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New Mental Health Support Project

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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgfield



Charity Launches Project for Mental Health Support

A leading North East charity has launched a new befriending research project to target mental health needs across the region. Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), a health and wellbeing charity, are underway creating a befriending focused insight that will engage with professionals, organisations and service users in and around County Durham.

As it's Mental Health Awareness Week, PCP want to shine light on the importance of befriending research, as it will offer a response to future mental health services.

Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP and Chair of the Resilient Communities Group for County Durham, said: "Befriending services can be a lifeline for people, helping to tackle loneliness and isolation, and supporting people to feel part of their community whilst providing much needed one-to-one support.

"Conducting research and considering the needs of our communities is vital; services should be developed by those who might access them to ensure delivery is effective.

"The newly appointed Researchers will be very busy understanding what is currently available and working with people in County Durham to look at new opportunities and designing what could be offered in the future.

"Through funding provided by the Mental Health and Learning Disability Partnership Board we will be able to test approaches, support the voluntary and community sector to develop services and hopefully build on the excellent work that is already happening across the County."

Befriending services typically bring together isolated individuals or



communities to offer them companionship and a voice. The Befriending Research Project team is made up of Kelly Carswell and Victoria Dixon, who will actively engage with those connected to befriending services across the North East.

Research will cover pre-Covid and post-Covid analysis of befriending services to create a clear timeline of the impact of Covid-19 and befriending mental health services.

Many befriending services throughout the UK are delivered through charitable organisations who rely on volunteer support.

To get involved with the new Befriending Research Project, you can contact Kelly Carswell on kelly.carswell@pcp.uk.net or Victoria Dixon on victoria.dixon@pcp.uk.net

Visit PCP's social media channels. PCP's Facebook page:

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My final thanks goes to Julie and my family who have supported me throughout this and previous election campaigns and especially my time as a councillor, if it wasn't for their unrelenting support I would not be able to deliver on those promises.

If you require help, advice or would like to report an issue within West ward you can contact me through the following ways.

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Former Greenfield Pupil Excels in USA



Sam Hansom, eldest son of Stephen and Claire Hansom, and now 23 years old, left with his family to live in the USA in February 2013. His chosen path through High School and College was to progress into the Police and and, in time, generally into Law Enforcement in all its aspects.

Sam has now fulfilled the first stage of his ambition and graduated into the New Orleans Police Department with distinctions. Photograph of Sam with fellow graduate Jeremiah Smith.

Sam's Sister Katie is also doing well and is at University in New Hampshire studying for qualifications in Forensic Science. Youngest member of the family Alex is currently in High School in Franklin, their home town, in Massachusetts.

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Dear Sir,

In response to the letter It's Not Fair in last week's publication, if I read it correctly the writer has a very nice motor home with self-contained facilities, which they believe they are being prevented from using under current Covid-19 restrictions.

I'd like to point out that under the lockdown lifting procedures, individuals were allowed to stay away from home as long as they were in self-contained accommodation, ie caravans/motor homes, from 12th April. Caravan sites opened their bookings from that date, and in fact we have just enjoyed a four night break in our caravan.

So, sadly, the writer has missed a month of possibly getting away by either not reading or not understanding the current restrictions and I would urge them to contact their favourite site to make a booking - they are getting full rather quickly as a lot of people are looking to holiday in the UK this year.

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9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Caz Bojangles
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Motown, Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby

"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway

6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	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	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
12-2pm	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer
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
6-7pm	'Through the Decades' Sponsored by McDonalds Newton Park	
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

'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake

4-6pm	Weekend Warmup	Dan Calum
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	21st May - Nathan Abbott Dance Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby
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Neighbourhood Policing

By PCSO Sarah Button



This week we have been utilising our e-bikes to monitor anti-social behaviour and increase our levels of community engagement. We have managed to speak to many more people within the community in various different locations whilst being out on the bikes and offer reassurance and overall a greater policing presence.

We have had a great success in that we have seized one bike due to the manner of its driving and causing anti-social behaviour. We would like to encourage residents of Aycliffe to give us any information they have on the use of off-road bikes and quads by contacting the Police or Crime Stoppers by telephone or online, which can be done anonymously. The more current and specific information we get, the faster we can act on it. We would, however, encourage people to report ongoing incidents in the usual way to ensure appropriate resources are deployed.

Finally, have you heard of our online messaging service 'Keep in the Know'? By signing up to this service for free you can find out what's happening in your local area – receive regular crime updates, information on road closures and learn about what your local neighbourhood policing team is doing. You can decide what agencies you wish to receive messages off when you sign up to the service. Head over to www.KeepintheKnow.co.uk and click 'Sign up'. It doesn't take long and you can be kept up to date with many different things.

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PCSO Sarah Button

New Studios for Infinity Dance Company

Infinity Dance Company in Newton Aycliffe have recently moved into their new studios which has the most fantastic facilities for their students. 2 Massive Studio spaces which has allowed for more classes to accommodate their growing school.

Despite the challenges of the last year the school has managed to launch a second school in Shildon and also their popular Babies & Toddlers day time classes for Aycliffe & Shildon.

There are now 3 elements of the school, Infinity Dance which offers over 30 classes a week between the 2 schools in Street, Commerical, Lyrical, Tap, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Jazz, adult classes, competition crews and much more! Infinity Babies & Toddlers which offers parent and child groups in Music & Movement, Dance & Messy Play with plans to add even more! Infinity Fitness our adult classes with Zumba & Yoga sessions set to start next week.

Principle Emily says "It's amazing to finally have a place of our own even just to see our kids trophies on display is the best!! It's important to me that our students have a place they can call home and it certainly feels like home to us now. We spent 5 wonderful years at St Clare's Church, who went above and beyond for the dance school which I'll be forever grateful for, they will always have a special place in our heart as the place where it all began!"

