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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



Giant Hogweed in the Area SAFC Branch Meeting

Key ID Features



Great Aycliffe Town Council have recently been contacted by members of the public worried about articles in the local press and on social media about Giant Hogweed in the area. The plant is a massive problem along the River Tees and is now well established along this river. People are rightfully concerned that this non-native plant that can cause significant burns and blistering if skin comes into contact with the sap.

However, the Council would like to reassure members of the public that during the plant growing season the Town Council monitor its land on a weekly basis in locations where the plant is likely to be found. Whilst a few plants have been found, they have been identified at a very early stage and removed as soon as possible when detected. For this reason, the Council are confident that this problem, which is such an issue elsewhere, is under control on Town Council land.

The Council also closely liaise with Durham County Council regarding any giant hogweed sightings on their land. Locally there is a great deal of confusion between giant hogweed and the widely prevalent native hogweed species and other similar plants such as cows parsley. The information below and above aims to aid members of the public to correctly identify the plant.

A mature giant hogweed cannot be mistaken for anything else; it is very imposing and can stand up to 3 metres tall with huge leaves the same size as a grown man. The stems are covered in sharp hooks and have dark blotches. The leaves are significantly more sharply divided compared with native hogweed.

The Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Sunderland AFC Supporters Association.

To all branch members, or anyone who wants to join the branch, we are holding an extra meeting on the 22nd July at 8.00pm in the Phoenix Club main hall.

This is to discuss transport for the start of the season as the first home game is on the 7th August. It is hoped that we will go back to normal from the 19th of July.

To anyone who is interested in joining the branch, you are welcome, membership is £6.00 - for more information please contact Branch Chairman on 07368 372568.

Thank you
Cliff

St. Mary's Amazing Adventure at X-Platoon



On Monday, 28th June pupils from year 3 at St. Mary's primary went on a school trip to X-Platoon. X-Platoon is located near Wheatley Hill. It is an outdoor adventure place, which also teaches you to survival skills. Our instructors were called Steve and Joe.

Our first activity was to sharpen some wood with a sharp knife. First Steve explained to us how to use a knife safely. Then we all went to get our own knife and piece of wood. We found it quite difficult to get the right angles, to carve the wood. You had to do a quick movement to sharpen the wood, but eventually we all got the hang of it. We were allowed to take the stick home at the end of the day.

We had lots of fun at lunch time as we got to sit around a fire, and some of us were allowed to sit around the round table.

The second activity was where we got the opportunity to explore some shelters that had already been made. Shelter number 1 was the most luxurious one, as it had a raised bed and room for a big fire. Shelter 2 was our favourite, as it had a small fire in the middle. It was tepee shape and had a little chimney at the top. Shelter 3 was only a 1 star one, as it did not have as many features.

Then we went into groups and designed and made our own dens using material that was in the forest. Each group had a team leader and were given some string and a knife to use if they needed them. When we had made them, each group had to explain to the others what they did, which was really fun!

Next we used a fire steel to light a cotton wool ball on fire. Most people found these very tricky, but lots of us were determined to do it on our own. Our final part of the day involved toasting marshmallows over a fire using some long sticks. The marshmallows went golden brown and were sticky, but were absolutely delicious to eat.

We all felt that X-Platoon was our favourite school trip and would give it a 5 star rating! We would recommend this place as a very exciting day out!

Here are a few quotes...

"My favourite part was making a shelter."

"My favourite part was making fire; although it was very tricky."

"I loved eating hot, sticky marshmallows!"

Written by YEAR 3 pupils from St. Mary's

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Coach Trip

New Friends, New Places hold a meeting every Tuesday from 2.00pm until 4.30pm in the Concert Hall at The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe.

This group was started in 2008 to help older, lonely people to socialise, meet people and visit different places on coach tours. We welcome all old and new members to join us.

We also welcome you to our first coach trip on Sunday 8th August, leaving Wilkinsons at 9.30am, to South Shields, £8 cost.

Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

#redforevan Memory Walk



On 3rd November 2020 we lost our beloved Evan, we didn't have cause for alarm, nor any indication that something was wrong. We went to bed one day and next day he was gone. Mental health related deaths are one of the biggest killers of our youth. We needed to do something so another family, another community, didn't experience this monumental loss . . . So we did. On the 26th June 2021 we, and almost 300 of our friends, family and members of our community, participated in the #redforevan fundraising walk. The walk covered the entirety of the Great Aycliffe Walk, approximately 12k, just over 8 miles. We would like to thank each and every participant, from the youngest fundraisers, Paige and Flynn, to our local Tesco champion Shirley, and everyone inbetween. The support our family has received these last months has been nothing short of incredible and the support for the #redforevan walk even more so.

The morning of the walk we woke to rain and worried that this would hinder participation, we were wrong to worry, as we got to the train station and saw the sea of people,

wearing red, there for us and for Evan. The response to #redforevan has been amazing, from events to raise funds, not only for If U Care Share Foundation, but also for Quinns Retreat, with help from Newton Aycliffe Tesco, fully embraced by Shirley and Caroline. Thank you so much ladies for the support and refreshments provided on the day. Thanks also to Steve Cunliffe for leading our walk and Sheena for setting the whole thing away, we also need to mention each and every person that walked, donated, shared our link and shared conversations. We couldn't have done any of this without our community and the people around us. If you, or anyone you know, may be struggling, please reach out. Please talk to someone - You are vital - You are necessary - You are loved. Our fundraising has reached a staggering £4121 at time of going to print. Emma

