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If you would like to find out more about PCP generally, or to support our work, please contact: Jenny Lee, Senior Marketing & Media Officer jenny.lee@pcp.uk.net



Aycliffe Cricket Club

Dear Sir,

As one of the founder members of the Cricket, Club in 1956/57, I am pleased to see the team are still performing well. I came to Newton Aycliffe in 1955 after serving as a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy. I was promoted by my company and moved down south in 1961. In 1999 I moved back and bought a house in Ryder Court near the Woodham Golf Club. At that time I was a very keen golfer hence Ryder Court. Another founder member was Harry Harding who had a fancy goods shop on the town centre. We also formed a Bridge Club and each week we chose one other members house to play at. The town was quite small, compared to today, and we therefore made our own entertainment. I am now approaching 91 years of age so if any of the team from 1957 are still around I would like to share a few memories over a glass of beer.

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First Women's Axe Throwing League in UK

Following suit from the US and Canada, the sport of Axe Throwing is rapidly spreading across the UK with venues opening up in cities and towns across the country. One of which is Valhalla North Axe Throwing in County Durham who opened their doors in November 2019.

Kat & Carl opened the venue in 2019 running general sessions open to the public. Valhalla North now also has an established mixed league with 24 members who compete in regular in-house competitions. Kat recently joined a group of women in the US called 'AXEGIRLS', led by Axel (Annelise Townsend) from the Agawam Axe House in Massachusetts, who feature on a weekly YouTube TV series. Axel says "I created AXEGIRLS as a way of promoting Women in the sport of Axe Throwing. I wanted the world to see these amazing women. There is no representation of JUST women in this



sport, and I wanted to change that. I wanted to show women that there are women in this sport, that the women are amazing, and I wanted to encourage everyone to give it a try - through entertainment. Not just how great they are at axe throwing, but meeting them, learning about their lives, struggles, goals, etc." The AXEGIRLS is now in season 3 and has women from the US, Canada and Kat in the UK.

At the start of August, Kat launched a women's only league night (Valhalla North Valkyries). Within less than 24 hours, there were 15 women from ages 16-50 registered. The girls are currently practising for what will be the first official women only axe throwing league in the UK, with their first league season starting in October.

On 3rd October 2021 the Valkyries, plus women from across the country, will be competing in the 'Burn Battle' charity tournament. The event is sponsored by AXEGIRLS and is being run at multiple venues across the world including Canada & the US. It also falls on Mean Girls Day and has received support from Damien Franzese (Damian in Mean Girls). Players are raising money via sponsorship and all proceeds from the day will be donated to Valhalla North's chosen charity 'Mind'.

Valhalla North are also looking for any businesses who would like to support via sharing the event, sponsoring or donating prizes.

This women only charity axe throwing tournament will be the first of its kind in the UK and Kat and the team are extremely excited to see it come to life and raise some money for such an amazing charity.

A.G.M.

The Hub Of Wishes are holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 28th September 2021, 1.00pm at Silverdale House. Everyone is welcome.

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On Thursday 9th September we met at Newton Aycliffe Railway Station car park on what was a warm enough day to ditch our coats and hats, with the odd spot of rain. The group sketched three bridges, all different, and a good exercise in perspective with the curve of the railway lines. If you are interested in joining me, please call 01325 311225 - beginners welcome. Bill Lowery

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N.A.F.C. REPORT

**Saturday 11 September - Buildbase FA Vase
Campion 3 - Newton Aycliffe 3**

Newton Aycliffe win 3-2 on penalties

Newton Aycliffe travelled back from West Yorkshire, still in this season's Buildbase FA Vase, however, it was a penalty shoot out that decided the game which they led 3-1 with ten minutes left on the clock.

It was the hosts, who play in the North West Counties Division 1, who took the lead with their first shot on target of the game in the 37th minute. Aycliffe went in at the interval all square after Andrei Ardelean equalised by turning home an Ethan Wood corner in added time at the end of the half.

Jake Petitjean put the Newtonians ahead early in the second period from the penalty spot following a disputed shout for handball which by the laws of the game the official had to give.

Aycliffe extended their lead in the 80th minute as Callum Munro turned home an Ethan Wood free kick.

The final 10 minutes of the game saw Aycliffe throw away, what appeared to be, a comfortable lead.

Quick fire goals from the home side, in the 83rd and 84th minute, saw the tie end all square at 3-3 with the game going straight to penalties.

Both sides scored their first spot kicks, Petitjean with Aycliffe's first, and mirrored each other by missing their second attempts.

The visitors took the advantage as Adam Pickford saved the third penalty well before Ethan Wood gave Aycliffe the lead.

Both sides missed their fourth attempts and the fifth Campion taker scored which meant it was down to Lewis Walton to either put Aycliffe through or take it to sudden death.

Walton stepped up to take the first penalty of his career and despite the keeper guessing correctly there was no saving the left foot strike and the shoot out finished 3-2 in Aycliffe's favour.

The Newtonians now have a bye in the next round as the original opponents, Boro Rangers, were not accepted into the competition by the FA.

