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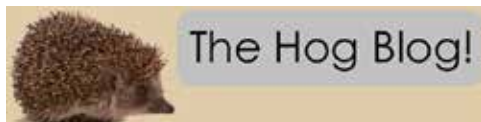
100 Miles Complete

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As usual, very busy with a record number of small hogs owing into Rescue needing help and as they are very small it's unlikely they will be released this year. Little hogs should be picked up if seen during the day, they may have a problem which is going to be well hidden. We have to be quick to diagnose, treat and rehabilitate even if they are overwintered, problems still occur. We want to thank everyone who has brought in hedgehogs, donations too, because they are accepted with gratitude. As for fundraising, can I remind everyone we have the Scout Hall on Sunday afternoon, 1-5pm lots of lovely things for sale to help our prickly pals, all of them hand made by our lovely supporters, Valerie and June, some lovely gifts off Debbie and her husband when they called to take Summer home. We will also be doing a tombola.

Photo: Here is our smallest baby at the moment, Baby Betty, she will be here till spring. Hope to see you on Sunday.

William Completes 100 Miles

Veteran William Cooksey completed his 100 mile walking challenge on Monday 6th September having walked 10 miles a day for 10 days in a run. William walked from Aycliffe Train Station to Shildon Train Station along the old railway line route.

To welcome him over the finish line were members of Five Acres Community Garden as well as BBC Look North and members of the County Durham & Darlington NHS Trust Foundation, the charity which William was raising funds for.

In attendance from the Trust were Paul Keane (OBE), Jenny Flynn (Chair) and Pat Chambers (Manager) as well as Richard Tucker (MBE), the North East Ambassador for the Armed Forces.



A group of local cyclists, about to head off along the same route, also gave their applause and congratulations to William as he crossed the line.

Paul Keane, said: "10 miles a day for 10 days is a mighty challenge for anyone of any age, but, at 100 years old William has shown true guts and determination to achieve his goal. It is truly fabulous and we're overjoyed that William choose to support his local NHS charity County Durham & Darlington, thank you so much".

William became overwhelmed and emotional as the party then moved to ROF59, where a reception awaited. Those in attendance then welcomed the guest visitor, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden who added her good wishes to William.

At the time of going to print the total raised was over £3000. If you would like to donate online to the cause please visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/100-year-old-william-walks-100-miles-in-10-days> - GoFundMe have also upgraded this appeal to one of their "Appeals of the Month". There is also an option to drop your donation at Newton Press reception. At the ripe old age of 100, William has hinted that he may take on another challenge, next time using his tricycle - watch Newton News for details.

Photos: Front cover, Five Acres Champions applauding William over the finish line. Above, William with HM Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden

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Forthcoming Attractions
Saturday 6th Oct: 'Uncle Gilbert'
Saturday 30th Oct: 'Abba Girls'
Saturday 6th Nov: 'Whole Hog'
Saturday 13th Nov: 'Clair Marshall Experience'

Star House DJ to Perform at ROF59

One of the headline acts at Creamfields, Sanctuary, Legends in the City and many other festivals around the world, Andy Whitby, will be performing his amazing set at ROF59 Arena on Saturday 18th September. The event starts at 4pm (doors open at 3pm) with SIX hours of Hard House and Bounce tracks, mixed by five fantastic DJs including Jon Fazak, Audacity, John Banks and Aycliffe Radio presenter Nathan Abbott. To give the event a real festival atmosphere there will also be a fairground, bars and refreshments, UV face painter, chill out areas as well as ROF59 Zip Line - why not try your hand at axe throwing with Valhalla. Tickets are still available at Newton Press reception or via Aycliffe Radio website: www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets



ABOUT ANDY WHITBY:

In a career spanning over 15 years, Andy Whitby has reached the forefront of Hardhouse, Hard-dance and Bounce through relentless work and effort, championing a unique sound and style that have made him a pioneer of fast and euphoric performances for dance-floors across the world.

