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Weekend Events in Aycliffe Town Centre

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Popular Weekend Events in Aycliffe Town Centre

Aycliffe Radio working in conjunction with the Aycliffe Town Centre Management arranged events in the town centre with local community organisations coming together to promote their groups and causes.

Saturday 17th July kicked the event off with many residents associations, charities and local help groups setting up stall to assist and inform those in attendance about how their organisations are able to offer help. This first event was so successful that there are plans to repeat this nearer Christmas, watch Newton News for more information.

Saturday 24th July gave residents the opportunity to meet and talk to our local emergency service teams including the town police beat team, fire brigade and Great North Air Ambulance. Those in attendance reported a great turn out, receiving visitors from as far afield as Durham, Sunderland and Leeds.

Saturday 31st July was the turn of the local sports teams to come along and have the opportunity to recruit new members. There were also fabulous displays by the children from Infinity Dance, McAdam Dance School, Zanshin Karate and Athena Sports Academy. Luckily the weather held out for us and, apart from a few drops of rain on the final day, the events enjoyed good weather. Here are a few images from the events including MP Paul Howell.



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MP Paul Howell trying out the Axe Throwing



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Eco George



Dear Sir,
George Rand, aged 5, who attends St. Mary's RC School in Newton Aycliffe, has spent the first part of his school holidays litter picking around the town and local parks. George aspires to be a Marine Biologist when he grows up and cares passionately about the environment he lives in. George takes pride in knowing that every piece of trash picked means there is one less dangerous item for wild and marine life. He knows he is making a big difference to not just our community but also our planet. George hopes to encourage more children to be mindful of our rubbish and take up the activity during the summer holidays.

Charity Appeals for Volunteer Support



A North East charity is seeking volunteers to support an adult day service for those with physical and learning disabilities. Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has ran Options, a service dedicated to adults with learning and physical disabilities, since they opened their doors to the local community in 1998.

Volunteering with Options offers an opportunity to increase your skills and knowledge, whilst gaining experience of working with adults with physical and learning disabilities, supporting your local community and making a difference. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "Options is our longest running service that has many members who have been supported through the service since it first started.

"Options supports over 70 adults with learning disabilities and provides a programme of interesting, co-produced activities for members to lead positive fulfilling lives through sessions that focus on independent living skills, knowledge, informed choice, equality, and control in their daily lives.

"The support of volunteers has been so valuable in shaping our Option's members lives, through fun, creative and challenging activities in a social setting."

All volunteers will have an Induction to PCP and Options to help them to settle into the role and equip them with knowledge of the organisation and project.

Part of a volunteer role at PCP includes free training in Health and Safety, Moving and Handling, Fire Safety, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, GDPR and Equality and Diversity.

Options is based within the Pioneering Care Centre, Newton Aycliffe, but also supports members in the community, on health walks, day trips, café and pub visits.

If you are interested in becoming an Options volunteer, get in touch for an informal chat with Linda West on linda.west@pcp.uk.net To find out more about Options, visit www.facebook.com/optionsatpcp

For future updates, visit www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre and PCP's Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

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Roman Announce CPNT7's Sponsorship



The UK's and Europe's largest manufacturer of shower enclosures, wetroom panels and bath screens, Roman, are delighted to announce their sponsorship of CPNT7's in the Edinburgh City 7's tournament which took place on 31st July to 1st August. CPNT7's are a newly formed social rugby sevens team, mainly featuring students part of the Men's Rugby Union set up at Northumbria University. Friends and family of founding members: Ben Whinney, Tyler Tomlinson and Will Davies also feature in the side. The club has the ambition of competing consistently at worldwide social/elite tournaments each year, and what better way to kick off than at one of the UK's largest sporting tournaments in Edinburgh City 7's. Although it is the club's one feature in 2021, plans to feature at Bournemouth, Cheltenham, LDN and Dubai 7's are in the works.

The CEO, David Osborne, has been involved in rugby all his life as a player, father and coach: "At Roman we really value being involved with the Edinburgh City 7's and supporting CPNT7's. Obviously we gain exposure, but it's more about finding ways to be involved".

"It is truly brilliant to have Roman Ltd on board as our main sponsor and we are incredibly thankful for the generous support that David and the team have offered us. It enables us to showcase Roman Ltd to thousands of players, spectators, and companies in Edinburgh, all whilst playing the fast-paced adaptation of the best sport on earth! We hope this summer's feature at the tournament is just the start of a lengthy partnership with the company" says Ben Whinney, Founder and CPNT7's Club Captain.

Photo: From left to right: Will Davies, Harry Harding, Alex Davies, Gus Fiennes, James Oliver, Tom McNulty, Ben Whinney and Miles Lear

Micromax Round 5 Championship



Round 5 at Rowrah.

Last weekend Seb was racing up at Rowrah in round 5 of the championship, back to the random grids and we took the opportunity to try the new kart.

Heat 1: Seb started 4th on the grid of drivers. Great start from him, settled straight into the race setting consistent lap times. Came home in 1st place with the fastest lap time of 52.16s.

Heat 2: Seb starts 7th with a lot of work to do from the back. He quickly settled into the race taking overtaking opportunities when he could. Finished the race 1st with a quick lap time of 51.74s.

Heat 3: Starts pole, again settles into the race and led quickly, but then on lap 7, with a big lead he decided to try and brake later into the corner, disaster, and he spun off, he tried something new but had learnt not to do that again, but then he said "I just wanted to try to see if it would work". Unfortunately he finished last by the time his kart was pulled out. He never gave up, put his foot down and still got the fastest lap in heat 3.51.98s.

