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Aycliffe Angel Celebrates 100th Birthday

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Flower Club 40th Anniversary

'Roses definitely grow on you' as members of Shildon and District Flower Club can attest!
The club celebrated its 40th year - its Ruby Anniversary - at Shildon Civic Centre. A delicious lunch was served followed by an afternoon of flower arranging by demonstrator extraordinaire, Mildred Stafford, who reminded members of how flower arranging had changed and developed during the last 40 years. Founder President, Cynthia Scott,

gave a potted history of the club since its inauguration in 1980 and was then joined by President Phyllis Wilkinson, Associate of Honour Elizabeth Lewis and Mildred Stafford as they jointly cut the celebratory cake which had been made by Chairman Pauline Wadge. The new season starts on Monday, 6th September at 7.30pm at Shildon Civic Hall when Area Demonstrator, Daphne Dawson, visits to present an evening of flower arranging entitled 'All Shapes and Sizes'.

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Sunday 5th September: 'Kev Mack'

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Saturday 28th August 'Tony Montana'

Saturday 4th September 'Marty Scott'

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Friday-Sunday 8.00pm



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Aycliffe Angel Muriel turns 100

Muriel Scott started work in her early years on a farm doing all sorts of jobs out in the lovely countryside. Then war broke out, and she went to work in the ammunition factory on Aycliffe Trading Estate, where she made dangerous ammunition pieces. There were lots of ladies working there and they have become known as the 'Aycliffe Angels'.



Later, she, and some of the other ladies, were transferred to a factory in Stoke on Trent, where they stayed at a hostel. She then came back to Newton Aycliffe to work in Alexanders in Darlington, where she worked as a sewing machinist for 25 years, receiving a gold watch - soon after the factory closed.

Amelia Rickaly sourced a job at Aycliffe Approved School, where she started working in the laundry department, but progressed very well in the school. Muriel worked there for six years.

She retired at 62 years old, to take care of her mother whose eye sight was bad.

Muriel can still be seen getting on and off buses, going into Darlington for shopping, to get something nice for Saturday's tea and a good roast for Sunday dinner.

Muriel is a member of the Women's Institute in Aycliffe Village and the social club, where she loves a game of bingo.

To celebrate her 100th birthday a party was held by her friends and family in Aycliffe Village Hall, the Mayor attended and brought her flowers, she received a birthday card from the Queen and The Royal Telegraph gave two Afternoon Teas and The County presented her with a £25 gift voucher.

"Always smiling, cheerful and positive (one of the first on the dance floor), and with an amazing memory and interesting stories, she is a much cherished member of our WI. Asked about her secret for a long life she said it was the 'Aycliffe air'." said an Aycliffe Village WI representative.

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The lady was all for calling an ambulance as my face, hands and knees were covered in blood, but the gentleman kindly turned his car round and drove me down to Bewick Crescent Surgery to see if the deep cut above my eye needed stitches. It did, and I spent the afternoon in A & E being seen to. Thank you to two 'Good Samaritans' for your concern.

Richard Harvey
Aycliffe Running Club

Litter Pickers



Ian Gray's litter picking volunteers strike again, picking this lot up along the Great Aycliffe Way between Moore Lane and Travellers Green this week. Thanks to all the volunteers and to the public who stopped to say hello and thank you.

Open Door for Afghanistan

As we have watched the daily devastation unfolding on our screens it would be hard not to have felt compassion for the people of Afghanistan. Many feel helpless and in a response to this there will be an opportunity to offer prayers for the Plight of Refugees across our world today.

St. Clare's Church in Newton Aycliffe will open its doors between 2-6pm on Sunday 29th August for any who wish to offer prayers, sit quietly and reflect or light a candle. You may want to come for a short time or sit for a while - just come and go as you wish. Please know that all are most welcome and most needed. This is a small act we can do together which can make a big difference.

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- 10.00-10.45 Adult Circuit Class
- 16.30-17.15 Parent and Child Fitness
- 17.30-18.00 Adult Box/Step Fitness
- 18.00-19.00 Junior Boxing, 9-15 year old
- 19.00-20.00 Senior Boxing, 16 years and over

Wednesday:

- 16.30-17.15 Kid Gloves Boxing, 3-9 year old
- 17.30-18.15 Adult Box/Fit

Thursday:

- 10.00-10.45 Adult Circuit Class
- 16.30-17.15 Kid Gloves Boxing, 3-9 year old
- 17.30-18.00 Adult Box/Step Fitness
- 18.00-19.00 Junior Boxing, 9-15 year old
- 19.00-20.00 Senior Boxing, 16 years and over

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Important Announcement

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Veterans Hub Open Day



The Veterans Hub held their Grand Opening Day on Wednesday 25th August between 10am and 3pm at Unit 2, IES Centre on the Aycliffe Business Park.

In attendance to officially open the centre was Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon and MP Paul Howell.

See next week's edition for more details and photos.

RSPB Binocular and Telescope Open Weekend

Get up close and personal with nature and pop along to the Binocular and Telescope Open Weekend at RSPB Saltholme on 4th and 5th September. The event runs from 10am-4pm on that Saturday and Sunday, when a variety of binoculars and telescopes will be on display for visitors to try out, as well as friendly, impartial advice from the knowledgeable team of staff and volunteers.