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Disgusting Habit

Dear Sir,
This is a message to all the irresponsible and ignorant dog owners who stand and watch their dogs foul on public footpaths, outside shops, (especially outside Woodham Vets), children's parks and people's lawns and don't pick it up and bin it. They leave it for everyone to stand in it or pick it up ourselves from our gardens. I write this as I have just come in from picking dog mess up off my front lawn and I don't even own a dog. You MUST know who you are and you should be ashamed of yourselves. Readers of the Newton News please send your comments to the Editor if you are also angry about certain dog owners who cannot be bothered to clean up after their dogs. You cannot enjoy going out for a walk without watching your step as the pavements are covered in it. Please stop this disgusting habit. Carry your doggy bin bags with you each time you take them out - pick it up and bin it. Newton Aycliffe have bins everywhere so there is no excuse. A very disgruntled Newton Aycliffe Resident

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Seb Battles Hard

This weekend Seb competed in the third round of the Micromax UK Championship in Cumbria at Rowrah. The weather was one heck of a mixed bag all weekend. Lots of rain to say the least - then the sun came out for a while on Sunday before the heavens opened again!

Heat One

Seb started in P7. The weather looked OK, first few laps absolutely perfect, until the rain came down, all the kids aged between 7-12 drove amazing on slick tyres in the wet, Seb drove amazing finishing in P3.

Heat Two

Track had dried a little, but still needed wet tyres, and Seb started in pole position and enjoyed some really good racing with his pals and managed to hold on to 1st place.

Heat Three

Seb's turn to start right at the back of the pack P11. He had a plan, had a good start, carefully working his way through the pack. He finished in P5, which was good as he was aiming for P7 or above so he was over the moon.

The Final

Seb started in P2. Great start and kept in second for most of the race but lost P2 with four laps to go, he tried to get the place back, catching up, but not quite getting there. He is still very happy with his performance last weekend and we have learnt we need to change a few things ready for his next race.

We were supposed to be in Wales but the race has been cancelled, so his next race in the Championship is on 16/17th July at Hooton Park. Massive thanks go to Nigel Horner at HRS Engines.



Neighbourhood Policing

By PCSO Sarah Button



This week the neighbourhood team have had a huge success whereby A/Sgt Welch and PCSO Button have utilised our E-Bikes to locate a missing person. The E-Bikes allowed us to access locations that we would not have had access to in a vehicle and travel a large distance quickly and efficiently, assisting us in locating the missing person in a much shorter time than if we were on foot.

This week we have also been completing some Herbert Protocols, this can be used for people with Dementia/Alzheimer's where a form gets filled in with important details and any information that would assist in locating someone who has gone missing from their home address. If you know anybody who you think would benefit from this protocol please get in touch and a PCSO will visit the household and complete the form together. On July 24th we are celebrating our Blue Light Day which will take place in the town centre, a fun day for everyone! We really hope to see you all there.

We are working with partner agencies, to secure funding, and are always looking at new and innovative ways to tackle the problem. Have you heard of our online messaging service 'Keep in the Know'? By signing up to this service for free you can find out what's happening in your local area – receive regular crime updates, information on road closures and learn about what your local neighbourhood policing team is doing. You can decide what agencies you wish to receive messages off when you sign up to the service. Head over to www.keepintheknow.co.uk and click 'Sign up'. It doesn't take long and you can be kept up to date with many different things.

PCSO 8730 Sarah Button

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Newton News Prom Awards - Greenfield

Monday 5th July 2021

During all the rain this week there was a few hours of sunshine as the pupils from Greenfield College, Class of 2021, attended their year end prom.

For the twelfth year Newton Press presented the annual Prom Awards which is organised and presented by Paul Howarth from Newton Press. The sponsors were very generous in supplying the funds to purchase valuable prizes and we thank Honest John, Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Newton News, Rotary Newton Aycliffe, ROF59 and Newton Press.

Special thanks go to Gary Blenkinsopp (Rotary President) for attending and helping with the presentations.

Greenfield 2021 Prom Award winners:

Top Academic: Ellie Green

Most Improved: Eloise Ablett

PE & Sports Contribution: Ben Johnson

Most Improved Visual Art: Maisie Henry

Performing Arts: Grace Catterick

Achievement through Adversity: Phelan Bailey

[More photos can be viewed on our website.](#)



Councillors Call on Government to Keep Universal Credit Uplift

Liberal Democrat Councillor, Mark Wilkes, a Cabinet member on Durham County Council, is to call on the government to protect low paid workers. A motion has been submitted for debate to the next Full Council on July 14th by the Lib Dem Councillor. In September a £20 a week increase in Universal Credit will be scrapped, affecting nearly 53,000 residents across County Durham.

Cllr Wilkes says this will impact not only on the incomes of low paid workers but also risks causing serious damage to the economy, commenting, "If this cut goes ahead it will take over £50 million out of our County's economy in the coming year. If we are to build a stronger economy the government cannot make this cut."

"Furlough is ending, our high streets haven't recovered, many essentials are seeing inflationary price increases, and many working residents are still struggling. I hope every councillor will back my motion and send a message to the Government that the £20 increase should be made permanent."

Cllr Alan Shield, Leader of the Durham Independent Group, has agreed to 2nd the motion stating, "This is not politically motivated, and shows cross party unity to implement a morally justifiable cause to maintain the current status quo for residents suffering from financial and social impoverishment."

A number of Conservative backbench MPs have also called on government to keep the uplift.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 14th July 2021 - 7.15pm
Environment & Recreation

NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 14th July - 6.00pm
Audit Risk & GDPR Sub Committee

NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Newton Aycliffe Dog Club

Lesley Thompson and Sonya Ingledew are both life long Newtonians and dog trainers. They became good friends through their love of dogs. As a community initiative they came together to set up Newton Aycliffe Dog Club. During Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns, many puppies and dogs have missed out on critical socialisation. Their aim is to bring together a community of dog lovers, provide coaching for appropriate socialisation skills and have weekly activities. They currently offer free puppy socialisation sessions. These are held on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm to promote appropriate interaction between puppies.