From sell-out tours of the UK, America, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Russia and Spain his appeal across multiple genres has made him not only the busiest and most-booked UK artist in those scenes for the past decade, but also the most listened to on Soundcloud and iTunes with over 4,000,000 plays combined. With over twenty released albums under his belt and sales totalling over 1,000,000 units, his mixes for Ministry of Sound's Euphoria series have become a must-listen for those who love the tougher spectrum of dance music, while his own HARD brand consisting of events, tour nights and a record label, supports and mentors new talent coming through the industry whilst pushing and promoting fresh dance music.

Andy is also the winner of Best DJ, Best Resident and Best Album multiple times at trackitdown.net's Hard Dance Awards and has regular appearances on BBC Radio 1 and a monthly published page for the world's best-selling dance publication Mixmag.

Charity Hair Cut

Alex Kent, age 11, of Oakfield, Newton Aycliffe, decided to have her beautiful long hair cut short to begin her senior school years at Greenfield Community College. Not only was it going to be cut short, but donated to charity, after it grew so long while shielding over the last 18 months. Alex decided, after reading about human hair being made into wigs and hair pieces for other children with severe hair loss through illness or accidents, that she would like to donate 16 inches of her hair to 'The Little Princess Trust'. So far she has also raised £203 to donate to the charity through sponsorship to go towards the wig making costs. Alex had her hair cut on Saturday 28th August and said "I am pleased to be able to do something for children less fortunate than myself and to raise money for doing it at the same time. I would like to say thank you very much to everyone who sponsored me."



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Care Home Team Shortlisted for a National Care Award

It's an exciting time for the team at HC-One's Defoe Court care home in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham as they are celebrating having been shortlisted for a National Care Award.

The National Care Awards is organised by leading social care publication, Caring Times Magazine and celebrates the very best people in the long-term care sector.

Defoe Court, which has been shortlisted for the Care Team category, was nominated because the team are continuously developing innovative ways to improve their standards, skills and expertise to deliver the best possible care for the home's Residents.

Defoe Court Home Manager, Sarah Todd, said: "We are all delighted to be shortlisted for such a prestigious award, it's a pleasure to be part of a team of dedicated and like-minded individuals."

The award ceremony will take place in November 2021 at the Hilton London Metropole where the Defoe Court team will be hopeful that they will be announced as 2021 Care Team winner.

Located on Defoe Crescent, Defoe Court care home offers short and long term care packages for older ladies and gentlemen in County Durham that require residential or nursing care. The home also boasts a 10/10 average user rating on the sectors leading comparison website, carehome.co.uk. HC-One's caring through coronavirus care



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The school is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and require all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

Closing Date: Friday 17th September at 12 noon.
Interviews will be held later that week.

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Knit & Natter

The Knit and Natter Group, held in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham DL5 4UE, has re-started on Mondays from 1pm to 3pm. You are warmly invited to join or re-start at the group, to knit for yourself or for charity - or just come along for the enjoyment and companionship. You may also wish to bring and share your own craft ideas, ie: crochet, felting, etc. Just pop in for a natter, to swap knitting patterns or to drop off knitted items for charity. Wool can be provided free for charity knitting (if needed). There is a £1 donation for tea, coffee and biscuit. Please contact Milly for further information on 01325 313819, or just come along.

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First Five Acres Apprentice - Joseph Carrick



Five Acres Community Garden are delighted to announce that Joseph Carrick has been accepted and has now enrolled on a Level 2 in Health & Social Care Apprenticeship which, when complete, will enable him to become part of the Staff Team at Five Acres.

Donna, Five Acres Centre Manager, said, "This is a fabulous opportunity and achievement for Joseph, who initially accessed Five Acres as a day placement, however, Joseph excelled from the onset so we pushed for an apprenticeship for him and are so pleased he was accepted – well done Joseph from all the Team."

Statement by Laura, Josephs Mother. "I am so unbelievably proud of Joseph, it's beyond words. I have always known Joseph was capable of great things and not defined by diagnosis. After what has been a lifetime of fighting and a long list of 'No' at every turn, finally he has the opportunity he deserves. Five Acres have gone above and beyond for Joseph and welcomed us as a family too. You rarely meet people like this in life and when you do they need to be treasured. Yes they have given Joseph a fantastic apprenticeship but it goes far beyond that. They have given him opportunity, independence, friendship and identity. Most importantly, he has found his corner of the world where he belongs.