Not just for wildlife experts, RSPB reserve shops stock a wide range of equipment suitable for different skill levels. The range includes RSPB and Viking binoculars and telescopes as well as other premium brands such as Swarovski and Leica.

Money raised through purchases at these events helps the RSPB reserve teams to continue to deliver their wildlife conservation work, advocacy and allows thousands of people every year to get closer to nature.

Ed Pritchard, Warden at RSPB Saltholme, said: "Here at RSPB Saltholme we're privileged to showcase some amazing natural wonders, almost 10,000 wintering wildfowl and waders make RSPB Saltholme their home during the colder months."

"Our Binocular and Telescope Open Weekends are very popular and take place across many RSPB sites. If you haven't been before, they're fun, friendly and interactive events, designed to help you select the very best kit for your needs – whether you're new to wildlife watching or an experienced birder."

"If you fancy a pair of binoculars or a telescope for the family to spot nature in your own garden, or something to make your hikes or cycle rides that little bit extra special – pop along, our Visitor Experience Team would love to welcome you to our wonderful site. You don't need to book, just drop in."

"We'd like your visit to be as enjoyable as possible and as safe as possible, so we have a regular cleaning schedule in place at all our binocular and telescope events and hand sanitisers and wipes are readily available for all."

The event on Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 of September at RSPB Saltholme is free to attend and suitable for all levels of bird and wildlife watchers.

Helen Turner-Flack, Retail Manager at RSPB Saltholme, added: "We bring in extra staff and volunteers during Binocular and Telescope Open Weekends who are on-hand to offer advice and tips, so feel free to drop in with any questions! Of course, our shop is open all year round, so don't forget your local reserve team is always around if you have a question about your kit or want to upgrade."

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We are here for you if you need support.

Neville Parade Methodist Church

From Sunday 5th September there will be a change of time for the Morning Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church. The Service will be at the new time of 11.00am. Everyone is welcome.

As activities are slowly returning, we have rooms available for booking. For further information on activities at the church contact 07733 210845.

Funeral Director Takes Fundraising in her Stride!

Local Funeral Director, Tracey Rimmer (nee Warrior), is about to change her top hat and frock coat for running shoes and athletic gear to raise funds for The Alice House Hospice.

Tracey, who works at John Meynell Funeral Directors in Newton Aycliffe and Darlington, both part of Dignity Funerals, is demonstrating her sporting prowess by competing in an Austrian Iron-Man competition. The event is to be held on 19th September and consists of a 2.4-mile swim in a lake followed by a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon, all to be completed in under 17 hours.

Speaking at the launch of her fund raising appeal, Tracey said: "I'm very much looking forward to the event and having such a wonderful charity to raise funds for will give me the push that I need to spur me on." Alice House Hospice exists to ensure people affected by a life limiting illness or the death of a loved one have the care, comfort and support they need. As the only adult Hospice in Hartlepool & East Durham, their services make a difference to the lives of thousands of families each year.

If you wish to support Tracey's fundraising her Just Giving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/Tracey-Warrior2>



Aycliffe Beekeepers are Creating a 'Buzz'

On Sunday 5th September 2021 Aycliffe Beekeepers will be holding an information day at the Eco Centre in Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe. You can come and learn more about bees, beekeeping and bee products. You can also access information on our introductory beekeeping training courses available in Newton Aycliffe. There will be leaflets available, beekeepers to talk to and examples of products that can be made from wax and honey, and maybe some bees! Hive products and honey will be available for sale. The event takes place between 2pm and 4pm and will be immediately followed by a presentation by our guest speaker, Mike McInnes author and a member of the Scottish Lifesciences Association. He will be speaking about the health-giving properties of honey in his presentation 'How Refined Sugars are Shrinking the Human Brain, and how Honey May Prevent it'. He tells us 'Honey is an extraordinary food and fuel. It can reverse all the dreadful metabolic diseases that are destroying our cognition and health, if we reject refined sugars in foods and drinks, and replace them with honey'.

We will be asking you to wear a mask when indoors, if possible, and on entry you must sign in and gel your hands. Seats, when needed, will be socially distanced. If the weather is fine, our information will be displayed outdoors.

Please address all enquiries to our secretary Steve Jenkins, Aycliffe Beekeepers Association secretary aycliffebka@gmail.com or telephone 07825 980692. Note you can also access further information by visiting our website www.aycliffebees.com

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9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Across the Decades	Richard Gladstone
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	Soul Show	John Wooler (USA)
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	Phill Hawkins
8-9:30pm	31st August - Sisters of Support & Aycliffe Tri Club	Mike Dixon
9:30-12am	Jazz Time (R)	Mike Dixon
	Soul Selection with Paul Mooney and Kev Sowerby	

WEDNESDAY

6-7:30pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake

4-6pm	Weekend Warmup	Dan Calum
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	3rd September - Nathan Abbott - Dance Classix	
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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Chance to Apply for Floral Treats to Spruce up Area

Community groups across County Durham have the opportunity of winning 2,000 bulbs to brighten up their area.

Green-fingered champions across each of Durham County Council's 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) are in with a chance of securing the floral treats for their community open spaces. Groups entering will need to provide the postcode and details of the area to be planted, together with details of the AAP they are in. The area must be a public space that will brighten up the village or town.

