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Back to School



There has certainly been a buzz in the air at Sugar Hill Primary over the last couple of weeks. Since the Covid19 outbreak our school risk assessments have meant that parents and carers were unable to attend school events. Things were just not the same and the children really missed sharing their learning with their families.

We are delighted that our new risk assessment this term has allowed us once again to invite parents and carers into classrooms working with their children, albeit behind face masks!

Lots of parents and carers have attended 'Welcome Meetings' in school, and we have had some fabulous feedback from them in terms of just how much they have appreciated meeting with staff and seeing 'our school in action' once again. This has reminded us of Walt Disney's famous words. 'Around here we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious.... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths'.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who have attended the events. The children have just loved sharing their classrooms with you and for all staff at Sugar Hill it has been a huge forward step in what is becoming our 'new normal'.

Mrs O'Rourke (Head Teacher) and Mrs Legge (Deputy Head Teacher) are truly hoping that this year parents and carers can attend lots of events throughout the academic year linked to project outcomes in Sugar Hill's new exciting curriculum. The welcome meetings have been such a positive start to the calendar of planned parent/carers events.

Lifeline Community Action Needs Your Help

Dear Sir,

Lifeline Community Action is an Aycliffe based charitable group committed to helping people in our community. Their small group of staff and volunteers work extremely hard to provide help, support and guidance to so many people in the town.

Whether it's their Helping Hands, or Children's Blessings projects or simply providing covid cleaning packs where they are needed, or advice and guidance through their job club. If that wasn't enough they also provide a pre-loved school uniform service for anyone who needs their help and provide a safe and welcoming environment for their popular pre-bookable knit and natter session.

With the best will in the world this small group of dedicated people can only do so much and the demand for the services they provide is increasing to such an extent they need to recruit more volunteers to enable them to help more people in the community.

No offer of help is too small and being able to help out for a couple of hours a week could make a major difference to the level of service they are able to provide and the number of days their facility in the Thames Centre could be open to the public.

If you would like to help and have a few hours a week free time please contact Lifeline Community Action at the The Acorn Unit, St Clare's Church, St. Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 5NT. Facebook: Lifeline Community Action, phone: 07936 431262 or email: officelifelinecommunityaction@gmail.com and by checking out their website www.lifelinecommunityaction.co.uk

Phillip Hawkins

Sketch Walk

Thursday 23rd September

A longer walk was planned and that is what we got, we met at Heighington, then across the field and over the stile, to a pre scouted destination. The team sketched the remains of a lightning struck tree, swaying with the high wind it looked like we would see its final day. When moving on we faced a dust storm caused by tractors on the lane, rather than turning back a farmer offered an alternative route. A vote (revolt) opted for this and we eventually ended up at the outskirts of Shildon. Then returning on the old Redworth Road to Heighington, the next walk should be less of an adventure. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Bill Lowery on 01325 311225 - beginners welcome.

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Young Explorers at Greenfield Arts



Young people have been getting creative at Greenfield Arts. Creative Explorers returned to Greenfield this week, led by artist Dawn Belshaw, in a fun, free creative session. The sessions encourage and support young people to explore change and be curious. This week the young people learned new skills and had fun making hedgehogs from recycled materials, learning about their environment and building confidence through creative learning. The sessions are suitable for young people age 7+ and are held in our lovely purpose-built studio. All materials are supplied and the activity is completely free of charge. The sessions form part of our autumn season with an offer for young people which includes Creative Explorers, Young Yoga and a range of exciting projects and holiday activities. To find out more about these and our full programme just visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our friendly team by calling 01325 379048 or emailing info@greenfield-arts.co.uk Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

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Mayors Spooktacular Halloween Party

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Sandra Haigh, would like to invite you all to her Halloween Party on Saturday 30th October at the Sports Club, Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The spooktacular event is provided with help from GAMP and Acorn Community Association and the fun starts at 5.30pm - tickets are only £3 (adults and child same price) including buffet and raffle entry. Tickets are on sale now from the council offices, with all proceeds going to Children's Blessings. The Mayor has chosen Children's Blessings as her charity for her term of office. The Children's Blessings project is part of Lifeline Community Action and provides emergency support to parents, carers or parents-to-be who are living in poverty in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. As part of this fundraising, the Mayor has created a 'go fund me' page and if you wish to donate to this local cause visit: <https://uk.gofundme.com> and search for 'Lifeline Community Action' and select Mayors Annual Charity (Sandra Haigh). Look out for more events on our website great-aycliffe.gov.uk and our social media pages.

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Sisters of Support are back on Tuesday 5th October with a **NEW DAYTIME GROUP!** The group has been up and running for three months and found the need for mental health support for women in the town is very much needed.

So much so that they have opened a second daytime group, for those ladies that can't make it to our evening meetings. The group has received fantastic support from local town and county councillors as well as other organisations around town, especially St. Clare's where they are now based.

