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Celebrate Christmas in June

With Covid restrictions due to be lifted from 21st June, Aycliffe Radio, along with partners ROF59 and Aycliffe Town Centre, bring you a summer of music festivals and concerts.

On Saturday 26th June a chance to catch up on the Christmas we all missed in 2020, with a cheesy pop Christmas party featuring live entertainment from '3 Steps 2 Venga', a Steps and Venga

Boys tribute band. This first, non Drive-In event, will be hosted by Professor Nincompoop and will be a family fun evening.

Gates open at 6.00pm with festivities from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, FREE party hats, party poppers and glow sticks along with a selection box for all the children . . . and a visit from Santa Claus!

Tickets are priced at £5.00 per person and are available from Newton Press reception or www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets ROF59 will be providing a licensed bar and refreshments and the organisers are hoping that the Covid restrictions are lifted by this date to enable our audience members to attend without having to be limited to an assigned area, bring your deck chairs and blankets, relax and enjoy the show. If restrictions are extended beyond this date, you can still enjoy the show, albeit in your own 'pod' area. Other events planned for later in the summer include a Classix event with 'Phil Mackintosh' and guest DJs Neil Foreel, Valhalla DJs, Lee Harker, Mozzan8 St4te, Ian Murphy, Paul Tracey, Tally and Neil Young on Saturday 21st August with eight hours of non stop classic house and trance music from 2.00pm to 10.00pm. Tickets are priced at £7.50 per person and are available from www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets

'Andy Whitby' plus guest DJs Jon Fazak, John Banks, Nathan Abbott and Audacity will be performing on Saturday 18th September from 4.00pm to 10.00pm - early bird tickets available on the Aycliffe Radio website for £15.00 per person. For more information on any of the organised events at ROF59 visit www.ayclifferadio.co.uk



The Colonel Cleans Up

Following the bank holiday, team members at KFC Newton Aycliffe took to the streets and the local areas surrounding the restaurant to do a litter pick on Tuesday 1st June, to mark both the launch of the Great British Spring Clean and KFC's newest commitments to tackling litter.

Team members were joined by local councillors Jim Atkinson, Eddy Adam and Neville Jones, and discussed the range of initiatives that KFC will be implementing. This includes the launch of a new consultation with local councils, initially in five regions across England, to roll out targeted, pilot programmes around alternative solutions to tackling litter and increasing local investment in addressing the problem.

With people spending more time closer to home in the past year, the impact of litter across high streets, retail sites, parks and other green spaces in North-East has become an ever-increasing problem for local councils, businesses, and local communities. With this new approach, KFC UK & Ireland will look for ways to partner and work together with local councils and explore longer term and local solutions.

As part of these new initiatives, a dedicated mailbox has also been set up to answer issues and queries related to litter in the North-East which will provide the local community with direct access there and then to deal with ongoing litter problems around KFC restaurants. In addition, KFC is also introducing internal training for its 28,000 team members to increase their knowledge of the environmental impact of litter.

Commenting on the litter pick, Brian Evans, KFC Regional Manager for Euro Garages, said: "The day after Bank Holiday always leaves one big litter hangover, so what better way to launch our latest litter pledge than getting outdoors and joining the Great British Spring Clean to tidy local spaces. We've always taken the issue of litter seriously, but, from today, we are going further on our commitments to tackling litter in Newton Aycliffe. We want to be part of the longer-term solution, and that's why we're looking forward to working closely with Durham County Council and the wider community to explore ways to keep spaces tidy in the North-East."

Cllr Eddy Adam, at Durham County Council, said: "We are delighted that KFC is taking action to address a litter problem in Newton Aycliffe with the launch of these latest initiatives. It is essential that all groups and organisations in the local community work together to address this issue, we are looking forward to seeing KFC taking positive action and demonstrating their commitment to keep our local area free from litter."

For those who want to get in touch with KFC's litter mailbox to share issues and queries related to litter around KFC restaurants, please contact: litter@kfc.co.uk

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Saturday 19th June - 'Uncle Gilbert'

Saturday 26th June - 'Hope City Rockers'

For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034

Play Café Get Ready for the Summer Holidays

Trustees and volunteers are preparing to support families whose personal circumstances make life tricky in the long 6 week holiday. Health issues? Disabilities? Work and childcare costs? Whatever the main reason for food insecurity or isolation, many parents and children struggle to make ends meet or to join in with others to have fun in the summer. Key Workers supporting families may wish to discuss referrals for food support and / or some social activities. Play Café is a family friendly Food Bank, addressing issues of hunger and social isolation. Thanks must go to our many sponsors and donors for their continuing generosity and to the seven County Councillors who funded the project initially, through the GAMP. Find out more about Play Café on our Facebook page. Contact the project by email: aycliffeplaycafe@gmail.com or by text 07565 134194.



Silkin Way Plant Thefts

Dear Sir,
There has been a large number of plants taken from the community planters outside Silkin Way on different nights by someone, there is CCTV footage of the person taking the plants and the police are aware that the plants have been removed.
Please return the plants back to the planter where you took them from before the police come knocking on your door. The plants have cost the local neighbours money are not free to take, they are planted to make the area look better for people walking around this area and have given a large number of people pleasure to see the flowers bloom, it has also helped with peoples mental health issues, due to covid. Please stop taking the plants and let's make the town a better place to live.
Local resident

Cllr Sandra Haigh Elected as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe

Independent Councillor Sandra Haigh has been elected as the new Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council, taking over the reins from Councillor Mary Dalton who stepped down as a councillor at the elections. Councillor Haigh commented "I was honoured to have been elected at the Annual Council Meeting on the 19th May 2021 to serve as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe for the coming year. I will endeavour to promote our great town to the best of my ability, and respect and follow the wishes of the people who have voted for me to represent them on the Town Council.
"I hope that this year sees a gradual lifting of the Coronavirus restrictions and a return to relative normality which will hopefully allow me to get out and meet some of the wonderful people of the town. I have chosen to raise funds for the local charity 'Children's Blessings' during my year in Office" said Sandra.
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Ryan has only been playing badminton for three weeks and has impressed so much that he has achieved the Bronze Achievement Award for Badminton, presented to him by Coach John Hall. Ryan joined Champion Badminton Club recently and has settled in well. He has become the first person in the club to receive such an award.