Once areas nominated to receive the bulbs are checked for suitability and ownership, they will be placed on the relevant AAP Facebook page, where they will be voted for by members of the public. The AAPs will use the feedback received to gauge which of their sites they wish to put forward to be given the bulbs.

Planting will take place in October and November with the community group supported by the council's Clean and Green, Find and Fix and Civic Pride teams. The funding for the bulbs is a direct result of proceeds from the sale of vehicles used in fly-tipping incidents in County Durham.

Cllr Mark Wilkes, the council's Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and climate change, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for community groups to win bulbs which can then be used to brighten up their area."

"We know how much our residents like to see their communities looking their best so I'd urge any of those interested to nominate themselves to be in with a chance of winning. Best of luck to those entering."

Nominations can be sent to civicpride@durham.gov.uk and will close at midnight on Friday 24 September. Voting will open on Facebook pages from 5pm on Monday 27 September. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 1 October.

Further information on the AAPs is available by going to www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs



Neighbourhood Policing

By PCSO Sarah Button



Hello, it's PCSO Sarah Button from Newton Aycliffe here.

It has been an exciting week in Aycliffe so far, with our Family Fun Day taking place last Saturday. The NPT team have attended and had some great community engagement and an excellent turn out, despite the weather.

This week we have many different engagement events on, we attended a Fun Day in the Town Park near Tesco and also a Fun Day held by Junction 7 on Friday. Jet and Ben have been helping us out with some of our events, attending alongside myself to Little Lands of Adventure on Wednesday morning as well as the Junction 7 Fun Day on Friday.

Recently, there has been an increase in jobs on the Business Park involving damage and burglary, we encourage you to be vigilant and take precautions where necessary. Any sightings or information about any incidents in relation to this please contact 101 and ask to speak to a member of the Neighbourhood team.

Lastly, if you have a spare minute, please consider signing up to "Keep in the Know", which is our online messaging service where we send out local alerts to keep you up to date of what is happening in the area. It's a completely free service, and you can receive regular crime updates, road closures and you can see what the Newton Aycliffe Neighbourhood Team is up to. To register yourself please visit: www.keepintheknow.co.uk for a simple sign up.

Five Acres Party in the Park Success



Five Acres Community Garden held their 'Party in the Park' event on Saturday 21st August, due to the inclement weather most of the stalls were moved inside ROF59 function room and restaurant. This first event by Five Acres was a roaring success raising over £1000 with other donations still being received, such as £100 from All Disabilities Matter.

Five Acres manager, Donna Martin, said "Even though the weather forced most of our stalls inside, the turnout from local residents was amazing and their generosity overwhelming. We would like to thank all the wonderful stall holders, Macadam School of Dance and K9 Pursuit for performing at the event."

Five Acres are currently in the process of planning a Christmas Market, watch Newton News for more details.

Get On With It . . .

Dear Sir,

I can probably speak for a fair few people here when it comes to the last few weeks worth of letters, just get on with it then.

What do you expect Labour to do? Stay quiet and not ask questions? Not do the job they were elected to do? If you want them to be opposition, then that's what they're going to do, hold you to account.

Let me speak directly to the new coalition, you passed all 3 of those committees, the minutes are there for all to see, you have the votes and the numbers to do as you please for as long as the coalition holds up. For anyone interested, the minutes are on the council's website – we don't need to guess or take anyone's word for what happens, it's all recorded.

As for the kicking off and ill feeling, attend the meetings and go see what your councillors are doing, is my advice. Really go in and be present to see how it happens in the chamber, see who takes part, who just votes with their group, who has some input and who just sit on their phones and don't take part.

If stopping the use of a door is the big business for 2021, well I guess things can only get better because it couldn't be any worse. What a complete lack of priorities. I don't remember a single campaign leaflet discussing who can and can't use a door and I should know; I've kept each and every one of them, even the ones that didn't come through my door.

We were promised freezes and reductions in council tax without cutting services and in many cases making those services and events bigger and better. If the ruling group are struggling to find answers or ideas to where to cut, can I suggest they speak to one of their own because it was all outlined here, posted 04/01/2020, on the Libdems website:

<https://tinyurl.com/18monthsandstillnofurther>

You're in charge now, get on with it.

Kind regards,
Simon Hocking

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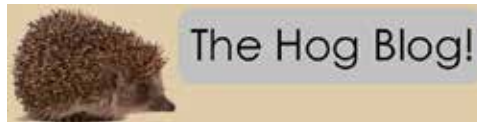
(Newton Aycliffe) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Prohibition of Stopping, Permit Holders Only) Order 2012 (Amendment No.1) Order 2021

The Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect being to: **To introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on:** (a) Silkin Way both sides from the existing No Stopping on entrance markings restriction in a north westerly direction into both sides the junction of Humphrey Close for 15 metres. (b) Grindon Way, south side both sides of the junction from Tekmar Energy for 10 metres on the south east side and for 15 metres on the south west side. (c) Grindon Way, north side from a point opposite Tekmar Energy in a westerly direction for 27 metres. (d) Carlbury Road east side from a point opposite unit 23 Parsons Court in a northerly direction for 30 metres. (e) Carlbury Road, from a point adjacent to the electrical substation in a southerly direction for 8 metres. (f) Greenfield Way, east side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction opposite the entrance to Greenfield School and Community and Arts College for 103 metres in a southerly direction. (g) Greenfield Way, west side from existing no stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restriction south of the entrance to Greenfield School and Community and Arts College in a southerly direction for 73 metres. (h) Both sides of the access road to Newton Park Services from the A167 for 356 metres, extending into the junctions of Forest Park Service Station and the Substation on the north side and extending into the turn into the McDonald's restaurant on the south side. The restrictions will also cover the pedestrian traffic islands at the entrance of the junction. (i) West terrace, both sides from a point adjacent to the former public conveniences extending to and around the junction with the A167 for 29 metres on the north side of the junction and 44 metres around the south side of the junction. (j) Both sides of the junction of Leaside leading onto Leaside North extending into both sides of Leaside north for 20 metres on the west side and 18 metres on the east side. (k) Both sides of the junction of Leaside and Warren Road extending into both sides of Warren Road for 11 metres on the east side and 19 metres on the west side. (l) St Cuthbert's Way, west side from a point adjacent to the Royal Mail Sorting Office in a northerly direction turning westerly onto the south side the Horndale Avenue and then southerly onto east side Hilton Road for a total length of 165 metres. (m) Both sides of the junction of Central Avenue and Vane Road extending for 16 metres in a southerly direction on either side of the junction into Vane Road. (n) Carers Way, east side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction opposite number 5 Alan Gray court in a southerly direction for 61 metres. (o) Carers Way, west side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction adjacent to The Ackley Care Centre in a southerly direction for 28 metres. (p) Both sides of the junction of Woodham Way and Wellhouse Drive, extending for 17 metres in a northerly direction around both sides of the junction into Wellhouse Drive. (q) Staintondale, south side in a southerly direction for 13 metres into both sides of the Junction of Hurworth Hunt. (r) North Terrace, east side from a point adjacent to Number 53 Atkinson Gardens in a northerly direction into the south side of the junction of Atkinson Gardens for 28 metres. (s) North Terrace, east side from a point adjacent to Number 11 Atkinson Gardens in a southerly direction into the north side of junction of Atkinson Gardens for 38 metres. (t) Sheraton Road, north side in the 22-metre gap between two sections of existing No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance markings at the entrance and exit of Sugar Hill Primary School. (u) Stephenson Way, west side in a westerly direction into the north side of the junction of Garburn Place for 19 metres. **To amend the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The existing restrictions 'No stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance markings' on the east side of Vane Road adjacent to Vane Road Primary School will be amended to read 'No stopping Mon-Fri 7.30am-5.30pm on entrance markings'. **To remove the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The existing No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restriction on the east and west side of the junction into Humphrey Way will be removed. **To introduce the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The north, south, east and west sides of the access way into Woodham Burn Community Primary School. **To introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm and No loading Mon-Fri 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm restrictions on:** The west side of Humphrey Close from point adjacent to Number 1 in a north westerly direction to a point adjacent to Number 9 for 88 metres. **To introduce restricted waiting 7am-7pm 2 hours No return within 3 hours on:** Woodham Way, adjacent to south easterly boundary of Woodham Park for 29. **To introduce Disabled Badge Holders Only on:** The north west of Humphrey Close, adjacent to the entrance to Woodham Burn Community Primary School. A copy of the draft Order may be inspected at Newton Aycliffe Library, alternatively if you wish to obtain a copy please contact the e-mail address below or telephone 03000 269738. Anyone wishing to raise an objection to the proposals should submit this in writing to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant at County Hall, Durham or by email to highways.orders@durham.gov.uk (ref:30691) by 24 September 2021.

Dated: 3 September 2021



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL



It has been a busy week with admissions, all very little ones too, but the smallest I have are hoglets that weigh just a mere 100 grams, they are named Spike, Belle and Bethany (pictured) after her finder Bethany at Sore Paws, she found them together outside The Cobblers Hall Pub mid afternoon, of course, being so little, they need a constant temperature of 30c to stay alive. Also we welcomed Holly from Darlington and Little Maggie from Ferryhill. They are all on antibiotics and wormer for some really challenging problems. I work with A Prickly Problem and we share ideas and solutions to some really tricky multi parasite infestations. All are stable but need constant critical care 24/7.

This rescue wouldn't be as successful as it is without the support of some wonderful supporters, firstly Lorraine Elliott for her donations and a gift of a lovely hedgehog mug for yours truly, June for some lovely things, Beryl for some bootie items and of course Joyce for Puppy pads, and finally Claire and her husband who have made it possible for us to do some fundraising at the Scout Hall, yes our own tabletop sale that's indoors, lots of lovely things for sale so please come and see us. Sandra from Darlington Hedgehog Rescue will be there too, she has helped many an Aycliffe hedgehog and fundraising is key to our success.

The date for your diary is Saturday 11th September between 1-5pm.

Tip of the week: Hyperactive Hedgehogs out during the day is a very clear sign of ill health, for instance parasite burdens and/or pain, please seek advice, all experienced rehabbers can diagnose and treat most ailments. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society can be reached on 01584 890801.