The Final: This sees him start in P2 because of the daredevil incident in heat 3. So, the race starts, into the first corner side by side with another driver, the determination of his shows through, he wasn't backing off, he settles down into the race soon taking the lead. Towards the end of the race the P2 and P3 started to gain on him but held on to take the win, just missed out in the fastest lap in the final.

We would like to personally thank Nigel Horner at HRS Engines for the power this weekend, Craig and Callum at Be Inspired Gyms for his PT sessions. Thanks also to Stuart Thompson for the fuel for this weekend's race.

****Amended results in the previous race at Hooton Park, Seb was promoted to P3 and 2nd in the U10s due to a driver being disqualified.**

We're heading to Hooton Park this weekend for the Gold Cup. The next round of the Micromax championship is at Teesside in September.

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**** Updates from MP Paul Howell at 12noon weekdays ****

SATURDAY

9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Caz Bojangles
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Sports Saturday	Sean Lawless
"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Drum 'n' Bass Show	MC Supa
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-2pm	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer
'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6:30-8pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
8-10pm	Classic Soul Show	Kev Sowerby
10-12am	Easy Sunday	Al Smart

* MONDAY to FRIDAY DAILY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop (Mon, Tues & Wed)	Richard Smith
12-1pm	Call Me No 1 (Tues & Thurs)	Richard Smith
1-2pm	Memory Lane	Colin McNeillie
2-4pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

MONDAY

'Through the Decades' Sponsored by McDonalds Newton Park

6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Gary Avery
9-10pm	90s Show	Dave Graham
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

TUESDAY

6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-8pm	Around Town with	Phil Hawkins
8-9.30pm	Jazz Time (R)	Mike Dixon

WEDNESDAY

6-7.30pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake

4-6pm	Weekend Warmup	Dan Calum
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	13th August - Martin Norris - Movin'	Melodies
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

Check our website for full schedule
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We're Off to See The Wizard

Residents rightly ask, why Labour Councillors are writing anonymous letters in Newton News. They promised in their newsletter to members, to look at why they lost so badly at County and Town Council, yet have since bluntly refused to do so.

The Independents and the Liberal Democrats on the Town Council are working quietly, confidently and in perfect co-operation and harmony, just getting on with the job we were elected to do. On Car Parking Cllr Phil Hawkins (Ind) and Cllr Neville Jones (Lib Dem) got the ball rolling by getting the Council to set up a small working group of 5 Councillors, it's remit, simply put is:

"To invite residents of Great Aycliffe, via Newton News, to identify and submit to the Working Group, areas of the parish they consider to have a parking problem, primarily due to lack of space etc and for these areas to be clearly identified, mapped and land ownership confirmed, then, where possible, to try to come up with solutions to each one. Then to liaise with the land owner e.g. DCC or Livin to see about getting a phased programme of work, over a period of years, to try to resolve and reduce these parking issues. The Working Group will not deal with parking enforcement issues."

There are No guarantees, No false promises, but the longest journey begins with the first step, to try to slowly but steadily improve the situation, which is likely to take many many years, and will not be able to satisfy everyone. Labour voted against this. This group will probably not start work until next year. The Town Council, like everyone else, is coming out of Covid restrictions, we have some staffing shortages to fill, the priority for existing staff is to be up to speed on existing services and facilities, then, only when time allows, to look into these things.

On the Town Centre, it is down to the County Council, and our MP when it comes to applying for Levelling Up funds and other sources of funding, Parish Councils cannot lead nor apply, but we can get interested parties together and have some input, so we set up another small working group which will probably only need to meet once or twice to complement the work of our MP Paul Howell and Durham County Council. The remit is:

"To look at all aspects and possibilities of regenerating and developing the Town Centre, in co-operation with Durham County Council, our Member of Parliament, and the Town Centre Owners, and the Government's Levelling Up Agenda."

Labour Councillors voted against this. Finally, Labour put forward a motion to set up yet another working group, proposing: "That this Council sets up a Special Working Group charged to propose new money saving opportunities relating to the Council's existing services, which can result in a reduction in Council Tax".

So Labour now want to slash your services and facilities. To cut your Council Tax (we won't). Labour members then refused to serve on what was their own proposal! It was the worst plan since Abraham Lincoln said "oh, I'm sick of kicking round the house tonight, let's go take in a show." At Full Council last week the Lib Dems and the Independents decided to refer Labour's crazy motion back to the Policy & Resources Committee. We don't need any more working groups, wasting staff and councillors time and resources, to look at doing what Councillors and Officers already do, every day, every week, as part of their job, ie: look for efficiencies and savings, which is always ongoing.

The Wizard of Oz, for all his vanity, was at least able to bestow upon his visitors a heart, a brain and some courage. Labour, in its moment of need, is having to make do without all three.

Cllr Arun M Chandran, Independent.



Aycliffe Fell Walkers Get Set



Aycliffe Fell Walking Club are set to resume club walking activities from mid-August. The club has planned five monthly walks, from Mallerstang to Hawes in August, Isaac's Tea Trail from Upper Weardale to Allendale in September, Tow Law to Stanhope in October, Masham to Middleham in November and Aysgarth to Leyburn in December.

The meetings are always on the second Saturday of each month and travel to each area via coach(es) which can drop walkers off along the route at convenient places so that nobody has to feel pressurised into walking beyond their capabilities. Suggested walks can be from 7-16 miles and offer low land, medium and tougher high peak options. Coaches pick up from Darlington, Newton Aycliffe, Middridge, Shildon, Bishop Auckland and, depending on the end destination, Barnard Castle and Scotch Corner. The cost per walker remains at £10/ walkday.

There will be a requirement to wear face masks while on the coach but every effort has been made to limit the amount of time spent on the coach for the duration of this year. It is hoped that the club will be able to range further afield in 2022 as, indeed, it did before the lockdowns of 2020-21.