The groups meet every other Tuesday between, 9.30am-11.30am and 7pm-9pm at St. Clare's Church Vestry.

If you are a lady in need of mental health support hop along to their Facebook page 'Sisters of Support' for more information, email: sosna2021@hotmail.com or pop along to a meeting on the 5th October! We look forward to meeting you!

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Illegal Parking on Pease Way

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Highway Code Rule 239 states:

Do not park facing against the traffic flow.
Which most of these vehicles do.

Rule 242 states:

You MUST NOT leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.
Which these vehicles obviously do.

Rule 243 states:

DO NOT stop, at or near a bus stop, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

Which all of these drivers do.

Rule 248 states:

You MUST NOT park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space. It is obvious, all of these vehicles mentioned above, parking where they are break one or more of these rules. Should an accident happen, do the drivers of the above vehicles realise they could be held responsible and their insurance would have to pay out for the damage to the vehicles involved.

Name and address supplied

New Children's Boutique Opens



Miya Rose Boutique was proudly created by Krystal Cole in 2020.

The doors to the first boutique will open on Saturday 2nd October, our new website will be launching in October also. The aim for Miya Rose Boutique is to be a one stop shop for all your parenting needs and gifts.

Miya Rose Boutique stocks the most up to date, quirky clothing and accessories and we are always looking for more unique products to work with to ensure customers have the best variety of choice.

The boutique will officially open on Saturday 2nd October from 10.00am to 4.00pm. We are located in Unit 13 on Durham Way, Aycliffe Business Park, why not pop in and see us?

School Aycliffe Community Association

Following our deep clean last weekend, we will be hosting our first Ladies Night on Wednesday 6th October, 7pm till 9pm. For further details please contact Chris on 07981 992686.

We are also hoping to start a monthly book club, further details will be on our Facebook page, and if you would like to hire our hall to hold regular classes or one-off events, please contact Tony Robinson on 07807 134942.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers that helped last weekend, it was greatly appreciated.

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Community Spirit Disco

Another fantastic Community Spirit Disco - a great turnout and loads of fun had by all.

The community spirit award this month went to an amazing young man, Alex Brown. Alex has spent the past couple of years raising money for worthy causes. He did a raffle raising £360 for Rose Lodge and Defoe Court, he completed a two mile run raising £550 for St. Teresa's Hospice, he has donated his pocket money to the food bank and donated Easter eggs to the play cafe, he even shaved his hair and raised £1052 for Alzheimers and the British Heart Foundation.

It's people like Alex that we want to praise and say a big thank you to - we want to encourage people to regularly perform random acts of kindness, even small things can make a big difference to our community.

We raised £120 from hot dog sales and donations which was given on the night to the Prickly Haven Hedgehog Rescue.

Hedgehogs have a very difficult life in the wild and rescuers are very dedicated to their survival. Prickly Haven has been running for four years and it is hard work, but the rewards are infinite, when you get the opportunity to cure them of the illnesses and awful injuries they get out in the wild. Fundraising is key, it gives the rescue the opportunity to help them get better with better medical supplies and special foods for babies and hoglets. Maxine was overwhelmed with the donation and wanted to say thank you for caring and helping these beautiful creatures.

We have some exciting news; as from the 23rd October we are going to be running two discos. 5.30-7.30pm will be our family disco, with all the usual fun, sweets, glitter and hot dogs. We are now going to be charging only £1 per family to enter. KD Disco's have asked us to tell each family to bring a roll of toilet roll to the Halloween Disco! Then from 8.30-10.30pm we are running in conjunction with 'All Disabilities Matter', a disco for people who may not feel comfortable with mainstream discos or pubs and clubs for whatever reason. All Disabilities Matter want a place where people are free to feel at ease and comfortable, and are surrounded by people in similar situations such as physical disabilities or the unseen disabilities such as mental health and anxiety. A place to party free from judgement or bullying. The entrance fee will be £1 per person. Both discos will continue to be subsidised by Community Spirit.

If you know of anyone who you feel deserves recognition for any good work in the community let us know at communityspiritaycliffe@gmail.com

Once again a big thank you to the Community Spirit volunteers, the stall holders and The Big Club for making our discos a continued success.



Successful Community Spirit Coffee Morning

Community Spirit held a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September. We converted the old Select shop in the town centre into a cafe, with lots of gorgeous cakes on sale and we saw a steady flow of customers through the day popping in for a cuppa and a chat.

We raised an amazing £269, thank you to all involved, including Paul from the town centre management and the milkman from Aycliffe Dairies. Cancer continues to affect most of us at some part of our lives and its great to be able to raise funds to help them with their great work.