The Dance School would also like to take this opportunity to thank their parents, dancers, family and friends for the incredible support, encouragement and commitment throughout the last year.

If you would like any info on the classes Infinity Dance Company offer, head over to their Facebook page Infinity Dance Company Ltd or give Emily a call on 07375 716750.



End of an Era as Aycliffe Town Clerk Retires

Newton Aycliffe's town clerk will spend his final day at the helm this week after stepping into retirement. Andrew Bailey will work his last day at Great Aycliffe Town Council on Friday 14th May, after 32 years with the local authority, 15 of which as town clerk.

The experienced local government officer has enjoyed a colourful career which has taken him around the North-East, the country and the world. But after spending so long with Aycliffe's parish authority, he looks back on a number of stand out achievements during his time in the town. And he's particularly pleased with community developments delivered by the local authority, including several popular MUGAs, BMX tracks and the nine-hole extension to Aycliffe's public golf course. Andrew was schooled in Sunderland then later in Houghton-le-Spring Grammar School and Sixth Form. His employment in local government started in 1973 as a local government management trainee with Sunderland Council. While holding various roles there, Andrew continued his professional education at college in London to study for the Institute of Sport and Recreation professional membership and diploma levels.

"During this time I was also awarded a scholarship to study abroad," said Andrew.

"This involved a period of study in British Columbia, Canada." In 1977, Andrew took up a post with one of the largest leisure facilities in the country, Crowtree Leisure Centre in Sunderland, before his next move took him further afield, working at the King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Saudi Arabia, in support services, working with Saudi counterparts.

On his return to the UK in 1984, Andrew again entered local government and leisure services at the King's Sports Centre in mid-Sussex before returning to his native North-East in 1985 as Chester-le-Street District Council's leisure manager.

After gaining a post-graduate diploma in management studies from Teesside University, Andrew landed his first role with Great Aycliffe Town Council in 1989 as director of parks and leisure services. Andrew explained: "The position required the management of all the sports, leisure, parks and cemeteries, allotments, golf course, driving range and events, as well as play groups. However, this was also to be undertaken while subjecting the council's grounds maintenance to compulsory competitive tendering of the service, followed shortly after with the tendering of the Sports Complex."

"During this period, I also undertook the role of Health & Safety Officer for the council, having obtained a NEEBOSH qualification." Andrew's job title changed to director of leisure and environment before a period of further studying in 1996 with the Cheltenham and Gloucester College, gaining the Local

Policy Certificate, the recognised qualification for parish and town clerks. He was then promoted to town clerk with GATC in 2006.

"My standout memories in both roles are probably the major projects which were completed in my time, they include the refurbishment of the Sports Complex, building a nine-hole extension and installation of irrigation to the golf course, the building of a much-needed works depot facility, development of the programme of events and permanent structures and art work for the 50th anniversary of the town, the development of the Great Aycliffe Way and later extending and adding a further loop. We also updated and provided new, modern and exciting play areas, BMX tracks and MUGAs; we designed and managed the construction of the Town Park, which is now a well-loved and used facility, as well as the design and development of the Aycliffe Angels Memorial Garden at St. Clare's Church and Sheila's Garden at St. Oswald's Park."

As town clerk, much of the work goes unseen, but is equally important - including production of an asset management plan, which informs the council's budget plans and spending, registering all of the council's land holdings and dealing with legal aspects such as leases.

Andrew added: "The town clerk is also responsible for overseeing the smooth operation of the council, its committees and sub-committees, and implementing their decisions, as well as leading and offering support to a dedicated team of managers and staff. Over my long career with the town council, I have seen the town grow and improve," he smiled.

"New housing has continued to be built on large sites, as well as infill sites. We have also had new housing developments which are not within the parish of Great Aycliffe, including in Heighington and Middridge parishes, but they are within metres of the boundary. The business park continues to expand and provides additional employment for residents and surrounding areas."

"Many new facilities, such as bars, gyms, cafes and leisure facilities have also sprung up and added a new dimension to what was originally an industrial/manufacturing trading estate."

Andrew has high hopes that Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas within the parish will continue to grow and develop in the future.

"While there is limited expansion available to the west and north of the town, there is considerable housing development planned to the east of the A167," he said. "Within



this development will come an increased demand for services, whether on the site of the development or existing facilities in the town. Aycliffe Business Park continues to increase in size towards the A1(M), with large units becoming the norm. Hopefully this will provide further employment opportunities for residents."

Upon retirement, Andrew says he hopes to eventually see more of the world, once Covid restrictions allow. But he added: "Initially, any plans will revolve around tasks at home, with a number of projects in the pipeline. "My brother, who is a farmer, has already made it clear he can use any spare time I have! In the longer term, as the Covid pandemic recedes, I would like to think I could have one or two last ski trips before I become too old. My travel ambition is to visit Japan, see the country and people and hopefully visit some friends who live there." And with that, Andrew signs off on his time in Aycliffe, after overseeing an eventful and progressive period in the town's history, and adding a significant contribution that cannot be understated.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:-

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

**WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY 2021
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On Sunday the 9th May I was privileged to be elected as an Independent Councillor for the Neville Ward and I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who voted for me. Once the necessary post election formalities are complete I will begin to work on the best way to represent and serve the residents of the Neville Ward. One way I feel is absolutely necessary is for me to walk the ward on a regular basis in order to gain a clear picture of current positive developments and any issues that need to be addressed. In my election leaflet I made it quite clear I only have one policy and one promise. The policy is my commitment to the best interests of the community and my one and only promise is to do the best that I can to achieve that aim. I won't always be able to give the answer people want to hear and a quick fix may be the most popular thing to do, but a pleasing quick fix is not the same as a solution to a complex problem. We are all the eyes and ears of the community and I want everyone in the Neville Ward and the community as a whole to feel they can approach me with their thoughts and concerns so that together we can work on improving the things that need to change and begin to make a real difference in our community.
Cllr Phillip Hawkins
Neville Ward