The Dog Club starts at 7pm on Tuesday evenings. This is for people and their dogs with basic training skills, and dogs good around other dogs. This group provides social interaction for like-minded people. Coaching in fun activities to encourage 'have a go' with your dogs. Refreshments are provided so you can have a cuppa and a natter, biscuits are offered for people and dogs. On Sunday mornings at 10am there is an adolescent socialisation group for dogs over 6 months.

Advice and support is freely offered, as well

as sign-posting to training and other dog related activities and services. This club is not-for-profit, with a £5 nominal weekly fee to cover costs.

Newton Aycliffe Dog Club is held at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. To book, or for further information, please make contact via Facebook 'Newton Aycliffe Dog Club' or telephone Sonya on 07999 304078, leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Men Talking Together

Men Talking Together meet every Monday from 12.00 noon to 2.30pm at Unit 14A I.E.S. Centre (behind Newton Press and Screw Fix on Horndale Avenue). This group is for older men who perhaps are lonely, who need to talk with older people and share their skills and knowledge. We can also point you in the right direction if you need help.

This group started in November 2019 but had to restrict its members throughout the pandemic. We have completed various trips to York, Vindolanda, Seaton Carew for fish and chips and The Bay Horse for meals. Come and join us please.

Next month we are moving to new premises nearby - there is plenty of parking at both our present and new premises.

Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for further details.

Walk-In Clinic for Local Patients

Over-18s, are being encouraged to 'drop-in' for their Covid-19 jab in Newton Aycliffe without having to book.

Sedgefield One and Sedgefield North Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are to run a walk-in clinic for people to take up the offer of a vaccination on Saturday 17th July, at Jubilee Medical Group, Cobblers Hall Vaccine Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SE from 8.00am to 4.00pm. No appointment is required, and anyone eligible, who is registered with one of the following GP practices, will be able to get their jab.

- Jubilee Medical Group, Newton Aycliffe
- Bewick Crescent, Newton Aycliffe
- Peaseway, Newton Aycliffe
- Hallgarth, Shildon
- Skerne Medical, Sedgefield
- St Andrew's Medical, Spennymoor
- Bishops Close, Spennymoor
- West Cornforth Medical Centre
- Ferryhill and Chilton Surgery

First and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be available to people aged 18 and over – second doses will only be given to people who had their first Pfizer dose at least 8 weeks ago.

First and second doses of AstraZeneca (AZ) vaccine will be available for people age 40 and over, second doses will only be given to people who had their first AZ dose at least eight weeks ago.

B6443 CENTRAL AVENUE AND C34 BURN LANE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2021

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on the following lengths of road in Newton Aycliffe: **Phase 1** - 45m of Shafto Way between its junctions with Central Ave roundabout and Stanfield Way; **Phase 2** - 130m of Burn Ln between its junctions with Central Ave and Burn Ln roundabouts; **Phase 3** - The south eastern segment of Burn Ln roundabout between Burn Ln and Greenwell Rd; **Phase 4** - The western quadrant of Burn Ln roundabout between Greenwell Rd and Burn Ln to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be undertaken. Alt route from: 1. the south eastern side of the closure from Shafto Way southerly and continuing westerly on Greville Way, northerly on St Cuthbert's Way and north easterly on Central Ave to the north western side of the closure, and vice versa; 2. the south eastern side of the closure from Central Ave roundabout south westerly on Central Ave then north westerly and north easterly on Greenwell Rd to the north western side of the closure; and from the north western side of the closure north westerly on Burn Ln then south westerly on Westmorland Way and Silkin Way, easterly on Stephenson Way and north easterly on Central Ave to the south eastern side of the closure; 3. As 2. with an additional route to Burnhill Way roundabout as a turnaround; 4. Traffic will be managed under temporary traffic signals around Burn Ln roundabout. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence from 7pm to 6.30am each night on 24/7/21 and are anticipated to be completed in 11 nights. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

DATED: 9th July 2021



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For or Against?

Dear Sir,
Good afternoon, I am writing to you in confirmation of our conversation that we held late last Friday afternoon. I would appreciate it if you could find the space in the next issue to publish my response to the article on page 11 of Newton News on Friday 2nd July 2021. You will recall that my conversation started with the question as to who had authored the article, as there was no author declared in the piece. You kindly advised me that this piece had been submitted by a representative of Fornax which to me was fairly obvious as around three quarters of the article was selling the facility, raising its praises and was written, in my opinion, that the plant was already built and operational and therefore being extremely biased!

Since our conversation I have seen several instances on a local Facebook site where people are assuming that the article was written in fact by MP Paul Howell, seeing as it was next to his normal weekly 'Parliament Talk'.

I think at the very least Newton News should make it clear as to who wrote this article and Paul Howell should also be ensuring, that, whilst objections are still being raised and debated, the project is still as yet to go through the full planning and that his views on the plan should be also clearly stated.

Regards,
Mr Keith Houghton

Five Acres Day Trip to Hall Hill Farm



Last week Five Acres Community Garden enjoyed their second day trip out, to Hall Hill Farm, courtesy of J&C Coaches. Thankfully, the weather was kind and our champions engaged in all the activities including handling rabbits and chicks, milking a cow, bottle feeding a baby lamb, a tractor ride and generally having an absolute blast! Hall Hill Farm were very accommodating and nothing was too much trouble for them - it's well worth a visit (www.hallhillfarm.co.uk)

Our Champions had a brilliant day.