We would like to invite children to come along and give it a try. Have fun with your friends at 4.00pm every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe. For further information contact peterwalton1@aol.com

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Newton Aycliffe Football Club Juniors Update

U8s Blacks were back in league action this morning at home to Coulby Newham. The boys were in a confident mood and scored through some lovely passing play, but the away team quickly drew level. HT and all square. Second half, the boys, their passing and work rate was really impressive and they went on to secure a great result and are improving each week. Goals from Regan and Fin. MOTM Fin C.

U9s Juniors hosted Darlington All Stars. A fantastic game from start to finish, some real quality on show. All Stars took the lead early but Aycliffe didn't let this get them down, they continued to play some brilliant passing football and the goals came, Marley, Ernie, Jonah and Sammy scoring with Jack unselfishly setting all of them up. All Stars got it back to 4-4 but Aycliffe pressed and an unbelievable strike from Dom got the result.

MOTM went to Jack, an all-round brilliant display, inc 4 assists.

U9s Whites played Whickham in a close game, level at HT. Second half and we started to show signs of fatigue in the heat and gave the ball away too much, with the opposition side taking full advantage and managed to grab the win. Goals for Jack and Dom. MOTM going to two players, Jensen for some cracking saves and defender Sammy who never stopped.

U11s played Heighington. We started well with George, making a guest appearance, passing the ball well. Heighington went ahead against the run of play. Aycliffe grabbed one back through Alex. Thomas pounced on a mistake to take the lead. It was an end to end game, Thomas keeping everyone going and then smashed home a volley to grab a share of the spoils.

MOTM Thomas. Scorers Thomas and Alex.

U12 Whites hosted Brompton Juniors who took the lead 15 minutes in. A super free kick from Ethan made it 1-1 at half time. Ethan put us ahead by finishing a goal mouth scramble, 2-1. Brompton then scored 2 to go 2-3 up but, after a rest, Ethan put in a fantastic corner for Henry to finish off giving us a well-earned 3-3 draw. Team performance was awesome and improvement showing throughout.

U12s Blacks away to Brandon. With the sun shining the lads were ready to go. Alex scored a belter from long range and Jayden H



also scoring from long range, lobbing the keeper. Cody, Jayden and Keaton adding goals in an untouchable first half display. Second half and the lads were at 100%, another from Alex, then Danny and Keaton, awesome! Brandon grabbed another making the final score 8-1.

3 MOTM's, Keaton, Harry and Danny - Proud of you all.

U15s hosted Washington. A good start from both sides, with Washington taking the lead, before a well worked goal saw Callum cross for Bailey to finish. Washington gained the advantage again with a well taken finish just out of Shae's reach, HT 2-1. Washington extended their lead as a long ball over the top drew both our keeper and their forward, and a fair but tough challenge from both sides saw the ball bounce in, but a nasty clash of heads. Both players luckily are OK. The incident took the wind out of Aycliffe's sails, with Washington running out winners 1-7.

POTM: Lily/Callum; Scorer: Baily.

U16s travelled to Cargo Fleet this afternoon and came away with a 1-6 victory. Class performance from start to finish. We dominated the game from the whistle and never let them in it, playing some great football. Goals from Jack x 2, Brennan x 2, Evan and Gregg. No MOTM as all the squad today were superb.

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South West Durham Training (SWDT) would be delighted to receive applications for the role of chair of our executive board, due to take up the position in August 2021.

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If you would like to arrange an informal discussion, please do not hesitate to contact the interim Chair, Natalie Davison-Terranova: natalie.davison-terranova@bacoll.ac.uk

For further details and an application form please email katie.hinch@bacoll.ac.uk, visit our website www.bacoll.ac.uk or contact our 24-hour answering service on **01388 443038**.

Closing date for receipt of application is: **Friday 25th June 2021 at 12 noon**

You Spoke, We Listened

Dear Sir,
When it comes to mental health they say it's good to talk; it's even better to listen and choose to do something about it. I heard what you said and I'm determined to raise awareness of the need for a women's support group in the community. Dedicated to provide a safe environment where women can talk, be listened to without being judged and feel confident enough to share their thoughts, fears and concerns on their mental and emotional health and wellbeing.

My childhood provides the motivation to make this a reality but all it takes to help transform someone's life is the heart, desire and willingness to come together to support those who need our help in the community. This vital and worthy cause has already gained the support of town councillors from all parties and at county level and we have collectively pledged our support to do what we can to make this project a success. Local business women and Aycliffe Radio show host, Carrie Howarth, along with her co presenter and entertainer, Amy Turner, are already in place to lead the group, as are the facilities, a secure email address and social media page to ensure privacy and confidentiality and create a safe and friendly environment. Positive action works best when it creates positive life changing results so it's important that as well as providing knowledgeable and experienced people to talk to, activities that promote physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing are also available and an important part of the group's core values. Physical conditions are easier to see and so easier to accept, understand and deal with; mental health issues, and the



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Cllr Phillip Hawkins

emotional trauma that often accompanies them, is hidden in plain sight and creates a sense of loneliness and isolation. This support group is not designed as a substitute for appropriate professional medical help but prevention is always better than a cure, and sometimes all that's required is someone to listen. The 'Sisters of Support' (SOS) group are there to listen, to understand and, if necessary, signpost the way to additional or specialist support and guidance.

Sour Grapes

Dear Sir,
I would like to respond to Mr Vince Crosby's letter in last week's edition, regarding Cllr. Brian Haigh missing the litter pick the other week.

I understand that Cllr. Brian Haigh is the Vice Chair of the Environment Committee, there was an email sent 21st May asking for attendance due to Cllr. Ian Gray being on holiday (Covid restrictions). Cllr. Brian Haigh had received his second Covid jab the week previously and had a bad reaction to the injection, so has not been in full fitness. As to the statement that he should step down, just because Labour have lost their hold on the area, that is just sour grapes - please don't throw your toys out of the pram because you no longer control the town, the people have spoken and you need to stand yourself if you wish to change anything - jealousy is never a pretty shade of green to wear.

Name and address supplied

Neville Community Association

Hello everyone, it seems such a long time since we last met and we hope everyone is fit and well!

Our monthly meetings will restart on Tuesday 22nd June at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre, Neville Parade. We are sure there will be lots to talk about including, discussions about when and where our next activities and trips will be and arranging our Annual General Meeting. All COVID-19 precautions will be taken. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Come down and join us for a cuppa and a chat and bring your friends.