Dear Sir,
I would like to give personal thanks to all of the good people of Aycliffe North and Middridge, for giving me their vote and putting their faith and trust in me to represent them within Durham County Council. I will be making myself visible amongst community groups and associations and I hope to meet you all in person at some point around the town. Please take note of my contact details below and feel free to contact me anytime, Tel: 07765 783698
Email: tony.stubbs@durham.gov.uk
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I am Humbled

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank all those Newton Aycliffe residents who put their faith in me and their polling slips in the ballot box last week. I am humbled that residents of Newton Aycliffe elected me as not only a Durham County Councillor but also a Town Councillor to represent them on Great Aycliffe Town Council. I have made a commitment to this town, which I love and wish to serve you to the best of my ability. To this end you will see me walking around various parts of my ward making myself available for a chat so please do not hesitate to approach me with any issues you may have. If I don't have a ready answer for you, I will make it my business to find out. Councillors' surgeries will also be available for you to attend and my phone number will appear in the local press. I do not want anyone saying that they haven't a chance to meet me as I feel fervently that I work for you, not a party. Can I ask that you point out issues which I may not be aware of, if you think that I may be able to help. Once again thank you for putting your trust in me.
Cllr Ken Robson
West Ward - Tel: 01325 321471

Thank You

Dear Sir,
As one of the newly elected Conservative Durham County Councillors for Aycliffe North & Middridge Ward, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to vote for me. It is a great opportunity to deliver on the aspirations and policies that so many have endorsed. As promised, I will endeavour to work with the other progressive County Councillors who share a vision for the future built on co-operation, rather than conflict. Once again thank you all.
Cllr. David Sutton-Lloyd
Conservative Party

Lib Dem Pair Stun with Big Wins in Aycliffe



Lib Dem candidates Michael Stead and Nev Jones have rocked local Labour with shock wins in the 2021 Durham County Council elections. The pair stormed to comfortable victories in their Aycliffe wards, with both taking seats from Labour.

Popular Nev, co-owner of Aycliffe bus firm J&C Coaches, stormed to a landslide win in Aycliffe East, polling 966 votes. The nearest to him was Labour candidate, Jim Atkinson, who retained the seat he won four years ago with 556 votes.

Labour had hoped Wendy Hilary could have retained Labour's other seat in the ward, previously held by Sarah Iveson, but she finished fifth in the poll behind Conservative and Lib Dem candidates.

"I'm absolutely made up, elated" said Nev, "This is just the start, I have plans and I want to make a real change. I'm passionate about Aycliffe, I've lived there all my life, and I just wanted the opportunity to make a difference, so I'm absolutely thrilled. But it isn't just about me. I've had so much help. My family especially, my kids helping me deliver leaflets, the Lib Dem party have been amazing. Too many to mention but I thank them all for a great team effort."

In the Aycliffe North & Middridge ward, declared earlier on Friday, Stead, with 1130 votes, finished second to Tory candidate David Sutton-Lloyd, who polled 1,269. With Tony Stubbs from the Tories getting 905 votes, and his party retaining their two seats in the ward, Stead effectively took John Clare's seat from Labour.

"I'm absolutely over the moon," said Stead, who was elected to Aycliffe Town Council in a 2020 by-election.

"We've put a lot of hard work in, that seems to have paid off. The turn-out was a lot higher, so I'm over the moon the people of Aycliffe North, Woodham and Middridge understand what we're trying to do. I'm passionate about the simple stuff, litter picking, dog fouling, which is bringing rats on to the town. And the bigger stuff like we have a school with porta cabins, lots of things happening and questions need to be asked on every level, and I'm looking forward to doing that" said Michael.

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Each of Us Was Given Grace

Dear Residents of Aycliffe West, I just want to thank everyone who voted and supported me in the recent Town and County Elections, I am humbled by your support and I am sorry that we didn't manage to get over the line. We really were a Liberal Democrat Team in Aycliffe and I am delighted that Michael Stead and Nev Jones were elected to Town and County, and equally Andrea, Jo, Maureen and Tony who will also serve on the Town Council. To my Lib Dem colleagues I say, "we have put Newton Aycliffe on a map of political achievements and I will continue to support your efforts to achieve positive change for the Town".

I particularly want to congratulate Eddy Adam and Ken Robson for their victory in West for County, you have been handed the honour of representing the Ward and I hope that you are successful in representing the views of everyone, even those that did not elect you. Cllr Adam and I may have disagreed recently about a particular property in Arncliffe Place and indeed there is nothing wrong with disagreeing, but Eddy I respect your work as a local councillor, that's clearly why your supporters went out and re-elected you and I apologise if you felt I showed a lack of courtesy towards you. I do though want to address one issue which has risen throughout the campaign, from a number of sources, about where Paul Whiting and myself live. The mantra that 'we do not live in the area' is a disappointing one and sounds more like something to come from the TV programme The League of Gentlemen! Newton Aycliffe is better than that and, I hope, now the elections are over, those who commented on where we live consider what it says about them as individuals and how it reflects on encouraging people to live, work, learn and socialise in the Town. In Paul's case, suggesting that School Aycliffe is a divided community seemed particularly churlish. I moved to Brafferton in 1997 and have always found the North East to be a place which was warm, friendly and accommodating, as we move forward as a Town please do embrace those values of inclusivity and tolerance of each other. "Each of us was given grace" Ephesians 4:7.