As a parent this obviously fills me with immense joy and pride seeing Joseph happy with a growing confidence. It is an enormous sigh of relief though that he can achieve all of this in a safe and supportive environment knowing he is cared for also. Disability is not limiting, circumstances are... It's finding the right people and place to allow them to flourish in their own way. Finding that makes us feel like we have won the lottery and forever thankful to Debbie, Gav, Donna and the staff team. I can't wait to see what they all achieve in the future together."

Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, finished their season in style with a big win at home by 111 runs and confirmed relegation from the NYSD 2nd division for their opponents Bedale 1st XI. Aycliffe captain Adam Randall won the toss and chose to bat first and this proved an excellent decision as opener Luke Telford smashed 64 runs off 61 balls and his aggressive innings contained ten boundaries and a six. When Luke was dismissed, his cousin Sam Telford (sponsored by the Fairhurst Family) took over and he too hit the bowling to all parts of the ground to score his fifth century for Aycliffe. Sam was eventually dismissed for a superb 117 off just 86 balls faced and he hit 14 boundaries and three sixes. Jack Slatcher also batted well scoring 26 runs off 36 balls which helped push Aycliffe's innings to 265 for 7 declared off 47 overs, which was their biggest score of the year. In reply, the visitors were bowled out for 154 off just 25.2 overs helped by some brilliant bowling by Aycliffe opening pair Michael Howe (5 for 52) and Jack Slatcher (3 for 59). Aycliffe's first team finished their season with the playing record that reads: Played 22, Won 5, Lost 9, Drew 4 and four games that were not played due to bad weather and Covid-19. The final points total was 238 and they finished in 7th place in the NYSD second division table.

Photo: Aycliffe centurion Sam Telford in action.



Neville Community Association

Our next meeting will be held at Neville Community Centre on Tuesday 21st September at 6.45pm. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm. Come and join us, we would love to see you.

Help Not Pray

Dear Sir,
In response to the article in 27 Aug issue about prayers for Afghan refugees. Well done anonymous for spreading the word about this catastrophe. But surely, don't we need something a little more concrete than prayers?
I've just sent donations to two charities to help them settle here. Please give these people some positive help.
John Parlour

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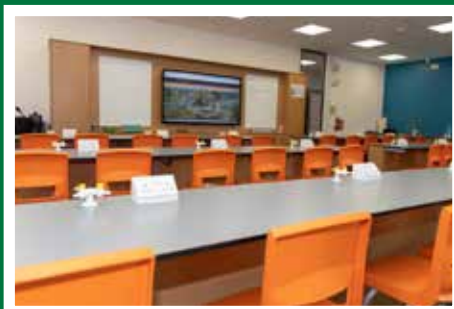
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WOODHAM ACADEMY

INVESTMENT IN WOODHAM



Woodham Academy continues to change and adapt to meet the needs of an ever increasing school roll. The school were delighted to welcome it's largest ever year 7 cohort this week, who will benefit from yet more investment in new and improved facilities, new expert teachers and a wider range of support staff.

Woodham Academy were excited to receive notification from the Department for Education that they have been selected to receive significant funding from central government, which will range from an extensive refurbishment of the existing building, a part rebuild or a full new build school. They have just entered the first period of consultation regarding which course of action will be taken, with further information to follow in the new year. With this in mind, it is an exciting future for the school, but it is just as important to reassure their existing parents that they will continue to invest in the existing building. Over the summer, they have spent over £250,000 by creating a new dining room, capable of seating over 500 students, a new ICT suite, a new food technology room and a range of new computers. Furthermore, their rolling programme of classroom refurbishment has continued, including new lighting and furnishings. As the school roll increases, it is vital to recruit expert staff. Once again, Woodham Academy has attracted some of the very best staff in the area. The students at the school should receive the very best quality of teaching and pastoral support, and when looking to employ new staff, they set the benchmark very high. In a time where many schools find it difficult to attract teachers in the shortage subjects of maths, science and ICT, Woodham Academy are delighted to be fully staffed once again. The future for Woodham Academy continues to look bright, but they are always focussed on improvement. The staff motto is "we can all get better at everything that we do", and if you would like to visit the school, you will see this drive and determination first hand.