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Public Webinar Meeting to Discuss Incinerator Plans

Following the Teams meeting, Mr Paul Howell MP and I had with Fornax last Tuesday, two new Teams meetings have been arranged: one for School Aycliffe residents and the second for Heighington, Chestnuts and Oaklands residents. The following has been kindly sent to me by Paul Howell detailing the meetings:

Teams Session 1 – Monday 14th June at 7.30pm

Chair: Paul Howell MP

Ward Councillors: Jim Atkinson (Lab) and Neville Jones (Lib Dem)

Great Aycliffe Town Council representative: Cllr. Sandra Haigh (Ind), Chair of the Town Council

Residents: x 12

Fornax: Mark Roberts (Fornax Chair and Founder), Amanda Gair (environmental specialist) and James Blakey (advisor)

Teams Session 2 – Tuesday 15 June at 7.30pm

Chair: Paul Howell MP

Ward Councillors: Gerald Lee (Con) and Paul Crudass (Con)

Residents: x 12

Fornax: Mark Roberts (Fornax Chair and Founder), Amanda Gair (environmental specialist) and James Blakey (advisor)

Paul Howell and Aycliffe Councillors have asked for 12 residents from School Aycliffe to take part in Mondays Teams meeting. The meeting will take place on webinar, which means that everyone can join the meeting to hear the questions being put to Fornax and their answers, but will not be able to be involved.

To join in the webinar, email:

paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk or visit:

<https://www.paulhowell.org.uk> for the link.

Cllr Gerald Lee

Inconsiderate Parking

A problem that's not going to go away anytime soon.

This is not what people want to hear but it's the truth and the reality of the situation has to be faced before a possible solution can be considered. This is a community based problem requiring a community based solution which means taking a collective responsibility and a willingness to face some hard facts.

The number of cars on the town and surrounding areas is increasing which means few places are available to park your car and this is a reality that has to be dealt with. The grassed areas and verges are the responsibility of Durham County Council and Livin so, with all the best will in the world, town councillors like myself are limited to how much we can achieve in the short term. Individual complaints about this problem, although justified, have limited effect as they don't reflect the true scale of the problem or the damage done. If the number of cars continues to rise then we have to accept this problem will continue to create conflict as long as cars take priority over the welfare of the people in the community. There is no easy solution to this complex problem, and an appealing quick fix to keep everyone happy is not an option. Unfortunately it's a problem that's going to be with us indefinitely unless we can work together as a community to identify the scale of the problem and find a workable and realistic outcome.

To this end I would like to ask the county councillors to work with the members of the town council, local community associations and Newton News to address this situation so that a detailed overview can be provided for Durham County Council and Livin so they can be made fully aware of the scale of the problem and the negative impact it's having on the environment and on people's lives. If people have a car they need a place to park and we have to accept that sometimes this is going to be problematic and create a conflict situation. Until the wider issues can be addressed it has to come down to the individual to take personal responsibility for how and where they park their car and how it may impact on the lives of other people in their community.

Cllr Phillip Hawkins

Running Achievement



Yes . . . they did it!

Ten weeks completed with a big fat medal and three miles.

My lovely beginner ladies fully graduated from their beginners running group.

Soooo proud of you ladies!

One of the ladies, Terri Ann, says "just wanted to say a big thank you to you all and Jules Baxter . . . all I ever wanted to do was manage one lap round the running track and last night I managed three miles, it's definitely been physically and mentally challenging, but I wouldn't have done it without the group. We did it ladies."

For anyone thinking of joining, the next set of beginners starts next week, please feel free to text or ring to book your place.

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Town Centre Regeneration Survey Results

On the 30th April, I published a survey in the Newton News that asked a series of questions designed to improve my understanding of how the residents of Newton Aycliffe would like to see the town centre improved and regenerated. Since my election as the MP for Sedgefield in December 2019, I have held regular meetings with the Aycliffe Town Centre Partnership, Durham County Council, local councillors and Freshwater to discuss ideas about what changes we could plausibly make to the town centre and what funding would be needed to achieve this. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has meant that there has not been as much progress made on actioning these ideas, however, in recent weeks, there has been a shift in the makeup of Durham County Council and the Government's announcement of the Levelling Up fund. Both of the aforementioned events have presented us with the perfect opportunity to move forward with progressive plans for the town centre and really deliver the regeneration that is desperately needed. This survey was the perfect platform to build our ideas upon and a way of involving Newton Aycliffe residents in all parts of the process. It was decided that we would allow a month for people to respond to our survey, either online or physically. I am hopeful that as the process moves forward, we will be able to continue to interact with the public and ensure that any changes made are what residents of Newton Aycliffe believe will be beneficial to their town. If, after reading the comments below, you want to add further comment, please get in touch.

Key Findings:

Following close analysis of the results, there were four key findings that give a greater outline of what the priorities are in terms of the town centre for the residents of Newton Aycliffe and what changes they would like to see made to the town centre. The findings are as follows.

Small Independent Businesses – It is widely accepted that one of the most important aspects of the town centre regeneration project is ensuring that the units that are currently stood empty on the high street are filled. There has naturally been debate over what kind of shops or businesses should fill these empty units. There has been suggestions of bars and restaurants, however, in response to question 5 of our survey, which asked what type of businesses they would like to see fill the empty units, over 40% of participants said that they would like to see smaller and more medium sized, independently run businesses.

As a Conservative, I am incredibly passionate about seeing the emergence of small, independently run, businesses

on our high street to help boost the local economy and stimulate job creation. We already have a number of successful small businesses on the high street, and I think as we come out of Covid-19 and begin our recovery, we have an excellent opportunity to bring more of these to Newton Aycliffe. In order to do this, I am going to look to work with the Town Council, County Council, Freshwater and the Government to see how we can further stimulate the engagement of small businesses to our town, tackle the issue of the extremely high rentable value of units in the town centre and encourage potential entrepreneurs to take the huge step of setting up their businesses in Newton Aycliffe.

Entertainment Venues – In answer to question 3 of our survey, 'what developments/improvements do you think would be most beneficial to the town centre?', 25% of respondents said they would like to see the addition of entertainment venues to the town centre, for example a bowling alley or cinema. At present, the closest cinema to Newton Aycliffe is Darlington, however I believe they would be a wonderful addition to Newton Aycliffe. It would be a catalyst for a stimulation to the local economy, increasing footfall in the town centre thus benefiting the other businesses and charity shops.