If you would like more information regarding Five Acres Community Garden, please contact Centre Manager, Donna:

Email: donna.fiveacres@gmail.com

Telephone: 07739 091769

Visit us on Facebook: Five-Acres-Community-Gardens

Good Old Days

The problem with the 'good old days' is sometimes they weren't as good as we remember them and rose tinted glasses tend to distort as well as colour our perception of the way things were. Compared to the present day it could be said the good old days had a lot going for them but usually what people remember are their own good old days, personalised memories worn and warmed by the passing of time. While wonderful and comforting those selective memories tend to create a false impression that the past was idyllic and trouble free. Were the good old days less stressful and did life move at a much slower pace, arguably so, but again it all depends on who you talk to and the personal challenges they had to contend with. Some of my good old days were a childhood of poverty and destitution, living in a rat infested squat, becoming a carer at the age of ten with the responsibility of buying drugs for my mother who had serious issues with substance abuse, but it's fair to say some good old days would have been totally different to mine and idyllic by comparison.

Trying to relive or recapture the past often leads to failure and disappointment. The past is there to be learnt from so we can create a better future, but we must ensure we are dealing with the reality of the present moment and not what people perceive the problems and solutions to be based on unrealistic and inaccurate comparisons of the past. The present isn't perfect but it's all we have to work with and the challenges we have to face as a community require us to deal with them here and now, and in doing so face a future we want to move towards not just for ourselves but for generations to come. This town has a great heritage and it's only right we do everything we can to preserve it but honouring and acknowledging our history is not the same as wanting to live in the past or be like it was in the good old days. Times may change but we have to ensure that 'old fashioned' values such as duty, commitment and personal responsibility aren't lost, so together we can create a future to set a new standard of good old days for generations to come.

Cllr Phillip Hawkins

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Aycliffe Rugby Club Seek Assistant Coaches

After a long lay-off from playing regular league fixtures, due to the covid pandemic Newton Aycliffe RUFC are, at last, poised to start the 2021/22 Season.

The Durham RFU have been working hard to restructure the divisions to accommodate additional teams and tried their best to keep travelling to a minimum.

Aycliffe will now play in the newly formed Durham/Northumberland Division Three South. With only 7 teams in the division 18 league fixtures have been pre-arranged. This has shortened the average weeks in a season by a country mile. However, there will be lots of spare weeks to add plenty of friendlies.

The first arranged league fixture is set for 18th Sept 2021 at home to Hartlepool TDSOB. With this in mind Aycliffe will start pre-season training from 8th July. Throughout July training will take place on Thursday evenings 7pm start and Saturday afternoons at 1pm.

Please note training this Saturday, 10th July, will start 12.30pm. Aycliffe will continue to welcome new senior male players from the age of 17, who would like to try the sport or ex-players who have recently moved into the area or fancy a change of clubs.

Sadly, we have to report the Junior Rugby Development programme has been temporarily suspended. The pandemic has taken its toll on a number of junior coaches who have since moved on to different ventures. We are continuing to speak to the local schools in order to develop a new infrastructure for kid's rugby in the not-too-distant future.

Finally, this takes me nicely to the fore mentioned strap line above. The rugby club are actively seeking volunteer assistant

coaches. Some of our senior coaches have moved on due to other commitments. This has left a bit of a void in our coaching team. We would welcome new coaches or player/coaches to assist current head coach Bob Malvern. These roles will suit ex rugby players who may have Level 1 or 2 coaching badges. It may also suit university students who are proficient at the game and are studying sports teaching qualifications. Fitness coaches will also be welcomed to volunteer their services. Dedicated forward coaches and or backs coaches will be welcomed.

At the same time if any students studying physiotherapy and have first aid qualifications who would like to attach themselves on a voluntary basis to gain experience on and off the field, please come forward and introduce yourselves.

We are also seeking a coach who would like to dedicate themselves to building a ladies team from scratch. This will be an entirely new venture for the club and with approximately 22 interested ladies, who would like to form a brand new team, this would be a great asset to the club. As well as rewarding for the ladies who could be part of one of the fastest growing sports, Senior Ladies Rugby.

If you feel you would like to contribute and be part of one of the friendliest rugby clubs in the Northeast located at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane, please contact Head Coach, Bob Malvern, Mobile: 07398 167461 or e-mail: bob.malvern@ee.co.uk or malvernrob@aol.com

Charity Golf Competition

Saturday 24th July, Oakleaf Golf Club will be hosting a charity open golf competition in support of Freeman Heart & Lung Transplant Association, FHLLA.

It is a 4BBB format and is £15 per pair to enter - please come along and play to support this lifesaving charity.

Contact Bill Wanless to book a tee on 07484 176901.

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

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Applications are invited for the above post which forms part of the team within the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

The candidate must be literate and numerate, together with previous experience of working within a sports environment.

The post holders will be required to work on a rota basis, including evenings and weekends and be 18 years and over due to working on licensed premises.

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact the Leisure Manager Judith Thexton on 01325 300600 or by email at judith.thexton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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are aiming to increase the number of public access defibrillators across our communities and if you would like to help with this initiative in Newton Aycliffe, please visit our stand. We will be running a marvellous tombola and taking donations, however small, via our new digital card reader.

A representative from Shelterbox will be with us to explain how this wonderful charity assists people in developing countries to recover when floods and other natural disasters devastate their homes. Get to see inside the big green Shelterbox which provides all the essential tools that people need to start rebuilding their lives. Also, learn about water charity, Grifaid, which aims to provide safe drinking water for families and communities across the world. This is achieved by the deployment of filters to where they are needed in the field and, would you believe it, the filters were created by a local Rotarian and are currently designed, developed and manufactured in the North East, Washington to be exact.