Woodham Academy Year 6 events

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
for September 2022 entry
Monday 20th September
6:00pm to 8:00pm

YEAR 6 OPEN MORNING
Monday 27th September
9.30am to 11.00am
(For Open Morning event, please phone the
school office to book a place)

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WOODHAM ACADEMY

RESULTS DAY 2021



GCSE results over the last few years have been a particular strength of Woodham Academy and this year has been no exception for our students. Students have built on the successes of previous years' results with over a staggering 100 grade 9s between them! Matching the last examined cohort, over 50% of students left with a grade 5 or above in English and Maths securing them places at sixth form, colleges and numerous apprenticeships. Mr Bell, Headteacher, commented "It has been an incredibly challenging time for young people across the country so we could not be more proud of our students who have shown the determination and resilience to achieve above and beyond in such a difficult time." Since the students started at Woodham Academy in Y7, they have shown grit and determination, qualities we nurture in our students and

they promised to be the most successful cohort of students in recent years. It is such a shame that they didn't have the opportunity to sit their exams. Despite this, students still achieved over 400 Grade 7+ (A*-A) with a record number of students achieving grade 9s in History, Sport and Engineering. These results are inline with results over the last five years at Woodham Academy and reflect the improvements made across the school in recent years.

Some remarkable results were achieved by students such as Cassidy, who gained a fantastic 9 grade 9s and a grade 8. Cassidy is moving on to QE college where she will be studying Maths and Sciences and is hoping to secure a career in medicine. Hot on her heels achieving 7 grade 9s, Ryan, a successful county and regional water polo player, who is also hoping to study medicine when he leaves sixth form.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

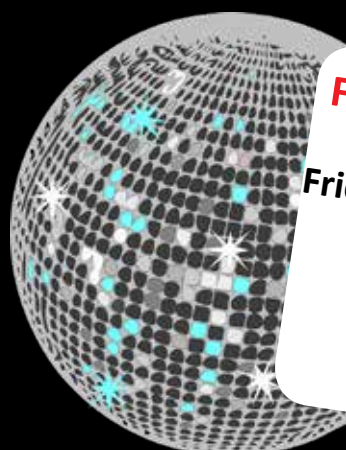


Students at Woodham Academy can once again enjoy the wide range of enrichment programmes on offer at the school through the extensive extra-curricular opportunities. Arranged into three separate academies, we endeavour to provide activities that cater for a diverse range of interests. Sessions run either after school or during lunchtimes. The Sports Academy is the longest running, where students can participate in an extensive range of activities in twelve different sports, many of which offer the opportunity to apply learned skills in a competitive environment through representing the academy. The Leadership Academy looks to develop a range of skills that will hold students in good stead when the progress into work or further education and training. There are a range of activities on offer that progress towards completion of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award - Woodham's first cohort of successful candidates graduated last year. The Performing Arts Academy is the most recent to launch and formalises the outstanding provision we offer in music, art and performing arts. Students who have an interest in this area will be able to hone their performing skills, develop an understanding of the technology used to support musical productions or get involved in set design for the productions that are hosted throughout the year.

In addition to the academy programmes, we offer a variety of residential overseas educational visits. A languages trip to France for year 8 students, a ski trip to Italy for all year groups, a trip to a European capital city through the Leadership Academy and a trip to Thailand through the Sports Academy. These will all be planned into the calendar again, once feasible given current circumstances. Whether it be mountain biking at Hamsterley Forest or performing in front of 200 people in our Christmas Concert, we're sure we've got something for everyone!



COMMUNITY SPIRIT NEWTON AYCLIFFE



Family Disco Night
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Shortlisting: Tuesday 14th September 2021

Interviews: TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2021

For further details or an informal discussion about the post, please contact Louise Downton on mobile 07968 379009 or by email at louise.downton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.