James Walsh
Liberal Democrat Candidate, Aycliffe West

Local Election Results for Great Aycliffe Area - May 2021

Durham County Council:

7 Seats Available

Aycliffe East - 2 Seats

Tony Armstrong LIB	449
Jim Atkinson LAB	556 Elected
Bob Fleming IND	376
John Grant REF	114
Brian Haigh IND	197
Wendy Hilary LAB	417
Neville Jones LIB	966 Elected
Martin Peeke CON	518

Aycliffe North & Middridge - 3 Seats

Kathryn Beetham LAB	494
Dorothy Bowman IND	447
John Clare LAB	823
Sandra Haigh IND	197
Jed Hilary LAB	474
Andrea Miller LIB	621
John Moore IND	462
Maureen Shelton LIB	633
Michael Stead LIB	1130 Elected
Tony Stubbs CON	905 Elected
David Sutton-Lloyd CON	1269 Elected

Aycliffe West - 2 Seats

Eddy Adam LAB	539 Elected
Michaela Banthorpe FRE	40
George Gray IND	354
Kate Hopper LAB	434
Elizabeth Maw CON	350
Ken Robson IND	439 Elected
James Walsh LIB	196
Paul Whiting LIB	259

Great Aycliffe Town Council

30 Seats Available

Aycliffe Central - 3 Seats

Jim Atkinson LAB	220 Elected
Kath Beetham LAB	137
Jed Hilary LAB	144 Elected
Joanne Jones LIB	340 Elected

Aycliffe Village - 1 Seat

Carl Robinson IND	Elected
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Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall 6 Seats

Peter Bergg LAB	357 Elected
Dorothy Bowman IND	494 Elected
John Clare LAB	459 Elected
Ian Gray LAB	292 Elected
Brian Hall LAB	329 Elected
Andrea Miller LIB	531 Elected
Kane Shaw LAB	265

Neville - 2 Seats

Phil Hawkins IND	170 Elected
Simon Hocking LAB	154
Neville Jones LIB	305 Elected

Shafto St Mary's - 4 Seats

Tony Armstrong LIB	365 Elected
David Elliott IND	238
Bob Fleming IND	365 Elected
Brian Haigh IND	269 Elected
Wendy Hilary LAB	278 Elected

Simpasture - 2 Seats

John Clark LAB	221 Elected
David Hardaker LAB	204 Elected
Paul Whiting LIB	185

West - 6 Seats

Eddy Adam LAB	416 Elected
Martin Ashcroft IND	410 Elected
Arun Chandran IND	378 Elected
George Gray IND	431 Elected
Kate Hopper LAB	380 Elected
Ken Robson IND	478 Elected
James Walsh LIB	281
Neil Whittaker LAB	270

Woodham - 6 Seats

Barbara Clare LAB	Elected
Neil Collinson LAB	Elected
Sandra Haigh IND	Elected
John Moore IND	Elected
Maureen Shelton LIB	Elected
Michael Stead LIB	Elected

ELECTED TO TOWN COUNCIL:

11 IND, 13 LAB, 6 LIB

ELECTED TO COUNTY COUNCIL

2 CON, 1 IND, 2 LAB, 2 LIB

List compiled by Cllr Arun Chandran

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Great Aycliffe



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Closing Date:

12 Noon, Monday 17 May 2021

Shortlisting:

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Interviews:

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2021

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact Louise Downton on mobile 07968 379009 or by email to:

louis@downton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk



Town Centre Regeneration The Friendly Travel Club

Why is our MP calling for people to fill in a questionnaire for Levelling Up Funds for the town centre?

Mr Wilson, our last MP, received funding. Shops and businesses were demolished at both ends plus those up the ramp and the toilets removed, this was also a regeneration grant in 2008.

Promises were made on how he was going to get the main stream shops to occupy the empty units and bring the town centre back to life.. But the promised influx of top named shops failed to materialise. I did a quick count of shops, 50 in total, 19 were vacant, varying in size: 31 occupied, of which a bank is leaving this month. Maybe the next to go will be the Halifax as it was omitted from the town centre model displayed in 2008.

The outdoor market was stopped, I heard it was to prevent the new paving being damaged by vehicles and carts during set up and take down. There were a lot of residents who complained about the closure.

The town centre was sold off many years ago to a private concern based in London. So why is more public money being squandered to possibly increase their profits?

Isn't it their job to attract investment into their business?

If we had a retail park, that would be in direct competition with them, then maybe rents would be reduced and incentives would also be given to retain the shopkeepers. Is it true that there are plans afoot to build new housing which will increase the population by 20% - There are also lots of small areas on the periphery of Aycliffe being built on, besides the ones mentioned.

The town bus could incorporate the route for people without their own transport, like other towns have done to encourage shopping here.

It has to be said that the council can't do anything that will adversely affect the traders, why is a private company being ring fenced and protected?

Name and address supplied



INTERESTED IN PEOPLE AND PLACES?

Hi everyone, now that we're coming out of lock down, I'd like to let you know about this club, based in Co Durham called The Friendship Force. We are a branch of the international club started by President Carter forty-five years ago, with clubs all over the world.

We travel as a group, stay with members in other countries, do and see so much more than travelling independently, have a great social time, a full week of people, places, and experiences you never forget. Yearly we travel, sometimes long haul, when we will stay with two or three clubs for a week at a time.

Last year and this year, due to Covid-19, we are staying safe but next year a visit to the Belgian Coast Club is planned when we will use train and Eurostar. The same club hope to visit us when we will highlight our County and places of interest. Apart from travel, we meet locally for social gatherings, coffee, bar, lunches etc, keeping in touch, comparing ideas, and discussing travel plans, safety in numbers features widely for people on their own, and couples.

The build up to hosting and travel is great as, through email, you get to be well acquainted with whoever you host or will be staying with. Firm friendships are made through these encounters and wonderful travel experiences. If you are interested, please telephone me and I will let you know of two occasions when you might like to find out more. Cynthia 01325 313055.