So you see, we in Rotary have a lot to celebrate, come and help us do just that!!

Photo shows Sparky and Casey with Rotarian Barbara.

Former Woodham Student 'Artist of the Year' Accolade

Former Woodham Academy Art student Alivia Hoy has been crowned North East 'Artist of the Year' 2021.

Alivia's work, an acrylic painting of her sister, who still attends Woodham Academy, stood in front of a wild seascape, wowed the judges (Artists Stuart Jones and Emily Ward and Dr Solomon Lennox, Head of Northumbria University Arts Department) after an initial public vote.

Alivia studied Art throughout her time at Woodham, always having a love of the subject, improving year on year and eventually leaving with a GCSE grade 9 in the subject, producing some highly skilled paintings and drawings along the way.

Alivia (19), who beat hundreds of other artists on route to winning the prestigious competition (one of her former Art teachers at Woodham being one of them) is going on to study Fine Art at Loughborough University from September.

In addition to winning the North East 'Artist of the Year' trophy, Alivia's artwork will be on display at Placefirst's new Hetton-le Hole development throughout the summer and she will also receive £100 in art vouchers.

We all look forward to hearing about the future successes of this talented artist in the years to come.



The World Through Our Eyes at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome Phil and Eileen Goldsborough to The Greenfield Gallery.

The exhibition, The World Through Our Eyes, is an exciting and eclectic collection of paintings, portraits and photographs representing places on their travels. There is also a vibrant range of work completed during the recent lockdown and a collection of crafts and jewellery.

The exhibition will run from Thursday 22 July to Wednesday 1st September 2021 and will include a 'Meet the Artists' event. Come along and meet Phil and Eileen on Friday 23 July, watch Phil at work and find out more about this unique collection. Just visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk to find out more and choose a time convenient for you.

The Greenfield Gallery is open from 10:00 – 21:00 Monday to Thursday and 10:00 to 16:00 each Friday. Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry. Please visit the website to see our full summer programme and to sign up for our monthly newsletter. You can contact our friendly team by emailing: info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or by calling 01325 379048.



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Incinerator Clarification Required

Dear Sir,

I wish to respond to last week's article which promotes Fornax's proposal for an incineration plant at Merchant Park, Newton Aycliffe. The article was unsigned but, appearing as it does next to Mr Howell's Parliament Talk column, it gives every appearance of at least being endorsed by Mr Howell.

I would like to thank Mr Howell, Councillor Gerald Lee and representatives from Fornax for taking the time to respond to people's questions about the proposal. However, I must take issue with the way the situation has been presented in the article, and readers might find a bit of background helpful.

The planning application – received 27/4/21 – was not given much publicity at all, beyond the businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site. Only a handful of householders were notified directly. It was a resident's social media post which drew the attention of others to it in any significant way. Immediately following this, a Facebook Group was set up to inform people about the application. Leaflets were commissioned, paid for privately, and distributed by volunteers in areas of Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, Heighington and School Aycliffe. The deadline for objections was mid-June, so there was really no time to lose. Fornax had complied with statutory consultation procedures but felt no obligation to ensure people in nearby residential areas were made aware. A notice was placed in the Northern Echo, but one in the Newton News would have reached many more local people. This is not an application to remove a tree or extend a residential property. This is an application for an incinerator plant which will treat clinical and hazardous waste, produce toxic emissions, have an effect on many people living in surrounding villages and farms, and generate considerable heavy traffic (an average of 30 journeys per day, using 14 tonne trucks and articulated trailers) on a B road with a level crossing. Despite Covid, much more could and should have been done to inform the public of the application.

Those who were consulted were, in the main, businesses. In Fornax's application document titled 'Consultation Feedback', they say, "Meetings were held with both the MP, and separately with members of DCC's regeneration team. No further comments or feedback was (sic) received from those contacted beyond these meetings, reflecting the anticipated low response to the proposals". Local residents, however, have different priorities to businesses. Residents are concerned about health, well-being, family safety, etc. rather than opportunities for profit. As evidenced by the numbers of objections submitted by residents once they did know about it, Fornax would have drawn a different conclusion about their 'anticipated low response', had they consulted local people at the outset.

Mark Roberts for Fornax states in the Newton News article, "Since starting this project, we are committed to being a good neighbour to the community". Failing to consult with the public at an early stage for such a project does not strike me as good neighbourliness. In relation to this lack of consultation, Mr

Howell says "Residents were frustrated by the level and timing of information they had received". Actually, residents were angry. They felt this was a 'done deal', negotiated behind closed doors, with the public being taken for granted.

With regard to the meetings held online on 14th and 15th June with members of the public, the article states there was a 'wide-ranging and in-depth discussion'. I would argue there was no 'discussion'. Mr Howell asked that questions be submitted, via his office, to Fornax well in advance. Apart from a couple of questions, at the meeting of 14th June, questions were read out by Mr Howell and answered by Fornax. At the meeting of the 15th, when residents asked their own questions and were able to challenge answers given, Fornax appeared less sure of some of the answers.

Studies and reports by organisations such as UKWIN (UK Without Incinerators) and Zero Waste Europe, as well as articles in medical journals, show that incinerators – even the modern, new tech ones – can lead to health problems for those who live nearby, and authorities should proceed with caution when considering new applications. Yet the article states 'There will be no harmful emissions from the site'. This is just not true. Fornax clearly stated in the meetings that there will be toxic emissions.

We all accept that our waste has to go somewhere, and that landfill is not always the appropriate solution. However, incineration should be a last resort.