Scorers: 45' Ardelean, 49' Petitjean (p), 80' Munro

Shoot-out Scorers: Petitjean, E Wood, Walton

Newton Aycliffe are back in Ebac Northern League action next Saturday as they continue their run of away games, travelling to North Shields.

Put Your Knowledge to the Test – Are you Cancer Aware?



Are you hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning with your community, colleagues or friends on 24th September?

Reach out to the Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCP) County Durham Cancer Awareness Team to join your event and host a free quiz along with some treats!

The quiz offers an opportunity to raise awareness on this recognised day, by putting your knowledge to the test, and see if you know the signs and symptoms of different types of cancer.

Andrea Mackrell, Cancer Awareness Worker for PCP's Cancer Awareness Team, said: "The quiz offers a chance for communities and groups to get together and discover the facts about cancer that may surprise them."

"Our mission is to raise awareness within communities of the signs, symptoms and early prevention of cancer to benefit people's lives."

"Following on from our Macmillan Coffee Morning themed quiz, we will be given individuals, groups and organisations in County Durham the chance to join us for free workshops to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

If your County Durham based organisation, group or Macmillan Coffee Morning event is looking to increase your awareness of cancer, contact andrea.mackrell@pcp.uk.net to book a free visit or workshop from the team.

Visit the PCP's Cancer Awareness Team's social media channels. PCP's Facebook page – www.facebook.com/PCPCancerAwareness, Twitter @CancerAwareNE and Instagram @Cancer_AwarenessDurham

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Weekly Hog Blog

It's been a good week, but busy, with some new arrivals into rescue, but firstly I would like to thank everyone who took the time and trouble to come and meet me on Sunday afternoon at the Scout Centre - June, Valerie and Sue for helping me get set up because I was running late due to an emergency admission, female hedgehog circling at Woodham Village with ticks and fly strike. For those who don't know what fly strike can do to our hedgehogs, blue bottle flies lay eggs on poorly hogs which hatch into maggots within six hours, eating hoggies alive or dead, gruesome, but if we get them in time we can save them. Hoggie in question is very tired and thin but doing well so we have called her Sandi, she's a beautiful female. Also admitted this weekend, Sweet Caroline from Lorraine, Pixie, Penny and Oscar, siblings from the middle of a field, here and doing well but far too young to go anywhere yet.

I sincerely hope that everyone's questions were answered, many people were asking about Hedgehog houses for their gardens, the more we supplement their feeds the better the outcome for them, Hedgehog Street App has loads of ideas also The British Hedgehog Preservation Society have leaflets which can be sent out on request.

Tip of the Week: For any help or information please ring the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 or Facebook Page: Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel.

Durham Friendship Force

County Durham Friendship Force are holding their AGM on Saturday 18th September.

If you are interested in meeting with a like minded group of people, who are keen to socialise and who, when all travel restrictions are lifted, will continue on their travels across the 56 counties that make up the structure of our travel options through Friendship Force. Friendship Force was set up by President Carter in 1970 and if you want to explore Europe, or travel further on a long haul option, contact us on 01325 313055 and find out what we have to offer after our AGM, both with the social events held in and around Darlington to our local, nations, European and world wide travel options. We look forward to hearing from you.



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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

We start this week's Press Report with the longest race of the weekend, namely 'The LAP'. The 'lap' in question is actually a 47 Mile Trail Ultramarathon around the shoreline of Lake Windermere, with the goal being to circumnavigate the lake before the 24-hour cut-off point. Mileage Machine, Richie Johnson, completed the race in 15:50.06.

Saturday morning saw many Members participate in the relatively easier pursuit of completing a parkrun. Again this week, most Members could be found at Sedgefield parkrun, although we were also represented at the Blackpool, Darlington South Park, Herrington, Jubilee and York events. Peter Tennick capitalised on his recent good form, recording a new Personal Best time for Darlington South Park parkrun (20:40), whilst over in Blackpool, Colin Gibson posted a new best of 27:02 for the run around Stanley Park.

Club Championship points were up for grabs at the Castleton Show Run on Saturday afternoon, and several Members made their way over to the heart of the North Yorkshire Moors to take on the six-mile race, which sees runners taking in Dibble Bridge, Hob Hole and Westerdale. Andy Talbot was first home for the Club, in a time of 43:34 and, in doing so, was first in his Age Category (M60). Next across the line for Aycliffe Running Club was Martyn Knox, in a time of 51:36. Taking second place in her Age Category (F60), Trish Kay was the next home in 56:44, with Kelly Dickinson (1:04:18) and David Stothard (1:05:08) completing the Club's representation on the day.

Following its cancellation last year, the Great North Run returned on Sunday morning with the 40th running of the race and, as you would expect, the Club was well-represented at the event. First across the finish line was Stuart Joyce in a time of 1:31:16, which represented a new Personal Best (PB) for Stuart over the Half Marathon distance. Steven Dawson was next home for the Club in 1:42:19, and he was followed across the line by Richard Holland (1:45:25), Simon Turner (1:45:49), Craig Robinson (1:51:18 - PB), and Matthew Sommerville in 1:52:50. Next to finish for the Club was John Burnside, in 1:59:28, completing his 40th Great North Run (yes, John is one of only a few people to have run in every Great North Run!).