Chosen to Represent GB



Ebony Young and Bethany MacDougall from Newton Aycliffe and Ella Rodgers from Chester-le-Street are an enthusiastic acrobatic team who have recently been selected as GB1.

Bethany MacDougall is 18 and attends Durham Sixth Form and is a former Woodham Academy student; Ebony Young, 17, attends New College Durham and is a former Greenfield Student; Ella Rodgers is 14 and attends The Hermitage.

The status means that they will travel to compete in the European championships on 20th September to represent their country.

The three train at Deerness Gymnastics Club in Ushaw Moor, Durham for up to 20 hours every week.

Although this is great news for the girls, the down side is it is all self funded, if you are able to help with the teams expenses, in their endeavours to represent Great Britain, please visit their gofundme page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sally-rodgers?utm_term=7Jd5RG4zd

Photo, left to right: Bethany MacDougall, Ella Rodgers and Ebony Young.

Community Spirit Award

We launched our new Community Spirit award scheme by surprising Shirley Cormack, the community champion at Tesco Newton Aycliffe, with a medal and certificate to show our appreciation of all the hard work and help she gives to people in the community. The list



is too long to mention, but she has always helped community spirit with donations and help with Christmas hampers, without her the community would be lost.

We think it is time that we hear positive stories about people who go above and beyond to help Newton Aycliffe community. We are hoping that we can encourage people of any age to be kind, considerate and to think of ways to improve the town we live in. If you would like to nominate a family, or person, please contact us at communityspiritnewtonaycliffe@gmail.com. Families and children will receive their awards at the family discos run every month. The next family disco is 17th September 5.30-7.30pm, please come along, we would love to see you there.



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Messy Church is Back



After a series of successful reconnection events, outside, during the summer, we are delighted beyond measure to say **MESSY CHURCH IS BACK** on 18th September at 4pm in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. 'A New Beginning' is the theme, with crafts, story and tea - led by the Messy Church Team who are so looking forward to seeing you all again and sharing our messy stories together. We are taking bookings for this session - to continue to do all we can to share safely and be mindful of others. Please contact Helen through the 'Virtual Messy Church at Home' Facebook page or helen-mccormick@hotmail.com where your details will be taken and places confirmed, registration begins at 3.30pm.

Trip to York

New Friends New Places trip to York on Thursday 16th September, cost £8. Leaving Wilkinsons bus stop, opposite St. Clare's Church at 9.30am and Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop at 9.40am. To book a seat ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477. Everyone welcome.

Thank You

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank family, friends, officials, the ladies of the W.I., the bingo girls and everyone concerned with making my 100th birthday so special. The flowers, cards and gifts were lovely, as were the photos in the Newton News. Thanks to all.
With love from Muriel Scott



Last week was my last chance to get around the constituency and see people during the week before MPs return to Westminster. From 6 September life takes another step towards normality with me travelling to London on a Monday morning and typically returning on a Thursday evening. Although this week I have a forum taking place over Thursday afternoon and Friday morning so will not return north until Friday pm.

My last week of freedom from Westminster started with me being on Radio 5 live to discuss antisocial behaviour. We need to see cohesive action from all affected partners, these include, of course, the police and local authority but also members of the public. It is critical that the Police and Crime Commissioner fulfils her role in focusing the priorities of the local force and I am pleased she sees ASB as a major point of concern. It will certainly be the subject of our discussions when we have a catch up and please can I encourage everyone to be sure to report any incidents as it is the level of reported crime that dictates priorities across the county. I know there are sometimes frustrations with the 101-call line and I have raised this with the PCC so please persevere.

I also had the opportunity to visit Roman Showers on the Industrial Estate, their CEO, David Osbourne, was kind enough to show me round. It is always fabulous to see world leading companies on our doorstep and Roman are certainly in that category. They supply many major hotel chains across the world and it was a pleasure to visit and listen to this success story but at the same time also hear David's concerns around how trade tariffs and standards affect them and others. It is through visits like this that I can understand the needs of our businesses. I also took the opportunity to hold a number of surgeries before Westminster commitments impose on my diary. We were at Heighington, Sedgfield, Wheatley Hill and Bishop Middleham over the course of the week. For the next few weeks surgeries will be limited but meetings can always be arranged at the office so if you want to meet please email us.

