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Charity Celebrates Community Impact of Volunteers

A local charity is proud to showcase the dedicated work of its growing team of volunteers.

Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is honouring #VolunteersWeek from 1st - 7th June by shining a light on their volunteers fantastic work across North East health and wellbeing projects and at their own headquarters in Newton Aycliffe, the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC).

The PCC has seen volunteers lend a helping hand to maintain the beautiful community garden space for service users and the public to enjoy, which has required a lot of graft.

Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "Our volunteers have proved to be a lifeline to many of PCP's projects and services, including the PCC community garden space. Our community garden has thrived with the support of our team of volunteers, who developed a relaxing space for the local community to retreat to.

"Without the support of our volunteers, we wouldn't have been able to impact communities across the North East as effectively and for that we are truly grateful for their ongoing support."

PCP has over 100 active volunteers who offer their knowledge, skills and support across platforms and services that make a real impact to communities and people's lives.

David Cockburn, a volunteer of PCP since 2014, said: "'Our fantastic volunteers have created a wonderful garden with so many health benefits, I'm so proud to be a part of such a great team."

As well as voluntary opportunities in PCP's Community Garden, PCP has welcomed voluntary opportunities across projects Together 21, Options, Healthwatch Sunderland, Healthwatch South Tees, Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees and the Garden Kitchen.

Many of our Healthwatch services have actively worked with their volunteers throughout lockdown to maintain their impact of health awareness.

The doors to the PCC and other PCP services across the North East may be closed for now, but many volunteers have returned to the Community Garden where they can work safely outdoors and abide to Government guidance.

If you would like to join PCP as a volunteer, contact: enquries@pcp.uk.net

Visit PCP's social media channels: PCP's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre PCP's Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

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Grant Funding Provides Sustainability for Local Farm

A local business has completed the build of its new rapeseed oil press and bottling facility with the support of an RDPE grant.
The grant enabled Lovesome Oil, based in Brafferton, to build a cold pressing facility, housed in two 20ft shipping containers.
The pressing, filtering, bottling, capping and labelling equipment was installed and commissioned over the last two months.
Seed from oilseed rape grown on the farm is turned into bottles and catering cans of oil without leaving the site, using the specialist equipment imported from Germany and Italy.
Lovesome Oil co-founder, Olly Lawson, said: "My family has grown oilseed rape for 40 years, this is a big step towards making the farm sustainable for the next 40 years.
Consumers are becoming much more aware of the provenance of their food, however it's all very well being 'local' but if the price isn't right then you won't be competitive.
"The new press enables us to sell the byproduct of the oil as cattle feed, while also reducing food miles, meaning we can pass on the savings."
The grant has created a job on the farm, now more time can be dedicated to supplying new customers. Lovesome Oil currently supplies a range of local shops and delis, it has recently started supplying the Fenwick Food Hall in Newcastle upon Tyne.
The investment has increased production capacity creating opportunities for the farm to supply restaurants and pubs.
Francesca, co-founder of Lovesome Oil, said: "The press means we can now press larger volumes of oil while remaining in control of our production and not being

restricted by a contractor's capacity."
She went on to say: "We want to thank our customers and stockists for the continued support over the last year, it's been especially tough for everyone but we feel we've come out stronger and appreciate all the support shown for independent food producers such as ourselves."
The facility has been named 'David's Press' in honour of Olly's late father, David Lawson, who prepared the container site before he died in September 2020 following a seven year battle with cancer.
If you would like further information on Lovesome Oil or would like to order, please visit www.lovesomeoil.com

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Calling all Newton Aycliffe Residents.
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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	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-2pm	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer
'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6.30-8pm	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		
'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		
6-7.30pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby
THURSDAY		
6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
10-12am	Rock Night	Jonny Goldsmith
FRIDAY		
'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake		
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6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	11th June - **Martin Norris** Movin' Melodies	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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'A Brighter Day' for Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts were delighted to offer a musical message to the community as they visited the Cree group with a pop-up doorstep performance recently. The song 'A Brighter Day' was commissioned by Greenfield Arts and brought together the thoughts and words of the Cree men as a lovely way to improve well-being and share hopes and feelings as the world begins to open up a little. The song was written and performed by John Melvin who was able to capture the essence and hopeful messages for the future that had been written by the group. The creativity of the Cree men was translated poignantly and brought a smile and a tear to many, here's a taster...

"Rainbows in the window - applause for those who care,
The kindness shown by strangers - to people everywhere...
We've all missed the smiles and hugs - meeting up with friends
Little things that make us laugh - much of life depends..."

Another performance is planned in a safe environment where John will entertain the group and staff at Greenfield Arts

It was lovely to launch the summer season with such a positive event and bring 'a brighter day' to all. To find out more about our full summer programme visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activities that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

Treating The Public with Contempt

Dear Sir,

Some time back, during lockdown, whilst out walking I noticed there was a large amount of litter left about so, along with my wife, we decided to do something about it. I contacted Cllr. Ian Gray, Vice Chair of the Environment Committee at Great Aycliffe Town Council, and with his support, and that of officers, help was at hand, shortly after we formed a group of litter pickers. We are out in all weathers in a variety of areas of the town, dictated to by local residents as high litter spots which also include fly tipping, which we also deal with.

On occasion people, including Councillors, need a break and Cllr. Gray was no exception who went on a walking holiday.