Carley Cooper crossed the line in 2:08:10, closely followed by Steph Colvin in 2:08:50 (PB). Natalie Sommerville completed the race in 2:16:59, beating her previous best time for the race, and Nicola Ingman also recorded a new fastest time for the distance (2:18:12). Richard Tonge finished in 2:22:24, just ahead of Jayne Rudd, who recorded a huge Personal Best (2:23:20).

Eve Doe completed the race in 2:27:19 (PB), followed by Kelly Dickinson, who was participating in her second race in two days (2:28:25). Kathleen Tonge finished in 2:32:13 (PB), ahead of Nicola Bales (2:36:02), Lorenz Nedelmann (2:44:03) and Jane Evans (2:46:50). Sandra Rudd came home in 2:46:42, with Helen Boyd finishing in 3:10:42, and Marie Rudd, who recorded a new Personal Best with a time of 3:13:23.

Of course, there were other races on Sunday, and three Members headed to Tholthorpe in North Yorkshire to participate in the annual 10K race, which takes place on undulating country lanes around the village. First home for the Club, and finishing third in his Age Category (M40), was Paul Dalton in 37:55.

Robert Young was next across the finish line, which was sited next to the large duck pond in the centre of the village, in a time of 43:03, and John Young completed the Aycliffe triumvirate, coming home in 53:51. 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.

Keeping Aycliffe Tidy

I would like to thank Cllrs Joanne and Nev Jones for their invitation to join the Keep Aycliffe Tidy team on their inaugural litter pick around parts of the business park. It was good to see community pride in action; no fanfare just a small group of like minded people doing their bit for the community. Along with Nev and Joanne it was good to meet Carol Benson, Dawn and Adrian Monaghan as we cautiously scoured both sides of Millennium Way. In less than two hours we were able to collect nine bags full of discarded litter and rubbish, most of which could have been taken home or disposed of in a more responsible and thoughtful way.

It was both productive and highly satisfying to be able to make a positive difference starting from the ground up. A great team effort and a team I am more than happy to be a part of. Cllr Phillip Hawkins

NAFC Junior Section



It was a welcome return back to grassroots football after the summer break for NAFC Junior Section at the weekend. As per FA regulations this season we will not be reporting actual scores for teams aged U11 and under.

U9 Whites met with Hebburn Town Juniors Valencia. Harry scored a fantastic goal early in the game and the team had some great efforts on goal in the second half. MOTM went to Ellis for his outstanding efforts throughout the game.

U10 Juniors were hosts to Darlington FC. A goal from Sammy in the first half and a fantastic goal from Dom in the second half but the juniors unfortunately didn't get the result they wanted at the final whistle. MOTM was awarded to Mason.

U10 Blacks had an energetic first game v Wear Utd Devra with some great football played between both teams. A determined display from the juniors saw goals from Rhys, Charlie, Harry and Olly. A great start to the season with MOTM awarded to Rhys who never gave up and was committed to winning every ball.

U11's were hosts to Bedale in their first competitive league game in 18 months due to the pandemic. The result didn't go their way but a great effort from the whole team. MOTM was awarded to Seth.

U12's got off to a great start with a 4-2 home win v Marske Utd. The juniors were 2-1 down at half time but showed real character and battled back scoring 3 fantastic goals in the 2nd half. Two goals from Keaton and one each from Theo and Callum. MOTM was awarded to Keaton.

U13 Whites started their season in style with their biggest ever recorded victory. Hosting South Park Rangers and putting balls through in impressive form the juniors went into half time 7-2 up. Second half was similar, creating multiple opportunities, ending run away winners 12-3 with 5 goals from new signing Noah, 4 for Ethan, 2 for Oliver and 1 for Jayden. MOTM was awarded to James for working tirelessly down the right wing.

U13 Blacks were hosts to Wreckington Nou Camp Orange. The first half was fast paced with some great football but no goals. The away team had a strong defence and a great keeper but Alex finally hit the back of the net in the second half, with Wreckington equalising shortly after. Game ended 1-1, but a great effort from the juniors with MOTM going to Danny.

U15's travelled to Saltburn and had a 3-2 lead when, unfortunately, due to an injury to one of their players the game had to be abandoned. Goals came from Travis, Jake and Ethan. This game will be replayed at a later date. Get well soon Travis!

U16's started their league campaign at South Tyneside, with a strong squad featuring new additions.

Aycliffe controlled the game from the start, hitting their opponents on the break with some good passing and pace. The two goals of the game came just before half time, Anthony scoring an excellent free kick from distance, before the opponents broke well and finished and scored. Despite efforts from Ted, Bo, Anthony and Charlie, the winner Aycliffe deserved didn't materialise. Joint MOTM went to Charlie and James.