To book your seat on the coach, please call Sheila, as before, on 07853 795243. Any new members are also welcome to join us on any of the outings by calling on the same number in the weeks prior to each event.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The GAMP Project Callout is now Open

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) Board has a budget of £244k available, and applications are invited for projects from community & voluntary or not-for-profit organisations and groups. Grant limits between £5,000 to £25,000 have been agreed, and projects must take place in the GAMP area.

Proposals are invited for projects which help to support positive outcomes for children, young people and families and/or older people in the GAMP AAP area to live a happier, healthier and safer life. Our focus this year will be on an overarching 'Community Recovery' priority theme, and projects should aim to address at least one of the following key issues:

- Employability initiatives
- Advice and Guidance
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Organisational sustainability
- Food provision and support
- Social Isolation
- Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Support to small businesses (through a third party, not-for-profit organisation to complement existing DCC and external opportunities)
- Emerging Community Issues

Groups are permitted to apply for more than one grant, so long as one funding allocation is not reliant on another.

Applications can be submitted for either capital or revenue funding (or both), and projects which include a specific element of capital spend are encouraged. If you need advice on the specific definitions for capital/revenue, please get in touch. Project proposals must also include a minimum of 5% match funding (either cash or in-kind, or both).

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Monday 13 September 2021.

All eligible applications will be assessed and ranked by a panel of GAMP Board members, to determine which projects will be awarded funding. Prospective projects should have a planned start date no earlier than December 2021 to allow time for the appraisal process. Please contact us for an application pack, or if you'd like further information email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk or telephone 07834 147211

Headway Charity

Headway Darlington & District are a local charity supporting people living with brain injury and their families.

Headway Darlington & District have recently moved to Business Central in Darlington. (One of the two big buildings opposite the railway station near the town centre) and are now in a position, following a period of closure through the pandemic, to restart their unique services that they have offered since commencing seven years ago, to survivors and their families. All precautions are still being taken to safeguard our members and volunteers.

A new programme of activities was launched at the beginning of July, but they urgently need more volunteers to support in the delivery of sessions and behind the scenes to enable the charity to bounce back from a very challenging period.

They currently run 3-4 sessions per week offering a safe and supportive environment where brain injury survivors and their families can connect with others and access support, advice and education.

The Charity have great plans to grow their offering over the next 12 months and, to enable them to do so, are launching a major recruitment drive of volunteers who want to really make a difference in their local community and support us to rebuild lives after brain injury.

Contact details are joan.mitchie@headwaydarlington.org.uk or 07730471487. We look forward to seeing you.

SYD HOWARTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Nominate a community minded individual

The Howarth family, in memory of Syd Howarth, MBE, are offering the residents of Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to nominate an individual who has excelled over the last year. The nominees must be from Newton Aycliffe and the winner will receive a plaque and £250 to go towards their own or another local charity. Those nominating must give the name and address of the nominee along with reasons why this individual should win (up to 250 words). Closing date for nominations is 31st August 2021, at which time those that were nominated will be published in the Newton News and the Howarth family will choose the winner. The winner will be awarded their prize on Thursday 21st October 2021 (Syd's birthday).

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Party in the Park

Five Acres Community Garden are proud to present a 'Party in the Park' on Saturday 21st August from 10.00am to 4.00pm at ROF59 Arena on the Aycliffe Business Park.

The event is an opportunity for residents to come along and enjoy a free day out, with a multitude of activities and over 25 stalls including cakes, sweets and crafts. Also in attendance on the day will be a bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, balloon modelling, sensory tent, 'Once Upon a Tyne' Disney Princess and 'A Little Touch of Love'.

Refreshments will be available in the form of specialist food trucks, ice cream van, burgers, milk shakes, cocktail bar and a can bar. During the event there will be various displays and performances such as dog agility display and dance school performances, axe throwing demonstration by Axe House, all accompanied by Aycliffe Radio providing music and entertainment.

A prize draw raffle will be available at £1.00 per strip with many fantastic prizes to be won.

The day promises to be a fantastic event and Five Acres Community Garden look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 21st August from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Charity Golf Day Raises £500

The Freeman Heart and Lung Transplant Association would like to thank Oakleaf Golf Club, Newton Aycliffe, for hosting a Charity Golf Day on Saturday 24th July.

There was a great turnout for the day with 56 golfers taking part from around the region. Prizes were donated from the FHLTA, Woodham Golf Club, Whitburn Golf Club and Consett Golf Club.

Over £500 was raised for the charity, who support patients and families waiting for or after

receiving a heart or lung transplant.

Adele Lambert and Debbie Burdon, who have both had life saving lung transplants, helped to spread the word about the importance of organ donation, as, even though the law changed in May 2020 to opt out donations, your family still need to agree to donating loved ones organs for transplant.

If you wish to be an organ donor please share your wishes with your family.

Adele Lambert

Chairperson, Freeman Heart and Lung Transplant Association



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Aycliffe Tri Club Member Heads to Hawaii Ironman

I decided, at the ripe age of 40, I wanted to set myself a challenge (or what you would call a midlife crisis)! I had recently got interested in Triathlons, I joined a local club, Aycliffe Tri Club, and decided I wanted to take on a challenge. So I started looking into it more and decided one of the toughest would be an Ironman. Now if you don't know what that is, it's an event consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. The one I fancied was based in Bolton, a gruelling hilly bike route in the countryside, all to be completed within 17 hours. So, I mentioned it to my wife Sarah, thinking she's either going to laugh at me or try to talk me out of it, but the next thing I knew, she's only gone and entered me, as a birthday present! Well that was the challenge set . . .

I started training at the beginning of January coinciding with a dry January. The prospect that it might not go ahead due to the Coronavirus Pandemic was looming, but I kept positive and kept training.