The election changed the role of Councillors and we ended up with Cllr. Brian Haigh as the new Vice Chair of the Environment Committee.

During Cllr Ian Gray's break, when we had no councillor involvement, I invited Cllr. Haigh to attend the next litter pick on the Wednesday and the opportunity to meet with local people. He failed to respond to my email and failed to turn up at that litter picking session, even though we have the backing of the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England). The new group of Independents seem to disregard the work involved, perhaps if Cllr. Haigh is not prepared to do any work he should stand down and step away from the role of responsibility.

Perhaps Cllr. Robson, the appointed leader of the group of Independents, can issue some discipline in his members or are they now, after the election, treating the electorate with contempt?

We are of course, pleased to note that Cllr. Gray has agreed with us to stay on as the Council link member with us, the people.

Vince Crosby

Building Society Supports Local Hospice

A north east hospice is the latest charity to be boosted by a building society's dedication to its community.
St. Teresa's Hospice, based in Darlington, has received £2,000 from a fund set up by Darlington Building Society to re-invest 5 per cent of all profits in local charities and good causes.
Jane Bradshaw, hospice chief executive, said: "Darlington Building Society have been staunch supporters of St Teresa's since our formation 35 years ago, directly supporting the round-the-clock care the hospice provides to residents of Darlington and District.
"The 5 per cent pledge is a fantastic community initiative and the latest grant of £2,000 has enabled us to replace essential pressure-relieving mattresses in our In Patient Unit for the greater comfort of our patients.
"With the support of organisations like Darlington Building Society we have been able to continue offering pain and symptom management for patients in our purpose-built facility throughout the pandemic, reducing the burden on the NHS."
The gift came at a difficult time for the charity, which has seen a major drop in revenue after cancelling fundraising events and closing charity shops because of Covid.
The donation also supported the charity's community response team, which offers patients end-of-life care in their own homes, and helped develop a new online resource tool kit for patients and their families.
The donation is the latest gesture of support in a long standing relationship between the organisations. Darlington Building Society has donated more than £100,000 to St Teresa's and offers 'staff volunteer hours' if employees want to take time out from work to help the charity.
Darlington Building Society Chief Executive, Andrew Craddock, said: "St Teresa's

Hospice has always been a cause close to the hearts of many of our staff members. It's a pleasure to continue our ongoing support of a valuable local charity in this way, particularly during such difficult times."

ACORN
Community Association

Hello everyone, we hope you are all fit and well and ready to attend our monthly meetings once again.
We are going to restart on Thursday 10th June at 6pm in the Phoenix Club, upstairs.
I am sure we will all have a lot to talk about including when and to where our next trips will be. We will also need to make arrangements for our Annual General Meeting.
Everyone is welcome to come along and have a chat and a cup of tea/coffee.
All Covid precautions will be taken.
We look forward to seeing our friends, old and new, again.

Speeding Drivers

Dear Mrs Boyd,
As a senior citizen and a retired professional driver of most vehicles, on and off road, for many years in most countries, including the UK, I think I have every right to criticise what I see as bad and dangerous driving, that includes people doing their job - no exceptions.
As far as I am concerned, my letter a couple of weeks ago was aiming at someone who was on the phone and also speeding into a cul-de-sac, and it was a nurse. There are no excuses or exceptions, the law is the law.
How would you feel if it were your family that was injured or even killed? How can you justify your comments when a small car is about a tonne in weight, it will kill a child at 20mph - it will kill a pensioner of my age, 74, as their bones are brittle; if they were to survive it would ruin there lives.
Complacency has no conscience, so, in future look both ways, there may be a speeding driver coming your way.
Name and address supplied

Annual Car Rally

The Northern Bygones Society will be holding their Annual Car Show at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way on Sunday 13th June between 10am and 3pm.
There will be Classic & Vintage Vehicles, Vintage Caravans, Fish & Chip Van (11am to 3pm, Sunday Only) plus an ice cream van. The Club House will be open Sunday 12 noon for refreshments. For more information please contact Paul on 01325 498340 or 07968 367438.

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Caring for Dogs

Since the pandemic hit, Dogs Trust Darlington has been continuing to take in, care for and rehome dogs, thanks to our amazing team and local supporters. During this time, we have established a virtual rehoming process which has been a huge success, levelling the playing field for many dogs who have been previously overlooked by potential new families.
Amid the upheaval of the past year, we have been incredibly proud of how our team has overcome the challenges faced to do the best by our dogs. The pandemic has allowed us to try new things and take valuable learnings away to inform new processes.
As restrictions lift, we will be continuing with our successful virtual rehoming process to match dogs with their new owners. However, we love being part of the local community and want to start welcoming people back to the centre, while continuing to put the wellbeing of our dogs and staff first. From June 20th, members of the local dog-loving public can book a slot to visit the centre on one of our Information Days, held every Sunday between 12-4pm.
Visitors will be able to meet our friendly staff, see the best of Dogs Trust Darlington including our state-of-the-art kennels and training barns, and – most importantly – see some of our gorgeous dogs spending time with their canine carers. Information Days will not have a rehoming focus, and anyone who is interested in rehoming a dog from us will be directed to the virtual rehoming process to begin their rehoming journey.
We believe these more intimate visitor Information Days will help our dogs to start to feel comfortable again in the presence of members of the public, while helping us to keep staff and visitors safe.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank local dog lovers for their continued support and for helping us do what's best for the dogs in our care.
To book a slot on one of our Information Days, please visit www.dogstrust.org.uk/ourcentres. If you are interested in rehoming a dog, please visit www.dogstrust.org.uk/rehoming to find out more about our virtual rehoming process.