"Time to be Polite"

Dear Sir,
Cllr Chandran's letter last week requires a reply.

(1) ADVERSARIAL

At the Policy & Resources Committee of 21st July, a Labour Councillor did try to raise a (completely valid) point of order. Cllr Chandran first refused to accept the point of order and then, when the councillor tried (as was his democratic duty to his electors) to insist, Cllr Chandran started shouting. When the councillor then insisted that he be treated with respect, Cllr Chandran threatened to call the police. The fact that Cllr Chandran is now boasting about this incident in the Newton News should suggest who is being "disrespectful", "bullying" etc.

(2) SILENCING THE OPPOSITION

The job of an Opposition is to question the ruling group, so I was astonished at Cllr Chandran's suggestion that the elected Opposition are asking too many questions!

(3) A REJECTED 'COMPLAINT'

On 3rd June, Cllr Chandran promised the Incinerator Group that "the Town Council will be looking to have professional representation at DCC Planning". He did so a fortnight BEFORE the Town Council had decided to do so. When I suggested that jumping the gun in this way is against the rules, Cllr Chandran's reaction was to announce that, if any member had a problem with his post, they could report it to the Monitoring Officer, and take him to the High Court, and that he would see them in the High Court and laugh.

So I did as he said and took it to the Monitoring Officer.

The Monitoring Officer found for Cllr Chandran, so presumably we will have to get used to him announcing Council decisions before the Council has decided.

(4) THE CRISIS MEETING

I was pleased to see Cllr Chandran admitting that there WAS a crisis meeting he did not tell you about!

The three Labour members invited did not 'refuse' to attend. Called at very short notice - although all three explained they were unable to be present - it was held nonetheless without them.

According to the record of the meeting, the discussion was overwhelmingly about the fact that the new ruling group - ignoring Labour advice - had overwhelmed the officers.

And Cllr Chandran's tirade of accusation last week was just an attempt to distract you from the fact that, of the three committees he has set up, the Parking Group is deferred, the Town Centre Group downgraded, and the Council Tax Group to be discarded ... and ALL these decisions announced by Cllr Chandran, I would repeat, BEFORE the Town Council has actually considered these matters.

Cllr John D Clare



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MP Launches Five Acres Community Garden

Thursday 19th August was an auspicious day for Five Acres Community Garden as MP, Paul Howell, officially launched the project.

The day centre was the brainchild of Debbie and Gavin Icton and offers 16-30 year olds, with learning difficulties, the opportunity to create crafts, get involved in agriculture and horticulture, enjoy day trips and many other activities. Covid caused a minor disruption to the initial plans of converting a 'five acre' field at Brafferton to accommodate the attendees, but, temporary premises were offered at ROF59 by John Finley, which allowed the project to move forward. Future plans are to combine both sites with indoor and outdoor activities for the 'Champions' to enjoy.

Activities at ROF59 currently offer arts and crafts, drama, music, sports and gardening. Brafferton will offer agriculture, horticulture, a community garden and small animal husbandry. There will also be respite lodges at the Brafferton site for champions and community use.

Pioneering Care Partnership have donated an amazing £5000 towards a garden shed and poly-tunnel, while Crafters Companion donated most of the contents of their shop, which closed last year and was converted into a TV studio and Flymo/Husqvarna have also donated gardening equipment to enable the Champions to go out into the community and tend to gardens for those who are unable to. Howdens Joinery have kindly donated kitchen units and worktops for the modular building which will be located at the Brafferton site.

'The Champions', the name given to the young adults who attend Five Acres, was initially for 16 to 25 year olds, but now some of them are over 25 and enjoying the activities just as much as the younger members.

Five Acres offer a bespoke day service that members are happy to access and make their own choices and express themselves.

MP Paul Howell said "I am delighted to have been invited to officially open the Five Acre project, I am sure this will inspire and enrich the lives of all those who come along to use the facilities that have been created for them."

"Husqvarna are very happy to support the Five Acres Community Garden Project. The team at Five Acres have done an amazing job to get this off the ground and up and running in such a short period of time. They are making a huge difference to the lives of young adults and their families and it has been a privilege to help in some small way. Five Acres is a great community project and we would encourage other local companies to get involved in any way they can", said Gary Blenkinsopp from Husqvarna.

"All the staff at Five Acres bring something remarkable to the project and we couldn't do this without them. Starting as a thought in 2019, and seeing it come to fruition, with all the help and donations we have received, is overwhelming and humbling. Thank you to all those who have volunteered, donated and helped in any way - you know who you are. This is not our project, this is everyone's project, from Councillors to Champions to the Community and other like-minded groups. Every one of us are beginning a journey to bring people of all backgrounds closer together", said Debbie.

Gavin Icton commented, "Every single member of the Five Acre staff has embraced this project and helped it grow into something amazing, they are truly outstanding and is the reason why parents and champions alike, talk about the Five Acres Feeling".



Newton Aycliffe Football Club Latest

Saturday 21st August Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round Tadcaster Albion 1 v Newton Aycliffe 2

Match Report by Joe Ramage

Jake Petitjean's stoppage-time penalty ensured Newton Aycliffe moved into the First Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup for just the second time in the clubs history with victory over Tadcaster Albion. Petitjean kept his cool to convert from the spot after substitute Liam Jarvie was brought down by Romario Vieira to seal an impressive win over the Pitching In Northern Premier Division East side in torrential conditions at the Global Stadium.