Emissions produced by incinerators do not count towards the Emissions Trading Scheme (which is an important measure in reducing greenhouse gases, by forcing those who produce emissions to pay for it). There is, thus, an incentive to use incineration as a means of waste disposal, and indeed its use is increasing. Studies show, however, that greater use of incineration leads to less waste being recycled. It is also known that generating energy from waste is very inefficient.

People are being encouraged to (a) use less and (b) recycle more, in order to minimise residual waste. Therefore there will be less, not more, need for new incinerators. Fornax are planning to build four more incineration plants in the UK and, once built, they will be around for decades.

If anyone wishes to know more about how to object to the application, please contact me at Eileen.brewis@btinternet.com. The facebook group is Heighington Lane Incineration Plant Information Group.

Eileen Brewis

AVRA A.G.M.

Aycliffe Village Residents Association (AVRA) will be holding their AGM on Friday 30th July at 6.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall.

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Now a regular in the squad Luis, 20, has returned to Greenfield to talk to current students about his experiences and support their studies, he is an excellent role model who has worked hard and shown tremendous resilience to reach his goals.

Students were able to catch up with Luis in an online Microsoft Teams call and had the opportunity to apply their current learning of Technology in Sport and ask questions to gauge the real-life impact in football on players, officials and spectators. Also in attendance on the call was Jeff Evans, a recently retired first class cricket umpire who was able to relate to the significant impact of the use of technology from a cricket viewpoint.

Students were able to understand more about both roles and how technology plays such an important part in sport, supporting their studies with life experience in an enjoyable and insightful forum. Thank you to Luis and Jeff for giving their time and making such a valuable contribution.

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As this is written Tuesday, before England play Denmark, I can only applaud the team for their performances against Germany and Ukraine and hope it continues against Denmark. It is great for us to get the lift from their results.

Last week started with the meeting of the Left Behind Neighbourhoods APPG. Taking ownership, taking control, was the subject. Community asset ownership can bring a wide range of benefits to a local area and its residents. From strengthening the economy and building civic pride to supporting more responsive public services and safeguarding social infrastructure such as pubs, shops, and post-offices. We heard how different communities did or did not have this capacity.

During the week we engaged further with Fornax regarding their proposed clinical waste plant and asked them to put the additional questions people had raised, along with their answers, on the Q&A page of their website. This is so much more transparent than them being fed via my office. If anyone has any questions, that have not been answered, let us know and we will try to help.

On Wednesday I had discussions about how HS2 impacts on the north east, which is everything from absolute capacity through to contracts for Hitachi. The recent announcements on proposed changes to LNER and Cross-Country timetables for 2022 show how capacity constrained we are. We had a call with the new Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, and I was pleased at his initial positioning. We had an innovation strategy roundtable with Secretary of State Kwasi Kwarteng and Minister Amanda Solloway. This is where a number of MPs were on a call to discuss the importance of innovation led businesses and it gave me the perfect opportunity to shout up for all that is happening on NETPark, I will be doing this again in the chamber as I have a BEIS question coming up.

I left Westminster a day earlier last week meaning I was able to go to the 'Muddy Run' at Trimdon Grange community centre. This is a 5k run normally held in winter, hence muddy, I have to say that I forgot how many hills there are in Trimdon, and how steep they are. The prospect of Pie and Peas at the end was a significant motivator in getting me round!

Thursday saw me join Boris on his visit to Nissan and the announcement of the battery gigafactory. This is yet another fantastic statement of business confidence and resonates throughout the north east. Also, on Thursday, on one of my regular visits to NETPark, I met the team at Filtronic and later that day I visited Orbit, a Satellite Applications Centre of Excellence from Durham University, also based at NETPark.

As a result of my recent visit to Sedgfield Farmers Market, which takes place on the first Sunday of each month, I went to visit Parlour Made Cheese in Morton. This is a family run business where the distance from Cow to Cheese is literally through a wall, hence the name Parlour Made. They have developed online selling as a result of Covid, they previously largely sold to restaurants. Later, on Friday, we held a surgery in Trimdon Station, next is Fishburn, then Sadberge. Monday saw me visiting Tata Steel and Liberty Steel in south Wales with the BEIS select committee as part of our enquiry on UK steel. This meant I travelled on Sunday. It's a 5-hour cross country train journey, I could have almost got there in the same time if I had gone via London on the Azuma. It just reminds me how rubbish east west train journeys are and how much we need to improve them.

I am pleased the PM has increasing confidence we can open up on the 19 July and hope this happens. It is, of course, then incumbent on all of us to use common sense from then on. I was also delighted to see the Queen recognise our NHS with the award of the George Cross. I am sure everyone applauds her for this action.

So, we continue, Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air and Come on England!

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgfield

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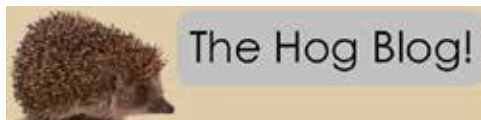
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Thank you to everyone who takes the time to read this blog, we need everyone's support to help these beautiful creatures. To be honest, you wouldn't think they were wild animals, when we bring them here they are very unwell, have a 50-50 chance of survival and they are also vulnerable. Most of the time we have them, we have to earn their trust so we can help them recover from illness or injury. We are self-funded and volunteer our time and our homes and when the hoglets come to us, mostly sleep deprived, it's all worthwhile to see them grow and develop into fully grown adults ready to release to safe gardens, whenever possible. None of this would be achievable without June, Valerie, Carrie, Bev and Margaret, who have donated goods for our car boot sale, Sonia for food and Jane at Tesco, for stopping by with some food too.