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Aycliffe Youth Football News



Billingham Girls 3 v Aycliffe U16 Girls 2

The girls arrived at a very cold, very wet Billingham to play a team in the mix to win the league. Billingham had early chances but the girls defended well. Then as Aycliffe grew into the game a superb through ball from Morgan splits the defence and Hattie sticks it into the bottom corner. Aycliffe were putting in blocks to stop Billingham having any free shots but an unlucky bounce and Billingham equalise before half time, 1-1. As the rain got heavier the girls were still battling but Billingham scored from close range. Then from a tight angle they get a 3rd, but the game wasn't over. First a superb double save from Laila kept us in the game, 5 mins later Hattie drives past the full back and gets a cross in, before being cluttered, and Ruby heads home. It was Billingham now looking for the final whistle. Aycliffe drove forward and a shot from Hattie curls past the post, as the final whistle blew.

Hebburn 0 - Aycliffe U12 Girls 2

The girls played excellent football, battling against the wind in the first half was a challenge. The passing was great and making runs off the ball was a lot better. Hebburn could not manage a shot on target due to our defence who were solid covering each other, allowing our midfielders to push up the pitch. Safiye, in goal, had not much to do, but deserves a mention as it's the hardest position to play in very wet and windy conditions, but when called upon she was alert. Goals today Bailey and Freya, POTM - Chloe.

Aycliffe U12's Eagles 1 v Hetton Juniors 1

Ridiculous conditions at The Oakleaf, windy, wet and extremely cold. The Eagles really struggled first half playing against the wind and couldn't get the ball up field. Hetton took the lead with a good goal. 0-1. HT. Second half Aycliffe were more attacking but despite their best efforts and plenty of shots they couldn't find the net until awarded a penalty for a hand ball. Kaiden stepped up and smashed the ball past the Hetton keeper, 1-1. The boys were really starting to feel the cold and trying to run, but it was very difficult for both teams and the final score remained 1-1. MOTM went to Will.

FC Hartlepool v Aycliffe U10's Eagles

The Eagles started well, scoring within the first minute as Evan controlled the ball and fizzed it past the keeper. A minute later, 2 up as Riley played a perfect cross to Krystian who smashed it past the keeper. However, Hartlepool hit back with 3 goals before HT. Then Aiden passed to Jack who shot, parried by the keeper but Dan knocks in the rebound. Next, Jack sprints forward and scores but Hartlepool again applied the pressure and got a goal back to square the match. Some great play led to Aiden picking the ball up and he hammered it into the net to win the game.

MOM Evan who had a fantastic game.

Other results:

Aycliffe U7 Wildcats (win) v FC Hartlepool

Bishop Auckland Girls (win) v Aycliffe U11 Angels Blue

Aycliffe U9 Wildcats (win) v Hetton Girls

Kader U11's v Aycliffe U11's Boys (draw)

Aycliffe U15's 2 v 4 Hardwick Youth

FC Hartlepool 1 v Aycliffe U14 Eagles 2

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New Friends, New Places Thank You Tesco

Great news, from Tuesday 18th May we will start having our regular meetings, get togethers etc., at the Big Club, Newton Aycliffe from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

During lockdown did you get fed up talking to yourself? If so why not join us, talk to different people and make new friends?

And, when restrictions allow, we will be able to have our Mystery Coach Trips, and also 2-3 day breaks and indoor activities, which include bingo, quizzes, etc.

Looking forward to welcoming our old friends back.

For more details please contact Dorothy Bowman on 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

Heighington AFC News

Heighington AFC U9s

Heighington FC 2 - Spennymoor Town Castle 4

The lads were up against an in form top of the league side today and were also drenched by the icy rain from the first whistle until the last. Heighington were up for this one and started the game on the front foot and were the more positive team for the first 20 minutes, creating chance after chance but somehow found themselves 2 nil down shortly before half time. That is until Matty struck another of his famous goal kicks and managed to find the opposition net from his box.

The second half kicked off with Heighington behind but young Will Farrow found himself on the ball just inside his own half and danced through the opposition midfield before unleashing a low, long range, shot which was always destined for the bottom corner of the net, 2-2.

The weather conditions and cold saw Heighington playing with a makeshift defence for the rest of the game but nothing could be done about the 2 remarkable long range strikes from the opposition which took home the points. Fair play to the Spennymoor boys also who played in great spirits with some nice comments from their manager about the heart our team showed today.

Not our day result wise, but by no means 2nd best today. The boys gave everything and are looking more and more confident and are learning fast. It was an entertaining game that had everything. Every one of our boys left that field soaked and freezing but also with their pride fully intact. I couldn't have asked any more from them today. MOM: Will Farrow, played every minute in the rain, dominated the midfield and played with passion and fire with a memorable solo run and strike to back it up.

Well done all, one proud coach, onwards to next week.

Many thanks to our sponsor and the guys over at Sash for our fantastic kits this season.

Heighington AFC U11s

Catchgate Cobra's 4 - Heighington AFC 4

Mega proud of the Red and Blacks. With the rain lashing down and freezing cold temperatures the lads battled hard on what was a bad pitch (grass was way too long).

After going 3 nil down and after a bit of battling we pulled it back to 3-2 only for Catchgate to then punish us on the break to score their 4th.

The lads literally refused to give up in horrendous conditions and their efforts were repaid by getting a couple more goals to make it 4-4. Both teams had chances to win it, and there was some brilliant football on show. Massive well done to everyone (including the parents).

Goals scored: Coleby, Joshua, Jack and Ted.

MOM went to Luca, for the second game running. They were impressed with his tireless running and composure on the ball.



Many thanks to Shirley, Community Champion, from Tesco for the donation towards baby packs for Darlington Memorial Hospital that Aglow and Supporting Families have since passed on.

Greenfield Welcome Students

Greenfield Community College are busy working alongside primary school staff and Year 6 students to ensure a smooth and enjoyable transition as they become an integral part of the Greenfield Community.