Colin Stromsoy's side took the lead in Yorkshire through midfielder Joe Ferguson four minutes before the break and it looked as though it might have been enough until Donald Chimallio scored a superb individual equaliser for the home side 16 minutes from time.

The Newtonians arrived on the back of a disappointing display at Seaham Red Star in midweek and Head Coach, Stromsoy, made three changes to his starting XI with Ferguson replacing the injured Marc Costello, Lewis Walton returning in place of Alexander Walker and Andrei Ardelean being handed his first start of the campaign in place of Jarvie.

And Aycliffe had to withstand some early pressure from their superior opponents as Joe Wilkinson's 11th minute header was scrambled from the line following Corey Roper's corner.

That brought Aycliffe to life and it was

Ardelean causing problems for the Tadcaster defence, again, moments later when he latched onto a fumbled corner from Davison-Hale before Ferguson drove into the area from the right and saw his effort deflected over the bar.

Sonni Coleman came close to breaking the deadlock 10 minutes before the interval when he met Ben Dibb-Fuller's near-post cross from the right but steered the wrong side of Davison-Hale's post.

But Stromsoy's side didn't have to wait much longer for their breakthrough as Ferguson picked up the ball midway inside the Tadcaster half and drove at the heart of the defence before shifting it onto his left foot and driving low underneath the keeper. Junayo Cassius-Gill glanced a header just wide of the post from Kesi Omolokun's cross from the right before Basic stung the palms of Pickford as Aycliffe took their lead into the break.

Roper angled a dangerous freekick at Pickford just before the hour mark which fell to Wilkinson but the defender could only find the side netting with his rebound.

Roper dragged an effort wide of Pickford's post from range before the home side found their equaliser via a superb strike from Chimallio.

The winger picked up a loose ball on the left and was able to cut inside onto his right before curling a stunning strike into the top corner beyond the outstretched Pickford. Vieira's freekick was easily cleared to Wood who sent a pinpoint ball over the top for the fresh legs of Jarvie to chase and he was



able to cut inside and draw the foul from the retreating Vieira to leave referee Michael Trevethan little choice but to point to the spot.

With Coleman having been replaced by Ben Wood the responsibility was given to Petitjean who made no mistake in dispatching his spot kick low to the goalkeepers right.

But Stromsoy's side were able to manage the remainder of stoppage time in the Tadcaster half to book their spot in the First Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup for just the second time.

Aycliffe's forthcoming fixtures are:

Saturday 28 August - Guisborough Town (away)

Tuesday 31 August - Ryhope CW (away)

Saturday 4 September - tbc FA Cup

Saturday 11 September - Champion (away) FA Vase

Photo by Yvonne Wood, Aycliffe Man of the Match Ben Dibb-Fuller

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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 13th 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.



As you are probably aware, I did a column last week after previously saying I was not going to. This change was due to Parliament being recalled for the debate on Afghanistan and although I was able to provide initial comments last week the debate was still ongoing when the print deadline arrived. So, whilst I gave initial comments about the atmosphere in the chamber, I couldn't tell you about the speeches I had not heard. The most impressive of these was from Tom Tugendhat. Tom has been an MP since 2015, but before that he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army Intelligence Corps and served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He talked with minimal notes and unbelievable emotion, he had everyone's full and complete attention and indeed he received a round of applause from some present, even though that is completely against protocols. I had the privilege of sitting close and was spellbound by what I was seeing. The difference between this and what we have had over the Covid period is stark, the anaemic, typically 3-5-minute speeches via TV screens can in no way compare with the gravitas of a communication delivered like this. I had anticipated that the biggest post Covid change would be what I had seen earlier in the debate when Members, and in particular the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, were constantly asked to 'give way' and take challenges to what they were saying. I had not understood the way a speech like Tom's can have its words amplified in intensity through the manner they are spoken and the integrity of the speaker. His experience pre-Parliament is critical to this gravitas, and whilst I am sure it could be similar in other debates, for example, an ex-teacher contributing to education, the fact that we were debating the life and death issues of a war zone in which he had been deployed made it exceptional. I am sure these are the speeches which resonate most with ministers in their consideration of what should be done.

After the debate I returned north and over the following days I received many briefings from the three primary departments, MOD, Home Office, and Foreign Office. This meant that I was provided with details necessary for us to react to emails and calls from constituents as regards the events in Afghanistan. It was very reassuring to see the coordination happening between these different ministries. We were also able to get an understanding of the context in which events had unfolded so far and how they could be anticipated to play out in future, these briefings have continued for all MPs and, on occasion, even included people on the ground in Afghanistan. Back in the constituency life is heading back towards normality and it was an absolute pleasure and privilege to formally open

'Five Acres' at ROF59. Five Acres was originally conceived as being at a 5-acre field near Brafferton but due to some planning frustrations they were given some temporary hospitality by ROF59. This has evolved into a more permanent arrangement.