I was able to catch up with Alison and the Cancer Support Group when they were in Chilton. They are amazing people, if you need them or want to help them, please get in touch. I had a catch-up meeting with Livin and also met some residents to discuss the proposed running track near NETPark. On Thursday I had the privilege of attending Durham Cathedral for the Durham Culture

Awards. The award ceremony saw some fantastic performers recognised and we also had performances from musicians, dancers and poets. A very enjoyable evening. On Saturday I went to join the amazing William Cooksey (Bill was deservedly the front-page story on last week's Newton News) as he finished eight of his 10 days walking 10 miles. As you may already know, Bill is walking 100 miles to raise funds for the local NHS, an amazing man who has led a full life. Well done William and thanks for the funds you raise for our NHS.

BEIS this week saw us receive a briefing on the Investment Security Bill from Lord Callanan and officials, this is being proposed to address concerns around national security when business ownership changes and we will be seeing the full details later in the year.

At the time of writing the Prime Minister is leading the debate on Health and Social Care where the bullet has been bitten on both funding and obligations. The increase to National Insurance which has been completely hypothecated to health and social care with the highest 14% of earners paying around half of the revenues. The decision to cap the amount anyone pays is also welcome with no contribution from anyone with assets less than £20,000 and a maximum payment of £86,000. It is of course disappointing that this breaks a manifesto commitment on tax, but Covid has clearly meant different choices need to be made.

Parliament is now sitting in a more normal way but we all need to remember Covid is still with us so the Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air mantra continues and if you still haven't sorted your vaccinations, you still can, so please do and help us all stay safe. Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgfield

We Are Back

Starting from September our meetings are back at St Clare's church hall. Over the past months there has been lots of work going on, putting together a new programme of meetings and events, for our first meeting at 7pm on the 14th September.



Paul Howell
Member of Parliament for Sedgfield

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 4th September Emirates FA Cup - Mossley 1 v Newton Aycliffe 0

A spirited second half performance wasn't enough to take Newton Aycliffe's FA Cup first qualifying round tie to a replay with Mossley, who play in the division above. The Newtonians went behind in the 24th minute in what turned out to be the only goal of the game.

Despite a couple of good efforts on goal Aycliffe started the game slowly and a lapse in concentration saw our hosts pinch the ball just outside the area and a clever pass later left Butterworth clear to send Adam Pickford the wrong way in a one-on-one.

The rest of the first half was an even affair with neither side testing the opposite goalkeeper.

Aycliffe came out in the second half with more purpose and Latham in the home goal kept his side in the lead pulling off an outstanding save from a Ryder free kick. Playing down the sloped pitch, alongside the momentum gained, meant Colin Stromsoy's team had the better of the chances in the second half limiting Mossley to occasional counter-attacks. However despite the possession and pressure being in our favour, Aycliffe ultimately couldn't break through the resolute home back line.

Aycliffe embark on another road to Wembley on Saturday 11 September as they travel to Campion in the FA Vase.

Photo by Yvonne Wood, Aycliffe's Shaun Ryder takes a shot.