Training sessions were long and hard, sometimes they would have to be indoors on the treadmill and wattbike when the winter weather brought snow and ice.

My neighbour Dan, who is the Aycliffe Tri Club Chairman and a club coach, would keep me company on some of the longer rides on the weekend. We would often hit the hills around Weardale and Teesdale to replicate the elevation gain of an extremely hilly Ironman Bolton Course.

Swimming is my weakest discipline so I knew that when the swimming pools opened after the lockdown that was something I really needed to work hard at to improve. I dedicated a lot of training time to my swimming and it definitely paid off.

Overall my training went extremely well and I was pleased that I didn't suffer any injuries and could head into the race knowing I had done what was needed.

On the morning of 4th July 2021, I stood at Pennington Flash waiting for the swim start, the sound of Thunderstruck, AC/DC blasting out got my hairs stood on end and I felt I was ready! The swim went as I expected, slow and steady. I finished the swim about 920th place. I mounted my bike and started the ride, this went better than I expected, during the second lap of the route the heavens opened and the rain was relentless, the roads became quite dangerous and there were a few accidents on the course that day, thankfully I managed to complete the bike course in one piece.

Next came the run. I started off well but after just 15 mins I started to struggle, there was a section of the run which had a couple of hills that would instantly sap your energy. Halfway through the run I hit a wall, I arrived at the next feed station where I stuffed my face with a banana and crisps and guzzled some Red Bull and full fat Coke, food I would never normally eat during running, but it did the trick and gave me the energy boost I needed to carry on. With 5km to go on the run I checked my watch and realised if I could pick up my pace I could still get under the 12 hours I was aiming for. I just had to treat it like a 5km park run and go for it. The commentator on the red carpet shouted over the microphone for me to take my time and enjoy the moment. Not a chance! I was chasing that sub-12 hour finish time!

After the event I was absolutely over the moon with my finish time, and words of congratulations came in from my fellow club members, family and friends. Then two days later I received an email from Ironman informing me that I had qualified for KONA, the Ironman World Championships held in Hawaii. I had to read it a few times before it sank in, I then had 72 hours to make the decision to accept it. A hard decision to make, as much as I wanted to go I had to consider the financial cost, the entry fee alone was over £1000, as well as missing out on more family time due to the amount of training needed. So I asked them, and they were so supportive! I decided to go for it - I pressed the big 'yes' button and now have a place on the start line.

I am extremely grateful to Aycliffe Tri Club for all their support in my journey so far, what a cracking club they are to train with. They've even put £200 towards the entry fee for me. I am also grateful for all the ongoing support I'm receiving from the coaches and club

members too.

Kona will throw up different challenges to Bolton. For a start, it's a sea swim without a wetsuit, which I have never done before and feels a bit daunting. It'll also be around 35 degrees during the race - really hot! But I'm up for the challenge and can't wait to start training. I'm going to Kona!

Trevor Dixon

The New Aviator Beer Bar

Not only are times changing, but so is our bar. Since our opening day on the 4th July last year, we have enjoyed making it our quest to listen to our patrons and provide a service that is always looking to improve and create a positive ambience in the bar that lets people see constant change and additions to our bar environment in its structure and, most importantly, in its services.

Our Beer Bar is the newest addition which has increased our beers on tap from 4 to 12, introducing several regular options on top of our Dortmund / Stella 4 / Bud Light and Guinness mainstays.

This means, that in addition to the originals (above), we now are also offering:

- Becks Vier
- Orchard Pig Reveller (Cider)
- Lowenbrau
- Camden Hells Lager
- Camden Pale Ale
- Wensleydale High Five
- Guest ale(s) – in response to requests from our patrons
- Double Maxim – request placed for it to be supplied on draught (awaiting delivery)

Don't forget our full range of Barnard Castle Brewing Company Ales and our bottled wheat beer (Edelweiss) too.

This augurs well for our second Oktoberfest celebrations, from late September to early October, when we anticipate food and music, in keeping with the occasion, to a much larger extent than we were allowed last year.

Our mantra is "YOU ASK – WE LISTEN" and this is why we are reserving one or two lines for requested draft beers that will allow us to create a regular turnover and flavour variety / options throughout the year.

Add into this, our ever expanding whisky top shelf (more news about this next week) which now has Scottish / Japanese / Welsh and Indian whisk(e)ys and we hope that you will be increasingly aware that we aim to cater for all tastes. Look closer and next to the whisky you will see some Russian Surface to Air Missiles next to the propeller and the Red Arrows helmet!

Coffee and music are next on the horizon. As we plan to be offering a full range of Aviator coffee from espresso to latte to Americano to flat white and more. Don't forget too, Irish coffee and all the variants that this can allow.

On to the music. We are starting to develop a live music programme that will cater for all tastes. Keep your eyes open for more information soon to set the scene.

We look forward to seeing you at the bar - cheers.

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

By Joe Ramage

Saturday 31st July - Billingham Town 2-5 Newton Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe opened their Ebac Northern League Division One campaign in pulsating style with a dramatic win over Billingham Town. Jake Petitjean and substitute Ben Dibb-Fuller both scored twice as new signing Sonni Coleman scored on his debut from the penalty spot to seal a 5-2 win at Bedford Terrace.

Harrison Webster had gotten the home side back into the game before half-time with former Aycliffe man Danny Earl adding a consolation nine minutes from time. Referee Alex Clark showed Adam Burnicle a red card 17 minutes from the end for a coming together with Daniel Boyle, which caused tensions to spill over somewhat between both sides, following a tackle involving Petitjean and Boyle.