Emperor Rosko Joins Aycliffe Radio Team

Born in Los Angeles, California, Rosko is the son of Hollywood film producer Joe Pasternak. He was influenced in his career choice by KYA Radio DJs, Lord Tim Hudson and Wolfman Jack, in Los Angeles. Pasternak's opportunity to broadcast came whilst in the US Navy where he presented a show on the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, using the name Michael Prescott. He then moved to Europe and hosted sponsored programmes in France and Andorra.

He joined Radio Caroline in 1964. There, his American-influenced quick presentation style soon made him one of the station's best-loved DJs. He was often joined on air by his mynah bird Alfie. After his time at Radio Caroline, speaking fluent French, he presented for French-language stations Radio Monte Carlo and Radio Luxembourg as 'Le Président Rosko'.

As a disc jockey with BBC Radio 1 at its launch in September 1967, Rosko initially recorded shows in France for the Midday Spin programme. On his first Midday Spin show, Rosko introduced himself with "I am the Emperor, the geeter with the heater, your leader, your groovy host from the West Coast, here to clear up your skin and mess up your mind. It'll make you feel good all over." He highlighted the new Motown, reggae and rock music. Rosko moved to the UK in 1968 and from 1970 presented Radio 1's Friday Round Table, in which new records were reviewed by a panel of guests. He also presented in a Saturday lunchtime slot. Together with fellow Radio 1 DJ, Dave Lee Travis, he launched the first mobile discothèque, the 'Rosko International Roadshow'. He stayed with Radio 1 until September 1976, when he left for America to rejoin his father, who was suffering from Parkinson's. Around 1975, he briefly hosted Crackerjack on BBC Television with Little & Large. During that year he also presented a few editions of Top of the Pops, including the edition broadcast on 10 April.

When Rosko returned to Europe, he was heard via recorded shows on Radio Luxembourg. In 1981 he returned to Radio 1 for a 13-week Sunday series of shows, and continued to broadcast at weekends during the Summer for four years until he left Radio 1 in 1982. In 1988, he returned to Radio 1 to help celebrate the 21st birthday of the station. In 1992, he helped celebrate the station's 25th birthday with a special broadcast, before joining Virgin Radio 1215 in April 1993.

Rosko was the inspiration for the Philip Seymour Hoffman character 'The Count' in the comedy film The Boat That Rocked.

In 2008 Rosko was inducted into the Radio Academy Hall of Fame. In 2011 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Radio Festival in Zurich.

You can catch Emperor Rosko on Aycliffe Radio every Saturday from 12noon to 2.00pm with the newly revamped LA Connection show.

The LA Connection: Fresh each and every week from Los Angeles, California, Rosko packs in the latest Hollywood news and the Hollywood; the latest music news and those things that can only happen in America. All wrapped up in six decades of great music. You'll love the LA Connection wherever you are. If you have seen the movie 'The Boat That Rocked', you'll recognise Rosko is the 'real deal', the main man, full of energy and entertainment value.



Sedgefield 75 New Season

Sedgefield 75 swimming club attended their first competition of the new swimming season last weekend, an event hosted by Billingham swimming club at the excellent Billingham Forum pool in the presence of spectators for the first time since March 2020.

Eleven swimmers represented the club very well and showed fantastic team spirit supporting each other enthusiastically over the two days. They put on some memorable performances in the 53 swims racking up 31 new personal best times, 3 new club records, 17 medals and even some cash prizes.

Oliver Turnbull had a perfect return of 4 out of 4 PB's and hit the milestone of breaking the 1-minute barrier for 100m freestyle for the first time, also finishing first out of 15-year olds in 50m freestyle. Charlie McEwan came in 2 places after in the same 50m freestyle event.

Mateusz Wilczynski was thrilled to go under 30 seconds in his 50m fly and also setting a new PB in 100m fly coming away with a gold and silver medal.

Dylan Forster made significant improvements to 4 out of 5 of his best personal bests and Chloe Harding swam very well, very close to her best times in six races.

Charlotte Lee took over 2 seconds from her 50m freestyle PB and took another PB in 200m breaststroke and Tom Curran, swimming in 6 races, setting new bests in 100m backstroke and a particularly good 200m freestyle.

Evie Weston had a gala to remember in setting 7 new PB's out of 8 including huge improvements over 200m breaststroke and 200m individual medley. Evie took bronze in 200m freestyle and silver in that 200m IM which also saw her qualify for the 12 & under skins competition.

Zoe Hodgson swam 5 races and made super improvements in her 50m freestyle and fly personal bests.

Emma Price swam 8 races winning 8 medals, 4 gold, 2 silvers and 2 bronze.

Emma set a new club record for a 13-year-old for 50m freestyle, a time that not only won her age group but was the fastest female time set at the gala over all ages with many swimmers up to 17 years old competing. She repeated that feat with the competition's fastest 200 IM time overall and she set 5 new PB's.