Bishop Auckland Music Society

Music lovers are in for a treat on Friday, 11th June when acclaimed pianist, Florian Mitrea, launches Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2021 concert series with a performance including works by Beethoven, Liszt and Chopin.
Florian trained at the George Enescu National Music College in Bucharest before winning a scholarship to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He is now a teacher at The Academy and gives regular master classes in Tokyo and Bucharest where he runs his own music festival.
In 2020 Florian began his first tour as a soloist with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.
There is still time to purchase a Season ticket, (£58) and Individual concert tickets - £14 in advance, £16 on the door, can be purchased from Brotherton's Music (opposite Morrisons) or from Brian Varley (01388) 606075.
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Weekly Hog Blog

It's quite rare for us to be the bearers of bad news but we appealed in last weeks blog for some help with Marley's vet bill, we were hoping to remove a back leg that had a compound fracture but unfortunately, he had broken two back legs, he would never cope in the wild and he had to be put to sleep. Alicia, his finder, has been informed and thanked us for keeping him safe and pain free in his last days at home, here with us.
Rescuing hedgehogs is very difficult, there is a certain amount of knowledge that you have to work hard to get, all of us rehabbers help each other with the very poorly ones that come in and only consult with a vet when absolutely essential. We sell donated items, at car boot sales, to make sure we are equipped for any problem, pain relief, antibiotics and wormers, specifically for our prickly pals, tick removal whilst safe for any domestic pet is OK, but difficult and dangerous for a poorly stressed hedgehog that won't uncurl, tick infections can kill a small baby or juvenile. Rehabbers are trained and experienced at fly strike and tick removal so please don't try at home, get help.
We spend a lot of time caring for these creatures and it's 24/7, 365 days of the year living with them, we take full responsibility and they only leave us to go back home for release.
We are doing very well at the moment, so far, in this last few weeks, Tara and myself have released twenty of these precious mammals, we will be releasing more but there are some that will take longer like Freddie, he may need an amputation soon, little Barry who has two poorly legs and we don't know if you remember little Teddy, he was scalped by a strimmer then attacked by magpies, he will need more spines on his forehead, but he is making a full recovery.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our neighbours Alison and John for their donation of lovely things to sell to raise funds for our rescue, also June, Val, Bev, Angie and Lorraine for some wonderful items too.
Also, finally, Jackie, another of our neighbours, was walking out last Thursday and found a little hog on the footpath, also another lady helped protect this little one, she had some spines missing and a particularly nasty intestinal problem. These people got in touch with me, pet carrier in hand I brought her home to begin treatment. Thank you ladies!
Tip of the Week: It is baby season now, if mums haven't had their hoglets they are going to shortly, please make sure your gardens are checked before using any gardening equipment, netting 6 inches above the ground and ponds are also safe, even a piece of wood will help a hog get out of a pond, adult hedgehogs can and do swim, but if they can't leave the pond of course they drown, babies don't stand a chance.
If you need our help, our Facebook page has a link where you can message myself and Tara, Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel, or email pricklyhaven@yahoo.com, failing this please ring British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801. Maxine, Tara and Tyra

Incineration Plant Proposed for Heighington

Dear Sir,
I would like to draw readers' attention to a planning application made to Durham County Council on 27/4/21 for an Incineration Plant on land at Heighington Lane, opposite Heighington railway station. Although DCC notified residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity, many others living in Newton Aycliffe, School Aycliffe and Heighington, who may be affected by the plant, were not made aware and found out by accident. There may still be people who are not aware of it.
Given that the plant will process clinical and hazardous waste, many residents naturally have concerns and questions. DCC has decided that the application will go before a planning committee which the public can attend but will be allowed little time to speak. Some of us are hoping that a public consultation meeting will be held, to give people the chance to hear about the proposals (the documents run to hundreds of pages) and ask questions. The Council can take into account comments and objections made up until it sits to consider the application (scheduled for 24/8/21), but these should be made as soon as possible.
Details of the proposal and information about objecting to the application can be found on the Durham County Council website at www.durham.gov.uk - The reference is DM/21/01500/WAS.
A Facebook group has also been set up to share information - Heighington Lane Incineration Plant Information Group.
Yours faithfully
Eileen Brewis

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Live Theatre on its Way to The Hippodrome

A local north east theatre company will herald the return of live theatre with a specially devised, socially distanced, 'Come Back Home' musical theatre concert at Darlington Hippodrome in June.
Following one of the most difficult periods for theatres worldwide there are glimmers of hope for a return to normality just around the corner.
Having been just five weeks away from opening night of a show back in March 2020, Darlington Operatic Society are now poised to be the first to bring live theatre back to Darlington Hippodrome with a specially conceived concert they are calling their Come Back Home show.
Audiences are promised over two hours of musical theatre hit after hit with a fusion of live performance and video projection following all the social distancing guidelines for performance currently in place. The show will feature songs from the likes of Les Miserables, Cabaret, Dear Evan Hansen, The Book of Mormon, Six, The Bodyguard and many, many more.
Spokesman Julian Cound said "We have been working on this production since September of 2020 – we originally hoped we could present it in December last year but the third lockdown put a halt to that. We are in a great position to be one of the first companies to bring the thrill and joy of live theatre to Darlington audiences in a safe atmosphere."
Julian continued "Come Back Home will run for just six performances from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 June to a socially distanced auditorium. Almost a quarter of the tickets have already been snapped up and we have only been on sale for a couple of weeks so it would be advisable to book early. We are so grateful to Creative Darlington and Darlington For Culture for their financial assistance with this production."
Come Back Home runs at Darlington Hippodrome from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 June with matinee performances on the Saturday and Sunday.
To book call the Darlington Hippodrome Box Office on 01325 405405 or book online at www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