#TransitionMission 2021 is being led by Assistant Headteacher Ms Davis who is supporting our new cohort by offering a range of activities and learning resources to support the move to secondary school. Students are finding out about the Greenfield learning attributes that will help them in the coming months and years and how they can learn creatively. Students will find out more about the inspiring vision of the school and how they can 'Try, Achieve and Inspire' during their time at Greenfield. The students will focus on valuable attributes such as resilience, collaboration and kindness and how they can impact and support their self-led learning.

The current Year 6 students have recently been creating some amazing images of the school logo as a fun way to get involved and there are a number of videos and activities planned for the young people. Thank you to all of the students and staff of primary schools who are making this possible and supporting the move. You can find out more about the school transition activities and the school by visiting www.greenfieldschool.net

Greenfield Community College are committed to supporting students to reach their full potential. The school promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience. If you would like further information visit www.greenfieldschool.net or contact the school by emailing contact@greenfieldschool.net or by calling 01325 300378.



Paul Howell
Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

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No Job Too Small

Dear Sir,
As a prospective customer to one of the companies who advertise through your illustrious magazine, I have a question . . . When you advertise that 'no job is too small' for you to be interested, why do you not have the decency to at least return my calls? Four times I called this company and I am still awaiting a common courtesy reply to at least tell me you are either:
1: Too busy, or
2: You can't do the job.
Just replying to my calls would have satisfied my enquiry. I have since found another company, that not only replied, but are going to do the work.
A very disgusted not to be customer

Consultant Wanted

The board of Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) is looking to appoint an individual or company on a consultancy basis to support the implementation of its 'On the Map' business engagement project. Aycliffe Business Park is the largest in the North-East, with an estimated 500 companies employing more than 10,000 people. ABPC was originally set up eight years ago as an informal group, but was formalised into a limited company in 2016 with the appointment of several unpaid directors. Five years since launching officially, ABPC now wants to engage with more companies on Aycliffe Business Park by appointing its first paid-for role, initially on a six-month term. The objectives of ABPC's 'On the Map' project are to raise awareness among businesses on the park that may not yet have engaged with ABPC, increase the number of businesses that engage with ABPC events and activities, gather feedback and views of businesses to help inform future activities, and ensure ABPC is meeting the needs of businesses based on the park. The scope of the work required from the three-month project, due to start on 1st July, is to visit businesses on the park, gather basic information about what the business does, design a simple set of survey questions to ask businesses visited in order to gather feedback and views and inform them of the opportunities on the ABPC website. The remit will also be to increase the visibility of businesses, showcase their offer to other companies on the park and ensure they're aware of the external support available and how it can be accessed. All work is to be carried out under the Aycliffe Business Park Community brand, working closely with the ABPC board. The successful candidate would be expected to produce a monthly written report outlining the number of businesses contacted per month, the numbers engaged, information gathered and business feedback/views, as well as attending monthly board meetings and the regular news and networking meetings. The candidate could either be an individual consultant, or from a consultancy business. Those interested are invited to submit a short proposal outlining their experience, how they would approach the work, the number of days proposed, and their hourly or daily rate. Proposals can be submitted by email to hello@aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk by Friday 1st June, 2021.



Parliament Talk

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The council elections gave me the opportunity to get out and talk to a number of you whilst campaigning for our candidates in Newton Aycliffe. I was delighted to see David Sutton-Lloyd and Tony Stubbs elected into Aycliffe North & Middridge. In Aycliffe we now have two Conservative, two Lib Dems, two Labour and one Independent County Councillors. This is a marked difference to the seven Labour County Councillors we had as recently as 2017. I look forward to working with this group of seven, five of whom are newly elected, as well as the Town Council members to deliver more for Aycliffe. Whilst not a Conservative member I am also pleased to see my ex-neighbour, Nev Jones, as an elected member. It will be interesting to see how the County Council control plays out over coming months as the numbers have dramatically changed with Labour dropping to 53 out of 126 councillors, meaning they no longer have absolute control. Although Conservatives increased from 10 to 24, they are the second party and the Lib Dems have 17, there are also 32 Independents. Some of them are individuals but some are in groups and how this will consolidate with the political groupings for a leadership team will be fascinating.

I also joined the Minister for International Trade, Ranil Jayawardena, on a visit to Kromek at NetPark in Sedgfield to show him the leading-edge work Kromek do in areas like radiation and virus detection. We also had the usual weekly briefs from both Matt Hancock and Nadhim Zahawi as the vaccine roll out and lockdown release programmes continue to be successfully delivered. I was part of a small group meeting with Oliver Dowden, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, where we discussed everything from Broadband roll out to sporting events as well as how we need to encourage cultural developments where opportunities are limited. I had the opportunity to visit Gestamp and meet the management team to learn how they have managed through Covid and where Government could support them further. As an employer of over a thousand people they are a key business for our town.

Tuesday saw me at the State Opening of Parliament where the legislative programme for the next session is presented and I was lucky enough to draw a place in the Ballot to attend. Normally all MPs would be there but Covid-19 has meant a reduced number can attend. I stood in Central Lobby to observe. The Queen's Speech is an important part of the State Opening of Parliament Ceremony, which marks the start of the parliamentary year. State Opening is the main ceremonial event in the parliamentary calendar. For over 500 years, it has served as a symbolic reminder of the unity of Parliament's three parts: The Sovereign, the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Normally, the ceremony begins with a procession, in which the Queen travels from Buckingham Palace to Westminster - usually by carriage. The Queen's Speech usually happens once a year, in Spring or after a general election. The last one was in December 2019, which enabled Boris Johnson to set out his agenda when he won

the election.

The Queen's Speech is written by the government. It sets out the Government agenda for Parliament's new session, and the laws the Government wants Parliament to approve.

The speech is read out by the Queen from the Throne in the House of Lords chamber and normally takes about 10 minutes. This year the ceremony will be scaled down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Queen will arrive by car at Westminster, and seating will be restricted - 74 will be allowed in the Lords Chamber, whilst 34 further MPs and Peers will be able to participate from the gallery. To prevent the spread of the virus, mask-wearing and testing will be enforced, and the Lord Chancellor will not directly pass the speech to the Queen but will place it on a table.