Filip Wilczynski also returned a 100% medal result as he won 4 gold and 1 silver medals, setting 4 big PB's in the process. Filip set 2 new club records for 12-year-old boys in 50m and 100m backstroke.

The gala also staged 'skins' competitions, a special event involving quick-fire knockout races to leave the last one standing as the winner. Medals were not at stake but cash prizes instead, always popular with young swimmers.



Qualification is by finishing in the top 6 of the 200m individual medley races because to succeed at skins, swimmers need to be quick in all 4 strokes.

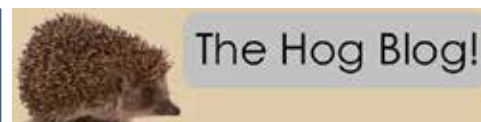
Two age groups of 12 & under and 13 & over each for boys and girls meant 4 competitions and 3 of our swimmers managed to qualify. Each competition starts with 6 swimmers who swim a 50m race, the stroke chosen at random before each round and the swimmer finishing last is eliminated. Each round is swum exactly 3 minutes after the last one started meaning very little recovery time. Eventually only 2 swimmers remain and swim off for the first prize. To succeed takes incredible endurance and versatility in stroke competence as it is not known which stroke will be chosen next.

Evie swam in the 12 & under competition and progressed through one round picking up £15. Filip got all the way through to the final of the boys 12 & under and was just pipped for the first prize but still netted £30. Emma swimming as a 13 year-old in amongst 15 and 17 year olds also got all the way through to the final swim, just touching in second on breaststroke and also received £30.

Overall a superbly exciting and entertaining end to the morning sessions where the vociferous supporters were probably as worn out as the competitors!

Chief Coach, John Moore, said of the weekend, "Great swimmers, great results, great Aycliffe. Heartfelt thanks go to all the support staff at Sedgefield 75 and NALC."

The club is recruiting younger swimmers for a new development squad, so if you can already swim 50m check out the club website www.sedgefield75.com The club is also running weekly adult sessions for those wanting to swim for fitness under a coached environment. Sedgefield 75 are aided by GAMP and we thank them for their generous support in helping us through challenging financial times.



It's getting colder now and we are still rescuing very small hedgehogs that are having to be kept indoors for the foreseeable, my smallest being 209g just in this week too.

We need our hedgehogs to get the help they need. Please be aware that the main hazards for our hedgehogs are man made. Football nets, ponds, very indiscreet markings, even your family pet can cause them harm.

What I have here in rescue have a variety of ailments, poor Hattie, pecked on her back by magpies at South Park, the stress of her injuries caused parasite burden which has been addressed, fortunately I keep a good supply of medicines but I have also invested in a more advanced microscope thanks to support from donations received. It's the hidden problems they come in for that take a while to find. I have ways of diagnosing and treating all their problems but time is always of the essence, it's not easy in any way or form.

Finally, if you see a hedgehog out in the day please pick him or her up, pop in a high sided box with a towel or fleece inside to comfort a very frightened hedgehog and get help, don't keep them in the garden, get them inside out of harms way, they are no threat to you or your pets.

If you need help after finding a Hedgehog during the day please ring BHPS on 01584 890801, my Facebook page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Rescue or Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society on Facebook



Aycliffe Village Local History Society

We are up and running again . . .

The next talk will take place on Wednesday 13th September at Aycliffe Village Hall. The talk will be given by Clive Bowery who will speak about identifying remains of a World War One Soldier at 7.30pm.

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We thank all who came to our reopening Coffee Morning in September and we look forward to seeing you this Saturday.

SAFC Supporters Club A.G.M.

To all members of the Newton Aycliffe Branch SAFC Supporters Club for the 21/22 season. The branch is holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.00pm, upstairs at the Phoenix Club (Legion).

Please attend if you can. If you want to join the branch, the cost is £6.00, or want more information call 07368 372568.

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Friday 24th September
Ebac Northern League Division One
West Auckland Town 1 Newton Aycliffe 2
Match Report by Joe Ramage

Andrei Ardelean scored his fourth goal in three games after quarter-of-an-hour before strike partner Adam Burnicle added a quickfire second for Colin Stromsoy's side almost immediately from the restart. Aycliffe looked set to see out the first half fairly comfortably before Corey Nicholson latched on to Gary Brown's lofted ball to calmly fire beyond Adam Pickford and give West Auckland a route back into the game, seven minutes before the interval.

But the hosts, who were perhaps fortunate not to be reduced to 10 men when Brown and Ardelean came together midway through the second half, were unable to find an equaliser against a resilient Aycliffe who put in a professional performance to earn their seventh win of the season.

Stromsoy made two changes to his starting XI who secured an impressive win over North Shields last weekend with Alexander Walker and Ethan Wood being replaced by Joe Ferguson and Burnicle.