A great start to the season for all teams and we look forward to next week with majority of our TJFA teams in League Cup action. It is great to see our players back enjoying themselves and some normality resuming in grassroots football following a very difficult 2020-21 season. **AYCLIFFE MARCH ON!**



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Heighington Junior Football



Heighington Boys U7s

Russell Foster Green Division 2
 First league game of the season for the lads. After an end to end game in the first half, with it being 3-3, a quick pep talk saw the lads focus on doing things in the right way. Won 8-3 after a dominant second half.
 Goals: Isaac x 5, Reuben x 2, Oliver x 1
 Solid performance to start the season boys. Keep moving forwards in the right direction.

Heighington AFC U12s RFYL

Heighington AFC v Hetton Juniors Napoli. The Mighty Red and Blacks made their Division 3 debut today playing against a strong Hetton side and coming out 3-1 winners.

The game was played at a fast pace from the start with some amazing passing on display. Ted scored the 1st goal of the game, which was followed up very quickly by an awesome chip over the keeper by Oscar, what a goal! After starting the second half 2-0 to the Red & Blacks, Hetton came out in the hope of getting back into the game by claiming a goal, only to be dismayed again by an almighty penalty struck by Chappers taking the boys to 3-1!

After this Hetton lost their heads and things got scrappy, leading to an altercation with Harry and then poor Yaley being taken out, resulting in the opposition player being awarded a red card.

The lads were pure work horses today and fully deserved their victory. Massive well done to everyone.

Goals: Ted x 1, Oscar x 1, Chappers x 1
 Managers MoM: Ted, worked his socks off for the whole match.

Parents MoM: Cole, for a commanding performance in his CDM role.

Heighington AFC U12s Whites

Heighington AFC Whites 3 v Hartlepool St Francis Royals 2

The Whites got their season off to great start with a win but had to work extremely hard as Hartlepool pushed from the off and fully deserved their lead until Evie Pearson, making her debut, scored an amazing free kick from 30 yards, lobbing the keeper to bring us level at half time. Second half we were once again caught out and Hartlepool took the lead again but the team never let their heads drop and soon got level again after a Charlie Wilkinson corner was

smashed home by Chris Abrams. Once again Charlie Wilkinson was a constant threat and he fed Nathan McKenna to smash us into the lead for the 1st time. The whole team dug deep to get the result over the line with Theo Denton making 3 double saves towards the end.

MOTM went to Theo Denton and Evie Pearson who just edged with a fine display each. A massive thank you to everyone who was there to support the team and the Hammer and Pincers for our amazing new strips.

Heighington AFC U12s Blacks

TJFA Division 3 - Billingham Synthonia 1 v Heighington Blacks 1

Heading into the first game of the season away from home and against an opposition that had recently merged 2 top teams together was always going to be a tough start.

However, Heighington Blacks gave it their all and listened to how we wanted them to play. First half, Blacks had to withstand a bit of pressure from Billingham and dealt with this very well. Second half saw changes made and an alteration to our formation. That served us well as Blacks dominated the 2nd half took the lead with a cracking goal by Alex Scaife. Unfortunately with 5 minutes to go, and a dubious Ref decision, saw the ball kicked out of the Harry's hands and into the net. The game then was seen out by both teams to end with a point a piece.

Parents MOM: Cole Raine / Adam Brown
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Newton News Prom Awards - Woodham

Thursday 9th September 2021

Woodham Academy prom for Class of 2021 took place at Redworth Hall Hotel on Thursday 9th September.

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

Woodham 2021 Prom Award winners:

Most Improved Progress: Kayla Ellis

Most Improved Overall: Owen Leeming

Contribution to the Community: Emily Cant

Top Academic Student: Cassidy Race

Top Sport Student: George Clark

Achievement through Adversity: Joseph Carr Wood

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



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.

An Evening at St. Michael's



On Sunday 26th September, St. Michael's Church, Heighington will be holding a musical evening with a difference where everyone is invited to sing a long in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. A group of local musicians, featuring guitars, keyboard and drums, have volunteered their time to accompany the singing with the theme varying from gentle rock to country to ballads and even the occasional traditional favourites with a modern twist. The service will be led by the Vicar of St. Michael's, Rev. Lissa Scott, and although informal, will still retain the dignity and joy of singing Christian songs together in a more modern style.

The evening will begin at 5pm with a glass of wine, or cup of tea/coffee with snack food - including home baking - what's not to like? Donations accepted, but not obligatory. The bell ringers will be present to ring us in (see photo) and to talk about their craft before the service or if you would be interested in learning more beforehand, please email Bell Captain, Anthea Enzor, on heighingtonbells@gmail.com

To support us with our singing, some of the church choir will also be attending the evening of music and, if you are keen to become a member, please message via our Facebook page. Both groups are always scouting for new recruits. If singing is not your thing, why not come along to the evening of music anyway and watch, listen, mingle with friends, inspect our newly installed kitchen facilities and café space, or simply admire the beautiful stained-glass windows and the amazing architecture of the church interior. You will be very pleased you did and be made most welcome.