Tara and I will be releasing some prickly pals in the next few days, Teddy, Barry, Molly, Mary and Olga, to name but a few, some of course will have to remain, they are either too small or on medication of some sort. The four hoglets from Silverdale Place are no longer babies, they are still small but making progress, Harmony and Ebony are also too small, they are doing really well though. Finally Nutmeg, found by Shirley in Aycliffe Village, came in on Monday, very poorly, we removed about 35 rather large ticks, she has been cleaned up and eating well but she will be here for a while because she has a bad stomach.

Tip of the Week: The very damp weather and flash flooding is causing our hedgehogs a lot of problems, nests and food supplies are submerged, what's also worrying is that there are some babies in nests, please be vigilant, help them if you see them and seek advice from The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801. Our Facebook page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel, or e-mail pricklyhaven@yahoo.com These little ones need bringing in to safety without delay. Maxine, Tara and Tyra

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Local Businesses Encouraged to Register for 'Freedom Day' Event

Aycliffe Business Park Community (ABPC) is organising a get-together on 1st October in what will be one of the first in-person networking events in the region since the Covid outbreak.

ABPC has been organising networking events and seminars for nearly 10 years on Aycliffe Business Park, the largest business park in the North-East, which is home to around 400 companies.

As with all events, their networking sessions have been delivered online and have been well attended. The Zoom events have included interview-style features with business leaders from around the park, as well as shared news and information, signposted help and support, and have enabled delegates to network.

ABPC is now organising an event at the Xcel Centre on 1st October (from 11.30am) which will include a social element to it, with food and drinks on offer from local suppliers.

Kerina Clark, chair of ABPC, said: "It has been nearly 18 months since we were last able to hold one of our regular news and networking meetings 'in person'. We've been working hard to maintain connection with our residents; hosting virtual events over the last year and we'd like to thank everyone who has joined us to help make these a success. "Of course, virtual isn't the same as meeting



in person and we're keen to move forward and once again meet together. So we're naturally very excited at the prospect of hosting our first 'in person' event for 18 months! It will be fantastic to see lots of faces – whether you're a regular to our events or have never been before – to celebrate the end of lockdown for businesses."

At the 1st October event, local hospitality providers will be on hand to provide refreshments, with lunch part-subsidised by ABPC.

Tickets, which cost £5pp for Aycliffe Business Park residents and £10pp for non-residents, are available online at aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk or email hello@aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk for more details.

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, lost by 19 runs at home to top of the table Blackhall 1st XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors were asked to bat first and despite some lengthy breaks in play due to rain, they managed to score a huge 253 all out after 47.2 overs, despite some excellent bowling in the awful conditions by James Layfield-Carroll (4 for 49), Michael Howe (4 for 60) and Sean Morgan (2 for 39). In reply, Aycliffe's victory target was set by the Duckworth-Lewis equation at 160 runs from 27 overs. Opener Joe Haines (sponsored by Eileen Quinn) led the way, carrying his bat with a seasonal best score of 53 not out from 74 balls faced and his well paced innings contained seven boundaries. Jack Slatcher also batted well scoring 29 off 25 balls and Adam Gittins chipped in with 20 from 34 balls as Aycliffe's gallant run chase fell just 20 runs short on 140 for 6 from 27 overs at the close of play. Match Sponsored by Unison.

Our young second team put in a superb away performance against their more experienced counterparts from Billingham Synthonia, but still lost by just two wickets in their NYSD division clash. After being asked to bat first, Aycliffe struggled to get any momentum in their innings and were eventually bowled out for 121 after 38.2 overs. However, they were thankful for some good performances by Matty French (20 runs), Ryan Patrick (17 runs) and Dylan Tribley (16 runs) for giving their innings some substance. In reply, the homeside looked like they were coasting to victory at 90 for 4, but the introduction of 12 year old Will Dearden (3 for 17) and 13 year old Harrison Pearson (1 for 24) sent Billingham into a panic as they stumbled to 103 for 8. However, the homeside made it over the line in a tense finale to reach their victory target of 122 after 25.4 overs and without the loss of any more wickets.

The u15's lost a close game by just five runs away at Norton in the NYACC league. The homeside chose to bat first and scored 91

for 3 in their allotted 20 overs with captain Owen Smith taking two wickets for 13 runs for Aycliffe. Special mention must go to Allisha Taylor who was making her debut in the u15's and she fielded superbly for the team. In reply, Adam Shaw (30 runs off 35 balls) and Harrison Pearson (25 runs off 41 balls) put on 61 runs for the third wicket taking Aycliffe to a well placed 71 for 3. However, the visitors then collapsed, losing the next six wickets for only 15 runs as they were restricted to 86 for 9 in their 20 overs, just six runs short of victory. The u11's team lost heavily at home to a very strong Richmond u11's in the semi-final of the NYACC League cup but the team still performed well on the day.

Badminton Taster

Our Junior Badminton Club (Newton Aycliffe Community Centre, Burn Lane) were invited to deliver a Badminton taster session in Stephenson Way Academy recently to see if any of the children wanted to take it up. A colleague (Angela) and I (Peter) visited the School and we had a total of 35 children divided into three groups, and they all seem to have a really exciting time. They also showed a lot of interest in the sport and wanted more information about the club. Some booked their place in the club straight away, that was very encouraging. We play at the Newton Aycliffe Community Centre, Burn Lane on a Monday from 4.00pm-5.00pm (except Bank Holidays). For further information, contact peterwalton1@aol.com

Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership hold their next virtual board meeting later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership board will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 13 July 2021, between 6pm and 7pm via Microsoft Teams, and members of the public are invited to observe proceedings. Anyone who would like to attend the virtual meeting should register in advance by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk so that we can forward a link to join the meeting. Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

In Memoriam

Patricia Fisk
(Pat)

07/07/2000

21 years since we said goodbye. Never a day goes by we don't think of you and cry. Missing you always, deep in our hearts forever.
Tony, Susan, Michael and family xxxx

Obituary

Pauline Flatman

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 29th June, aged 71 years. Loving Mam of Julie, John James and Michael, loving Nana and Great Grandma. Family and friends please meet for funeral Service at St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 14th July at 10.30am followed by private family interment at Stephenson Way Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Macmillan Nurses.

