Champion, for her donation of nappies and baby milk to help needy families. These would have been sent to landfill five years ago, but Shirley donates the baby milk to our project, which is a great help.

Photo: Sheena Stephenson with Shirley.

Thank you all from Sheena, Yvonne, Liz, Rachel and Bob, Supporting Families Team.



## New Friends, New Places

Dear Sir,  
New Friends, New Places will be returning to The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe (next to Sugar Hill School) on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 2.00pm. Will will be continuing our meetings and get together and are looking forward to meeting our old friends and we hope to welcome new people to our club, particularly those who have had to face lockdown alone. It may be difficult to come into a room and meet people who are strangers but please remember, 'a stranger is just a friend you do not know'.

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# Heighington AFC Update

**Heighington FC 1 v Durham Utd Panthers 2**  
The Heighington boys recent run of wins came to an end as they suffered a narrow defeat to a stubborn Durham side. The game was evenly balanced from the start but it was Durham who took the lead with a fantastic corner routine and saw the ball looping over Matty and into the top corner. After half time the Heighington boys quickly found themselves level after Mitchell found himself 1 on 1 with the keeper and calmly slot the ball home. Heartbreak struck 5 minutes from the end as Durham pressed forward causing a goalmouth scramble which saw the ball

trickle over the line.  
MOTM - Matty Brown.  
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**Heighington u11s RFYL**  
Felling Magpies Black 0 v Heighington AFC 6

From start to finish the lads dominated the entire match. Could easily have been into double figures, scoring 6 and hitting the post several times as well. They fought to win the ball back every time Felling had it and didn't give them any time or space to play. Goals by: Ted x2, Cole x1, Coleby x1, Chapman x1, Joshua x1  
MOTM went to Cole.

**Heighington u11s Black TJFA**  
**Heighington Blacks 1 v Boro Rangers Reds 3**

A slow game for Heighington saw Boro take the lead and close the game out with counter attacking football that sent Boro Rangers to the top of the League table.

Heighington flew at Boro Rangers in the opening exchanges and went ahead when Cole Raines 40 yarder shot looped over the stranded GK.

Heighington then battled well until the 20th minute but Boro Rangers lofted a ball into the box and a mistake at the back led to an equaliser.

Heighington actually had the better chances in the second half, with Alex Scaife firing wide then hitting a post then clean through and heading over from point-blank range. Manager David Raine was left to regret those missed opportunities as a late Boro Rangers surge ended with BRR winner to send Rangers nine points clear at the top of the table and inflict Heighingtons' first league loss since September 2020.

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On Saturday, Donna and Richard Campbell travelled to West Yorkshire to take part in the Bramham Park Trail Races, hosted by Wild Deer Events, where they were also joined by Michelle Zamir. Michelle and Donna opted for the 5K race and came home in times of 25:56 and 35:57 respectively. Richard opted for the Half Marathon race, finishing in fifth place, and completing the course in 1:25:58. Monday, 3rd May 2021 saw the latest race in this year's Club Championship, with several Members participating in the Muddy Roads' Pizza 8K Trail Race. First home for the Club was Paul Dalton in a time of 32:09, which was good enough for third place overall, and first in his Age Category (V45). Paul was followed by Andy Talbot, who finished in 36:31, and was first in his Age Category (V60).

Next across the line was Trish Kay in 47:13, who also finished first in her Age Category (F60). David Stothard was not far behind in 47:49, with Carley Cooper and Kelly Dickinson following in 51:40 and 51:56 respectively.

If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, please visit our website [www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk), or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com)

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## Obituary

**Stephanie Rebecca Mary Tilley**

Of Newton Aycliffe, unexpectedly on 23rd April, aged 31 years. Much loved Mam to Codie-James, a dear Daughter and Step-Daughter to Brian, Jacqueline, Elaine and Mark, Sister to Michael, Anthony, Christy and Connor, Partner to Tony, a much loved Granddaughter, Aunt, Niece, Cousin and Friend to many. Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 12th May at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to pay their respects, the funeral cortege will be leaving Jade Walk, Chilton at 1.15pm.

## Congratulations

**Joe Howarth**

12th May 2021

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**Joe Howarth**

12th May 2021

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**Happy 18th Birthday** Joe, mine's a pint, now you're old enough, hah! Have a great day. Love, Uncle Lee and the kids xx

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## In Memoriam

**Lee Hoar**  
13th May 2019



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**Georgie Stokes**

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**7th May 2020**  
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**Sue Land**

**7th May 2020**  
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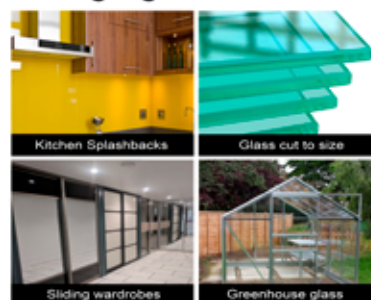
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**U8s Whites** played Fast Feet Juve. It was a close game with some good passes and defensive work. Aycliffe had a lot of chances but could not find the back of the net, hitting the post at least four times. MOTM awarded to Ellis S.

**U8s Blacks** travelled to Coulby Newham Juniors. Aycliffe soon found themselves up, thanks to a well taken goal by Regan. The opposition drew level but Aycliffe continued to work hard, putting in some great tackles. Further goals came from Regan and Fin. A disciplined display though from Jacob, Max and Findlay kept Aycliffe on top with keeper Finley making great saves, keeping Aycliffe ahead with further goals from Regan. MOTM awarded to Regan.

**U9s Blacks** played against Washington. Aycliffe started out strong but could not seem to get a goal and went into half time with no goals from either side despite lots of attempts. Benjamin put Aycliffe up in the second half but Washington quickly replied. Aycliffe's defence worked hard today and stayed strong throughout the game. MOTM was awarded to Mathis - outstanding performance today, he never gave up and worked hard throughout the game.

**U9 Juniors** travelled to Thornaby, starting brightly with some great passing, Aycliffe took the lead with a deflection. Thornaby responded with 2 before half time. It wasn't Aycliffe's day from then on, chances were created but apart from a Jack goal they couldn't find the back of the net. MOTM went to Mason for his effort throughout.

**U11s** travelled to Nunthorpe. Aycliffe went behind early on but changed things round and then began to dominate the game. Unfortunately missed chances resulted in them conceding more goals. Second half, Aycliffe played well and scored a fantastic goal courtesy of Thomas. MOTM was awarded to Keaton.

**U13s Whites** played away against Leven. A tight game but Aycliffe were on the wrong end of another 3-2 defeat. Aycliffe played really well and had they taken their chances would have won the game. Ollie and Aidan scored the goals. Brad was awarded MOTM.

**Under 14s** maintained their 100% start to the season with 2 wins this week, a convincing 6-2 win over Great Ayton on Tuesday with Reece & Jordan giving the lads a 2-0 lead before Noah's crucial penalty save. Travis grabbed a hat-trick, before Thomas A finished

the scoring. Kader were next on Thursday, with the lads coming away with a 11-2 win. Goals from Travis (7), Reece, Sam, Tom A and a bullet header from Jake.

**U16s** travelled to Normanby with the bare eleven. The first half performance was fantastic. Aycliffe fell behind twice, one being from a dubious penalty decision, but fought back to 2-2 at half time, with goals from Brennan F and a free kick from Jack C. Beginning of second half Aycliffe dominated the game then ran out of steam. Against a team with five subs, it took its toll. Aycliffe conceded three in the last twenty minutes to lose 5-2.

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