Website www.stmichaelsheighington.xara.hosting - or Facebook, search for St. Michael's Heighington.

Double Yellow Lines

Dear Sir,
I refer to the Notice in the Newton News re: the proposed Yellow Lines for Aycliffe Village.

Parking is not generally a problem for village residents. It only becomes a problem at school drop-off and pick-up times. There is insufficient road-width for parking both sides (even with two wheels on the pavement) and the whole length of one side of the road is insufficient to allow residents to park on the road side with sufficient space left for those on the 'school run'.

Unfortunately, the lack of parking space means that parents are parking well away from the school and their stay is extended by the fact that they have to walk a greater distance to and from the school to get 'handover' of children in the school grounds. I fear that the proposed scheme will have to be extended to both sides of Little Lane, Murton Close and most of Atkinson Gardens as parents will still have to park to drop-off and pick-up their children. In the case of Murton Close, the road is too narrow to allow parking on one side and still allow access for emergency vehicles and refuse collections. The solution is not the proposed Yellow Lines. They will only increase the chaos as parents parking further and further from the school will be parked up longer. The only workable solution is to reduce the chaos at school times by making it compulsory for all, out of the village, children to be 'bussed' to

and from school.

If the proposed Yellow Lines are installed I fear that the new restrictions imposed will require constant enforcement. Are DCC and the Police going to allocate sufficient resources?

A few years ago the then Chairman of the Aycliffe Village Hall Association discussed with a Labour County Councillor the possibility of the Council replacing some steps with a ramp to allow access to space behind the Village Hall for school drop-off and picking up. With space available that could take approximately 12 cars and with an existing gate through to the school grounds, this proposal would help alleviate the current problems. Perhaps our current Councillors may want to re-consider this proposal.

Alastair P.G. Welsh

Community Crafters

The new Community Crafters group enjoyed a successful first class at St. Clare's Church Hall on Monday 13th September - thank you to all who attended.

If you would like to book a class, and support your community, please contact Lindsay on 07856 739443 or Viv 07846 819369.

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Autumn Programme at Greenfield Arts

Greenfield Arts are delighted to announce their new autumn programme packed full of creativity and imagination with activities, events and projects for all ages.

We are hosting a series of exhibitions that will inspire activities and offer the chance to enjoy a range of wonderful artwork. The gallery season opens with an exhibition by professional photographer and artist Elaine Vizor, 'With or Without'. An exciting venture that showcases artwork produced 'with or without' a camera. Elaine's work demonstrates different ways of capturing light and will inspire a cyanotype workshop and a unique opportunity to explore night light photography.

A little later in the year Creative Forum, a self-led community artist group supported by artist Sharron Bates will be showcasing their artwork. The group meets each Friday at Greenfield and the exhibition 'Emerging' will showcase their creativity during lockdown and reflect the varied work of the group including batik, monoprint, collage and textile art.

Free opportunities for young people will make sure our young creatives have opportunities to be curious, learn new skills and make something amazing to take home. We are



once again being a part of The Big Draw, making that change and encouraging a love of drawing and creativity.

Our popular courses include Spanish and Yoga and this season we are extending our offer of yoga to young people, suitable for 7+, this four-week course offers the chance to learn relaxing techniques, build confidence, strength and flexibility.

To find out more about our full autumn programme visit our website and browse our autumn brochure. Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry. You can contact our friendly team by emailing info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or by calling 01325 379048.



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Lost Umbrella

Dear Sir,
Whilst shopping in Tesco on Tuesday morning this week, I hung my small pink flowery Futon umbrella on the trolley hook, but, unfortunately, forgot to remove it. On returning home I realised I had left it, taking all of 15 minutes to return to Tesco and found it was gone.
I asked at the information desk if it had been handed in, 'sorry no' was her reply. I thought the people of Aycliffe were honest, but my faith in that has been put to the test by this person. Whoever took it has no decency or scruples and I would recognise it straight away as it is unusual and was a gift. I hope seeing this you will return it to Tesco. Name and address supplied



One of the areas important to potential growth out of Covid is the attitude and actions of banks towards SMEs and last week I was able to join the APPG on Fair Business Banking to hear how more diversity in their products could be particularly helpful to SMEs. This was led by Kevin Hollinrake, MP for Thirsk and Malton, along with Paul Scully MP, who is the Minister for Small Businesses. It is imperative that the banks play their role in helping the many small businesses we have thrive as the economy opens, it is often a cash flow challenge that either stops a business growing or, indeed, can close one. It was clearly very disappointing to see that all the efforts made to save Cleveland Bridge came to nothing, demonstrating how even a business with a strong order book and great workforce can still collapse. I hope that all the employees can find alternative employment.
An aspect of Westminster you may not be aware of is what are called DLs. These are Delegated Legislation committees and are used to pass legislation that does not need to go to the main chamber. They are constituted with appropriate numbers of members from different parties and are whipped in the same way as any other votes, they are, however, typically quite technical and more attuned to tidying up nuances of legislation. As an example, one of mine this week was 'Draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information' (lighting products) regulations 2021. Its purpose was to avoid technical disparities between the EU and NI protocol legislation. They are regularly not contested votes. I attended PMQs on Wednesday, with the Chamber feeling very much back to being a more normal place. Westminster is close to how it was, apart from the Covid sensitive procedures we now must physically attend committees and the chamber when we are participating. During parliamentary recess we moved offices and as mine is one of the furthest from the Chamber it can mean a bit of travelling time needs incorporating into the diary. One of the best things about returning to Westminster though, is the access to Ministers. You may have seen in the press or on Facebook a couple of examples of unduly lenient sentencing by the courts. Not only have I written to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Robert Buckland QC MP, but I was able to have direct conversations with him.
On Thursday and Friday last week the Left Behind Neighbourhoods APPG that I chair held a St George's House consultation. We