There were three debutants in the Aycliffe XI with Coleman leading the line and Alex Walker and John Jury starting in defence. And it didn't take long for the visitors to find their stride as midfielder Petitjean picked up where he left off last season by opening his account for the new campaign in the 10th minute.

Lewis Walton's corner from the right was cleared as far as Boyle who was robbed by Marc Costello to find Walton once more and the fullback expertly picked out Petitjean who made no mistake from eight yards heading beyond Michael Roxburgh.

The lead lasted just 15 minutes though as Earl's quick freekick on the right caught out the Aycliffe defence finding Boyle who cutback to Ashley Lavan on the edge of the area and his effort was deflected onto the post only for Webster to stab in the rebound on the line. Webster came close to giving the hosts the advantage eight minutes later when he volleyed wide of Adam Pickford's angle from Joseph Taylor's cross, before Walker almost capped a dream debut for Colin Stromsoy's side when he headed narrowly over from Ethan Wood's freekick. But the visitors did take the lead through another summer signing in Coleman before the half was out as the striker, signed from Guisborough Town, confidently dispatched from the penalty spot after Petitjean was brought down by Taylor four minutes from the interval.

Roxburgh guessed the right way in the Billingham goal but there was no stopping Coleman's effort as Aycliffe took the lead into the break. It is a lead that could have been extended inside two minutes of the restart as Liam Jarvie latched onto Petitjean's header but Roxburgh was out quick to smother. Burnicle brought out an excellent save from the Town keeper just after the hour, before substitute Dibb-Fuller looked to have sealed the points by adding a superb third from range.

The midfielder picked up a loose ball from 25-yards and was able to skip past Boyle before unleashing a wicked strike with his left foot which arrowed into the corner. Two minutes later and Aycliffe's lead didn't look as commanding after Burnicle was given his marching orders after a coming together following Boyle and Petitjean's robust challenge.

But the disadvantage of being a man down didn't impact the Newtonians as Coleman almost added his second of the game from the resulting freekick when Costello's pressure saw the ball land at the feet of the striker, but Joseph Carter was on hand to make a crucial interception and divert behind for a corner. The clincher came from that corner, however, as Dibb-Fuller's cross was scrambled clear only as far as Petitjean who sent a rasping half volley into the top corner. The home side never gave up though and gave themselves a glimmer of hope nine minutes from time when Ryan Gooch slid the ball across for Earl to tap underneath Pickford to reduce the deficit to two.

But with Billingham pushing for a third it was Aycliffe who grabbed another goal when Dibb-Fuller's excellent pressing forced Lavan into a mistake and he exchanged passes with Coleman before cleverly



dinking the ball over the on-rushing Roxburgh to cap a remarkable opening afternoon.

Following a midweek trip to Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe's attention turns to the Emirates FA Cup. Thornaby are the visitors to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday 7 August (ko 3pm). Admission is £7 adults, £5 concessions, £3 under 16s. The winners of that game travel to Tadcaster Albion in the Preliminary Round on 21 August.

Photo, by Yvonne Wood: Jake Petitjean heads home Aycliffe's opening goal.

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Greenfield Students Collaborate with Professionals

Students at Greenfield Community College are being offered valuable opportunities to support their studies through creative learning.

In September a group of students will be supported during their TimeForSuccess lessons to explore aspects of science through creativity. The group of Year 9 students will be working alongside artist Dawn Belshaw, taking part in inspiring sessions that focus on



Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club are delighted to have been asked to stage the forthcoming girls U11's Inter County match between Durham and Yorkshire on Tuesday 10th August at the Sports Club. There will be two, back to back T20 games, the first is scheduled to start at 10.30am and the second will start at approx 2pm. Entry is free for all spectators, so please come to the club to watch the games as these talented young ladies would welcome your support. Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's First Team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, had their away game abandoned as a draw, due to the rain at Saltburn 2nd XI in their NYSD division two clash. Electing to bat first proved to be an inspired decision by Saltburn captain Lewis Hart as he smashed 152 from 102 balls, which was the highest ever individual score against Aycliffe. Eventually his side amassed a huge 292 for 7 in their allotted 50 overs giving the Aycliffe bowlers Michael Howe (3 for 74), Jack Slatcher (2 for 54) and James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 66) a very difficult day in the field. The rain arrived during the interval, its persistence meant any further play was impossible and the game was duly abandoned and recorded as a draw.

The 2nd team game at home to Blackhall 2nds in the NYSD 4th division was also abandoned due to persistent rain with Aycliffe handily placed on 78 for 4 after 11.2 overs. Dylan Tribley had made his way to 29 not out off 25 balls and Owen Smith raced to 20 not out off just 10 balls when both captains agreed that, in the circumstances, any further play was impossible and the game was recorded a draw.

The club's U15's put in a record breaking performance to defeat local rivals Sedgfield by 16 runs in the NYACC league. The visitors won the toss, Aycliffe were asked to bat first and they piled up the runs with an U15's club record team score of 150 for 2 in their allotted 20 overs. The opening pair of Owen Smith and Tom Dearden both scored unbeaten half centuries setting a new U15's club record first wicket partnership of 98 in the process. Dan Heaton also batted well with 14 not out and Harrison Pearson chipped in with 12 runs for Aycliffe. In reply, Sedgfield were always in the game but Will Dearden's 3 for 12 helped restrict the visitors as they finished their 20 overs on 134 for 4 to give Aycliffe a deserved win. The U13's lost by six wickets at home to Darlington in the NYACC league. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and scored a respectable 97 for 7 in their 20 overs, thanks to another good innings from captain Will Dearden (32 not out) and Alfie Spensley (14 runs). Darlington eased to victory after 19 overs despite a couple of wickets from Daniel Wild and one each from Jack Connors and Will Dearden. *Photo: The victorious U15s team after their 16 run victory over Sedgfield.*

the concepts of science. The 'Creative Collaborators' will have the opportunity to share their thoughts as they discuss how topics such as nature, the environment, recycling, and pollution impact upon science and our planet.