Recognised for Championing Women in the Transport Industry

Lisa Fleming, Managing Director of North East based transport compliance consultants, Logico, is celebrating after being shortlisted for a prestigious Industry Champion award.
The 2021 Amazon Everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards showcases the crucial positions women hold in transport and logistics, demonstrating progression, accomplishments and increasing avenues of opportunity.
Whilst more woman have taken up senior roles within the sector since the awards launched 14 years ago, they still only account for 20% of workers. The Amazon Everywoman awards aim to celebrate the UK's brightest female talent and create a platform to applaud their success.
Logico, based in Newton Aycliffe, offer bespoke compliance and management solutions and HR support to businesses across the UK and was launched by Lisa in 2019 when she spotted a gap in the transport compliance market.
Using her law degree and 16 years experience within the industry, she developed a strong business plan and quickly gained a large client base which has enabled her to rapidly grow the business and employ further members of staff.
The company have continually progressed and are DVSA approved auditors, ISO 9001 certified and have had success in gaining contracts with large-scale companies and a valuable partnership with a major law firm.
Not only a passionate supporter of women within the transport sector, Lisa was also an active board director for Aycliffe Business Park, only recently stepping down due to work commitments, she also sponsors various local children's sports groups and is highly supportive of her employees. To be shortlisted in the Industry Champion award category is a tribute to the hard work and dedication Lisa has shown to her industry, community, employees and clients.
On being shortlisted, Lisa commented, "I am delighted and overwhelmed to feature in the Industry Champion award category. In a male-dominated industry, it can be very daunting to take risks, set up a business and make this successful, however, with the help of my colleagues, family and friends, it has been so rewarding to see Logico grow and be able to assist so many of our clients.
I hope that our continuing success inspires the current and future generation of women in the transport sector, I'm looking forward to further expansion within the business, employing new members of staff and of course, the virtual award finals in July."
To find out more about Logico and to view their website, please visit: www.teamlogico.co.uk

N.A.F.C. JUNIORS

U8s Blacks played South Park Rangers in a 7v7 friendly in preparation for next season. Despite the new formation and people playing in new positions the lads put in a great performance. Aycliffe opened the scoring but a tight first half saw them go into HT level. Despite the heat, Aycliffe played some lovely passing football and came away with a great result. MOTM Regan

U8 Whites took on Brandon United. Despite an excellent performance from all the boys, they didn't get the rewards they deserved. The woodwork played a major part in keeping us at bay. Excellent game to watch. MOTM was Josh, his energy was relentless and he bagged his first goal too.

U9 Juniors welcomed FC Hartlepool Athletic to Woodham this afternoon. With only 1 sub in this heat, we knew it was going to be a tough game. Aycliffe didn't seem up for it and Hartlepool capitalised on that and the tired legs. MOTM went to Sammy for playing well in whatever position asked and staying focused throughout the game.

U9s Whites played Darlington All-Stars in a great game of football in scorching heat. Aycliffe played great football throughout the game. Passing, talking and movement with the added bonus that most of the team grabbed a goal each. MOTM went to Dom for a controlled performance, great passing and positional play.

U9s Blacks v Hilda Park. The boys were unlucky today, the game started well with the game going our way, Rhys finishing well thanks to a lovely cross from Benjamin. The boys powered on through despite the heat, but it just wasn't our day today, with Hilda finishing the stronger. Well done lads for trying so hard today. MOTM was Max.

U12s Blacks headed off to Sunderland Farrington. With a depleted squad, including no keeper, the lads played well in new positions. Alex bagged the opening goal. We were passing well and making good runs, but they grabbed a scrappy goal. Farrington went ahead and decisions didn't go our way, but Keaton scored in the last 10 mins. We were now all over them, but the heat finally took its toll. FT and a 2-2 draw. Well done Aycliffe.

U13s Whites lost 4-2 to top of the table Boro Whites. We were excellent and deserved something out of the game but were unfortunate with several decisions going the way of the home team. Brad and Aidan were the scorers and Brad was awarded MOTM.

U15s -Two matches in quick succession for the U15s saw us host Farringdon on Thursday, and while the result didn't go our way with a 5-1 home defeat, there were some excellent performances. Goal from Charlie, POTM Lily. We travelled to face Washington Juniors on Saturday, and despite falling 2-0 down, a great strike from Charlie and a penalty from Anthony got us level. A deflected strike put the U15s a goal behind again, but a late equaliser from Charlie got a well-deserved draw at 3-3. POTM Charlie.

U16s looked to extend their winning run to 4 games, and it was all going great taking a 3-1 lead with goals from Callum, Jack and Brennan. The rest of the game didn't go our way. Wasted chances, 2 missed penalties and gifting them goals saw the game finish 5-3 to Thornaby. We go again next week.