had around 16 people there, mainly from organisations working right at the sharp end of the voluntary community but also civil servants. We discussed the important issues the APPG should cover and promote. It was fantastic to actually meet physically with people I had previously only talked to on Zoom. Hopefully by working with this group we can encourage Government policies to help them, our primary objective being around a community wealth fund to provide some patient capital.
It's called a St George's House consultation because it takes place in the Vicars Hall at St George's House in Windsor. For those of you who watch The Crown, this is a hall in the grounds of Windsor Castle that Prince Philip facilitated being available for exactly this type of discussion. One of the other delegates was from The Wharton Trust in Hartlepool and I fully intend to get across to see them to see what I can learn.
Monday saw me back in Westminster and able to ask a question to Mims Davies, the Minister for Employment, about the Kickstart scheme, as a constituent has had some frustrations in getting help in her Kennels at Sedgefield. The Kickstart scheme has seen many of your young people helped to take a first step in employment, but where frustrations exist, we need to address them so that even more can benefit.
DVSA are in the process of publishing a consultation report to tackle the shortage of lorry drivers. Whilst steps need to be taken to address this shortage, this report is a cause of concern for those businesses who depend on offering car and trailer lessons as well as wider concerns about road safety. I have already made representations to the Transport Secretary about these concerns and I will continue to seek advice about the wider implications of this report.
We see normality creeping towards us, but we must avoid complacency. Covid is still with us so please remember, the Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air mantra continues, and it remains important to get vaccinated if you have not already. Please be considerate of others and help us all stay safe.
Paul Howell
Member of Parliament for Sedgefield



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Simon Awarded 'The Order of Mercy'

Mr Simon Rossinelli, The Friends of Darlington Memorial Hospital, has been awarded the Order of Mercy, a prestigious medal, for his voluntary service over many years to charities and non profit organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The awards ceremony took place at The Mansion House, in London, in the presence of HRH Princess Katerina of Yugoslavia, The Lady Mayoress of London and many other distinguished guests.

The Rt Hon the Lord Lingfield, President of the League of Mercy, said "Mr Rossinelli has done extraordinary work for those most in need. He is a marvellous example of someone whose long standing and voluntary dedication to the service and welfare of others is noteworthy and remarkable and we were delighted to be able to make this well deserved award to him."

The League of Mercy, originally created in 1899 for the encouragement and recognition of voluntary work in hospitals and the community, was refounded as a nationwide registered charity in 1999 and now continues the work of the original founder, the then Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.



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Broken TV Mast Performing Arts School Bounces Back

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M. Robinson
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A local performing arts group has seen its members swell since returning from lockdown. Applause Theatre School which had been operating in Bishop Auckland until the Covid pandemic forced them to close their doors. When students were finally allowed to return the Theatre Arts School found they were without a base to operate from but all that changed when one of the teachers suggested Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Association's facilities.

Since that point, the group that offers singing, dance and drama lessons for students aged 6 to 16 years, has grown. Kate Ruddick, the school's Principal, said "We have been so lucky to find these facilities here in Newton Aycliffe, they really do suit our needs perfectly. We had thought we might be closed for good before this and to see it so well received is great" adding "Applause isn't just about growing your skills in performing arts, it's about confidence, team working skills and inclusivity". The reception from Newtonians has been so good that Kate has decided to re-open her early years group for 3- to 5-year-olds with classes specifically designed for them and already has a waiting list. Applause is looking forward to a new term of fun activities and are preparing a version of Grease for their students. They are also looking forward to enrolling new students who feel they would benefit and are offering a free trial to locals to test the water, so to speak. Applause runs lessons on Fridays after school, with an hour each of dance, drama, and singing and can be contacted on 01388 664066 or via their Facebook page: Applause Newton Aycliffe

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Application



Notice of Application for Hazardous Substance Consent. Ref. Schlegel Ltd.