I was accompanied by County Councillor David Sutton-Lloyd when I was able to take the Deputy Leader of Durham County Council, Richard Bell, on a trip around Newton Aycliffe. This was to show Councillor Bell some of the initiatives we want the Council to pursue, and we also caught up with the neighbourhood police inspector, Sarah Honeyman, who was able to share some of the policing priorities. We took Cllr Bell to the Town Centre to explain our Levelling Up bid and later to the Locomotion pub to explain its historic importance to the 2025 Darlington to Stockton railway celebrations. We also gave him a whistle stop tour of the industrial estate and the schools and colleges on the town. I had a couple of meetings on NETPark regarding some exciting developments as well and on Saturday I went to Middleton St George Community Centre who had a 'Bouncing Back' event for the local community organisations before calling back at ROF59 to see the Five Acre event. I was also encouraged by John Finley to consider the Zip Wire and Drop Zone they have, maybe I will take a closer look another day! Sunday saw me back down to London to meet with my office manager on Monday to discuss our office move. As part of the renovations of the parliamentary estate Norman Shaw North, which is where my office is situated, is being emptied and we are being moved to Richmond House. I believe that I must now have the office that is furthest from the voting lobbies and, when we are back, I will certainly need to be quick off the mark to get to the lobbies in time when divisions are called.

After returning to the patch, I met with leaders of local Scout groups, they are delighted to be back and operating but, like all voluntary groups, are unsure how things will play out going forward. They have been unable to fundraise or get as much publicity as normal so if anyone wants to volunteer or has children they want to introduce to scouting, they start as young as 5, then please get in touch.

As with everyone else I am pleased we continue to lift restrictions, because I get to see many people, I am regularly testing myself and I would encourage you all to do likewise. This, along with vaccinations, is key to avoiding another wave. Please do your bit, stay safe and enjoy what's left of our summer.

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Member of Parliament for Sedgefield



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Synergy at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome back a group that promote wellbeing through their special brand of creative dance. Synergy is a relaxing community activity that makes a difference through dance, music and creativity. The dance session is accompanied by live music, includes relaxing techniques and is inspired by photography, songs, poetry and drumming. Led by dance artist Tracey West and musician Mark Barfoot, the sessions recognise the impact of creativity and aim to improve wellbeing. Benefits can include boosting confidence, improving flexibility and increasing energy, to name but a few! The sessions are particularly suitable for age 65+ and offer movement and music-based sessions in a lovely, relaxed environment. "So happy the class is back soon, it's essentially exercising the whole body to music, a feel-good sensation in a friendly atmosphere, great for men as well as women!" said participant Cynthia. To find out more contact Tracey by emailing traceysacredgongs@gmail.com and reserve your place for the autumn season. If you would like to know more about hiring our spaces visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our friendly team by calling 01325 379048 or by emailing info@greenfield-arts.co.uk. Greenfield Arts offer spaces to promote creativity and wellbeing and are committed to inspiring opportunities through their activities and environment.



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as they enjoyed twirling staff around the dance floor!
The home looks forward to the next race day and hopes to be able to safely invite residents families and the community to join in the fun!

Sketch Walks

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Bill Lowery

Beach Party



Residents at Bethany House Nursing Home enjoyed an 'In-House Beach Day' on Monday 16th August 2021.

Several beach related activities were offered throughout the day including Pebble Painting, Sand Art, Sensory Jars, Treasure Hunt and Knobbly Knee competition. A delicious Fish and Chip Shop lunch, candy floss, popcorn and ice creams from Mr Whippy.

Live music was provided outside by Brian playing seaside tunes on his street organ whilst residents listened to their seaside requests on the Aycliffe Radio Memory Lane show.

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Violinist, Ionel Manciu, accompanied by
pianist Ayaka Shigeno, saved the day when
oboist Katherine Bryer and pianist Irene
Radic were diagnosed with Covid and were
unable to perform for Bishop Auckland Music
Society's concert in the Methodist Church on
Friday, 20th August. Ionel and Ayaka dashed
to the North East from London and just had
time for a brief rehearsal before the concert
began at 7.30pm.

The couple had rarely performed together
but were in perfect harmony presenting
works by Beethoven, Debussy and
Schumann.

It was a delightful evening and the musicians
were charming and humorous in their
presentation.

The fourth concert in Bishop Auckland Music
Society's 2021 Concert Series will take place
on Friday, 3rd September at 7.30pm at the
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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Wednesday, 18th August 2021 saw the
latest race in the Muddy Roads' Summer
Trail Series, with the running of the Trimdon
5K. The course included woodland trails,
farm paths and a recently ploughed field!
First home for the Club, and finishing in
second place overall, was John Firby, in
20:01.

The next Member of the Club to cross the
line and finishing first in his Age Category
(M40) was Paul Dalton, in a time of 21:08.
Peter Tennick enjoyed another good run,
finishing in 24:07, with David Stothard
coming home in 30.03.

On Thursday, 19th August 2021, Members
were pleased to welcome Olympian Aly
Dixon to the Club. Aly has kindly agreed to
coach three sessions for Members as part
of England Athletics' 'Club Run' programme,
and this was the first of those sessions.

Aly was extremely generous with her time,
and in terms of sharing her thoughts and
experience. The session was thoroughly
enjoyed by all those in attendance, and we
look forward to welcoming Aly back in due
course.