A cinema or bowling alley has the potential to not only increase footfall in the town centre but also attract more hospitality to Newton Aycliffe. Cinemas and bowling alleys go hand in hand with bars and, in particular, restaurants, both of which would increase employment in the area and boost the local economy. I look forward to exploring the different options we have with the Council.

The Return of a Market – As I am sure many of you are aware, Newton Aycliffe used to have a thriving market with a wide range of products available. It was a great shame that traders stopped trading there, after 40 years, in 2014. With this in mind, I was delighted that 85% of respondents said that they believe Newton Aycliffe would benefit from the return of a market. This is a view I certainly share and look forward to working hard to make this happen.

While there is not yet a consensus on what form this market should take or what kind of stalls people would like to see, it is positive that there is a desire for a market to return to the town centre and once again provide a much needed boost to the town.

A Community Space – Question 11 asked 'The local Police Force are currently developing plans to open a 'community hub' in the town centre, where both children and adults can go to socialise,

learn and seek support. Do you think this will benefit the town and the local community?'. 94% of respondents said they do believe that this would benefit the town, again a view that I certainly share. This is an idea or proposal that I have discussed with the local police force at length. I have listened to the reasons they believe Newton Aycliffe is in need of a space like this and the challenges that they have faced trying to turn the idea into reality. Therefore, I understand what needs to be done to open a space such as this and which groups and organisations we need to work with moving forward. This space would not only benefit young children in Newton Aycliffe, keeping them off the streets and giving them somewhere to socialise, but also vulnerable adults or adults who are in need at any given time. It would be a wonderful asset to the town.

Final Comment – I would just like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone who participated in the survey. I look forward to continuing to hold discussions with relevant stake holders in the town centre and organisations who can help deliver on the much-needed regeneration project.

I do hope that we can deliver on the four key changes that I have outlined above and use those as a platform to help Newton Aycliffe thrive as a town with new jobs and investment in the area.

I want to work with the public every step of the way on this project, so please, if you have any other ideas or comments, do not hesitate to get in touch with me and my team.

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

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Newton Aycliffe F.C. Pre-Season Schedule

Newton Aycliffe FC has announced its pre-season schedule ahead of the 2021-22 Ebac Northern League Division One campaign. Colin Stromsoy's squad will return for training on Saturday, June 12 to undergo an extensive six week programme including five pre-season fixtures to prepare for the new season.

Aycliffe will play four games at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium including high profile ties against Spennymoor Town, Darlington and South Shields as well as making the trip to Manchester to take on Abbey Hey.

Stromsoy's men will end their schedule with a home fixture against Northern League Division Two outfit Tow Law Town.

Aycliffe will kick off their pre-season campaign with a home game against Vanarama National League North team Spennymoor on Tuesday, June 29 (7.30pm). It will be the second successive year Moors have made the trip to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium after a successful friendly back in August in front of a restricted 150 spectators.

Darlington will be the visitors on Tuesday, 6th July (7pm) for the first time since a friendly in July 2017 when the Quakers took a 5-1 win.

The Newtonians travel to Lancashire to take on North West Counties Abbey Hey on Saturday, July 10 (3pm) in a reverse of last season's fixture which saw an entertaining 3-3 draw.

The team will complete a busy week on Tuesday, July 13 when Pitching In Northern Premier League side South Shields make the trip to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium (7.30pm). It will be the first time Aycliffe have hosted the Mariners in four years, since the South Tyneside club's infamous quadruple winning campaign of



2016-17.

The final game of the schedule will see Tow Law visit the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday, July 24 (3pm). The Lawyers were part of last season's pre-season schedule where Stromsoy's side ran out comfortable 5-1 winners. Speaking ahead of the club's return, Stromsoy said: "I can't wait to get started. I think we have put a great squad together for the forthcoming season and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this year."

"The schedule is designed to get us in the best shape possible for the start of the season with some games of real intensity to look forward to so that we can implement our philosophy successfully and hopefully get off to a strong start as we did last year."

Ticket details and guidelines for each game will be available as soon as it is possible to do so.

The Club has confirmed that Season Tickets will be valid for the home friendlies. The prices of these have been frozen at last season's prices: Adults £100, Concessions £60. Holders of Season Tickets for the curtailed 2019 / 2020 campaign are welcome to continue to use them throughout the 2020 / 2021 season.

The 2021 / 2022 Ebac Northern League season gets underway on Saturday 31st July with the Emirates FA Cup commencing the following week, on 7th August. Fixture details will be announced shortly – details will be released on the club website www.newtonaycliffe.co.uk as soon as possible.

**All fixtures are subject to change.*

Votes for Women?

Dear Sir,

It comes as no surprise that the Tories put forward a proposal, under the guise of a bill to end non-existent electoral 'fraud', that will create a barrier to people exercising their basic right to vote and is a clear act of voter suppression.

There were only seven cases of fraud in the last election, so there is no justification for this bill which aims to introduce a requirement for voters to produce photo ID at polling stations.

It is estimated that this will disenfranchise over 3 million people, the poorest in society, who do not possess an ID and haven't the means to acquire one. This is a deliberate act to create a barrier to prevent certain people from voting.

The majority of those affected will be relying on benefits, or on zero-hour contracts, part time workers, single parents and those in insecure work and we know the majority of this economic group are women, who have continually been the majority of those effected by Tory austerity policies with 85% of cuts hitting women the hardest.

The Woman's Budget Group report that:

- Women are more likely to be low paid and in insecure employment. 69% of low paid earners are women, 74% of those in part-time employment are women. 54% of those on zero hours contracts are women.

- Women are the majority of people living in poverty and female-headed households are more likely to be poor. For example, 45% of lone parents (90% of whom are women) are living in poverty.

This will also affect those belonging to ethnic minority groups and those with disabilities and men who also fall into this socio-economic group, but, by effectively removing the vote from poor working-class women, it is significant in its symbolism.

It is not just the cost of acquiring ID that is a barrier, it's the bureaucracy involved which many people do not have the time or energy to go through.

After 100 years of hard-won suffrage, when women campaigned, fought, and even gave their lives, for the right to vote, if this bill is passed, it is this Tory government that will effectively be rolling back this fundamental right to a time when only a select class of women could vote.