Just under 500 spectators were inside the Wanted Stadium for this local derby but there was a slow start as both teams tried to figure one another out with Jake Petitjean's ambitious effort nine minutes into the contest, the first effort at goal.

A quick corner from Adam Mitchell almost caught Aycliffe out but Jordan Blinco was unable to scramble the ball over the line. Minutes later and Blinco caught sight of goal again after gathering Liam Potter's knock down but the former Sunderland man was off target.

But the deadlock was then broken by the visitors in the 15th minute when West goalkeeper Ross Coombe's mistimed clearance went as far as Nick Green who found Liam Jarvie on the left and his cross was a goalscorers dream, finding Ardelean at the back post who slammed the ball into the roof of the net for his fourth of the season.

Within seconds of the restart Ardelean drew a foul from Brown which was taken quickly into the path of Aycliffe skipper Aaron Brown who flighted a ball into Burnicle and he was able to roll the challenge of Potter before coolly slotting home from an acute angle to double Aycliffe's advantage.

Mitchell curled a freekick narrowly wide as Gary Forrest's side looked for a way back into the game before Burnicle fired just wide capitalising on a sloppy clearance from Brown.

And it was Burnicle who brought out a fine stop from Coombe moments later when he fizzed in a left footed effort at the near post. But with Aycliffe in the ascendancy they were hit with a sucker punch somewhat against the run of play as Brown sent a long ball for Nicholson to chase and the pacy



winger got there ahead of Green for a clear run on goal before slotting past Pickford to reduce the deficit.

And, much like Aycliffe, the home side almost grabbed a second immediately from the restart when Callum Munro saw his clearance charged down by David Dowson who then skewed wide of Pickford's post. The chances continued to come in the second half when Ferguson's cross fell at the feet of Burnicle who saw his snapshot cleared from the line by Andre Bennett. Jarvie tried his luck from the edge of the area before Brown fired high and wide for the hosts.

And Brown was the centre of attention a minute later when he was shown a yellow card by referee Alex Clark after catching Ardelean with a flailing arm - the 22-year-old had to receive lengthy treatment for a cut above the eye.

West Auckland's best chance of an equaliser came in the 71st minute when Mitchell's near post corner was met by Potter who got there ahead of Pickford but steered his header well over.

Instead it was Aycliffe who went closest when Ferguson's in-swinging freekick was headed from the line by Brown with Coombe stranded before Petitjean's freekick was met by Brown who brought out a save from the West stopper.

With seven minutes of stoppage time the home side threw caution to the wind in search of an unlikely equaliser as Stromsoy's side almost grabbed a third but Petitjean just couldn't get his angles right as he curled wide.

But the visitors wouldn't need a third as they held on to secure a fourth successive win over West Auckland to move up to second in the table.

Aycliffe XI: Pickford, Naylor, Brown, Munro, Green, Ryder (Walton '90), Ferguson, Petitjean, Jarvie (Dibb-Fuller '78), Ardelean (Wood '86), Burnicle

Forthcoming fixtures:

Saturday 2nd Oct., Redcar Athletic (home)
 Saturday 9th Oct., Penrith (away)
 Tuesday 12th Oct., Thornaby (home)
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Photo by Yvonne Wood, Andrei Ardelean celebrates his goal against West Auckland.

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Aycliffe Athletics Club Report

Results are now available for the British Masters Athletic Federation (BMAF) and the North-East Masters Athletics Association (NEMAA) 10000m Track Championships, which took place at Monkton Stadium in Jarrow on 19 September 2021. We are very proud to report that Alan Wilks completed the race in 49:43.90, securing himself a Bronze Medal in the BMAF Championships, and a Silver Medal in the NEMAA Championships, in the Male V70 Age Category.

Andy Talbot also took to the track on Wednesday, 22 September 2021, taking part in the Mile event at the Darlington Harriers and Athletics Club's 130th Anniversary Track and Field Meeting at Eastbourne Sports Complex in Darlington. Andy completed the race in 5:58 and finished first in his Age Category (V60M).

Elsewhere on Wednesday night, three Members were participating in the Newham Grange Farm 5K, the sixth and final race in the Muddy Roads Summer Trail Series. John Firby finished in second place overall on the night, in a time of 17:30. Paul Dalton was fourth, in 18:10, which was good enough to claim first place in his Age Category (V40), and David Stothard was the third of the Aycliffe trio, finishing in 26:06. Following the race, the prizes for the overall series were awarded, with John Firby claiming the overall series win having registered the strongest set of results throughout the series of races. Saturday morning saw the usual enthusiastic turnout at parkrun with 29 Members getting their regular Saturday morning 5K fix. As usual most Members could be found at Sedgfield parkrun, however the Club was also represented at the Blackpool, Chevin Forest, Darlington South Park and Hackworth events. Peter Jarps set himself a new parkrun Personal Best (PB) for the Sedgfield event, finishing in 24:37. Carley Cooper once again established a new best time, completing Sedgfield parkrun in 26:36, and not to be outdone, Donna Jarps continued her recent improvement setting herself a new PB of 28:50 for Sedgfield parkrun. Over in Blackpool, Colin Gibson once again improved his time for the Stanley Park course, clocking a time of 26:50.