Key points of the Queen's Speech were:

- measures to support the health and wellbeing of the nation, including tackling obesity, improving mental health and proposals on social care reform
- overseeing the fastest ever increase in public funding for research and development
- strengthening the economic ties across the union; investing in and improving national infrastructure (rail and bus network)
- supporting a lifetime skills guarantee that will enable access to high quality education for all
- simplify procurement in the public sector by streamlining more than 350 EU-derived regulations
- achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- bringing forward legislation to ensure the United Kingdom has, and promotes, the highest standards of animal welfare
- addressing racial and ethnic disparities, including a ban on conversion therapy
- introducing law to ensure the integrity of elections, protect freedom of speech and restore the balance of power between the executive, legislature and the courts
- legislation to increase sentences for the most serious and violent offenders
- government to provide the Armed Forces with the biggest spending increase in 30 years.

There will then be several days of debates following the contents of the speech, and the proposed legislation. This year, there will be six days of debate. At the end of the debating, there is a vote. This is usually seen as symbolic, as it is extremely rare for the Government to lose it (the last time was 1924)! After this long debate, bills start to get introduced, and the year's work of debating, amending, and passing legislation begins. This week saw our vaccination team at Cobblers Hall pass over 30,000 jabs delivered, an incredible performance for the team. Their contribution, along with everyone else associated to the vaccine roll out, has meant we have now confirmed the next stage of the restriction lifting process from Monday. Please remember to continue to be sensible and whilst mandatory precautions are reducing, common sense tells you that it is best to continue the Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air protocols for a while yet - Stay Safe. Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgfield

Snap-Happy Project at Defoe

HC-One, the Kind Care Company, is offering photography students a unique opportunity to enhance their portfolios with an exciting photography project.

The UK's largest care home provider is looking for local photography students who would like to gain some hands-on experience within the health and social care sector.

The project will involve visiting Defoe Court Care Home in Newton Aycliffe, where participants will stage rooms and take photographs of the care home, both internally and externally.

COVID-19 precautions will be in place throughout the project, including wearing PPE and a rigorous testing system upon entry into our care home.

Participants would require access to camera equipment and the ability to send the finished images to HC-One. Photo



editing software would be beneficial but not essential and no previous experience is required, but a keen interest in photography would be desirable.

Sarah Todd, Home Manager, commented:

"This is a wonderful opportunity for local budding photographers to hone their skills and gain experience in a health and social care environment."

If you would like more information regarding this photography opportunity, please contact HC-One via marketing@hc-one.co.uk

So Proud!



Staff at Sugar Hill are so proud of Year 3 pupil Riley, as on 25th March, Riley's grandad had a cardiac arrest at work. The amazing team at Gestamp acted fast and kept him alive until the paramedics arrived. He was then taken to James Cook Hospital. Riley has always loved drawing so, to say thank you, he drew a helicopter and wrote, 'Thank you for saving my Grandad's life'. Riley's family then messaged the Great North Air Ambulance Service and they were absolutely over the moon! They put it all over their social media accounts and also requested the original copy to be put in their headquarters.

Riley was so proud of himself and rightly so. It's lovely to hear that Riley's Grandad is on the road to recovery.

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Greenfield Arts Summer Season

Greenfield Arts are excited to share a full programme of creative activity with you this summer and continue to offer creative opportunities that inspire new ways of seeing and being. The programme offers exhibitions, projects and activities both within our arts centre facility and online and will reflect and build upon a 'climate of change'. Our offer to young people and families includes projects and activities that are free of charge and will appeal to our 'Creative



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We are thrilled to reopen our Arts Centre facility to extend and add to our existing vibrant offer. We reopen with a new artwork 'Made at Home', by artist Helen Lane, that celebrates community creativity and collaboration. The textile piece reflects the way our community have turned to arts and creativity and collaboration.

The programme and opportunities include an artist talk and taster with Elaine Vizor and a sketching workshop with artist Graham Stead to develop skills and learn more about capturing the world around us. Our well-being and learning continue with our yoga inspired sessions and the chance to broaden your horizons through learning Spanish as a language. To find out more and reserve your place visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our team by emailing info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or by calling 01325 379048

Greenfield Arts provide and stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry to encourage our community to explore a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them. To achieve this we collaborate to produce and commission high quality dynamic and stimulating arts and creativity.

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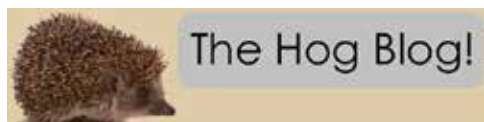
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I have never door knocked and instead have always used my banner since the 2003 election and every four years since. 2021 will be the last time that I will be standing, It is, and has been an honour to serve as your local Councillor, so thank you once again for your support over the last 30 years.
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All hedgehogs in Rescue are making excellent progress but have a bit to go before we start releasing, the weather conditions are very difficult for them, dry one minute, then wet, too wet for nest making and food sources are getting submerged. The more food we provide for them in our gardens the better the outcome for these very cute mammals.

We have had a lot of support, as usual, from Sonia, Bev, Angie and, not forgetting, June and Valerie for continuing to knit lots of lovely animals for us to sell. We have also received a cash donation anonymously, thank you all. Because it has been very cold this May we are admitting before any releasing can be done and other rescues local to us are able to step in and help. We are also attending car boot sales to raise funds to stay afloat with food, medical supplies and bedding. Antibiotics don't come cheap but it's being able to act in any emergency that is essential to rescue centres. When we receive a hog into rescue, not knowing what their problems are some detective work is necessary, time is of the essence, the sooner we get them in, the better the outcome.