A century after women acted under the slogan 'Votes for Women' it looks as though, once again, this slogan will be relevant as we fight to ensure votes for women remains a fundamental right for ALL women, by opposing this bill.

Please take action to support the fight to end this discriminatory bill by writing to your MP and ask him to vote against this, email contact: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk

Sedgefield Labour Woman's forum.

Weekly Hog Blog

We have had a very busy few days but all good here. To begin with Freddie, our hog with the really poorly leg, has had the leg amputated and feeling much better, he now has to practice walking with three legs. He started walking around the vets when he woke last Friday, nice one Sarah at Sore Paws.

We also got an urgent call on Sunday evening from Bev from Silverdale Place. A garden nearby disturbed a nesting mother and her four hoglets they originally thought were rats, it's important to know that once a nest is disturbed there is no returning to the nest, mum tried to do a runner but was unsuccessful, thankfully. We owe our gratitude to Bev, Sean and Amanda for keeping these beautiful mammals safe till I arrived, mum and babies are at home with us in a cage together, safe and sound, with no worries about mum having to leave her nest to find food and these babies, who are just two weeks old, are doing very nicely. Please check your gardens before you use any power tools, there are a lot of expectant and nursing mums out there at the moment they are very vulnerable, despite being classed as wild animals which are protected, endangered and at risk of extinction, they don't deserve the difficulties they encounter.

Tip of the Week: please leave food and water out, if you can, for our Prickly Pals, the ground is very hard and finding food is impossible at the moment, we still have injured hoggies because of these conditions. If you need help please ring BHPS on 01584 890801. Maxine, Tara and Tyra



Rolls Royce Auction for GNAAS

A gold Rolls-Royce will be sold to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). The 1974 Silver Shadow is the top lot in a sale of items belonging to County Durham businessman John Wade. Trucks, trailers, lawn mowers and a tractor will also be sold, with a portion of the sale going to GNAAS.

Mr Wade, a long-standing GNAAS supporter, is working alongside Northallerton Auctions in organising the auction, which will take place online and at Howe Hills, Sedgfield, at 11am on June 19. Giles Drew, principal auctioneer at Northallerton Auctions, said: "On behalf of John Wade we're selling a vast array of items from rotavators to small tools, with the Rolls-Royce being the star of the show. We've also got diggers, lawnmowers, wagons, wagon trailers, caravans, anything you can think of. It's very generous of John and we just hope that people can bid with confidence and give that little bit more because they know a substantial amount from the sale is going to GNAAS."

Mr Wade has raised many thousands of pounds for the charity, which relies solely on public donations.

He said: "I think it's a great cause and everybody needs it. I've always supported it and I really thought now is the chance to support it again."

Further information, including listings of what is on sale, can be found by clicking on the Facebook page Northallerton Auctions Ltd and the website www.northallertonauctions.com

Summer Activities at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts have a programme brimming with creativity and curiosity for the summer season!

Our summer art project for young people runs on a Thursday and is a free course of crafty workshops where young people can explore creativity and get curious. Led by artist Dawn Belshaw the sessions run from 16:00 – 17:30 and are perfect for young people aged 8+.

Alongside our popular regular adult courses, such as yoga and Spanish, we have a range of exciting opportunities inspired by the summer season. Artist Graham Stead will be leading a one-off session where you can develop your sketching skills and practitioner Leigh Johnson has devised bespoke well-being sessions using yoga-based techniques which are designed to 'boost your immune system' and a session of 'calming and grounding' sessions.

For our younger creators we have an imaginative choice of inspiring opportunities. These include painting and drawing, young yoga and a new 'fun with photos' session. There is also a chance to be 'eco-inspired' by our holiday 'Finders, Seekers' activities, be an eco-warrior and join artist Paul Theo Murray to make something fabulous! Find out more about the full summer programme by visiting our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk where you can reserve your place by using our simple online form, or contact our friendly team to find out more, just call 01325 379048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

Rotary Presents Paul Harris Fellowship to Nev Jones

Recently, and on behalf of Rotary Newton Aycliffe, our President, Trish Pemberton, arrived at the J&C Coaches depot to present a Paul Harris Fellow Award, the highest accolade that Rotary can bestow, to the irrepressible Nev Jones. To



say he was surprised is an understatement. The presentation is the last, but certainly not the least, in a batch of 7 awards and was delayed by a few weeks as Nev was busy with other priorities. In the usual voting process, it was overwhelmingly supported by local Rotarians in appreciation of the community work achieved by Nev. It is an individual award, but we do recognise that Nev has a great commitment from his whole family in the charitable work in which he is involved.

For once in his life he was speechless, an achievement in itself, but he did manage to say, "As a Rotarian himself, my Dad would have been so proud and I must mention that my Mum Freda is also a Paul Harris Fellow, so we can add this one to the mantlepiece". Congratulations Nev and good luck to you and the family in your future endeavours.

GARDEN VOLUNTEER APPEAL

Join Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP)'s Community Garden as a volunteer.

All abilities are welcome to sign up to become a volunteer, where you will support the development of the Community Garden along with other volunteers and garden users.

The garden features a variety of plants, flowers, fruit trees and vegetables that all require regular maintenance. The Community Garden is regularly used by young children for learning and development.

For more information or to arrange a garden visit for a chat, please contact enquiries@pcp.uk.net or call 01325 321234



Proposed Incinerator Development

On 25th May 2021, I chaired a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee of the Town Council. The main item on the agenda was the proposed development of a High Temperature Thermal Treatment Facility for Clinical and Hazardous Waste, at land north of Hitachi Rail on Aycliffe Business Park.

- The building would house a high temperature incinerator plant.
- The site would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 355 days a year.
- Catchment area for materials to be processed would be centred around the site, including Newcastle, Durham, Sunderland and other local towns. However, a regional capacity shortfall in the North East and Scotland would be addressed by the proposed facility.
- The facility is expected to process 1.25 tonnes of waste per hour.
- Maximum annual operation is 10,500 tonnes.
- There will be 15 HGV movements a day.
- The stack (chimney) will be 30m high.
- Containers, which had contained clinical waste, would be transferred to the container wash for disinfection.
- The report we received indicated that human health receptors/risks need to be assessed.
- Low potential negative environmental impact.
- Operational site emissions suggest potentially significant effects may occur, combined impacts of site emissions and traffic emissions should be quantified.
- No operational emissions modelling methodology is provided.