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Grant Scheme Extended to Include Mobile and Home-Based Businesses

Mobile and home-based businesses in County Durham are now able to apply for financial support during the coronavirus pandemic after a scheme was extended by a council.

Limited fixed funding has been made available by the Government through the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) which can be used to fund a discretionary policy that supports businesses in the hospitality, leisure, accommodation and personal care sectors which have not had any previous support, do not have their own business rates account but still incur monthly fixed business-related costs and have been significantly impacted by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Durham County Council has previously extended the scheme to offer support to those businesses in shared commercial spaces, taxi drivers, registered childcare providers and childminders, as well as driving instructors.

Last year, the council administered the first round of Government grants during the pandemic, with more than £104 million paid to more than 9,500 businesses across the county. A number of businesses praised the council for working with them through the claims process.

Under this new extended scheme, eligible businesses with monthly fixed costs of between £100 and £200 will receive a one off payment of £500, those with monthly fixed costs of £200 to £400 will be given a one off payment of £1,000 and those with a monthly fixed cost of over £400 will receive a payment of £2,500.

To be eligible for this scheme, businesses must be in the hospitality, leisure, accommodation and personal care sectors which have not had any previous support and be able to:

- Demonstrate fixed business-related costs of at least £100 a month, these must be integral to the running of the business and not include personal salary costs or rent/ mortgage costs
- Evidence that the business provides the majority of the applicant's income (over 50 per cent)
- Demonstrate that the business is within the hospitality, accommodation or leisure (HAL) sector, is in the HAL supply chain or provides in-person, face to face services
- Demonstrate that the business has been severely impacted by local and/or national restrictions
- Evidence that the business was trading on 18 September 2020
- Demonstrate that the business has not received or is eligible for support under the Local Restrictions Support Grant or the current ARG funding.

Driving instructors are also encouraged to make their application for support using this online process.

Paul Darby, Durham County Council's corporate director of resources, said: "We understand that this continues to be a hugely challenging time for businesses across the county and that in line with the government guidance which points to supporting those businesses with commercial property costs, previous schemes have not provided support to home-based and mobile business.

"This is why we are announcing this latest package of support.

"Our aim is to help as many businesses as possible as we continue to respond to the pandemic and as we, hopefully, slowly return to normality later this year as restrictions are lifted."

Business owners can find out more and apply for financial support by going to www.durham.gov.uk/covid19businessgrants

Half A Job

Dear Sir,

Has anybody any idea who is responsible for doing a botched up job of hacking a bush down that has been there for many years and wasn't hurting anything at the end of the bungalows in Oakfield.

A few weeks ago a white car pulled up on the grass, so it wasn't the council who did it. The job has only been half done and the pile of branches they cut off just left piled up beside it. As well as this, all the rubbish that had collected under the bush over the years has just been left and is now on display.

We have enough to cope with in Oakfield with the fly tipping, which is STILL going on, without making more mess.

Yours faithfully

Name & address supplied.

Air Angels Ball

The Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) is celebrating the end of lockdown blues with a spectacular ball and is inviting the public to attend.

After a year's hiatus the charity's Air Angels Ball is back, promising a dazzling night of glamour, stunning entertainment, fantastic food and plenty of surprises.

This will be the first big social event hosted by the charity since Covid-19 restrictions cancelled many of their plans.

The event takes place at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead on 9 October and will be hosted by the charity's patron, Pam Royle.

Tickets are £60 per person and can be bought individually or in tables for up to 12 people.

Among those already attending are some of the charity's critical care team who will be swapping their trademark red and black uniforms for black tie.

Andy Mawson, director of operations and paramedic at GNAAS, said: "We're very proud of the fact that our critical care team have not lost one minute of operational time during the pandemic. This was only possible thanks to the support of the public.

"Our ball is a great way for us to raise awareness of the work of our charity as well as raise vital funds, and we hope to see many businesses and individuals from across the North coming to support us."

Tickets include a drinks reception, delicious three-course meal, live music from Func on the Rocks, a disco and other entertainment.

In addition, there will be a raffle and an auction with TV's Charles Hanson, who has appeared on TV shows such as Bargain Hunt, Flog It and Antiques Road Trip.

Ruth Davey, event organiser, added: "It's been a tough time for the charity, with many events cancelled in the last year, so we're very excited at the prospect of celebrating with our supporters in person, in what promises to be a fun event on the social calendar."

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The first race in this week's round up is the Saltburn Trail 5K, which was hosted by Muddy Roads, and which took place on Wednesday 26th May 2021. This race features in the Club's own Championship, so there were also valuable points on offer. First home for the Club, and finishing in second place overall, was John Firby, in a time of 19:33. Next across the line was Sarah Gill, in a time of 30:01, and she was followed by David Stothard in 30:49 and Kelly Dickinson in 32:32.
Sunday 30th May 2021, saw the inaugural Gateshead Half Marathon, which started and finished at Gateshead Stadium, and which also took in several local landmarks along the banks of the Tyne. The race comprised an undulating route, and one of the hottest days of the year so far ensured that conditions were tough. Club Captain Richard Campbell led the way for the Club, crossing the finishing line in 1:27:33. Hot on his heels, and finishing first in his Age Category (V55), was Floyd Jones in a time of 1:28:00.
Matthew Sommerville completed his run in 1:50:37, just ahead of Julie Nisbet, who recorded a new Personal Best of 1:53:53. Craig Robinson also recorded a new Personal Best for the distance, finishing his run in 2:00:48. David Stothard completed his second race of the week coming home in 2:19:39, with Helen Boyd finishing in 2:50:10.
Peter Tennick was the Club's sole representative at the Wild Deer Events' Derwentwater 5K later that Sunday, squeezing into the top ten, in a time of 21:42. Peter was also first in his Age Category (V40-49).
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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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Neville Community Centre will take place on Friday 11th June 2021 at the Neville Community Centre, Neville Parade at 2.30pm.