Saturday afternoon saw the return of cross county, and one of the biggest race events in the North-East calendar - the Start Fitness North-Eastern Harrier League (NEHL). The League was postponed

early in 2020, due to the pandemic, and this was the first League meeting since then, with over 1300 North-East runners turning out across the races at Wrekenton.

In unseasonably warm conditions, and on an incredibly dry course where most runners opted against cross country spikes, Melanie Rowland was Aycliffe's sole representative in the Ladies Race.

Melanie completed the 6.4K course in 39:30.

The Men's Race took place over 9.6K with Paul Dalton first home for the Club in 37:42. Paul was closely followed by Dez Fielden in 38:05 and Trevor Dixon (38:37). After starting from the Medium Park, John Firby registered a finish time of 40:34 (net time of 38:04), with Mark Wade crossing the line in 41:54 (net time of 39:24). Richard Holland was next to finish in 44:52, with Peter Tennick just a few seconds behind in 45:04.

Dave Blewitt completed the race in 47:20, with Shaun Dodd (48:20) and Trevor Needham (49:45) following him home.

Sunday saw Club Championship points up for grabs again, with several Members heading to the Coxhoe Trail Run, which took on the undulating and scenic route following old railway lines and quarry paths between Coxhoe and Kelloe. Unfortunately, at the time of publication, the results had not been finalised, so we will revisit these next week.

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



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Stephenson Way has its fair share of Councillors living within 'throwing' distance and it would be nice to see some of them 'pick up their (litter picking) sticks' to help with the tidying, along with residents along the street. Do you like looking at litter from your windows? If everyone did 'a bit' (and I'm sure some already do), it would amount to 'a lot' and make our town look so much better. Of course, ultimately, the problem lies with those mindless people who drop the litter in the first place! How do we instil in these people a sense of pride in where we live? That's the million dollar question.
If the 'droppers' are of an older generation, then they should know better. If they are younger people, then they should realise the implications and effects that this litter will have on THEIR futures!
Litter hater!
Name and address supplied

Students Raise £400 for Macmillan



Students and staff at King James I Academy have raised over £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event 2021. This is just one of the many charities that the Academy chooses to support each year.
Both sweet and savoury items were donated by staff, students and their parents for the dual-venue event, which was held in the Sixth Form Common Room for older students and also in the Learning Support Unit at the school for students in Years 7-11. This year, the event proved to be more popular than ever and King James celebrated its best fundraising total yet.

Pictured from left: Joshua Johnson, Paige Kilmartin, Mia Kilmartin, Linda, Sean Catchpole



Brian Hall

It is a sad moment in Newton Aycliffe history as we say goodbye to a true Newtonian, Brian Hall. It is with a heavy heart I write this on behalf of Labour members across the town but to boil down his contribution to our home to just his time as a big Labour man would be to understate the achievements of a life lived fully and a life lived well. Throughout his tenure as a councillor Brian achieved much for our home and dedicated himself fully to the town and for that service. I'm sure everyone who had the privilege of working with him would agree, his qualities of loyalty and integrity shone through in every aspect of his dedication not only to Labour but to the people he called neighbours and, most importantly, to our fantastic town he called home.

From town Mayor from 2007 - 2008 to his role as chair of the recreation committee, his dedication to public service was unquestioned and evident, as council officers have said, Brian was very well liked and respected by all the staff at the council and he was always incredibly supportive, particularly of the staff working in the sports and golf complex whilst Chair of the committee. Brian dedicated many years to our home and will be remembered as a true servant of Newton Aycliffe.

Brian was also a well-known and well-liked stalwart of our town, building a life here with his wife Thelma. Owning several businesses on the town to running Labour clubs for the community. We have lost an incredible man who will be hard to replace but, in his memory, I am certain there will be others to help carry his spirit of loyalty, dedication, integrity and sense of duty forward for future generations. As an example, to us all, on making our town a better place to live.
The funeral for Brian will be held on Wednesday 13th October at 10.45am in St. Clare's followed by cremation at 11.30am, friends have been asked to meet at the church.

On behalf of the Aycliffe Branch Labour Party and his friends,
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Aycliffe Junior Athletics

On Wednesday 22nd September, Eastbourne Complex in Darlington provided the setting for Darlington Harrier's 130 Year Anniversary Games. On a significant night for local sports, four of the Aycliffe Athletic Junior Section members competed in track events.