The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015 (Regulation 6). We give notice that Schlegel Ltd. have applied to Durham County Council for Hazardous Substance Consent to Store the following material in order to use for their manufacturing process: (A) TDI/Toluene Diisocyanate, (2) Polyol Blend at Aycliffe Business Park, Unit C693, DL5 6DB. Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application at: Durham County Council from Friday 17th September 2021 for 21 days and during all reasonable hours until Friday 8th October 2021. Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application should write to the Planning department at: Durham County Council, Planning - South West. G73/82 County Hall, Durham. DH1 5UL or planning@durham.gov.uk by Friday 8th October 2021. Referencing DM/21/03021/HAZ. Mrs Nancy Haughey on behalf of Schlegel Ltd.

Date: 17th September 2021

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Tallest Sunflower?



Dear Sir,
After seeing a picture of someone's grandchild with a Sunflower in the Newton News, I decided to send this picture of my three grandchildren, Sadie, Penny and Argo, with the sunflowers they have grown. Unfortunately the middle one hasn't flowered yet, but the tallest is 9'2" / 2.8m. Does anyone else have pictures of their sun giants with their children or grandchildren?
Colin Bewley

Aycliffe Youth Football News

A new season for all our boys, girls and adults, with 22 teams competing in leagues across the county

Cleveland Hall Girls v Aycliffe U11 Girls, first 9v9 league game and the girls got off to a flying start, as they dominated possession throughout the first half, scoring 4 goals without conceding. The defence was tested more in the second half, but still managed to finish the game with a clean sheet, Aycliffe scores their 5th before the end. Managers: Yasmin - Players Star Player: Lyra

Aycliffe U13's Eagles 8 v Wear United 3 - The Eagles scored the first goal of the game but Wear quickly replied. However, a cool finish from Jake and it was HT 2-1. Then Olly blasted past the keeper but Wear again got a goal back. A penalty to Aycliffe put away by Will, 4-2, a further 3 goals were added before Wear scored their 3rd. Then Aycliffe added an 8th from Adam with a deflected shot. FT 8-3.

MOM Adam with 3 assists and 2 goals

Middlesbrough Women 4 v Aycliffe U18 Girls 5 - an excellent start to the season, in a high tempo game with Aycliffe coming out on top and deservedly so. Pre match talk of enjoying the game but also to be disciplined and hard working all over the pitch. The girls carried this out to the letter, at times being kicked and pulled, but not phased and stayed level headed. Goals from Olivia,

Ruby and a hat trick from Hattie.

Northallerton U11's 5 - Aycliffe U11 Eagles 2 - first game of the new season and playing two leagues above where we were playing last season. This was always going to be a tough game. Northallerton dominated the first half and were 3-0 up HT. A quick further 2 goals were added before Dan and Krystian got on the score sheet for Aycliffe. MOM Dan

Aycliffe U13 Girls 4 v Norton & Stockton 6 - the girls have moved to 11v11 and into the premier division, so they knew what to expect. The game was a real physical battle with both teams playing some good football. Half time and the score was 3-2 Aycliffe, after goals from Sophie, Lana and Emily. The last 5-10mins of the game could have gone either way with the score at 4-4 but the visitors grabbed the 3pts. MOM went to Lexie for her defensive effort, strong and committed to every challenge.

Bishop Girls 1 v Aycliffe U12 Angels Blue 3 - the girls were 1-0 down after 10 minutes but drew level before HT, then a shot from Sophie rebounded to Heidi to finish into the bottom right corner. Following a Hannah throw to Erin who laid off the ball to Heidi to stroke the ball home with her left foot and win the game. Coaches: Heidi - Players Star Player: Layken

Other results

Aycliffe Women 5 v Sunderland West End 6

Easington 6 v Aycliffe U12 Angels Yellow 0

Boldon 4 v Aycliffe U14 Falcons 1

Washington 3 v Aycliffe U17 Falcons 1

Award for Youthful FC Secretary

The annual FA Grassroots Awards for 2021 has brought success to Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Secretary, Berni Borsberry, as he was awarded runner up in the Volunteer of the Year award for Durham FA.

Nominations were received for many volunteers, from all affiliated clubs and leagues across the County. A panel of judges then sifted through all the nominations to decide the most deserved recipients for this prestigious award.

Berni started as a parent helper with the football club in 1997 and, after getting his coaching badges, took over his first team in 2000. Then in 2005 he took on the role of Secretary, but still kept up the coaching and running of teams. In his tenure as Secretary, he has seen the club grow, overseeing the start and the huge increase in girls football and the increase in boys teams.

The club now has thriving development sections for boys and girls, starting at 4 years old and offers adult teams for both men and women.

Berni stated, "I wasn't aware that I had been nominated until I was contacted by Durham FA to let me know that I had received an award. The roles I do within the football club are very rewarding, as I see all the children and adults enjoying playing the game they love. I know the club is very much a part of the Newton Aycliffe community".



Sisters of Support



Sisters of Support was founded to support the women of the area struggling with mental health. As a peer support group, we provide a safe space for women to talk, without fear or judgement, to help them with their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Once a month we get together as a group to do something fun! This month we visited Planet Leisure for bowling and food.

If this support is something you need, our next meeting is Tuesday 21st September, 7-9pm at St. Clare's Church Vestry.

We are also hoping to set up a daytime group, if you are interested in coming along or supporting us, please get in touch via our Facebook page: Sisters Of Support.