The project, led by Greenfield Arts, follows a recent creative opportunity which is also set to inspire the whole school this autumn. 'Finders, Seekers' enabled design students to engage, learn new skills and help inspire a stimulus for the whole school to be taken forward and shared creatively. Working with professional artist Paul Theo Murray students developed skills in cyanotype, bookbinding and printing.

There are a few places left on the 'Finders, Seekers' summer activity which is being held in Shildon and at Newton Aycliffe this summer, visit the Greenfield Arts website to find out more and reserve your place www.greenfield-arts.co.uk

The projects find creative ways to develop school learner attributes such as creativity, collaboration, responsibility, reflection and resilience both in school and in our wider community. Thank you for support from County Durham Community Foundation Durham County Council Arts.

Greenfield Community College are committed to developing skills that raise aspirations and support learning. The school promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience. If you would like further information visit www.greenfieldschool.net or contact the school by emailing contact@greenfieldschool.net or by calling 01325 300378.

Classic Cars at Hardwick

Car enthusiasts will be on the right road if they head to a County Durham hotel this week (Sunday 8 August), when a classic car show heads to the area.

Hardwick Hall Hotel at Sedgfield is set to host the North East Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, where vintage, classic and modern classic vehicles will be on display.

The exhibition will feature more than 300 vintage, classic and modern classic cars, along with a display of motorcycles, as well as a number of trade stands.

The event, organised by Classic Shows which hosts similar events up and down the country, will bring together dozens of vehicles covering everything from sports cars and convertibles to kit and custom cars.

Exhibitors will also compete throughout the day for a range of honours, including Pride of Ownership and Car of the Show, with the proceedings run by leading North West commentator and car expert, Mark Stone.

Tickets for the event are £9 each and £3.50 for children aged between seven and 14. Anyone wanting to exhibit their vehicle can do so at £5 a car – restricted to vehicles from 2007 or older. They can turn up on the day but must arrive between 8.30am and 11am to qualify for the offer.

Full details are available at www.classicshows.org or by emailing info@classicshows.org

"Hardwick Hall is perfect for an event like this and it's a great opportunity to see some truly amazing vehicles and talk to their owners," said John Adamson, of Ramside Estates which owns Hardwick Hall.

"It will be an amazing family day out and was extremely popular last time we hosted this event so hopefully it will be the same this time."

Background Step at GATC

Dear Sir,

The new leading group, recently voted in, took a backward step at the GATC Full Council meeting last week. Forgetting their promise to engage with members of our community, they have closed the easily accessible Reception door to every member of the public who wishes to attend any GATC meeting.

Two years ago, when a member of the public was found wandering round the Council offices, it became clear that we needed to improve security, and a Standing Order was introduced that members of the public should not use the Reception door, but should use the public door at the rear (road side) of the building.

Parking and disability parking, however, is an awkward walk away and I, for example, would be unable to walk from my parked car right around to the permitted public entrance. In 2019, therefore, I proposed a motion, seconded by Cllr Fleming, that gave Council officers and councillors discretion to invite people through the Reception door if necessary. This motion was opposed by the opposition, but passed by the then Labour majority.

Last week, however, my motion was rescinded by the new ruling group, to be replaced by a rule which enforces that every member of the public MUST use the outer door at the front of the building, and allows only councillors and members of staff to use the Reception entrance.

By the new rule, visiting speakers to the Council, guests of the Mayor, members of the public coming to present cheques or invited to receive prizes – everybody but councillors and officers – will have to walk round the building and use the public entrance. For older and disabled people, this may effectively deny them access.

One councillor tried to assure members that the Town Clerk would be able to overrule in such special circumstances. Yet, even when the Town Clerk informed him that the new ruling removed the Town Clerk's discretion to do so, he still voted for the rescission. In fact all the Independents and Lib Dems, on a block vote, voted for the rescission, including Cllr Fleming (who had seconded my motion in 2019).

I question and challenge the overruling of my original motion on the grounds of disability, age etc.

These councillors are taking a backward step, showing no care or concern or even common politeness towards others – as Cllr Jed Hillary stated at the meeting, GATC has passed a motion which positively discriminates against disabled people. This ruling group has proved itself to be petty, revengeful, totally uncaring, and dismissive of anyone who would have difficulty in using the alternative entry.

Cllr Barbara A Clare
(Woodham)



Westminster is in recess from 23rd July until 5th September, which means some people consider MPs to be on holiday. However, 'Westminster is in Recess' only means that no legislation is being processed. You will still see announcements from the various departments, most obvious of course will be those from Health and Transport as they are high profile re Covid. I will, like everyone, be taking a few days away but will spend most of this time in the Aycliffe office or out and about in the constituency.

It's been quite a week which included a visit by Kwasi Kwarteng, the Secretary of State for Businesses, Energy and Industrial Strategy. He visited NETPark in Sedgfield on Wednesday afternoon where I was able to facilitate meetings with some of the extraordinary business on that park as well as the leaders of Durham County Council. The Secretary of State has just launched an Innovation strategy last week and we were able to show him that every aspect of it has foundations available here. These businesses have the potential to deliver some amazing career options for local people and I want him to see the potential so we can encourage the investment community to support these opportunities. I was also pleased that we had the Leader of Durham County Council, Amanda Hopgood, along with her deputy, Richard Bell, and several of the Councils business team in attendance to support our message. I have to say that he went away very impressed by what he saw.