Mila 'The Power' Parnaby - U11 - 75m & 600m

One of our new runners, but has quickly established herself as a star in the making. Mila (aged 8) took to the track, stepping up an age group to take on the Under 11s. With a smile on her face and oozing confidence Mila stood on the start line for 75m sprint and held her own, keeping stride with the older competitors. Setting a respectable 14.01. The 600m event, Mila came into her own and showed how much potential she has. With coaches instruction of "Mila, do what you do", no more was needed to be said. Dropping the hammer on the final bend to pass another and take 2nd place (4th overall). With a fantastic time of 2.18.5 - well done.

Trinity 'Diamond' Donoghue - U11 - 75m & 600m

Trinity (aged 9) has recently started her competitive racing career, impressing in local XC events and park runs. Returning to the track, she quickly showed her ability and extra training to again step up and take on older competitors, showing a cool determination. For the 75m, Trinity exploded off the start line, crossing the finish line for a photo finish, taking joint 3rd overall 12.90.

600m, Trinity ran a perfectly controlled race, with an even pace for the first 400m, picking off competitors as she applied the pressure. With 200m to go she found 6th gear, and wound up to 100%, easily forcing herself into 3rd place (3rd overall). Time for the night was 2.18.3.

Charles 'The Professor' Clay - U11 - 75m

Long term member Charlotte 'Charles' has grown from strength to strength over the years. With coaches encouragement she entered into the 75m race.

Liking to do her talking on the track, she found herself in an all-boys heat. With a controlled approach she focused on the race and matched pace with the other runners for the full 75m. This was a fantastic achievement for Charlotte, facing a challenge and overcoming it. Proving how much ability she has. Time was 13.10 - 4th place.

Elizabeth 'Quicksilver' Clay - U13 - 100m

Running in different colours tonight, experienced Aycliffe Member Elizabeth took to the track for the 100m.

In her heat she found herself lining up against U15s and Seniors. With older competitors and fierce head wind, she was not fazed and continued to produce her blistering pace shown in this year's competitions.

Making a great start out the blocks, and flying down the straight, Elizabeth took 3rd place in the race and 1st overall for the U13. With tough conditions 14.30, was welcomed.

Great night for the club and congratulations to Mark Tallon and DH for organising and celebrating 130 years.

Photo - Elizabeth, Mila, Charles, Trinity



Last week saw me have two days taking evidence for the Nationality and Borders Bill. The Bill has three main objectives, these are to increase the fairness of the system to better protect those in need of asylum; to deter illegal entry into the UK; breaking the business model of people smugglers and to remove more easily those with no right to be in the UK. Over the sessions we took evidence from a variety of people and organisations. These were both physical or virtual and included the Red Cross, Police, Immigration Service; UNHCR (The United Nations Refugee Agency), ECPAT (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking a leading children's rights organisation working to protect children from trafficking and transnational exploitation), Refugee Council, Councillors; Anti-Slavery commission; and the Australian High Commissioner. These representations will be given consideration as we spend the next four sitting weeks reviewing this Bill line by line.

My participation in the Bill Committee is frustrating some of my attendance at the BEIS committees but I was able to join for most of a session we had on the problems being experienced in the gas supply market. For BEIS I attend a briefing meeting most weeks with Ministers and last week saw us meeting the new members of the team following the Ministerial reshuffles. One of the new Ministers is George Freeman MP who was appointed to look after Science, Innovation and Research. At the meeting I asked him to come and see NETPark at Sedgefield where we have some incredible businesses, and it was amazing for him to then come and see us as soon as last Friday. We met with a number of the businesses as well as representatives from Durham County Council. We were able to educate the Minister as to local plans for investment in infrastructure and the Businesses spoke to him about what they would like to see him focus on. Mr Freeman has spent a huge part of his life working on business innovation; indeed, he was actually at NETPark 27 years ago when it was a green field and the plans were being proposed. His engagement was particularly impressive, and it was an absolute delight that his first visit since appointment was to us in the north east. The 1922 committee this week had Grant Shapps join us and we were able to discuss several very current issues. These included the current concerns around HGV drivers and the changes to international travel rules. I was able to remind him that the Restoring Your Railways bid for Ferryhill Station is prepared and on its way to DfT and I asked him about the safety implications around changes to the rules for articulated driving licences and the concerns of businesses delivering this training. I encouraged him to look at a CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) type of certification.