Parliament Talk

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I was in Westminster last week, for a couple of days, which just reminded me of the importance of being there physically. I was able to discuss so many different subjects with other colleagues. I had a question in Defence Orals to the Minister of State, Ben Wallace, where I pushed the need for smaller innovative companies to get a piece of the Defence spending. Later Ben attended the Northern Research Group where I also invited him to come and see some of our fabulous businesses. I also spoke with Michelle Donelan, the Minister for Universities, where I raised both Durham University and the importance of UTCs.
I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete my recent survey on the town centre. It was great to see how much people really care about Newton Aycliffe and revitalising the town centre. The survey produced some very interesting results and there will be a review of these results in next week's Newton News. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me and let me know what changes you think need to be made to our town centre.
I had a good virtual meeting with the owners of the town centre to discuss their engagement in any future proposals as well as one with those proposing the NHS incinerator project, where questions need to be answered, but also there is some inaccurate scaremongering on Facebook that is not helpful. Local people need good information and input to both of these projects and my team and I will do what we can to deliver.
Last week saw the ballot for Private Members Bills (PMBs). Most Bills that are brought to Parliament come from the Government but a small number are those are brought by individual members of Parliament. The PMBs are brought to the House on sitting Fridays and there are typically around 7 in a session of Parliament. Therefore it is only the first 7 in the ballot that are guaranteed to be debated and have the chance to become law, but they select 20 names in the ballot as for each sitting Friday there is always the potential for more than one to be heard. Around 400 of the 650 MPs put their names in this ballot and I was not successful this time. My colleague Peter Gibson in Darlington drew at number 9 which means he may have an opportunity depending on other Bills. This is a ballot open to all MPs regardless of party and it is always interesting to see what Bills they propose.
Later in the week I had a meeting with the Minister for Digital, Matt Warman, and expressed our concerns around broadband delivery, particularly to the villages in the west of my constituency. On Friday I had the pleasure of calling at the vaccination centre in Cobblers Hall to thank the Jubilee team there for their efforts and they asked me to remind everyone how important it is that everyone has their vaccinations. These are critical in helping the route out of lockdown to be irreversible. They also said to remind people that once they have booked a jab they need to turn up for it or cancel if you can't make it. A DNA (Did Not Attend) is the worst case for them, this means they have a vaccine available but no patient so have to scramble to find others to be jabbed. Please don't let this incredible team down and, once booked, make sure you attend.
I joined the meeting of Ferryhill Town Council on Thursday and met with both the Councillors and some fabulous community groups sharing their endeavours. I popped into Barclays to meet the team and discuss the branch closure, disappointing as this closure is, the way we are all using less cash makes it difficult to sustain branches but I am impressed with the way the team are trying to make sure their customers are helped. I finished the week with a visit to Lovesome Farm in Brafferton to see how they are developing a Rapeseed Oil manufacturing capability before joining Play Cafe on Saturday afternoon.
We continue the steps out of lockdown but, as always, can I please encourage you all to be sensible and not push the boundaries of what we are allowed. Slow and steady progress is much more sustainable.
Remember - Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air - Stay Safe
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Heighington Development to be Completed this Summer

Building work at a 75-home development, which is delivering more than £300,000 of investment in Heighington, has now reached the final stages.

Bellway is building 60 homes for private sale - alongside 15 affordable homes for local people through shared ownership or rent - at Meadow Rise, off Walworth Road.

Building work at the site began in early 2019, after planning approval was granted in 2018, and is due to finish this summer. Around two-thirds of the private homes have already been sold.

As part of the planning agreement for the development, the house builder is providing more than £300,000 towards local infrastructure and facilities.

Payments include £229,125 towards local education, £78,900 for enhancing walking and cycling routes and £15,000 towards creating 10 new car parking spaces in the village. Further contributions include £6,762 towards improving sports facilities and £5,000 for improving bus stops.

Darren Pelusi, Sales Manager for Bellway Durham, said: "Construction at Meadow Rise is progressing well ahead of completion on site this summer. Demand has been high for the development, which enjoys an attractive

location in this picturesque village, less than three miles from Newton Aycliffe and six miles from Darlington town centre."

"The selection of three and four-bedroom detached houses at Meadow Rise will appeal to families, as well as people commuting to nearby towns, with Heighington train station less than two miles away and several well-regarded schools in the area, the closest being Heighington Primary School only a short walk from the site."

There's currently a choice of three and four-bedroom houses remaining for sale at Meadow Rise, with prices starting from £249,995. There are also two show homes at the development- the three-bedroom Argan and four-bedroom Acacia.

For more information visit bellway.co.uk or call the sales team on 01325 271965.