I also spent time this week supporting Cleveland Bridge in Darlington, you may be aware that they entered administration last week, but you may not realise that they are in the Sedgfield Constituency. Along with Ben Houchen, Tees Valley Mayor, and Peter Gibson, MP for Darlington, we have reached into Government departments and talked to customers to help accelerate payments to assist in giving the administrators more time in which to try and save the business. We met several times with both the administrators and employee representatives to keep us all fully aware of progress. I really hope they can find a way to keep this iconic business going. Last week I had the opportunity to visit the custody suite at Durham to get a better understanding of why the Police feel it is appropriate to invest in a new facility. Thankfully I have never seen inside a custody suite before, so this was particularly informative.

On a lighter note, I went to the meeting of the Sedgfield Rangers to hear about Girlguiding in general; to hear about issues that concerned them and answer questions about Parliament and politics generally. One of them was also a member of the Sedgfield

75 swimming club and asked me about the increasing costs of the pool from DCC. This is something I had previously challenged the old leadership about, in my former role as a County Councillor, and I undertook to raise it again with the new leadership. This theme continued when I joined the groups in Aycliffe Town Centre who were promoting themselves. From Karate to Axe Throwing, Dance to Gymnastics as well as Football, Cricket, Archery, Swimming, Water Polo and others, there are so many activities available. Don't let anyone say there isn't anything to do, with all of these groups and their fabulous volunteers. Thanks again to the amazing Aycliffe Radio team for organising and compering the many demonstration events.

We had a surgery at the Literary Institute in Dean Bank last week and this week we're in Woodham Community Centre before I have a few days away and we will then restart surgeries at the beginning of September. I said I would try and tell you more about some government departments whilst we are in recess, as Kwasi Kwarteng visited this week I thought I would start with BEIS. The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is responsible for Business, Industrial Strategy, Science, Research and Innovation, Energy and Clean Growth and Climate Change. The team is led by The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and he is supported by The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change; Nadhim Zahawi MP, Minister for Business and Industry, currently leading on Vaccine deployment Amanda Solloway MP, Minister for Science, Research and Innovation Paul Scully MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, Lord Callanan, Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility and Lord Grimstone of Boscobel Kt who is Minister for Investment. As you can see there is quite a portfolio to be covered and it is a team I particularly enjoy engaging with.

Thankfully we continue to see the number of Covid infections falling from the peak of the third wave. This is happening due to the platform of vaccinations that mean the virus cannot get the hold it had, and it remains the message that if you have not yet had your vaccinations please get them done, it is the best way to help everyone else make the lockdown lifting irreversible.

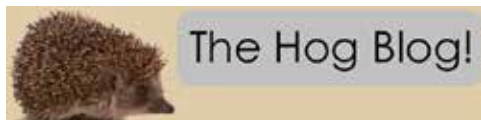
Sorry to be repetitive, and maybe boring, but please follow common sense and the Hands Face Space and Fresh Air mantra that is best for all of us. Stay Safe.

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Member of Parliament for Sedgfield



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There are babies everywhere, it's been very busy, as you can gather, but fortunately my friends and allies have helped me in many many ways, so no small babies or juveniles go without the help that they need and deserve, Sue and Peter, Pat and Fred also Sore Paws for making sure that no hedgehog goes without help. I would like to thank June and Joyce for bringing lovely Gillie, pictured, Tuesday night, she is far too small to be out, just like Holly, who is the same weight, and finally our smallest one so far is beautiful Misty, who was brought in half an hour before Holly, at a mere 145 grams. They will all be watched very carefully because of their health difficulties, if any, won't show themselves straight away. Most rehabbers are however running out of space, that's assuming they haven't already, we are all pulling together to make sure no orphaned Hoglet or Juvenile is without a safe haven till they recover and ready to go back to their gardens. Thanks go also to Gillian, June, Valerie, Mary, Alida and Joyce for goods for the rescue car boot sale and monetary donation from June who without her these little ones would not get five star accommodation and medical help.

Trip of the week: Please leave some water and food out, dehydrating hedgehogs are a very common problem and whilst the weather is unpredictable food can be in short supply too. If help or advice is needed please ring The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 or visit the hedgehog street app or my email prick-lyhaven@yahoo.com Maxine

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In Memory of
Covid Victims

Dear Sir,
Six trees were planted in Heighington Sports Field to commemorate the people who died of Covid-19 and the difficult times we have all experienced over the last 18 months. A seat is also to be installed over the next week or two. The trees were provided by Darlington Borough Council and planted by Councillor Heather Scott, Leader of Darlington Borough Council, supported by Councillor Lee and his wife Ruth. Councillor Lee would like to record his thanks and appreciation to Darlington Borough Council, Councillor Scott and Heighington Parish Council, who gave permission for the planting of the trees. Councillor Gerald G. Lee
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Free Tree Packs Scheme for Schools and Communities



Whether planting for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to help tackle climate change, or to improve local areas around the country, the Woodland Trust's popular free tree pack scheme is now open for applications.

Schools and community groups across the North East are now able to apply for the first 1 million trees, and into 2022 there are over 3 million trees in total available via free tree packs.

Packs are sent out twice a year with November packs now available for order. In Spring the uptake was high across the North East with 18,120 trees despatched for planting. These included:

- 3,345 to 46 schools and community groups in Cleveland*;
- 6,030 to 51 organisations in Durham;
- 5,430 to 47 schools and community groups in Northumberland; and
- 3,315 to 44 organisations in Tyne and Wear.

The Woodland Trust is delighted to be a leading delivery partner of The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) and is offering free trees as an amazing opportunity to help many thousands of schools and communities to plant trees to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and the first million trees will be despatched in November during the planting season. The Trust welcomes applications from all types of community groups and people do not have to be part of a formal long-standing group, they just need to have a group name decided before they apply.