Being in Westminster on Thursday for the Bill Committee I was also able to bob for a question in 'Business Orals', this gave me the opportunity to again raise the incomprehensibly lenient sentence that was handed down in the case of Thomas Gill. The first week of conference recess, when the Labour Party conference takes place, gives me the opportunity for time in the constituency and I held surgeries at Bishopton, Middleton St George and Middridge as well as visiting businesses, coffee mornings and Acle Scout Group amongst others. The Scout Group at Aycliffe Village was particularly enjoyable with the Beavers and Cubs meeting outside and it was a pleasure to see them having fun. Next week I will be at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester, then the week after I will take a week off. We continue to see society moving closer to normality. This is hugely underpinned by the vaccine rollout and I will continue in my encouragement for you all to make sure you take the opportunity when you have it. We, of course, are seeing the boosters soon but also it's flu vaccine time. I have had my invite so I am sure many of you will be the same, please be sure to take this opportunity too. For now please continue to respect the virus and Hands, Face, Space. Stay safe.

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Member of Parliament for Sedgefield



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Coffee can Costa Lot . . .

Dear Sir,
 Since Costa Coffee opened in the town centre I have been a regular customer, for most of the time collecting the points as I purchased the drinks. The coffee was good and the staff always very helpful and pleasant.
 After the first lockdown, when they reopened, it was good to be back, after reading an article in the press I found that the VAT had been reduced to 5% on drinks and coffee was, in most shops, down in price, but the Costa in our town centre did not hand this on to its customers, so in reality the price went up. When I asked one of the staff they had been told the price would remain the same. Having points on my card towards getting the free coffee and also liking the coffee, the next time I went in the price had gone up again. I found at Gregg's the coffee was set at a far less price and tasty.
 I still visited Costa and looked forward to collecting the points for the free coffees. I recently received an email from Costa saying that the system was changing and

now you would get a bean for every drink you bought and eight beans would get you a free drink.

The last time I visited I went to order and gave over my Costa card as usual and was politely told I had a free drink but the only way you can do this is by using a mobile phone, which I do not have (and do not want). So, I left the shop after one of the staff tried to explain this to me and seemed to agree that a lot of the customers, especially the older ones, would be in the same boat. I complained to Costa that I thought people like myself are being discriminated against because we don't have a mobile phone and that is the only way you can claim your free coffee. I have heard nothing back from them to date.

Costa say they go out of their way to look after their loyal customers, I do not think so, remember they did not pass on, as many others did, the drop in VAT, but also put the prices up. It is worth thinking about! There are other cafes on the town who offer good coffee at good prices and McDonald's is just down the road.

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Obituary

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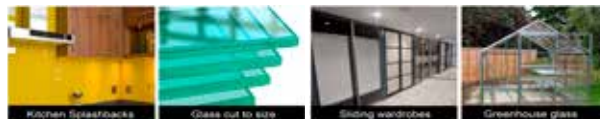
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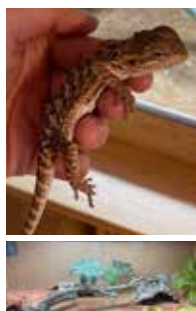
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A responsible authority or other party under the Licensing Act 2003 can make representations/objections to these applications. Representations must be made in writing by 27th October 2021 and sent to: Durham County Council, Licensing Services, PO Box 617, Durham DH1 9HZ alternatively email: licensing@durham.gov.uk

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1st October 2021

Pet Obituary

Muffin

15 years old
To all our, and Muffin's friends, our dearest Muffin has gone to Doggie Heaven. Muffin was a much loved little boy who will be very sadly missed by Julie, Alan and all the family and all who knew him. We love you Muffin xx

Congratulations

Loren Ballantyne



Happy 18th Birthday Sweetheart

30th September 2021
Have a fantastic weekend. All our love, Mam & John-Paul xx

Happy 18th Birthday Loren

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Happy 18th Birthday

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Have a great weekend, love from Granda Paul, Grandma Bev, Carrie, Matthew and Sebastian

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Happy Birthday

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Obituary

Ronald Adamson (Ronnie)

Of Newton Aycliffe, suddenly on 13th September, aged 49 years.

A much loved Dad, a dear Son of John and the late Doris, Brother and Uncle.

Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Friday 8th October for 1.30pm.

Request for Sunderland football tops to be worn or bright colours.

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In Memoriam

Jessie Wharton

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Love, Mark and family.

Avril Alderson

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Miss you, Love, Mam & Dad xx

Brian Hall

Of Malbri-Neath, Middridge

Passed away peacefully on 23rd September, aged 86 years.

Former Mayor and Councillor of Newton Aycliffe. Dearly beloved Husband of the late Thelma; Brother to Peggy, Freda and the late John and Keith.

Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 13th October at 10.45am, to be followed by a private Cremation.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to The British Heart Foundation.

Edith Lawson

Passed away on 18th September 2021, Edith, aged 93 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Patrick; much loved Mam of Colin and the late Rita; a cherished Gran and special Great Gran, also a dear Sister-in-Law.

Funeral Service to take place in St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 13th October at 1.00pm followed by private burial.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Cancer Research UK. Any enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Directors. Tel: 01325 301405.

Edward Jones 'Ted'

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