The meeting was full to capacity and after questions from the public a brief description of the plan by a County Planning Officer and a detailed presentation of the plan by Chrissy Walton, the Town Council's Corporate and Policy Officer, it was resolved that the following response be forwarded to Durham County Council.

'The Town Council have considered this application at the Planning Sub-Committee on 25 May 2021, which was attended by a number of members of the public, and would make the following comments to the proposal:

- The Town Council would request that this application is placed on hold until a full and detailed public consultation can take place. It is also requested that DCC consider holding a public meeting in order to give residents the opportunity to ask questions directly and receive answers in person.
- That this application is considered at committee rather than a delegated decision at officer level.
- The proposed site is not suitable for this type of development as it is too near to domestic properties.

In addition, the Town Council would object to

the location of the proposal due to:

- Proximity to houses;
- Proximity to historic and listed buildings/monuments;
- Potentially dangerous site and traffic emissions;
- Significant environmental impact on air quality;
- Habitat loss for 4 butterfly species which are on the RED data list species, 2 of which are vulnerable and 1 is near threatened;
- Unclear impact/information regarding Great Crested Newts;
- Potential risk to groundwater within a protection zone on the Magnesian Limestone principal aquifer;
- Negative visual impact on the area.'

Recently the Council has been informed that the planning request would now be dealt with at committee level.

I will be requesting the full Council meeting

on 16th June to authorise myself and Council officers to seek appropriate advice from a consultant in this area of planning and, if required, to employ a consultant to represent the views of the Council when this issue is discussed at the County Council Planning Committee.

I personally believe that this development should not take place in close proximity to a growing town and the largest industrial estate in the County.

Air quality will be affected, with untold particles and gasses which, depending on the wind and weather, will be deposited throughout Newton Aycliffe and South West Durham.

I believe this plan has no positive value to our community and we should fight it with all the resources at our disposal.

Councillor Bob Fleming
Great Aycliffe Town Council



Brenda Laight

Brenda was a friend to all who knew her and contributed greatly to the Newton Aycliffe community. Brenda spent 38 years of her life involved in numerous roles in the 1st Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade company. Starting off as a helper in 1983, becoming an officer and progressing through the different sections until becoming Captain of the 1st Newton Aycliffe for the last 20 years. In addition she was also Secretary for the Darlington and District Battalion for many years.

Seeing the children complete the set activities each week, which would help them attain their badges, brought much pleasure to Brenda. There was always a varied programme of activities organised by her, which included sports, cooking, model making and quizzes, to name but a few. There were visits to and from various organisations, weekends away and competitions between the different Darlington and District companies. The younger boys particularly liked things where animals were involved.

Brenda helped many boys progress to achieve the President's badge and ultimately their Queen's badge. In fact, Bailey and Benedict Crossen were both working on their Queen's badge when COVID restrictions began. They have both said they want to complete it, which is a special achievement



for them, but also in memory of Brenda. I'm sure Brenda would be very proud of both of them, as she was of all the children who progressed through Boys Brigade. Sadly, not everyone was able to attend the funeral service due to COVID restrictions. There were many people who waited outside Neville Parade Methodist Church, both before and after the service, wanting to pay their respects. Brenda touched the lives of so many and will be sorely missed by us all. In memory of Brenda, contributions to Target Ovarian Cancer Charity.

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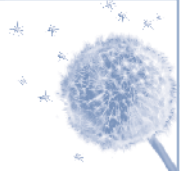


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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



We start this week's report with a trip to the South Coast as two Members took on the 'Run To The Sea' ultramarathon on Saturday, 5th June 2021.

The race was a 50K (or 31 miles in old money!) point-to-point, multi-terrain ultramarathon, which started near Horsham. Initially the race commenced on firm trails through rural West Sussex before reaching the South Downs Way and finished with a run along the seafront in Brighton, concluding at the Marina.

Simon Turner crossed the line in 6:12:03, pipping Matthew Sommerville by one second, with Matthew crossing the line in 6:12:04.

One day later, and at the other end of the country, several Members headed to North-West Cumbria to participate in the Run Cumbria Solway Half Marathon. The race took place on country lanes through Bowness-on-Solway, returning to Anthon via coastal roads. First across the line for the Club was John Surtees in 1:22:33, and he was closely followed home by John Firby in 1:22:39.

Richard Campbell had an excellent race, completing his run in 1:26:02, which reflected a new Personal Best for the distance. Andy Talbot was the final Aycliffe runner home, in a time of 1:28:21, finishing first in his Age Category (V60).

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



Parliament Talk

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A week in the constituency for me as Westminster is on recess at half term, meaning, whilst I had a number of zoom or similar meetings, I was also able to spend more time here.

I had a zoom meeting with my colleague Lee Anderson, MP for Ashfield. Lee is an ex-miner, and we had a discussion with union and trustee representatives about the mineworkers' pension scheme and the recommendations made by the BEIS select committee. I was part of the committee that produced a report requesting Government to improve the allocation of funds to the scheme. I also had discussions with one of the newer companies in the market who are installing fibre broadband to explain to me their approach, and how it affects people in the constituency. I have also continued discussions with Council officers and others as regards our proposals for applying the opportunities afforded by the Levelling Up Fund. The results of our recent survey on the potential for Aycliffe town centre is reported separately in the Newton News. The main issue in the inbox, as regards Aycliffe, is the planning proposal for an incinerator on the Business Park. We are arranging two online Q&A sessions with the business to help people be better informed as to what precisely is being proposed.

This is not part of the planning process; it is a voluntary opportunity from the business to explain their proposal for those that are concerned. I have had some criticism for not immediately objecting to the proposal but, with the details I have seen and the environmental standards they would be mandated to achieve, I find it difficult to object. However, my role is to represent residents and if, after they have considered the full information, grounds for concern remain then I will fully represent them. I am not a scientist, so I am very definitely open to hearing concerns. I am not immediately objecting because environmental standards have moved significantly in recent years. I trust the Environment Agency who have no other agenda than public safety and a clean environment, and they would need to approve the operations. I understand the standards this facility would need to achieve are the same as a much larger waste incinerator built in Copenhagen in 2019 which is so clean that they have an artificial ski slope on its roof that local residents use. This is a completely different paradigm to when I lived in Aycliffe (prior to the establishment of the Environment Agency and stricter enforcement) when unpleasant smells regularly wafted across the town.