In this last week we have admitted six poorly hedgehogs. Bonnie is already nice and settled here and having treatment for parasite burden, Ken and Kathleen brought her in and also left a cash donation towards her care, she has a poorly eye but it will be sorted. Also a cash donation has been received from Holly's finder, she is doing very well and has completed her treatment, poor soul was freezing cold and hypothermic on arrival but 24 hours in our vivarium soon made her better. Finally Rebecca also got in touch with us about a very weak hog, just admitted an hour ago, he or she will be allowed to sleep, get used to captivity and treatment starting later today.

Maxine, Tara and Tyra

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Press Report – Wednesday, 12th May 2021
Just three Members turned out for the Club this week, though all in very different events, in what was another quiet week for racing. On Saturday, 8th May 2021, Jez LADBURY took on the Hardmoors Wainstones 13.1 Trail Race. The Hardmoors Race Series, which usually includes a marathon, half marathon and 10K option on each race weekend, takes place on and around the North Yorkshire Moors, and the races are usually longer than the advertised distance, the organisers being proud to give you more for your money! On this occasion the 13.1 Trail Race was actually 16.5 miles, and featured 3630ft of elevation, which Jez completed in 4:02:01.

The following day, Sunday, 9th May 2021, Carley COOPER took part in the Durham Trail 10, hosted by the Trail Outlaws as part of their Urban Trail Series. The race started in Durham City, and provided runners with the opportunity to run on the trails and through the woodland surrounding the city itself. Carley completed the 10 mile race in 2:10:13.

Later that afternoon, John SURTEES donned his spikes for the 1500m race in the North East Counties Athletics Association Open Meeting at Middlesbrough. Running in Heat 6, John came home in 4:23.25, which was a new PB for John, and set a new Club Record in his Age Category (M35-39) for the distance.

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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Peter Woodhead

20th May

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All my love, Gary xxxx

Congratulations

In Memoriam

Ellie Kate Masson



Happy 16th Birthday
11th May 2021

Happy sweet 16th birthday to our girl, have a lovely day. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, your Brother Brad and fur Brother, Teddy xxxx

Lee Hoar



13th May 2019

Miss our walks and the nonsense talks. You're always close to my heart, miss you. Love, Kate xx

Peter Woodhead

20th May

I wish that I could see you Dad, for just a little while. I wish that I could hug you and see your lovely smile. But wishing gets me nowhere, and longing is in vain. So I will hold you in my heart, until we meet again. Happy birthday Dad. All our love always and forever. Mandy & John xxxx

Barbara Sutton

14th May 1932

Birthday wishes we all send to our special angel in Heaven. But all wish you were here to enjoy it. Love always, All the family xx

Margaret Henderson

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Obituary

Eileen Roach

Newton Aycliffe

11th May, peacefully in Defoe Court Care Home. Eileen, aged 95 years. Formerly of Middlesbrough.

Dear Sister to Nora; beloved Aunt to Stephen and Jonathan; Great-Aunt to Philip, Rowan, Thomas and Katy.

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Charles Edward Bussey

Peacefully on 9th May 2021, Charlie, aged 91 years.

Beloved Husband of the late Margaret; much loved Dad of Michael, Peter and David; a dear Father-in-Law; a treasured Grandad to Emma, Anna, Jonathan, Joe and Matthew and a good friend to many. Funeral Service to take place in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday 26th May at 10.45am, followed by a private cremation.

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U8's Whites took on Hebburn Town on Saturday in awful conditions and were outstanding in the first half. They did everything but find the back of the net, Josh and Oscar hitting the woodwork several times. Second half didn't go their way, the highlight being Oscar nearly scoring a worldy from half way. MOTM went to William. Well played by all despite a frustrating result.

U8's TJFA travelled to Leven Juniors with a much improved performance from the reverse fixture 2 weeks ago. They didn't get the result they wanted but a great goal from Fin put a smile on the lad's faces. MOTM Findlay for a great defensive display.

Our **U9 Blacks** played Hetton Juve on Saturday in horrendous conditions. They never gave up and played some great football. With conditions starting to tell, it was not going to be their day. An amazing effort, leaving the coaches extremely proud. MOTM went to Charlie John for never giving up and showing great all round improvement. A special mention to the whole team for their perseverance.

The **U9 Juniors** played host to Guisborough this week, in what was a really tight game. Jack scoring just on half time for Aycliffe. The away keeper was in inspired form and a world class save at the end prevented a draw. MOTM Mason, a mature, solid display.

U11s played hosts to Riverside Juniors in a thrilling match which saw lots of goals and exciting end to end football. A fantastic second half saw Callum grab a brilliant hat trick from the bench. MOTM awarded to Theo.

U12 Blacks travelled to top of the league Headworth and were unlucky to be on the wrong end of a 3-1 scoreline. Despite the result, it was a fantastic performance with Aycliffe outplaying the league leaders for most of the game. Some great feedback after the game from the hosts, leaving the coaches and parents really proud of the team.

U12 Whites were at home, hosting a very good Leven side who unfortunately ran out 8-3 winners. Aycliffe did score 3 great goals, with Jack scoring 1 and Jake grabbing 2. Ellis worked tirelessly in defence and was rewarded with the man of the match.

U13s Whites made the short trip to Darlington to play Sprairie Lads on Sunday in a local derby. Aycliffe were simply outstanding all game, and the football was fantastic, running out 4-2 winners. Goals coming from Mason x2, Jayden and Niall. MOTM was awarded to Harvey.

U14s travelled to top of the table Darlo RA in what promised to be an enthralling encounter. An awesome 3-0 win for the juniors with a goal from Josh followed by two from Tom A maintained their 100% start to the season, closing the gap to 3 points on the leaders with games in hand.

U16s played host to Cargo Fleet on Sunday at Woodham. A real team display, playing some great football, running out 4-2 winners. A hat trick from Brennan F and 1 from Jack C.

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