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Last week we reported on the Stanhope 10 Miler, which had taken place on Saturday, 28th August 2021, however we were unable to provide the results as they had not been published. The results have now been released, and Paul Dalton and Richard Campbell completed the hilly course in 1:09:36 and 1:09:44 respectively. On Saturday this week, 27 Members completed a parkrun. Once again, most Members could be found at Sedgefield parkrun, though we also had Members running at Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Hartlepool, Keswick, Preston and Rising Sun parkruns. Two Members recorded parkrun Personal Bests (PBs) this week. At Preston parkrun, Colin Gibson ran a new fastest time of 26:47 for the course, whilst at Sedgefield parkrun, Donna Japs posted a new quickest time of 29:45 for that event. Elsewhere on Saturday morning, Richie Johnson took on the Paras' 10 at Catterick. This is a gruelling 10 Mile Endurance Race, based on the 10 Miler from the Parachute Regiment's P Company test week, and Richie completed the race in 2:07:34 whilst carrying a 35lb bergen. At the same time in Hull, Richard Campbell was taking on an endurance race of his own, a 20 Mile Trail Race, which formed part of the Hornsea Trail Running Festival, organised by 'It's Grim Up North Running'. Richard completed the race in 2:16:43, which was good enough for second place overall on the day. Another 20 Mile race was taking place slightly closer to home on Saturday morning, as the Darlington Harriers and Athletics Club hosted the South Park 20, which comprised of 20 one-mile laps of the South Park in the town. First home for the Club was John Firby in 2:10:03, which was good enough for third place in his Age Category, and to set a new Club Record for the distance in the M20-34 Age Category. John was followed home by Dez Fielden in 2:13:33, finishing third in his Age Category, and setting a new 20 Mile Club Record in the M45-49 Age Category. Andy Talbot was the next member of the Club to cross the line, in a time of 2:19:01, finishing first in his Age Category and establishing a new Club Record in the M60 Age Category. Gareth Kyle had a strong run, completing the race in 2:27:45. Steph Colvin finished in 3:24:06, was third in her Age Category and established a new Club Record in the F20-34 Age Category. On Sunday, 5th September 2021, John Surtees participated in the Southport Seaside 10K, which featured two laps around Marine Lake and Ocean Plaza, taking in the model railway, PleasureLand, and the pier. John crossed the line in 34:54, finishing first in his Age Category (V35). On the same day, Paul Dalton completed the Morpeth 10K, a two-lap, mildly undulating course on country lanes, starting and finishing in the village of Tranwell. Paul finished in a time of 37:53, and took the prize for being first M45 home. If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, please visit our website www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk, or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com

Charity Golf Day Success



OakLeaf Golf Club presented a cheque for £650 to Freeman Heart & Lung Transplant Association (FHLTA) following a charity golf day held at OakLeaf Golf Club. They would like to thank all the members and visitors who took part and donated to this very worthy charity that works hard to support people through organ transplantation and beyond.

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Art Walk

On Thursday 2nd September walk we met in Heighington and spent time sketching architectural features on the green and around St. Michael's Church and we were blessed with better weather than the previous walk. After the article in last week's edition an offer came to sketch inside St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village which has an interesting collection of Saxon masonry. I will hold this trump card for an inclement day. If you are interested in joining us, please call 01325 311225. Bill Lowery

Acknowledgement

Stevan Toroni



20-12-49 to 08-08-21
The family of Steve would like to give thanks to all involved in Steve's funeral on 3rd September and giving him such a fabulous send off. Thanks to Dave, Gill and Louise at Co-Operative funeral care for getting Steve home, for your tremendous support and for looking after Him so well. Thanks to Petals Florists for all of your many wonderful creations before, during and after the service. Special thanks to Leigh, Sean, Michael, Justin, Adam and Carl for your part in the Service. Many thanks to Reverend Daniel of St. Clare's Church for your beautiful and thoughtful Service. And many, many thanks for all of the cards, gifts, support, love and laughs from such wonderful family and friends. We couldn't have come through the last few weeks without you all. Steve would have been so proud and truly grateful xxxx

Pat Flynn

Sandy and the family of the late Pat Flynn would like to thank all family and friends for all cards and messages of condolence on the sad loss of Pat.