Congratulations

Kain Palliser
Happy birthday, lots of love from Mum, Dad, Jake, Callum, Saxon, Zyne and Missi

Thank You

Thank You
Lindsay and Viv would like to give a special thank you to Val for her generous donation of craft materials to Community Crafters. Much appreciated.

In Memoriam

Michael John Taylor
21st September 2019
Two years have passed since you passed away. My heart is 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

Obituary

Derek Munroe Dodd
Of Darlington, died suddenly on the morning of 3rd September, aged 81 years.
Devoted Husband of Amy; beloved Dad to Stephanie and Paul; much-loved Grandad to Leo, Nathan and Charlotte; loving Brother to the late Alan, Brian, Colin and Gerald; dear Father-in-Law to Marco and Neva; treasured Brother-in-Law and family friend to all.
The Funeral Service will be held on Friday 24th September at 2pm in West Cemetery Chapel, Darlington.
In lieu of flowers, donations will be appreciated and collected on the day for St. Teresa's Hospice.

Births

Masson
Steven and Sarah



Congratulations on the safe arrival of 'Olivia Grace' on 9th September. A welcome addition to our family.
Love from Mam, Alan, Uncles, Aunts, Nieces and Nephews xxxxx

Birthday Remembrance

Mike Warner

15th September
Thinking of you on your 57th birthday. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you are always there. Love you loads, Mam, Dad, Dave, Heather and all the family xxxx

Kirsty Sheila Hughes

22nd September 1986
It's especially difficult today not to have you here to celebrate the times we've shared over the joyful years. We wish we had just one more chance to see your happy smile, to laugh and celebrate with you, just for a little while.
We'll hold on to you forever, deep within our heart and though you are not here with us, know that we'll never part.
This day was always special, so we just want to say, that we are thinking of you with love on this your birthday.
All our love,
Mam and Dad
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Acorn Ukes

The Acorn Ukes have started up again and meet every Wednesday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Come along and enjoy learning to play the Ukulele. New members most welcome. Contact Margaret McDermott 01325 317419.

Search on for UK's Best Neighbour

People across the UK are being invited to take part in our annual hunt for the UK's 'Neighbour of the Year' – a nationwide search undertaken in partnership by Co-op Insurance and Neighbourhood Watch. Now in its fourth year, 2021 sees the introduction of a new category: Community of the Year. This award will celebrate the nation's most outstanding community (could be a street, a sports club, a faith collective, or anything in between, either in person or virtual, such as a WhatsApp, Facebook, or Slack group) and the lengths its members have gone to to support others and make a real difference.

To nominate your Neighbour of the Year, Young Neighbour of the Year (for people aged 21 years and under) or Community of the Year, and to find out more about these very special awards please visit coop.co.uk/noty.

Sedgefield Water Polo Club Men Winners at Manup

Sedgefield Water Polo Club entered the outdoor Manup water polo festival which took place in the Salford Quay's Media Centre Manchester on a very cold and wet Saturday afternoon on 7th August.

A Manup match consists of a team of 8 players with 6 in the water from each team including a goalkeeper and 2 subs, in a short circuit beach style setup with a rolling clock and no centre restarts after a goal, which makes it a non-stop fast paced exciting game.

Sedgefield won all their matches in their group stage 8-0, 5-2, 7-2, 4-3, to put them into the final against a very good Rotherham team. This was a great game with some skilful goals and a very good penalty save by our goalkeeper Richard during the game, helping towards Sedgefield winning the final 6-2.

What a great sporting event to attend after such a difficult time during the Covid pandemic for the club, where all the pools and facilities were closed but all credit to the lads for keeping themselves fit in such difficult times.

The lads played absolutely brilliantly with their teamwork, skills and defensive counter attacks providing the spectators with some fantastic goals and gamesmanship during the day. It has to be said that once again Sedgefield did Co Durham proud. Well done lads, from everyone at Sedgefield Water Polo Club.

September also sees the club starting a new Saturday afternoon, GAMP funded, children's beginner session for novices to the sport who would like a chance to try this very exciting sport - which is a great progression from swimming lessons, and will be great value for money. It's lovely to see GAMP



funding activities to help the children in the area, which will give them respect, team work skills, a very high level of fitness and a healthy wellbeing. So, a massive thank you from the club goes to GAMP for all their support past and present.

Please check our website for further info and joining instructions – your first week is FREE, so why not come and join the fun, and, even better, tell your friends!!! Contact us via website: sedgefieldwaterpolo.com

or email: sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com
Also, this year Sedgefield enter a men's team starting Sept into the BWPL (British Water Polo League) for the first time.

Photo: back, left to right: Matty Calvert, Michael Cousins, John Pratt, Connor Keeble, James Pratt. Front, left to right: Richard Murray, Kris Egginton and Matty Taylor.

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Increase In Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately over recent weeks there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour around the shops at Neville Parade, this has included off road bikes, large groups of youths gathering in front of the shops, and an increase in rubbish and noise.

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