As usual, the Club was well-represented
at parkruns on Saturday morning, with
33 Members of the Club participating in
a parkrun, and several more undertaking
volunteer roles. The most popular parkrun
for Members this week was at Sedgefield,
attracting 16 Members, however the Club
was also represented at Darlington South
Park, Hackworth, Northallerton, Stewart and
The Pastures (Alnwick) parkruns. Angela
Sutherland set herself a new Personal Best
(PB) for Sedgefield parkrun, completing
the course in 23:53, and Carley Cooper
continued her recent good form setting
herself a new best time for Stewart parkrun
(29:23).

Second Claim Member, Michelle Zamir, was
also running on Saturday morning, however
Michelle opted to race rather than parkrun.
Running in the colours of her First Claim
Club, York Knavesmire Harriers, Michelle
completed the Grimston Gallop 5 Mile race
in 44:40.

On Saturday evening, John Surtees travelled
to Barrowford in Lancashire to take on the
latest Podium 5K (incorporating the British
Uni Championships) race. John completed
the race in 16:17, claiming a new PB for the
distance, and in doing so further improved
his existing Age Category Club Record
(M35).

Sunday saw a few local races which were
well-supported by Members. At Raby Castle,
Wild Deer Events hosted both a trail Half
Marathon and a trail 10K. In the 10K race,
Trish Kay was first home for the Club in a
time of 58:20, which was also good enough
for first place in her Age Category (60-
69). Donna Jarps was next across the line
(68:13), and she was closely followed by Eve
Doe in 69:45, with Eve also finishing second
in her Age Category (60-69).

Rob Nicholson supplemented his marathon
training by taking on the Half Marathon,
completing the tough trail route in 2:29.44.
Just up the road, Run Nation were hosting
a 5 Mile Race and a 10 Mile Race on the
undulating tarmac and trail paths around
the Dalton Park retail outlet, near Seaham.
Plumping for the Dalton Park 5 Miler, the
aptly named Paul Dalton claimed the race

win in a time of 31:05.

Several Members took on the Dalton Park
10 Miler, and first across the line for the Club
was David Stothard, who completed his run
in 1:36:01. Jayne Rudd was next home in
a time of 1:48:37, and she was followed in
closely by Natalie Sommerville (1:52:15).
Sandra Rudd and Marie Rudd ran most of
the race together, completing their runs in
2:15:02 and 2:15:24 respectively.
Further afield on Sunday, our adopted
Macclesfield Harrier, Paul Rands, took on
the Alderley Edge Bypass 10K, completing
the race in 45:15.

If you have any queries about the activities
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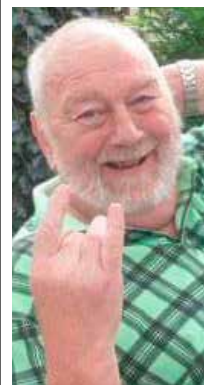
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Rita Anderson

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Grandmother to Taylor, Ahliyah and Lucia.
Service to take place at Coundon on Wednesday
1st September 2021.

Sensational Driving at MicroMax Championship

Last weekend we decided to head over to Teesside for the IKR Race.

Saturday, Round 5. For each of the heats Seb starts at the back of the grid with his class only having three drivers, we thought we would use this to our advantage and do some testing ready for the next Micromax Championship Round 6 - although in the wet we would have to run on an inferior tyre. Qualifying 4th overall and 1st in class.

So, we joined the Honda grid at the back in the wet: Heat 1, finished 15th; heat 2, finished 16th; heat 3, finished 17th. Seb worked hard from the back in each round. For the final Seb asked for slicks to be put on, the track was drying so we took the gamble as every other driver was on inters. Again starting from the back of the grid, his tyres came on around lap four, he soon worked his way through the grid of drivers gaining 27 places and finished the final in second place, only 1.5 seconds



up to 2nd place - "sensational driving from Sebastian Corking taking the Win" (David Sullivan commentator), taking 1st place from the back of the grid. Absolutely outstanding driving from Seb, he made 165 race overtakes over the weekend without any contact.

Thanks to Nigel Horner @HRS Racing Engines for the amazing engine. We would also like to thank our very first sponsor, Neil Benson of Bensons Electrical, based in Sunderland - your support is invaluable, thank you. Thanks also to Craig, Callum and Katie at Be Inspired Gyms for their continued support with Sebs fitness.

If you would like to watch any footage of Seb, search alphasatting teesside, round 6 - the final is on around 5 hours 3 minutes. You can still sponsor Seb, if you would like more information how we can help you help us, feel free to drop me a message: mandylittler520@gmail.com



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Heat 1 - Changed to slick tyres as the track was more or less dry, finished 7th overall (32 drivers), 1st in class.

Heat 2 - The track was fully dry, starts at the back working his way up into seventh again - gaining 23 places.

Heat 3 - At the back of the grid again bringing his kart home in fourth place overall, gaining 25 places.

The Final - At the start of the commentary the commentators said they were on Seb Corking watch to see just how far he could get his Micromax up the grid. The first grid of drivers go on the first green flag and the Micromax drivers go on the second green flag after the Honda's clear, around 5 seconds later, the final is 10 laps. Lap 2 Seb was up to 22nd, Lap 5 he was up to 12th, last lap board comes out, he was

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