Obituary

Carol Spark

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Carol Spark (formerly of Newton Aycliffe), on 2nd September 2021, in South Africa, following complications from surgery. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and animals. Her loving brother, Andy

Graham Findlay



22nd September 2021
It is with immense sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Graham Findlay on 22nd September aged 61 years. Cherished Husband to Tracey, loving Father to Cameron and Alana, adored Brother to Alison, Gramps to Logan, Connor and Poppy and much loved Father-in-Law to Dean and Becky. Please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 15th September 2.30pm. *Newcastle tops welcome.*

Graeme Turner

(of Redworth)
Passed away peacefully at home on 27th August 2021, aged 60 years; beloved Husband of Elaine and much loved Father of Philippa. The funeral Service will be held on Monday 20th September 10.45am at St. Michael's Church, Heighington. Family flowers only; if desired, please make any donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Heather Castle

Newton Aycliffe 2nd September
Peacefully from Motor Neurone Disease, which she fought with great courage and dignity. Constance Heather (nee North), known as Heather, aged 79 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Clive; much loved Mother to Justyn and Lucy; proud Grandmother to Aidan and Daniel; loving Daughter to the late Arthur and Nancy North (Coxhoe), and dear Sister to the late Elizabeth. Funeral on Friday 17th September. Would friends kindly meet for Service in St. Mary's Church, Coxhoe at 1.00pm, followed by Cremation at Durham Crematorium at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations, in lieu, in aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service.

Denis Avery

Of Aycliffe Village, passed away peacefully on 3rd September, aged 79 years. A loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon), on Wednesday 22nd September at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research.

Margaret Tobin

28/10/1942-09/09/20
I lost my life companion. A life linked with my own, you are still mine to remember. A wife I am proud to have loved. Gone but not forgotten, all my love John

Margaret Tobin

28/10/1942-09/09/20
Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day. Miss you Mum and Nanna Love from Jean & Graeme, Diane & Stephen, Craig, Stacey & Nick, Callum, Hayleigh, Kyla & Ashton

Margaret Tobin

28/10/1942-09/09/20
The pain we felt in losing you will never go away. But knowing that you're in our hearts helps us through every day. Love, Linda, Neil, Shaun and Josh

Michael John Taylor

19th September 2019
Two years have passed since you passed away. My heart still broken, but the love lives forever. Your loving Wife Angela

We who loved you sadly miss you, as it dawns another year, in our lonely hours of thinking thoughts of you are always near. Always and forever. Daughter Debbie, Grandchildren Chelsea and Luke xxxx

David Frankland

You left us on 12th September 2006, 15 years later we still greatly miss you and are always talking about you. With love, your Wife, Children and Grandchildren

Rosalind Mary Woodward

(nee Murphy Guy)
My Beautiful Mum 11th September 2019

I love my walks down memory lane, because I know you wait for me there, your light shines always in my heart and your rose forever blooms Dawn

Birthday Remembrance

Barbara Greenwood



8th September 2021
Happy Heavenly 75th Birthday. Love from all family and friends xxx

David Atkins (Aky)

12th September 1977 - 2017
Happy birthday to a smashing Son, very sadly missed. Miss you always. Harry

Happy birthday Daddy. Love and miss you always. Jonathan Kraig xxx

Happy birthday Brother, always remembered, always loved. Paul, Brogan, Brianna, Jade and Olivia

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1407 are holding an Open Evening starting at 7.00pm on 20 September 2021 at their headquarters in the Barnard Armoury, Greenwell Rd, Newton Aycliffe. Come along, with a parent or guardian, and you can meet with staff and cadets and learn more about what we do. To book a place, or for more information, please email: oc.1407@rafac.mod.gov.uk

The UK and Europe's leading shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, were delighted to welcome the MP of Sedgefield, Paul Howell, to its headquarters in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Paul has been supportive and interested in Roman since he was elected as the MP for Sedgefield in December 2019. Following 18 months of restrictions, the leading manufacturer was finally able to give Paul a tour of its manufacturing facilities, infrastructure and showrooms – whilst also highlighting successes in International trade and specification. Roman is one of the largest employers in the constituency and were keen to highlight inequalities in International trade tariffs and the evolving UKCA product marking system – Paul has been a great ally in supporting these issues.

David Osborne, CEO of Roman, commented: "It was great to finally welcome Paul to Roman and to show him our manufacturing facilities and showrooms in person." Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield, said: "It was fabulous to meet David and the team today and see the showrooms, infrastructure and manufacturing facilities at the Aycliffe Business Park HQ. This is a shining example of 'Made in Britain' at its finest and I look forward to visiting the team again soon."

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