Council Tax Discounts

As the new financial year gets underway, County Durham residents - especially those with certain health conditions - are being reminded to take advantage of the council tax discounts available.

Durham County Council is advising residents to check to see if they are eligible for a reduction or even an exemption on their council tax bill.

This includes people who have been diagnosed by their doctor as suffering from a condition or illness classed as a severe mental impairment such as Alzheimer's disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and severe learning difficulties.

Those who are eligible and live alone, do not pay any council tax, while those living with another person qualify for a 25 per cent reduction.

People can find out more including how to claim at www.durham.gov.uk/smi - or by calling 03000 264 000 and selecting the 'council tax' option.

Council tax discounts are also available for:

- anyone who lives alone
- residents with severe disabilities where the properties have been adapted
- students
- student nurses
- apprentices
- National Traineeship trainees
- Care leavers

If someone has moved out of their home permanently to receive care in a hospital, residential care home or a supported housing scheme or hostel, they may also be entitled to a discount or exemption on their property.

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Artist Talk and Taster at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome back artist and photographer Elaine Vizor to fuel your creativity!
Join artist and photographer Elaine for this informal talk and taster session and find out more about cyanotype, the origins of photography and Elaine's work as an artist. The session will take place on Thursday 10 June 11.00 to 13.30 in a safe and creative environment and costs just £8
The activity is inspired by our current exhibition Glacial Plains by Darlington Association of Photographers which runs until Wednesday 23 June and there will be an opportunity to visit the gallery to enjoy this wonderful collection. Find out more about the session, the exhibition and our full summer programme. Visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our team to book your place call 01325 379048, email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk
Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS

First time sending a photo for inclusion in the Newton News. It was taken in my garden on Byerley Park on Monday 31st May of a Blue Tit busy feeding its young - Taken by Ken Meale.

Rugby For All at Bishop Auckland

Bishop Auckland Rugby Club are recruiting for their boys U12 rugby team. They are seeking year 7 boys who were under the age of 12yrs on August 31st last year, 2020, but who can also be 12 years of age now. Due to the impact of Covid imposed restrictions the successful team were unable to recruit when a number of players moved on or had to leave due to family commitments. Now, as Covid restrictions are eased allowing for a structured and safe return to rugby, team coach John Walker is keen to recruit as many potential players as possible for the team.
"It does not matter if you have never played rugby before or have limited experience. We have experienced, qualified coaches to teach players the skills and knowledge needed to play and enjoy the game in a safe environment" he says.
Players will learn the core values of rugby as they play and learn, these are Respect, Teamwork, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. All important values that will help see them through their development into adulthood and throughout their lives. Rugby helps develop fitness, social skills and can have a positive impact on a young persons academic success as well as making friends for life.
One of Bishops many success stories is that of local boy, from Coundon, Alec Clarey, who started his rugby career as a young teenager at the club. Alec went on to represent Durham County in his age group and represented England in their U18s team, going on to University as a result of his rugby opportunities. While at University he played for England Students then turned professional. Playing for several clubs, including living and playing in Jersey, he was recently signed by one of the worlds top Rugby clubs, Saracens, where he plays and trains, alongside top England International and British Lions players such as Maro Itoje and Jamie George.
Bishop Auckland runs teams through every age group from the age of 7 years up to 18 years of age. Girls can play in a mixed team up to and including 11 years of age. The club has a very successful senior ladies side and are always seeking players for their team. Also for the younger boys and girls, aged between 3 years and 6 years, the club has their BLTs, Bishops Little Triers. Over 20 children enjoy games and fitness in a safe, fun and enjoyable way while parents can look on in a safe but Covid controlled way. Over 200 children and young people can turn out every Sunday to enjoy Rugby.
Safety is of paramount concern for all involved in rugby and coaching is child centred, focusing on the needs of the young person. Coaching for teams up to the U14s takes place between 10.30am and 12.00 noon every Sunday morning at West Mills, Bridge Road Bishop Auckland DL14 7PA, by the River Wear.
All you need to do is turn up with your boots or suitable footwear and playing kit, including warm clothing, 15 minutes before coaching starts along with a suitable drink and hand sanitiser. Such sanitiser is also provided and balls and equipment are frequently sanitised to protect young people.
For further information for our U12s and all other teams, contact Gareth John 07921 256738 or Dave Stewart 07966 287029.

Heighington Junior Football

Heighington U6s
Heighington 9 - TIBs 4
Heighington U6s hosted TIBs U7s for their mid season game. First Half: Heighington were on the wrong end as TIBs went 1-0 up early on from a well taken goal. Then Heighington started to play football and pulled a goal back within 30 seconds, a well worked goal and finish from top scorer Isaac Turnbull. Heighington then started to create chances and chances and led 4-1 at half time. Some very happy smiling faces from the boys as Oskar Raine also netted his first goal of the season.
Second Half: TIBs started the second half very well getting a few back up, catching Heighington by surprise. But that spurred the lads on as they began to play football and create a lot of chances, hitting the post a number of times.
Heighington then dominated the final 15 minutes of the game scoring a further 5 to finish the game off.
Goal Scorers: Isaac Turnbull x 7, Oskar Raine x 2
Some excellent performances from Ryan Healey, Nate Anderson, Oliver Savage, Felix Christon, Thomas Giles, Jackson Whiting. Well done boys.
Again, thank you to our amazing sponsors Anderson Upholstery and Embroidery for the kids kits.
Heighington U11s
Unlucky on the result today, however everyone played brilliant in very hot conditions. We dominated the first half but the second half Hebburn seemed to wake up. Despite missing a few players the lads gave it their all and in the end the heat got the better of them.
Not bothered about losing as the everyone worked extremely hard and didn't stop. Well done everyone.
Final score: Heighington 4 v Hebburn 5.
Scorers: Jack x 2, Ted x 2.
MoM went to Ollie Anderson. He was immense. Strong in his challenges, showed his pace to recover when needed, looked for the passes and above all played with a massive smile the whole match.