Patricia Dolphin
(nee Cullen)

Passed away 29th June, aged 76. Beloved Wife of Ron, devoted Sister of Mary and Jannet, loving Mother of Anthony and Paula, dear Mother-in-Law of Linda and Rob, devoted Nanna of Daniel, Thomas and Carolanne, loving Great Grandmother of Alysia, Poppy and Jack. Service to be held at St. Mary's Church on Friday 16th July at 9.45am followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

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Birthday Remembrance

Andrea Kelly



11/7/73 - 8/4/21
Sending birthday wishes to our darling Daughter Andrea, she would have been 48 today.

The first birthday we have missed. I miss your smile and laughter; I hide my tears when I say your name, but the pain is still in my heart. I will always love you.

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Congratulations

Mary & Bryan Hill



Golden Wedding Anniversary

The family of Mary and Bryan Hill wish to congratulate them on 50 years of marriage. Mary and Bryan were married in St Mary's Church in Newton Aycliffe on July 10th 1971. May this be a very special anniversary as you look back on all the happy memories you have shared in your marriage together. Blessed with 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. Lots of love Michala, Richard, Beth & Lois and Kirsty, James & Mary.

Running Club

Undoubtedly the most popular race amongst Members this week was the Pie and Peas 5K Trail Race, which took place in Trimdon on Wednesday, 30 June 2021. Serving as one of the Club's Championship races, it meant that valuable points were up for grabs! Set off in waves, to ensure the race remained Covid-secure, members had to negotiate woodlands, farm fields and the occasional stile en route. Fastest on the night was John Firby in 18:24, and he was closely followed by John Surtees in 18:26. Paul Dalton finished in 18:59, with Gareth Kyle next home in 20:28. After his marathon exploits just a few days earlier, Andy Talbot finished in a creditable 21:04, enough to secure second place in his Age Category (M60). Peter Tennick completed his run in 22:27, with Paul Rands hot on his heels in 22:36. Despite a detour and a fall, Justin Hindmarch finished in 26:48, with David Stothard coming home in 27:49. Trish Kay finished in third place in her Age Category (F60), in a time of 28:07, and she was followed by Steph Colvin (29:02) and Bev Phillip (30:50), who was just three seconds ahead of Kelly Dickinson (30:53). Eve Doe crossed the line in 31:25, followed by Jayne Rudd (32:32), Christina Lambert (33:56), Sandra Rudd (35:41) and Marie Rudd (38:34). Members were rewarded for their hard work after the race with a portion of pie and peas!

On Saturday, 3 July 2021, Colin Gibson took on the Blackpool Beach 10K, which started at the Giant Mirrorball on the South Promenade and headed out along the beach towards St. Anne's. Colin completed his run in 58:40.35.

Sunday, 4 July 2021, saw one of the more popular races on the local race calendar, the Great North 10K, which sees runners follow an out and back route along the south side of the River Tyne, before climbing the 'Slog on the Tyne' and finishing in the Gateshead Stadium. David Stothard completed his second race of the week, finishing his run in 57:49.

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



Newton Aycliffe FC Latest

Newton Aycliffe 3 v Darlington Town 1

Newton Aycliffe FC's second game of pre-season saw them come out with their first win having finished on the end of a 1-3 defeat, albeit in respectable fashion, against Vanarama National League North side Spennymoor Town on Monday. It was the Wearside League visitors who took the lead early on when the referee's assistant flagged for a free kick wide on the right for what looked like a strong but fair challenge. The resulting ball into the box saw us sitting too deep and allowed former Newton Aycliffe man Ryan Coles to jump highest and head past Adam Pickford, who was making his first appearance since suffering a serious injury some 8 months ago against Consett. Aycliffe quickly got back into the game as Joe Ferguson, continuing his good run of form since joining, was brought down as he broke through the Town defence and made room for himself just inside the area. With Sonni Coleman, successful from the spot on Monday night, on the bench, penalty duty fell to Jake Petitjean, captain for the day in the absence of Aaron Brown, and he made no mistake firing high past the keeper to draw level. Having pulled themselves level Aycliffe took the game to Darlington Town and took the lead before half time as a cross from the right only made it as far as a Town defender who failed to clear the ball and, Chris Brass style (search it on YouTube), deflected it

off himself with the ball falling to Sado who turned it home, sending the home side in at the break a goal to the good. Half time saw Aycliffe only change goalkeepers but some early second half substitutions shuffled the forward line and Aycliffe instantly applied the pressure. Despite having the majority of the possession in the early part of the second period, it took until the 72nd minute before the Newtonians put clear daylight between themselves and their visitors. Following a spell of pressure, a ball in from the right went deep into the box and was met by Jake Petitjean whose looping header went over Charlton in the Town goal to make the score 3-1. Barring a heavy challenge on ex Darlington Town forward Liam Jarvie, which went unpunished, the remainder of the game went without incident. With no added time the game finished 3-1 in what was a competitive friendly. Next up for Aycliffe is a trip to Abbey Hey of the North West Counties League. That will be followed by another visit by a team from a higher league. South Shields will be the opponents at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Tuesday 13 July (kick off 7:30pm). Admission is £7 adult, £5 concessions.

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