The packs, all generously funded by our corporate partners, are available in a range of themes; year-long colour, a wild harvest, or a haven for wildlife. Another contains hardy species which tolerate exposed sites and dry areas or where water collects easily, there is even a working wood mix which could provide wood fuel or willow for weaving.

The packs also come in a range of sizes; 15 (perfect for urban areas and which can be split between neighbours where necessary), 30 (which will create a six-metre hedgerow or a tennis court-sized copse), 105 (enough to cover an area as big as four tennis courts) or 420 (to cover an area the size of a football pitch) and most can create fantastic hedgerows.

We ask that trees are planted on publicly accessible land where possible, with the landowner's permission, and that groups commit to caring for those trees as they establish and grow. Since 2004 the scheme has helped thousands of groups plant millions of trees and there is support for experienced and first-time tree planters! In Spring this year over 400,000 free trees were sent to keen planters across the country.

Woodland Trust tree packs are generously funded by lead partners Sainsbury's, Lloyds Bank, OVO Energy, DFS Furniture, players of People's Postcode Lottery, Joules, Bank of Scotland and Sofology. Packs contain a mix of UK sourced and grown native broadleaf species such as hazel, rowan, hawthorn, common oak, silver birch, wild cherry, elder, dogwood and holly.

To order free trees people can visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees before 25th August and they'll be delivered in November 2021.

Nowhere to Turn for Support?

A recent report found that 43% of older LGBT people had no idea where to get support. A new group based in Durham City seeks to rectify this.

Many older LGBT people have lived quietly for years, often with a partner, but have had no contact with the LGBT community. If they become widowed, they can become isolated and vulnerable.

'LGBT+ Over50s County Durham' is a social group for older LGBT+ people and their allies. If you are in that group and would like to meet new friends, come along and join us for safe, enjoyable conversation and refreshments. Meetings are held monthly in Durham City in a safe environment with privacy assured and are inclusive and supportive.

You can contact us by going to: <http://www.lgbt50durham.org.uk> or phoning 0191 303 8604. Our next meeting is Wednesday 11th August at 11.00am.

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Vinnie Gascoigne-Allen

6th August 2021
Happy 21st Birthday
Congratulations on your 21st birthday Vinnie. All our love always, Grandma and Grandad Allen and the Allen family xxx

Births

Harvey & Allen

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In Memoriam

Yvonne Robinson

Passed away on 8th August 2016
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Yvonne Robinson

8th August 2016
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Peter Smith

9th August 2019
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Birthday Remembrance

Marilyn Storey

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Love, Steven, Lara, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xx

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We are all so happy for you, he is absolutely gorgeous!
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Aycliffe Athletics Club Weekly Round Up

This week's round up starts on Tuesday, 27th July 2021, in Cheshire, where our adopted Macclesfield Harriers and AC runner, Paul Rands, was taking on the Moberley Round the Runway 5. This is a multi-terrain race around the footpaths and quiet lanes surrounding Manchester Airport's Runway 2, and also includes the Bollin Tunnel. Paul completed the 5 mile race in 37:02.

The Club was well-represented at Sedgefield, Hackworth and Darlington South Park parkruns on Saturday, however Members also turned out further afield at Gateshead, Keswick, South Shields and York. The only parkrun Personal Best (PB) to report this week came at Sedgefield parkrun, as Sarah Gill bettered her previous best time for the course, posting a new benchmark of 25:18.

Undoubtedly the biggest race of the weekend occurred just a few miles down the A167 on Sunday, with the running of the Darlington 10K. The race also features in the Club Championship ensuring a large turnout from Members. First home for the Club was new Male Club Captain, John Firby, in a time of 37:13. John was closely followed home by Dez Fielden, who crossed the line in 37:27.

Gareth Kyle continued his recent impressive improvement, recording a new PB of 38:52 for the distance. Andy Talbot finished in 39:24, which placed him first in his Age Category (V60), and also improved his own Club Record in the same Age Category. Richard Campbell completed the race in 41:34, followed by Stuart Joyce (43:00) and



and Steph was followed by David Stothard (55:43) and Rob Nicholson (57:48). Judith Porter completed the race in 61:16, and in doing so finished third in her Age Category (V65), and she was closely followed by Kelly Dickinson (61:19) and Penny Johnson (61:53). Jayne Rudd registered a massive PB, taking over five and a half minutes off her previous best, with a time of 62:05. Eve Doe was the next Aycliffe runner to finish (64:29), just pipping Nicola Ingman, who posted her fastest 10K time of 64:31 (PB). Nicola Bales completed the race in 67:02, leaving Susan Clark (68:45) and Susan Rees (75:38) as the final runners home for the Club.

Finally, as mentioned, John Firby recently took over as Male Club Captain, and we would just like to place on record our thanks to Richard Campbell, who stepped down from the position after carrying out the role for several years. Richard certainly worked hard to galvanise the Club and ensure that we were well-represented at local races and events. Richard will still, of course, be heavily involved leading the Club's coaching offer.

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

Martyn Knox (43:42).

Martin Sedgwick had an excellent run taking over four minutes off his previous best time for the distance (44:16), and Martin was followed one second later by Peter Tennick, who also recorded a PB (44:17). Dave Blewitt enjoyed his return to racing, posting a time of 45:02, and it was pleasing to see Lauryn Hellewell turning out for the Club for the first time, recording a very creditable time of 47:37. Peter Smith was next home in 48:02, with Shaun Dodds in close pursuit in 49:05.

Craig Robinson was another member who recorded a huge PB, crossing the line in 50:08, and Carley Cooper displayed her recent good form once again, posting her second race PB in as many weeks (53:38). Steph Colvin's current marathon training paid dividends with a strong run (55:22),

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