New Friends New Places

New Friends New Places meet every Tuesday from 2.00pm until 4.30pm in The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe. New members are welcome, we hope to be starting our Summer Coach Trips after the 21st June. Ring 07967 901477 for further details.

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In Memoriam

Ada Hutson

4/4/27 - 5/6/07
If we could visit Heaven even for a day, maybe for a moment, the pain would go away.
We'd put our arms around you Mam and whisper words so true, that living life without you is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do, no morning dawns or evening fall when we don't think of you.
Your loving family xx

Obituary

Robert James Adair (Red)

Of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Brandon. Passed away suddenly on May 17th, aged 74 years.
A much loved Husband to Annemarie; a treasured Dad, Stepdad and Grandad.
Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday June 8th at 12.30pm.
Due to current circumstances a private family Service will take place.
Family flowers only, donations if so desired for Diabetes UK.

Edith May Strickland

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 23rd May 2021, aged 87 years.
Beloved Wife of the late John Alan Strickland; devoted Mam, Granny and Great Granny.
A private family Service is to take place at Durham Crematorium.

Margaret Burton (Peggy)

Of Heighington, peacefully at home on 26th May, aged 90 years.
Dearly beloved Wife to the late Brian; a much loved Mam and Grandma.
Funeral Service to take place at St. Michael's Church, (Heighington) on Thursday 10th June at 11.30am, followed by interment in the churchyard.
Due to current circumstances a private family Service will take place.

Greta Shaw
28/5/32 - 27/5/21

Passed away peacefully at Defoe Court.
Beloved Mam to Tracey and Son-in-Law Simon; dearly loved Grandma to Adam and Wife Laura.
Funeral to be held on Thursday 10th June at 3.30pm in Wear Valley Crematorium and afterwards at The Woodham Golf Club.
Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Marie Curie Nurses.

In Memoriam

Pam Fowler
5th June 2020

An amazing Mam, Nana, Sister and friend. In the year since you left us you have been in our hearts and minds every day, and always will be.
Love from Katie, Ava and Mae, Paul, Spike, Kiri, Kiera and Bridie, Iain, Pauline, Alan and Roy.

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, lost at home once again to bogey team Barnard Castle 2nd XI by five wickets in the NYSD 2nd Division. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe totalled an under par 176 all out after 46.3 overs. Adam Gittins (sponsored by Midland Structural Services) had a welcome return to form when he top scored with 58 from 109 balls and he hit seven boundaries. Sam Telford also batted well scoring a seasonal best 39 runs from 42 balls, reaching the boundary on seven occasions and Jack Slatcher chipped in with 14 runs off 25 balls. In reply, the visitors romped to victory scoring 180 for 5 after only 29.2 overs despite the efforts of Aycliffe bowlers James Layfield-Carroll (4 for 41) and George Slatcher (1 for 43). This match was sponsored by Midland Structural Services.
The second team had an outstanding victory by 85 runs away to Maltby 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Aycliffe were invited to bat first and totalled 152 all out from 36.3 overs. Dylan Tribley, who was playing his first game after missing the last three season through injury, batted superbly to top score with an eye catching 40 from 42 balls and his innings contained three boundaries and a six. 15 year old Owen Smith produced his best score of the season with 35 from 45 balls faced and Ryan Patrick contributed with a quick fire 21 from 19 balls. In reply, the home side were skittled for just 67 after 26.2 overs, thanks to some good performances from the four pronged Aycliffe bowling attack of Joe Teasdale (3 for 27), Tom Dearden (2 for 11), Dylan Tribley (2 for 13) and Leo Mercy (2 for 14).
On bank holiday Monday, the 2nd team travelled to Bedale 2nd XI and lost a very tight game in the last over by four wickets in their NYSD 4th division clash. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe struggled throughout their innings to get any momentum and finished their allotted 40 overs on a below par 150 for 9. Joe Haines (sponsored by Eileen Quinn), top scored with 30 runs and other notable contributions came from Ryan Patrick (25 runs) and Dylan Tribley (17 runs). Credit must also go to 13 year old Harrison Pearson (10 not out) and 15 year old Leo Mercy (9 not out) who put on a vital unbeaten 10th wicket partnership of 27 to give the innings some substance at the end. In reply, the home side were made to battle for every run, but managed to reach their winning target of 151 with just three balls and four wickets in hand despite some good bowling from Aycliffe's James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 26) and Patrick Howe (2 for 26).
Newton Aycliffe's U11's girls hosted Seaham Harbour u11's girls in the Durham League and put in a very spirited performance but still lost by 60 runs against their more experienced opponents. Special mention must go to Allisha Taylor and Daisy Grainger, who both batted superbly scoring 12 and 11 runs respectively.

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