To join in the webinar, email: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk or visit: <https://www.paulhowell.org.uk> for the link. Recess means that because there are no debates happening, I have more time to spend with the team in the office in Aycliffe. This week we have started planning the specific details regarding pop up surgeries. Whilst we will be able to meet people in the Aycliffe office this is not always accessible to people elsewhere in the constituency, as I am sure you are aware it reaches from Thornley in the north, to Hurworth in the south. For surgery planning, the constituency has been divided into seven regions and whilst we will hold at least one surgery each week, it will move between the regions in an attempt to be more accessible. We will publicise on our website and in the Newton News (and other media) the proposed schedules.

As regards the constituency, the independent boundary commission has this week produced its first iteration of the proposals for the next election. This is to equalise the number of constituents each MP represents. I currently have an electorate of 64,325 but the requirement is for each MP to have between 69,724 and 77,062. I therefore needed to have at least 5,400 added. Because other constituencies around me also require changes, the impact on the proposals for Sedgefield are more significant. It starts with a proposal to rename the constituency as 'Newton Aycliffe and Sedgefield' and sees major changes to the geography. I will lose all of my Darlington Borough Council wards as well as Wingate and Station Town and they will be replaced by areas like Shildon, Coxhoe and Bowburn. The next stage in this process is for representations to be made on the proposals, after which the boundary commission announce their final proposals. These are intended to be finalised in time for the next General Election, currently scheduled for 2024. However, this proceeds I will continue to be your Member of Parliament until the next election and hopefully beyond.

We continue the steps out of lockdown and look to the next critical date of 14th June when we will know whether restrictions are to be lifted on 21st June. For now, can I please continue to encourage you all to be sensible and not push the boundaries of what we are allowed. Slow and steady progress is much more sustainable. Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air. Stay Safe.

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield



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Fault Finders Should Live Straight & Walk Straight . . .

Dear Sir,
Labour party member, Vince Crosby, has made a personal attack on one of the Great Aycliffe Town Councillors in last week's edition.
Firstly, it was noticeable that Vince was deliberately promoting his fellow Labour party member, Cllr. Ian Gray, for his own Ward in the elections, because he always quoted his name and no one else. It was especially noticed on social media, by many astute members of the public, that at no time in the four years prior to the elections did Vince or Cllr. Ian Gray raise the issue of litter picking, except towards the elections - self serving publicity for political ends, nothing more - The public aren't daft.
You probably won't know, so, I should politely point out to you Vince, that your Labour Cllr. Ian Gray, was offered the position of Vice Chairman of the Environment Committee by the Independents after the elections, but the Labour group refused it point blank, why? They also refused to co-operate at all, at the Council AGM.
Miserable sore losers? Spoilt brats? That's right Vince, blame everyone but yourselves. Instead, after the elections, they desperately phoned round Independents and Lib Dem Councillors trying to get them to change sides and keep Labour, and only Labour, in power - very dirty politics I might add, which left a bad taste. I notice that Vince only refers to his fellow Labour party member, Cllr. Ian Gray, but not the Chairman of the Environment Committee or all other members of the Environment Committee, nor all Councillors.
Cllr. Ken Robson, myself and Cllr. Martin Ashcroft and a few other volunteers, for years, regularly litter picked West Park, but we never sought publicity for it. Times change, not every Councillor with work,

family etc can litter pick all the time. Certainly not at your beck and call Mr Crosby. The new Vice Chairman of the Environment Committee is not required to litter pick just because you demand it.
The Town Council and no doubt County Council have tried their best to supply litter pickers and collect litter and anyone can contact our Works and Environment Manager, Steve Cooper, on 300700 or email steven.cooper@great-aycliffe.gov.uk - who will do his utmost to supply litter pickers and collect litter.
The people responsible for litter are those who drop it, whilst you are busy venting your spleen Vince, remember, Labour lost control of the County Council and the Town Council. You need to ask yourself why? Learn the lessons and don't just blame the voters. Incidentally Vince, Labour got all the positions it wanted on Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups on the Town Council. That is the new open, transparent way we Independents and Lib Dems work. It's called 'democracy', get used to it, the dictatorships at County and Town are overthrown. Fault finders should live straight and walk straight before they set about instructing others.
Cllr. Arun M. Chandran
Independent

Shopping with Shildon Community Bus

Shildon Community Bus is considering providing a shopping club for Shildon and Newton Aycliffe and possibly other local areas. Would you like transport to go shopping every two weeks to the bigger supermarkets at West Auckland? If the answer is yes, please register your interest, call the bus office on 01388 773666 and leave your name, address and a contact number. If you have previously enquired, please call again with your details. We expect that each trip will cost no more than £3.00.

Under the terms of our operator's licence, you must join as a club member and the annual fee will be no more than £5.00. We will contact all interested parties to let you know what happens next. We look forward to serving the community in 2021.
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Zoom Meeting with Sergeant Andy

At a recent Zoom meeting, President Trish Pemberton and members of Rotary welcomed Acting Inspector Andy Boyd, pictured, from Newton Aycliffe Police as their speaker. The police officer told us that he joined Durham Constabulary in 1995 and since then, had been posted to Bishop Auckland, Crook and Shildon and had held roles both on response teams and in CID. In 2016, he was promoted to Sergeant and then in 2018, was posted to Newton Aycliffe as Neighbourhood Sergeant. Andy told us that he loves his job and a recent promotion to Acting Inspector means that he is even more involved with our community, where he sees the amazing work done by charities, councillors, and volunteers, such as ourselves.

Andy went on to say, "overall, crime in Newton Aycliffe is quite low. However, one of the main problems was anti-social behaviour which tended to be concentrated around certain areas of the town. The neighbourhood policing team was quite small but were highly motivated and had a good working knowledge of the area and the people, and maintained useful contacts with many of the community organisations. The aim of the team is to problem solve around issues causing the most amount of harm to the community".

He informed us that a recent initiative was the intention to set up a Community Hub in the town which would be a multi-agency help centre for residents, that anyone could access for assistance in finding the right

support with a problem. Andy acknowledged that there were already many organisations, charities and community groups achieving great things in the community, but no central premises pulling them all together. A model used in Stanley, called PACT House, was referred to, where a multitude of different partners could be housed addressing vulnerability across the town. Andy is currently working with Paul Howell MP on this idea and searching for funding, and suitable central premises to house the project. Any business or individual who can assist with these objectives, should contact him either through the Newton Aycliffe Police Facebook page or the Rotary Facebook page.



Police Notices

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As the weather continues to improve, we see more instances of off-road vehicles along the coastal areas. We are working with partners to improve defences against access from these vehicles and prevent further damage to footpaths, walkways and natural habitats, especially over breeding season. We encourage all visitors to the coastal areas to be vigilant for this illegal use and to report it to Police via 101 as soon as possible. Please try to gather riders clothing descriptions, vehicle descriptions, any displayed registration plates, direction of travel and direction of arrival. These pieces of information are very important in identifying and dealing with these nuisance vehicles.

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Obituary

Terence Sugden (Tel) 'Suggy'

Passed away peacefully at home, Tel, aged 73 years. Much loved Partner of Angie and a dearly loved Dad and Grandad. Funeral Service to take place in St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 15th June at 10am followed by burial in West Cemetery. Floral Tributes will be gratefully accepted c/o John Meynell Funeral Directors.

Alwyn Brierley

Of School Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 1st June, aged 93 years. Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Wednesday 16th June at 11.30am.

Gloria Griffiths

5th June, peacefully at home. Gloria, (nee Simpson), aged 85 years. Dearly loved Wife to Tony; much loved Mam to Tina and Colin; devoted Nan to Tom and Paul; doting Great-Nan to Freddie and Georgie and a dear Sister to Audrey. Funeral on Friday 18th June. Due to current restrictions a small gathering for family and friends will be held for the Funeral Service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, may be sent in aid of The Alzheimer's Society. Everyone is welcome afterwards to The Bay Horse at Heighington for refreshments.

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Jimmy Williams



28th May, suddenly in hospital after an illness, fought with great dignity. Jimmy, aged 66 years. Devoted Husband and loved dearly by Yvonne; much loved and loving Dad of Niki and Marc; devoted Grandad to Mori and Misty and a good friend to many. Jimmy will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Wednesday 16th June. Due to current restrictions a limited amount of mourners will be permitted for the Service, which will be held in St. Clare's Church at 11.30am followed by Committal and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 12.30pm. The family have requested a touch of red. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, would be much appreciated, in aid of Parkinsons UK.

Birthday Remembrance

Ken Innes

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Ron Hudson

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 6th June, aged 76 years. Dearly beloved Husband of the late Pat, much loved Partner to Sandra, also a treasured Dad of Gail, Noel, Robin and Kathryn and a loving Granda to Georgina. Family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Monday 21st June at 1.30pm.

In Memoriam

Peggy Slater



Rest In Peace 9th June 2020

A Mother to Chris, Billy, Lynn and Michael; Grandma to Mark, Craig, Lee, Carl and Billy, Glenn, Charlie, Katie, Rebecca and Thomas. One year on and missed every day more than ever, love from everyone.

Richard Turner

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store lost a very close game by three wickets away at Thornaby 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe got off to a reasonable start reaching 58 for 3, thanks to Luke Telford (20 runs), Sam Telford (19 runs) and Joe Haines (14 runs). But the innings exploded into life when on-form captain Adam Randall (sponsored by DTS Joinery) came to the crease and proceeded to smash a season's best 86 from just 61 balls faced. Randall's impressive innings included nine boundaries and four big sixes and was his third half century in four innings. Aycliffe were eventually dismissed for a disappointing 174 after 46.1 overs. In reply, Aycliffe made the homeside fight for every run with James Layfield-Carroll (3 for 31) and George Slatcher (3 for 49) leading the way with the ball. However, in a tense finale, Thornaby reached their winning target in the 53rd over with only four balls and three wickets in hand. The second team had a memorable 27 run victory at home to Yarm 2nd XI in the NYSD

4th division thanks to some remarkable individual performances from their young players. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe used all of their allotted 40 overs to score a respectable 164 all out with the main contributions coming from 16 year old Matty Greaves (30 off 70 balls), 15 year old Leo Mercy (28 off 31 balls) and Matty French (20 off 35 balls). In reply the visitors appeared to be storming to a very quick victory smashing their way to 71 for 0 from 13 overs. The introduction of captain Joe Teasdale (4 for 37) and Matty Greaves (1 for 23) had a strong impact on the innings, reducing Yarm to 114 for 5. With eleven overs remaining, Harrison Pearson (sponsored by Hatty) was then reintroduced into the attack and the 13 year old seam bowler proceeded to take the last five remaining wickets in just four astonishing overs, finishing with career best figures of 5 for 38 from his eight overs. He was helped enormously by Ryan Patrick who took five brilliant catches, four of them off young Pearson's bowling, to set a new Aycliffe club record for outfield catches in an innings as Yarm were dismissed for 137 off 36 overs. Special mention must also go to 14 year old Adam Shaw who was keeping wicket for the first time in a senior game and took two stunning catches, including the Yarm captain Neil Edwards, who was looking in fine form before he was dismissed for his side's top score of 38 runs.

Aycliffe's u17's began their season with a heavy defeat by 96 runs away to a very strong Barnard Castle team in the NYSD junior league. The homeside opted to bat first scoring an impregnable 182 for 5 in their allotted 20 overs. Tom Dearden was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 32 from his four overs. In reply, Aycliffe were bowled out for 86 after 19.3 overs despite Dan Heaton top scoring with a breezy 25 from 26 balls and an equally positive 20 runs off 19 balls by Will Varley.

The u15's played their long awaited first game of the season and put in a spirited performance despite losing by 33 runs away at Hartlepool in the NYACC. The homeside chose to bat first and scored 141 for 5 in their allotted overs. Joe Ingman was the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 2 for 18. In reply, captain Owen Smith got Aycliffe off to a good start before he was dismissed for 20. Tom Dearden then took over and batted superbly, finishing unbeaten on 50 from just 31 balls faced and he hit six boundaries and a six. Dan Heaton chipped in with 18 runs from 20 balls to help give the innings some substance as Aycliffe finished their allotted 20 overs on a respectable 107 for 4.

Photo: Aycliffe's 2nd team players Harrison Pearson (on the left), who had career best bowling figures of 5 for 38 against Yarm, and team mate Ryan Patrick, who broke the club record with his five outfield catches in the same match.

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